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THE EFFECTS OF ONLINE GAMES ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF PASIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 9 STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Online gaming has the potential and may be utilized effectively to enhance teaching and learning, engage students, encourage, and reinforce their learning, have an impact on students' academic achievement, and support proficiency learning. This study used the quasi-experimental two-group pretest-posttest design to determine the effects of online games on the academic performance of the students. This research summarized the results from the experiment done to determine how online games affect students' academic performance in Science 9. T-test results revealed a significant difference between the experimental group, which received instruction through online games and obtained a mean score of 23, and the control group, which received a mean score of 13. The control group, which received the same Science 9 lessons but was spared the use of online games, scored poorly. The researcher proposed to the government to fund educational online games for secondary schools and encourage science teachers to change the talk-and-chalk teaching style in favor of using more advance tools and experimenting with new methods of science learning.

Keywords: Teaching Methology. Teaching Science, Online Games, Academic Performance, Quasi-Experimental, two group pre-test, post-test.

INTRODUCTION

Today online games are very popular. Students are very susceptible to the gigantic influence of technology, and they occupy the most major portion on the online gaming rather than their school performance. It could not be denied that with rapid growth in information communication technology, online games have gradually become part of the life of the people. According to the Taiwan Institute for Information Industry in 2010, internet users are most commonly using online gaming services with 50.28%, which is the largest proportion of 12-19 years old (Lin, Wei & Hung, 2012).

In Pasian National High School where the researcher is currently teaching, online gaming is very prevalent in fact it already affected the performance of the students. With the use of their mobile phones, they play even during class hours. It is sad to note that students prioritized playing online games instead of focusing their attention on class discussion. As observed even during their break and spare time, they spent it playing online games rather than reviewing lessons and preparing for the next class. Others would skip classes just to play games in the internet café and as a result, they were behind class activities including written outputs and performances. Therefore, with these observations, the researcher is compelled to conduct this study to determine the significant relationship of online gaming to students' academic performance.

As with any other innovation in society, the introduction of online games brought the question "What are the negative effects or consequences?" Smyth (2007) notes that there seems to be an increased interest in research in video gaming to answer this question. And there does indeed seem to be much research on the topic in recent years. In overviewing the research, one main concern seems to be whether playing online games impacts academic performance negatively or positively and what those consequences are.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Games/Video Games. Playing video games is often associated in our society with poor academic performance. This anecdotal idea is supported by some research. The effect that interactive digital media has on the learning process is not completely negative. It is not that the medium itself is inherently flawed, but much of the information that gets transmitted through it may be. As was noted in a 2008 study on media attention and cognitive abilities, "content appears to be crucial" (Rivera, 2008). If the content being consumed is positive, then positive results can be expected. tent is negative, then negative results can be expected. The study examined research from many sources in arriving at this conclusion.

Prior research has speculated that specific applications, especially those entertainment applications with immersive or interactive features, appeared to play a significant role in the development of pathological internet use, and pose a great threat to the well-being

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of the users (Kim et al., 2006). Online games are such entertainment applications online (Huang & Hsieh, 2011). Many recent games domain is the networked three-dimensional fantasy-themed first-person-view games with clear gaming narratives, where gamers are represented as versatile avatars who can walk, talk, take part in hunting, combat, or various economic activities, and may also make friends, form communities, and fall in love which all offer a sense of belonging (Chuang, 2006).

Certain specific aspects of online games facilitate excessive play to a high extent, such as role-playing, immersion, competition, interaction, realistic scenarios, and various in-game tasks. Online gaming can be extremely engaging and time-consuming and some gamers invest so much time and effort that they even neglect eating, sleep, hygiene, exercise, school, and work to stay longer in the pleasant, satisfying, and persistent virtual worlds (Hussain & Griffiths, 2009).

Given the amount of time young people spend playing online games, and their liking for the games, questions are raised about whether online games have a deleterious impact on youth and whether playing online games can lead to internet addiction. In massive news coverage, Chinese media metaphorically frame online games as internet opium or electronic heroin, especially for young people who are more vulnerable (Jiang & Leung, 2012).

On one hand, some studies suggest that the internet provides tremendous educational benefits, such as more information access, better visual intelligence skills, and enhancement of teacher-student communication (Ni et al., 2009).

On the other hand, many negative impacts are listed, such as most non-school hours being spent on the internet or playing online games, not keeping up with assignments, missing classes, falling asleep in school, declining grades, failing a course, missing a social engagement, and dropping out of other social groups (clubs or sports) (Huang et al., 2009).

Research on the relationship between internet use and the ability to focus attention showed that amount of time spent using the internet by young people was significantly related to higher ratings of distractibility for academic tasks (Levine et al., 2007). Previous studies have investigated the relationship between online gaming engagement and academic achievement among adolescents and university students, and the results show that the addicted players had lower school grades than their non-addicted peers (Leung & Lee, 2012). Therefore, the present study attempts to investigate the addictive potential of online gaming as well as the possible deleterious effect on young people's school performance.

Game-Based Learning. The educational potential of games has garnered significant attention that has been directed toward appropriating the best features of games and transferring them to educational settings (Gibson et al. 2007). For example, several commercial games that focus on entertainment (e.g., Civilization, SimCity, and Spore) have loosely incorporated educational themes into gameplay, including history, urban planning, and evolution. Game-based learning environments create engaging, situated learning experiences for students that prioritize academic subjects, pedagogy, and problem-solving. Efforts to systematically review the game-based learning literature have found that digital games are often more effective than traditional instructional methods in terms of enhancing learning outcomes (Clark et. al., 2015).

By encouraging students to actively participate in situated problem-solving activities, game-based learning environments promote deep, meaningful student learning. Researchers have investigated game-based learning environments for a variety of educational domains, including anti-bullying (Aylett et al., 2005), science learning (Rowe et al. 2011), interactive health education (Marsella 2003), graphics design (Cutumisu 2018), mathematics (Mogessie et al. 2020), and computational thinking (Min et al. 2017). Efforts are now underway to leverage game-based learning to connect AI concepts, such as search, reasoning, and machine learning to high school math (Wang & Johnson 2019).

A broad range of computational frameworks has been investigated that can be used to enhance student interactions during game-based learning, ranging from predictive student models of engagement from gameplay data (Sawyer et al., 2018) to a better understanding of how players engage and disengage while playing games (Bertens et al., 2017), as well as student-adaptive experience managers for personalized gameplay (Kantharaju et al. 2018) and assessing student learning without interfering with gameplay (Shute & Sun 2019). Through these games and frameworks, effective and engaging learning experiences are being created for a broad range of subject matters and target student populations.

Motivation. Several studies measured motivation through surveys. Two studies used intrinsic motivation surveys to measure the effect digital game-based learning has on student motivation (Liao et al., 2019). Chen and Law (2016) used a survey to measure whether digital game-based learning, when combined with learning scaffolds (e.g., open-ended questions students were required to answer after gameplay and then they were allowed to go back to the game and instructional manual developed by two science teachers on force and motion) affects student motivation. They found that collaboration in addition to providing the opportunity to make connections between the game played and content can increase student motivation. **Collaborative.** The effect of collaboration during digital game-based learning was examined in a few studies. "Collaborative learning can generally be defined as an instruction method in which students at various performance levels work together in small groups or pairs toward a learning goal" (Chen et al., 2015). In this study, collaboration was used as a soft scaffold because it allowed students to communicate with one another by providing explanations, receiving explanations, asking questions, and working together to develop ideas and knowledge. Participants in the individual-

control group did not receive any scaffolds and played the game individually. The researchers concluded from their study that when both hard and soft scaffolds are present, they can result in a higher positive impact on student motivation and that collaboration (soft scaffold) in addition to the opportunity for students to make connections between the game and science content increased student motivation.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Objectives of the present study are
1. To study the academic performance of the control and experimental groups as reflected in their posttest?
2. To study the difference between the Pretest and Posttest mean scores of the control; and the Pretest and Posttest mean scores of experimental groups?
3. To study whether there exist a significant difference between the gain scores of the control and experimental groups?

METHOD

This study use a quasi-experimental two-group pretest-posttest design to determine the effects of online games on the academic performance of the students in science 9. A quasi-experimental method was employed in this study having the pre-test-post-test research design using two groups. Quasi-Experimental pre-test post-test research design looks like experimental research but is not true experimental research. Although the independent variable was manipulated, the subjects were not randomly assigned to conditions or orders of conditions (Cook, Campbell & Day, 1979). A pretest was given to both groups to see if they were of the same potentials. The experimental group underwent the intervention by using online games in teaching Science and the control group was given the traditional way of teaching without the use of online games.

The study was conducted at Pasian National High School, a school in the province of Davao de Oro.

The municipality of Monkayo is a first-class municipality in the province of Davao de Oro, formerly Compostela Valley. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 94,908 people. It is an agricultural town, with vast tracts of land planted with rice and bananas. The municipality is also host to the gold-rich barangay of Mt. Diwata, popularly known as Diwalwal, a 1,000-meter-high range known for its gold ore deposit.

Barangay Pasian is the second largest barangay and a place where the treasure of gold is found everywhere on its mountainside. In 1947, Pasian was inhabited by Mandaya and Manobo tribes who dwelt on primitive life and lived by hunting, fishing, and crude methods of farming like the "kaingin" system. In 1951, Pasian was a sitio of Barangay Haguimitan. In the same year, settlers from different places of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao like the Ilocanos, Ilongos, Cebuanos, Warays, Boholanos, and Surigaonons, came in. Pasian was declared barangay in 1954, the same year when the Primary school was opened at Mr. Florencio

Carpo's house. In 1956, a chapel was constructed whose patron saint is Sta. Filomena, which was later changed to San Vicente Ferrer.

Pasian National High School was established on January 01, 1999. The relative distance of the school is 12 kilometers from the población and the district office. The relative distance of the school from the division office is 50 kilometers. The means of transportation are buses, tricycles, and single motorcycles. The enrollment of PNHS for the past 3 years since 2018 has a total of 458 students. The school implemented a selective feeding program out of the small amount of the share of the canteen's income. One important factor that helps improve students' academic performance is the presence of learning materials. Today, Pasian National High School has 26 teaching forces, 3 non-teaching personnel, and 700 students.

RESEARCH INSTRUMENT

To achieve the research study's goal, a 30-item test as its main instrument was adapted from Ready to Print Self Learning Modules from the DepEd's National Education Portal for both control and experimental groups. A table of specifications was also prepared to determine the distribution of questions from the competencies taken. The questionnaire was checked by the panel of validators before its implementation. These modules were not given to the subjects of the study as to the validity of the results. After the experimental phase, a posttest was given to both groups. The coverage of the test was taken from the most essential competencies of science 9, Quarter 1 namely: Respiratory and Circulatory System, Effects of Lifestyle in the Function of Respiratory and Circulatory System, Non-Mendelian Patterns of Inheritance, Biodiversity and Evolution, and Ecosystem: Life Energy.

The results of the pretest and posttest were adapted by the descriptive equivalent from Deped Memo. No. 160, series of 2012.

RESEARCH PROCEDURES

The following steps were followed in the gathering of data:
Seeking Permission to Conduct the Study. The researcher wrote a letter of permission to conduct the study to the Schools Division Superintendent, Division of Davao de Oro. A written letter of request was also given to the school head of Pasian National High School (PNHS) for formal consent. Upon receiving the confirmation from the authorities, a form explained the purpose of the study and assured volunteers that data collection, storage, and reporting techniques were protected by confidentiality and anonymity. The researcher took into consideration the standard health protocols following the advice of the local health officials to ensure the safety of the researcher, the students, and the parents as well.

Administration and retrieval of the research instrument. The researcher facilitated the distribution and administration of the pre-test, intervention program (game-based learning), and post-test. After which, the retrieval of the research instrument followed, and all responses would be encoded and stored in the personal computer of the researcher.

Collection and tabulation of data. The researcher collated and tallied all data and submitted it to the statistician for statistical treatment. Subsequently, the data would be subjected to analyses and interpretations.**Statistical Treatment of Data**

The data obtained was tallied and tabulated. The statistical tools used to ensure the accuracy in the analyses and interpretations of the findings would be the following:

Percentage. This was used to determine the percentage distribution of the subjects.

Mean. This was used to determine the level of online gaming and the academic performance of students.

T-test. This was used in computing the significant difference between two groups of samples.

RESULTS

The results were presented by a table and textual discussion follows.
Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in Their Pretest

Table 1 displays the academic performance of the experimental and control groups prior to the intervention.

Table 1Academic Performance of the Students in the Pretest

Group	Pretest	Descriptive Equivalent
Control	6	Very Low
Experimental	6.3	Very Low

The findings reveal that whereas the experimental group had a mean score of 6.3, the control group received a mean score of 6 on the pretest. Both groups are described as very low, which also suggests that they have the same intellectual capacity.
Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in Their Posttest

Table 2 displays the academic performance of the experimental and control groups following the intervention.

Table 2Academic Performance of the Students in the Post-Test

Group	Pretest	Descriptive Equivalent
Control	13	Average
Experimental	23	Moving Towards Mastery

According to the findings, the experimental group had a mean score of 23, which is interpreted as moving towards mastery whereas the students in the control group received a mean score of 13, average.

The Difference in the Pretest of Experimental and Control Group
Table 3Pretest of Control and Experimental Group

Group	Pre-Test	P-Value	Decision
Control	6	0.635	Not Significant
Experimental	6.3		

As seen by the results, the Control Group's mean in the pretest is 6, whereas the Experimental Group's mean is 6.3. The P-value is 0.635 greater than .05, this means that there is no significant difference between the pretest scores of both groups.

The Difference in the Posttest of Experimental and Control Group
Table 4Posttest of Control and Experimental Group

Group	Posttest	T-Value	P-Value	Decision
Control	13	-14.151	0.000	Significant
Experimental	23	-27.497		

An independent t-test was performed to see if the control and experimental groups differed, and the results are shown in Table 4. The Experimental Group's mean is 23 with T-Value of -27.497 and the Control Group's mean is 13 with T-Value of -14.151, respectively, in the post-test. The P-value is 0.000 less than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the posttest scores of both groups. The effectiveness of the online gaming intervention may be seen in the fact that the experimental group's post-test result was higher than the result of the control group. This suggests that playing online games have beneficial effects on academic performance of the students.**Test**

RESULTS OF HYPOTHESIS

There is no significant difference between the gain scores of the control and experimental groups.

Table 5Difference Between Pretest and Posttest of Control Group

Group	Gain Score	T-Value	P-Value	Decision
Control	7	-14.151	0.000	Significant

Table 5 presents the result of the independent t-test that was conducted to test if there is a significant difference in the gain score of the control group. The table shows that the gain score of the Control Group is 7. The P-value is 0.000 which is lesser than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the gain scores.

Table 6 Significant Difference Between Pretest and Posttest of Experimental Group

Group	Gain Score	T-Value	P-Value	Decision
Experimental	16	-27.497	0.000	Significant

On the other hand, Table 6 presents the result of the independent t-test that was conducted to test if there is a significant difference in the gain score of the experimental group. The table shows that the gain score of the Experimental Group is 16. The P-value is 0.000 which is lesser than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the gain

scores. The intervention, playing online games, is effective because the gain score of the experimental group is greater compared to the control group. This indicates a significant increase in the academic performance of the experimental group. It also implies that online games can make a positive impact on the academic performance of students. Thus, we reject the null hypothesis

DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in Their Pretest. The academic performance of the students before the implementation of playing online games reveals that the Control Group got a mean score of 6 and the Experimental Group got a mean score of 6.3. Thus, the academic level of both groups before the intervention is at a very low level and the academic performance of both groups is equal.

Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in Their Posttest. The academic performance of the students after the implementation of playing online games reveals that the students in the experimental group got a mean score of 23, which is interpreted as moving towards mastery whereas the students in the control group received a mean score of 13, average.

Thus, the academic performance after the intervention is in the moving towards mastery level. In the study of Anand (2007) reveals that there are research that suggest the use of interactive online games in teaching can increase the academic performance of the students. Also, Jackson et al (2011) found that using online games is related to an increase in visual-spatial skills, especially in the field of Science, Mathematics, Technology, and Engineering. In contrast with these findings, the study of Leung and Lee (2012) found out that the relationship between online gaming engagement and academic achievement among adolescents and university students is not beneficial to the users and the results show that the addicted players had lower school grades.

Furthermore, it was mentioned by Snow (2016) that digital game-based learning is used to build learners' academic skills positively. Learning through digital games may provide adult students with the opportunity to learn. Digital games provide personalized instruction, learning controlled by students, and learning in groups or teams (De Freitas, 2006). In business education, digital game-based learning provides a platform for communicating with nontraditional learners, empowering students to author their material and work collaboratively with other students in problem-solving (Levy & Pliskin, 2012). Researchers Ting-Ting and Yueh-Min (2017) also studied the implementation of the digital game in classroom instruction for students majoring in information management. Results of the study revealed that students who are using online games were classified as higher achievers and they showed a higher level of interest in learning.

As discussed by Clark et. al., (2015), game-based learning environments more engagement on the part of the learners who

prioritize their academic subjects, pedagogy, and problem-solving. Efforts to systematically review the game-based learning literature have found that digital games are often more effective than traditional instructional methods in terms of enhancing learning outcomes.

The Difference in the Pretest of Experimental and Control Group. There was no significant difference between the pretest scores of the student's academic performance in both the control and experimental group. The Control Group got a mean score of 6 and the Experimental Group got a mean score of 6.3. The P-Value is 0.635 which is greater than 0.5. Thus, the academic level before the intervention is very low and the academic performance of both groups is equal.

The difference in the Posttest of Experimental and Control Group. There was a significant difference between the post-test results of the student's academic performance. The Control group got a mean score of 13 and the experimental group got a mean score of 23. The P-value is 0.000 which is less than .05. Thus, playing online games is effective because the post-test score of the experimental group is greater compared to the control group.

Digital games-based learning has been used to increase student retention, and build teamwork skills, and communication (Bodnar, Anastasio, Enszer, & Burkey, 2016). Furthermore, Flores (2015) conducted an extensive analysis of digital games for every age group, including non-traditional adult learners, were analyzed using a literature-based framework of theory and research. Digital games promote a learner-centered approach, which relies on and supports intrinsic motivation when compared to traditional teaching methods that often undermine learning and decrease motivation.

As Chen and Law (2016) mention "Soft scaffolds are dynamic, situation-specific aid provided by a teacher or peer to help with the learning process." Soft scaffolds are provided to respond to the specific learning needs of students and are flexible and adaptable. The researchers concluded from their study that when both hard and soft scaffolds are present, they can result in a higher positive impact on student motivation and that collaboration (soft scaffold) in addition to the opportunity for students to make connections between the game and science content increased student motivation.

Overall, the studies that looked at motivation found that digital game-based learning affected student motivation. Some studies found digital game-based learning to have a positive or significant impact on student motivation according to the study conducted by Lee and Hao (2015). Several of the studies additionally focused on the effect that the use of specific instructional techniques (Instructions, feedback, and scaffolds) had on motivation.

There is no significant difference between the gain scores of the control and experimental groups. The results show that the gain score of the Control Group is 7, and that of the Experimental

Group is 16. The P-value is 0.000 which is lesser than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the gain scores of the control and experimental groups. Thus, online gaming is effective because the gain score of the experimental group is greater compared to the control group. It was presented by Nadony and Halabi (2016) that online games were shown to increase the level of participation and engagement in the learning content and students were motivated to engage and participate. Moreover, Anderson et al. (2009) stated that students in online games the students are able to modify and integrate new methods in reaction to new requirements or dynamic situations. Also, the students can use technology to generate new knowledge. Further, digital games provide learners the opportunity for a hands-on and real-life application which can lead to increased knowledge and awareness of issues, actions, and resolutions surrounding complicated issues.

As Chen et al. (2015) found in their study, learning is a result of exploration and thought. Game-based learning is the best practice using technology. Gamers will agree with video games and educational games cause players to discover and use critical thinking skills. Game-based learning (GBL) has become preferable in motivating students' learning. It is suggested that it is utmost important to innovate in the current teaching practices to enhance learner involvement, comprehension, cooperation, and motivation (Gil-Doménech & Berbegal-Mirabent, 2019).

Understanding how children process and store information is particularly important for educators. Game-based learning has paved the way for a new digital form of learning. Whitton (2012) states that game-based learning can be seen in both primary and secondary schools, universities, adult education, military training, and medical practice. Digital games create active engagement which supports problem-solving skills in learning environments. Digital games provide a safe environment of play that allows students to learn from their failures, scaffolding through life simulations that help students learn how to deal with possible real-life failures. Games are great educational tools used across content areas for review. Game-based learning is often associated with implementing educational games, understanding the impacts of GBL, and planning game-based educational approaches (Sadler et al 2015).

Brown et al. (2018) indicated that digital game-based learning (DGBL) is increasingly being used as an alternative learning tool for teaching science in higher education. To support this, Behnamnia et al. (2020) have stated that digital game-based learning (DGBL) is increasing; therefore, the application of DGBL technology (tablets and smartphones) has the potential to influence biology students' ability to develop creative and critical thinking skills. This is further supported through the process of digital game development for teachers to teach science in the school environment and the use of mobile smartphones as a tool that adds value to the world of education (Eichler et al., 2018); biology teachers included.**Conclusion**

Based on the results of the study, the researcher concluded that playing online games is of great help to improve the academic performance of students which is evident in the result that there is a significant difference between the posttest of the experimental group. There was an improvement in the performance of the students from the very low achievement level stepping three up higher to the moving towards mastery level. Furthermore, playing online games has indeed made an impact in increasing the students' achievement level since it allows the students to learn at their level to the complex one. The improvement of the students is also influenced by the content of the game. Due to its convenience, playing online games on mobile devices is more popular than using computers and tablet devices.

With the development of educational technology, games are becoming more and more popular. It has improved the students' understanding of concepts using games and questions that would gradually help the students to develop their critical thinking skills of the students. It is effective as it has a high probability value <.000. The evidence had been supported by the mean after the posttest has been conducted which is 23.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Based on the findings, the following recommendations are hereby presented:
1. Teachers should utilize playing online games in giving technical assistance to students in improving their academic performance. Teachers should identify the needs of the learners in their classes for an effective online game intervention.
2. Basic learning skills should always be taken into consideration; thus, it is not necessary to intervene in a complicated one. Teachers should be dedicated to conducting mobile games during face-to-face classes.
4. Teachers should be ready to ask any questions about the online game's intervention when circumstances demand just to answer the call of aiding students in playing difficulty.
5. Teachers should conduct playing mobile game remediation on a small group population to focus on monitoring and to have a heart in mentoring their students who are not able to navigate the game concept.
6. Student Activity Coordinators should implement gamification remediation to the identified students who learn best using mobile devices.
7. School heads should support financially and morally the implementation of the use of the devices and gamification program for more effectiveness of the program.
8. Parental assistance can be sought by the school authorities to solve problems in the learning of their children. They could help in the development of the interest of their children in learning.

Implications for Practice Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.*On Experiences of the Severely Wasted Pupils.* After being enlightened by the severely

wasted pupils' dramatic experience, it is realized that malnutrition poses challenging effects on children's health and leads to poor academic performance. Hence, the school, parents, and the community should work hand in hand to provide a remedy for the identified malnourished children in school.

On Challenges encountered by the Severely Wasted in Learning. Difficulty in learning is the number challenge of severely wasted children. After providing them with a remedy for proper nutrition intake, academic remediation should also be done by the teachers with the support of their families.

On Effects of poor nutrition on the performance of severely wasted pupils. It is the primary role of the teachers to augment and bridge the learning gaps of the pupils. In the case of severely wasted learners, it is quite challenging for the teachers since their performance is affected by their poor nutrition. However, the teachers must be very patient and passionate in uplifting the morale of these learners. They must help them.

On ***Recommendations to lessen the negative impact of poor nutrition on the severely wasted pupils***. Those recommendations are coming from the mind and hearts of the severely wasted pupils themselves. They are expressing a genuine call for help. Therefore, their recommendations should be provided by the school, their respective family, and any right individuals concerned. They must also be replicated in other schools with a similar case.

CONCLUSION
The case of the five severely wasted pupils in Proculo Fuentes Sr. Elementary School shed light that their lived experiences are very challenging. At an early age, they have to realize that they are different from others in terms of height and body weight. Despite that, they still have the desire to learn in school. However, they found it hard to learn in school especially in lesson comprehension as affected by poor nutrition. Thus, they should be provided with good nutrition by their family and supported by the school in terms of the feeding program.

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EXPERIENCES OF PUPILS WITHOUT PARENTS IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC: A MULTIPLE CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT
Pupils without parents are considered to be one of the most vulnerable sectors in the community suffering from many psychological challenges brought about by the pandemic. Their struggles do not comprise on emotional aspects only but it also covers educational battles and enduring pain on the absence of their parents.The main purpose of this study was to unveil the prevailing struggles and hopes of selected pupils without parents during pandemic in Baylo Elementary School, Municipality of Monkayo. It also aimed at suggesting possible ways that help in promoting the well-being of the participants of this study who were in great need of help when it comes to academic, financial, and emotional aspects. This study employed a multiple case study research approach. In gathering the data, five informants were interviewed through in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. Thematic and content analysis were used to arrange and analyze the information. Results of the study showed that pupils without parents were totally struggling when it comes to both academic and emotional aspects and thus need and immediate support in all aspects of their lives especially that they were vulnerable of kind. It was revealed in the study that despite the absence of their parents and their daily struggles when it comes to tasks in school, they continued going to school and remained optimistic in life. Finally, the findings of this study emphasized that the creation and implementation of programs and initiatives in order to give assistance to these pupils should be taken action. The school can tap stakeholders in the community to take part in upholding the welfare of the informants. With this, pupils will have a positive attitude in life and be inspired to work well in school regardless of the circumstances.
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INTRODUCTION
During pandemic, interaction between is an indispensable factor for the normal development of children in these trying times but how about those pupils with no parents in the middle of the pandemic? Children who are left alone or who do not have enough parental supervision are more prone to being absent from school, teenage pregnancies, criminal activities, and disobedience. Some children start having discipline issues at school and others stop respecting their parents as authoritative adults (Pantea, 2011). In the study of Seepamore (2015) in Cambridge University, the propensity for abuse increases with children who are left in the care of relatives and other According to Barello and Graffigna (2020), any stressful occurrences, including disasters, pandemics, and other traumatic events, have produced significant stress and emotional anguish for everyone. Same goes with these pupils without parents, the on-going stress, fear, grief, and uncertainty created by COVID-19 pandemic have weighed heavily to them.

In the Philippines, large-scale overseas migration has raised concerns about left-behind children, who are perceived to be most affected by the absence of fathers, mothers or both. Without their 'real' parents (especially mothers) to rear and guide them, left-behind children are perceived to bear the brunt of the social costs of migration.

Growing up without parents at young age is a complete struggle among pupils. I observed in Baylo Elementary School, Monkayo West District, Division of Davao de Oro that 1 out of 10 pupils have no parents with them. Mostly are living together with their relatives and in worst cases there are those who live with someone not related to them. These pupils suffered a lot financially and emotionally especially during pandemic. Some of them even spent time to work as laborer in farms for a petty amount while others use to do house chores in the neighborhood just to earn a little amount of money. There were even cases in which one of my pupils used to go to school without breakfast and showed up once or twice a month right before the pandemic.

The intention of this multiple case study was to show and disclose the experiences of pupils without parents in the midst of pandemic. The researcher wanted to understand and discover more about the lives of the pupils in times of crisis, dig more of their struggles and educational experiences to pursue life even without the presence of their parents. Moreover, this study also aimed to gather, seek, listen, and understand the unheard stories of the participants as they willingly share their insights during the

conduct of this undertaking as to what they have gained as having no parents in the midst of the pandemic

This multiple case study could also add to the growing body of knowledge concerning social issues on pupils without parents. Through this study, I would be able to acquire salient information that would help everyone understand how these children cope with the struggles and challenges of having no parents with the threat brought about by the pandemic.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE
Learners without Parents and their Coping Strategies.
For children, life without parents is incredibly difficult and bruising, and for older boys or girls, it might be purposeless. Affection and love coming from parents are like ambrosia. This magical enclosure can only be given to us by a parent after God. Life without parents has wet eyes that bleed tears and forget the happiness of dryness. The agony associated with losing parents is too much painful, especially in times of crises (Dooley & Fitzgerald, 2015).

Students utilize a variety of coping strategies, including seeking out social support and making modifications to the challenging circumstances, according to studies on coping mechanisms used by students. In addition, they might turn to drugs, comfort foods, or other means of escape in an effort to avoid trying circumstances. Two effective coping techniques include seeking assistance and engaging in recreational activities (Gore et al., 2014). Avoiding the problem, not receiving help from others, and turning to drugs for escapism are some other ineffective coping strategies. As a result, some students, particularly young people, ponder suicide and self-harm (Vazquez, 2012).

Due to the stress that the COVID-19 epidemic brought about, people had psychological issues, physical symptoms, and drowsy behavior throughout the outbreak. These symptoms are a representation of the stress-related side effects (Liu, 2014). According to Park et al. (2014), family cohesion can lessen individual psychological problems causing mental health issues. A person can receive more support and assistance from others and lessen the negative effects of stress if there is greater family cohesion (Zeng et al., 2021).

Challenges Experienced by Children Living without Parents.
Atwine et al. (2012) stated that orphans and children living without or apart from their parents are found to be more vulnerable to psychological problems, and its effects may not manifest until many years afterward. Murray et al. (2013) also mentioned that orphans and vulnerable children are more susceptible to abuse, neglect, stress, and bullying especially at school.

Depression is also among the more serious challenge for vulnerable children, especially orphans. This often comes with long-term harmful effects on the health and development of the children. For orphans, when their parents die, they not only miss their physical presence but also the positive things they gave them when they were alive such as love, care, and protection. They have no one to share their grief with, and this can add to their sense of helplessness. This is also true for other vulnerable children including those who are emancipated and living with relatives or apart from their parents. As Masmas et al. (2012) stated, the lack of support during and inadequate help in adjusting to an environment without their parents may lead children to become depressed.

As a result of long periods of physical absence, Heymann (2009) said that a cultural gap may develop between the parents and their children.

Inability to establish and maintain a sense of togetherness and shared purpose may result from parents being absent during their children's formative years (Madziva & Zontini, 2012); teenage delinquency may also rise (Smit, 2001). Seepamore (2015) emphasized that children are affected by distance parenting, in spite of their ages or level of family care and support.

In addition, Seepamore (2015) mentioned how the propensity for abuse increases with children who are left in the care of relatives and other caregivers. Children who are left alone or who do not have enough parental supervision may be more prone to being absent from school, teenage pregnancies, criminal activities, and disobedience. Some children start having discipline issues at school, and others stop respecting their parents as authoritative adults (Pantea, 2011).

Experiences of Learners during Pandemic. According to Logel et al. (2021), many students had trouble settling into a new habit, felt unmotivated or drowsy, and encountered practical issues with online learning. Additionally, students reported feeling lonely, unhappy, and having financial problems. They also discovered that students had expressed feelings of anxiety, depression, and excessive worry. Concerns among students before the semester began included a lack of enthusiasm, missing loved ones and friends, and missing a regular routine. These issues have an impact on students' overall well-being, resulting in lower levels of life satisfaction, a sense of control, a sense of belonging, poorer mental and physical health, and more stress.

According to Fura and Negash (2020), psychological difficulties faced by students include dread, worry, lost confidence, anxiety, stress, boredom, and feelings of worthlessness. Additionally, their research discovered psychological issues linked to COVID-19, such as discomfort, helplessness, disturbed sleep, hesitation, mental ignorance, mental state disruptions, bewilderment, feeling insecure, mistrust, and an inability to regulate issues. Any stressful occurrences, including disasters, pandemics like COVID-19, and other traumatic events, have produced significant stress and emotional anguish for everyone, especially for those

who work during the epidemic, according to earlier research by Barello and Graffigna (2020).

Major issues include social challenges as well. The same study by Fura and Negash (2020) revealed that among the primary difficulties encountered are negative feelings to the lost interactions, inability to shake hands, a loss of group enjoyment, a fear of making up for missed interactions, and staying at home. According to previous research, school isn't just about academics for the majority of students; it's also about social connections including friendships, group walks, and lunchtime meals.

Students have been dealing with a lot of challenges in various areas of their lives long before the Covid-19 pandemic. Mazo (2015) noted that difficulties experienced by children can be found anywhere, including at home, with friends, at school, and in the classroom. It is just around the corner. Simply said, it cannot be avoided because it is a reality of being a student. In actuality, many kids suffer on a daily basis. There could be a variety of causes for it. Each person experiences struggle differently, as do its origins and intensity. No one is immune to it, no matter how well-off, sensible, cunning, or intelligent he may be. Every student will occasionally face difficulties due to disappointments, mistakes, setbacks, losses, changes, and disputes.

Common reasons why students suffer include their academic courses, requirements and projects, oral and written exams, scheduled or unscheduled quizzes and graded recitations, money, problems with parents or guardians, love lives, their professors and instructors, and many other things (Salvacion, 2004). According to Blona (2005), some students struggle to adjust to the pressures of a new living situation, new friends, academic pressure, and sexual worries, which leads to stress.

OBJECTIVES
The study aimed to explore the experiences of pupils without parents in the midst of pandemic with the following research questions being developed;
1. What are the educational experiences of the participants in learning during the pandemic?
2. What are the challenges encountered by the students without parents in the midst of the pandemic?
3. What are the coping strategies the participants employed in combatting the challenges?
4. What are the insights gained by the participants during pandemic?

METHOD
The focus of this multiple case study was on the experiences, insights, challenges, and coping mechanisms of pupils in the midst of the pandemic of Baylo Elementary School, Monkayo Davao de Oro. This research highlighted the observations and caters both the positive and negative experiences of pupils without parents during the pandemic. Moreover, this study was delimited only to five pupils of Baylo Elementary School for

School Year 2022-2023 wherein a combination of pupils from Grade 5, and 6 will be interviewed. These participants were the subjects of my in-depth interview, focus group discussion, and participants' observation.

In this study, the researcher utilized a qualitative multiple case study. The researcher used this design to explore the experiences, struggles and challenges, and coping mechanism and insights of pupils without parents in the midst of pandemic. This study examined the cases of pupils who still prefer to go to school and go on with life despite being independent and the stress that the pandemic has brought.

This study was conducted in Baylo Elementary School as shown in figure 2. Baylo Elementary School is one of the schools in Monkayo West District in the Municipality of Monkayo. The Municipality of Monkayo, which is part of the Province of Davao de Oro, serves as the boundary of Davao de Oro and Agusan del Sur. It is composed of 21 barangays with a total population of almost 100,000. Based on the testimonies of the first group of settlers in the area, the word "Baylo" was derived from the term "barter" which means locally Baylo. Barter system was usually done during the early times where the first settlers' barter there lands with basic and other prime commodities. The early settlers wanted that the place they called Baylo would be one of the barrios of Monkayo, Davao de Oro formerly Compostela Valley. It was realized through Executive Order Number 65, dated September 4, 1954. It has a land area of 3,914 hectares, accessible by land transportation.

Additionally, Baylo Elementary School is one of the barangay elementary schools selected as the site of interest in this study because of the number of pupils without parents enrolled in the school. It comprises 3% of the entire population. With 555 total numbers of enrollees, there was a rapid increase in its population as residents from nearest area were relocated in the housing project where the school is situated. There was an increase of 5% in the total number of enrollees for this school year that has paved the way on the establishment of additional buildings for the pupils.

Due to the small number of pupils without parents at Baylo Elementary School, the researcher found it difficult to identify the research participants. Yin (2005) suggested that it would be preferable to choose 5 subjects for a case study who each had distinctive cases but shared a common ground.

Using purposive sampling, the participants of this study were officially enrolled pupils of Baylo Elementary School belonging to those without parents during the pandemic. Some of them were living into their relatives while some were living together with their neighbors not related to them. The research participants were two females and three males coming from grades five to six with age ranging from 11 to 12 years old. Five informants were

selected for the in-depth interview and focus group discussion in which each participant were given codes.

With their consent warranted, studying of the cases formally started and during the interview, the participants gave me information about their lives both schooling and being at home during pandemic as the study aimed to discover their struggles, experiences, and insights.

Sources of qualitative research data include profoundly interviews, personal observations, and reliable documents. In this study, I used specific strategies in obtaining information such as substantial interviews using audio recorder, taking down notes, and focus group discussion. To validate my gathered data and make all the information reliable, triangulation was assured with the use of variety of sources like interviews, FGD, journals, and participants observation.

I employed in-depth individual interviews with the informants in collecting data using multi-lingual in interviewing the participants after my questions were validated by experts. This means that, the answered in English, Filipino, Bisaya, or mix of any of these languages. I also employed focus group discussion and participant's observation in gathering the data in which the responses of the participants were also recorded and each of them was given codes for security and confidentiality.

I started my interview through an orientation of the possible questions to be asked to the informants so that they will be comfortable in answering the questions. In-depth interview and FGD was conducted in Baylo Elementary School. The data that will be collected will be transcribed and divided in themes in preparation for data analysis.

Moreover, before the steps mentioned above were initiated, consent letter was given to the participants as this is the most important way of showing respect to persons during research. Approved form to conduct the study coming from the Schools Division Superintendent and letters for the school principal and for to the Department of Education were also shown as proof of permission to conduct the study. This is to let all concerns became aware on the purpose and objectives of the research study that they are going to involve. Of course, they were informed of the results and findings of the study.

The answers that I collected from the participants were analyzed using thematic analysis. Thematic analysis is a method of analyzing and reporting pattern of themes with a data. Using thematic analysis in this study is very helpful because it is flexible and a useful research tool that can probably grant a substantial, complex, and rich account of the data. I performed the following steps in analyzing the data as to mention: familiarize data, generate initial codes, search for themes, define and name themes, and construct the report.

In this study, I utilized two ways in presenting the by directly quoting the participants words and translating the data in my own words.

I used data reduction to analyze the data in this study in which I removed any irrelevant information and transformed it into more understandable study materials for me to more easily combine, manage, sort, and categorize the data.

Drawing conclusion and verification was the last step that I used analyzing the qualitative data that I collected. I reviewed and revisited my data many times to double check and verify the existing conclusion. These conclusions were generated from the descriptive themes that came out from the interview of the participants; these were woven together making it a useful material for results and discussion.

The research questions stipulated in the interview guide were validated by a group of experts identified by the dean of the graduate school. The said interview guide was utilized for the actual in-depth interviews. But before conducting the interview, a letter of permission was served first to the school principal to ask for his consent and to inform him about the research endeavor.

Before the data were analyzed, it was transcribed in a verbatim fashion for more comprehensible and organized output. To determine answers to the research questions, data interpretation followed.

A set of steps were followed in conducting the study. The researcher sought permission from the Division Superintendent of Davao de Oro through a letter conveying the reasons to conduct the study. Upon the approval of the superintendent, another letter was prepared for the principal of Proculo Fuentes Sr. Elementary School to allow her to conduct the study at the same time the parents of the five severely wasted students were also informed that their children were the participants of this study.

The data were collected through IDI which was the only method of gathering data from the participants to provide a more profound understanding of specific viewpoints. The said interview utilized the interview guide prepared by the researcher. A free-flowing discussion with the participants as well as a non-threatening environment was assured during the interview. The identified participants were informed personally ahead of time about the discussion so they would not be taken by surprise. Upon the conduct of the interview, it was ensured that health protocols were applied to maintain safety for both the researcher and the participants. After the data collection, transcribing, analyzing through thematic analysis, coding, and interpreting the findings were done.

During the data collection period, the analysis also began. The newly collected data were reviewed, synthesized, and recorded to keep absolute, careful, and detailed records useful to the study.

After gathering a sufficient amount of data through the conduct of IDI, thematic analysis is used to analyze further the results and to check the disparities and similarities of all responses gathered. This is the time wherein responses are categorized and organized into themes.

Trustworthiness and Credibility

In this study, I ensured trustworthiness in my research by considering credibility, dependability, transferability, and confirmability.

I instituted credibility through ensuring firmness in my data collection such as interviews, which were directly taken from the participants and not a craft-up story. In addressing the elements of credibility, the data triangulation technique was utilized by having multiple sources data, debriefing, and repeated contacts with my participants.

Credibility concerns with the extent on how the viewpoint of the participants corresponds with the description of the researcher. Ample times to interview the participants were facilitated with the interview questions as guide. To be sure on the process and interpretation of the collected data, I employed peer debriefing to the dissertation adviser and to someone who is quite familiar on the complexities of qualitative research. As a researcher, I am really a part of the entire research process. I conceded my personal biases. on the way I communicated my participants and on how the data were treated. To check the credibility of the findings and interpretations, I went back to the participants to find out what they were trying to convey during the interview.

Ensuring confirmability or auditability of my study, I kept the audiotaped interviews, my personal journal or diary, transcripts, and note- takings. I avoided my personal viewpoints, hypothesis, and conclusions to guarantee that the findings of the study have no biases and misinterpretation of data.

Dependability challenged me as a researcher to read the book of Creswell and other authors that I may get deeper understanding on how to effectively conduct a research and accurately analyzed the data gathered. I kept tract on the documentation undertaken in the data collection and analysis, the recorded interviews, and the utilization of the exact transcript.

In terms of transferability in my study, parts of the transcripts of the interviews that are thick and rich in details were quoted and cited. This means that the participants in future studies like this will be selected reasonably. Transferability or fittingness of research findings means that the findings of my study are fitting outside the particular study and may possibly have another meaning in another group or could be applied in another context.

Ethical Considerations

In this study, I considered ethical principles and guidelines for the protection of human subjects of research, there are three principles that are needed to be considered, this include respect for person, beneficence and justice, and respect for communities.

In this research, I avoided self-sufficiency in order to maintain friendship, trust, and confidence among the participants and the researcher. Beforehand, the researcher sought permission from the persons who are involved in this undertaking to show respect of their time and availability. I informed all the participants about the purpose and objectives of the research project as part of the written agreement that is supplied to them for their acceptance. This is so that the participants may take part fully in the focus groups and in-depth interviews. Of course, they were informed of the study's outcomes and conclusions.

In addition, I ensured anonymity in order to protect each participant from risk. Participants were always protected; therefore no information files were never abandoned or left without protection. This requires a commitment of minimizing risk to the research participants rather maximizing the profits that are due to them.

In interviewing the informants, I was extra careful with questions and due respect was given importance. At first, some informants were hesitant to answer my questions and some are afraid to be interviewed. But because of the reassurance to them regarding the confidentiality of their responses, the later gave the researcher the chance and showed comfort in answering the interview questions. Confidentiality towards the results and findings including the safeguard of the participants, coding system were used during the conduct of the study.

Lastly, I acknowledged the contributions of the participants as generally part of the success of the research. As they were given due credits in all their endeavors.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The structured themes and the emerging therein were made as bases for broadening the discussion of the findings in this study. As each theme was linked to related literature and studies, a substantial discussion was made to find their alignment with the theme.

Experiences Related to Schooling during the Pandemic. The emerging theme in this structured theme are going to school while parents not around, quite fine but difficult without parents, always confined at home to answer modules, experiencing difficulty after parents' break-up, and always confined at home.

Covid-19 pandemic has changed the entire course of life among all types of people around the globe. It has altered the educational set-up and even more affected the most vulnerable sectors in the community. For pupils without parents, the pandemic had made their lives difficult especially when it comes to both emotional and academic. At school, the first educational struggle experienced by the pupils is going to school while parents not

around. However, despite all these, pupils still continue to go to school with the absence of their parents and were even more motivated to pursue their studies amidst the pandemic. For some pupils, it is quite difficult to go to school without parents as no one would assist them in doing their modules.

This situation simply projected the idea regarding the importance of parental involvement in school especially in this time of crisis. With no faculty around for face-to-face interactions and no classmates who can help with constant reminders about pending assignments, the chances of getting distracted and losing tract of deadlines are high (Sadeghi, 2019). Thus, learning at home needs focus and high motivation from both parents and children.

Additionally, there were pupils who also experienced difficulty after parents' break-up. They were used into having their parents around to guide them and being into the situation caused them a lot psychological problems. Their desire for love and commitment is when the effects of parental break-ups are felt most acutely. Their search is severely hindered by their lack of internal representations of a man and a woman in a committed relationship as well as their memories of their parents' failure to keep the marriage together, which causes them to feel grief and even despair.

According to Felitti and Anda (2010) parental separation has been related to diverse negative outcomes of the child, including mental and physical health problems. Many children from separated families show difficulties in functioning, including frequent emotional and behavioral problems (Amato et. al, 2011).

Moreover, being confined at home and to answer the modules are also some of the common experiences that pupils without parents encountered during the pandemic. In order not to get in contact with virus, they have to stay at home and do the activities and other forms of assessment indicated in their modules. For some pupils, the need for guidance in the teaching and learning process is considered crucial especially in their case being in the elementary level. However, with their situation, pupils do not have choice but to do their modules alone. As Sadeigh (2019) pointed out, learners will often be studying alone, and so they may feel isolated and miss the physical interaction that comes with attending a traditional classroom.

Experiences Related to Compliance of Requirements. The emerging theme in this structured theme are finding it hard to answer without help, nobody to assist in the modules, grandmother assisting in answering the modules, and not allowed to go out to answer modules. These were the experience encountered by pupils without parents when it comes to the compliance of assignments and requirements during pandemic.

In this study, it was revealed that pupils without parents faced difficulties in doing their tasks in school. It is not only the pandemic that affected them academically but also because of the

absence of their parents. As these pupils were not allowed to go out because they need to answer the assessment tasks given by the teacher, they were prone to fail academically. There were pupils who cannot submit their modules on time and there were pupils also who cannot comply the requirements assigned with them. Some pupils even chose to stop schooling not only because they struggle financially but also they lack the assistance they needed in their academic endeavor.

Moreover, being locked at home and bombarded with a lot of modules to answer at the time caused some pupils to suffer psychologically. This will lead the pupils to studying alone and so they may feel isolated and miss the physical interaction that comes with attending a traditional classroom (Sadeghi, 2019).

Challenges and Struggles Encountered. Students have been dealing with a lot of challenges in various areas of their lives long before the Covid-19 pandemic. Mazo (2015) noted that difficulties experienced by children can be found anywhere, including at home, with friends, at school, and in the classroom. In this study, there were challenges and struggles that pupils encountered when it comes to schooling. Based on the responses taken from the participants, there were emerging themes revealed concerning the problems they faced with the absence of their parents. These were; nobody to help in answering modules, really difficult without parents, and getting used to the situation. This proves that children around the world are greatly affected by the pandemic's physical distancing, quarantines, and nationwide school closures.

Moreover, not only academic problems were being faced by pupils. There were also psychological problems that has caused them to perform poorly in school. As Fura and Negash (2020) pointed out; psychological difficulties faced by students include dread, worry, lost confidence, anxiety, stress, boredom, and feelings of worthlessness.

Difficulties Encountered in Answering Assignments and Projects. When the pandemic took the world by surprise, globally, everything stopped especially in the education sector. However, pupils continued their education through modular learning by the help of their parents at home but in the case of the informants in this study, problems like difficulty in understanding the content of the module come on top as one of the difficulties encountered in answering assignments and doing projects.

According to Apriyanti (2020), discussing the parents as a vital role in handling the home education of their children, all parents play a significant role in the education of their children at home. This means that in order for the pupils to combat with academic difficulties, the presence of the parents should be of great consideration.

Moreover, many pupils enrolled in home education programs claim that modular classes have a heavier effort than traditional

classes. Home-learning programs, while highly advantageous and a good substitute for school during school closures, are generally agreed to need some getting accustomed to by pupils. However, on the part of pupils without parents, this is a lot more difficult and would definitely lead them to poor academic performance in school.

Coping Strategies Employed in Addressing Challenges. It is said that coping involves using one's thoughts and actions to control both internal and external distressing situations (Stoeber & Janssen, 2011). In this research, the coping strategies employed by the pupils without parents during pandemic were crafted based on the emerging themes during interview. These are trying to enjoy oneself, continue to be in school, and ask help from relatives.

According to Gore et. al (2014), there are two effective coping techniques, it includes seeking assistance and engaging in recreational activities. As shown in the result of this study, some pupils during pandemic, despite the absence of their parents, chose to enjoy oneself rather than killing it with psychological problems. Still went to school over dropping, and sought help to people related to them rather than handling their problems alone.

In addition, in their study, Logel et al. (2021) listed three coping mechanisms: preserving social links, creating a fulfilling routine, and trying out new things to do. Their research highlights the importance of placing a priority on social support and connection during trying times and suggests that giving students the chance to contact with one another and set aside time to meet with others outside of the classroom may improve students' wellbeing.

Ways to Comply Assignments without the Parents. Some pupils need guidance in the teaching and learning process especially those who are still in the elementary level. As what is revealed by the informants of this study, there were three emerging themes concerning compliance of assignments for pupils without parents. These were; ask help from relatives, try to understand the module, and ask help from stepmother.

In terms of modules, some pupils asked for help from their relatives. In this way, they will be guided with their assignments and projects in school. As Seepamore (2015) emphasized, putting children in the care of relatives may be perceived to be a good strategy especially when it comes to parents having to migrate for job opportunities or children moving away for educational purposes.

Moreover, there were pupils who chose to interpret the modules on their own due to lack of assistance coming both teachers and parents. Some pupils also sought help from their grandparents who, according to them, does not even have the idea on what the module is all about.

Insights Gained from Experiences during the Pandemic. For pupils without parents, the pandemic had taught them life lessons both academically and emotionally. As shown in the emerging themes, it was found out in this study that their experiences during the pandemic were life becoming harder without parents, continue to go to school despite the absence of parents, work harder despite the absence of parents, and getting used to parents' absence.

As the pandemic increased pupils' workload, uncertainty about school year completion and confusion about study expectation resulted a higher level of stress. However, despite all these experiences, pupils were still very optimistic to go to school. Although some pupils found their situation even more difficult due to lack of support coming parents but it did not stop them from going to school. There were pupils who were used into the situations that they are into and come up with adjustments when it comes to both emotional and psychological. Sometimes, due to limited social life during the pandemic, these pupils were also reported feeling lonely, anxious, and depressed (Essadek & Rabeyron, 2020).

In addition, parents' absence during their children's formative years may have a negative impact on their ability to build and sustain a sense of unity and shared purpose; teenage misbehavior may also increase (Madziva & Zontini, 2012). (Smit, 2001). Regardless of their ages or the extent of their family's care and support, children are impacted by distance parenting, according to Seepamore (2015).

Kind of Support Participants want from School and other People. Despite the worldwide health concern, education and learning must continue, as school closures have severe repercussions for student safety, protection, well-being, and learning equality (Jæger & Blaabæk, 2020). To achieve all these, emerging themes concerning the kind of support the participants want from school and other people were highlighted. These were to get support from mother, to discourage acts of bullying, for other pupils not to undergo similar experience, to get help to finish studies to earn respect from classmates, and to be taught by teachers.

The fact that the participants of this study were all pupils without parents during pandemic, it can be figured out based on emerging themes that these pupils need more of the emotional, psychological, and academic support. As parental involvement is absent to all these pupils, there were participants of the study who put more emphasis about getting support from parents. As Seepamore (2015) stated, children are affected by distance parenting, in spite of their ages or level of family care and support.

In the study by Essel and Owusu (2017) about the causes of students' stress, it was revealed that different factors cause stress among students. Relationship variables, contextual factors, academic considerations, and personal issues were among them.

Thus, in this research, academic support from teachers and respect coming from their classmates were being highlighted by the informants as what was being presented in the emerging themes. This simply implies that pupils without parents, despite of their situation needs respect and should not be bullied in school. On the part of doing their modules, the participants of this study also wished to have the helping hand of their teachers in doing the tasks related to schooling.

Moreover, with the situations that these pupils are into, government agency such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development could be of great help to administer and implement relevant programs and initiatives. They can provide rehabilitation services through its residential care facilities to improve their social functioning and promote the welfare of these pupils who are in great need of their help.

Implications for Practice
Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.

On Experiences Related to Schooling during Pandemic. The research informants relayed that the educational experiences they come across as pupils without parents were going to school while parents not around, quite fine but difficult without parents, always confined at home to answer modules, experiencing difficulty after parents' break-up, and always confined at home. As teachers and parent at the same time, acknowledging these difficulties would help them to be more optimistic with their individual lives especially when it comes to both academic and psychological aspects. As pupils without parents, they need to accept their situations and use it as a motivation to do well with their studies despite the absence of their parents.

On Experiences Related to Compliance of Requirements. The experiences related to compliance of requirements were finding it hard to answer without help, nobody to assist in the modules, grandparents assisting in answering the modules, and not allowed to out to answer the modules. These difficulties faced by pupils without parents is a wakeup call among educators as these need an immediate action. At school these pupils should be given special attention as these pupils suffer academically and emotionally. As facilitator of learning, teachers must be considerate into these types of learners when it comes to modules and school requirements. They should take note what these pupils were going through in schooling and in their lives and consider them as the center of the teaching and learning process because they badly needed it overcome the difficulties concerning schooling.

On Challenges and Struggles Encountered. This structured theme gives a clear view on the challenges and struggles encountered by pupils without parents in the middle of crisis. The significant emerging themes elicited were; nobody to help in answering modules, really difficult without parents, and getting used into the situation. As a teacher, I know for a fact how these pupils struggle from the absence of their parents and the pandemic as well. The fact that they were having home learning without someone to assist, their situation might lead them to stop going to school or still attend schooling but perform poorly in their academics.

In addition, as what the informants highlighted, it is really difficult without parents. With this, teachers should take immediate action since these struggles are mostly on academics. As second parent of the pupils in the school, they should let the pupils feel that the school is a place where they can feel safe and comfortable. The school must be a place where pupils find the lacking part of their lives- the family.

On Difficulties Encountered in Answering Assignments and Projects. The specific themes unveiled after thematic analysis were difficulty in answering modules and painful but felt mothers' intention. As the result of this study revealed, difficulty in answering modules comes on top as almost all of the participants answered the same during the interview. As teachers in the academic community, this difficulties encountered by pupils calls for special attention. Speaking of assignments and projects, the immediate contact of these pupils are their teachers as they are the one giving the tasks to them. To this end, it is the high time that the school especially the teachers should be reminded that they are of great help in order to solve this problems that the pupils faced considering that they lack the assistance coming from their parents.

On Coping Strategies Employed in Addressing Challenges. The structured theme discusses the coping strategies in facing the challenges of going to school during pandemic the fact that they do not have parents. As what is being revealed in the study, the coping strategies were trying to enjoy self, continue to be in school, and ask help from relatives. Relatives of the participants must take part in promoting the well-being of these pupils as members of the family. While they tried to enjoy themselves in the middle of their situation, their relatives should be sensitive enough with their feelings. At least in this way, their problems about the absence of their parents will be lessened.

Moreover, the study also showed that pupils without parents still continue to go school. This is a manifestation that they were showing positive attitude in life despite of what they were going through. This coping strategy proved that there were pupils who still considered their situation as a challenge to study hard.

On Ways to Comply Assignments without Parents. Based on the responses of the participants, there were three emerging themes being generated on the ways in which pupils complied their assignments even without their parents. These were ask help from relatives, try to understand module, and ask help from stepmother. As findings had it, pupils without parents sought help from their relatives and some from their stepmother. This means that their

relatives must be understanding with them and should always extend their help to them knowing that they are still part of the family. Aside from that, it is in this way that these pupils will be guided in both academic and emotional. It is in this way wherein they can feel the love that they missed from their mother or father. While some pupils tried to understand and interpret the modules on their own, this is the right time for the teachers to do their part aside from by just merely handing the modules to the pupils. They should take their roles as teachers as these pupils badly needed it.

On Insights Gained from Experiences during Pandemic. Different insights of the pupils without parents were exemplified as to the experiences they gained during pandemic. As one of the emerging themes revealed, life for these pupils become harder without their parents. This proved how important is the role of the parents for them. As they lack in this aspect, teachers and relatives of these pupils should take the role for them to go along with their studies and for them not to continuously feel the idea that they are not being loved. It was also found out in this study that pupils still continue to school despite the absence of parents and good thing was, they even strived more with their studies. This showed that some pupils were taking their situation positively.

On the Kind of Support the Participants Want from School and other people. During the conduct of the study, the themes like to get support from mother, to discourage acts of bullying, for other pupils not to undergo similar experience, to get help to finish studies, to earn respect from classmates, and to be taught by teachers were the kind of support that the participants want from school and in the school community. To suffice them all these, the school create a program or initiatives that would cover all the support that these pupils need both in academic and emotional. The school should take into consideration that although these pupils are just a small percentage of the school, they are considered to part of the most vulnerable pupils in school and should not be taken for granted.

Implication for Future Research
In as much as the study was limited to the responses of the selected pupils without parents during pandemic in Baylo Elementary School, Monkayo, Davao de Oro; the following implications for practice are considered.

First, future research must be conducted by selecting other group of pupils without parents during pandemic coming from the same school.

Second, another research of the same focus may be conducted to another school of different location to investigate the same case on the experiences of pupils without parents during pandemic.

Third, a re-interview of the same research participants and informants may be conducted to see whether their understanding about their experiences have changed over a period of time.

Fourth, another research could be conducted to find out the understanding of the experiences among pupils without parents during the pandemic in other schools in the municipality and outside the municipality.

CONCLUSIONS
Parents have significant roles to play on their children's lives and have influenced on how they will turn out to be as a person. Most of the time, mothers will assist with the emotional part of a child's growth while fathers tend to have more of an impact on a child's physical characteristics aside from providing for the family. A child's development into a well-rounded person is considerably aided by having both parents around. Since neither parent must shoulder the entire burden of parenting a child, families with both parents present function better. Children who have both parents involved in their lives tend to feel more secure and at ease with themselves. With the experiences, struggles, and hopes of pupils without parents during the pandemic as the main focus of this research undertaking; the understanding of pupils, either both struggles and hopes were highlighted. The understanding of their cases were drawn from their experiences in school during the pandemic and at home.

There are numerous physical, emotional, and psychological effects that occur when parents abandon their child due to their own choice or passing. As the result of this research showed, pupils without parents during the pandemic suffered more in both academic and emotional aspects. This calls for an immediate action since these pupils are truly vulnerable and that they need help in order to free themselves from the possible negativities that life may bring to them.

As the risk of abuse, exploitation, and violence increases when a child is isolated from their parents or other family members, they have difficulties getting access to vital, life-saving services like education and healthcare especially in times of crisis. These are but just some of the struggles experienced by the pupils during pandemic aside from the emotional torture that the absence of their parent has brought to them. To extend a helping hand, it will be of great help if we show more concerns with them. The teachers, as said to be their second parents, can now be the first. They can be the best source of inspiration and encouragement as they take their part in shaping the lives of these pupils under their care.

As some of this pupils come from a broken family, while other do not have their parents and live with their immediate relatives; the school as a community can create programs and initiative in order to give assistance for these pupils. The school can tap stakeholders in the community to take actions in promoting the welfare and well-being of these pupils who are in great need of help when it comes to academic, financial, and emotional aspects. With this, they will have a positive outlook in life and will be motivated to study hard despite of the situation that they are into.

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THE EFFECTS OF MULTIMEDIA-BASED INSTRUCTION TOWARDS THE ENGLISH PERFORMANCE OF GRADE 10 STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Teachers must place a major focus on teaching students' teamwork, critical thinking, and communication skills while also emphasizing the 21st century learning style to enhance the educational system. This study aimed to determine how multimedia may be used to increase student engagement and active learning in English classes. The Grade 10 students at Sta. Maria National High School, Sta. Maria, Trento, and Agusan del Sur served as the study's subjects. The experimental and control groups both received pre- and post-tests. The experimental group got multimedia-based training, while the control group was taught using traditional methods such as chalk and talk. Following the intervention, students' academic performance greatly improved. The students responded favorably to the utilization of a PowerPoint presentation, video, audio, flashcards, and charts as a component of a multimedia-based education program. As a result, it was discovered that teaching English 10 effectively involves employing multimedia-based training. The results of this study thus advise teachers, particularly at the secondary level, to incorporate the use of multimedia techniques in English topics to increase the students' involvement and active learning. This complies with the requirements of contemporary pedagogy, which further promotes an atmosphere of active learning in the classroom.

KEYWORDS: *english, multimedia, powerpoint presentation, academic performance, quasi-experimental*

INTRODUCTION

Multimedia is multi-sensory and engages the audience's senses in several ways at once. Teachers can manage the information flow and content because of its interactive character. When correctly planned, the use of multimedia in education has a favorable impact on academic attainment when compared to traditional instruction. It might be argued that the usage of multimedia facilitates and objectifies learning since it exposes learners to a variety of technological aspects and fulfills a variety of emotional needs. (Akkoyunlu & Yilmaz, 2005). In contrast with this, due to a variety of factors, the use of multimedia in classroom instruction is relatively restricted in Pakistan. These factors include the expensive cost of computers, multimedia, and other related infrastructure, as well as a shortage of technical staff and teachers who are proficient with computers. Another issue is how teachers feel about its utilization. He claims that using it improves knowledge, develops memorization skills, and raises students' interest levels. Different students learn in different ways, and multimedia offers several learning modalities at once to accommodate this (Gilakjani, 2012).

Similarly, an experimental study was conducted in Dagupan City during the first and second grading periods of school year 2016-2017. Result showed that the posttest performance of the students improved in the experimental group. The findings of the study also showed that the intervention is effective (Aquino, 2017).

The Department of Education in the Philippines aims to reactivate both public and private schools to transform them into dynamic, inventive, collaborative learning environments where students may develop their motivation, enquiring minds, and creative abilities as learners using interactive multimedia. In multimedia, the students will benefit from being able to connect with the broad, information-rich networked world. They can gain a broad knowledge base and a global perspective as a result. Also, it gives students the tools they need to build a creative mind as well as the talents to critically and thoughtfully seek out, take in, analyze, manage, and present information. Moreover, they will be able to produce novel ideas and goods. Furthermore, grow the students' self-learning practices to foster the mind set and capacity for lifelong learning (DepEd, 2008).

In Sta. Maria National High School where the researcher is presently teaching, has exerted its effort to respond to the needs and demands of time. In this regard, Sta. Maria National High School implemented the digitized class program through the approved Learning Continuity Plan. Teachers are now enforced to use the multimedia in teaching to cater the needs of today's learners. With this, the researcher is encouraged to conduct this study to find out if multimedia can be a tool in addressing the learning difficulties of students and if students

can acquire the learning skills necessary for them to reach their full potential.

Objectives Of the Study
The objectives of this study are as follows:
1. To assess the academic performance of students in English 10 using multimedia-based instructional tools, including PowerPoint presentations, videos, audios, flashcards, and charts, by comparing their pretest scores between the control and experimental groups.
2. To evaluate the academic performance of students in English 10 using multimedia-based instructional tools by comparing their posttest scores between the control and experimental groups.
3. To determine if there is a significant difference in the academic performance between the control and experimental groups, based on their post-test scores, to understand the effectiveness of using multimedia-based instructional tools for learning English 10.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE
The reviewed articles and journal publications collectively underscore the significance of multimedia learning as an effective instructional tool in the classroom, incorporating various technological elements like video, music, pictures, drawings, and text (Fouda, 2008). Studies by Taj et al. (2017) and Gonen (2018) demonstrate the positive impact of technology integration, such as computers and mobile phones, on students' vocabulary performance. Moreover, research by Montero et al. (2018) and Nova et al. (2017) emphasizes the benefits of using videos to enhance vocabulary learning. Game-based learning also emerges as a highly effective method, promoting social skills, higher-order thinking, and topic competency (Thomas & Brown, 2011). Games in language learning not only enhance motivation and authentic communication practices (Macedonia, 2005) but also increase students' motivation and incidental language learning (Enayat & Haghighatpasand, 2017).

Furthermore, incorporating games and education results in enjoyable and educational learning experiences (Donmus, 2010). Online games facilitate target language production (Peterson, 2016), and their use boosts motivation, interest, focus, and involvement in the learning process (Katemba, 2019). Moreover, games have the potential to reduce anxiety and fear of making mistakes, allowing students to focus on creativity and problem-solving skills (Macedonia, 2005; Zou et al., 2019). This positive impact on motivation and engagement is shown to accelerate and enhance the language learning process (Liu & Chu, 2010; Hwang et al., 2016).

The research conducted by Taebenu and Katemba (2021); Katemba and Sinuhaji (2021) reinforces the substantial impact of using online games to teach vocabulary. To further improve the effect of multimedia instruction, Mayer (2005) advocates

for a constructivist eLearning approach that provides appropriate scaffolding to reduce cognitive load and promote active learning. Additionally, the importance of considering students' cognitive and neurological development, differentiated instruction, and the influence of the environment on learning is emphasized (Jennings et al., 2017).

Nweke et al. (2013) demonstrate that multimedia enhances students' attention and makes learning more efficient and flexible. Furthermore, Mayer's design principles for cognitive multimedia learning aim to optimize content delivery and reduce extraneous cognitive load (Mayer, 2005). The self-explanation approach, as recommended by Roy and Chi (2005), proves beneficial in improving metacognitive skills and reducing cognitive load. However, in unstructured open-learning environments like distance education, learners' self-regulation and self-determination become crucial (De Jong, 2005).

Sociocultural interactions and external regulations are vital in enhancing intrinsic motivation and encouraging active participation in online learning experiences (Moore & Kearsley, 2011). Overall, the reviewed literature emphasizes the significant impact of multimedia learning, technology integration, game-based learning, and eLearning strategies on students' vocabulary performance, motivation, and overall learning experiences. It underscores the importance of considering cognitive load, self-regulation, and sociocultural interactions in educational settings, especially in distance learning environments.

The studies discussed in this research highlight the significance of multimedia-based technology and its impact on learning and digital reading performance. Mayer's theory of multimedia learning, expanded by Moreno's cognitive-affective theory of learning with media (CATLM), integrates interactive learning, simulations, and virtual reality with motivating and affective elements (Moreno, 2006). Similarly, Plass and Kaplan's Integrated Cognitive Affective Model of Learning with Multimedia (ICALM) emphasizes the role of emotion and motivation in multimedia learning (Plass & Kaplan, 2016). Incorporating motivating aspects through emotional design in multimedia learning has emerged as a crucial factor in boosting motivation over the past decade (Um et al., 2011). Uzun and Yildirim demonstrate an increase in positive emotions with more features of emotional design, while poorly planned multimedia presentations hinder learning (Uzun & Yildirim, 2018; Savoy et al., 2008).

On the other hand, using multimedia presentations has shown to enhance learning and create positive attitudes toward technology and instructors (Shigli et al., 2016). Bistrovic's development of activities and multimedia teaching aids that stimulate curiosity, exploration, and competition in learners further supports the importance of affective elements in

teaching (Bistrovic, 2017). Betcher and Lee find that students taught with interactive multimedia achieve better results, and Anyanwu, Gambari, and Ezenwa's study shows better performance with multimedia instruction (Betcher & Lee, 2009; Anyanwu et al., 2014). Digital reading also encourages social connections and makes the consumption of various textual forms more convenient through technology-based media (Fırat & Koyuncu, 2021).

However, the research emphasizes the need for a comprehensive understanding of social media's effects on students' digital reading performance (Citrawati et al., 2021; Muls et al., 2020). Moreover, efforts to improve reading skills, such as providing engaging content and appropriate reading materials to cultivate reading habits and motivation, have been demonstrated to significantly impact students' overall learning outcomes (Bishop et al., 2016; Hjetland et al., 2019; Adlof & Hoggan, 2018). Thus, educators' effective methods and approaches in training students' reading skills, including speed-reading techniques, play a crucial role in enhancing their educational experiences (Adlof & Hoggan, 2018; Inawati & Sanjaya, 2018). Collectively, these studies underscore the importance of multimedia-based technology in shaping learning environments, improving reading skills, and promoting positive learning outcomes (Nurani et al., 2021).

Multimedia-based learning, which incorporates various media elements like text, graphics, video, and audio, has proven to be an effective model for promoting critical thinking and active engagement among students (Afrianti & Marlina, 2021; Castles et al., 2018). Chen & Liu (2008) further support this notion, emphasizing that multimedia, combining words and images, leads to better learning outcomes than using words alone. As educators shift towards a learner-centered approach, digital resources and technology play a significant role in transforming the learning environment, making it more interactive and engaging (Eady & Lockyer, 2013; Coleman et al., 2016). Multimedia tools have gained popularity due to their multiple advantages, supporting various learning tasks and styles (Guan et al., 2018; Alemdag & Cagiltay, 2018). The cognitive theory of multimedia learning highlights assumptions such as dual-channel processing, restricted capacity, and active information processing, elucidating how learners interact with instructional materials (Alemdag & Cagiltay, 2018).

Eye-tracking research has emerged as a valuable method to understand student interactions with multimedia learning tools, especially in higher education settings (Alemdag & Cagiltay, 2018). Additionally, evaluations of multimedia programs are crucial to ensure they meet their intended purposes (Kennedy & Judd, 2007). PowerPoint presentations and visual tools are particularly effective in enhancing student learning experiences (Ozaslan & Maden, 2013). Zhao (2007) reveals that teacher perspectives on technology integration influence its successful implementation in the classroom. The benefits and barriers of computer-assisted language learning have been extensively examined, with advocates emphasizing its significance in second language learning (Han, 2008; AbuSeileek & Abu Sa'aleek, 2012). However, Koua (2012) reminds us of the controversies surrounding internet-based language learning, highlighting cultural and political considerations.

Furthermore, Riasati, Allahyar, and Tan (2012) discuss the advantages and barriers to the integration of technology in language instruction, underscoring the importance of understanding these factors to ensure successful implementation. Fu (2013) reviews research on ICT integration in education, examining its impact on teaching and learning. Overall, research on multimedia and technology in education showcases their potential benefits in enhancing learning experiences and outcomes, while also highlighting the need to address challenges and barriers in their implementation (Milovanovic et al., 2013; Fu, 2013).

METHODOLOGY
Research Design
This study employed a quasi-experimental research design in gathering the desired data from the performance of the students. It involves the manipulation of the independent variable to observe the effect on a dependent variable. It is used to establish causality in situations where the researcher is not able to randomly assign the subjects to groups for various reasons. The dependent variable of the study is observed in experimental as well as control groups before the intervention. While the experimental group receives treatment following which the post-test observation of the dependent variable is carried out for both groups to assess the effects of the intervention or treatment on the experimental group, Jaikumar (2018).

Subjects of the Study
The subjects of the study were the Grade 10 students at Sta. Maria National High School for the school year 2022-2023. Two sections were selected of which the students were grouped heterogeneously to make sure that high-performing, average-performing, and low performing students were equally distributed in each section. This would ensure that no section is better than the other one. As part of the study, the researcher used a control and experimental group. The distribution of the students is presented in Table 1.

Table 1
Subjects of the Study

GROUP	NO. OF SUBJECTS
Control	36
Experimental	36
Total	72

Research Locale
This study was conducted at Sta. Maria National High School located at Barangay Sta. Maria, Municipality of Trento, Province of Agusan del Sur. It is a 20-minute drive from the

national road of Cuevas. The barangay is seated after the Simulaw River which is connected by the Monkayo River.

Trento is one of the 14 municipalities of Agusan del Sur of the region of CARAGA-XIII. Trento was formerly a barrio of Bunawan called Bahayan (referring to a lead sinker at the base of fishing net). Trento is one of the Municipalities in Northern Mindanao. It is located at the Southernmost part of the Province of Agusan del Sur, between 126°00 and 126°25 east longitude and 8°05 north latitude. It is bounded on the North by the Municipality of Bunawan of Agusan del Sur, on the south by the Municipality of Monkayo in Compostela Valley Province, on the east by the Province of Surigao del Sur and on the west by the Municipality of Sta. Josefa, Agusan del Sur.

The municipality is located between two cities, that of Davao City on the South which is 143 kilometers away and of Butuan City on its north which is about 141 kilometers away. These two cities serve as the nearest port of entry to Trento. Surigao City can also be a port of entry though it is quite farther than the two cities mentioned ahead.

Sta. Maria is one of the barangays of Trento, Agusan del Sur. Its population as determined by the 2020 Census was 4,735. Sta. Maria shares a common border with the following barangay(s): Cebolin, Trento, Agusan del Sur, San Roque, Trento, Agusan del Sur, San Ignacio, Trento, Agusan del Sur and Salvacion, Trento, Agusan del Sur.

Sta. Maria National High School is a medium school with curricular classes for Junior High School and Senior High School. It belongs to Trento District 4. It was previously known as Agusan del Sur National High School – Sta. Maria Extension. It was in June 1989. It was separated with the issuance of Republic Act 9988 converting it into an independent National High School on February 10, 2010.

Research Instrument
To achieve the research study's goal, a 30-item test as its main instrument was adapted from Ready to Print Self Learning Modules from the DepEd's National Education Portal for both control and experimental groups. A table of specifications was also prepared to determine the distribution of questions from the competencies taken. The questionnaire was checked by the panel of validators before its implementation. These modules were not given to the subjects of the study as to the validity of the results. After the experimental phase, a posttest was given to both groups. The coverage of the test was taken from the most essential competencies of science 9, Quarter 1 namely: Respiratory and Circulatory System, Effects of Lifestyle in the Function of Respiratory and Circulatory System, Non-Mendelian Patterns of Inheritance, Biodiversity and Evolution, and Ecosystem: Life Energy.

The results of the pretest and posttest were adapted by the descriptive equivalent from Deped Memo. No. 160, series of 2012.

Research Procedures
The following steps were followed in the gathering of data:
Seeking Permission to Conduct the Study. The researcher wrote a letter of permission to conduct the study to the Schools Division Superintendent, Division of Davao de Oro. A written letter of request was also given to the school head of Pasian National High School (PNHS) for formal consent. Upon receiving the confirmation from the authorities, a form explained the purpose of the study and assured volunteers that data collection, storage, and reporting techniques were protected by confidentiality and anonymity. The researcher took into consideration the standard health protocols following the advice of the local health officials to ensure the safety of the researcher, the students, and the parents as well.

Administration and retrieval of the research instrument. The researcher facilitated the distribution and administration of the pre-test, intervention program (game-based learning), and post-test. After which, the retrieval of the research instrument followed, and all responses would be encoded and stored in the personal computer of the researcher.

Collection and tabulation of data. The researcher collated and tallied all data and submitted it to the statistician for statistical treatment. Subsequently, the data would be subjected to analyses and interpretations.

Statistical Treatment of Data
The data obtained was tallied and tabulated. The statistical tools used to ensure the accuracy in the analyses and interpretations of the findings would be the following:

Percentage. This was used to determine the percentage distribution of the subjects.

Mean. This was used to determine the level of online gaming and the academic performance of students.

T-test. This was used in computing the significant difference between two groups of samples.

RESULTS
Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in their Pre-Test
Table 2 shows the achievement level of the subjects before the intervention.

Table 2
Academic Performance of the Students in the Pre-Test

Group	Number of Items	Mean	Descriptive Equivalent
Control	30	7.7	Very Low
Experimental	30	7.3	Very Low

The results show that during the pre-test, the students from the control group got a mean score of 7.7, while the experimental group got a mean score of 7.3. Both groups received a descriptive

equivalent of exceptionally low. It means that both groups had the same intellectual capacity before the treatment.

Academic Performance of the Control and Experimental Groups as Reflected in their Post-Test

Table 3
Academic Performance of the Students in the Post-Test

Group	Number of Items	Mean	Descriptive Equivalent
Control	30	16.7	Average
Experimental	30	25.3	Moving Towards Mastery

The academic performance of the control and experimental groups after the intervention is shown in Table 3. The results show that after the post-test, the students from the control group got a mean score of 16.7 with a descriptive equivalent of average while the experimental group got a mean score of 25.3, moving towards mastery. This shows that there is a positive impact of multimedia teaching on the students' academic performance.

Difference in the Mean Scores of the Pretest between the Experimental and Control Groups

Table 4 presents the difference of the mean scores of the pretest between the experimental and control groups.

Table 4
Difference of the Mean Scores of the Pretest Between The Experimental and Control Groups

Group	Number of Items	Mean	P-Value	Decision
Control	30	7.7	0.371	Not Significant
Experimental	30	7.3		

As shown in Table 4, the calculated p-value is 0.371, which suggest that there is no significant difference (at α = 0.05) between the mean scores of the experimental group and the control group before treatment. It means that both groups are compatible in their intellectual ability to learn the different competencies in English before the intervention.

Difference in the Mean Scores of the Posttest of Experimental and Control Group

Table 5 shows that there is a significant difference in the mean scores of the experimental group and the control group.

Table 5
Difference of the Mean Scores of the Posttest Between The Experimental and Control Groups

Group	Number of Items	Pre-Test	P-Value	Decision
Control	30	16.7	0.000	Significant
Experimental	30	25.3		

It is presented in Table 5 that the calculated p-value is 0.000 which is less than the significant level of 0.05 which suggests that there is a

significant difference in the achievement scores of the control and experimental groups after treatment.

Figure 1 shows the comparison between the academic performance of the experimental and control groups before and after treatment.
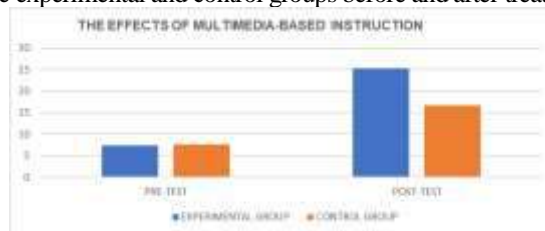
Figure 1 Academic Performances of the Experimental and Control Group

Difference on Gain Scores Between Control and Experimental Group

Table 6 and 7 present the result of the independent t-test that was conducted to test if there is a significant difference in the gain score of the control and experimental group.

Table 6
Difference on Gain Scores of Control Group

Group	Pre-test	Post-test	Gain Score	P-Value	Decision
Control	7.7	16.7	9.3	0.000	Significant

The table shows that the gain score of the Control Group is 9.3. The P-value is 0.000 which is greater than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the gain scores. The chalk-and-talk method could still be used as an effective method in delivering lessons inside the classroom.

Table 7
Difference on Gain Scores of Experimental Group

Group	Pre-test	Post-test	Gain Score	P-Value	Decision
Experimental	7.3	25.3	17.6	0.000	Significant

Experimental Group's gain score is 17.6. The P-value is 0.000 which is greater than .05, this means that there is a significant difference between the gain scores. The multimedia-based instruction is effective because the gain score of the experimental group is greater compared to the control group. This indicates a significant increase in the academic performance of the experimental group. Thus, we reject the null hypothesis.

The above findings show that multimedia-based instruction is more effective to improve students' academic achievement in English learning. There is significant differences in the mean scores of the experimental and control groups in academic achievement tests after treatment. It means that treatment has a positive impact on the student's academic achievement. Multimedia-based instruction is an effective tool for learning English.

DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

Discussion

Academic performance of the control and experimental groups as reflected in their pretest. The pretest data analysis indicated that learners had similar intellectual capacity before the treatment (Jennings et al., 2017). Cognitive and neurological development plays a crucial role in students' learning abilities, considering factors like differentiated teaching, working memory, and cognitive strategies. Instructors utilize multimedia learning to design efficient teaching-learning activities, incorporating video, music, pictures, drawings, and text (Fouda, 2008). Multimedia instruction, based on the constructivist electronic learning approach, encourages active student involvement and provides scaffolding to reduce cognitive load (Mayer, 2005). This approach, known as multimedia-based learning, fosters active student engagement, critical thinking, and enjoyment throughout the learning process (Afrianti & Marlina, 2021). Through various media such as text, graphics, interactive video links, audio, video, photographs, and instructional animations, communication between teachers and students is facilitated (Castles et al., 2018).

Academic Performance of the control and experimental groups as reflected in their posttest. The posttest results indicated that the experimental group, with a mean score of 25.3, showed better learning outcomes compared to the control group, with a mean score of 16.7. These findings align with Lari (2014), who found that technology-based instruction significantly improved students' test results and motivation for learning. Ozaslan and Maden (2013) also supported the idea that visual presentation enhances subject learning. However, Savoy et al. (2008) cautioned against improperly planned multimedia presentations that may hinder learning. On the other hand, multimedia presentations have been shown to improve learning and foster positive attitudes towards technology and instructors (Shigli et al., 2016). Anyanwu, Gambari, and Ezenwa (2014) investigated the impact of multimedia education in geometry, with Animated Graphics with Narration with Text (AG+A+T) training leading to better performance than on-screen text for the control group. While multimedia technologies significantly improve learning (Milovanovic et al., 2013), there are also restrictions, such as unfriendly user interfaces and resource limitations (Al-Ajmi & Aljazzaf, 2020).

Difference in the mean scores of the pretest between the experimental and control groups. The calculated p-value is 0.371, which suggests that there is no significant difference between the mean scores of the experimental group and the control group before treatment. It means that both groups are compatible, and they have the same intellectual capacity.

Difference in the mean scores of the posttest of experimental and control group. The p-value of 0.000 suggests a significant difference in achievement scores between the control and experimental groups after treatment. Students who interacted with multimedia resources outperformed those exposed to traditional lecture methods, consistent with Betcher and Lee (2009) and Anyanwu, Gambari, and Ezenwa's (2014) findings. Interactive media in teaching improve learning outcomes, stimulate interest, and facilitate information processing. The successful use of ICT in education shifts the learning environment to a student-centered approach, with teachers acting as facilitators. Ozaslan and Maden (2013) also found that visual aids, such as PowerPoint presentations, increased students' learning effectiveness and engagement.

Conclusion

The findings above demonstrate that multimedia-based instruction is more successful than conventional chalk-and-talk education. It is more effective than the traditional method in assisting students in developing better cognitive skills. The difference in achievement score between the two groups is substantial. Through multimedia-based instruction, higher-order cognitive activities are strengthened, which also motivates learners to learn. With the use of animations, music, video clips, and audio clips, the lectures are made engaging and helpful.

The incorporation of multimedia teaching applications and practice teaching activities must occur at every stage of the teaching process, including the presupposition, the execution, the reflection, and the assessment. Only when educating students about integrated technology in the framework of transmitting information in this way are teachers permitted to support the development and enhancement of multimedia teaching programs.

Recommendations

There is a paradigm shift in teaching because of technological advancement. Based on the above conclusion, it is recommended that:

1. For students' better academic achievement, multimedia-based instruction should be used in teaching English;
2. The study should be replicated in other disciplines as well at the elementary level;
3. Multimedia should be provided to schools for teaching English subjects;
4. Multimedia-based instruction moves us toward the constructivist approach of learning in which the learner plays an active role in the teaching and learning process, so teachers should be encouraged to teach English using multimedia.

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CHANGING LEARNING MODALITIES: FROM THE NARRATIVES OF SCHOOL HEADS

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ABSTRACT

As classes begin for the current school year, there are several difficulties and worries that need to be addressed by all parties involved, including authorities. The gradual transition back to the standard method, which includes a change in learning modalities aim to understand the nature of challenges brought by the pandemic through changing of learning modalities based on the school heads experience. This qualitative- phenomenological inquiry primarily aimed to understand the experiences, challenges, strategies and insights of school heads in the changing of learning modalities which was conducted in Monkayo District, Monkayo Davao de Oro. Using purposive sampling, there were 10 informants of the study, transcripts of the interview were processed. Results of the study revealed on the highlighted themes, adjustment and innovation to address common problems, difficulty in providing learning materials, problem on internet connection,lack of learning resources, become resilient, collaboration and teamwork, being resourceful, reaching learners in online innovation, culture shock, effectiveness of teaching strategies, inability of parents to teach, provision of health protocols, setting supervisory plan, support from LGU and stakeholders, teacher's dedication of work,sad reality of Philippine education, importance of resourcefulness and time management, always trust in god, need to adopt blended learning, be always flexible.

KEYWORDS: *modalities, experiences, challenges, insights, phenomenological research Coping strategy.*

INTRODUCTION

The changing of learning modalities to address common problem specially during the pandemic to post pandemic was been a roller coaster ride specially to the school heads. As a leader of a school, one of its primary concerns is to deliver and implement necessary actions and intervention to adhere with the a sustainable management. The resiliency of educational system on providing immediate response to recent school needs depend on the school heads prior knowledge and skills on how they will going to adjust and adapt preferred modalities based on the contextualized approach which was set fort that is considered the most convenient mode in a specific school setting and situation. Several predicaments arise in the changing effect that this coming school year 2022-2023 start the limited face-to-face classes nationwide and later will be in full operation, the challenge for the school heads on the changing of learning modalities will be measured on how they are going to manage situation and respond to the issues and concern prior to the opening of classes and carry out educational goals this year.

In the Philippines, according to Estrellado (2021) the transition to post-pandemic education progressively changing to resume limited face-to-face classes. However, dealing with the effects of changing educational environments continues to be a new problem.Today, as we are gradually adjusting to the changing learning modalities Inexperienced school heads face a new problem because due to a modest restriction on rising vaccination rates, it will start operating fully and make the threat of pandemics treatable and preventable. Considering the freewill of students and parents preferable modalities, school heads promote distance learning and blended learning that require educational technologies in the teaching and learning process. Smartphones and laptops were no longer forms of wants but became necessities. But the battle goes on, particularly for the marginalized and remote communities who cannot afford to own any type of educational device to be used for online instruction. As a result, they are compelled to physically participate in the limited face-to-face classes in order to complete their education.

The changing of learning modalities brought a serious concern especially in school management and implementation plan of Union National High School-Mt. Diwata Annex, School head was confronted with difficulties due to compliance of the changing learning modalities. However, school-based management was only to follow the mandate in line with the guidance of the higher authority, the planning and implementation of school programs and policies, and management as a whole. While taking into consideration that the Department of education was contextualizing instruction

where the school or locality best fit t any of the programs or modalities to the target standard.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND STUDIES

Changing learning modalities. Despite the challenges posed by the epidemic, the Department of Education (DepEd) ensures that the K–12 curriculum is implemented successfully to ensure that learning reaches every learner. Upon the issuance of the DepEd Order No.034 s. 2022. enclosure No. 1 (IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR,2O22-2O23). Encourage rigorous adherence to public health guidelines while putting in place measures that guarantee the delivery of high-quality education throughout this health crisis. The Department of Education (DepEd) offers the following option where students and school best fit prior for the opening of classes; Alternative Delivery Modes (ADM), Blended Learning, Co-curricular Activities, Curricular Activities, Distance Learning, Exit Assessment, Extra-curricular Activities, Homeschooling program, In-person Classes, In-Service Training (INSET), Parent-Teacher Conference, School day. Either of the option The Department of Education (DepEd) intends to give the schools and the school heads enough time for gradual transition of the learning approach.

The changing of learning modalities on the educational environment had also raised a significant issue about how to adapt to the different environment while still holding the dread of the pandemic danger, which is still changing and evolving into new variants. The educational sector faces different mourns prior to the opening of classes, school year 2022-2023, according to Pacheco (2019) and Benito (2017) that crises drive innovation processes because they create new and different needs for people, through pandemic it offers new avenue where students, teachers, parents, school administrator and stakeholders, all that is involved in the teaching learning process met their digital personality were they actually create them as to converse through media flat form.

Teachers and students faced significant challenges in rapidly adapting to online-teaching when utilizing online platforms (Rahiem, 2021; Sangeeta & Tandon, 2020). None of the affected parties consider the new strategy to be the best alternative or one that is easy and comfortable. Even in the presence of technology, some gadget owners struggle harder to maintain use in order to conform to the shift in learning strategy. For a comprehensive understanding of the compliance with the shifting learning modes, school heads must have prior knowledge and personal experience with the usage and requirements of digital resources as components

However, One of the main uncertain and urgent challenges brought on by the pandemic that have impacted educational institutions, students, programs, instructors, staff, and those

who govern these institutions is the shift to digital learning (Kruse et al., 2020). In anticipation of potential exposure to new variants, digital learning is still the greatest alternate method of delivery to continue the teaching and learning process for this academic year. As defined by Prinsloo and Slade (2004), Educational triage weighs the effectiveness or impact of an intervention against the number of students who require care, the extent of that care, and the resources at its disposal.As a result, this learning setup proved to be challenging for teachers, who particularly struggle to hold their students' attention. The paradigm change took even the professors off guard.

Experiences of school heads on the changing learning modalities. School heads are aware of the fierce competition between students' desire to return to traditional classroom settings where they can actually learn at their own pace without being distracted by online advertisements that interest them, and students' desire to switch to digital learning.

The current time, which is creating new needs, will be the driving force behind advances in education and schools. It is crucial to have a clear understanding of the educational goals of the institution so that any changes and innovations may be made ethically and with the benefit of the students in mind (Cornish, 2019). Schools and administrators must create inspiring innovations in either an online or face-to-face environment, taking into account the various student perspectives in the post-pandemic and in the changing of learning modalities . The school must provide equal opportunity to all students, encouraging them to fully engage in the face-to-face classes where they are all obligated to show up in person.

Hausiku (2015) development and leadership training of the school heads must be the main focus if we are to increase learner performance in classrooms. Since there is no school for school heads or principals' school. Instead, many who want to be principals come from the teaching profession itself. The primary ticket on becoming school heads is the experience as a school teacher where they engage with the fundamental pedagogy and curriculum implementation, As years pass and more experience is gained, different experiences lead to diverse knowledge.

To becoming principals, candidates should have anticipated socialization experiences such as seeing other principals do their duties in addition to their own prior employment in educational or non-educational sectors (Crow, 2007). School leaders should not rely solely on their existing expertise; instead, they should seek out ideas, acknowledge the limited availability of information, and enlist the aid of senior school leaders who may be of great service in general. Posits that novice school heads do not come in "as blank slates" School administrators are sometimes expected to have superhuman abilities (Brill, 2006). It goes without saying that school administrators will be able to act in any situation, but this is especially true when school management is in need. There is no

such thing as a coincidence in becoming the head of a school; the position is intended for all school leaders to carry out.

Adjustment of school heads on the changing learning modalities. pursuant to the different learning modalities offered by the Department of Education (DepEd), teachers and School heads must be equipped with prior knowledge and literacy specially for Online Distance Learning Modality as the topmost learning modality Manalo & Bundalian (2022) Resilience on teaching and information distribution begins with the school head in order to handle typical challenges and concerns affecting the conduct of the learning process. Some instructors in Lebanon received professional development and training on the use of educational technology, while others lacked these abilities and were forced to make the abrupt switch on their own, Yamak and Chaaban (2022). It can be challenging for teachers and school heads who are digital natives but are not accustomed to using technology as a teaching tool to move to an online flat form as a mode of delivery.

One of their top priorities was to make the necessary adjustments to deal with the current demands of the educational transition while still providing instruction focused on students' learning requirements. New school settings and intervention to specific challenges making schooling extremely difficult, many countries have created digital teaching aids and/or undertaken online instruction to continue their education (Cao, Zhang, Chan, & Kang 2021). Since most teachers in most countries are now digitally literate but not technologically proficient owing to a shortage of resources like computers and devices that may be used in classroom education, part of the adjustment heightened the need for technical literacy.

School heads should support hybrid learning programs that offer options for physical and virtual learning environments, synchronous and asynchronous content delivery, self-paced and programmed courses, communication tools, feedback systems, and assessment techniques, among other learning process components.

Learnings of school heads on the changing learning modalities. While navigating the field, both students under parental supervision and teachers with the ability to extend learning toward a secure learning environment try to make unique interventions and judgments about what will work for them and their students and what will not *(*Hollweck & Doucet*, 2020)*. If cultures change, institutions must adapt as well. This is based on their experiences during the epidemic and the many difficulties they had in addressing the threat of the pandemic and now as they face another chapter of educational transformation. Vieira (2020). Academic institutions innovate in such a way that these modifications are the product of a synthesis of numerous potential outcomes and creative ideas, including the ongoing conflict between tradition and options for different learning modalities. This conflict is particularly evident as a result of decisions that are occasionally constrained

by outside factors, occasionally by technological limitations, and occasionally by changes to procedures and practices.In order to learn how to become an effective school head, they also perform their own private research and rely on their prior experiences as teachers or assistant administrators. Therefore, the new school head' individual abilities and experiences will be a major factor in how well they fulfill their duties as school heads. (Maatouk 2020).

Mirandilla-Santos (2016) Spoke on the issue of the scarce resources that Filipino students have limited access to as they migrate to blended learning and an educational environment that is largely digital. One of the major gaps on the transition is the readiness of the school to adapt new approaches among possible learning modalities.Undeniably, As the educational environment continues to change in the post-COVID era and while searching for future implications, a secure return to full implementation of face-to-face learning requires enough coordination and consistency among the government, educational institutions, students, and other stakeholders.

Alcontin (2021). Eight out of twelve said that they favored face-to-face instruction in a conventional classroom over online instruction. The ideal basis for online instruction, in comparison to other modalities, would be the students' experience using the numerous capabilities provided by digital platforms. The thought of all the concrete things students engage in at school, gaining real-world experience that may be turned into useful tools for their future resources, thrill them the most. For a successful learning outcome—becoming a helpful member in the community—students must be provided with practical skills along the way.

OBJECTIVES
The study aimed to explore the experiences, challenges, insights, and coping strategies of a school head in the changing learning modalities. Specifically, this sought to address the following research questions:
1. What are the experiences of the school heads in the changing learning modalities?
2. What are the challenges encountered by the school heads in the changing of learning modalities?
3. What are the coping strategies of the school heads in the challenges encountered?
4. What are the insights gained by the school heads in the changing of learning modalities?

METHOD
This study a qualitative study employing a phenomenological approach because it sought to explore the experiences, challenges, coping strategies, and insights of a school head in the changing of learning modalities. According to Giorgi, (2012) that Phenomenology is a method for qualitative research that describes how individuals react to a certain situation. It made it possible for the researcher to consider other people's viewpoints, perceptions, and feelings on the occurrence or

situation of interest. The researcher explored the experiences, challenges, coping strategies, and insights of a school head in the changing of learning modalities.

This study was carried out in the premier municipality of Monkayo in the Davao de Oro province. There are 21 rural barangays in the municipality. Furthermore, the municipality has 15 secondary schools and 37 elementary schools, both public and private, spread among its 21 barangays. The results of this study will thus emphasize the experiences, difficulties, coping strategies, and insights of a school head in changing learning modalities.

Additionally, the Municipality of Monkayo is a part of what is now known as Davao de Oro's northern hinterland. 1917 saw the creation of the Monkayo Municipality District. On September 4, 1954, Monkayo became as separate district and founded as Municipality by the virtue of Presidential Executive Order No. 65 issued by the Republic of the Philippines' then-President Ramon Magsaysay. The Honorable Angelo Ortiz served as the first mayor. There are 21 barangays in the municipality. Under the local government of Monkayo, there are 37 elementary schools, 15 secondary high schools, and one existing college institution.

This was specifically done in the Monkayo district. The Monkayo district was split into Monkayo east and west for the 2019–2020 academic year. Meanwhile the participating school heads are coming from Mt.Diwata Elementary School, Union National High School- Mt. Diwata Annex, Union National High School, Tubo-tubo National High School, Babag National High School, Samuag Elementary School, Monkayo National High School, Tuburan Elementary School, Casoon National High School and Anagase Integrated School.

" Haven of gold" the most famous mountain of gold known for it's abundance of life. The Mt. Diwata Elementary School located at the mountain peak of the municipality, recently has 487 enrolled pupils with 18 teachers including the school head.

Union National High School- Mt. Diwata Annex "The pillar of Hope" is an annex school of Union National High School situated on the top of the mountain which was start earlier in 2000. Due to safety issues on the school site, the school was moved to Purok Duranta, Union, Monkayo, Davao de Oro in 2019. There are 72 recently enrolled students in the General Academic Strand (GAS) and Technical Vocational and Livelihood track (TVL), with specializations in Bread and Pastry Production (BPP) and Food and Beverage Services. The institution has 18 teachers, five of whom previously taught senior high school students (FBS). and 13 from junior high school department.

"Cradle of human virtue" Union National High School, formerly Union Municipal High School in the year 1965 has 23 teachers 4 of them are from senior high department offering

General Academic Strand (GAS) with a total population of 469 both junior and senior high school.

Tubo-Tubo National High School, "The Home of Excellence" located at Monkayo east district, 8 kilometers from the heart of Monkayo, offering Bread and Pastry Production (BPP) and food and Beverages Services (FBS) there are 96 students in senior enrolled in the institution. The senior high school department is composed of six teachers in which one of the senior high teachers was the target participant in this study.

Babag National High School known for being the "Portal of Laurels" in Monkayo east district, travelling over 22 kilometers from the heart of Monkayo, the institution has 24 teachers six of them are senior high school teachers and a total of 708 students 95 of its population were senior high school enrolled in Organic Agriculture Production which belong to Technical Vocational Track strand.

" The nexus of Flourishing, Illuminating, Nurturing, Enabling Graduate" the Samuag Elementary school located at the heart of barangay Savacion with 380 enrollee and 16 teachers determined and firm for their school brand to produce Fine Graduates with their consistent enhance reading program for 4 years.

Monkayo National High School, "The Breeding ground of Achievers" the mother school in Monkayo West district. A total of 3,987 students with 134 junior high school teachers and 47 senior high schools teachers where the work station of the researcher is located. A total of 1,042 senior high students are currently enrolled to the institution on the different tracks, General Academic Strand (GAS), Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMMS), Accountancy and Business Management (ABM), Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Technical and Vocational Track (TVL) offering the following specializations, Electrical and Installation Management (EIM), Bread and Pastry Production (BPP), Beauty Care and Wellness (BC) and Computer Systems Services (CSS).

" Great place for education" the Tuburan Elementary School was located at Barangay Casoon 7 kilometers from Poblacion Monkayo, the school was established in 1971, with 114 enrolled students and 7 teachers the school continue to inculcate values and that a school must be a great place to learn.

Casoon National High School "Prolific schools of visionaries" located at purok 1,Casoon, Monkayo Davao de Oro,with 316 enrolled learners, 230 for junior high school and 86 for senior high school offering animal production with 14 dynamic teachers shared the common bind for work who loves to stay at school and work every time

Anagase integrated school "Domicile of dreamers" located at purok 16,Casoon, Monkayo Davao de Oro, 156 enrolled

learners for elementary and 191 for junior high school. The school held strong partnership with internal stakeholders, parents for their immediate support to the learning process.

This qualitative study explore the confronting predicaments of school heads on the change of learning modalities. Using purposive sampling, the researcher chose two females and eight males, a total of 10 participants who has been a school head during and before the epidemic and gives birth to different learning modalities. Their role as a school leader and effective intervention and appropriate action to satisfy academic requirements.

The researcher employed an in-depth interview to school heads regarding their experiences in the changing learning modalities in gathering the data and information for this study. The participants were allowed to use English, Filipino, and Vernacular or mixed of these three languages in answering the research questions. The researcher also prepared the interview guide with the research questions.

The study's researcher additionally obtained written authorization from the identified informants prior to the interview's conduct. When conducting the interviews, the researcher and the informants followed the bare minimum of health precautions. Physical contact between the researcher and the informants was avoided, and social distance was seen. Face masks are also worn by the researcher and the informants as part of the safety precautions in the new normal. The researcher started the in-depth interview after receiving the research informants' consent.

The analysis used deductive reasoning to understand the findings. The deductive method of qualitative data analysis involved the researcher's interpretation of the data using a preconceived framework.

The researcher employed transcription to make sense of the details after gathering data in the field. Transcribing everything was the initial stage in the data analysis process. The process used to transform all data into text was transcription.

After transcribing the data, the researcher referred to the study's objectives or questions and organized the information in according on it.

Coding is the greatest approach to process data in a way that is more efficient. Organize the information into simple concepts. In qualitative research, coding is the process of classifying data into principles, attributes, patterns, or emergent themes.

Data validation is one of the tenets of sound research. Since data is the foundation of research, it is crucial to guarantee that it is error-free.

Trustworthiness and Credibility
To reinforce the trustworthiness and credibility of the collected data, the following frameworks were used:

Credibility. Analyses and method reviews were done simultaneously. I worked to analyze the findings accurately with fair considerations all through the study procedure. For further study credibility my advisor's discussions and comments were recorded and collated.

Additionally, as I am a teacher of Monkayo District, I was already acquainted with the traditions of the participating informants, the School Heads. Purposive sampling was used in the research to choose the school heads, who were selected for the study because they are competent and had different experiences as school heads during the changing of learning modalities. I used In-depth interviews in the data collection. Earlier than the interview In order to motivate participants to tell the truth from the start of the data collection, a permission letter was sent to them. The results of this investigation show probable information that was accurate and derived from the informants' interview responses. The original viewpoints of the informants were closely observed for transcribing and interpretation.

Transferability. This is the extent to which the study's results can be applied adapted to different circumstances and places. The outcomes of this experiment may be applied to a larger population. In addition to the School Heads, other schools might also benefit from this research since, despite the differences, we all have the goal of providing the best for the school.

Dependability. The researcher has the necessary tools to verify reliability, data collection, methodological documentation, and research decision-making that is appropriate. The results of this study were exclusively based on the participant data that was gathered. The data obtained from the study's informants validated every interpretation and recommendation that was made.

Confirmability. In this, conformability was stressed as a means of ensuring objectivity. Considering that an in-depth interview (IDI) was done in person, the study was designed to minimize the impact of interviewer biases. Through the changing of learning modalities, the researcher aimed to give an experiences, challenges, coping strategies, and insights of a school head. The data and interpretations of the results were taken directly from the data, not from the researcher's imagination.

Ethical considerations
All participants was given a consent for their permission to participate in the study as a part of the research procedure. objectives of the study was also presented to them prior for the conduct of the procedure, and that their involvement will not

have any negative effects on anybody. All data was gathered with the primary purpose of the study. In order to conduct the study honestly and to avoid or lessen prejudice and self-deception, the researcher made a commitment.

Furthermore, in phenomenological analysis, the method for obtaining information usually includes conversational methods, with the unstructured interview being described as a valuable approach when gathering data on sensitive topics (Fielding & Thomas, 2001). Potential participants are instructed that the interview would last about 1 hour maximum, with their permission, an audio recording was used to gather data more accurately.

In interviewing the informants, the researcher was extra careful with the questions and due respect was given importance to this study. At first, some informants were hesitant to participate in the IDI due to their hectic schedules. But because of generous and supportive heart I was then conducted. Provide reassurance to them regarding the confidentiality of their responses,they later gave the researcher the chance and showed comfort in answering the interview questions.

The researcher will also required to maintain confidentiality. Additionally, with the informants' full agreement, all data will be marked and coded numerically while maintaining their anonymity. Confidentiality towards the results and findings including the safeguard of the participants, coding system were used. Meaning the participants' identities were hidden (Maree and Van Der Westhuizen, 2007). As recommended by these authors, all materials including videotapes, encoded transcripts, notes, other should be destroyed after the data were being analyzed.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION
This study focused on the experiences, challenges and strategies employed and insights by the school heads in the changing of learning modalities. In addition, using purposive sampling, ten school heads from Monkayo District were selected as participants of the study.

The responses from all participants were subjected to content analysis where the themes across all responses were drawn. Codes had been used in order to keep the identities of the research participants hidden. The presentation of the result was done according to the order of specific research questions used to gather information in this study.

Experiences as School Head in the Changing of Learning Modalities
The themes in this section were coming from the specific research question 'What are your experiences as school head in the changing of learning modalities?' The responses generated seven themes: adjustment and innovation to address common problems, difficulty in providing learning materials, lack of motivation among students, problem on internet connection,

surprised and afraid, lot of experiences, enjoying the experience.

Adjustment and Innovation to Address Common Problems. This theme explained the common adjustments of the school heads in addressing common problems. The participants mitigation and remedies to sustain and continue the delivery of learning through the different modalities that the students may choose. Informant 1 explained about the possibilities of different modalities and role of everyone involved in the teaching learning process.

Difficulty in Providing Learning Materials. The participants explained about their difficulties in providing the sufficient learning materials for the students in the different learning modalities,

Lack of Motivation among Students. The research informants viewed common factor that greatly affect the student's interest in the learning process. Students participation became almost optional due to health, personal and domestic responsibility determined by parents. Moreover, informant 2 admitted that they also fail to initiate program that will foster independent learning;

Problem on Internet Connection. In preventing possible virus transmission from one another, online delivery is the most practical mode among the modalities, students can easily access learning materials through links and sites given by the teachers. Reinforcement of learning process is also easier. However, informant 2 expressed his disappointment;

Surprised and Afraid. Taking into account as school head the responsibility of implementing directives and guidelines from the Department of Education is one of the top priorities. While facing the challenges, school heads cannot deny the fact of being hesitant and doubt for what will happen ahead.

Lot of Experiences. The pandemic brought not only virus and threat to human but also it gives opportunity to learn things on the different types of modalities that the learning can be facilitated. A hands-on experience that everyone was involved in the different modalities.

Enjoying the Experience. with the idea that there was nothing else for it but to put up with it and take the rest in stride. The pandemic never took all of basic human rights despite the adjustments made by the school heads and teachers to meet learning standards. Teachers and school head never forget to become happy even in simple things.

Lack of Learning Resources. In the agile transition of learning modalities that no one was expecting to be in the situation of epidemic crisis school heads become more innovative by directing teachers not to rely on single approach for the learning delivery.

Reason for Considering it Helpful in the Changing of Learning Modalities

This section highlighted the results to the specific research question 'What reason do you have why you considered it helpful in the changing of learning modalities?' under the 1st major research question 'What are the experiences as school head in the changing of learning modalities? The following were the created themes as results, which are; very helpful, experiences itself, not commonly use, helpful for teachers, resiliency, determination and consideration.

Very Helpful. Through the use of widely used technological tools, the suggested and available materials serve to achieve the goals and enable the process. All three informants relayed their experiences in the utilization of the given materials to reinforce the teaching and learning.

Experiences Itself. Experience empowers teachers and school heads to do better in the field.

Not Commonly Use. Appreciating the difference of traditional approach valuing holistic learning process and students' interactions with other school factor.

Helpful for Teachers. The pandemic brought but chaos, uncertainty to human lives threatening health and affect the norms of the society. Informant 3 urged that pandemic also gave opportunity for the teachers, school heads and learners to grow and learn with the new climate that adds to individual competency.

Resiliency. As innovation changes no matter how big or small, education has its continuous development parallel to the current trends and demand, informant 8 was able to navigate his leadership and become flexible in the time of pandemic;

Determination and Consideration. As a school head in the time of troubles and facing hard situation, informant 8 emphasized that school head must be the primary source of enlightenment and positive guidance for the whole working group in school.

Challenges Encountered in the Changing of learning modalities

The themes were: learning materials production, number of learners, parent's questioning grade, reaching learners in online innovation, culture shock, effectiveness of teaching strategies, inability of parents to teach, provision of health protocols, learner's interest in learning, learning gap, attaining quality education, availability of monitoring tools, readiness intervention, learner's readiness.

Particular Challenge Found Difficult to Deal with

Themes from this section were coming from the specific research question 'What particular challenge you find it difficult to deal with?' The responses generated eight themes:

limited learning materials, promoting quality education, reaching learners in social media, internet connection, supervision of learner's learning competency, learner's learning gap, individual's emotion, risk management.

Factors that had Caused the Challenges Being Encountered

This section highlighted the results to the specific question 2.3 'What factors caused the challenges you have encountered?' under the 2nd major question 'What are the challenges encountered by the school heads in changing the learning modalities?' The following themes served as a result which were: the pandemic, internet connectivity, human factor, lack of resources funds, bad weather, emotional factor.

Coping Strategies Used Dealing with Challenges Encountered

This section, themes were created from the responses of the specific question 3.1 'What are the coping strategies you have used dealing with the challenges you have encountered?' The following were the themes essential to the study: attaining sustainability, seeking assistance, being optimistic, supervision and monitoring of teacher, conduct of reading program, reviewing lesson, utilization of resources, knowledge and preparedness.

People help to overcome these challenges

The themes in this section were coming from the specific question 3.3 'How did the people help you overcome these challenges?' The following were the merged theme in the conduct of the interview which are: through collaboration and teamwork/*bayanihan*, support from LGU and stakeholders, support of parents, co-school heads advices, teacher's dedication of work, family and teacher's support.

Through Collaboration and Teamwork/*Bayanihan*. Collaborative efforts in the community where the school belongs, stakeholders are one of the foundations of the education to become effective. By the continuous effort and commitment of the parents, teachers and the community to provide quality and accessible education for all.

Support from LGU and Stakeholders. Building strong ties and good relation to the stakeholders as a necessary school policy that must be maintain, because they are the only institution that can extend immediate support in times of need and urgent circumstances.

Support of Parents. Parents provided the main source of energy for the functioning of the school at a new level, putting their own safety and the safety of their children at risk.

Teacher's Dedication of Work. In taking steps on how to meet the objectives the motivation must start from where the instruction starts, the effort of putting extra miles for the students to get the desired learning competency.

Family and Teacher's Support. Simple yet genuine fact that can make impossible to possible, the most incomparable support among all that a person can have

Insights Gained with the Challenges Experienced of School Heads in Changing Learning Modalities
What lessons did you learn from these experiences and challenges you have encountered?' The question summarized their insights and their realizations for the changing of learning modality. The responses generated nine themes: sad reality of philippine education, be persistent in all challenges, lots of virtues, importance of resourcefulness and time management, learning, a continuous process, endurance and patience virtues, need to be physically and mentally tough, always trust in God, and need to enhance ability.

Insights and Realizations Gained from this Whole Experience
The themes from this section was coming from the specific research question 'What insights and realization did you gain from this whole experience in changing the learning modalities?' The informants' response generated ten themes: need for collaboration and teamwork, need to implement measures for remote learning, need to adopt blended learning, value and trust in colleagues, become firm and interactive, be always flexible, become resilient, strengthen faith to god, encourage colleagues, and address issues immediately.

DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION
Since this study required a thorough investigation and in compliance with reliability and transferability concern in qualitative studies, the research employed the qualitative phenomenological research design. Thus, the researcher had undergone in-depth investigation through one-on-one interview with the research participants and triangulated the data and information using participant observation.

Experiences as School Head in the Changing of Learning Modalities. The emerging themes in this structured theme are adjustment and innovation to address common problems, difficulty in providing learning materials, lack of motivation among students, problem on internet connection, surprised and afraid, lot of experiences, enjoying the experience. These were the common experienced of school heads in the changing of learning modalities. The findings revealed that school heads must adhere on the situation through conduct timely interventions. Conserve available resources and ensuring the sustainability of the production. Encourage student's involvement instead of their parents to build students teachers relation not only through online platform. Understanding the student's capability in reaching digital instruction most specially those who has under privilege family. Support system to teachers who are in a state of adjustment to the new setting. Accepting circumstances as part of the job turning it into an opportunity to become better leader, and becoming more of a teacher a facilitator.

Experiences Found Helpful in Changing the Learning Modalities. The changing of learning modalities in compliance to health protocols during the post pandemic reveal different experiences in the implementation period. The whole experience both good a bad in the perspective of school heads and teachers had become an additional quality to their resume. As they continue to strive for the delivery of learning, experience as the best teacher. Teachers starts to learn new things brought by the situation. Become a teacher of oneself and a teacher to another teacher. Making used to things that are already acquired turned it into remedial tool to teach and learn. Having a concrete base line for the learning delivery that everyone cannot refuse in the absence of other technical resources. School heads can have more hands coming from the teachers as a support to whatever plan they are working, with collaborative effort shared among the pillars of the schools. Being resourceful consider to be the best intervention to respond immediate action to address difficulties occur in the delivery of different learning modalities.

Reasons for Considering it Helpful in the Changing of Learning Modalities. There are many reasons to consider in changing of learning modalities as helpful, such as, information and technology which basically the primary tool in having good communication during the community lockdown, the printers, computers and laptops which actually the abused devices in the reproduction and production of learning materials. E-learning and blended learning have grown in popularity and popularity in schools, colleges, and universities (Madej, 2015). Teachers find it very helpful in reaching and monitored students through social media platform, and materials was channel through group chat and google drive to lessen the printing task and burning of available resources.

The finding revealed that availability of resources and possible support makes the realization of the learning delivery become successful. The adjustment period pauses the entire activity made all concerns to think out of the box in order to cope with challenges and able to continue the learning process. The quality of teaching, research, and services of teachers in any institution depends on information sources and services. Information availability, accessibility, and use are essential to the teaching, research, and service activities (Adeoye & Popoola, 2011). It is really a factor to mobilize any program with the help of the available resources.

Challenges Encountered in the Changing of Learning Modalities. In the emerging themes there are lot of contributing factors in changing of learning modalities that become a challenge to the school heads and teachers. In a study, teachers worried about the equality of assessment between distance learning and face-to-face discussions in ensuring that the students are taking the tests under the same conditions and situations, and students can be able to submit equivalent written works and other indicators of achievement of objectives. Kearns (2012) opined that since pre-service instructors did not

receive remote learning training, it is difficult to imagine how to implement various evaluation methodologies. The experiences present a variety of factors that confront school heads and teachers, from the production of materials to the learning gap given that neither teachers nor students were prepared for this program.

Thus, flexible learning has been subjected to further evaluations and debates in terms of inclusivity and equity in educational opportunities. De Villa and Manalo (2020) argued challenges with learning delivery modes, especially in basic education. It is anticipated that less fortunate students will have less access to resources, contributing to socioeconomic disadvantage and the digital gap.

Particular Challenge Found Difficult to Deal with. Based on the in- depth interview of the informants in the study, most of the informants common concern in the changing learning modalities is on the production of learning material since most of the school and school heads preferred modalities was the modular or distance learning considering that not of the majority of the students can access online learning. It is the most less complicated approach among the modalities.

Analyzing the modular method of teaching, we can understand that this is more effective, recent and more technology-based teaching method in the present educational field. In recent years, the consent of modular curriculum has been under discussion in secondary schools. Modular approach provides more flexibility to distance teaching mode as well to learners. Sejpal (2013) contended that even with knowledge of the modular method's drawbacks with regard to reproduction, it remains the most sensible choice the school can make.

Factors that had Caused the Challenges Being Encountered. The emerging themes were the pandemic, internet connectivity, human factor, lack of resources funds, bad weather, emotional factor. Obviously, the pandemic is the major cause of conflict on the shifting of learning setting and pursuant to changing of learning modalities as an immediate intervention to the phenomenon. weak internet connection worsens the delivery and cause delay on the submission and update through online approach, scare resources and limited budget for providing all the necessities for the delivery of the learning, neglected factor on weather condition due to preoccupied mind setting for the undertakings of educational transformation and personal adaptation of the situation.

Coping Strategies Used Dealing with Challenges Encountered. The emerging themes were attaining sustainability, seeking assistance, being optimistic, supervision and monitoring of teacher, conduct of reading program, reviewing lesson, utilization of resources, knowledge and preparedness. In attaining sustainability school heads widen their vision in terms of finding possible resources and alternative source as it is said to survive these challenges a

school head must possess and craft a sustainable plan that will last for longer time. Kohl et al. (2012) stressed a systematic approach to capacity building involves an assessment of existing capacity and resources, planning and target setting, intersectoral collaboration built on a strong foundation of leadership and advocacy, workforce development in teaching, research and practice, and monitoring of progress.

Management to Overcome these Challenges Encountered. The emerging themes were using strategies, holding on the line, setting supervisory plan, make initial intervention and assessment, child mapping, ask guidance to God, physically and mentally ready, being persistent. Using strategic action makes the challenges doable and help the intervention possible by following guiding principles. In addressing certain challenges, one must take accountable considering risk adherence to the intervention. Other academic administrators including supervisors and subject specialists also walk their way through the same narrow and difficult part of performing their tasks along various factors which hinders effective management and efficient work assignment implementation (San Miguel & Pascual, 2021). Schools consider to be the dean of learning; school heads lead and drove possibilities paving ways and making sure that learners learning will not be interrupted. Crafting interventions and make steps ahead of schedules to ensure functional workforce from the school initiated by the teachers and stakeholders.

People Help to Overcome these Challenges. This structured theme elicited four emerging themes; trough collaboration and teamwork, support from stakeholders, parents, co-school heads, teacher's dedication of work and family. Working with other heads extracting ideas and opinion, general awareness and solicit support in any forms that will lift the learning delivery into its full potential. Distributed leadership has become the default leadership response in this current crisis requiring more school leaders, at all levels, to connect, share, learn and network their way through issues (Azorín, 2020)

Insights Gained with the Challenges Experienced of School Head in Changing Learning Modalities The responses elicited nine emerging themes; sad reality of Philippine education, be persistent in all challenges, lots of virtues, importance of resourcefulness and time management, learning, a continuous process, endurance and patience virtues, need to be physically and mentally tough, always trust in god, and need to enhance ability.

The emerging theme showed that school heads challenges comes in different forms and situation, and there is no exact good approach to address all possible challenges that may occur along the way as leadership itself evolves.

According to Crum and Sherman (2008), successful high school principals who promote student success do this by developing personnel and facilitating their leadership capabilities,

delegating tasks in a responsible manner and empowering school teams, understanding the accountability structure and requirements, having a positive rapport with staff and using effective communication strategies, facilitating instruction, and managing the change process within their schools.

Insights and Realizations Gained from this Whole Experience. The responses elicited ten emerging themes; need for collaboration and teamwork, need to implement measures for remote learning, need to adopt blended learning, value and trust in colleagues, become firm and interactive, be always flexible, become resilient, strengthen faith to god, encourage colleagues, and address issues immediately. School heads needs to tough in all aspect of leadership and build strong foundation to sink deeper to teachers, parents, students and most of all from family.

Moreover, informants uttered collaboration and teamwork it is extremely important to combine student involvement with real world tasks and underscores the notion that one cannot obtain knowledge without collaboration and active participation. Béres et al. (2012) stress that students must put forth effort to learn, regardless of what the teachers and school administrators do to facilitate the learning process.

Implications for Practice
Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.

On Experiences as School Head in the Changing of Learning Modalities. It can be reckoned that the research participants echoed the opportunity on working under this pressure, in making steps to respond similar occasion school heads must reconsider the fundamental of learning, upon upholding the prime objectives of the school, sustainable plan for would be best indicator prior to learning accommodation. School heads must be practically wise and prudent in decision making.

On Experiences Found Helpful in Changing the Learning Modalities. As noted in the findings of the study, the first line of support receive by the school heads or school were the local resources such; available facilities from the previous school year. The ability to take action was made possible by the stakeholders' and local government unit's support, as well as the students' and parents' desire to continue their education. Among the reasons, it was in high moral doing work with a bunch of support coming from external factor. A visionary school heads working beyond their limits, during the try and error process, ignore the negative while keeping the positive result.

On Reason for Considering it Helpful in the Changing of Learning Modalities. Where being tested by time and nature, learning as an infinite process it proves that in any means learning cannot be stopped and living with the reality lies upon within everyone. Challenges will always be in the way and running away from it is not a solution. Embracing change is

important since learning is constantly evolving and our world is changing quickly. To use virtual reality effectively, you should set aside manageable amounts of time each day.

On Challenges Encountered in the Changing of learning modalities. In view of the individual perspectives of the school heads, it may cause a lot of trouble and headaches to their part, but it can be a great tool on becoming tougher and prudent in making decisions for school undertakings. The whole experience paves the way of limitless possibilities in delivering the learning process. The opportunity offered by this phenomenon can be a crucial point in terms of independent learning that students can be deviated if will be guided properly. However, parents can be a determinant factor in absence of students' personal interest on how students assess themselves to learn alone.

On Particular Challenge Found Difficult to Deal with. As pointed out by the participants, that in coping with the enormous challenges it is best to stay calm and keep composure. the effects may vary but expecting worst to anticipate advance intervention and as a school head never lose hope to achieve objectives no matter what the odds are. School challenges will come and go but good leader will stay.

On Factors that had Caused the Challenges Being Encountered. In typical settings where focused is on the usual routine, no one had a vision on what will happen and when it will happen. The tenacity and observant to surroundings on what is happening in order to respond based on what is need to and we can do. Breaking into the walls of comfort zones, on doing extra miles no meet desired outcomes.

On Coping Strategies Used Dealing with Challenges Encountered. Every challenge has its equivalent intervention to wit. School heads need to determine first personal capacity and scope of resources and available had to be utilized. It is very important that school heads are aware of their resources and capability before taking steps towards specific problem or else it can be another problem to deal with. In taking actions to rush things and that there would be exact and right time for everything.

On Management to overcome these challenges encountered. As pointed out by the participants, a good strategic plan in implementation of intervention, mitigating affected factors to sustain the program fuels the success and overcoming the odds. Timely management of resources, time, sacrifices passion to teach were the familiar indicator in achieving positive outcome. Flexibility and resiliency as the main course that feeds the whole doubts on how we are going to surpassed the challenges adherent on the changing of learning modalities.

On People help to overcome these challenges. Meanwhile, never forget to express gratitude to those people who stood all throughout. Appreciate things either small or big the fact is that

the moral that boost the spirit of oneness an amazing Filipino traits that shine in the middle of discomfort. Give credits to their effort and sacrifices as their prizes and immediate reward.

On Insights Gained with the Challenges Experienced of School Head in Changing Learning Modalities. Despite of the challenges faced by the school heads in the changing of learning modalities that gives them distress and worries, put them in congested place where they cannot think or act fluently having preservation on possible result if it could be right of worst. School heads who faced similar and distinct situation should participate in forums and discussion particularly in exchanging thoughts about the challenges more often. it is encouraging that school heads in the changing learning modalities should be able to adapt to any changes, and suggestion that is applicable to their settings to eradicate self-confident breakdown.

On Insights and Realizations Gained from this Whole Experience. Upskilling and due recognition from those who did excellent intervention to achieve educational objectives or more during the changing of learning modalities. Providing timely trainings to reinforce realizations and current practice and develop concrete policy that will benefits all. In connection, school heads specially those not yet seasoned should be equipped with seminars and webinars to ensure that they blend to the new settings considering their humble experiences. This is to ensure that there is an innovative management and effective delivery of learning process

CONCLUSION

With the school heads experiences in the changing of learning modalities as main focus of the investigation, understanding the changing of learning modalities experiences, challenges, strategies and learning insights being experienced by the school heads in school was highlighted as well as their views on the school intervention and management to cope with the challenges encountered. The understanding of the school heads about the changing of learning modalities, drawn from their experiences in different challenges could reinforce the learning process based on their understanding about it.

Changing of learning modalities as offered to respond for educational compliance in dealing gradual transition back to normal approach to digest the effect of pandemic. It was found out in the study that online learning was amplified as it is the common choice of the students who has already an access and available devices.

However, the department of Education or the national government must address digital divide to cater students who are less fortunate to afford the necessary gadgets for online approach.

Moreover, as school heads are resilient in nature accompanied by good leadership skills and management, will do the initial intervention to the identified challenges together with the teachers, parents and stakeholders for the betterment of teaching-learning environment.

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IMPACT OF MICROFINANCE ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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ABSTRACT
Women's economic empowerment means the ability of women to participate in the markets equally with men. They play a valuable role in productive resources and control over their own time. They give their contribution equally to men in all spheres of life. Empowerment for women is very important for the growth of an economy. The objective of this study is to know about the impact of microfinance on women's empowerment. For the collection of data, a convenience sampling technique is used. The survey was conducted in Panipat City, Haryana, India. A group of women from both rural and urban areas participated in the survey. The study highlights that MFI has a positive impact on various employment-generating activities for women which helps them for a better standard of living, self-confidence, and a better status in the community. Since this research was limited by survey scope (only one city) and small sample size, future researchers can address these limitations and further study the outcomes of microfinance on women's empowerment.
KEYWORDS: *Empowerment, Impact, Microfinance, Positive, Women*

INTRODUCTION
In past years, women in our society have faced a lot of problems. They were not getting an education like men. They were married at early age without education and they were dependent on men because of it. There was discrimination between men and women. They were not able to take the decisions on their own. With the help of microfinance, women can make decisions for themselves independently. Microfinance has increased the opportunities for women to grow in various fields like agriculture, business, job, etc. Many microfinance institutions have been set up that provide micro-loans to women to strengthen their empowerment. The government has introduced many schemes for women entrepreneurs. With the help of microfinance, women can create their financial wealth and become financially sound and independent. Microfinance is such a tool that helps people to come out of their problems and generate additional income.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
The studies on microfinance and stress have been focused on women who have taken the help of microfinance for their empowerment. Women are not getting equal opportunities as men in many fields. The number of women entrepreneurs is very less than male entrepreneurs. This huge gap is because of a lack of financial resources, income, availability of loans, and credit for women. Most of the women are busy in handling their household work, child's education, and care. They are so busy in their houses that they are not getting any income-generating opportunities. For that purpose, they are totally dependent on men. But microfinance can remove these problems for women. It is important to study the impact of microfinance on women's empowerment.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES
- To study the effect of microfinance on women's empowerment.
- To study the benefits of MFI to women for their empowerment.
- To study the improvement of decision-making after microfinance.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Irshad Ahmad Reshi1 and Dr. T. Sudha (2023) highlighted the importance of a more united and aggregate approach to women's economic empowerment that included the hindrances due to structure in full participation by women in the economy. This involved some laws and policies which have promoted equal opportunities for education, training, and participation by women in the economy.

Monika, Dr. Ramnjeet Singh, Dr. Amit Kumar (2023) emphasized that microfinance is a powerful tool for reduction in poverty and providing authority to women. They have included SHGs in their research. There are many uncertainties but SHGs are rising rapidly. In India, SHGs are new microfinance organisations. India has made various efforts for supporting the microfinance. NABARD has also played a significant role in the development of microfinance. Along with many hurdles, microfinance and SHGs have helped for poor women's authorization.

Amechi Fabian Anoke (2023) described that MFIs provide various services like lending, savings and client training which have an important and positive effect on growth of women

businesses. MFIs are behind in one of the management strategies which is very important to help business in problematic situations. When women business owners will hire well qualified and experienced professionals, it will bring many positive changes like growth, efficiency improvement, new projects, and profitable opportunities.

Bhajan Chandra Barman (2022) described that microfinance has a very strong impact on motivating women entrepreneurs to open small businesses in rural areas. Nowadays, rural poor females are not only limited to agriculture or household work, but they are also opening their small business. There is a great number of rural women involved in micro-enterprises, baking, handicrafts items, disposals making. All this contribute in improving their income, their child education, poverty reduction, growth of society and GDP. So, we can say that women entrepreneurs are bringing a positive change in the society and economy. Further, he called all this as sustainable development.

Sruthymol Joseph (2023) said that financial institutions have an important role in the economic development. In India, there are various financial institutions but their functioning is not satisfactory. Micro business owners and rural people are dependent on microfinance. In developing countries like India, microfinance is very important because it helps in reduction of poverty with the help of improvement in social and economic aspects. The economic growth of any country is dependent on the financial services. This will improve their standard of living. Central Bank and Government should take various steps to improve microfinance in India.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A descriptive research design has been used with a quantitative research approach to study the problem. The target population of this study was rural and urban women who have availed the services of microfinance. For data collection, the convenience sampling method was used. A self-report questionnaire was prepared for this purpose.

DATA ANALYSIS

Table 1: Age Frequency

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage
20-30	10	20
30-40	16	32
40-50	18	36
Above 50	6	12
Total	50	100

Source: Primary Data

There were 10 females under the age group 20-30 which constitutes 20%, 16 females under the age group 30-40 which constitutes 32%, 18 females under the age group 40-50 which constitutes 36%, and 6 females above 50 which constitutes 12% of the total.

Table 2: Education Level

Education Level	Frequency	Percentage
Illiterate	7	14
Primary	11	22
High School	10	20
Graduation	15	30
Post Graduation	7	14
Total	50	100

Source: Primary Data

There were 7 illiterate women which constitutes 14%, 11 primary which constitutes 22%, 10 high school which constitutes 20%, 15 graduate which constitutes 30%, and 7 post graduate which constitutes 14% of the total.

Table 3: Occupation

Occupation	Frequency	Percentage
Agriculture	10	20
Business	15	30
Job	18	36
Other	7	14
Total	50	100

Source: Primary Data

There were 10 females in agriculture which constitutes 20%, 15 in business which constitutes 30%, 18 in job which constitutes 36%, and 7 in other occupation which constitutes 14% of the total.

Table 4: Improvements after microfinance

Factors	Frequency	Percentage
Decision making	14	28
Standard of living	13	26
Social status	17	34
Confidence	6	12
Total	50	100

Source: Primary Data

14 women were able to take decisions on their own which constitutes 28%, 13 women have

Improved their standard of living which constitutes 26%, 17 women have gained social status which constitutes 34%, and 6 women have improved their confidence level which constitutes 12% of the total.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The study revealed that microfinance has a positive impact on women empowerment in Panipat, Haryana. More aged women have gained a lot of benefits from microfinance.

Some measures should be taken for improving the women empowerment. These can be simplified procedures of microfinance for women, subsidies to women entrepreneurs, less interest rates, easy availability of loans. There is a need to understand the phenomena of microfinance in more depth. Future research may look into the antecedents and consequences of microfinance.

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OVER POPULATION: A MAIN SOCIAL PROBLEM IN CURRENT SCENARIO

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INTRODUCTION

Overpopulation refers to a situation where the number of individuals in a given population exceeds the carrying capacity of the environment to sustain them. It occurs when the rate of population growth surpasses the rate of available resources, such as food, water, and living space. Overpopulation is a relative concept that varies depending on the region, as different areas have different ecological and socio-economic capacities to support human populations.

The term overpopulation is often used to describe the global phenomenon of a rapidly growing human population. The world's population has been increasing at an unprecedented rate, particularly since the Industrial Revolution.

Factors contributing to this growth include advancements in healthcare, improved sanitation, and increased agricultural productivity, which have led to longer life expectancies and higher birth rates. Additionally, social and cultural factors, such as cultural norms, religious beliefs, and economic incentives, can also influence population growth. Overpopulation is a critical global issue that arises when the population increases rapidly. It poses numerous social, economic and environment sphere. The exponential growth of the global population is an issue of concern. According to the United Nations projections, the world population is expected to reach 9.7 billion by 2050, with further increases predicted in the coming decades. One of the immediate consequences of overpopulation is the pressure at places on the earth's finite resources. As the demand for food, energy and other essential Commodities rises, the capacity of our ecosystems to meet these needs becomes increasingly stretched.

Deforestation, land degradation, and depletion of fresh water sources are examples of the environmental impacts caused by overpopulation.

Moreover, the excessive consumption and waste generated by burgeoning populations exacerbate issues such as climate change, pollution, and loss of biodiversity.

Overpopulation also has significant social and economic ramifications. rapid population growth often leads to overcrowded cities, inadequate housing, and strained infrastructures particularly in developing cities. Limited access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities further exacerbates social inequalities.

To address the issue of overpopulation, various strategies can be implemented. These include promoting family planning and reproductive health services, improving education and empowerment of women, ensuring access to contraceptives, implementing effective policies and incentives to manage population growth, and adopting sustainable development practices to optimize resource use. It is essential to note that discussions on overpopulation. should be approached with sensitivity, as it involves complex social, cultural, and ethical dimensions. It is crucial to balance the concerns of population growth with respect for individual rights, social justice, and the probation of the environment. Overall, overpopulation is a critical issue for the world and India that demands attention and actions. By understanding its causes, consequences, and potential solutions, we can strive to achieve a sustainable balance between population growth and the capacity of our planet to support human well-being and environmental health.

Over population is also known as "Mother of all social problems" because due to overpopulation and lack of resources there is a surge in poverty, malnutrition, unemployment, people involved in crimes to keep their lives going, growth of slums, illiteracy, difficulty in governing and many other problems are caused by overpopulation. Coming to India's stance on this, overpopulation has been the most pressing social problem.

Causes of Overpopulation

1.Major Cause of overpopulation is increased life expectancy.

2.Due to medical advancements, people are living them ever before.

3.This is a wonderful thing, but it also has its consequences, when people live longer, they require more resources and services, such as healthcare and security.

4.This puts a strain on the Earth's resources, as more food, water and energy are needed to Sustain human life.

5.With more older people living longer and people fewer young people. Being born, this can result in an aging population that may not be able to support itself in future.

6.This will increase life expectancy is a testament to scientific advancements, it also presents a challenge for the future of human population growth.

Immigration

1. Apart from natural growth, immigration is another major factor that contributes to overpopulation.
2. Throughout history, people have sought refuge, better economic opportunities, and a better quality of life by migrating from their homeland to other countries.
3. Some people believe that immigrants take away jobs from locals, increase crime, and drain resources.
4. Immigration policies need to be thoughtful crafts while managing to reap the benefits of immigration mitigating negative impacts on society and environment.

High Fertility Rates

This is also a factor contributing to overpopulation is high fertility rates. This may have traditionally been seen as desirable, as it ensures the contribution of the family or community, it can lead to serious problems when combined with factors such as poverty and lack of resources. Large families put strain on resources such as food, water, and housing, which can in two creates social and political tensions. In such families we have problems: lack of education and access to family farming sources, is conical in preventing further overpopulation.

Increased Lifespans

If we have improvements in healthcare and sanitation, another factor contributing to healthcare and sanitation, the problem of overpopulation is increased lifespan.

With advancement in medical technology and knowledge, individuals are living longer than ever before. Increased lifespan means that means more people are able to reproduce, trading to an even greater population increase.

The absence of affordable housing can lead to the growth of informal Settlements, commonly Known as shanty towns, which lack basic Sanitation and waste disposal Systems.

The increasing demand for natural resources and the rising number of people living in poverty.

It is critical for policy makers to develop measures to migrate the negative impacts of overpopulation.

Limited resources and undeveloped infrastructures are also a major factor which challenges overpopulation in developing countries is the limited resource and undeveloped infrastructures. In many developing countries resources like water, food and energy are scarce.

As the population in these areas goes on growing pressure the limited resources and infrastructure increases. Therefore, finding sustainable solutions to improve resource management and infrastructure development is essential to mitigate the impacts of overpopulation in developing countries. Increasing Lifespan of overpopulation is a complex one that requires the multifaceted approach that takes into account a range of factors, including increased life span.

Poverty and Unavailability of birth control

1. Furthermore, poverty and lack of access to birth control also contribute to overpopulation. In many parts of the world, contraceptives are not readily available or affordable to the general population.
2. It means that individuals Who may want to limit their family size are unable to do so. Education, family planning and the importance of limiting family Size can help to break the cycle of overpopulation caused by poverty.
3. Overpopulation issues related to basic human needs such as food, water and shelter. The population grows, the demand for food and water sources increases. This puts pressure on the environment and results in depletion of natural resources. overpopulation leads to overcrowding, leading to insufficient housing and shelter.

EFFECTS OF OVERPOPULATION

Overpopulation can have various effects on societies, economics and the environment.

As the population increases, the natural resources supply decreases. In developing country like India, it is common for families to live in a single room dwelling, leading to poor living conditions and increased risk of air borne diseases Limited resources and underdeveloped infrastructures- In many developing countries, resources such as water, food, and energy are scarce. These countries also lack a proper sanitation, transport and communication system.

This leads to a host of issues, including inadequate access to education and health care services.

Without significant investment into the development of these essential resources and infrastructure; the ability of these countries to cope with overpopulation is severely limited

Overuse of natural resources, overpopulation also leads to the more usage of natural resources. As the population of the world whereases, more and more natural resources are being consumed at an alarming rate.

The need for more food means more agriculture and for the land for agriculture there is deforestation, which causes: environmental degradation such as soil erosion and soil loss.

Depletion of resources leads competition for resources which in turn increases the insecurity among different countries. Increased crime rate is linked to the overpopulation in many regions.

The lack of infrastructure and lack of basic needs will increase the conflict between the people, and hence increase in the crime rate. The communities are not provided with infrastructure to cope with the ocean population, changing the mindset of humans to tend towards crime.

Health risks and pandemics: - like the recent pandemic which shook the entire Indian subcontinent, the COVID-19. Dense populations living in close contact are affected more. Contagious diseases spread more quickly in crowded regions than in not crowded region. Government must promote different ways to birth control for the health of their entire family. Unemployment, more population means requirement of more jobs but as India is still a developing country and the number of jobs available are less.

Due to the slow growth of industries in India and the high growth rate in population leads to unemployment of many individuals which leads to the economic drop making India still a developing country and not a developed country.

These are the main effects of overpopulation, which not only lead to degrowth of the country but also cause many others' problems.

SOLUTIONS TO OVERPOPULATION

1. There are numerous potential solutions to overpopulation that range from increasing access to contraception and family planning services to incentivizing small families and reducing immigration rates.
2. One of the most effective strategies for reducing birth rates has been found to be increasing education levels, specifically for girls and women.
3. This allows individuals to make informed decisions regarding their family planning, and consequently, reduces the number of children born into families.
4. Additionally, providing economic incentives for smaller families, such as tax credits or other financial benefits, has been shown to be effective in reducing birth rates.
5. Encouraging smaller families could also be accomplished by removing social and cultural norms that place pressure on individuals to have larger families.

Increase in education and awareness on population control.
   a. An increase in education and awareness on population control is crucial for mitigating negative effects as individuals get More awareness on population control.
   b. Education on availability of contraceptives and family planning to the individuals. Women can also make decisions to make their education and career.
   c. However, the cultural and social norms are the main cause for less effective implementation of contraceptives because they just think about the side effects of those contraceptives.

2. Promotion of family planning and birth control:
   a. Promotion of family planning is the major step towards the controlling of overpopulation.
   b. Educating people about Contraceptives and making them accessible would help to overcome the problem of overpopulation.
   c. It would also empower women to make their decision. Many countries including China, India, Bangladesh have implemented family planning programs that offer free or Subsidized Contraceptives, education, and counselling services.
   d. These Programs have resulted in a decline in fertility rates.

C] Investing in economic development:
   a. To effectively address overpopulation, investing in economic development is of paramount importance.
   b. By investing in economic development, countries can create jobs, increase income levels and support infrastructural development. This will discourage people from migrating to Urban areas.
   c. This can become a boon for people to get quality of life in their villages or towns.
   d. Governments can also invest in education and health care programs, to ensure citizens are healthy and to contribute to the economy. This also leads to development in a sustainable and responsible manner.

D) Encouraging immigration policies
   a. Encouraging immigration policies is crucial to tackle the issue of overpopulation.
   b. Immigration can bring economic and demographic benefits. There the lifestyle of people also changes and can live in a diversified culture and relations among people get stronger.
   c. Moreover, offering employment opportunities and providing a path to citizenship for immigrants can promote sustainable growth and reduce the fertility rates of their home countries.

CONCLUSION

As the global population continues to grow, the demand for natural resources, food, and water is increasing exponentially. The rapid pace of urbanization coupled with changing dietary habits has led to significant loss of fertile land, deforestation and soil depletion. The expanding cities are also causing severe air and water pollution, further threatening the environment. The problem of overpopulation is a complex issue that will require a multifaceted approach to solve. The world population would reach 9.7 billion by 2050, which means that we must actively work to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and seem daunting. There is cause for optimism with concerted action, we can create a better future for ourselves and future generations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORTING IN INDIAN: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT
The Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Reporting Guidelines are institutional rules that can improve the credibility of public information on ESG related to companies. Reporting is often voluntary, and global ESG report guidelines generally depend on process-oriented third-party verification. The purpose of this study is to study and analyse the environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting framework in India and understanding its role, benefits and challenges. The study design will be a descriptive based on analysis of secondary data. It aims to analyse existing documents, reports and publications related to ESG reporting in different country. Our study suggest that companies need to follow ESG reporting for sustainable development and government should work on reducing regularity uncertainty.

INTRODUCTION

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting is no longer considered a low-cost option. Organizations are increasingly focusing on ESG as they strive to maintain the integrity of their trust, commitment and obligations both within and across the extended business. For decades, investors have relied on consistent and open financial reporting requirements to gauge the success of companies, and now that scope is being expanded to include financial strategies. ESG strategy. Investors invest money in ESG investment vehicles and request detailed information about the company's governance, social and environmental practices.

The sustainability of investments and compliance with environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles are becoming increasingly important in investment decision making and investment appraisal. There is always a choice between direct profit maximization and profit maximization opportunities embedding ESG in these types of investments. Since the beginning of the 21st century, ESG investment, also known as socially responsible investment, has experienced significant growth. The roots of ESG investment go back to 2004, with the United Nations (UN) at the forefront of early initiatives in this area.

Integrating ESG considerations into the business has the potential to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage while facilitating long-term risk management. It has been reported that companies that integrate ESG have achieved higher profits than companies that do not integrate ESG. While a focus on financial investments can produce quick returns, for decades investors have relied on consistent and publicly available financial reporting requirements to gauge how well they are doing. business success. Along with the change in time, the scope expands to include environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies. Organizations are increasingly focused on (ESG) as they strive to maintain the integrity of their trust, commitment, and obligations both within and across the extended business. ESG reporting is no longer considered a low-cost option. Investors invest money in ESG investment vehicles and request detailed information about the company's governance, social and environmental practices. Therefore, it becomes imperative to study and analyse the ESG reporting framework in India and compare it with global standards. The focus on ESG investment could be improved. long-term business sustainability. The three-point approach, which combines financial returns with environmental and social values, is often followed in such companies. While environmental and social concerns are necessary, it is also important to understand how they intersect with corporate governance.

LITERATURE REVIEW

ESG reports involve companies publicly disclosing their environmental, social and governance (ESG) impacts and are more widely known as "sustainability reports". Unlike financial statements, which are shaped by well-established accounting standards and required by publicly traded companies (World Economic Forum, 2020), reporting methods ESG is less clearly defined An ESG report is the formal publication and communication of a company's sustainability goals, which are more specifically recognized as environmental, social and governance goals and progress towards them. With more information at hand, external stakeholders are better equipped to assess a company's overall performance and shape their purchasing and investment decisions to reward sustainable companies. more (Rhodes, 2010; Sarti et al., 2018). This information can also affect stakeholder trust and improve a

company's reputation (Lenox & Nash, 2003), while motivating companies to reduce their negative environmental and social impact. (Michelon et al., 2015). All these factors can improve business profitability (Darnall, Henriques & Sadorsky, 2008).

The MacKenzie quote shows how prominent environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues are in driving corporate performance and reporting (Adams, 2017). This change is significant, as more than half of respondents in a recent international survey agreed that "capitalism, as it exists today, does more harm than good in the world." world" (Edelman, 2020, p. 12). At the heart of this harm are ESG issues such as climate change and poverty, which the United Nations, through the Sustainable Development Goals, encourages everyone to take action, including businesses. (United Nations Development Program [UNDP], 2015). These problems are exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis (Wood, 2020). In short, the world has changed dramatically and companies need to plan for potential ESG issues and respond to the need for comprehensive information on a company's ESG performance (Barker & Eccles, 2019).

Ironically, as MacKenzie points out, it is investors, i.e. shareholders, that are driving the need for additional ESG performance information to understand how companies fit into sustainability, i.e. "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs" (Bruntland, 1987, p. 41). World investment, BlackRock, is shifting its investment strategy to focus on sustainability as investors now recognize "climate risk as investment risk" (Edelman, 2020; Fink, 2020). converted into assets and trapped resources, as a low-carbon economy renders some assets worthless or even turns them into debt (Bos & Gupta, 2019) As investors now need to understand better understand the link between climate change and climate change. Investment risk, demand for high-quality climate change and other ESG performance information is growing exponentially.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
1. To know how ESG reporting evolve in India.
2. To know Pillars of ESG reporting.
3. To understand role of ESG reporting.
4. To understand Challenges for ESG reporting in Indian context.
5. To know benefits of ESG reporting.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
The study design will be a descriptive based on analysis of secondary data. It aims to analyse existing documents, reports and publications related to ESG reporting in different sectors and companies. Qualitative data will be reviewed to gain a comprehensive understanding of the topic. Relevant information on ESG reporting practices, standards, challenges and opportunities will be extracted for analysis.

EVOLUTION OF ESG DISCLOSURES IN INDIA
The Companies Act of 2013 present 1st Environmental, social and governance disclosure requirements for companies. Section 134(m) requires companies to include energy performance management reports, as well as annual financial statements. This requirement is detailed in Rule 8(3)(A) of the 2014 Company Rules (Accounts), which requires the board to provide information related to energy savings.

In addition, companies are required to include information about opportunities, threats, risks and concerns in their annual reports under SEBI Regulation 34(3) (LODR Regulation) 2015. However, these disclosure requirements are not intended to collect details of the measures and processes used by companies to identify these opportunities or risks, nor do they require company disclose any information. The company tracks their progress over time.

In 2017, SEBI issued a circular on "Disclosure requirements for the issuance and listing of green debt securities", to introduce the legal framework for the issuance of green debt securities in India and strengthen public confidence. investor trust. It complements the Listing and Issuance of Debt Securities (SEBI) Regulations of 2008 and provides a list of information that an issuer must provide in its offering document before and after commencing a project. funded project. through green debt. These additional disclosure requirements have been established to call for funding for ESG-compliant projects, such as renewable and sustainable energy, clean transportation, sustainable water management, and climate change adaptation. climate change, energy efficiency, sustainable waste management, sustainable land use and biodiversity conservation.

In addition to this SEBI circular, the Indian Bankers Association (IBA) has also published the Voluntary National Guide to Responsible Finance, which lays out the general and fundamental principles of a "risk management" business strategy. integrated ESG risk" of financial institutions. (SI), decision-making and operations.' For example, Principle 2 states that financial institutions "should integrate analysis of environmental, social and governance factors into their investment, lending and risk management processes in all business activities to reduce risks and negative impacts on their own operations and on society. However, these guidelines do not envisage any framework for the reliable and transparent issuance of green debt instruments. ascending.

LAUNCH OF BRSR FRAMEWORK
To further strengthen India's ESG disclosure regime, SEBI has amended LODR Regulation 34(2)(f) to introduce the BRSR Framework in May 2021. This regulation will replace the business responsibility report. The BRSR is in line with the nine principles of the National Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct ("NGGBC") and will require the top 1,000 listed companies to disclose ESG-related information each year beginning from the fiscal year 2022-2023.

In addition to introducing a relatively comprehensive disclosure framework, the BRSR covers the following aspects, with the aim of improving ESG claims business practices in India:
• Implement NGRBC principles to address ESG-related concerns;

• Disclose the appropriate policies and mechanisms a company has in place to maintain ESG compliance. BRSR places considerable emphasis on quantifiable metrics to ensure comparability across industries, companies and time periods;
• Improved information on climate and social issues;
• Separate disclosure into essential indicators and leadership indicators, the first of which is mandatory. The leadership indicators, among others, also focus on value-chain-related information for eligible entities;
• The BRSR allows interaction with organizations that have published sustainability reports in other internationally recognized frameworks.

Pillars of ESG

Environmental	Social	Governance
• This pillar focuses on a company's impact on the environment and how it manages its environmental footprint. Key aspects include carbon emissions, energy efficiency, water use, waste management, biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.	• The social pillar deals with a company's interaction with people and society. It covers issues related to human rights, labor practices, employee welfare, diversity and inclusion, community participation, supply chain management, and product quality and safety. Products. It also involves considering the social impact of a company's activities on its stakeholders and on the community at large.	• The governance pillar evaluates a company's internal management and decision-making processes. It covers issues such as board composition and structure, compensation for executives, shareholder rights, risk management practices, business ethics, transparency, and countermeasures. corruption. Strong governance ensures accountability, ethical behavior and alignment of business operations with the interests of stakeholders.

ROLE OF ESG REPORTING

The ESG report plays an important role in promoting sustainable and responsible business practices by promoting transparency, responsibility and alignment with broader environmental, social and governance goals. Here's how the ESG reports contribute to these practices:

1. **Transparency and Disclosure**: ESG reports require companies to disclose their performance on various environmental, social and governance issues. This transparency helps stakeholders, including investors, customers, employees and communities, gain an understanding of the company's sustainability efforts, impacts and progress.

2. **Risk management:** ESG reporting allows companies to assess and manage risks associated with ESG. By identifying potential environmental, social or governance risks, companies can develop proactive measures to mitigate these risks, improve their resilience and safeguard their long-term sustainability.

3. **Long-term value creation:** highlighting sustainability through ESG reporting can lead to long-term value creation for enterprises. Sustainable practices such as resource efficiency, employee well-being and ethical governance can improve the company's reputation and strengthen relationships with stakeholders, ultimately contributing to sustainable growth.

4. **Investment Decision-making:** ESG reports provide investors with important information to evaluate company sustainability performance. Investors are increasingly considering ESG factors in their decision-making processes, looking for companies with responsible practices and long-term vision.

5. **Compliance with regulation and mitigation of legal risks:** ESG reports may be compulsory in some jurisdictions. Compliance with the ESG reporting requirements helps companies stay ahead of potential legal risks and regulatory changes related to sustainability issues.

6. **Reputation and Branding:** Transparent ESG reports build trust with stakeholders and strengthen a company's reputation and brand image. Companies that are known for their commitment to sustainability and responsible practices are more likely to attract customers, talented employees and partnerships.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ESG REPORTING

ESG reporting can have a significant impact on corporate governance, stakeholder participation and long-term value creation for Indian companies. Let's examine each aspect in detail:

1. Corporate Governance

- Better transparency: ESG reports promote greater transparency by requiring companies to disclose their environmental, social and governance performance. This transparency promotes accountability and helps build trust between stakeholders, including shareholders, employees and regulators.

- Board supervision: ESG reports encourage board members to engage actively and supervise sustainability initiatives within the company. This participation ensures that ESG issues are integrated into strategic decision-making processes and aligns business objectives with sustainable practices.

- Risk Management: ESG Reporting helps companies identify and address important ESG risks. By incorporating these risks into corporate governance practices, the board can make informed decisions to mitigate potential negative impacts on the company's reputation and financial performance.

2. Stakeholder engagement

- informed decision making: ESG reports provide stakeholders with detailed information on company environmental, social and governance practices. This information empowers stakeholders to make informed decisions, such as investors considering sustainable investments and customers choosing socially responsible products.

- Dialogue and Collaboration: Through the ESG report, companies engage in meaningful dialogue with stakeholders, including investors, customers, employees and local communities. This commitment allows companies to understand the concerns and expectations of stakeholders, resulting in better customized sustainable strategies and greater stakeholder support.

- Building trust and reputation: transparent reporting on ESG helps to build trust with stakeholders. Companies that demonstrate commitment to responsible practices and transparent reporting improve their reputation and positively influence brand image and customer loyalty.

3. Long-term value creation

- Risk mitigation: Effective ESG reporting allows companies to identify and manage ESG-related risks that can have a long-term impact on their financial performance. Companies can mitigate risks associated with issues such as climate change, resource shortages or labour practices and secure long-term value.

- Sustainable business models: ESG reports encourage companies to develop sustainable business models that take into account environmental and social factors. The integration of sustainability into their core operations can increase efficiency, reduce costs, and create long-term value by attracting a wider customer base.

- Adapting to changing business landscape: The world is witnessing a shift towards sustainable markets and regulations. Companies that adopt ESG reports and practices are better positioned to adapt to changing environmental and social expectations and achieve long-term success.

POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF REPORTING ON ESG

1. Responsible investors: ESG reporting helps Indian companies attract responsible investors who place sustainability and long-term value creation at the forefront. Investors are increasingly taking into account environmental, social and governance factors as well as financial performance when making investment decisions. Companies with strong ESG performance are more likely to attract a broader group of investors who are looking to align their investments with sustainability objectives.

2. Strengthening brand reputation: Transparent ESG reporting shows company commitment to sustainability and responsible business practices. This can improve the brand reputation of the company and build trust among customers, employees and other stakeholders. A positive brand reputation can lead to greater loyalty to clients and better relationships with stakeholders.

3. Improve access to capital: Companies that provide priority to ESG reporting and sustainability are perceived by investors and lenders as a lower risk. This may improve access to capital at potentially lower costs. Sustainable business practices demonstrate that companies effectively manage risks and are strategically positioned for long-term success, which makes them more attractive to financial institutions.

4. Cost savings and efficiency: The implementation of sustainable practices can lead to cost savings and operational efficiency for Indian enterprises. For example, energy efficiency measures can reduce supply costs, waste reduction initiatives can reduce disposal costs and responsible supply chain management can improve resource allocation.

5. Employee Engagement and Retention: Companies with strong ESG focus often have higher employee engagement and retention rates. Employees are more likely to feel proud to work for a socially and environmentally responsible organization, which leads to increased productivity and loyalty.

6.Improved risk management: Companies can better identify potential vulnerabilities by addressing environmental and social risks through ESG reports and develop risk mitigation strategies. This proactive approach to risk management strengthens the company's resilience to uncertainty.

Challenges faced by Indian companies in adopting ESG reporting practices:

1. Lack of awareness and education: Many Indian companies lack awareness and understanding of ESG reporting and its benefits. The concept of responsible and sustainable business practices may be relatively new to some organizations, leading to reluctance to undertake ESG reporting.

2. Regulatory uncertainty: Although India has made progress in introducing some ESG reporting requirements, there is still regulatory uncertainty regarding the scope and specific guidelines for ESG disclosure. Companies may not know what information to report and how to comply with changing regulations.

3. Cultural thinking: Traditional business practices in India may prioritize economic growth over sustainability

considerations. Changing this cultural mindset to embrace ESG principles and long-term sustainability can be a daunting challenge.

4. Organizational arrangement: In some cases, companies may experience internal resistance or lack of alignment between different departments or divisions regarding the importance of ESG reporting and its integration into business strategy

5. Lack of uniform standards: One of the main barriers is the lack of standardized ESG reporting frameworks and guidelines. Different regulators may have different requirements, making it difficult for companies to consistently report on their ESG performance. The lack of a consistent reporting structure can lead to confusion and hinder comparability across companies.

6. Restrictions and sanctions enforcement: Even with ESG reporting requirements in place, the lack of rigorous enforcement and substantial penalties for non-compliance can reduce companies' incentive to prioritize disclosure. overview. Without adequate enforcement measures, some companies may choose to avoid or provide incomplete ESG information.

7. Legal risks and disputes: Comprehensive ESG disclosure can expose companies to legal risk, especially if the information disclosed is deemed misleading or inaccurate. Potential lawsuits or legal action due to incomplete or misleading ESG disclosure may prevent some companies from providing comprehensive reporting.

CONCLUSION

ESG reporting strengthens corporate governance by promoting transparency and risk management. It strengthens the involvement of stakeholders by promoting dialogue and trust. In addition, it contributes to the long-term creation of value by reducing risks, attracting responsible investors and promoting sustainable business practices. For Indian companies, adopting ESG reports can have a positive impact on their performance, reputation and sustainability in an increasingly evolving global business landscape.

Our analysis shows that we need more research aimed at consumers, investors and policy makers. Future researchers could explore how changes in consumer preferences contribute to improvements in ESG performance and how changes in capital market allocations affect ESG performance

Overall, ESG reports are a catalyst for the integration of sustainability into business strategies and operations and help companies move towards more sustainable and responsible practices that benefit both their bottom line and the wider society and the environment.

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INTERPERSONAL SUPPORT AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AMONG GRADE 6 LEARNERS OF MAGUGPO PILOT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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ABSTRACT

Positive interpersonal connections boost student's enthusiasm for which results in long-term learning success and confidence. This study aimed to determine the connection between the interpersonal support and student engagement across grade 6 elementary learners. The study used a quantitative non-experimental research design using correlational technique. Using the 21st century G*Power analysis sample size calculator, there were 257 grade 6 students respondents who were randomly selected. Adopted and modified Interpersonal Support Evaluation List (ISEL) questionnaire for independent variable and Student Engagement in School Questionnaire for dependent variable were used to gather data with mean and Pearson's r correlation as statistical tools. Findings revealed that the level of interpersonal support of grade 6 students has a mean score of 3.68 with standard deviation of 0. 47 which is described as high. The level of students engagement of the grade 6 students has a mean score of 3.85 with standard deviation of 0.63 which is also described as high. Result also showed that there is a significant relationship between interpersonal support and student engagement among grade 6 students. This implies that there is sufficient evidence obtained from the sample that a significant relationship exists.

KEYWORDS: *Interpersonal Support, Student Engagement*

INTRODUCTION

Student engagement has been known as a main variable in understanding dropout, particularly as a gradual process operating in a student's life and influencing the final decision to withdraw. Moreover, student engagement in academic activities is a critical factor contributing to the overall success of students. It is also stated that student engagement influences the student connectedness, motivation to study and view of capability in academic activities. Student engagement as student's willingness, needs, desire, motivation, and success in the learning process. Student engagement also associated with high quality in learning outcomes. Lastly, the association of student engagement between student's motivation and learning outcomes is the understanding of student engagement which help the educators prevent negative outcome and help the students at-risk to be engaged in school (Hart, et al, 2011).

In addition, interpersonal support is social support that a continuing pattern or erratic bonds that play importance in maintaining the state of the psychological and physical well-being of a person over time. It also added on their study that interpersonal support perceived as information leading to a person who believe that he or she is cared, loved, esteemed, valued, belonged to a system and mutual commitment. The individual referring to the student, and environment, referring to the factors that influences the student which shape a student's level of engagement (Song, Hart, et al 2011).

This study aims to determine the connection between the interpersonal support and student engagement across Grade 6 elementary learners in one of the elementary schools in Tagum City. The researchers have not come across similar studies though existing relationship of interpersonal support and student engagement has mentioned above. This study made use of different indicator from the existing once.

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the study was to determine the relationship between interpersonal support and student engagement of the students.

METHODS

This chapter features the methods and procedures that will be used in gathering the necessary data. This also includes the research design, the research subject covering the respondents, place and time, the research instrument, the data gathering procedure and the statistical treatment of the gathered data that was used by the researcher in the study. The researchers employed the quantitative, descriptive non-experimental design utilizing correlational techniques of research.

In correlational research strategy, two variables will be measured to obtain a set of scores for everyone. The measurements will be examined to identify any pattenrs of relatonship that exist between the variables and to measure the strength of the relationship (Gravetter & Forzano, 2016).

Specifically, the researcher in this study utilized prospective correlational descriptive research which starts with a presumed cause (interpersonal support) in the present and goes forward in time to link it with a presumed effect (student engagement in school) in the future. Its correlational since the study aims to find the relationship between the independent variable which is the interpersonal support and the dependent variable which the student engagement.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this chapter, the researcher presents, analyze and interprets the data gathered in textual and tabular form.

Table 1
Level of Interpersonal Support of the Grade 6 Students in terms of Appraisal Support

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. There are several people that I trust to help solve my problems.	3.81	0.93	High
2. There is someone I can share my most private worries and fears with.	3.41	1.12	Moderate
3. There is someone I can turn to for advice about handling problems with my studies.	3.61	1.04	High
4. When I need suggestions on how to deal with a personal problem, I know someone I can turn to.	3.71	1.18	High
5. There is at least one person I know whose advice I really trust.	4.02	1.06	High
Total	**3.71**	**0.64**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.71 with standard deviation of 0.64 is described as high. This means that the interpersonal support of grade 6 students in terms of appraisal support is oftentimes observed.

Table 2
Level of Interpersonal Support of the Grade 6 Students in terms of Tangible Support

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. If I needed help in answering my assignments, there is someone who would help me.	3.92	1.00	High
2. If I needed a ride to the school very early in the morning, there is someone to take me.	3.93	1.17	High
3. There is someone who can take me to the doctor If I were sick.	3.82	1.19	High
4. If I were sick, I could easily find someone to help me with my daily chores.	3.71	1.19	High
5. If I was stranded 10 kilometers from home, there is someone I could call who would come and get me.	3.57	1.18	High
Total	**3.79**	**0.77**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.79 with standard deviation of 0.77 is described as high. This means that the interpersonal support of grade 6 students in terms of tangible support is oftentimes observed.

Table 3
Level of Interpersonal Support of Grade 6 Students In terms of Self-Esteem Support

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. There is someone who takes pride in my accomplishments.	3.48	1.15	Moderate
2. Most people I know think highly of me.	3.33	1.11	Moderate
3. I am as good at doing things as most other people are.	3.30	1.15	Moderate
4. In general, people have much confidence in me.	3.44	1.06	Moderate
5. I am closer to my friends than most other people are to theirs.	3.55	1.20	High
Total	**3.42**	**0.70**	**Moderate**

The overall mean of 3.42 with standard deviation of 0.70 has descriptive equivalent of moderately high which means that the level of interpersonal support of grade 6 students in terms of self-esteem support is sometimes observed.

Table 4
Level of Interpersonal Support of Grade 6 Students in terms of Belonging Support

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. When I feel lonely, there are several people I can talk to.	3.79	1.08	High
2. I often talk with family or friends.	3.92	1.15	High
3. There are several different people I enjoy spending time with.	3.91	1.09	High
4. Most people I know enjoy the same things that I do.	3.73	1.08	High
5. I often get invited to do things with others.	3.54	1.11	High
Total	**3.78**	**0.67**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.78 with standard deviation of 0.67 has descriptive value of high which means that the level of interpersonal support of grade 6 students in terms of belonging support is oftentimes observed.

Table 5
Summary of the Level of Interpersonal Support of Grade 6 Students

Indicators	Mean	SD	Description
1. Appraisal Support	3.71	0.64	High
2. Tangible Support	3.79	0.77	High
3. Self-Esteem Support	3.42	0.70	Moderate
4. Belonging Support	3.78	0.67	High
Overall	**3.68**	**0.47**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.68 and with a standard deviation of 0.47 has a descriptive equivalent of high. This means that the level of interpersonal support of grade 6 students is oftentimes observed.

Table 6
Level of Students Engagement of Grade 6 Students in terms of Affective Engagement

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. I am very interested in learning.	3.93	1.09	High
2. I think what we are learning in school is interesting.	3.95	1.12	High
3. I like what I am learning in school.	3.96	1.17	High
4. I enjoy learning new things in class.	4.35	3.66	High
5. I think learning is fun.	3.91	1.01	High
Overall	**4.02**	**1.06**	**High**

The overall mean of 4.02 with standard deviation of 1.06 has descriptive equivalent of high which means that the level of student engagement of grade 6 students in terms of affective engagement is oftentimes observed.

Table 7
Level of Student Engagement of Grade 6 Students in terms of Behavioral Engagement

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. When I'm in class, I participate in class activities.	3.84	1.05	High
2. I pay attention in class.	3.86	1.10	High
3. When I run into a difficult homework problem, I keep working at it until I think I've solved it.	3.70	1.18	High
4. I volunteer to help with different tasks during school activities such as sports day and Parents' Day.	3.77	1.10	High
5. I am an active participant of the different events during school activities such as sports day and family day.	3.63	1.12	High
Overall	**3.76**	**0.75**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.76 with standard deviation of 0.75 has descriptive equivalent of high which means that the level of student engagement of grade 6 students in terms of behavioral engagement is oftentimes observed.

Table 8
Level of Student Engagement of Grade 6 Students in terms of Cognitive Engagement

Indicators	Mean	SD	Description
1. Affective Engagement	4.02	1.06	High
2. Behavioral Engagement	3.76	0.75	High
3. Cognitive Engagement	3.78	0.72	High
Overall	**3.85**	**0.63**	**High**

The overall mean of 3.78 with standard deviation of 0.72 has descriptive equivalent of high which means that the level of student engagement of grade 6 students in terms of behavioral engagement is oftentimes observed.

Table 9
Summary of the Level of Student Engagement of Grade 6 Students

Variables	Mean	SD	r – value	p – value	Decision @ 0.05 level of significance
Interpersonal Support Student Engagement	3.68 3.85	0.47 0.63	0.41	0.00	H₀ is rejected.

The overall mean of 3.85 and with a standard deviation of 0.63 has descriptive equivalent of high. This means that the level of student engagement of grade 6 students is oftentimes observed

Table 10
Relationship between Interpersonal Support and Student Engagement among Grade 6 Students

Items	Mean	SD	Description
1. When learning new information, I try to put the ideas in my own words.	3.71	1.17	High
2. I make up my own examples to help me understand the important concepts I learn from school.	3.78	1.06	High
3. I try to see the similarities and differences between things I am learning from school and things I know already.	3.73	1.05	High
4. When I study, I try to understand the material better by relating it to things I already know.	3.84	0.98	High
5. When I study, I figure out how the information might be useful in the real world.	3.86	1.08	High
Overall	**3.78**	**0.72**	**High**

The coefficient correlation of 0.41 shows the degree of linear relationship and a positive correlation between the interpersonal support and student engagement among the grade 6 students. The coefficient of determination R^2 is equal to 0.1681 which means that about 16.81% of the variance in interpersonal support is explained or accounted for by the student engagement.

It also shows that the probability value of 0.00 is less than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis is rejected. Therefore, there is a significant relationship between interpersonal support and student engagement among the grade 6. This implies that there is sufficient evidence obtained from the sample that a significant relationship exists.

CONCLUSION

Based on the study's aforementioned findings, the amount of interpersonal support is still strong despite the moderate level of self-esteem that is one of the markers. On the other hand, there is also a high level of student engagement. According to the study, there is a considerable link between student engagement and interpersonal support. This implies that student involvement with instruction in class is influenced by interpersonal support.

Despite of the limitations, it can be said that the results of this study have implications for both theory and practice. By examining the relationship between interpersonal support and student engagement using modified and adapted survey questionnaires for the Interpersonal Support Evaluation List (ISEL) by Cohen et al (1985) and the Student Engagement in School Questionnaire by Hart et al (2009), the study adds to the body of literature. More precisely, the current findings underscore the notion that social support and engagement among students encourage future goals, school affiliation, and the perception of the value of academic effort. Future research that focuses on different circumstances and evaluates the models across various school age groups may be useful.

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EVALUATION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE'S EQUAL TREATMENT POLICY'S MECHANISMS IN BORNO STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The aim is to guarantee that prisoners are treated equitably within the criminal justice system. By investigating the elements that result in the same crime being treated equally for gender reasons, this study seeks to fill the gap left by the previous research. Prisoners are held there for crimes that are either proven or are just claims. The latter are those who have been held in custody pending trial, whereas the former have adhered to the rules of the legal system. Those already incarcerated are referred to as inmates in both scenarios. The detainees may be male or female, and though the social compact requires that they be treated differently, they are all accused of being imprisoned in the same prison under the same laws. The study therefore intend to explore the mechanism to ensure equal treatment of inmates in the correctional service of Borno State, Nigeria.

INTRODUCTION

Over time, every society has developed methods for dealing with members who violate institutional norms and arrangements. Champion (2006) notes, for instance, that in ancient times, societies treated offenders with a form of corporal (harsh, physical) punishment that called for retaliation—"an eye for an eye"—and that in modern industrialized societies, contemporary punishments are either fines or terms of incarceration. Modern imprisonment is intended to work on a criminal's mind and body to remove them from a position where they may continue their criminal behavior, place them into an institution that satisfies the masses who desire some form of retribution, and persuade other would-be criminals that such activities are not acceptable.

Positive psychological conditioning can help shape them into productive and law-abiding citizens who can be reintegrated into society (Krestev, Prokpidis, & Sicamnias, 2008). Imprisonment is the state's power to protect the public, reduce crime, improve convicts' educational and vocational skills, and promote law-abiding behavior after release from custody. It is a deprivation of liberty, legal detention, and an enterprise solely for reforming individuals. Thus, prisons are used not only as a punishment practice but also as a form of strict school meant for the technical transformation of social misfits.

Conventionally, *crime* is defined as acts forbidden by law that can be punishable by imprisonment or otherwise. Murder, robbery, burglary, rape, drunken driving, child neglect, and failure to pay your taxes are all examples of crime. The behavioral definition of

crime centres on criminality, a personality profile encouraging all crimes. Criminal behaviors include using force, fraud, or stealth to obtain material or symbolic resources. Furthermore, criminality is a style of strategic behavior characterized by self-centeredness, selfishness, indifference to the suffering and needs of others, the feeling that "I cannot achieve it on my own," and low self-control. (Braithwaite 1989)

Gender crimes in Nigeria have reduced gender studies to simply understanding women and men's roles and responsibilities. Gender-based inmate treatment involves a comparison of male and female inmates; this will also shed light on gender inequalities in society and how they encourage criminality in Nigerian prisons.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The Study Area

Maiduguri is the capital city of Borno State, situated between 11°N and 13°N. Its establishment started when the British, under the leadership of Sir Luggard, shifted the capital of Borno from Kukawa because of the inaccessibility and unhealthy nature of the place. Yerwa stood on a low ridge about 100 feet above sea level and was a good center for trade across the desert and into the French territories. Originally, Maiduguri was bounded on all sides by the Kukawa Local Government Area. It has a high population and a long history as an urban site. The principal ethnic group is Kanuri, but they now account for only about half of the total population of the city. As in every state of the country, English is

the official language, though Hausa, Shuwa, and Kanuri are widely spoken.

Maiduguri is also referred to as the town or city in which the state governor and other government functionaries reside; thus, all policies pertaining to the administration of the state are made in the city (Maiduguri). Maiduguri is made up of districts and has an area of about 53 km2 with a total population of about 689,212 (NPC, 2011). The climate of Maiduguri is hot and dry for most of the year; the period of rainfall lasts to an average of 120 days; the annual rainfall ranges from June to September; and the majority of the inhabitants of the city are farmers, civil servants, and businessmen and women. The state is facilitated with amenities including universities, polytechnics, colleges, and secondary and primary schools. It also has a teaching hospital, general hospitals, and many clinics, both from the government and private owners. The study will comprise Maiduguri Maximum Prison as the "Maximum Security Custodial Center" and Maiduguri New Prison as the "Medium Security Custodial Center," all situated within the state capital.

RESEARCH DESIGN
The nature of the research problem and its objectives influenced the research design used in this study. As the study focused on the analysis of gender-based treatment of inmates in the Maiduguri custodial center, simple random sampling techniques were adopted to collect the sample. The research design functions as a systematic plan to outline the study and the research method of computation details on how the study will arrive at the conclusion and the research design's limitations, which include both qualitative and quantitative methods.

Population of the Study
The target populations of this research are female and male inmates of the Maiduguri Maximum Custodial Center and the Maiduguri Medium Custodial Center, comprising a total of 50 female convicts and 700 male convicts which gives the total population to 750 inmates. (Maiduguri Correction Service Officials 2016)

Sampling Technique
This study utilizes both random and purposeful methods in determining the sample size. The sample size of 254 is adequate for this study. Random selection was intended in order to give equal proportion and purposeful technique because of the special needs to select more of the female inmates. Respondents were reached through the assistance of the official of the custodial center. As a result of restriction on security ground. The questionnaires were distributed by the officials. A total of one hundred and fifty questionnaires were given to the prison officials

at Maiduguri's new prison, and another hundred and four were given to officials at the Maiduguri maximum prison. The prison officials were informed to give more questionnaires to female inmates so as to achieve the objectives of the study.

Sample Size
The population of this study is 750, which was obtained from the Nigerian Prison Service Officials (2016); therefore, Krejcie and Morgan's (1970) sample size determination was used to determine the sample size. Using Krejcie and Morgan's (1970) table for sample size determination, a population of seven hundred and fifty (750) will have two hundred and fifty-four (254) respondents as the sample. Therefore, a sample size of 254 was adequate for this study based on Krejcie & Morgan's table for sample size determination.

$$n = Nx \frac{\frac{Z^2 \times P \times (1-P)}{e^2}}{[N = 1 + \frac{Z^2 \times P \times (1 - P)}{e^2}]}$$

N = Propulation size
Z = Critical value of the normal distribution at the required confidence level
P = Sample proportion

Source of Data
The survey method was employed in this study. The data for this study was obtained from primary and secondary sources. The primary data came from a questionnaire and an in-depth interview with prison officials, ex-convicts, and members of the general public. Secondary data were also obtained from the review of relevant literature, such as books, newsletters, journals, articles, etc.

Data Collection Methods
The research instrument used was the quantitative method. The questionnaires were used as the quantitative method. These were administered to the respondents in person. The questionnaires were utilized only by the educated respondents. Relevant journals, books, reports, and seminar papers were used in generating secondary data.

Data Analysis Methods
The responses were analyzed using descriptive statistics presented in tables as percentages. The responses of the inmates were analyzed using the SPSS package version 20 to deduce the findings of the research.

DATA ANALYSIS

Table 4.4: Mechanisms to ensure equal treatment of inmates in the correctional service

S/N	Variables	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Frequency/ percentage
1.	Equal treatment should be given to both male and female inmates.	152	33	58	0	11	
		58.0%	16.0%	22.0%	0.0%	4.0%	100%
2.	Female inmates should not be treated differently than male inmates while serving time in prison.	97	0	140	0	17	
		39.0%	0.0%	55.0%	0.0%	6.0%	100%
3.	Punishments should be based on the crime committed by either the male or female inmate.	125	48	69	4	8	
		49.0%	20.0%	26.0%	2.0%	3.0%	100%

Source: Fieldwork 2021

In table 4, a significant number of the respondents (152, 58.0%) strongly agree that equal treatment should be given to both male and female inmates, while 11 (4.0%) of them disagree. The majority of respondents (140, 55.0%) are neutral and believe that female inmates should not be treated differently when serving time in prison. While a few of them (17, 6.0%) disagree, the respondents are clear that punishments should be based on the crime committed by either the male or female inmate, with (125, 49.0%) strongly agreeing, while (4, 2.0%) strongly disagreeing.

DISCUSSION

The goal is to ensure that inmates in the correctional system are treated equally. The study showed that 58% of the respondents strongly agreed that equal treatment should be given to both male and female inmates. The study further revealed that 55% of the respondents were neutral about the idea that female inmates should not receive different treatment while serving punishment in the correctional service. Another 59% of the respondents strongly agreed that punishment should be based on the crime committed by either a male or female inmate. This research supports Feldon's (2002) finding that the motivations for female and male inmates' crimes are similar. Farrigton and Morris (1983) conducted a study of sentencing in magistrate court, noting that some official figures did imply more leniency toward women. Rotimi (1993) also revealed that in cases where people are found to have committed certain offenses, extrajudicial measures, such as the use of radicles, may be used to punish them.

CONCLUSION

According to the study, there is generally little variation in how prisoners are treated by correctional institution staff. Additionally, it showed that the criminal justice system treated male and female inmates equally. Furthermore, the survey showed that compared to their male colleagues, who make up a bigger fraction of the inmates in the study area, female inmates are the minority in terms of numbers. Additionally, it showed that females have lower crime rates than males, which may not be unrelated to the study area and type of people the researcher looked at.

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PREFERENCE IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STRAND: A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT
Deciding on what strand to take in senior high school is important for it is the beginning of their chosen line of work in the future. This descriptive study was to determine the influence of preference of a Senior High School strand that is commonly encountered by the senior high school students in terms of personal interest, family influence, peer influence, financial condition, and employability. Using an adapted questionnaire it was found out that personal interest was the most influencing factor in choosing a strand of senior high school students of New Bataan National High School; Camanlangan National High School; and San Miguel National High School. Personal interest play an important role in choosing a course to study, however other factors should be consider such as job prospects, job demands, academic prerequisites, and personal circumstances. There should be a regular school career guidance program where the senior high school tracks, strands and specializations are properly discussed so that students can really decide and take the right strand which is in line with their future work or career.
KEYWORDS: *career guidance, personal interest, family influence, peer influence, financial condition, employability, design*

INTRODUCTION
The Problem and its Background
Choosing a senior high school strand is one of the most challenging decisions that junior high school students will have to face. It is greatly important because the strand they choose will serve as their training ground before entering college. Plamo (2015) said that all of these can be learned at the senior high school level, which is equivalent to pre-college. The examinations that shape the students' abilities and talents, the training that prepares them for the global workplace, and the programs that can give them a standard level of education are all significant parts of this program's purpose in getting them ready for college. This is following their diverse dreams and interests in life that can still change over time (Deil-Amen, 2011).

In the study of La (2009) on factors influencing the educational and career choices of senior high school students revealed that parent' supports, school structure, gender and grade point averages have considerable influence on Vietnamese Senior high school student's educational and career choice. In same year, Leonard (2009) study on high school students' selection decisions in South Carolina found out that parents and teachers are highly influential in the course selection decision.

The K to 12 Basic Education Program in the Philippines includes the introduction of senior high school (SHS), or grades 11 an d 12, the final two years of a new 6 -year secondary education system. Rather than merely focusing on post-secondary education

preparedness, the SHS Curriculum aims to prepare students for either higher education or work. (Development Asia, 2019). Students in JHS Grade 10 will follow a shared curriculum and can choose from four specialization options: Academics, Technical Vocational and Livelihood (TVL), Sports, or Arts and Design. Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMMS), Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM), Science, Technology and Engineering (STEM), and General Academic Strand are the four strands that make up the Academic Track. Then there is the Technical Vocational Track, which includes Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Home Economics, Agri -Fishery Arts, and Industrial Arts.

The choice of senior high school track and strand is governed by different factors that influenced the academic achievement of the student. Currently, Camanlangan National High School offers only two tracks namely: Academic and Technical Vocational and Livelihood (TVL). Under academic track, general academic strand (GAS) was offered, under TVL, two strands were offered, Information & Communication Technology (ICT) and Agri-Fishery Arts (AFA). Of the three strands offered in Camanlangan National High School, the strand with the least enrollees was the Agri- Fishery Arts. Data showed that there was a drastic decreased in the enrolment of Agri-Fishery Arts strand of the current school year. In the previous school years: S.Y. 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, there were 22% and 20% of enrollees in agri-fishery arts strand, respectively, but in the current school year, S.Y. 2022-2023 only 9% of the total enrollees were enrolled in

Agri-Fishery Arts strand. With these data, the researcher would like to investigate the drastic decrease in the enrolment of Agri-Fishery Arts strand and what factors contributed to this problem. Also, the researcher would like to determine if the trend were the same in other schools offering Agri- Fishery Arts.

Statement of the Problem
This study aimed to determine the influence of preference of a Senior High School strand that is commonly encountered by the senior high school students in terms of personal interest, family influence, peer influence, financial condition, and employability. Specifically, the respondents of the study were the 1,179 senior high school students who are officially enrolled in three different schools namely: Camanlangan National High School; New Bataan National High School; and San Miguel National High School for school year 2022-2023. Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions:

    1. What is the level of the factors that influence the respondents in choosing a strand in the senior high school in terms of:

   1.1 personal interest,
   1.2 family influence,
   1.3 peer influence,
   1.4 financial condition, and
   1.5 employability?

    2. What is the preference of senior high school students
   2.1 GAS
   2.2 HUMSS,
   2.3 TVL-AFA,
   2.4. TVL-AI,
   2.5 TVL-HE, and
   2.6 TVL-ICT?

    3. What is the most dominant influencing factor?

METHODS
Research Design
This study employed the quantitative descriptive-survey research design which used an adaptive survey questionnaire to determine the influence of preference of a Senior High School track that is commonly encountered by the senior high school students in terms of personal interest, family influence, peer influence, financial condition, and employability. It is descriptive since the researcher observes, investigates, and describes the association between the factors that influence the respondents in choosing a track and the strand preference.

Research Locale
The study was conducted in the three public secondary schools namely: Camanlangan National High School, New Bataan National High School, and San Miguel National High School for school year 2022-2023.

Camanlangan National High School is located in Barangay Camanlangan, New Bataan, Davao De Oro along a national highway. It has a total land area of about 9,000 square meters. Presently, CNHS has 225 senior high school and 586 junior high school enrolled students. There were 7 senior high school teachers, 29 junior high school teachers, and 5 non- teaching staff.

New Bataan National High School is located in Purok 3-A Barangay Cabinuangan, Poblacion New Bataan, Davao De Oro. There were 802 officially enrolled students. Currently, there were 84 junior high and senior high school teachers in total and 10 non-teaching staff.

San Miguel National High School is located in Barangay San Miguel, Compostela, Davao De Oro and has a land area of approximately 1.8 hectares. San Miguel National High School has 22 junior high school teachers and 6 senior high school teachers. It also has 7 non-teaching staff. There were 539 junior high school and 152 senior high school students officially enrolled.

Research Respondents
The respondents of the study were the senior high school students in Camanlangan National High School, New Bataan National High School, and San Miguel National High School who were enrolled for school year 2022-2023. The Table below showed the distribution of respondents per school.

Table 1
Respondents of the Study

Name of the School	No. of Student Respondents
New Bataan National High School	225
Camanlangan National High School	802
San Miguel National High School	152
Total	**1,179**

Research Instrument
The main tool that was used in this study was an adapted questionnaire, which was modified and enhanced through validation of the panel experts. The questionnaire contained questions that were categorized according to the five factors that may influence the students in their preference in choosing the strand. Here the student respondents would rate each factor indicator using a scale from one to four point scale: 4 – Highly Influential; 3 – Moderately Influential; 2 – Slightly Influential; 1 – Not at All.

Validation of Instrument
The adapted instrument underwent validation by five members of the panel who were identified by the Dean of the Graduate

School. After the validation, vital changes were made according to the comments and suggestions of the panel. After then, the instrument was tried out to 20 identified students who were not part of the study. The purpose of this try-out would identify whether the instrument was reliable and if it would ask what was needed in the study. Should there be some unnecessary things that were not very important, the researcher would have to change or modify if it guarantees its validity and reliability.

Research Procedure
The following steps were followed in gathering of data:
Seeking of Permission to Conduct the Study.
The researcher wrote a letter of permission to conduct the study to the Schools Division Superintendent, Division of Davao de Oro. A written letter of request were also given to the Principal of Camanlangan National High School, New Bataan National High School, and San Miguel National High School for formal consent. Upon receiving the confirmation from the authorities, the researcher started the administration of the questionnaire. The researcher took into consideration the standard health protocols following the advice of the local health officials so as to ensure the safety of the researcher and the students.

Administration and Retrieval of the Research Instrument.
The researcher herself distributed and administered the research instruments to the student respondents who were asked to participate in the survey. Proper orientation was made to let students understand about the study. The students were given enough time to read and answer the survey questionnaire.

Collation and Tabulation of Data. After the collection of the survey questionnaire, the researcher tallied, collated and tabulated all the data and submitted them to the statistician for statistical treatment and the results was subjected to analyses and interpretations using the four-point Likert scale.

Statistical Tool
The responses to the items in the questionnaire were analyzed and interpreted using the appropriate statistical tools as follows:

Mean. This was used to describe the level of the factors that influence the respondents in choosing a strand in the senior high school and to determine the most dominant influencing factor in choosing a strand.

Percentage. This was used to describe the number of enrolled students in each strand of the 3 different schools.

RESULTS
In this chapter, the presentation, data analysis, and interpretation of the results of the study are presented.

Level of Influence
   Personal Interest. Table 2 presents the level of influence on the personal interest of the respondents.

Table 2
Level of influence of Personal Interest of the Students

Strand	Mean	Description
General Academic Strand	2.917	Moderately Influential
Humanities and Social Sciences	3.060	Moderately Influential
Agri-Fishery Arts	2.866	Moderately Influential
Industrial Arts	3.025	Moderately Influential
Home Economics	2.967	Moderately Influential
Information and Communication Technology	3.033	Moderately Influential
AVERAGE MEAN	**2.978**	**Moderately Influential**

Table 2 shows the level of influence of personal interest on the choices made by the students on what strand they opted to enroll with an average mean of 2.978 which is described as moderately influential. The data appears that most of the respondents are influenced moderately by their own personal interest. There is no strong conviction that in choosing the strand they are influenced by their own interest of the course. However, practically speaking, it can assist in creating a more accurate perception. According to research, students' personal factors have a significant impact on how they decide on a career (Su, Chang, Wu, & Liao, 2016). They can develop their interest by identifying their perfect strand and sticking with it. It might give students the confidence that whatever they are doing is right since it stems from an ideal perspective.

 Family influence. Presented in Table 3 is the level of family influence of the students in deciding what strand they have to enrol.

Table 3
Family Influence

Strand	Weighted Mean	Description
General Academic Strand	2.029	Slightly Influential
Humanities and Social Sciences	2.182	Slightly Influential
Agri-Fishery Arts	2.291	Slightly Influential
Industrial Arts	2.499	Slightly Influential
Home Economics	2.388	Slightly Influential
Information and Communication Technology	2.405	Slightly Influential
AVERAGE MEAN	**2.299**	**Slightly Influential**

Table 3 presents the level of family influence on the chosen strand of the students with an average mean of 2.299 which is described as slightly influential. This means that the family slightly influenced the students in choosing their strand. As to their decision the students are not influenced so much by their own families with regard to choosing a strand. Few of them are influenced by the decision of their families. It could not be denied that the family is the most influential institution in the life of the children, however, in this study only few parents who convinced their children to choose the strand that their children would take. Unlike, in the study of Tortor, et al. (2020) reveals that majority of the respondents are inclined to moderately influential in considering their parents in selecting a strand in SHS. Understanding and appreciating parental participation can result in more helpful discussions and well-informed choices, promoting a welcoming environment where students can follow academic paths that are in line with their interests and their parents' enthusiasm.

Peer Influence. Table 4 shows the level of peer influence of the students in deciding what strand they are going to enroll.

Table 4
Peer Influence

Strand	Weighted Mean	Description
General Academic Strand	2.355	Slightly Influential
Humanities and Social Sciences	2.507	Moderately Influential
Agri-Fishery Arts	2.494	Slightly Influential
Industrial Arts	2.507	Moderately Influential
Home Economics	2.408	Slightly Influential
Information and Communication Technology	2.346	Slightly Influential
AVERAGE MEAN	**2.436**	**Slightly Influential**

Table 4 presents the level of peer influence on the decision made by the students in choosing the strand that they have to take in senior high school with an average mean of 2.436, described as slightly influential. The data showed that the students are less affected by their peers in getting the strand. Dissimilar to the study of Tortor et al. (2020), it was shown that peer influence moderately affects senior high school students in choosing a strand. Students' career decisions in choosing their strand are influenced by sociological aspects, including social groups (Obiunu & Ebunu, 2010). Peer groups and the environment of students also play a significant role in how Senior High students choose their strands of study (Obiyo & Eze, 2015).

Financial condition. Table 5 shows the level of influence of respondents in terms of financial condition.

Table 5
Financial Condition

Strand	Mean	Description
General Academic Strand	2.292	Slightly Influential
Humanities and Social Sciences	2.450	Slightly Influential
Agri-Fishery Arts	2.453	Slightly Influential
Industrial Arts	2.507	Moderately Influential
Home Economics	2.538	Moderately Influential
Information and Communication Technology	2.456	Slightly Influential
AVERAGE MEAN	**2.449**	**Slightly Influential**

Table 5 shows the level of financial condition that influence the students to choose what strand they are to enrol which obtains an average mean of 2.449 which means they are slightly influenced by their financial condition. The data reveals that finances for them are not the strongest influencer in choosing their career. The financial condition of their families does not affect their decision. The result could be an indicator that the students are not affected by their financial condition whether they have enough financial resources or not as long as they are happy about the decision they made. In other words what is important for them is their satisfaction. There is no connection between students' academic success in their chosen strand and the socioeconomic status and level of education of their parents (Ogunshola & Adewale, 2012). Additionally, according to Obiyo and Eze (2015), students' choice of strand is not greatly influenced by their parents' financial situation.

Employability. Table 6 presents the level of employability influence in deciding the strand that the students should take.

Table 6
Employability

Strand	Weighted Mean	Description
General Academic Strand	2.830	Moderately Influential
Humanities and Social Sciences	3.069	Moderately Influential
Agri-Fishery Arts	2.626	Moderately Influential
Industrial Arts	2.817	Moderately Influential
Home Economics	2.757	Moderately Influential
Information and Communication Technology	2.840	Moderately Influential
AVERAGE MEAN	**2.823**	**Moderately Influential**

Presented in Table 6 is the level of employability influence in the choices made by the students on what strand they are going to enrol in senior high school which yield an average mean of 2.823 which is described as moderately influential. The data shows that most students based on their choice on employability. This means that the students are looking for a strand that offers better opportunities in the future. Their decision in choosing the strand is influenced by the job opportunity that the course could offer to them. For practical reasons, students are wise enough to decide for their own future. According to the research by Palafox, Q., et al. (2018), students' perceptions of their employability skills proficiency as well as the importance of each employability skill to their career development and future endeavors like employment or career placement are presented. Employability skills are crucial for students and are seen to be important for educational and employment opportunities, as they directly impact their readiness for the job market and success in their chosen fields.

Preference of Senior High School Students
Table 7 indicates the total preference of enrollees in the different strands in New Bataan National High School for school year 2022-2023.

Table 7
Preference in Choosing in Strands

Strand	Number of Enrolled Students	Percentage
Humanities and Social Sciences	324	40%
General Academic Strand	177	22%
Home Economics	97	12%
Information and Communication Technology	81	10%
Industrial Arts	71	9%
Agri-Fishery Arts	52	6%
TOTAL	**802**	**100%**

Presented in Table 7 is the total number of enrolled senior high school students in New Bataan National High School. Humanities and Social Sciences strand is the most preferred strand of which 40% or 324 students are enrolled. There are 177 or 22% of the students chose the General Academic strand. Home Economics strand has a total number of enrolled students for about 97 or 12%; Information and Communication Technology is chosen by 81 or 10% enrolled students; Industrial Arts has 71 or 9% enrolled students; and 52 or 6% enrolled students in Agri- Fishery Arts.

The data show that more than half of the enrolled students selected the academic strands and almost half of the enrolled students chose Technical Vocational Livelihood or TVL strands. Among the six strands, HUMSS is the most popular strand majority of the students are inclined to take up humanities and social sciences related subject.

Table 8 indicates the preference of enrollees in the different strands in Camanlangan National High School for school year 2022-2023.

Table 8
Preference in Choosing in Strands

STRAND	Number of Enrolled Students	Percentage
General Academic Strand	116	52%
Information and Communication Technology	75	33%
Agri-Fishery Arts	34	15%
TOTAL	225	100%

Shown in Table 8 are the offered strands in Camanlangan National High School. One academic strand and 2 TVL strands. In the table presented, 52% or 116 of the enrolled students chose the general academic strand, and 33% or 75 enrolled students preferred Information and Communication Technology strand; and 15% or 34 enrolled students preferred Agri- Fishery Arts strand. In the table presented, more than half of the enrolled students chose academic strands, and almost half preferred TVL strands. Among the three strands offered in Camanlangan National High School the most popular strand is the General Academic Strand (GAS). In this strand the students could take any courses in college which is advantageous on their part.

Table 9 indicates the preference of enrollees in the different strands in San Miguel National High School for school year 2022-2023.

Table 9
Preference in Choosing in Strands

STRAND	Number of Enrolled Students	Percentage
General Academic Strand	77	51%
Agri-Fishery Arts	75	49%
TOTAL	152	100%

Shown in Table 9 are the strands offered in San Miguel National High School and the number of enrolled students. In the table presented, the General Academic Strand is the preferred strand of the 77 or 51% of enrolled students; and 49% or 75 enrolled students selected the Agri- Fishery Arts strand. A difference of two students only which make up almost the same decision they made.

Dominant Influencing Factor in Choosing a Strand
Table 10 presents the most dominant influencing factors in choosing a strand.

Table 10
Dominant Influencing Factors

Influencing Factors	GAS	HUMSS	Agri-Fishery Arts	Industrial Arts	HE	ICT	Mean
Personal Interest	2.917	3.060	2.866	3.025	2.967	3.033	2.978
Employability	2.830	3.069	2.626	2.817	2.757	2.840	2.823
Financial Condition	2.292	2.450	2.453	2.555	2.538	2.454	2.457
Peer Influence	2.355	2.507	2.494	2.507	2.408	2.346	2.436
Family Influence	2.029	2.182	2.291	2.499	2.338	2.405	2.291

Table 10 shows the most dominant influencing factors in choosing a strand. The statistics showed that personal interest with a mean of 2.978 followed by employability with a mean of 2.823 were the most dominant influencing factors in choosing a strand of the students. Personal interests play a significant role in choosing a strand. When selecting a strand it is important to consider your passions, strengths, and long-term goals. Studying something you are interested in can bring personal fulfillment and allow you to explore your passion and expand your knowledge. Likewise, employability is influenced by various factors, including economic conditions, job market demands, and specific industry requirements. Building a strong employability profile involves a combination of education, skills development, work experience, networking, and personal attributes.

DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

This chapter presents the discussion, conclusion and recommendations drawn from the results obtained.

Discussions

After the data were analyzed and interpreted, the following discussions of the data are made:

Level of Influence in terms of Personal Interest. The level of influence in terms of personal interest has obtained an average mean of 2.978 which is described as moderately influential. The data reveals that most of the respondents are influenced moderately by their own personal interest. What they are interested about the strand motivates them to choose their strand. It is but normal for an individual to follow what he is aspiring of rather than entertaining the dictation of other people. In the study of Rio et. al. (2022), personal interests were discovered to be the crucial element in deciding on a career path. Brown (2002) points out that in psychologically focused studies of career choice, personality factors that incline a person to pursue a certain sort of work are greatly emphasized.

Level of Family Influence. The level of family influence on the chosen strand of the students received an average mean of 2.299 which is described as slightly influential. This means that the family slightly influenced the respondents in choosing their strand, which is contrary to the study of Moneba and Malbas (2019) that the family is one of the most influential factors that impact Filipino students in career decisions. Tortor et al. (2020) said that understanding and appreciating parental participation can result in more helpful discussions and well-informed choices, promoting a welcoming environment where students can follow academic paths that are in line with their interests and their parents' enthusiasm.

But in this study the result reveals that decision of the parents appears not to be highly influential on their children's decision especially in choosing the strand they would take in their senior high school education.

Level of Peer Influence. The level of Peer Influence on the decision made by the students in choosing the strand that they have to take in senior high school received an average mean of 2.436, described as slightly influential. The data show that the students are less affected by their peers in getting the strand. In the study conducted by Kaneez and Medha (2018) revealed that peer influence is slightly affecting the students in choosing their strand. Peer groups and the environment of students also play a significant role on how Senior High students choose their strands of study (Obiyo & Eze, 2015).

Level of Financial Condition. The level of financial condition that influence the students to choose what strand they are to enroll obtains an average mean of 2.449 which means they are slightly influenced by their financial condition. The data reveals that finances for them are not the strongest influencer in choosing their career. The financial condition of their families does not affect their decision. This phenomenon is similar to the result of the study of Moneba and Malbas (2019) that financial condition is fairly influenced the career choice of the students. Additionally, according to Obiyo and Eze (2015), students' choice of strand is not greatly influenced by their parents' financial situation.

Employability. The level of employability that influence the students in their decision to choose the strand yields an average mean of 2.823 which is described as moderately influential. This means that the respondents are looking for a strand that offers better opportunities in the future. In choosing strand respondents considered employment prospects that assures better salary and inclined to their interest and passion.

Strand Preferences In New Bataan National High School, Humanities and Social Sciences strand is the most preferred course of which 40% or 324 students are enrolled. There are 177 or 22% of the students chose the General Academic strand. Home Economics strand has a total number of enrolled students for about 97 or 12%; Information and Communication Technology is chosen by 81 or 10% enrolled students; Industrial Arts has 71 or 9% enrolled students; and 52 or 6% enrolled students in Agri-Fishery Arts.

In Camanlangan National High School, 52% or 116 of the enrolled students chose the general academic strand, and 33% or 75 enrolled students preferred Information and Communication Technology strand; and 15% or 34 enrolled students preferred Agri- Fishery Arts strand. Among the three strands offered in Camanlangan National High School the most popular strand is the General Academic Strand (GAS). In this strand the students could take any courses in college which is advantageous on their part.

In San Miguel National High School General Academic Strand and Agri-Fishery Arts strands had almost the same number of enrolled students. The General Academic Strand is the preferred strand of the 77 or 51% of enrolled students; and 49% or 75 enrolled students selected the Agri- Fishery Arts strand. A difference of two students only which make up almost the same decision they made. Based on the data there are only two strands offered by the school so students could not venture to other strands so that they are forced to have either GAS or Agri-fishery Arts.

Further, the data reveal that the personal interest and employability are the dominant influencing factors affecting the students in choosing the strand they would take in senior high school education. This information suggests that the students are very true to themselves; whatever they decide should be in line with their self-fulfillment and satisfaction and wanted to be stable with their chosen career.

Conclusion

Based on the findings of the study, factors such as peer influence, family influence and financial condition showed less influence to the senior high school students in choosing a strand. Personal interest and employability are the factors that most influence them

in choosing a strand in senior high school. Personal interest play an important role in choosing a course to study, however it is important to note that other consideration such as future job prospects, market demand, and personal circumstances should also be considered. Striking a balance between the interest and practical considerations could help the students to make sound decision.

Among the different strands offer in three different schools, most respondents preferred general academic strand. Possibly, as respondents will pursue a college courses that suit their personal interest.

Recommendations

Based from the findings and conclusion of this study, the following recommendations are suggested:

1. There should be a regular school career guidance program where the senior high school tracks, strands and specializations are properly discussed so that students can really decide and take the right strand which is in line with their future work or career.

2. Similar study is recommended and will be conducted in schools with complete offering of strands.

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GAMIFICATION TOOLS IN TEACHING FILIPINO SUBJECT AND READING COMPREHENSION
(GAMIFICATION TOOLS SA PAGTUTURO NG ASIGNATURANG FILIPINO AT KOMPREHENSYON SA PAGBASA)

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ABSTRACT
Modern technology is a tool for teachers and students in teaching and learning. Because of technology, traditional teaching materials are gradually being replaced by modern ones. It is no longer limited to ordinary discussions but utilizes technology and games. This poses a challenge for teachers to address the issues related to the use of technology in meeting the learning needs of students. This study focuses on Gamification Tools in Teaching Filipino Subject and Reading Comprehension. The researcher used a Descriptive-Experimental design. The forty (40) participants in this study are Grade 7 students from Liliw National High School during the school year 2022-2023, who used a questionnaire to gather data. The study found that Wordwall, Raptivity, and Classpoint are highly acceptable as gamification tools for teaching Filipino subject. The study's results also showed that using gamification tools effectively developed Literal, Inferential, and Critical reading comprehension skills among the students. The study revealed significant differences in the pre-test and post-test scores before and after using gamification tools in teaching the Filipino subject. The study suggests that teachers use various gamification tools to aid students' reading comprehension skills. The study found that using gamification tools in teaching Filipino subject enhanced the participants' literal, inferential, and critical reading comprehension skills.

ABSTRAK
Sa kasalukuyan, ang mga makabagong teknolohiya ang nagsisilbing kagamitan ng mga guro at mag-aaral sa proseso ng pagtuturo at pagkatuto. Dahil sa teknolohiya, ang tradisyonal na kagamitan sa pagtuturo ay unti-unti na ring napapalitan ng mga makabago. Hindi na lang ito sa pamamagitan ng pangkaraniwang talakayan kundi ginagamitan na rin ng teknolohiya at mga laro. Lumikha ito ng pagsubok sa mga guro na tugunan ang isyu sa paggamit ng teknolohiya sa pagtugon sa pangangailangan sa proseso ng pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Ang pag-aaral na ito ay nakatuon sa *Gamification Tools* sa Pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino at Komprehensyon sa Pagbasa. Ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng disenyong *Descriptive-Experimental.* Ang apatnapung (40) tagasagot sa pag-aaral na ito ay mga mag-aaral mula sa Grade 7 ng Liliw National High School ng taong panuruang 2022-2023 na kung saan ay gumamit ng talatanungan upang makalap ang mga datos. Natuklasan sa pag-aaral na ang Wordwall, Raptivity, at Classpoint bilang *gamification tool* na ginamit sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino ay lubos na katanggap-tanggap. Lumabas din sa resulta ng pag-aaral na naging epektibo sa mga mag-aaral ang paggamit ng *gamification tools* sa paglinang ng Literal, Inferensiyal, at Kritikal na komprehensyon sa pagbasa. Ipinapakita sa resulta ng pag-aaral na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang *gamification tool* sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino. Iminumungkahi ng pag-aaral para sa mga guro na gamitin ang iba't ibang *gamification tool*s upang makatulong sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral sa pagbasa dahil natuklasan sa isinagawang pag-aaral na pagkatapos gamitin ang *gamification tools* sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino ay napaunlad nito ang komprehensyon sa pagbasa na literal, inferensyal at kritikal ng mga tagasagot.
Susing Salita: *Gamification tool, Komprehensyon at Kakayahan sa pagbasa, Asignaturang Filipino, Wordwall, Raptivity, Classpoint*

INTRODUCTION

Kasabay ng mabilis na pagbabago ng panahon ay ang patuloy na pag-usbong din ng mga makabagong teknolohiya na ginagamit ng tao sa iba't ibang larangan. Isa na rito ay sa larangan ng edukasyon. Ang mga makabagong teknolohiya ang nagsisilbing kagamitan ng mga guro at mag-aaral sa pagtuturo at pagkatuto.

Kaugnay nito, lumikha ito ng pagsubok sa mga guro na tugunan ang isyu sa paggamit ng teknolohiya sa pagtugon sa pangangailangan at paraan ng pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Bukod dito, nararapat din na matukoy at makagamit ang mga guro ng iba't ibang kagamitan na hihimok sa partisipasyon ng mga mag-aaral upang maging aktibo sa klase. Ang mga kagamitang ito sa pagtuturo ay pinalakas ng paggamit ng ICT o *Information and Communication Technology* na siyang patuloy na lumilikha ng bagong mukha ng pagtuturo sa tulong ng integrasyon ng teknolohiya. Isa sa halimbawa nito ay ang konsepto ng paggamit ng g*amification tools*.

Ang *Gamification tools* ay tumutukoy sa *educational gaming tools* kung saan ginagawa nitong mas interaktibo ang klase. Ito ay set ng aktibiti at proseso gamit ang katangian o elemento ng isang laro. Binigyang-kahulugan ang *gamification tools* ni Kapp (2020), bilang tool sa paggamit ng mga estetika, mekaniks at iba pang elemento ng isang laro upang maaliw ang mga tao, maisakatuparan ng pagkatuto, magdulot ng pagkilos at makapagbigay-solusyon sa mga problema. Bagama't hinango ang konsepto sa iba't ibang laro, ginagamit ng *gamification tools* ang konsepto ng pagtuturo at pagkatuto. Ibig sabihin, ito ay proseso ng pagkuha ng mga ideya sa mga laro, maging birtwal man gamit ang iba't ibang *softwares, application, website* at iba pang *online community* o kaya ay pisikal na mundo gaya ng isports at iba pang anyo ng laro.

Ang *gamification tools* ay mauunawaan bilang kagamitan na inangkupan ng elemento ng isang laro upang mahikayat ang mga mag-aaral na sumali, kumilos, lutasin ang problema at itaguyod ang pag-aaral. Ginagamit ng guro ang tool na ito upang madagdagan ang pagganyak at pagganap ng mag-aaral sa silid-aralan. Malaki ang papel na ginagampanan ng guro sa paggamit ng *gamification tools*. Hindi lamang sila nandiyan upang mag disenyo ng mas kasiya-siyang aktibiti, ngunit kailangan nilang pagsamahin ang mga elemento ng laro sa isang mahusay na disenyong didaktiko na kaakit-akit at nakapupukaw na mga aktibiti. Nandiyan din ang guro upang gabayan nila ang karanasan ng mag-aaral tungo sa pag-unlad ng kasanayang inaasahan.

Sang-ayon kay Pisaniello (2017), ang pag-aaral na nakabatay sa mga laro ay ang paggamit ng mga ito bilang isang paraan ng pagtuturo. Karaniwan na ito'y ipinapakita bilang pagkatuto sa pamamagitan ng paglalaro sa isang kontekstong pang-edukasyon na dinesenyo ng mga guro. Samakatuwid, ang mga ito ay mga laro na mayroon na, ang mga mekaniks nito ay naitatag na at iniangkop upang may balanse sa pagitan ng laro, ng paksa at ng kakayahan ng manlalaro na ilapat at panatilihin kung ano ang natutunan sa tunay na mundo.

Kaya, isa sa maaaring paraan upang mahasa ang komprehensyon at mahusay na matutunan ng mga mag-aaral ang mga aralin ay sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng g*amification tools* sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino. Sa paggamit nito, magtatatag ang mga guro ng isang layunin kung saan nila nais ipatupad ang tool na ito. Ang pagkakaroon ng isang malinaw na layunin sa paggamit ng *gamification tools* ay ginagawang mas madali ang pagtamo ng pagkatuto at disenyo ng kurso. Isa sa mga dahilan kung bakit tinatangkilik ang paggamit ng mga *gamification tools* na ito ay dahil ginagawa nitong magaan ang mga paksang mahirap unawain.

Ang paggamit ng gamification tools ay isang paraan upang hindi tamarin ang mga mag-aaral na magpatuloy sa diskusyon. Ilan sa mga naging palasak na sites at application na ginagamit ng mga guro at mag-aaral sa online na klase ay ang Raptivity, Wordwall at Classpoint. Lubhang Malaki ang naging ambag ng mga "\gamification tools na ito upang pukawin ang interes ng mga mag-aaral at maging makabuluhan ang kanilang pag-aaral. Sapagkat hindi lamang ito nagbibigay ng tuwa at sigla sa klase, natutulungan din nitong matamo ang inaasahang pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Tandaan lamang na hindi dapat matakpan ng tuwa ang hangarin ng guro na mabigyan ng leksiyon ang bawat isang mag-aaral.

Ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ay alinmang tool o platform na inilalapat ang mekaniks ng laro sa isang hindi panlarong konteksto o nilalaman upang makapagdagdag ng motibasyon, pakikiisa at makapaglabas ng isang magandang resulta. Ilan sa mga halimbawa nito ay Raptivity, Wordwall, Classpoint at marami pang iba. Binigyang kahulugan nina Murwa (2019) ang gamification bilang isang makabagong estratehiya sa pagtuturo ng mga aralin na kung saan ay gumagamit ang guro ng desinyo at elemento ng isang laro sa isang situwasyong hindi naman talaga naglalaro. "Gamification as an innovative strategy in teaching lessons which uses the teacher's design and elements of a game in a situation that is not actually playing". Ang ibig sabihin ay ang paggamit ng konsepto at teknik ng isang laro sa isang situwasyong pagtuturo. Ipinapasok ang laro upang ganyakin ang mga mag-aaral para lumahok sa talakayan na para bang naglalaro, ngunit nag-aaral ng isang aralin. Sa ganitong paraan ay nalilinang ang komunikatibong paraan ng pagkatuto sa isang aralin lalo na sa wika. Ang layuning maglinang ng isang kasanayan ay nakasalalay sa isang mabisang istratehiya na ginagamit sa pagtuturo sapagkat ito ang maghahatid upang maging matagumpay ang guro.

Ayon pa kay Perida (2018), sa proseso ng Gamification ay makikita ang layunin nitong makapagturo ng kasanayang may kawilihan at pagtamo ng pagkatuto na naaayon sa tamang proseso at pinaghandaan tungo sa isang komunikatibong pagkatuto. Isang malaking hamon sa bawat guro ang maging malikhain sa pagtuturo, sapagkat kailangang malawak ang kaalaman kung paano magtuturo at hihikayatin ang mag-aaral upang lumahok sa talakayan at matuto. Kaya

naman mahalaga na magkaroon ng kamalayan at kaalaman ang isang tagapagturo kung paano ituturo ang isang aralin at gagawing mabisa ang bawat pagkatuto. Isa sa maaaring maging kagamitan ay ang mga pamamaraan na magsisilbing daluyan upang maituro ang isang aralin gamit ang iba pang mga kagamitang panturo.

Sinabi ni Landers (2018), na ang "gamification" ay tinukoy bilang ang paggamit ng mga katangian ng laro, gaya ng tinukoy ng "Bedwell taxonomy", sa labas ng konteksto ng isang laro na may layuning makaapekto sa mga pag-uugali o saloobin na nauugnay sa pag-aaral. Tinuran niya na, "These behaviors or attitudes, influence learning through one or two processes: by strengthening the relationship between the quality organization of teaching contents and results (a process of moderate) and by directly influencing learning (a mediating process)." Kaya ang pag-aaral na hinaluan ng elemento ng laro ay isang mahusay na estratehiya upang maimpluwensyahan ang pag-uugali at motibasyon ng mga mag-aaral na maging mas mahusay pa sa kanilang pag-aaral. Sa makabagong panahon, makabago rin ang paraan ng pagtuturo at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Nariyan ang iba't ibang uri ng application sa pagkatuto na mas nakakapukaw sa interes ng mga mag-aaral. Ang mga ito ay dinisenyo upang mas mapalawak ang konsepto ng pagtuturo at mas madaling maunawaan ang aralin (Nonggod, 2021).

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
Sa pag-aaral na ito na may paksang Gamification Tools sa Pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino at Komprehensyon sa Pagbasa ay nasagot ng mananaliksik ang mga sumusunod na katanungan:
1. Ano ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino tulad ng: 1.1 Wordwall 1.2 Raptivity 1.3.Classpoint? 2. Ano ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino batay sa: 2.1 Literal 2.2 Inferensyal 2.3 Kritikal? 3. May makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino?

METHODS
Ang pamamaraang deskriptib- eksperimental ang ginamit sa pag-aaral na ito na kinailangan ang *pre-test* at *post-test* sa pamamaraang kwantitatibo upang malaman ang kabisaan ng G*amification tools* sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino at komprehensyon sa pagbasa. Ginamit din ang pamamaraang kwantitatibo ng mananaliksik sa pagtukoy ng iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa pagsusulit bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang *gamification tools* sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino at pagtukoy sa antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa paggamit ng *gamification tools*. Ang naging mga tagasagot sa pag-aaral na ito ay ang mga mag-aaral na nasa Grade 7 ng Liliw National High School Taong Panuruan 2022-2023 na may kabuuang

bilang na apatnapu (40) na mga mag-aaral na nagmula sa pangkat ng Luisiana, Mabitac, Lumban, Nagcarlan at Majayjay. Pinili ang mga tagasagot sa isinagawang pag-aaral gamit ang purposive random sampling. Ito ang ginamit na paraan sa para magkaroon ng pantay na bilang at distribusyon ng tagasagot sa bawat pangkat na tinuturuan ng mananaliksik. Ang mananaliksik ay bumuo ng limang (5) Banghay Aralin para sa limang (5) aralin kung saan makikita sa bahagi ng Paglinang ng Talasalitaan ang paggamit ng gamification tool na Wordwall na ginamit ang iba't ibang uri ng laro nito sa pagbibigay-kahulugan sa malalalim na salita na mababasa sa aralin. Sa bahagi naman ng Pagtalakay ay ginamit ang Raptivity kung saan ito ay bidyo ng mga aralin sa panitikan na may subtitle upang mabasa at mas maunawaan ito ng mga mag-aaral at ito ay may kalakip na mga tanong na sasagutin sa pamamagitan ng laro. Sa bahagi ng Aplikasyon naman ginamit ang Classpoint upang mailapat ang kanilang natutuhan sa aralin sa pamamagitan ng laro. Ang mga ito ang ginamit sa aralin upang matukoy kung may makabuluhang kaugnayan nga ba ang paggamit ng mga gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino sa komprehensyon sa pagbasa.

Matapos ang balidasyon ng nabuong instruments o kagamitan sa pamamagitan ng mga gurong eksperto bilang balideytor, ang mananaliksik ay gumawa ng liham-kahilingan sa punongguro ng Liliw National High School, tagapangasiwa ng Dibisyon ng Laguna, tagamasid-pampurok ng Distrito ng Liliw, at sa mga mag-aaral na naglalaman ng kanilang pagpayag na isagawa ang pananaliksik sa paaralang nabanggit, at maipamahagi at mapasagutan ang mga talatanungan.

Kasunod nito, nagsagawa ang mananaliksik ng pilot testing kung saan ang dalawampung (20) mag-aaral na hindi kabilang sa isinagawang pag-aaral na nasa ikapitong baitang ng Liliw National High School ay nagsagot sa talatanungan, panimula at panapos na pagsusulit sa pahintulot ng punongguro ng paaralan. Dumaan ang nakuhang datos sa istatistikal na pagsusuri at pag-apruba bago tuluyang isinagawa ang pag-aaral.

Nagpabasa ng aralin ang mananaliksik gamit ang sipi ng kuwento, pagkatapos ay nagpasagot ng panimulang pagsusulit (pre-test) ang mananaliksik sa apatnapung (40) mag-aaral mula sa Grade 7 ng Liliw National High School. Pagkatapos na masagutan ang panimulang pagsusulit, ginamit na ng mananaliksik ang gamification tools na Wordwall, Raptivity at Classpoint sa pagtuturo ng aralin sa asignaturang Filipino sa loob ng limang linggo. Ang Wordwall ay ginamit sa bahagi ng Paglinang ng Talasalitaan. Ang Raptivity naman ay ginamit sa bahagi ng Pagtalakay at ang Classpoint naman ay ginamit sa bahagi ng Aplikasyon ng aralin. Upang makuha naman ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa gamification tools na Wordwall, Raptivity at Classpoint ay isinagawa ito sa pamamagitan ng tseklist na naglalaman ng antas ng pagtanggap sa gamification tools na Wordwall, Raptivity at Classpoint. Sumunod ay binigyan ng panapos na pagsusulit ang mga tagasagot upang makita kung may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang iskor ng mga tagasagot bago

at pagkatapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino.

Matapos masagutan ng mga tagasagot ang mga pagsusulit at talatanungan, ito ay nilikom ng mananaliksik at isa-isang itinala ang mga iskor at ang nakuhang sagot. Nilapatan ito ng istatistikal na pamamaraan sa tulong ng dalubhasa sa istatistika upang masagot ang tiyak na katanungan mula sa pag-aaral na ito. Sinuri at binigyan ito ng kaukulang kahulugan ng mananaliksik batay sa kinalabasan. Ang resulta ay binigyan ng interpretasyon ng mananaliksik sa tulong ng kaniyang tagapayo. Mula rito ay bumuo ang mananaliksik ng konklusyon at rekomendasyon ng pag-aaral na ihaharap sa lupon ng pasalitang pagsusuri. Ang mga datos na nakalap ay ginamitan ng iba't ibang pamamaraang istatistikal upang mabigyan ng interpretasyon at paliwanag ang kinalabasan ng isinagawang pag-aaral.

Ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng pamamaraang istatistikal na *frequency and percentage* upang makuha ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang *gamification tools* sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino. Upang makuha ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa *gamification tools* na *Wordwall, Raptivity* at *Classpoint* ay gumamit ang mananaliksik ng *weighted mean* at *standard deviation.*

Ginamit din ang *T test* upang malaman ang makabuluhang pagkakaiba ng iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang *gamification tools* sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Talahanayan 1. Antas ng Pagtanggap sa Gamification Tool na Wordwall

Statements	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1. Madaling nahihinuha ang depinisyon ng mga salita.	3.93	0.35	LKT
2. Kasiya-siya ang gamification tool na Wordwall kaya madaling natukoy ang kasingkahulugan ng mga salita.	3.88	0.33	LKT
3. Nahamon ng gamification tool ang kakayahang unawain ang malalalim na salita sa aralin.	3.95	0.22	LKT
4. Maikling oras lamang ang kinailangan upang matukoy ang kahulugan ng mga salita.	3.88	0.33	LKT
5. Nakabuo ng pansariling estratehiya upang matukoy ang depinisyon ng mga salita.	3.83	0.38	LKT
6. Angkop ang gamification tool na Wordwall upang matugunan ang pangangailangan sa pagtuklas ng mga talasalitaang tinalakay sa aralin.	3.93	0.27	LKT
7. Nasagutan nang mahusay ang aktibiti sa tulong ng aplikasyon.	3.98	0.16	LKT
8. Madaling natukoy ang pangunahing ideya ng mga malalalim na salita.	3.93	0.27	LKT
9. Maraming benepisyo ang dulot ng gamification tool upang maunawaan ang mga talasalitaan sa aralin.	3.90	0.30	LKT
Overall	3.91	0.11	LKT

Legend: 3.50-4.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT) 2.50-3.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT) 1.50-2.49 - Di-Katanggap-tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49 - Lubos na Di Katanggap-tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 1 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa gamification tool na Wordwall sa

pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino. Sa kabuuan, ang gamification tool na Wordwall ay nakakuha ng kabuuang mean score na 3.91 at SD na 0.1 na nagsasaad na ito ay Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap batay sa sagot ng mga tagasagot. Ito ay nagpapatunay na ang paggamit ng Wordwall sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino ay angkop at kasiya-siya para sa mga tagasagot. Ipinapakita rin dito na ang paggamit ng Wordwall ay lubos na nakatutulong sa mag-aaral upang mas madaling matukoy ang pangunahing ideya ng mga malalalim na salita. Nakakatulong ito sa pagpapadali ng pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral at sa lubos na pag-unawa sa talasalitaan sa kanilang mga aralin.

Akma ito isinagawang pag-aaral ng EYLF (2018), may mga gamified application na maaaring magamit upang ang pagtuturo ng wika ay maging mas kapana-panabik at nakalilibang at sa kabilang banda ay may matutunan. Ang mga ito ay dinisenyo upang mas mapalawak ang konsepto ng pagtuturo at mas madaling maunawaan ang aralin (Nonggod, 2021). Dagdag pa ni Felonia (2021), maaaring gumamit ang guro ng ibang mga paraan sa pagsasagawa ng pagtataya o pagsusulit gamit ang online application gaya ng Wordwall, Raptivity, Classpoint na kung saan ito ay napapanahon na mga aplikasyon na ginagamit ng mga guro upang maging interaktibo sa pagsasagawa ng mga pagtataya o pagsusulit.

Talahanayan 2. Antas ng Pagtanggap sa Gamification Tool na Raptivity

Statements	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1. Nakabuo ng sariling pagpapakahulugan sa binasang akda.	3.88	0.33	LKT
2. Nahasa ang kritikal na pag-iisip upang mainterpreta ang kahulugan ng akdang binasa.	3.98	0.16	LKT
3. Nabigyang pokus sa pamamagitan ng aplikasyon ang mga ideya at impormasyong nakalahad sa tekstong binasa.	3.95	0.22	LKT
4. Madaling naalala at nasagutan ang mga impormasyon at detalyeng nakapaloob sa babasahin.	3.95	0.22	LKT
5. Nabigyang konklusyon ang kabuuan ng aralin.	3.88	0.33	LKT
6. Nakilala ang mga sanhi sa binasang akda, gayundin ang resulta ng mga ito.	4.00	0.00	LKT
7. Napahalagahan ang kaangkupan, katiyakan at pagkamakatotohanan ng impormasyong nakalahad sa teksto.	3.98	0.16	LKT
Overall	3.94	0.10	LKT

Legend: 3.50-4.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT) 2.50-3.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT) 1.50-2.49 - Di-Katanggap-tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49 - Lubos na Di Katanggap-tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinakikita Sa Talahanayan 2, makikita ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa gamification tool na Raptivity. Mapapansin na sa pangkalahatan, ang Raptivity na Gamification tool ay nakakuha ng kabuuang mean score na 3.94 at 0.10 na SD at ito ay nagpapahiwatig ng Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap batay sa tugon ng mga mag-aaral. Nangangahuluan na ang Gamification tool na ito ay nakatulong upang tuluyang mahasa ang kritikal na pag-iisip ng mga mag-aaral sa pag-

iinterpreta ng kahulugan ng mga akdang kanilang binasa. Mas binibigyang-pokus din ang mga ideya at impormasyong nakalahad sa mga teksto ng mga babasahin sa pamamagitan ng aplikasyon. Nakatulong din ang Raptivity na mas madaling maalala at masagutan ang mga impormasyon at detalyeng nakapaloob sa mga babasahin pati na rin mabigyan ng konklusyon ang kabuuan ng aralin. Sa tulong ng Raptivity at paggamit ng makabagong teknolohiya sa edukasyon ay natulungan ang mga mag-aaral na mapahalagahan ang kaangkupan, katiyakan, at makatotohanang mga impormasyong nakalahad sa tekstong kanilang binabasa kung kaya madaling matutuhan at maisaisip ang mga tinatalakay ng kanilang guro.

Karamihan sa mga pananaliksik ay sumasang-ayon na ang ICT ay may malaking papel na ginagampanan sa pagtuturo. Tumutugma ito sa isinagawang pag-aaral ni Biswas,(2018), isa ang integrasyon ng ICT sa pagtuturo sa mga mag-aaral sa mga gamiting aplikasyon ng mga guro at mag-aaral sa kasalukuyan ang Raptivity, Wordwall at Classpoint. Ang tatlong gamified tools na ito ay makakatulong upang gawing mas interaktibo at produktibo ang pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Ilan lamang ang gamified tools sa mga application o tool na ginagamit ng mga guro sa pagtuturo ng kanilang asignatura.

Talahanayan 3. Antas ng Pagtanggap sa Gamification Tool na Classpoint

Statements	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1.Mas nilinang ang pagbibigay ng wastong pag-unawa sa mga katanungan.	3.93	0.27	LKT
2.Nalinang ang kritikal at mabilis na pag-iisip sa paglalapat ng mga natutunan sa aralin.	3.93	0.27	LKT
3.Napaunlad ang pag-unawa sa kabuuan ng aralin kaya nasagot ang mga detalye at konteksto ng akdang binasa.	3.93	0.27	LKT
4.Nagkaroon ng higit na kabatiran upang mahusay na mailapat ang mga natutunan sa aralin.	3.95	0.22	LKT
5.Nakapagbibigay ng mahuhusay na paliwanag sa simpleng mga katanungan.	3.98	0.16	LKT
6.Nakapagbubuod ng mga pangyayari sa binasang akda.	3.93	0.27	LKT
7.Nakasusulat ng repleksyon tungkol sa aralin.	3.90	0.30	LKT
8.Nasusuri ang mga pangyayari at detalye ng akda.	3.93	0.27	LKT
Overall	**3.93**	**0.12**	**LKT**

Legend: 3.50-4.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT) 2.50-3.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT) 1.50-2.49 - Di-Katanggap-tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49 - Lubos na Di Katanggap-tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinapakita sa Talahanayan 3 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa paggamit ng gamification tool na Classpoint. Mapapansin sa talahanayan na nakakuha ang Gamification tool na Classpoint ng kabuuang mean iskor na 3.93 at 0.12 na SD na nagpapahiwatig na ang Classpoint ay Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap sa mga tagasagot. Ito ay nangangahulugan na sumasang-ayon ang mga nasa ikapitong baitang na mag-aaral ng Liliw National High School na sa pamamagitan ng Gamification tool na Classpoint, mas mapapaunlad nila ang kanilang pag-unawa sa kabuuan ng aralin

kaya madaling nasasagot ang mga detalye at konteksto ng mga akdang binasa. Isa pang karagdagan, lalong nalilinang ng mga mag-aaral ang wastong pang-unawa, kritikal, at mabilis na pag-iisip sa paglalapat ng mga natutunan sa aralin. Ayon sa resulta, ang pag-uugnay ng Classpoint sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino ay naging tulay upang magkaroon ng higit na kabatiran ang mga mag-aaral upang mapahusay na paglalapat at paggamit ng mga natutunan sa aralin. Natutulungan nito na tumaas ang interes ng bata sa diskusyon at makibahagi dahil sa nakakaakit, buhay, at sariwa sa mata ng mga mag-aaral.

Umaakma ito sa pag-aaral na isinagawa ng FKA Children's Services (2018), lumalabas na may nakakatuwang feature ang mga Gamification tools na nakagaganyak sa mga mag-aaral na magkaroon ng partisipasyon at makiisa sa mga diskusyon sa klase. Binibigyan nito ng mga pagkakataon ang mga bata para magsalita at magtanong, nagpapaunlad at magsanay ng bokabularyo at wika, pagbasa, pagsulat, pagbilang at kasanayan sa pakikisalamuha. Sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng gamified tools sa pagtuturo, ang mga bata ay natututo kung paano makipagtalastasan at makipag-ugnayan sa kapwa.

Talahanayan 4. Iskor sa Panimula at Panapos na Pagsusulit Batay sa Literal

Score	Pretest f	Pretest %	Post test f	Post test %	Interpretasyon
17-20	-	-	27	67.5	Napakahusay
13-16	9	22.5	12	30	Mahusay
9-12	25	62.5	1	2.5	May Katamtamang Husay
5-8	6	15	-	-	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-4	-	-	-	-	Di Mahusay
Total	40	100.0	40	100.0	

Ipinakikita Batay sa Talahanayan 4, makikita sa panimulang pagsusulit na ang dalampu't limang tagasagot na nasa animnapu't dalawang bahagdan ng kabuuang populasyon ang nakakuha ng interpretasyon na May Katamtamang Husay. Ibig sabihin, batay sa literal ay may katamtamang husay lamang ang panimulang kaalaman ng mga tagasagot. Nangangahulugan na ang mga tagasagot ay may kakayahang unawain ang mga impormasyong nabasa na tuwirang nakalahad sa teksto. Samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit ay kitang-kita ang bahagyang pagtaas ng bilang nito na nakuha ng dalwampu't pitong bilang ng mga tagasagot na may animnapu't pitong bahagdan sa kabuuang populasyon ang nakakuha ng interpretasyon na Napakahusay. Maliwanag na naging epektibo ang mga paggamit ng gamification tool sa pagkatuto ng mga tagasagot sa asignaturang Filipino batay sa Literal kung saan nakapokus ang tagasagot sa mga ideya at impormasyong nabasa ang tagasagot na tuwirang nakalahad sa teksto. Gayundin, nasagot ang mga tanong sa pamamagitan ng payak na pag-alala sa mga impormasyon at detalyeng nakapaloob sa akdang binasa.

Ito ay tumutugma sa pag-aaral ni Amtalao etal, (2017), ang ibang teorya ay nagsabi na ang pagbasa ay isang aktibong

proseso ng pakikipag-ugnayan sa pakikipag-ugnayan at pagsubaybay sa pag-intindi upang magtatag ng kahulugan. Dapat isipin ng mga mambabasa at mabasa ang mga titik upang mabasa ang mga salita, at dapat nilang subukan na maunawaan ang lahat ng mga salita upang maunawaan ang kahulugan ng isang teksto. Gaya sa pananaliksik na ginawa ni (Singghi,2017), kailangang dagdagan ang mga mahalagang kasanayan na ito upang matiyak ang pag-unawa sa pagbasa. Ang pagbasa ay isang importanteng life skill. Ito ay nakatatatas ng pag-iisip, napa-uunlad ang bokabularyo at makatutulong upang maging malikhain ang isang tao (Nixon, 2017).

Talahanayan 5. Iskor sa Panimula at Panapos na Pagsusulit Batay sa Inferensyal

Score	Pretest f	Pretest %	Post test f	Post test %	Interpretasyon
17-20	-	-	14	35	Napakahusay
13-16	4	10	23	57.5	Mahusay
9-12	25	62.5	3	7.5	May Katamtamang Husay
5-8	10	25	-	-	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-4	1	2.5	-	-	Di Mahusay
Total	40	100.0	40	100.0	

Makikita naman sa Talahanayan 5 ang resulta sa pagsusulit bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang Gamification tools batay sa inferensyal. Sa paunang pagsusulit, may dalawampu't limang mag-aaral na may mahigit animnapu't dalawang bahagdan sa kabuuang populasyon ang nakakuha ng interpretasyong may Katamtamang Husay. Mapapansin din sa talahanayan na walang mag-aaral ang nakakuha ng Napakahusay. Ito ay indikasyon na hindi lubos ang kaalaman ng mga tagasagot sa pagkilala ng nais iparating ng may-akda sa mga tekstong nabasa. Samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit, mapapansin ang mas mataas bilang ng nakuha ng interpretasyong Mahusay. Dalawampu't tatlong mag-aaral na may mahigit limampu't pitong bahagdan sa kabuuang populasyon ang nakakuha nito. Wala ring nakakuha ng marka na Di-gaanong Mahusay at Di Mahusay sa panapos na pagsusulit. Ibig sabihin, ang mga mag-aaral ay may Katamtamang Husay sa batay sa inferensyal bago ang pagsusulit at naging Mahusay pagkatapos. Nangangahulugan na hindi pa lubos ang kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral na maiuugnay ang mga pangyayari sa tekstong binasa sa mga paunang kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral. Malinaw na ipinakita sa talahanayan na may lubos na epekto ang paggamit ng gamified tools sa mabilis na pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral sapagkat natutulungan nitong mapaunlad ang komprehensyong inferensyal ng mga mag-aaral sapagkat napataas ang kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral na makilala ang nais iparating ng may-akda sa tekstong nabasa at may kakayahang maiugnay ang mga pangyayari sa teksto sa mga paunang kaalaman ng mga tagasagot.

Ang pagbasa ay isang komplikadong kasanayang nangangailangan ng maraming oras at kasanayan upang bumuo (Hansen,2019). Bilang karagdagan sa mga praktikal na kasanayan ng paglalagay ng mga titik at pagsasama-sama ng mga ito sa mga salita, ay dapat ding maunawaan kung ano ang nabasang teksto. Kaakibat ng pagbasa ang komprehensyon ng mga mag aaral sa interpretasyon ng kanilang binasa.

Ipinaliwanag ni Baler (2018), na ang pagbasa ay isang kompleks o masalimuot na gawaing nangangailangan ng konsyus at dikonsyus na paggamit ng mga estratehiya o kasanayan gaya ng paglutas ng suliranin upang makabuo ng kahulugang ninanais ipahatid ng manunulat. Sa pamamagitan nito, ang mambabasa ay aktibong nagpaplano, pagdedesisyon at nag-uugnay ng mga kasanayan at estratehiya na makakatulong sa pag-unawa

Talahanayan 6. Iskor sa Panimula at Panapos na Pagsusulit Batay sa Kritikal

Score	Pretest f	Pretest %	Post test f	Post test %	Interpretasyon
25-30	-	-	16	40	Napakahusay
19-24	2	5	23	57.5	Mahusay
13-18	22	55	1	2.5	May Katamtamang Husay
7-12	14	35	-	-	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-6	2	5	-	-	Di Mahusay
Total	40	100.0	40	100.0	

Makikita sa talahanayan anim ang resulta ng pag-aaral na sa paunang pagsusulit, ang dalawampu't dalawang mag-aaral na nasa limampu't limang bahagdang kabuuang populasyon ay nakakuha ng interpretasyon na may Katamtamang Husay. Ibig sabihin, ayon sa kritikal ay katamtaman lamang ang kaalaman ng mga tagasagot. Ipinapakita sa resulta ng pag-aaral na ang mga mag-aaral ay nangangailangan ng pagsasanay sa pagpapaunlad ng kritikal na kakayahan. Kailangang matulungan sila na maproseso ng pagbasa upang madali nilang maunawaan ang mga nakasulat na simbolo sa mga teksto at bigyan ito ng makabuluhang kahulugan. Samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit ay kitang-kita ang pagtaas ng iskor na nakuha ng dalawampu't tatlong mag-aaral na may limampu't pitong bahagdan sa kabuuang populasyon ang nakakuha ng interpretasyon na Mahusay. Makikita na mas madaling nakilala ng mga tagasagot ang mga nakasulat na simbolo sa tulong mg gamified tools mas nabibigyan nila ito ng makabuluhang kahulugan. Pagkatapos gamitin ang mga tools natulungan ang mga tagasagot na makabuo at maunawaan ang ibig sabihin o ibig ipakahulugan ng mga simbolo sa binasa nilang mga teksto.

May kaugnayan ito sa pag-aaral nina Abagon etal.,(2021) ang "pagbasa" bilang isa sa mga pangunahing kasanayan sa wika na dapat pinagdalubhasaan ng mga mag-aaral. Ayon sa kanila, sa pamamagitan ng pagbasa, mababatid

ang mensahe ng isang teksto. Gayunpaman, nahaharap pa rin ang mga mag-aaral sa maraming mga kahirapan sa pag-unawa ng teksto. Nagagawa ng laro na maging kaenga-enganyo ang kapaligiran upang ang mga bata ay magtanong, lumutas ng problema at sumabak sa kritikal na pag-iisip. Napapalawak ng laro ang pag-iisip ng mga bata at pinapalakas ang pagnanasa ng umalam at matuto." (EYLF, 2018).

Talahanayan 7. Makabuluhang Pagkakaiba ng Iskor sa Panimula at Panapos na Pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot Bago at Pagkatapos Gamitin ang Gamification tools sa Pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino

Komprehensyon sa Pagbasa	Pretest		Post test		t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Literal	11.13	2.04	17.25	1.72	17.626	39	.000
Inferensyal	9.68	2.47	15.25	1.82	15.203	39	.000
Kritikal	13.53	3.88	24.10	2.46	17.591	39	.000

Makikita sa resulta ng Talahanayan 7 na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino. Mapapansin na nakakuha ng kabuuang mean difference na -6.12 at p-value na .000 na nagpapahiwatig na mayroong makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa literal na kakayahan sa pagbasa ang mga mag-aaral bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang Gamification tool. Nangangahulugan na matapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ay nalinang ang kakayahan ng mga tagasagot na maunawaan ang mga ideya at impormasyong tuwirang nakalahad sa teksto. Samantalang sa sa kakayahang inferensyal ay mapapansin ang kabuuang mean difference na -5.57 at p-value na .000. Ito ay nangangahulugan na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba rin ang paggamit ng Gamification tool sa pagpapaunlad ng kakayahang inferensyal na makilala ang nais iparating ng may-akda sa tekstong nabasa at may kakayahang maiugnay ang mga pangyayari sa teksto sa mga paunang kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral. Panghuli, mayroong -10.57 na kabuuang mean difference at p-value na .000 para sa kritikal na kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral na ibig sabihin ay may kakayahan silang makabuo at maunawaan ang ibig sabihin o ibig ipakahulugan ng mga simbolo sa binasa nilang mga teksto matapos gamitin ang gamification tools.

Ipinapakita sa resulta ng pag-aaral na nagkaroon ng makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang Gamification tool sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino. Nakatulong ito na mapaunlad ang komprehensyon sa pagbasa gaya ng literal, inferensyal, at kritikal ng mga tagasagot. Nagkaroon ng malaking bahagi ang paggamit ng Wordwall, Raptivity, at Classpoint sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino.

May kauganayan ito sa resulta ng pag-aaral na isinagawa ni Baler (2018), ang isang estudyanteng mahilig magbasa ay may mas malaking posibilidad na masagutan at maipasa ang mga pagsusulit na ibinibigay ng guro kumpara sa isang hindi palabasa, sapagkat sa kanyang pagbabasa mas nadadagdagan ang kanyang kaalaman, lumalawak ang kanyang karunungan at mga karanasan. Ayon kay Condez (2017), ang komprehensyon ay "ang proseso ng pagtatayo ng kahulugan sa pamamagitan ng pag-uugnay sa isang bilang ng mga komplikadong proseso na kasama ang pagbabasa ng salita at kaalaman sa mundo. Ito ay tumutukoy sa kakayahan sa pagbibigay-kahulugan sa mga salita, pag-unawa sa kahulugan at ang mga relasyon sa pagitan ng mga ideya na ipinahayag sa isang teksto. Binanggit niya ang pagtuturo ng pagbabasa sa pag-unawa para sa guro bilang pagsunod sa isang tatlong hakbang na pamamaraan: pagbanggit, pagsasanay, at pagtataya.

CONCLUSION
Batay sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral, nabuo ang mga sumusunod na konklusyon:
1. Natuklasan sa resulta ng pag-aaral na ang gamification tool na Wordwall, Raptivity at Classpoint ginamit sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino ay angkop at lubos na katanggap-tanggap sa mga tagasagot.
2. Makikita na naging epektibo sa mga tagasagot ang paggamit ng gamification tools sa paglinang ng kanilang komprehensyon sa pagbasang literal, inferensiyal, at kritikal batay sa resulta ng iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit.
3. Nalaman sa resulta ng pag-aaral na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor sa panimula at panapos na pagsusulit ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino.

RECOMMENDATION
1. Hinihimok ang mga guro na gamitin sa pagtuturo ang iba't ibang gamification tools upang makatulong sa pag-unawa at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral sa pagbasa dahil natuklasan sa isinagawang pag-aaral na pagkatapos gamitin ang gamification tools sa pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino ay napaunlad nito ang komprehensyon sa pagbasa na liyeral, inferensyal at kritikal ng mga tagasagot.
2. Iminumungkahi ang paggamit ng gamification tools na makapupukaw sa interes at kawilihan upang mas mapaunlad kagustuhang magbasa at ang komprehensyon sa pagbasa dahil lumabas sa isinagawang pag-aaral na mas nauunawaan ang aralin at nasasagutan nang mahusay ang aktibiti kapag ginamitan ito ng gamification tools.
3. Sa susunod pang mananaliksik, sana ay mapalawig pa ang pag-aaral na ginawa at gawing batayan ang mga datos na nabuo mula rito. Bigyang-pansin ang mga baryabol na hindi nabanggit tulad ng kasanayan sa pagsulat at pagbasa at iba pang kagamitan sa pagtuturo na sa kanilang palagay ay higit pang makakapag-unlad sa kasanayan at kaalamang dapat malinang sa mga mag-aaral.

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IMPACT OF ORGANIZATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BEHAVIOUR ON MANAGERIALEFFECTIVENESS OF MANAGERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS BANKS OF WEST BENGAL

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the present study is to identify the organizational citizenship behaviour as a predictor of managerial effectiveness of managers in both public and private sector banks of West Bengal. The sample consisted of 348 managers, out of which 174 were public and 174 were private banks managers. Stratified random sampling is used to collect the data. The standardized structured questionnaire named "Managerial Effectiveness Scale" was developed by Prof. S. Gupta (1996) and "Organizational Citizenship Behavior Check List" (OCB-C) was developed bySuzy Fox and Paul E. Spector (2009) was administered. Mean, SD, t- test, correlation and regression analysis were used to test the five hypotheses formulated in the study. The results indicated that there is no significant mean difference between the managerial effectiveness of managers of public and private sector banks. The results revealed a statistically significant positive correlation between organizational citizenship behavior and managerial effectiveness. The study concludes that organizational citizenship behaviour is a significant predictor of managerial effectiveness of managers.

KEYWORDS: *Organizational Citizenship Behavior, Managerial Effectiveness, Managers, Banks.*

INTRODUCTION

In this global economy, it is time for all types of public and private sector banks to think about managerial effectiveness to prepare plans after taking into account the knowledge and information, to consider the cost in terms of money, time and effort to focus on the end results rather than the tools or techniques to be used.

In the edge of competitive market it is necessary to discuss to relevancy of managerial effectiveness in banks. Globalization, Liberalization, and Privatization have affected in banks. To sustain in the arena of cutthroat competitive market in banking sector and rapidly changing government policies, the traditional management is not compatible in banks. Now, it is time for all types of public and private sector banks to think about managerial effectiveness because effective managers prepare plans after taking into account the knowledge and information, effective manager know where there time goes and how it isspent, effective managers focus on results that can be achieved rather than the tools or techniques to be used.

Managerial Effectiveness focused on the managerial ability of managing self like personality and stress, managing subordinates and relationship, (communication and interpersonal effectiveness, delegation and team leadership), managing change and decision making (understanding change and change management, decision making process and technique). Managerial effectiveness is a leader's ability to achieve desired results where results are influenced by the organization's culture. Managerial effectiveness is the key to success and growth of any organization. It is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon, incorporated in a three parts model, proposed by Campbell et al., (1970), consisting of the 'person' considering the traits and characteristics of the manager, the 'product' measured in terms of results, and the 'process' depicted in terms of on-the-job behavior and actions. Two-factor models of managerial behaviours, such as those developed as part of the Ohio State (Fleishman, 1951, 1953, 1957; Hal pin & Winer, 1957) or the Michigan studies (Katz & Kahn, 1952; Katz, Maccoby, & Morse, 1950), have dominated the theoretical and empirical studies of the relationships between managerial behaviours and employees' attitudes and managers' performance (Yukl, 1994). Campbell et al., (1970) introducing the concept of 'managerial behaviour' pointed out that it is a function of ability, motivation and opportunity as reflected in various situational circumstances.

Effective management is about doing the right things at the right time. In the face of downsizing, mergers, etc., bank needs manager who are not only efficient but also effective. Efficient manager do things right whereas an effective manager does the right things. Effective managers are both effective and efficient.

The bank manager has to be not only effective leader but also an effective manager. Manager has to try the best of his level for managerial effectiveness that will lead to organizational effectiveness and excellence.

The present study is an effort to examine the managerial effectiveness of managers in both public and private sector banks considering the variable organizational citizenship behavior.

Organizational citizenship behavior is assumed to be a desirable phenomenon within a bank. Managers should be trying to encourage organizational citizenship behavior within their bank. Two major ways of doing this is by treating employees fairly and motivating them by using transformational leadership. As a tool for measuring organizational citizenship behavior of an organization researchers found two ways gauging it. On one hand, superiors can rate their colleagues. On the other hand, employees can rate themselves in their work environment.

Organizational citizenship behavior is a cluster of behaviors that outcomes focused on the benefit of the organization and individuals within bank. It also focused on the relationship between individual engagement in organizational citizenship behavior and their job performance. Benefit for the individuals are related to receipt of praise and encouragement increasing activity and responsibility, adoption and implementation of different ideas, warmth, trust, intimacy and enthusiasms. In a bank, organizational citizenship behavior plays an important role in various areas such as, innovative approaches to training volunteering, involvement in individual and collective extra-curricular activities to promote greater responsibilities; tolerance and respect in subordinates invest additional efforts to achieve the objectives of bank cohesion in team. If manager and his subordinates are dedicated to their work, the levels of the organizational citizenship behavior are higher in the whole bank. Trust is a more important factor thatleads to increase the organizational citizenship behavior in manager. Subordinates commitment is an important mediating variable between relational trusts between managers and subordinates.

Organizational Citizenship Behavior is a unique aspect of individual activity at work. According to Organ's (1988), organizational citizenship behavior is an "individual behavior that is discretionary, not directly or explicitly recognized by the formal reward system, and in the aggregate promotes the efficient and effective functioning of the organization". Organizational citizenship behavior is the thought to benefit the organization (Bolino, Turnely, & Niehoff, 2004). Organizational citizenship behaviors are the activities of employee that support the social, psychological, or environmental contest of an organization, but are not part of the formal job requirements (Borman and Motowidlo, 1997). According to Mackenzie, Podskoff and fetter (1993, p.71) Organizational citizenshipbehavior can be defined as "discretionary behaviors on the part of a sales person that directly promote the effective functioning of an organization, without necessarily influencing a sales person's objective sales productivity". Barnard (1938) defined the concept of "willingness to cooperate" is the first origin of the concept of organizational citizenship behavior. Kartz (1964) described a frame of citizenship behaviors from other organizational behaviors and discussed employees' motivation for doing them and proposed those behaviors which are essential for proper functioning organization. Organizational citizenship behavior provides knowledge to managers and employees to achieve organization's objectives.

Organizational citizenship behavior can be defined as the organization depend daily on a myriad of acts of cooperation, helpfulness, suggestions, gestures of goodwill, altruism, and other instances (Smith, Organ and Near (1983). Organ (1988) defined organizational citizenship behavior as 'individual behavior that is discretionary, not directed or explicitly recognized by the formal reward system, and that in the aggregate promotes the effective functioning of the organization" Later Organ (1997) modified the definition as the organizational citizenship behavior is "the performance that supports the social and psychological environment in which task performance takes place". According to Podsakoff and Mackenzie (1997), organizational citizenship behavior contributes the organization's productivity by allowing the company to adapt to change and workers to cooperate. Podsakoff, Ahearne and Mackenzie (1997) suggested that organizations that employ individuals who exhibit levels of organizational citizenship behavior are more likely to have effective work groups within their organization. Past research has found the quality of leader-member exchange to be positively related to organizational citizenship behavior (Setton et al., 1996; Hofmann, Morgeson and Gerras, 2003; Lapierre and Hackett 2007; Wayne, Shore and Liden, 1997; Deluga, 1998). Lepine, Erez, and Johnson, D. E. 2002; O' Brien and Allen, Organ 1997 Williams and Anderson, 1998, suggested that organizational citizenship behavior has two factors based on the target of the behavior i.e. organizationally–targeted behaviors and interpersonally–targeted organizational citizenship behavior. Bienstock et al., (2003) says, organizational citizenship behavior looks for identification, management and evaluation of extra role behaviors of the employees of the organization that increase the effectiveness of the organization.

RATIONALE OF THE STUDY
Though a lot of empirical work has been done using perception of subordinates to measure effectiveness of managers and most management research was concerned with industrial production. Relatively less attention was given to service sectors and their effectiveness. No attempt has been made to predict managerial effectiveness using the organizational citizenship behavior as predictor variable. Therefore, the researcher wants toinvestigate how the variable like OCB is playing a significant role to understand managerial effectiveness of managers of public and private sector banks.

Objective of the Study
The major objectives of this study are to examine the managerial effectiveness of managers in public and private sector banks of West Bengal with respect to the variable organizational citizenship behavior. The following are the objectives of the study:
1. To examine the relationship between ME and OCB in both public (SBI, UBI and AB) and private (HDFC, ICICI and AXIS) banks.
2. To find out the relationship between managerial effectiveness (ME) and organizational citizenship behavior (OCB) among managers of both public and private banks.
3. To understand the managerial effectiveness of high and low organizational citizenship behavior in the sample.
4. To study managerial effectiveness of managers with high and low organizational citizenship behavior

(OCB) separately for public as well as private banks.

5. To find out the relationship between managerial effectiveness and organizational citizenship behavior.
6. To predict managerial effectiveness from organizational citizenship behavior.

Hypotheses of the study

H₁: The Managerial Effectiveness of public sector banks will differ significantly from private sector banks.

H₂: Managerial Effectiveness will be positively correlated with Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB).

H₃: The mean of Managerial Effectiveness of High OCB managers will be significantly different from Low OCB managers.

H₄: The Managerial Effectiveness of High and Low OCB managers will be Significantly different in public and also in private sector banks.

H₅: Organizational Citizenship Behavior will be significant predictor of Managerial Effectiveness.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Methodology includes sample, measures / test or adaptation of tools, and administration of tests for collection of data.

Population and Sample

The population of the study consists of managers in different categories like branch manager, customer manager, credit manager, service manager and the like, of a particular branch in both public and private sector banks. The sampling procedure used is stratified random sampling under probability sampling technique. The public sector banks including SBI, UBI, and AB and private sector banks including HDFC, ICICI, and AXIS banks, have been considered having highest number of branches in West Bengal, according to the sources of RBI Kolkata. Total number of branches of both public and private sector banks under study in West Bengal are 3255. Out of which 2675 branches are in public sector banks and 580 branches are from private sector banks. The population of the sample for the study is 11,316 out of which public bank managers are 9,750 and private bank managers are 1566. The researcher has taken 348 managers from total number of bank managers. The sample consisted of 348 managers consisting of 174 managers from the Public sector banks and 174 managers from Private sector banks managers working at various positions of management. The managers were chosen from 20 districts keeping the representativeness of all districts of West Bengal.

Measures / Tests

The study attempted to find out the relationship between dependent variable and independent variable. In the present study, managerial effectiveness is the dependent variable and organizational citizenship behavior is the independent.

Tools used in the study

i. The Managerial Effectiveness Scale

The Managerial Effectiveness Scale was designed and developed by Prof. S.Gupta (1996) consisting the nineteen characteristics / dimensions are: 1. Beliefs about subordinates, 2. Dependence, 3. Innovation and inspiration, 4. Organizational

goals / personal goals, 5. Assignment of tasks, 6. Planning / Coordinating, 7. Training and development, 8. Motivating / Reinforcing, 9. Managing conflict, 10. Communication, 11. Public image, 12. Socializing / Politicizing, 13. Management of boss, 14. Management of colleagues, 15. Discipline & example setting, 16. Client management, 17. Management of control and market environment, 18. Control function, and 19. Networking.

It consisted of 45 items. 35 items are positive and 10 items are negative. 1 - 5 Likert rating scale (where 1 = Never, 2 = Sometimes, 3 = Undecided, 4 = Usually, and 5 = Always) was used to anchor all managerial effectiveness items. A few items (10 items) were worded negatively for which the scoring was reverse. A high score indicates high managerial effectiveness. The test-retest reliability was found to be .73 which is high and split-half reliability was found to be .73.

ii. Organizational Citizenship Behavior Check List (OCBC):

"Organizational Citizenship Behavior Check List" (OCB-C) questionnaire was developed by Suzy Fox and Paul E. Spector (2009). Initially it is a 42 - item instrument. It was then refined and shortened to 36 items and then finally to 20 items. Some items ask about altruistic acts that help co-workers with personal as opposed to work place issues, other reflect acts that benefit the organization.

The scoring technique for the OCB-C questionnaire follows a direct scoring pattern. The OCB-C uses a 5-point scale ranging from 1 = Never to 5 = Every day. The item responses like Never, Once or twice, Once a month, Once or twice a week, Every day, are scored as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 respectively. A total score is the sum of responses to all items. For example, if items 8 9 10 11 12 13 where ticked as 2 3 5 3 2 respectively, the score will be 2+3+5+3+2 = 15. High score assessed the frequency of organizational citizenship behavior (OCB) performed by employees is high and low score assessed the frequency of organizational citizenship behavior performed by employees is low. Fox and Spector (2009) reported a coefficient alpha of 0.91 and a concurrent validity of 0.83 for the scale.

Test Administration

The study is based mainly on primary data and supported by secondary data. The primary data is collected from the managers to assess the managerial effectiveness. For this purpose, the above mentioned standardized questionnaires are administered by the researcher to measure the managerial effectiveness. There are two ways of administrating of questionnaires: self-administering of questionnaires and mailing the questionnaires.

Hence the study completed the managerial effectiveness of 566 managers of both public and private banks of 20 districts of West Bengal were considered.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

H1: The Managerial Effectiveness of public sector banks will differ significantly from private sector banks.

In order to test hypothesis H₁, t-test has been applied. The result is shown below in Table 1.

Table1:t-test comparing means of Managerial Effectiveness of Public and Private Sector Bank Managers

Groups of Managers	N	Mean	SD	t	Level of Significance
Public	174	161.64	23.17		
Private	174	162.38	23.08	-.297	.893

Table 1 reveals that the value of t = - .297, which is not significant and the significant value(.893) is > 0.05, .01. Thus the alternative hypothesis (H1) is rejected. The result leads to infer that the managerial effectiveness of the managers of public sector banks and private sector banks do not differ significantly.

H2: Managerial Effectiveness (ME) will be positively correlated with Organizational Citizenship Behaviour (OCB).
In order to understand the relationship between ME and OCB the following analysis has been done.

Table 2: Correlation between ME and OCB of all managers of Public and Private Banks

	N	Mean	SD	r	Level of Significance
ME	348	162.01	23.10		
OCB	348	73.23	8.89	.636**	0.000

From the above Table 2, it was found that the correlation coefficient (r) is 0.636 witha p (significance level, two-tailed) = 0.000. As the table showed p < 0.05, the alternative

hypothesis (H2) is accepted.
H3: The mean of Managerial Effectiveness of High OCB managers will be significantlydifferent from Low OCB managers.

Table 3: t-test of ME of High and Low OCB managers of the Banks

	OCB	N	M	SD	t	Level of Significance
ME	High	174	168.07	23.25		
	Low	174	155.95	21.47	5.39	0.05

From the above Table 3, the observed result showed that the calculated value of t = 5.39, with a p (significance level two-tailed) = 0.05. As the result indicated p < 0.05, the alternative hypothesis (H3) is accepted.

H4: The Managerial Effectiveness of High and Low OCB managers will be significantly different in public and also in private sectorbanks.

Table 4: t-test between means of Managerial Effectiveness of High vs. Low OCBmanagers of public and private bank managers

	Type of Bank – OCB	N	Mean	SD	t	Level of Significance
ME	Public - Low OCB	100	154.66	20.11	-4.963	.000
	Public - High OCB	74	171.46	24.45		
	Public - Low OCB	100	154.66	20.11	-.730	.466
	Private - Low OCB	85	156.92	21.90		
	Public - Low OCB	100	154.66	20.11	-4.020	.000
	Private - High OCB	89	167.16	22.63		
	Public – High OCB	74	171.46	24.45	3.953	.000
	Private – Low OCB	85	156.92	21.90		
	Public – High OCB	74	171.46	24.45	1.164	.246
	Private - High OCB	89	167.16	22.63		
	Private – Low OCB	89	167.16	22.63	3.031	.003
	Private – High OCB	85	156.92	21.90		

Above Table 4, indicates that the value of t = -4.963, -4.020, 3 . 9 53 and 3 .031 aresignificant. Thus the results infer that mean scores of the managerial effectiveness are significantly different so far as High vs. High, Low vs. Low and Low vs. High OCB managers of public and private banks are concerned. As the value of t = -.730 and 1.164 arenot significant, there is no significant difference between High vs. Low OCB managers of

public and also of private sector banks. However, overall OCB scores of private banks are higher than public banks.
H5: Organizational Citizenship Behaviour will be significant predictor of Managerial Effectiveness.
The correlation co-efficient between the variables are given below:

Table 5.1: Correlation between ME and OCB

		ME	OCB
ME	Pearson Correlation	1	.636**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
OCB	Pearson Correlation	.636**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	N	348	348

From the above Table 5.1 it was found that the predictor / independent variable like organizational citizenship behavior is positively correlated (r = .636) with the dependent variable (managerial effectiveness). So, it is concluding that the Organizational Citizenship Behavior of the managers is significantly related to the managerial effectiveness of public and private sector banks. Therefore, the researcher intends to conduct linear regression analysis between the dependent and independent variable to frame the prediction equation for the study.

Table 5.2: Model Summary of OCB

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.636[a]	.404	.402	17.858

a. Predictors: (Constant), OCB

Table 5.2 indicates that the correlation co-efficient (r) between ME and OCB is 0.636 and the adjusted R^2 is 0.402 meaning that 40 % of the variance in managerial effectiveness can be predicted from the organizational citizenship behavior. Adjusted R^2 is lower than the unadjusted R^2.

Table 5.3: Results of ANOVA[a] in terms of OCB

	Model	Sum of Squares	df	MeanSquare	F	Sig.
1	Regression	74829.681	1	74829.681	234.656	.000[b]
	Residual	110336.273	346	318.891		
	Total	185165.954	347			

a. Dependent Variable: ME
b. Predictors: (Constant), OCB

From the Table 5.3, it was found that the calculated value of F is 234.656 and the corresponding significant value is 0.000 which is lower than 0.05 (p < 0.05). Hence the alternative hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, it can be concluded that organizational citizenship behavior is a significant predictor of managerial effectiveness.

Table 5.4: Results of Coefficients of ME and OCB

	Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	41.086	7.952		5.167	.000
	OCB	1.651	.108	.636	15.318	.000

a. Dependent Variable: ME

From the above Table 5.4, it was found that the t = 15.318 with a p (significance level, two-tailed) = 0.004. As the Table showed p < 0.05, the alternative hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, it can be concluded that organizational citizenship behavior is a significant predictor of managerial effectiveness. The predictor equation would be as follows:
Managerial Effectiveness (ME) = 41.086 + 1.651 OCB

CONCLUSION
The findings are summarized below to conclude:
1. The difference between the mean scores of the Managerial Effectiveness of publicand private sector bank managers are statistically not significant. It is found that the managers are effective.
2. Managerial effectiveness is positively correlated with the organizational citizenship behavior for the total sample considering both public and private banks. Higher the OCB, higher is the effectiveness. To become an effective manager, one must have high level of organizational citizenship behavior.
3. High levels of organizational citizenship behavior managers are more effective than low level of organizational citizenship behavior managers in public as well asprivate banks.
4. Organizational citizenship behavior is a significant predictor of managerial effectiveness of managers in both public and private sector banks and 40 % of the variance in managerial effectiveness can be predicted from organizational citizenship behavior.

Implications for Practice

The findings of this research have a number of implications for analyzing and improving the effectiveness of managers considering Organizational Citizenship Behavior.

The study is important from the academic as well as theoretical perspectives. The findings of the present study are empirically valid with respect to the relationship between Managerial Effectiveness and the Organizational Citizenship Behavior. The study reveals strong positive relationship between the dependent and independent variables that can be used for developing new performance models in the area of Managerial Effectiveness in both public and private banking sectors of West Bengal and of India.

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HR PRACTICES OF ULTRATECH CEMENT LIMITED: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Objective: *The primary goal of this study was to comprehend the notion of human resource practises and to compile a list of the numerous HR practises employed by UltraTech cement ltd. In addition, the research aimed to analyse the advantages, benefits, constraints, and disadvantages of their human resource practises.*

Methodology: *Secondary sources were investigated in order to generate a thorough evidence-based study of HR practises. The semi-systematic review employs a large number of published reports and articles from Springer, Taylor & Francis, Emarald, Srinivas Publications, Research Gate, SSRN, and other search engines like Google Scholar. As a result, in order to evaluate existing knowledge, the data analysed originates from secondary sources.*

Findings: *According to the findings, UltraTech cement ltd. emphasises employee value proposition and has a robust organisational structure that supports them in discovering and employing individuals. They also have effective HR practises in place, such as recruitment and selection, performance appraisal, a 360-degree feedback programme, and talent management, to increase staff productivity. They also provide various innovative HR practises such as Ideathon, Suggestion Mela, Learning and Development, and PraGaTi (Potential-Guidance-Talent) and Margdarshan, which have promoted active engagement of all workers for the company's success. Furthermore, they place a high value on human rights issues such as raising human rights awareness, ensuring good legal compliance, engaging stakeholders in human rights concerns, emphasising diversity, and promoting the freedom of all employees, among others.*

Originality/value: *HR practices adopted by UltraTech cement are very vital hence needs to be retained and encouraged by the other concerns to boost employee productivity and organisational long term growth. This study provides a quick glance over the various HR practices thereby encourages innovative HR practices.*

Paper type: *Case study*

KEYWORDS: *UltraTech Cement limited, HR Practices, Employee productivity, ABCD Listing.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Human resource practises may assist identify and explain vital approaches to help people find happiness from their job, producing intrinsic drive and eventually allowing them to operate more effectively and possibly even creatively for the organisation, generating large profits [1]. According to the literature, human resources are one of the most important aspects of any business, and as such, they must be carefully managed. Appropriate HR practises must be created and implemented in order to achieve successful human resource management, which will eventually lead to improved organisational performance [2]. Companies in India are experiencing increased instability, volatility, and complexity, necessitating the adaptation of their strategy and HR activities as new realities develops. In this unstable climate, human resource (HR) activities in Indian enterprises have responded [3]. In tough liberalising business contexts such as India, the nature of HR requires that businesses build new skills, and HR's

duty is to assess current competences and establish new ones to aid in the broader strategic redesign of enterprises. A rising body of research has attempted to comprehend the developing function of HRM in the Indian setting [4-6]. Moreover, HR practises help to create a shared understanding and order inside the system. It is also a crucial aspect of a company's business strategy since people work for an organisation and the success of the enterprise is strongly dependent on how well and fairly they are treated. Furthermore, organisations must have a plan in place for developing, disseminating, and enforcing a set of rules and regulations that are legal and represent good employee behaviour. Good HR practises also enhance an organization's vision, purpose, and business strategy. It assists HR Professionals in delivering objectively at the operational level of the HR function [7]. With this regard, UltraTech claims that the Group's ongoing emphasis and investment in its people processes has enabled them to establish and retain a robust and agile workforce that is flexible and responsive at all times. As

corporations around the world are dealing with unprecedented phenomena known as The Great Resignation, their employee survey score for 'intent to stay' remained high. It is greater than for Global High-Performance Organizations and nearly comparable to pre-COVID levels. Their close bond demonstrates their unwavering dedication to provide a world of opportunity while caring for our personnel [8]. As a result this study is an attempt to understand the various HR practices implemented by UltraTech companies to critically analyse its advantages, benefits, constraints and disadvantages.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The human element ultimately determines an organization's success or failure. Moreover, both scholars and practitioners agree that as competition dynamics intensify, people may be the only really sustainable source of competitive advantage [9]. Human capital management, more than physical capital management, may be the ultimate driver of organisational performance and survival [10]. Human resources are undoubtedly an organization's most significant asset nowadays. With few exceptions, human resources represent an organization's single greatest potential asset as well as its single largest liability as it conducts its operations [11]. Concerning which research on HR practices in the continuous process industries have been listed and reviewed as follows;

Table 1: Related works on HR practices in continuous processing industry.

Sl. No	Area	Contribution	Authors
1	HR Practices at Aditya Birla Group	The paper contends that in tough liberalising business contexts such as India, the nature of HR itself necessitates the development of new skills, and that HR's responsibility is to assess current competences and establish new ones to aid in the broader strategic redesign of businesses. This article expands on some of the peculiarities and distinguishing features of HR practices unique to India, as well as some of the major external and internal factors that have shaped the attitudes, work systems, strategic and HR skills of Indian organisations in the context of the liberalised Indian environment.	Som, A. (2010). **[12]**
2	Green HRM	Using the theoretical foundation of RBV, this study investigates the impact of green HRM practices on sustainability (i.e., green analysis and job description, green recruiting, green selection, green raining, green performance assessment, and green incentives). According to the conclusions of the preceding debate, only green recruiting and green training will contribute to sustainability in the Malaysian manufacturing business.	Yong, J. Y., Yusliza, M. Y., Ramayah, T., Chiappetta Jabbour, C. J., Sehnem, S., & Mani, V. (2020) [13]
3	Innovative HRM practices	This article aimed to provide an understanding of some of the innovative HRM strategies and practices that have emerged as a result of functionally logical strategic initiatives in response to a hypercompetitive, complex, but opportunity-rich environment that has emerged as a result of India's economic liberalisation. These creative HRM methods and practices are not a random selection, but rather techniques that have generated excellence in performance and may be regarded "best" practices.	Som, A. (2006) [14]
4	Indian Cement Industry	The Indian cement business is becoming increasingly competitive in order to maintain profitability by lowering costs and decreasing waste, as well as to increase market share by enhancing the quality of the products and services given to customers. Here, the researcher(s) hope to present a soft TQM framework that will assist them in improving their 'return on investment' (ROI), which has been a source of contention.	Singh, T., & Dubey, R. (2013) [15]
5	HR policies in Indian Cement industries	As per this study majority of the employees were satisfied with various HR policies such as Human resource planning, recruitment and selection, training and development, performance appraisal, career advancement avenues, wages and salary structure, promotion and transfer, motivational measures, safety measures etc.	Kumar, K. K. (2009) [16]
6	HR Practices and employees satisfaction	The purpose of the study was to examine the influence of human resource management techniques (human resource planning, selection and appointment, incentives and motivation, training programs, and performance assessment) on employee work satisfaction at Jordan's Al-Rajhi cement mill. The study discovered a statistically significant influence on employee satisfaction at the Al-Rajhi cement factory for each of the following: human resource planning, selection and appointment, and training programs.	Al-Hawary, S. I. S., & Shdefat, F. A. (2016) [17]
7	Recruitment & Selection Process	Recruitment and selection are critical in every firm. The study found that the recruiting and selection processes in three businesses were effective. The HR managers of the selected sectors must concentrate on finding the suitable people through alternative channels such as campus placements, job.com, data banks, and so on. The candidate's skills, knowledge, and abilities that are highly demanded for the vacancies in specified sectors are evaluated.	Naveen, S., & Raju, D. N. M. (2014) [18]

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
- To understand the concept of Human Resource practices.
- To study the various HR practices implemented by UltraTech Company.
- To analyse the advantages, benefits, constraints and disadvantages of their HR practices.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
Secondary sources were explored in order to create a comprehensive evidence-based analysis on the HR practises of HR practices. The semi-systematic review is conducted using numerous published reports and publications from the Springer, Taylor & Francis, Emarald, Srinivas Publications, Research Gate, SSRN, and other search engines such as Google Scholar. As a result, the data reviewed comes from secondary sources in order to investigate existing knowledge. The reports which were extensively referred include;
→ Annual report of UltraTech Company,
→ Reports from Ministry Of Labour And Employment,
→ Reports Of The Expert Committee On The HR Policy,
→ Reports from Directorate General of Employment (DGE)

5. INTRODUCING ULTRATECH COMPANY
UltraTech Cement Ltd, a part of the Aditya Birla Group, is a leading cement conglomerate in India. It holds the largest market share in the production of grey cement, white cement, and ready-mix concrete. Operating in five countries, including India, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, UltraTech has expanded its business to include building materials and one-stop retail locations, offering comprehensive solutions for construction needs. As India's largest cement manufacturer and one of the major global players, UltraTech is committed to finding responsible and effective environmental solutions. In 2006, UltraTech voluntarily joined the Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI) of the International Business Council for Sustainable Development, highlighting its dedication to sustainable practices. The company has also partnered with DuPont Sustainable Solutions to enhance safety practices within the organization, placing a strong emphasis on employee well-being. The UltraTech brand is renowned as the go-to resource for all construction requirements. The iconic image of the engineer in the yellow helmet reinforces their expertise and specialization, creating an emotional connection with customers and instilling confidence. UltraTech not only builds cities and houses but also nurtures trust and improves lives. Moreover, UltraTech prioritizes its employees and offers them a compelling value proposition. It provides numerous opportunities for personal growth, goal achievement, professional development, and a balanced lifestyle [19].

UltraTech Cement Ltd, the flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, is a dominant player in the construction industry with a market value of USD 7.1 billion. It holds the top position in India as the largest producer of grey cement and ready-mix concrete (RMC), and it also has a significant presence in the white cement market. In terms of global cement production, it ranks third, trailing only China. A remarkable distinction of UltraTech is its unparalleled cement manufacturing capacity of over 100 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) in a single country, excluding China. The company operates across multiple countries, including the UAE, Bahrain, Sri Lanka, and India. Its extensive portfolio comprises 23 integrated production units, 29 grinding units, one clinkerisation unit, and eight bulk packaging terminals. In India, UltraTech's grey cement capacity totals 132.35 MTPA. Birla White, the brand name under which UltraTech sells white cement in the Indian market, adds to its diverse product offerings. It currently operates one white cement plant and three Wall Care putty units, with a cumulative capacity of 1.98 MTPA. UltraTech is also a major player in the concrete market, with over 185 Ready Mix Concrete (RMC) factories located in more than 85 locations across India. It caters to the demands of discerning customers by offering a wide range of specialized concretes tailored to specific requirements. Recognizing the significance of innovation in the Building Products industry, UltraTech actively engages in developing scientifically formulated products to cater to the evolving needs of modern structures [20].

UltraTech introduced UltraTech Building Solutions (UBS), a unique concept aimed at providing a comprehensive solution for individual home builders (IHBs) in India. UBS serves as the country's first multi-category retail chain specifically designed to cater to the diverse needs of home construction. The primary objective of this initiative is to engage with builders throughout the entire construction process, offering superior construction materials, services, and support to help them realize their dream homes. UltraTech, as a founding member, has played a pivotal role in establishing the Global Cement & Concrete Association (GCCA). The company has made significant commitments by endorsing the GCCA Climate Ambition 2050 and actively participating in the GCCA Net Zero Concrete Roadmap. By prioritizing the decarbonisation of its processes, UltraTech is dedicated to expediting the reduction of carbon emissions. It has implemented advanced technologies like the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) and Internal Carbon Pricing, while also setting ambitious environmental goals through initiatives such as EP100 and RE100. Additionally, UltraTech has made notable strides in sustainable financing by becoming the first company in India and the second in Asia to issue dollar-denominated sustainability-linked bonds. These bonds are intricately tied to the company's sustainability performance, demonstrating its commitment to environmentally responsible practices [20].

UltraTech strives to make a positive impact on the social and economic development of the areas in which it operates. The social activities of the Corporation are focused on education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, community infrastructure, and social concerns. UltraTech serves over 1.6 million people in over 500 villages across 16 states in India [20].

Table2: Financial growth as per 2021-2022

Financial	Progress
Net Revenue	52,599 crores (17%↑)
EBITDA	12,022 crores (2.3%↑)
Earnings per share (Normalised)	196 (2.2%↑)
Return on Capital employed	14.9% (40 bps)
Reduction in Net Debt	2,816 crores
Dividend	38 per share (2.7%↑)

Source: UltraTech, 2022 [8]

Table 2 indicates the financial growth of the company where the Net Revenue found to be increased by 17% (52,599 crores), EBITDA by 2.3% (12,022 crores), Earnings per share (Normalised) by 2.2% (Rs. 196). And the Return on Capital employed by the company is 14.9% (40 bps) and there is Reduction in the Net Debt of 2,816 crores; further, Dividend found to be 38 per share with the hike of 2.7%.

Table 3: Operational progress as per 2021-2022

Operational activities	Progress
Grey cement production	90.36 MMT (9.2%↑)
Grey cement average capacity utilisation	77% (700 bps↑)
White cement and wall care putty production	1.46 MMT (13.3%↑)
White cement and wall care putty average capacity utilisation	96% (1,122 bps↑)

Source: UltraTech, 2022 [8]

Table 3 describes the operational progress of UltraTech cement ltd. Where Grey cement production has been increased by 9.2% with 90.36 MMT, Grey cement average capacity utilisation is at 77% with the increase of 700 bps. Furthermore White cement and wall care putty production of the company increased by 13.3% with 1.46 MMT and White cement and wall care putty average capacity utilisation is at 96% with the increase of 1,122 bps.

6. HR PRACTICES
One of the key components of UltraTech cement ltd.'s new HR strategy was the creation of an aspirational environment for a diverse team. Increasing the diversity of their Group is a journey that is being reinforced over time via focused actions. Internal staff moves of over 5,000 were up 18% over the previous two fiscals' average. They also focused on attracting young talent, with 73% of new recruits being under the age of 35. Almost 9,000 new workers joined the Group last year, expanding their skill set. The hiring of seven women to top leadership positions demonstrates our commitment to gender diversity. Women made up 21% of all new employees, with 102 female engineering graduates joining us at plant sites [8].

Table 3: Human capital in UltraTech cement ltd. as per 2021-2022

Human Capital	Progress
Employee salary, wages and expense	2,535 crores
Total training hours	2,73,035
Total number of permanent employees	21,921
Safety training hours	4,50,641

Source: UltraTech, 2022 [8]

UltraTech cement ltd. has a strong organisational framework that assists them in identifying and hiring people, quickly orienting them to settle in and provide high performance, setting stretch objectives and managing performance to constantly deliver on promise to all of our stakeholders. They achieved this while offering frequent intervention for learning and growth, as well as enabling and promoting a positive working culture, which leads to exceptional results [8].

6.1 Recruitment and Selection
Recruitment sources for the organization encompass newspaper advertisements and databases, which are utilized to identify potential candidates matching the specified job criteria determined by department heads. Depending on the number of applications received, adjustments may be made to the qualification requirements. Subsequently, only individuals possessing the requisite qualifications undergo the interview process. The interview panel consists of department authorities responsible for personnel matters. In cases where there is a large influx of applications, a shortlisting process is employed in accordance with the organization's predefined standards. During this evaluation, employees are assessed based on factors such as technical proficiency, English language skills, and critical reasoning abilities [21].

6.2 Performance Appraisal
With the establishment of the "performance appraisal feedback and Counselling system" in 1975, UltraTech Cement Ltd was most likely the first firm in India to use an integrated system. PA consists of subsystems such as potential appraisal, Development and training, employee guidance and Career development and planning [21].

360 degree feedback program: it was introduced in 1999, it allowed managers to ask concerns about leadership styles, management abilities, and personal attributes. After the feedback, each senior manager was required to write a six-page statement outlining areas for development and their expectations. To enable employees to continually learn and grow a combination of developmental tasks, classroom training, mentoring, and participation in special project teams is given [21].

6.3 Talent Management
Development Assessment Centers were created to assist managers in assessing and developing their skills. Since 2003, around 1200 managers from various levels of management have participated in the DACs. In order to stimulate talent management, Aditya Birla Institute of Management Learning strongly started Continuous Learning Jnyana - knowledge and Udaya - dawn, which was designed to improve the management capabilities of their managers has effectively managed to achieve more [21].

6.4 Ideathon
During a 50-hour ideation challenge, employees were encouraged to create and discuss out-of-the-box ideas, and 46,000+ ideas were submitted [8].

6.5 Suggestion Mela
An effort was started on Engineers' Day to encourage the input of ideas. Every year on 'Engineers' Day,' under the banner of 'I adore my UltraTech,' employees and contract labourers submit suggestions to add value to day-to-day operations utilising their shopfloor talents. This effort, which broke through hierarchical barriers, helped individuals feel appreciated and instilled a sense of company ownership. Moreover, these suggestions are reviewed and applied in order to enhance efficiency. Here they collected 8470 suggestions from workers and contract labourers [8].

6.6 Learning and Development
UltraTech believe that learning is a lifelong process where to improve their workers' knowledge, abilities, and behaviour; they provide a variety of training programmes for all skill levels. In-house talent identified through their institutionalised Talent Management process engage on a planned development path, with learning organised using the 70-20-10 model, and are allocated My Development Plans (MDPs) that place a strong focus on practical and experiential learning. Talent is developed for the next higher job in many functions through Accelerated Learning Programs [8].

6.7 PraGaTi (Potential-Guidance-Talent) and Margdarshan
Learning and development occurs at all levels of the organisation. PraGaTi is a workforce development programme that has been assisting in the continual growth of workers through a systematic strategy of evaluation and targeted development. In 2021, the National HRD Network designated this effort as a Best Practice. Margdarshan, a programme that allows a beginner to work alongside an expert and learn the skills, has greatly benefited fresh employees as well as those who want to be multiskilled [8].

UltraTech Cement, India's No. 1 cement brand, has won the 'Best corporate HR practises' award at the 10th HR Showcase, the flagship annual national event of the National HRD Network (NHRDN) Bangalore Chapter. UltraTech got this prize for their 'PraGaTi' HR programme. The award recognises UltraTech's outstanding efforts in offering employee-friendly HR policies and ongoing interaction with workers in order to foster a people-centric work culture inside the organisation. Last year, UltraTech launched 'PraGaTi,' a centralised online talent evaluation and development programme. The award-winning effort assists the Company's permanent employees in identifying potential, guiding this workforce, and facilitating career advancement through skill-enhancement opportunities [22].

6.8 Other HR practices
- Ensuring positive legal compliance with applicable constitutional and legislative human rights obligations, as well as adhering to the Aditya Birla Group's Sustainable Business Framework.
- Raising human rights awareness among personnel at all levels of their business through training and communication.
- Increasing goodwill, establishing long-term employment, and encouraging economic prospects in the areas where we operate.
- Engaging stakeholders on human rights concerns connected to their commercial activities in an inclusive, transparent, and culturally relevant manner.
- The importance of diversity, equal opportunity, and the necessity to recognise the rights of disadvantaged groups such as women, indigenous peoples, women, migrant workers, and other minorities.
- Support the freedom of all workers to organise and join a trade union of their choosing without fear of intimidation or punishment, in conformity with national law.
- Prohibiting all types of child labour, forced / trafficked work, discrimination and harassment.
- Any contribution to armed conflict or human rights violations in conflict-affected and high-risk regions is prohibited.
- Interfering in any way with the formation, operation, or administration of workers' organisations or collective bargaining.
- Aligning our existing policies, processes, and activities with our commitment to human rights, including those pertaining to labour practises, such as freedom of association, the right to collective bargaining and equal remuneration, engagement with indigenous peoples, land acquisition, supply chain management, and security management.
- Requiring our contractors, suppliers, and other organisations with which UltraTech has a relationship to follow our Sustainable Business Framework requirements, as well as encouraging and supporting the establishment of analogous management systems.

➢ Using an iterative due diligence approach built by our Human Rights Management System to identify, analyse, and manage possible risks and consequences.

➢ establishing clear accountability by allocating enough resources and duties for effective human rights risk management; and

➢ Continuously improving human rights performance through exchanging best practises and lessons learned, defining and evaluating goals, and monitoring, reporting, and publicising results.

➢ Creating a solid grievance redressal framework to address any adverse human rights effect or violation of human rights across any of their businesses.

-Compiled from UltraTech, 2021 [23]

8. ABCD LISTING

The ABCD analysis was designed by Aithal, P. S. et al. (2015) [24] to identify the business framework and analyse its efficacy in providing value to stakeholders. When used, these assessments produce an ordered list of the company's benefits, advantages, limits, and downsides. It assesses the applicability of a concept or idea in a given circumstance using the ABCD analysis framework. Among other papers, Aithal, P. S., (2017) [25] recently introduced this analytical approach in the company analysis framework. There are also articles that provide a list of the various advantages, benefits, restrictions, and disadvantages of New Research indices [26], International Business and its Environments' study [27], Six Thinking Hats Based Analysis [28], Innovation in B.Tech Curriculum as B.Tech (Hons) [29], Organizing the Unorganized Lifestyle Retailers [30], and Green Education [31]. Similarly the present study has also obtained ABCD analysis framework to analyse the advantages, benefits, constraints and disadvantages of UltraTech HR practices.

Advantages

→ Increase in the employee morale and productivity.
→ It enables retention of efficient employees.
→ Improves corporate image.
→ Encourages diversity in workforce.

Benefits

→ Improved hiring and training process.
→ It protects human rights
→ Enables Innovative practices such ideathon, PraGaTi etc.
→ Enhances employee relations.
→ Holistic working environment.

Constraints

→ Constant innovative HR practices may be time consuming.
→ Chances of conflict of ideas when all the employees put up their suggestions.
→ Tough competitions among employees.

Disadvantages

→ Huge cost involved in learning and development programme.
→ Less time available for actual production due to more training hours.
→ Availability of highly skilled HR practitioners is required with high pay scale which may lead to financial burden.

-Compiled by the author

A study on the HR practices of UltraTech cement ltd. revealed various key aspects which are further explained below;

→ Ultratech emphasises employee value proposition, giving a plethora of chances for its workers to set and fulfil their goals, develop and evolve as professionals, and live a healthy and balanced life.

→ UltraTech cement ltd. has a strong organisational framework that assists them in identifying and hiring people, quickly orienting them to settle in and provide high performance, setting stretch objectives and managing performance to constantly deliver on promise to all of our stakeholders.

→ UltraTech cement ltd. is making a significant progress in terms of company's financial and operational growth; at the same time it is giving due consideration to socio-economic development of the stakeholders.

→ They have efficient HR policies such as Recruitment and Selection, Performance Appraisal, 360 degree feedback program and Talent Management to boost employee productivity.

→ They have other innovative HR practices such as Ideations, Suggestion mela, Learning and Development and PraGaTi (Potential-Guidance-Talent) and Margdarshan, which has encouraged active participation of all the employees for the better growth of the company.

→ The study found additional HR practices such as Raising human rights awareness, Ensuring positive legal compliance, Engaging stakeholders on human

rights concerns, giving importance of diversity, supporting the freedom of all workers etc.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

Present study has found various significant and innovative HR practices adopted by UltraTech Company for the better prosperity of the workers as well as the company as a whole. These practices have encouraged the employees to the greatest extent. These practices can be further encouraged in other entities also with the more innovative ideas which will further boost employee motivation, satisfaction and morale. Employees' satisfaction and well-being is very vital for all the organisation irrespective of the size of the entity as human capital is the most valuable component of the organisation. Hence, an effective HR practices shall be aggressively implemented by giving due consideration to each employee's capabilities and potentials.

11. CONCLUSION

The main aim of the present study was to understand the concept of human resource practices and to list out the various HR practices implemented by UltraTech cement ltd. Further, the study also attempted to analyse the advantages, benefits, constraints and disadvantages of their HR practices. As per the findings it was observed that UltraTech cement ltd. emphasises employee value proposition and they also have a strong organisational framework that assists them in identifying and hiring people. Furthermore, they have efficient HR policies such as Recruitment and Selection, Performance Appraisal, 360 degree feedback program and Talent Management to boost employee productivity. They also provide other innovative HR practices such as Ideathon, Suggestion mela, Learning and Development and PraGaTi (Potential-Guidance-Talent) and Margdarshan, which has encouraged active participation of all the employees for the better growth of the company. Moreover, they highly ponder on human rights such as Raising human rights awareness, Ensuring positive legal compliance, Engaging stakeholders on human rights concerns, giving importance of diversity, supporting the freedom of all workers etc. These HR practices adopted by UltraTech cement is very vital hence needs to be retained and encouraged by the other concerns to boost employee productivity and organisational long term growth.

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LAND-WATER RELATIONS IN THE KHANATE OF BUKHARA DURING THE SHAYBANI DYNASTY

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ABSTRACT

This article describes the reforms carried out by the rulers of the Shaybani dynasty for the development of important areas such as state economy, agriculture based on artificial irrigation, and trade.
KEY WORDS: *Shayban rulers, economic issues, trade, crafts, water structures and bridges.*

ABSTRACT

V dannoy state opisyvayutsya reforms, provennye pravetelyami dynastii Shaybani dlya razvitiya takikh vajnykh oblastey, kak gosudarstvennoe hozyaystvo, selskoe hozyaystvo na osnove iskusstvennogo roshenia, torgovlya.
Klyuchevye slova: praviteli Sheibana, khozyaystvennye voprosy, torgovlya, memesla, vodnye soorujeniya i mosty.

Is Not to learn when an event-process happened , but what caused this process, if it is a crisis or a similar process, then is to learn the ways in which the problem was solved. As President Sh.M. Mirziyoyev said about our history , "... we have a great history worthy of envy. We have great ancestors who are worthy of envy. We have immeasurable riches to covet. And I believe, God willing, we will have a great enviable future." [1]It would not be an exaggeration to say that the topic we want to talk about below is a proof of our above opinion. It would not be wrong to say that agriculture was the basis of the state economy in the history of the Middle Ages in the history of our country, including during the rule of the Shaibani dynasty in the Bukhara Khanate . Only peoples with high culture used the land effectively. It is no secret that farming, especially farming based on artificial irrigation, requires centuries of experience . True, in the history of our country, due to the invasion of many nomadic peoples, many water facilities and agricultural fields have become unusable. During the Timurid period, economic life was almost destroyed due to incessant wars for the throne. Realizing this, Muhammad Shaibani Khan and subsequent rulers carried out reforms to a certain extent. The development of any country has always been closely related to agriculture. The representatives of the Shaibani dynasty also understood this well and understood that agriculture cannot be developed without artificial irrigation systems in the territories of the Bukhara Khanate. those who saw For example, the author of "Mehmonnomai Bukhara" speaking about the possibilities of the Syrdarya river, emphasizes that it has many crossings and tributaries , dug large canals and irrigated the surrounding fields

with its water. This is clearly shown in the beautification of the test area [2]. Artificially irrigated lands were considered the main basis for the development of agriculture. Cotton, wheat, rice, alfalfa, horticulture and vegetable growing were good in the irrigated lands. This type of agriculture was well established in the hills and valleys. Lalmikor farming was carried out together with cattle breeding. In 1502, Shaibani Khan built a water separator-bridge at the junction of the Zarafshan river into the Aqdarya and the Karadarya, where cattle breeding was developed in the unfit for agriculture lands and in the barren [3]pastures . The descendants of Shaibani Khan later dug more than 10 canals from the tributaries of Kashkadarya to irrigate the lands of Kesh region. We can see from the information given in one of the foundation documents compiled in the twenties of the 16th century. For example, it is known that more than ten canals dug from Kashkadarya tributaries Surkhob and Rudak to surrounding villages are working in Kesh region alone.[4]

Artificial irrigation works were widely developed, especially during the period of Abdullah Khan II. During the Shaibani period , especially Abdullah Khan II, importance was attached to the development of agriculture. On the banks of the Zarafshan, Syrdarya, Amudarya, Chirchik, Vakhsh, Murgab rivers, many canals, canals, ditches were dug, water was released to the surrounding lands, new fields and gardens were established. It is known that more than ten water canals were dug and worked on the lands along the banks of Kashkadarya alone. But the time when artificial irrigation works flourished in the 16th century, it corresponds to the time of Abdullah Khan

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II. As proof of our opinion, the Karmana bridge (Puli Karmana) built on the Zarafshan river in 1582 is a water separator, the Okjob reservoir built in the Nurota mountains in 1583, the Mehtar Kasim, Chahorminor, Jondor bridges, which have gained great importance in distributing the water of the Zarafshan river to the respective regions. - water separators, the Tuyatortar canal, drawn from the Zarafshan river to the Jizzakh oasis and connected to the Sangzar river, the Hovuzikhan reservoir in the Murgob oasis, the Khoja Kaab canal, which was built in 1556-1557 and gained great importance in the improvement of the Samanjik steppe, the Afshona canal, which was built in 1559-1560 , canals built from Amudarya to Chorjoi in 1568-1569, canals from the Murgob River to the Marv area, Hisar and Romiton constructed in 1577-1579, and artificial irrigation structures dug from the Vakhsh River in 1579-1585 [5]. Akchob and Band reservoirs, which collect water from Zahariq, Nurota mountains, were large structures. For example , according to the documents, tens of thousands of workers participated in such events. These are , of course , large water structures. In addition to them, it should be noted that activities such as the digging of canals, ditches, their cleaning (for example, the Zakh ditch in Tashkent region), and the construction of cisterns were always carried out. The establishment of irrigation works naturally opened the way for the development of fields such as grain growing, cotton growing, policing, horticulture, viticulture, silk growing. became important in the development of fields such as viticulture. In addition, Abdullakhan II [6]attached importance to revival of caravan routes, construction and repair of cisterns, caravansary. In 1577, a large covered trading post was built in Bukhara - Abdullakhan Timi. A huge dam was built near Okchob in Nurota district on the site of the remains of the old dam located in the Beklarsoy gorge. According to the 16th-century Bukhara historian Hafiz Tinish Mirmuhammad al-Bukhari's manuscript titled "Abdullanama", Bukhara Khan Abdullah Khan (ruled in 1557-1598) was returning from his military campaign to Northern Kazakhstan in 1582 when he visited Nurotaga Josh village. passed through the nearby Okchob address. A lot of flood water accumulates here in the spring months , but these waters are hardly used in agriculture. In order to collect the flood waters and use them for agriculture, the Khan ordered to build a big dam in the Akchob gorge. Abdullah Khan ordered Ahmadali Naiman, who holds one of the highest positions in the khanate - the position of "father", to lead the construction of the embankment. Local residents say the following about the construction of Abdulla Khanbandi, according to the content of the story, hundreds of stonemasons broke stones from the mountain and the building architects made a lot of money. Prepared ganchkhoki is mixed with molasses with camel milk brought in meshes. Then, the mountain stones were attached with this ganch mixture and the dam was built. Building architects of Samarkand and Bukhara call such a building mix "qir". Since the foundation of a structure or building made with "qir" is extremely strong , the people of Bukhara use the phrase "koro qir gisht", that is, the work is done with care. In fact, "qir" is a strong binding

construction mixture used in the medieval constructions instead of cement, and it was widely used in the architecture of Central Asia.

In the Middle Ages, such structures were especially widely used in the northern mountainous and sub-mountainous regions of India, Iran and Afghanistan. In India, such reservoirs are known as "teng", i.e. "narrow" . According to Zahiriddin Muhammad Babur, in the 10th-12th centuries, the entire Ghazna region was irrigated with water collected in three reservoirs such as Ghaznaband, Sakhanband and Saridehband.

Abdullah Khan bandi could open or close its gates standing on top of the dam. The goal was to irrigate the surrounding wastelands and develop agriculture and improve the country. At the same time, many water structures of local importance were built. These activities, in turn, ensured the development of agricultural industries.

Shaibani Khan watershed bridge. The remains of the structure are located on the left bank of the river, 7-8 km northeast of the center of Samarkand city . In the literature, it is also mentioned by the names "Amir Temur Ravagi", "Puli Shodmon Malik" and "Abdullah Khan Bridge Bridge". According to Kamaloddin Binai's "Shayboniynoma", this structure was built by Shayboniykhan in 1502 . Only one version of it has survived to our time. In the literature, there is information that this building had 8 , 10 or 16 arches. In any case, in the 40s of the 19th century, its three sides were complete . The width of the overpass of the bridge is more than 7 m, and both sides of it are made of brick, the height and thickness of which is 1 meter . The tunnels were undoubtedly installed to ensure the personal safety of bridge commuters. Thus, judging by the dimensions of the preserved parts of the Shaibani Khan watershed bridge, the 16th century architect-builders who built this structure, from the pillars installed in the river to the structure of each arch and upper road parts, from a mathematical point of view clearly and carefully designed. Unfortunately, the names of the medieval hydraulic architects who built this wonderful water structure have not been preserved in history. Such hydrotechnical structures were not unique in Central Asia . For example, according to the 16th century historian Khondamir, Mir Alishier built 19 ponds and 16 brick bridges in Khorasan region alone. Some of them are even made of marble. According to the information provided in "Majma' al-Arqam" of the thirteenth century manuscripts, "Puli Karmana", "Puli Mekhtar Kasim", "Puli Chokhorminor" and "Puli Jondor" are located in the lower reaches of the Zarafshan river. there were water gauges and water distribution bridges that determined the volume of water in the river. But these bridges have already been destroyed, and their remains are buried under the old bed of the river.

To sum up , during the Shaibani era, many works were carried out to develop the economic foundations of the state. For example, we can take as an example the monetary reforms implemented by the rulers, the water structures built for the

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[5] Topildiyev N. _ Kamolov I. _ Uzbekistan _ _ history of Namangan. 2006. p. 245

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purpose of agricultural development, or the canals dug. Shayban rulers also left their name in history with their efforts to strengthen the foundation of the state.

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PREPAREDNESS OF TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL WORKSHOP LABORATORIES: ITS EFFECT ON STUDENTS' COMPETENCE AND SKILLS ACQUISITION

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ABSTRACT

This study examines how students' competence and skill development in a technical vocational high school are impacted by workshop laboratory readiness. The respondents were 281 students who were officially enrolled in the school year 2022-2023 in Monkayo National High School-Senior High School. This study aims to provide understanding and recommendations for the improvement of workshop laboratories in Technical Vocational Workshop Laboratories for Food and Beverage Services, Bread and Pastry Production and Information and Communications Technology.

Correlational methods were conducted and validated through survey questionnaire to measure the level of preparedness of workshop laboratories for Information and Communications technology, food and Beverage Services and Bread and Pastry Production and the level of competence and skill acquisition of students in technical vocational livelihood track.

The result reveals that the p-value .05 is less than the correlation coefficient of 0.155 which means that there is no significant relationship between preparedness of ICT laboratory and the level of competence and acquisition of skills of the students.

For Food and Beverage, it is clearly indicated in the table that the p-value 0.834 is greater than the correlation coefficient of .059 set at the significant level of 0.05 this means that there is no significant relationship established between the preparedness of the FBS laboratory and the level of competence and skills acquisition of the students.

Bread and Pastry Production, the p-value 0.433 is greater than the computed value of .219 set at the significant level of 0.05, this means that there is no significant relationship established between the preparedness of the bread and pastry production laboratory and the level of competence and skills acquisition of the students.

The lack of a statistically significant correlation between readiness and competence suggests that learning outcomes are influenced by variables other than the tools and facilities provided in the lab. It is recommended that educators need to check the Training Regulations of Technical Education Skill Development Authority (TESDA) section 3 of the training standards to determine what tools, materials, equipment necessary for the conduct of training the said technical vocational education program.

Chapter 1
INTRODUCTION
The Problem and its Background
Technical Vocational Education is defined as education that exposes the learner to the acquisition of demonstrable skills that could be transformed into economic benefits and sustainable livelihood (Akerele 2007).

In a study in Nigeria, the majority of Technical Vocational Education institutions are underperforming owing to limited workshop facilities, which make it difficult for Technical Vocational Education students to learn new skills (Umar & Maaji, 2010).

Currently, in Monkayo National Senior High School the Technical-Vocational Livelihood workshop laboratories particularly in food and beverage, bread and pastry, and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) experienced hardship in transferring skills due to a lack of training tools, materials, and equipment. Teachers are having difficulty in emphasizing performance tasks because of the absence of training equipment. With almost no available training equipment in the workshop laboratories, teachers tend to focus on theory rather than actual or hands-on activity. The competence of the students becomes low, and skills acquisition becomes impossible.

With the absence of proper training equipment, teachers tend to focus more on theory rather than hands-on activities, which delays the acquisition of practical skills by students. The Technical-Vocational Livelihood Education in Monkayo National Senior High School highlights the need for improvements in the workshop laboratories.

Statement of the Problem
The main purpose of this study was to assess the Technical Vocational Workshop laboratories and their effects on the competence and skills acquisition of the students who were enrolled Monkayo National High School- Senior High School, Monkayo, Davao de Oro for school year 2022-2023. Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions:
1. What is the level of preparedness of TVL workshop laboratories in terms of:
    1.1 Information and Communication Technology,
    1.2 Food Beverage Services, and
    1.3 Bread and Pastry Production?
2. What is the level of competence and skills acquisition of the TVL student?
    2.1 Information and Communication Technology,
    2.2 Food Beverage Services, and
    2.3 Bread and Pastry Production?
3. Is there a significant relationship between preparedness of technical vocational workshop laboratory and the level of competence and skills acquisitions of students in terms of:
    3.1 Information and Communication Technology,
    3.2 Food and Beverage Services, and
    3.3 Bread and Pastry Production?

Null Hypothesis
To determine statistically all the answers to the presented problems, a null hypothesis is formulated.

HO_1: There is no significant correlation between the preparedness of TVL workshop laboratories and the competence and skills acquisition of the students.

Scope and Delimitation of the Study
The study focused on the preparedness of TVL workshop laboratories and the competence and the acquisition of skills of the 281 TVL Grades 11 and 12 senior high school students who were enrolled in Monkayo National High School-Senior High School for school year 2022-2023. The respondents of the study were purposively selected from the area of the specialized subject in TVL track: information and communication technology, food and beverage services, and bread and pastry production.

Chapter 2
Research Design
This study used the quantitative descriptive-survey research design. According to Siedlecki (2020), a descriptive quantitative study is used to describe individuals, events, and conditions of the subjects without manipulation while Creswell (2002) noted that quantitative research is the process of collecting, analyzing, interpreting, and writing the results of the study.

Research Locale
The study was conducted in Monkayo National High School-Senior High School West district located in Lorenzo Sarmiento Población Monkayo Davao de Oro. The school is the center school of Monkayo with a total population of 3,381 students for junior high school and with 120 junior high school teachers headed by a school principal. For Senior high school, a population of 702 students and 48 senior high school teachers with an Assistant School Principal.

Respondents of the Study
The respondents under study were the TVL students in Grade 11 and Grade 12 of Technical Vocational Livelihood, with a specialization in computer system servicing, food and beverage, and bread and pastry production. Students were selected purposively because they have been exposed to laboratory workshops wherein there is an inadequacy of training tools, materials, and equipment. The research respondents were the 281 TVL learners who were officially enrolled in Monkayo National High School-Senior High School for academic year 2022-2023. These respondents were considered since they had been exposed to workshop facilities with limited resources.

Statistical Treatment of Data

For the statistical computations, the researcher used the Statistical Packages of Social Sciences (SPSS) to determine the frequency count, percentages, and mean to describe the students' level of competence and skills.

Chapter 3

RESULTS

This chapter presents the data, which were gathered through the research instrument of the study. It also provides statistical analysis and the interpretation of data to answer the problems of the study.

Level of Preparedness of TVL Workshop Laboratories

Information and Communications Technology. Table 1 presents the results of the level of preparedness of ICT laboratory.

Table 1
Information and Communication Technology Laboratory

The laboratory…	Weighted Mean	Descriptive Rating
Overall mean	2.78	Agree

Accordint to Al-Zyoud et al. (2019), Worldwide reports of accidents in chemical laboratories have been made for a variety of causes, including a lack of personal protective equipment (PPE), a lack of experience, improper chemical handling, and ignorance of what should be done in an emergency.

Food and Beverage Services. Table 2 indicates the level of preparedness of the food and beverage laboratory.

Table 2
Food and Beverage Laboratory

The laboratory…	Weighted Mean	Descriptive Rating
Overall Mean	2.99	Agree

The availability of instruments for training should imply that they are offered in sufficient numbers to the point where it is possible for individual students to use them during training sessions in workshops (Umunadi, 2010).

Bread and Pastry Production. It is reflected in Table 3 the level of preparedness of bread and pastry laboratory.

Table 3
Bread and Pastry laboratory

The laboratory ….	Weighted Mean	Descriptive Rating
Overall Mean	2.95	Agree

The implementation of Technical vocational education is hampered by inadequate teaching and learning resources (Indoshi et al., 2010).

Level of Competence and Skills Acquisition of the TVL Students

Competence level and skills acquisition of students in Information and Communication Technology. Reflected in Table 4 is the level of competence and skill acquisition of the students in ICT.

Table 4
Competence Level and Skill Acquisition of Students in ICT

Overall Mean	2.74	Needs Improvement

The instructional material should focus on developing the necessary abilities while in school, and this should be totally practical to fulfill both personal and industrial demands OLUWALOLA (2020).

Competence level and skills acquisition of students in Food and Beverage Services. Table 5 shows the level of competence and skill acquisition of the students in FBS.

Table 5
Competence Level and Skill Acquisition of Students in Food and Beverage Services

	Mean	Descriptive Rating
Overall Mean	**3.23**	**Needs Improvement**

Technical Vocation education graduates struggle to get employment because they lack employability skills (Audu, Kamin, & Balash, 2013).

Competence level and skills acquisition of students in Bread and Pastries Production. Table 6 shows the level of competence and skill acquisition of the students in bread and pastries production.

Table 6
Competence Level and Skill Acquisition of Students in Bread and Pastries Production

	Mean	Descriptive Rating
Overall Mean	**3.30**	**Needs Improvement**

According to Toth (2006), many people learn and master skills more effectively by putting them into practice than by merely being a spectator for skills like listening to teachers discuss the talent, reading about the skill, or watching others perform the skill. It can be seen in the table that all indicators receive a descriptive rating of needs improvement.

Correlation between the Preparedness of TVL Workshop Laboratories and the Level of Competence and Skill Acquisition of the Students

Table 7
Relationship between Preparedness of ICT Laboratory and Students' Competence and Skills Acquisition

Variables	p-value	Correlation coefficient	Remarks
PREPAREDNESS	0.581	0.155	NOT SIGNIFICANT
COMPETENCE			

p-value > .05, not significant

The p-value of 0.581 is greater than the usually accepted significance level of 0.05, indicating that there is no statistically significant link between readiness and students' competence and skill acquisition. This observation is further supported by the correlation coefficient of 0.155, which is near to zero and denotes a weakly positive correlation. According to Nageswari et al. (2004), Through kinesthetic learning, practical skills are acquired.

Table 8
Relationship between Preparedness of FBS Laboratory and Students' Competence and Skills Acquisition

Variables	p-value	Correlation coefficient	Remarks
PREPAREDNESS	0.834	.059	NOT SIGNIFICANT
competence			

p-value > .05, not significant

The link between readiness and students' competence and skill acquisition is not statistically significant, as the p-value of 0.834 is far greater than the usually accepted significance level of 0.05. This conclusion is further supported by the correlation coefficient of 0.059, which is very near to zero and denotes an exceedingly weak positive correlation.

Table 9
Relationship between Preparedness of Bread and Pastries Production Laboratory and Students' Competence and Skills Acquisition

Variables	p-value	Correlation coefficient	Remarks
PREPAREDNESS	0.433	.219	NOT SIGNIFICANT
COMPETENCE			

p-value > .05, not significant

These results are in line with the body of research on educational settings, which suggests that, while crucial, the readiness of the learning environment may not be the only factor in determining the development of students' competence and skills.

The p-value of 0.433 is higher than the usual significance level of 0.05, indicating that there is no statistically significant link between readiness and student competence and skill acquisition. This conclusion is further supported by the correlation coefficient of 0.219, which is pretty near to zero and denotes a weakly positive link.

Chapter IV
DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS
Discussions
After the data were analyzed and interpreted, the following discussions were made:

Level of preparedness for Information and Communication Technology laboratory. The Information and communication laboratory is orderly and well-maintained, and the students agreed that it had adequate lighting and ventilation (weighted mean of 3.20). These supportive environments are necessary for a productive learning environment since they can increase students' concentration and productivity. Students would actually perform better academically if they were motivated by their school's internal environment (Fielding, 2006; Pulay, 2010).

The students differ on a number of issues, including the availability of a sufficient first aid kit (weighted mean of 2.02), personal protective equipment (weighted mean of 2.36), accessible network devices (weighted mean of 2.91), and enough workspace size (weighted mean of 2.44). These findings draw attention to potential safety and resource constraints that may have an impact on how well pupils learn and may even prevent them from developing the necessary skills.

Level of preparedness for Food and Beverage Services Laboratory. The level of preparedness of the food and beverage laboratory also received an overall mean of 2.99 which is interpreted as agree. This means that there is a need for improvement in several areas, especially regarding safety and the accessibility of specific commodities. This result is consistent with Audu's (2014) findings that work-based learning, simulation, field trips, project work, and context-based learning are the most effective and efficient teaching approaches to be employed in order to enable students to gain skills.

Level of preparedness of Bread and Pastry Production Laboratory. With an overall mean of 2.95 falling into the "Agree" category, the students generally concur with the bread and pastry laboratory's readiness.

However, there are several areas that need attention and development. With a weighted mean of 2.18, the accessibility of bakery goods like yeast, dough, and quick bread obtained a rather low agreement grade. For students to practice diverse techniques and recipes, it's essential to have a variety of baking items, therefore filling this gap could improve the laboratory's performance.

Level of competence and skill acquisition for Information and Communication Technology students. The level of competence and skill acquisition of the students in Information and Communication Technology has an overall mean of 2.74 which is interpreted as needs significant improvement. This means that the skills need significant improvement specifically on students' acquisition of important marketable skills. Osibanjo and Tella (2010) noted in their study, "Assessment of Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Nigeria: A Tool for Sustainable Development," that the infrastructure and facilities present in the training institutions have a significant impact on the efficacy of technical vocational education programs.

Level of competence and skill acquisition of Food and Beverage Services students. The level of competence and skill acquisition of the students in food and beverage has an overall mean of 3.23 which is interpreted as needs improvement. In the study made by Li and Sun (2021) on the effectiveness of technical and vocational education and training technical vocational education in China found out that having well-prepared and equipped laboratories was essential to improving TVET and student proficiency.

Level of competence and skills acquisition of Bread and Pastry Production students. The level of competence and skill acquisition of learners in bread and pastry received an overall mean of 3.30 which is interpreted as needs improvement. This means that the competence of the students should improve, and they have to expose themselves to practice and training. The skills acquired by the students are not enough to prepare them for work.

Relationship between preparedness of Information and Communication Technology Laboratory and students' competence and skills acquisition. There was no significant relationship between the preparedness of Information and Communication Technology laboratory and the level of students' competence and skills acquisition. A study by Kaur et al. (2019) revealed no connection between students' learning of practical abilities in the field of computer technology and workshop laboratory facilities. Also, in the context of Taiwanese universities, a study by Liaw et al. (2010) found no statistically significant relationship between the caliber of technology infrastructure and students' ICT competencies.

Relationship between preparedness of Food and Beverage Services Laboratory and students' competence and skills acquisition. There was no significant relationship established between the preparedness of the FBS laboratory and the level of competence and skills

acquisition of the students. The lack of a substantial correlation between readiness and competence suggests that learning outcomes are influenced by variables other than the tools and facilities provided in the lab. According to a study by Chen and colleagues (2019), a variety of elements, including learner motivation, instructional strategies, and peer and teacher support, are crucial to students' ability to acquire skills in vocational education. While having the appropriate supplies and tools on hand can make it easier to perform services, it may not always result in greater proficiency in those fields (Nguyen, Ngo 2019).

Relationship between preparedness of Bread and Pastry Production Laboratory and students' competence and skills acquisition. There was no significant relationship established between the preparedness of the bread and pastry production laboratory and the level of competence and skills acquisition of the students. According to a study by Khan et al. (2020) on the variables affecting students' performance in Technical Vocational Education and training (TVET) programs, while resources and facilities are essential for improving TVET's quality, other variables like teaching strategies, curriculum design, and teacher qualifications also have a significant impact on students' performance. While having appropriate resources and facilities is essential for a workshop laboratory to be fully functional, it might not be enough to improve students' bread-making proficiency. To enhance learners' competence and employability, it is also crucial to make sure that the laboratory equipment is current and pertinent to current industry standards (Cao, 2017).

Conclusion
The statistical analysis of the Technical Vocational Workshop Laboratories revealed that there is need for improvement as well as the students' competency and skill acquisition in the fields of information and communication technology, food and beverage production, and bread and pastry production. The absence of a statistically significant relationship between readiness and competence suggests that factors other than laboratory readiness play a role in the students' capacity to pick up competence and skills. Therefore, there is no significant correlation between the preparedness of TVL workshop laboratories and the competence and skills acquisition of the students. Thus, in order to increase students' acquisition of skills in vocational education, attention must be made to improve crucial components such as the curriculum, instructional methodologies, student motivation, and instructor support. The results indicate that making investments in modernizing the laboratory's equipment, facilities, and safety regulations can help create a more conducive learning environment.

Recommendations
Level of preparedness for Information and Communication Technology laboratory. The curriculum and instruction methodologies utilized in the Information and Communication Technology laboratory should be assessed and improved. Also, the institution invests in enhancing security measures, purchasing appropriate hardware and network devices, and giving students enough room to work. Additionally, providing more manufacturer manuals, instructional videos, and other learning resources accessible to students will help them improve their skills.

Level of preparedness for Food and Beverage Services. To offer a more thorough foodservice experience, the institution concentrates on increasing the selection of beverage alternatives, including wines. The provision of a first aid kit and the prioritization of safety standards will also help to create a secure learning environment.

Level of preparedness for Bread and Pastry Production. The institution should put its efforts toward expanding the selection of bakery and pastry goods. This can be accomplished by routinely replenishing supplies and goods and making sure there is a constant supply of different baking and pastry ingredients. Enhancing the laboratory's capacity to support students' learning and development in bread and pastry production is necessary for the Bread and Pastry Production laboratory.

Competence level and skills acquisition of students in Information and Communication Technology. Strengthen Practical Training: It's essential to provide students with more hands-on experience using ICT. Utilize Interactive Learning Resources: Provide interactive learning tools including interactive software manuals, online simulations, and virtual labs. Internships in the Industry: Form associations with businesses and individuals in the ICT sector to offer students possibilities for internships.

Competence level and skills acquisition of students in Food and Beverage Services. Practical Training and Role-Playing: Conduct role-playing exercises with students to imitate real-world situations that might occur in a restaurant. Students can learn effective communication techniques, improve their comprehension of consumer needs, and practice precise reservation details recording by role-playing.

Implement customer service training programs to give students the knowledge and abilities to respond to client inquiries, accurately repeat reservation information, and accommodate visitor requests. A crucial component of the business is providing excellent customer service.

Professional Development Workshops: Arrange conferences and training sessions with business experts to introduce students to the newest trends and top techniques in the food and beverage services industry. Students who align their skills with market expectations benefit from industry knowledge.

The researcher recommends checking Training Regulations of TESDA section 3 of the training standards page 59-61 or 3.4 and 3.5 for ICT -specifically in Computer System Servicing NC II to look for reference for the standard tools, materials, resources, and learning area. For Food and Beverage NC II check Training regulation of TESDA section 3 of the training standards page 66-68 or 3.4 and 3.5. For Bread and Pastry Production NC II check Training regulation of TESDA section 3 of the training standards page 53-55 or 3.4 and 3.5 and the training regulation. This helps educators to determine what tools, materials, equipment are necessary for the conduct of training the said technical vocational education program.

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ENRICHED VOCABULARY-VIDEO LESSONS OF LITERARY WORKS AND VOCABULARY EXPANSION

PINAGYAMANG BOKABULARYO-*VIDEO LESSON* NG MGA AKDANG PAMPANITIKAN AT PAGPAPALAWAK NG TALASALITAAN

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ABSTRACT

Expanding vocabulary is important to fully develop students' learning because lacking vocabulary skills can be a significant barrier to understanding a literary work. As a result, the researcher conducted a study on Enriched Vocabulary-Video Lessons of Literary Works and Vocabulary Expansion. The researcher used a descriptive-experimental study to assist the students in the ninth grade from Luis Palad Integrated High School, with a total of forty-five (45) participants. After gathering and analyzing the data, the following outcomes were recorded regarding the respondents' level of acceptance towards the enriched vocabulary-video lessons of literary works based on content and screen display (text) deemed Acceptable. The results also showed a highly acceptable level of acceptance among the respondents regarding the script development, visual presentation (non-text), and audio/sound effects of the enriched vocabulary-video lessons of literary works. On the other hand, there was a significant difference in the respondents' scores in vocabulary expansion before and after using the enriched vocabulary video lessons as teaching materials, indicating the effectiveness of the materials. Overall, the study reveals that the use of enriched vocabulary-video lessons has a significant correlation in helping students easily comprehend the deep and figurative words in each literary work being discussed. It is recommended to utilize enriched vocabulary-video lessons in teaching literary works to enhance further and enrich students' vocabulary expansion.

ABSTRAK

Mahalaga ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan upang lubusang malinang ng mga mag-aaral ang pagkatuto sapagkat malaking sagabal ang kakulangan ng kasanayan pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan na maaaring maging hadlang sa pag-unawa ng isang akda. Bunsod nito, ang mananaliksik ay nagsagawa ng pag-aaral tungkol sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo-*Video Lesson* ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan at Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan. Ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng *descriptive-experimental* na pag-aaral upang matulungan ang mga mag-aaral na nasa ikasiyam na baitang mula sa Luis Palad Integrated High School na may kabuuang bilang na apatnapu't lima (45). Matapos malikom at masuri ang mga datos, ang mga sumusunod na kinalabasan ay naitala na sa antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman at *screen display (text)* ay Katanggap-tanggap. Lubos na katanggap-tanggap naman ang resultang lumabas sa antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip, *visual presentation (non-text)* at *audio/sound effects* ng pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Samantalang may makabuluhang pagkakaiba naman ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo- *Video Lesson* kagamitan sa pagtuturo na nangangahulugan na naging mabisa ang kagamitan. Sa kabuuan ng pag-aaral makikita na ang paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo- *Video Lesson* ay may mahalagang kaugnayan na siyang nakatutulong upang maging madali ang pag-unawa ng mga mag-aaral sa mga malalalim at matatalinghagang salita sa bawat akdang pampanitikan na tatalakayin. Iminumungkahi ang paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo- *Video Lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan upang mas mapaunlad at mapayaman ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral.

Susing Salita: *Pinagyamang Bokabularyo, Video Lesson, Akdang Pampanitikan at Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan*

1. Panimula

Sinasabing walang permanente sa mundo maliban sa pagbabago, habang tumatakbo ang panahon ay nadaragdagan din ang kaalamang maaring matamasa ng tao. Kaakibat ng pagbabagong ito ay ang unti-unting pag-usbong ng mga makabagong kagamitan sa pagtuturo sa tulong ng teknolohiya. Sa panahon ng pandemya sinubok ang kakayahan ng lahat upang malampasan ang kadiliman at takot na bumabalot sa bawat isa subalit hindi kailanman ito magiging hadlang sa pagkatuto at pagkamit ng tagumpay.

Sa usaping pang-edukasyon, hindi humihinto ang mga guro na siyang instrumento sa pagpapayabong nito, walang tigil na pinapanday ang sistema upang patuloy na maging matalas at matibay ang pundasyon sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Patuloy na kumikilos at nagsiskap upang mabigyang liwanag ang mga mag-aaral na nagnanais mapaunlad ang karunungan sa gitna ng dinadanas na pangamba, lalo na sa mga gurong nagtuturo ng Asignaturang Filipino, na siyang instrumento upang mapagtagumpayan ang pagtuturo ng wika at panitikan.

Maraming paraan upang patuloy na pagyabungin ang mga aralin sa wika at panitikan, isa na nga ang paglikha ng *video lessons* bilang kagamitang pampagtuturo na may makukulay na disenyo at nalalapatan ng tunog na tiyak na makapupukaw ng atensyon ng mga mag-aaral. Tiyak na makatutulong ito nang lubusang upang mapalawak ang talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral. Isa sa suliranin ng mga mag-aaral ay ang paghahawan ng balakid sa pagtuto sa isang akda sapagkat ito ay napapalooban ng malalalim at di-pamilyar na mga salita. Tunay nga namang lubos na masasalamin ang unti-unting pagyakap ng mga guro sa teknolohiya kung kaya't magagamit nila ito nang husto sa pagtuturo. Sinasabing mas nakakapukaw at nakaeenganyo para sa mga mag-aaral ang bagong kagamitang pampagtuturo. Kinakailangang maging bukas sa pagbabago at tanggapin ang makabagong kaparaanan sa pagtuturo lalo't higit kung ito ay makatutulong nang husto upang madaling maunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang aralin.

Kasabay nang mabilis na pagtangkilik sa mga nauusong *social media* sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng *internet,* hindi maikakaila ang mabilis ding pagkawala ng interes ng mga mag-aaral sa tradisyunal na talakayan sa loob ng klase subalit walang makapipigil sa gurong may puso sa pagtuturo at mag-aaral na pursigidong matuto.

Ilan sa kinakakailangang taglayin ng guro ay ang pagiging maparaan at malikhain sa pagtuturo upang mapagtagumpayan ang hamon na matamo ng mga mag-aaral ang karunungang kinakailangan. Hindi biro na makipagkompitensya sa *social media* at paggamit ng makabagong gadyets na madalas ay nagiging sandigan ng mga mag-aaral sa kanilang pag-aaral gaya ng pananaliksik sa takdang-aralin o maging sa panonood ng mga paksang tinatalakay sa eskwelahan. Ang pagiging maparaan ng guro ang susi upang malagpasan ang mga kinahaharap na suliranin sa paaralan, hindi nararapat na pigilan ang pagbabagong nagaganap sa larangan ng edukasyon sapagkat ito ay natural na

nangyayari bagkus kinakailangan nating sabayan ang daloy ng pagpapabagong ito. Upang maging malikhain ang isang guro, kinakailangan ang pagtuklas sa mga bagay na makakayang gawin at pagtatangka na gawin ang mga bagay na maaaring makatugon sa pangangailangan ng mga mag-aaral. Ang kagamitang pampagtuturo ang pangunahing sangkap sa pagtalakay ng aralin, maaari tayong gumamit ng teknolohiya upang maging mas maging interasado at masigla ang mga mag-aaral sa pagtalakay ng aralin.

Malaking hamon ang kinakaharap ng mga guro sa panahon ng modernisasyon ngunit mas malaki ang gampaning kinahaharap sa larangan ng pagtuturo upang matamo ng mga mag-aaral ang lubusang pagkatuto. Sa pamamagitan ng teknolohiya madaling maipapakita o maipapahayag ang karanasan, kasaysayan, pagsubok at tagumpay na napupulot sa mga aralin at patuloy pa sanang maging saksi ito sa mga susunod na henerasyon.

Totoo ngang sa panahon ngayon ay laganap ang pagkahumaling ng mga mag-aaral sa paggggamit ng teknolohiya. Sa larangan ng akademiko, maraming pamamaraan na ginagamit ng mga guro sa pagtuturo upang mas mapadali ito lalo na sa kalagayan sa kasalukuyan. Ang *computer* at *cellphone* ang madalas na ginagamit ng bawat mag-aaral sa pagsasaliksik ng mga aralin na kung saan nagiging instrumento na nila ito sa pagkatuto. Isa na rito ang pagtuturo ng asignaturang Filipino na kung saan hindi maikakaila na mahirap na maunawaan ng bawat mag-aaral ang nilalaman nito.

Sa bagong normal na edukasyon, kailangang bigyang pansin ang interaksyon sa pagitan ng mag-aaral at mga kagamitang pampagtuturo. Sa halip na tradisyunal na kagamitan gaya ng pisara, yeso at manila paper, maaring mas magiging epektibo at kasiya-siya ang talakayan para sa mga mag-aaral kung gagamit ng makabagong kagamitang pampagturo gaya ng *print media, e-komiks, mga videos* ng mga aralin na naglalaman ng mga makukulay na larawan at tunog.

Ang paggamit ng teknolohiya ay isang kaparaanan upang magkaroon ng kamalayan sa kung anong maidudulot nito sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Sa bilis ng pag-usbong ng mga bagong teknolohiya, ang siya ring dapat bilis ng paglikha ng mga guro ng makabagong kagamitang pampagtuturo upang hindi mapag-iwanan sa pag-unlad ang larangan ng edukasyon. Kung kaya't sa hamon na kinahaharap ng mga guro sa pagtuturo ng Filipino sa ika-9 na baitang ay ang akdang pamapanitkan Asyano, lalo na kung ito ay isinalin na sa wikang Filipino mula sa orihinal nitong wika sapagkat naglalaman ito ng malalalim na salita, kinakailangang maging malikhain at maparaan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan. Malaking kompetisyon ito sa pagitan ng mga mag-aaral na patuloy na sumasandal sa teknolohiya sa larangan ng edukasyon kung kaya't kinakailangan itong sabayan at lalo pang pagyabungin para makamit ang layunin ng aralin.

Sa makabagong panahon, masasabing ang kalidad ng edukasyon ay patuloy na lumalago dahil sa pagpapaunlad ng kurikulum,

estratehiya ng mga guro sa pagtuturo at kagamitang pampagtuturo. Kung ang tradisyunal na kagamitang panturo ay pisara, yeso at mga pantulong na biswal, ngayon naman ay malaki na ang bahagi teknolohiya gaya ng paggamit ng *video-lesson* upang maging moderno ang pagtuturo ng mga guro. Hindi lingid sa ating kaalaman ang malaking kontribusyon ng teknolohiya sa pagtuturo ng mga guro at sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral, nang dahil dito ay nababago ang mga pamamaraan sa pag-oorganisa ng mga kagamitan sa pagtuturo at nakaaambag ito nang husto sa larangan ng pagtuturo at pagkatuto.

Kaya, isa sa pinakamabisang paraan upang makasabay sa mga pagbabagong ito ay ang paggamit ng *video lessons* sa pagtuturo ng mga akdang pampatinitkang Asyano gaya pabula, alamat at epiko. Sa tulong ng ganitong materyal, sa makukulay nitong larawan, disenyo at angkop na mga tunog ay maaaring mas mabilis mauunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang aralin na maaaring mas makatulong sa pagpapapayaman ng talasalitaan upang mahawan ang mga balakid sa pagkatuto.

Sa panahong madaling makaimpluwensya ang teknolohiya, kinakailangan ang unti-unting pagyakap at pagtanggap upang tuloy-tuloy at hindi maantala ang pag-unlad ng edukasyon.

1.1. Paglalahad ng Suliranin
Ang pag-aaral na ito ay nakatuon sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo-*Video Lesson* ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan at Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan. Ninanais ng mananaliksik na mabigyang kasagutan ang mga sumusunod na katanungan:

1.1.1. Ano ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa, nilalaman, pagkakabuo ng Iskrip, screen display (text), visual presentation (non-text), at audio/sound effects?

1.1.2. Ano ang Iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan, denotatibo, konotatibo, kasingkahulugan, kasalungat, at konstektong gamit sa pahayag?

1.1.3. May makabuluhang kaugnayan ba ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan?

1.1.4. May makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan?

2. METODO NG PANANALIKSIK
2.1. Disenyo ng Pananaliksik
Ang pamamaraang deskriptib- eksperimental ang ginamit sa pananaliksik upang mabatid ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan at pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mag mag-aaral batay sa kanilang nakuhang iskor sa *pre-test* at *post-test* bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Ito rin ay kinabibilangan ng mga elemento ng interpretasyon, kahulugan, kahalagahan ng bagay na binuo at binigyang ebalwasyon. Sapagkat ayon kay Sison, et.al (2015), ang eksperemental na pananaliksik ay isang disenyong pangangalap ng mga ugnayan ng sanhi at bunga. Ang mga haypotesis na inilahad ay sinusubok sa pamamaraang ito.

Sa panimulang kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral, nagbigay ng paunang pagsusulit ang mananaliksik hinggil ang antas ng pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan, kasalungat, denotatibo, konotatibo at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag sa pamamagitan ng *paper and pencil test* sa tulong ng *zipgarde* bilang sagutang papel. Ginamit ito ng mananaliksik sapagkat ang mga mag-aaral ay kabilang sa *face-to-face classes*. Mula sa paunang pagsusulit, binigyan ng pagkakataon ng mananaliksik na suriin at basahin ng paulit-ulit ang mga salita na nakapaloob dito. Pagkatapos ay tinalakay ang mga akda at mga talasalitaang nakapaloob dito sa loob ng labindalawang araw batay sa *lesson exemplar* na binuo ng mananaliksik at dumaan muna sa balidasyon. Ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan ang ginamit ng mananaliksik upang talakayin ang mga aralin. Matapos ito ay muling nagbigay ang mananaliksik ng isang pagsusulit gamit ang talatanungan at *zipgarde* na nagsilbing sagutang papel sa panapos na pagsusulit. Naniniwala ang mananaliksik na ito ang pinakaangkop na dapat gamitin sa isinagawang pananaliksik sapagkat mas madaling kumuha ng mga kinakailangang datos mula sa maraming bilang mga mga tagasagot.

2.2. Mga Tagasagot
Ang tagasagot sa pag-aaral na ito ay ang mga mag-aaral na magmumula sa grade 9 ng Luis Palad Integrated High School ng taong panuruang 2022-2023, napili ng mananaliksik ang mga mag-aaral ng Grade 9 ng Luis Palad sapagkat ito ang paaralan at grado na kanyang pinagtuturuan.

Napili ang mga nasa ikasiyam na baitang mula sa pangkat ng Contentment bilang mga tagasagot upang makuha ang kanilang mga pagtanggap sa paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan at pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan, dahil bukod sa ito ang pinagtuturuang grado ng mananaliksik, nais niyang mabatid ang antas ng pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral. Batay sa naging obserbasyon ng mananaliksik, ang mga kabataan ngayon ay mabilis mabagot sa pagbabasa ng mahabang akda, mas kawili-wili para sa kanila ang makapanood ng mga akdang kinapapalooban ng mga larawan at tunog kaya ninanais ng mananaliksik na alamin kung magiging epektibo ba ang paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Ang mga akdang napili ng mananaliksik ay ang pabula, alamat at epiko na kung babasahin ay nangangailangan ng matiyagang pagbabasa upang maunawaan ang mga aralin.

Ang nasabing mga mag-aaral na mula Grade 9 ay may kabuuan na 27 na pangkat at sa pamamagitan ng *Purposive Sampling*, ang mananaliksik ay pumili ng isang pangkat na may apatnapu't limang (45) mga mag-aaral mula sa pangkat ng *heterogeneous section* na siyang magsisilbing mga tagasagot.

2.3. *Instrumentasyon ng Pananaliksik*
Hinati sa tatlong (3) talatanungan ang gagawin ng mananaliksik. Ang unang bahagi ay sa pamamagitan ng tseklist hinggil sa antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman, pagkakabuo ng iskrip, *screen display (text), visual presentation (non-text)* at *audio o sound effects* na may tigsasampung aytem (10) na may kabuuang limampung aytem (50). Ang ikalawang bahagi ay kinabibilangan ng iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa denotatibo, konotatibo kasingkahulugan, kasalungat at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag na may tiglalabindalawang aytem (12) na may kabuuang tatlumpung aytem (60). Ang nabibilang na akda ay ang pabula, alamat at epiko. Ang ikatlong bahagi ay kinabibilangan ng iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa denotatibo, konotatibo kasingkahulugan, kasalungat at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag na may tiglalabindalawang aytem (12) na may kabuuang tatlumpung aytem (60).

2.4. *Balidasyon ng Pag-aaral*
Upang malaman ang kabisaan ng talatanungang ginamit sa mga akdang nilalaman ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan, talatanungan ng pauna at panapos na pagsusulit, talaan ng espisipikasyon, *lesson exemplar* na nakabatay sa mga kompetensing nilalayong malinang sa aralin ay ipinasuri ito sa mga taong may kasanayan sa asignaturang Filipino. Pumili rin ang mananaliksik ng balideytors para sa nabuong kagamitan, na bihasa at may kasanayan sa paggamit ng teknolohiyang pang-edukasyon na mula sa ibang paaralan. Pagkatapos nito, sinuri ng mananaliksik ang ginawang balidasyon upang matukoy kung alin ang mga dapat at di-dapat na mga pahayag at mga katanungan. Ang mga tanong na binigyan ng puna ay inirebisa upang mas maging angkop at makapagbigay ng mga kinakailangang datos.

2.5. *Pamamaraan ng Pangangalap ng Datos*
Ang mananaliksik ay gumawa ng talatanungang tseklist na pinasagutan sa grade 9 ng Luis Palad Integrated High School hinggil sa pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa paggamit pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Ang talatanungan at nabuong *video lessons* ay ipinasuri sa mga eksperto at isinaalang-alang ang mga puna at komento nang sa gayon ay maging epektibo ang pangangalap ng datos na kinakailangan sa ginawang pananaliksik.

Dumaan din ito sa *test reliability at pilot testing* upang malaman kung talaga bang epektibo ang nasabing kagamitan. Ang mga mag-aaral na ginamit sa nasabing pagsusulit ay ang mga mag-aaral na hindi kabilang sa aktwal na tagasagot na ginamit ng mananaliksik. Matapos ang pagsasaayos, gumawa ng liham kahilingan mula sa punongguro ng paaralan ang mananaliksik upang maipamahagi at mapasagutan ang nagawang talatanungan. Isinagawa ang pagkuha ng mga datos sa itinakdang panahon/oras na ibinigay sa mananaliksik. Matapos masagutan ang mga pagsusulit at talatanungan, ito'y nilikom ng mananaliksik, isa-isang itinala ang mga iskor at nakuhang sagot at saka nilapatan ng istatistikong pamamaraan sa tulong ng dalubhasa sa istatistika upang masagot ang tiyak na katanungan mula sa pananaliksik na ito. Sinuri ito at binigyan ng kaukulang kahulugan ng mananaliksik batay sa kinalabasan. Ang resulta ay binigyang-interpretasyon ng mananaliksik sa tulong ng kanyang tagapayo at mula rito ay bumuo ng konklusyon at rekomendasyon ng pag-aaral na ihaharap sa lupon ng pasalitang pagsusuri.

2.6. *Pamamaraang Istatistikal*
Ang mga datos na nakalap ay ginamitan ng iba't ibang pamamaraang istatistikal upang mabigyan interpretasyon o paliwanag ang kinalabasan ng isinagawang pag-aaral.

Gumamit ang mananaliksik ng *Mean* at *Standard Deviation* sa pag-alam sa antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Pagkatapos nito ay gumawa ang mananaliksik ng pamantayan upang mas mataya ang mahalagang baryabol sa bawat indikeytor.

Gumamit din ang mananaliksik ng *frequency and percentage* para sa pagkuha ng iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapayaaman ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*Video Lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. At 0.05 na lebel ng *significance* para sa pagkuha ng makabuluhang kaugnayan at pagkakaiba ng mga baryabol.

Gumamit ang mananaliksik ng *One Sample T-Test* upang matukoy ang pagkakaiba ng iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*Video Lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan.

Gumamit din ng mananaliksik ang *Pearson r* at 0.05 *level of significance* upang sukatin ang kaugnayan ng antas ng pagtanggap sa paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan at iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Ito rin ang ginamit upang makita ang makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan.

Ang mga datos na nakalap ay ginamit sa iba't ibang pamamaraang istatistikal upang mabigyan ng interpretasyon at pagpapaliwanag para sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral.

3. RESULTA AT DISKUSYON
Talahanayan 1
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan batay sa Nilalaman

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	IV
1. Natukoy ko ang mga denotatibong kahulugan ng mga salita batay sa napanood na akdang pampanitikan.	4.71	0.46	LKT
2. Nalaman ko na ang denotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita ay ang literal na pagpapakahulugan o mula sa diksyunaryo.	4.56	0.62	LKT
3. Nabigyang-kahulugan ko ang mga salitang ginamit sa akda batay sa konotatibong pagpapakahulugan.	4.38	0.68	KT
4. Naunawaan ko na ang konotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita ay nakabatay sa intensyon o paranas ng gumagamit nito sa pangungusap.	4.53	0.63	LKT
5. Natukoy ko ang pagkakaiba ng denotatibo at konotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salitang nakapaloob sa akda.	4.56	0.55	LKT
6. Natukoy ko ang kasingkahulugan ng mga salita batay sa nilalaman ng mga akda pampanitikang aking napanood	4.42	0.66	KT
7. Nabigyang-kahulugan ko ang mahihirap na salita mula sa napanood kong akda batay sa kasalungat na kahulugan ng mga ito.	4.22	0.85	KT
8. Mas mga bagong salita akong natuklasan mula sa mga akda na dati ay hindi ko alam at hindi ko ginagamit.	4.51	0.55	LKT
9. Mas madali kong naunawaan ang nilalaman ng mga akda sapagkat nabigyang-kahulugan ang mahihirap na salitang maaaring makahadlang sa aking pagkatuto.	4.53	0.66	LKT
10. Magagamit ko ang pagpapakahulugan sa malalalinghagang salita na nakapaloob sa akda upang mas madali kong maunawaan ang iba pang araling tatalakayin sa hinaharap.	4.51	0.66	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.49**	**0.27**	**KT**

Legend N= 4.50-5.00– Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49– Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49– Bahagyang Katanggap-tanggap (BKT) 1.50-2.49– Di-Katanggap- tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49– Lubos na Di-Katanggap- tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 1 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman. Mapapansin ang mga indikeytor na lubos na katanggap-tanggap kung kaya't pinatutunayan lamang nito na umuunlad at napalalawak ang talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral tulad ng denotatibo, konotatibo, kasingkahulugan, kasalungat at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag sapagkat ang mga ito ay nakapaloob sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- v*ideo lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Sa kabuuan, ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- v*ideo lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman ay nakakuha ng kabuuang mean score na 4.49 na nangangahulugang katanggap-tanggap. Ibig sabihin lamang nito, na sa pamamagitan ng panonood ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng akdang pampanitikan ay napalawak ng mga mag-aaral ang mga talasalitaan sapagkat tiyak na naunawaan at tumatak sa kanilang isipan ang kahulugan ng mga salita na nakapaloob sa mga akdang pinanood.

Nakasalalay sa kaangkupan ng nilalaman ng *video lesson* ang pagkatututo ng mga mag-aaral sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sapagkat ito ang maghahatid ng kaalama upang matamo nila ang pagkatuto. Tumutugma ito sa kinalabasan ng pananaliksik ni de

Castro (2015), kung saan nabuo ang konklusyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon ang mga mag-aaral sa Grado 9 na ang *video teaching* ay panibagong lunsaran sa pagkatututo ng gramatika. Ang *video teaching* bilang kagamitang panturo sa gramatika na batay sa kaangkupan ng material, nilalaman, dating sa manonood at orihinalidad ng presentasyon ay lubos na katanggap-tanggap para sa mga gurong tagasagot at nag-ebalweyt. Ang katanggap-tanggap na nilalaman ay nangangahulugang epektibo kung ang kagamitang panturo ay angkop sa nilalaman ng akda upang maging mabisa at epektibong kasangkapan sa pagtuturo para sa lubos na pang-unawa at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral lalo na sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan tulad ng denotatibo, konotatibo, kasingkahulugan, kasalungat at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag.

Talahanayan 2
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan batay sa Pagkakabuo ng Iskrip

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	IV
1. Madali kong naunawaan ang akda sa tulong ng tagapagsalaysay ng akdang aking napanood.	4.67	0.60	LKT
2. Malinaw ang mga diyalogong binitawan ng mga tauhan sa akda.	4.53	0.55	LKT
3. Organisado ang mga pangyayari, ideya at konseptong nakapaloob sa akdang aking napanood.	4.38	0.68	KT
4. Akma ang pagpapalit o pagpasok ng panibagong tagpo sa pangyayari.	4.29	0.66	KT
5. Malinaw na naipakita sa video lesson ang mga tauhan, tagpuan, suliranin, tunggalian at wakas mula sa mga akdang pampanitikan.	4.64	0.47	LKT
6. Nabigyang pansin at maayos na naipakita ang mahahalagang tagpo mula sa akdang aking napanood.	4.53	0.69	LKT
7. Naging makabago at kakaiba para sa akin ang kaparaanan ng pagtalakay sa akda gamit ang video lesson.	4.44	0.69	KT
8. Nakatulong nang husto sa akin ang panonood upang mas maunawaan ang daloy ng mga pangyayari sa akda.	4.53	0.66	LKT
9. Naging angkop ang mga estilo na ginamit upang mabuo ang video lesson.	4.44	0.62	KT
10. Mas madali kong naunawaan ang aralin sapagkat nabigyang-buhay ang mga karakter at pangyayari sa akda.	4.58	0.66	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.52**	**0.27**	**LKT**

Legend N= 4.50-5.00– Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49– Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49– Bahagyang Katanggap-tanggap (BKT) 1.50-2.49– Di-Katanggap- tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49– Lubos na Di-Katanggap- tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinakikita naman sa Talahanayan 2 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip. Sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip ay malinaw na naipakita sa *video lesson* ang mga bahagi ng akdang pampanitkan. Sa kabuuang mean na 4.52 ay na may lubos na katanggap-tanggap sa mga mag-aaral ang pagkakabuo ng iskrip ng *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Ibig sabihin, lubos na tinatanggap ng mga mag-aaral na buhat sa *video lesson* na napanood ay malinaw na naipakita ang tauhan, tagpuan at mga bahagi ng pangyayari sa akda gaya ng suliranin, tunggaliaan at wakas. Ipinapakita rin na tinatanggap ng mga mag-aaral ang kaakmaan sa pagpapalit o pagpasok ng panibagong tagpo sa pangyayari. Ito ay lubusang nakatutulong upang maging gabay sa pagtukoy ng mga di-pamilyar na mga salita para sa pag-unawa at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral.

Hindi mabubuo ang isang *video lesson* kung wala itong iskrip, dito nakasalalay ang magiging takbo ng mga pangyayari sa kada, akma ito sap ag-aaral ni pag-aaral ni Fronda Jr. (2016) na pinamagatang *Videographics* bilang Suplemental na Kagamitang Panturo ng Noli Me Tangere sa Filipino 9, batay sa kawilihan ng material na ang diyalogong ginagamit ay mabilis at walang hirap na nauunawaan ng mga mag-aaral gayundi ang tagpo o scene sa iskrip ay maayos ang pagkakasunod-sunod ng mga transisyon nito.

Talahanayan 3
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan batay sa Screen Display (Text)

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	IV
1. Sa tulong ng mga lumalabas na kahulugan ng mga salita mula sa screen ay nabigyang-pansin ko ang mga salitang maaaring makasagabal sa aking pag-unawa o pagkatuto sa akda.	4.38	0.68	KT
2. Mga natandaan ko ang mahahalagang datalye na sapagkat ang mga salitang lumabas sa screen ay nagbibigay-diin sa mahahalagang salita na siyang nakatulong sa pagkaunawa ko sa aralin.	4.31	0.76	KT
3. Akma ang font size na ginamit sa video lesson kung kaya't hindi ito naging masakit sa mata.	4.67	0.52	LKT
4. Mabilis kong nababasa ang mga salita sa screen sapagkat wasto ang ginamit na font style sa mga salitang nakapaloob sa aralin.	4.47	0.76	KT
5. Kaakit-akit ang kulay na ginamit sa mga salitang ipinakita sa aking napanood kung kaya't lalo akong naging interesadong matapos ang panoorin.	4.44	0.69	KT
6. May sapat na oras sa naka-flash ang mga salita upang ito ay aking mabasa nang husto.	4.18	0.72	KT
7. Sakto at tugma ang mga salitang lumabas kasabay ng mga larawan sa bawat tagpo.	4.56	0.55	LKT
8. Tama ang pagkakasentro ng mga salita kung kaya't hindi nito natatakpan ang mga larawan.	4.53	0.66	LKT
9. Hindi nakagambala sa aking atensyon ang mga salitang makikita sa screen upang maunawaan ko nang lubusan ang pangyayari sa akda.	4.69	0.69	LKT
10. Kinagiliwan ko ang mga disenyo ng mga salita sapagkat ito ay nakatatawag-pansin.	4.29	0.69	KT
Kabuuan	**4.44**	**0.27**	**KT**

Legend N= 4.50-5.00– Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49– Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49– Bahagyang Katanggap-tanggap (BKT) 1.50-2.49– Di-Katanggap- tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49– Lubos na Di-Katanggap- tanggap (LDKT)

Inilalahad naman sa Talahanayan 3 antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *screen display (text).* Sa kabuuang mean na 4.44 nangangahulugan ng katanggap-tanggap sa mga mag-aaral *screen display (text) ng nabuong* Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- *Video Lesson* ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan. Lumabas sa resulta na akma ang *font size* na ginamit sa *video lesson* kung kaya't hindi ito naging masakit sa mata. Mahalaga sa pagbuo ng *video lesson* o materyal na pinanonood na nababasa nang mabuti ang mga text sa screen display upang hindi ito maging masakit sa mata at mahalaga rin na ang font size ng mga text ay akma sa gumagamit ng materyal. Isa rin sa dapat isaalang-alang na may sapat na oras na naka-*flash* ang mga salita upang ito ay mabasa nang husto. Lubos na kinagiliwan ng mga mag-aaral ang mga disenyo ng mga salita sapagkat ito ay nakatatawag-pansin.

Ipinakikita rito na mahalaga sa pagbuo ng *video lesson* ang paglalapat ng angkop na mga kulay, sukat at disenyo ng mga *screen display (text)* upang hindi ito maging masakit sa mata, mas maunawaan ang talasalitaan at mas mawili ang mga mag-aaral na panoorin at gamitin ang mga ito. Tugma rin ito sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral ni Yada, et al. (2022), Ang *(screen display) text input* sa mga *smart device* na may maliliit na *screen* ay maaaring magkaproblema gaya ng maling *input* dahil sa maliit na sukat ng bawat letra sa *screen.* Upang malutas ang mga problemang ito, ang isang nakaraang pag-aaral ay nanaliksik kung paano mas mapadadali ang pag-*input* ng mga *text* sa pamamagitan lamang ng mata. Isinasagawa ang *input* sa pamamagitan ng mabilis na paglilipat ng linya ng paningin pabalik-balik mula sa gitna patungo sa apat na sulok ng *smartphone.* Ang layunin ng pag-aaral na ito ay magmungkahi ng isang mahusay na disenyo ng *screen* para sa pag-input ng teksto gamit ang *interface* ng *input* ng *Eye Glance.* Sa pamamagitan nito, maiiwasan ang madaling input bunsod ng maliit o maling sukat ng *text.* Kung kaya't sa pagbuo ng *video lesson* dapat isaalang-aalang ang sukat, kulay at disenyo ng mga *text* upang hindi ito makasagabal sa atensyon ng mga mag-aaral sa panonood at upang hindi rin ito makahadalang sa pagkaunawa ng aralin ng mga mag-aaral.

Talahanayan 4
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan batay sa Visual Presentation (Non-Text)

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	IV
1. Akma ang ilustrasyon ng mga larawan sa bawat tagpo o eksena sa kuwento kaya't mas nauunawaan ko ang daloy ng mga pangyayari.	4.42	0.58	KT
2. Angkop ang mga larawan na ipinakita sa video-lesson kung kaya't mas makatotohanan para sa akin ang mga pangyayari.	4.31	0.76	KT
3. Hindi masakit sa mata ang mga kulay na ginamit sa background na makikita sa bawat tagpo ng kuwento.	4.73	0.54	LKT
4. Ang mga transitions na ginamit ay nakapagdaragdag ng interes sa akin upang tunghayan ang mga kasunod na pangyayari sa akda.	4.42	0.62	KT
5. Ang video lesson ay lubos na kaakit-akit para sa akin sapagkat mayroon itong animation o paggalaw ng bawat karakter.	4.62	0.49	LKT
6. Ang mga larawan at disenyo na ginamit dito ay orihinal na likha kung kaya't lubos itong nakaaaliw at nakapupukaw ng pansin sa akin.	4.38	0.58	KT
7. Mahusay ang pagkakaguhit ng mga larawan sapagkat tama ang laki at liit ng mga ito at naayon ito sa sukat ng mga karakter.	4.64	0.57	LKT
8. Naging malikhain ang paglalarawan sa tulong ng mga graphics.	4.58	0.62	LKT
9. Buhay na buhay ang mga karakter sapagkat ito ay gumagalaw kung kaya't lubos itong nakaaliw panoorin at hindi nakasasabagot.	4.60	0.54	LKT
10. Naging ganap ang pag-intindi ko sa kabuuan ng paksang aralin dahil sa maayos na kalidad ng video.	4.67	0.48	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.54**	**0.25**	**LKT**

Legend N= 4.50-5.00– Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49– Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49– Bahagyang Katanggap-tanggap (BKT) 1.50-2.49– Di-Katanggap- tanggap (DKT) 1.00-1.49– Lubos na Di-Katanggap- tanggap (LDKT)

Ipinakikita naman sa Talahanayan 4 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip. Sa kabuuang mean na 4.54, lubos na katanggap-tanggap sa mga mag-aaral ang *visual presentation (non-text) ng* pinagyamang

bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan. Ipinakikita na ang *visual presentation (non-text)* ay akma kung kaya't naging ganap ang pag-unawa ng mga mag-aaral sa kabuuan ng paksang aralin dahil sa maayos na kalidad ng *video*. May kaangkupan din ang mga larawan na ipinakita sa *video-lesson* kung kaya't mas makatotohanan para sa mga mag-aaral ang mga pangyayari. Nangangahulugan ito na tinatanggap ng mga mag-aaral ang mga larawan at disenyo na ginamit dito ay orihinal na likha kung kaya't lubos itong nakaaaliw at nakapupukaw ng pansin para sa kanila.

Patunay lamang ito na lubos na nakatutulong sa mga mag-aaral ang makukulay at angkop na mga larawan o *visual presentation* na makikita sa *video lesson* upang lubos na maunawaan ang kahulugan ng mga salita. Ito rin ang kinalabasan ng pananaliksik ni Ortiz (2014), naging kawili-wili sa mga tagasagot na mag-aaral sa grado 8 mula sa PSL ang pag-aaaral ng epiko na ginamitan ng *video*. Katanggap-tanggap sa mga gurong nag-ebalweyt ng *video* ang kagamitang pampagtuturo batay sa kinawilihan ng material at orihinalidad at presentasyon, kalinawan at pagkakabuo ng material at kawilihan sa manonood. Kawili-wili para sa mga tagasagot na mag-aaral ng Grado 8, ang pag-aaral ng epiko na ginagamitan ng *video*. Kinakailangan ding hikayatin ang mga guro at ang mga susunod na mananaliksik sa paggamit o pagbuo ng *video* bilang kagamitang panturo upang maakatulong sa pagpukas ng kanilang kawilihan at atensyon sa pag-aaral. Maaaring bumuo ng *video* bilang kagamitang pampagtuturo sa iba pang genre ng pantikan o aralin. Nakasalalay sa *visual presentation* ang lubos na pagkaunawa ng mga mag-aaral sa bawat akda sapagkat makikita dito ang kaangkupan ng itsura ng mga karakter at tagpuan batay sa bansang pinaghanguan ng akda. Maaari din kagiliwan ang mga *transitions* at disenyo ng *video* upang hindi agad mabagot ang mga mag-aaral.

Talahanayan 5
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan batay sa Audio/Sound Effects

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	IV
1. May tamang lakas ang audio at hindi ito basag sa pandinig kung kaya't lubusang maunawaan ang mga akdang pampanitikang nakapaloob dito	4.67	0.60	LKT
2. Ang tunog ay may varyasyon batay sa karakter ng mga tauhang aking nakita sa akda.	4.58	0.58	LKT
3. Ang tagapagsalay ng kabuuang daloy ng mga pangyayari sa akda ay may angkop na timbre at lapat ng boses.	4.47	0.66	KT
4. Naging makatotohanan sa akin ang mga karakter sapagkat akma ang inilapat na boses.	4.58	0.54	LKT
5. Nasa tiyempo ang bawat pagbibitaw ng diyalogo ng tagapagsalaysay ng mga pangyayari sa akda.	4.58	0.58	LKT
6. Malinaw ang angkop ang pagkakalapat ng sound effects sa bawat tagpo o pangyayari.	4.73	0.54	LKT
7. Naging kapukaw-pukaw sa aking interes ang mga pangyayari sa akda sapagkat nabigyang buhay ito dahil sa mga boses na inilapat sa mga karakter.	4.47	0.66	KT
8. Mas naunawaan ko ang daloy ng pangyayari sapagkat tama ang bigkas at diin ng mga salitang binitawan ng tagapagsalaysay.	4.64	0.48	LKT
9. Naging kaengga-engganyo sa akin panonod ng mga akdang pampanitikang Asyano dahil sa mga tunog na inilapat dito.	4.36	0.77	KT
10. Sapat ang hina at lakas ng background music kung kaya't hindi ito nakasasagabal sa pakikinig ko sa tagapagsalaysay.	4.78	0.42	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.58**	**0.28**	**LKT**

Inilalahad naman sa Talahanayan 5 antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *audio/sound effects*. Makikita sa talahanayan na karamihan ng indikeytor ay nakakuha ng mataas na mean score at nangangahulugan ng lubos na pagtanggap sa halos lahat ng pahayag maliban sa tatlong indikeytor. Para sa mga mag-aaral na naging kaengga-engganyo sa kanila ang panonod ng mga akdang pampanitkang Asyano dahil sa mga tunog na inilapat dito. Sa kabuuang mean na 4.58 ay nangangahulugan ng lubos na katanggap-tanggap ng mga mag-aaral ang *audio/sound effects ng* pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Sapagkat sapat ang hina at lakas ng *background music* kung kaya't hindi ito nakasasagabal sa pakikinig ng mga mag-aaral sa tagapagsalaysay. Mahalaga sa pagbuo ng *video lesson* o materyal na akma ang tunog sapagkat malaki ang epekto nito sa pakikinig ng mga mag-aaral upang lubos na maunawaan ang aralin. Ang tagapagsalay ng kabuuang daloy ng mga pangyayari sa akda ay may angkop na timbre at lapat ng boses at naging kapukaw-pukaw sa kanilang interes ang mga pangyayari sa akda sapagkat nabigyang buhay ito dahil sa mga boses na inilapat sa mga karakter. Ipinakikita rito na mahalaga sa pagbuo ng *video lesson* ang kaangkupan ng tunog, lakas at hina ng musika gayundun ang boses ng tagapagsalaysay upang mas mawiling manood at making ang mga mag-aaral sa *video lesson*.

Pinatutunayan lamang nito na ang lahat ng nilalalaman ng *video lesson* ay lubos na makabuluhan at mahalaga para sa pag-unawa at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral lalo na sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Umakma rin ito sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral nina Payoyo at Ocume (2022), nakakuha ng pangkabuang mean na lubos na katanggap-tanggap ang lahat ng katangiang taglay ng isang *video lesson,* mula sa layunin, nilalaman, presentasyon, organisasyon at pagsasanay. Nangangahulugan na ang mga salik sa pagbuo sa *video lesson* ay mahalaga sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral lalo samakabagong dulog sa pagtuturo sa panahon ng pandemya. Pinakamahalagang salik sa mga mungkahing lalamanin ng *video lesson* ay ang paggamit ng malinaw na *audio* o boses ng guro upang maunawaan ang mga panuto o ma impormasyon na tinatalakay sa aralin. Isa rin sa pinakamahalagang salik sa mga mungkahing lalamanin ng *video lesson* ay kung nakikita ng mga mag-aaral ang guro na nagpapaliwanag sa loob ng *video lessons* kahit ito ay *recorded* o *in-time* at ang pagkakaroon ng maayos na disenyo sa *screen* ng *video lessons* ay mas nakakaakit pagmasdan at hindi masakit sa mata ng mga mag-aaral. Ngunit ang sampung katangian sa mga mungkahi ay nakakuha ng mean na lubos na katanggap-tanggap. Isang patunay na ang ma salk na ito ay mabigyan ng pansin sa

pagbuo ng *video lesson* upang lubos na matuto ang mga mag-aaral.

Talahanayan 6
Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Denotatibo

Iskor	Pauna		Panapos		VI
	F	%	f	%	
10-12	-	-	37	82.2	Napakahusay
7-9	11	24.4	8	17.8	Mahusay
4-6	27	60.0	-	-	Di-Gaanong Mahusay
0-3	7	15.6	-	-	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	**45**	**100.0**	**45**	**100.0**	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 6 ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa denotatibo. Mula sa kabuuang limampung (50) tagasagot ay iilan lang sa kanila ang mahusay na sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita ayon sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test*. Mahusay sila dahil sa nangangahulugan ito na batid nila kung alin sa mga salita ang may denotatibong kahulugan ng mga salita. Samantalang mas marami ang bilang ng mag-aaral na di-gaanong mahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sa denotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita dahil nakakuha sila ng di-gaanong kataasang iskor sa pagsusulit. Makikita rin na may nakakuha ng pinakamababang iskor sa mag-aaral na nangangahulugang sila ay di- mahusay sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibong pagpapakahulugan dahil sa mababang iskor na nakuha sa pagsusulit. Lumalabas na hindi pa mataas ang kanilang kasanayan sa denotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita kung kaya't kinakailangan pa ang pagsasanay at pagtuklas sa pagpapakahulugang denotatibo. Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na may 37 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na iskor, nangangahulugang nagkaroon ng napakahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa pagpapakahulugang denotatibo ng mga salita dahil tumaas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit kumpara sa paunang pagsusulit pagkatapos gamitin ang *video lesson.* Makikita rin na tumaas din ang bilang ng may mahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Bahagyang mataas din ang nakuhang iskor kaya naikategorya sila sa mahusay na antas. Mapapansin rin na walang nakakuha ng mababa at napakababang iskor. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may mataas nang pagpapalawak sa talasalitaan batay sa denotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito pagkatapos nilang gamitin pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitkan na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang panapos na pagsusulit.

Tumutugma ito sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral ni Gilo (2018), kung saan ang kagamitang pampagtuturo ay nakatutulong upang mahasa ang kasanayan sa paglinang ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaaral, lalo na sa denotatibo at konotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita sa Asignaturang Science, TLE at Mathematics.

Lumabas sa pananaliksik na mayroong pag-unlad sa kasanayan sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral matapos gamitin ang Content-Based Module bilang kagamitang pampagtuturo. Gayundin sa paggamit ng makabagong kagamitang pampagtuturo gaya ng *video lesson* kung saan maaaring balik-balikan ng mga mag-aaral ang salitang nais nilang malaman ang kahulugan lalo na denotatibo at konotatibong pagpapakahulugan nang sa gayon ay hindi ito maging hadlang sa pagkatuto ng aralin.

Talahanayan 7
Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Konotatibo

Iskor	Pauna		Panapos		VI
	f	%	f	%	
10-12	3	6.7	24	53.3	Napakahusay
7-9	23	51.1	18	40.0	Mahusay
4-6	16	35.6	3	6.7	Di-Gaanong Mahusay
0-3	3	6.7	-	-	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	**45**	**100.0**	**45**	**100.0**	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 7 ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa konotatibo. Ibinatay ang resulta mula sa iskor na kanilang nakuha mula sa pauna at panapos na pagsusulit at pagkatapos ay nilapatan ng kaukulang interpretasyon. Mula sa resulta, may tatlo lamang na mag-aaral ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na iskor sa paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test*. Ito ay nangangahulugang iilan pa lamang ang may napakahusay sa konotatinong pagpapakahulugan. Napakahusay nila dahil batid nila ang pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita batay sa pansariling kahulugan kung saan nakabatay sa paggamit ng indibidwal kung papaano niya lalaruin ang salitang kanyang nalalaman. Samantalang karamihan sa mga tagasagot ay mahusay na sa pagpapakahulugang konotatibo, nangangahulugan itong may kaalaman na ang mga mag-aaral sa pagpapakahulugan batay sa sariling pagkakagamit ng mga salita. Marami pa rin ang di-gaanong mahusay, makikita na mababa ang iskor na nakuha ng mga mag-aaral sapagkat hindi pa sapat ang kanilang kaalaman sa konotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita. Kapansin-pansin naman na may tatlong tagasagot ang nakakuha ng pinakamababang iskor nangangahulugan na mayroong mag-aaral pa ang hindi nakakaunawa sa aralin. Ang mga nasabing mag-aaral ay nangangailangan pang linangin ang kasanayan sa pag-unawa sa pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita batay sa pansariling kahulugan. Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na tumaas sa bilang na 24 na mga tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 10-12 na may 53.3 bahagdan na nangangahulugang may napakahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa konotatibong pagpapakahulugan. Marami rin ang may mahusay sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay pa rin konotatibong kahulugan dahil nakakuha sila ng bahagyang mataas na iskor sa pagsusulitMapapansin naman na walang nakakuha ng napakababang iskor sa kanilang pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Makikita na mas tumaas ang bilang ng mga tagasagot na may napakusay at mahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa

konotatibong pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang panapos na pagsusulit.

Ang pagbibigay kahulugan ng salita batay sa konotatibo ay ayon sa interpretasyong ng gumagamit nito kung kaya magkakaraaon ito ng iba't ibang kahulugan. Sang-ayon ito kay Olimovna (2021), tinalakay niya na ang pagpapakahulugang denotatibo at konotatibo ng mga salita ay nakadepende sa kung papaano ito ilalagay o gagamitin sa istruktura ng pangungusap na kabibilangan nito. Ang kahulugan ng salita ay nakabatay sa kung paano ito binigyang interpretasyon ayon sa pagkakasulat nito. Nararapat lamang na ang mambabasa ay marunong kumilatis, sumiyasat at mag-analisa ng mga salita upang maging tiyak sa pagpapakahulugan ng pahayag sapagkat sa kahulugan ng mga salita na nakasalalay ang pag-unawa sa diwa ng konteksto ng isang babasahin o akda. Masasabing kinakailang bigyang-pansin ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan hindi lamang sa kahulugang nakabatay lang sa aklat o diksyunaryo, mahalaga ring maunawaan ang mga kahulugang nakabatay sa gumagamit nito.

Talahanayan 8
Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Kasingkahulugan

Iskor	Pauna		Panapos		VI
	f	%	f	%	
10-12	11	24.4	34	75.6	Napakahusay
7-8	20	44.4	8	17.8	Mahusay
4-6	12	26.7	3	6.7	Di-Gaanong Mahusay
0-3	2	4.4	-	-	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	45	100.0	45	100.0	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 8 ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa kasingkahulugan. Makikita sa resulta ng kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test* na hindi karamihan ang nakakuha ng mataas na iskor. Kabilang ang mga tagasagot sa maituturing na napakahusay sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita. Napakahusay dahil sa mataas ang kanilang kasanayan sa pag-alam kung ano ang kasingkahulugan ng mga salitang ginamit sa pangungusap. Samantalang may 20 na tagasagot naman ang nakakuha ng katamtamang iskor na nangangahulugang may mahusay silang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita. At may 12 na tagasagot naman ang nakakuha ng bahagyang mababang iskor, nangangahulugan hindi pa sapat ang kanilang kaalaman sa mga salitang nakapaloob sa akda. Kapuna-puna naman ang dalawang tagasagot na nakakuha ng pinakamamababang iskor, ibig sabihin na nahihirapan pa sila sa pagtukoy ng kasingkahulugan ng mga salita kung kaya't kinakailangan pang mas pagbutihin upang maunawaan ang aralin. Sa kanila namang panapos na pagsusulit ay mapapansin na umakyat sa bilang na 34 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na mga iskor na nangangahulugang sila ay napakahusay sa

pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita. Mayroon naman walong tagasagot ang nakakuha ng katamtamang iskor, ipinakikita rito na may mahusay silang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay pa rin sa kahulugan ng mga salita dahil sa nakakuha sila ng bahagyang mataas na iskor sa pagsusulit pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson*. Lumabas naman sa result na may tatlo na lamang tagasagot ang di-gaanong mahusay sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan. Mapapansin rin na walang nakakuha ng napakababang iskor sa kanilang panapos na pagsusulit. Kapuna-puna na mas tumaas ang bilang ng mga tagasagot na may napakusay at mahusay pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita. Makikita sa resulta ng kanilang panapos na pagsusulit na mas madali para sa mga mag-aaral ang pagtukoy ng kasingkahulugan ng mga salita kung gagamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitkan sa pagtalakay ng mga aralin.

Ang pagtukoy sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita ay mas madaling maunawaan ng mga mag-aaral sapagkat mas madalas nila itong ginagamit o naririnig, tumugma ito sa pahayag ni Dinglasan na nabanggit sa pag-aaral ni Ayala (2014) na mahalaga ang pagpapakahulugan ng mga salita sa pagpapahayag sa mga kaisipan. Ang pagtukoy sa wastong kahulugan ng mga salita ay mahalaga sa ganap na pagkaunawa ng talasalitaan at ang dalawa nito ay sa pamamagitan ng: una, pagkilala sa kahulugang tahas at kahulugang patalinghaga o pahiwatig, pagkilala sa mga kaugnayan ng mga salitang nabibilang sa ilalim ng paksa. Ang mga siyentipiko at teknikal na terminolohiya ay may tiyak na katuturan kaya maiiwasan ang di-pagkakaunawaan at pagkakaiba ng interpetasyon. Maaaring makatulong sa mga mag-aaral ang pagtukoy sa kasingkahulugan ng mga salita sa pamamagitan ng *video* lesson sapagkat maaari nila itong balikan muli upang mas maunawaan ang mga salitang nakapaloob dito.

Talahanayan 9
Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Kasalungat

Iskor	Pauna		Panapos		VI
	F	%	f	%	
10-12	6	13.3	21	46.7	Napakahusay
7-9	16	35.6	19	42.2	Mahusay
4-6	11	24.4	5	11.1	Di-Gaanong Mahusay
0-3	12	26.7	-	-	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	45	100.0	45	100.0	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 9 ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa kasalungat. Anim na mga tagasagot mula sa kabuuang limampung (50) tagasagot ang nakakuha ng mataas na iskor sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test* at nangangahulugang may iilan na mag-aaral ang may napakahusay ng pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasalungat ng salita. Napakahusay nila dahil sa batid nila ang wastong kasagutan sa kasalungat ng mga salita. Samantalang 16 na tagasagot ang may

mahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasalungat dahil nakakuha sila ng bahagyang mataas na iskor sa pagsusulit. May ilan sa mag-aaral ang may di-gaanong mahusay pagtukoy ng kasalungat ng mga salita dahil sa mababang iskor na nakuha sa pagsusulit at nangangahulugan itong hindi pa sapat ang kaalaman nila sa kasalungat na kahulugan ng mga salita. Marami pa rin mag-aaral ang nahihirapan pa sa aralin sapagkat batay sa kanilang iskor ay marami-rami pa rin ang mga hindi nakakaunawa ng kasalungat ng mga salita. Sa kanila namang panapos na pagsusulit ay mapapansin na umakyat sa bilang na 21 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 10-12, nangangahulugang tumaas ang bilang ng may napakahusay sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasalungat ng mga salita na nangangahulugang mas naunawaan nila ang aralin pagkatapos gamitin ang *video lesson*. Kapuna-puna na iilan na lang ang mag-aaral ang di-gaanong mahusay sa pagtukoy ng kasalungat ng mga salita, mapapansin rin na walang nakakuha ng napakababang iskor. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay naunawaan na ang mga salita sapagkat lubos na tumaas ang kanilang iskor sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasalungat na kahulugan pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson,* makikita ito sa resulta ng kanilang panapos na pagsusulit. Mahalagang nauunawaan nang nabuti ng mga mag-aaral ang kahulugan ng mga salita upang matukoy nito ang kasalungat, sa pag-aaral nina Agapito, Manahan, Moreno, Beraquit, Herras & Mercedes (2020), isinagawa nila ang implementasyon at pagsubok ng Ibigkas! Filipino, isang kolaboratibo at *mobile phone-based, drill-and-practice game* na tumutulong sa mga mag-aaral na magkaroon ng kahusayan sa pagtukoy ng mga kasingkahulugan at kasalungat ng mga salita sa Wikang Filipino. Nagpahayag ng interes ang mga mag aaral na mapagbuti ang kanilang kaalaman sa Wikang Filipino. Ang mga marka ng pag-unawa ng kasingkahulugan at kasalungat ng salita ay naging mabuti sa pangkalahatan. Ang isang makabuluhang pagpapabuti sa mga marka ng post-test ng mga mag-aaral ng Grade 4 ay nakuha. Ipinapahiwatig nito kung paano maaaring nakatulong ang laro na mapabuti ang mga marka ng mga nakababatang mag-aaral. Ang pagiging bukas nila sa pagtatanong tuwing nadama nilang nawala sila ay maaaring nakatulong dito dahil kahit papaano ay nakakuha sila ng *feedback*. Kaya naman malaking tulong ang *video lesson* sapagkat nakapaloob dito ang mga salitang maaaring makasagabal sa pagkatuto at ito ay nabigyan ng kahulugan upang lubos na maunawaan ang aralin.

Talahanayan 10
Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Kontekstong Gamit sa Pahayag

Iskor	Pauna		Panapos		VI
	f	%	f	%	
10-12	2	4.4	34	75.6	Napakahusay
7-9	27	60.0	10	22.2	Mahusay
4-6	9	20.0	1	2.2	Di-Gaanong Mahusay
0-3	7	15.6	-	-	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	**45**	**100.0**	**45**	**100.0**	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 10 ang iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Ibinatay ang resulta mula sa iskor na kanilang nakuha mula sa pauna at panapos na pagsusulit at pagkatapos ay nilapatan ng kaukulang interpretasyon. Batay sa resulta ng paunang pagsusulit, dalawa lang mag-aaral ang nakakuha ng mataas na iskor, nangangahulugang marami pang mag-aaral ang nangangailangan ng pagpapaunlad ng kasanayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Ang dalawang mag-aaral ay maituturing na napakahusay sa pagtukoy ng wastong kahulugan ng salita batay sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Napakahusay nila dahil batid nila ang kahulugan ng mga salitang ginamit sa pangungusap. Bagama't may 27 mga mag-aaral ang nakakuha ng katamtamang iskor, nangangailangan pa rin ng sila ng pagpapaunlad sa talasalitaan. Mayroong naman siyam na tagasagot ang nakakuha ng apat hanggang anim na puntos na nangangahulugang sila ay mas nangangailangan ng gabay ng guro sa tulong ng paggamit ng nabuong *video-lesson* ng mananaliksik upang mas mapalawak ang kanilang talasalitaan ayon sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. May pitong tagasagot ang kabilang sa nakakuha ng pinakamababang iskor, ipinapakita dito na marami sa kanila ay wala pang kaalaman sa aralin o pagbibigay ng kahulugan batay sa kontekstong gamit sa pangungusap. Sa kanila namang panapos na pagsusulit ay mapapansin na may umakyat sa bilang na 34 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na iskor, nangangahulugan itong dumami ang napakahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Mayroon na lang sampung tagasagot ang nakakuha ng bahagyang mataas na iskor sa pagsusulit. Kapuna-puna naman na may isang tagasagot lang ang di-gaanong mahusay, nangangahulugan lamang ito na hindi pa sapat ang kanyang kaalaman sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Mapapansin rin na walang nakakuha ng napakababang iskor sa kanilang panapos na pagsusulit. Mapapansin na mas tumaas ang bilang ng mga tagasagot na may napakusay at mahusay na pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang panapos na pagsusulit.

Lumalabas sa pag-aaral na matapos gamitin ang *video lesson* maraming mag-aaral ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na iskor sapagkat mas nauunawan ng mga mag-aaral ang mga salitang ginamit sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag pagkatapos ng pagsusulit. Tumugma ito sa paliwanag ni Baisa et.al (2015) na ang mabisa, malinaw at mkatwiran na pagpapahayag ay naipapahayag sa maayos na pag-uugnayan ng mga salita, parirala at pangungusap. Mahalaga sa pagpapahayag ang pagpili ng mga salitang gagamitin upang higit itong maging malinaw sa lahat ng babasa. Mas mapauunlad pa ng mga mag-aaral ang husay nila sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sapagkat ang *video lesson* ay naglalaman ng mga salitang makatutulong sa pag-unawa ng aralin.

Talahanayan 11
Makabuluhang Kaugnayan ng Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan sa Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan.

Pinagyamang Bokabularyo-Video Lesson	Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan				
	Denotatibo	Konotatibo	Kasingka-hulugan	Kasalungat	Gamit sa Pahayag
Nilalaman	224	.353*	.038	.262	.124
Pagkakabuo ng Iskrip	.166	.241	.194	.453**	.166
Screen Display (Text)	.089	.303*	.110	.303*	.089
Visual Presentation (Non-Text)	.075	.173	.091	.314*	.173
Audio/Sound Effects	.100	.411**	.100	.375*	.114

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).
*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

Ipinakikita sa resulta ng Talahanayan 11 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman ay walang makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibo, kasingkahulugan, kasalungat, kontekstong gamit sa pahayag samantalang mayroon namang makabuluhang kaugnayan ang nilalaman sa konotatibo na may .353 *r-value*. Nangangahulugan na batay sa resulta ng pag-aaral ay mayroon pa rin kaugnayan ang pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa nilalaman sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan.

Lumabas sa resulta ng antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip ay walang makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibo, konotatibo, kasingkahulugan at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Samantalang mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitan batay sa kasalungat na may .453 *r-value* pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan. Nangangahulugan na may kaugnayan ang pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa pagkakabuo ng iskrip sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan.

Mula naman sa resulta ng antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *screen display (text))* ay walang makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibo, kasingkahulugan at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Makikita naman batay pa rin sa *screen display (text)* na mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa konotatibo na may .303 *r-value* at kasalungat na may .303 *r-value*. Nangangahulugan na may kaugnayan ang pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga

akdang pampanitikan batay sa *screen display (text)* sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan.

Ipinakikita naman sa resulta ng antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *visual presentation (non-text)* ay walang makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibo, konotatibo, kasingkahulugan at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Kapansin-pansin naman na mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan sa visual presentation (non-text) ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitan batay sa kasalungat na may .314 *r-value*. Nangangahulugan na may kaugnayan ang pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *visual presentation (non-text)* sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan.

Ayon sa kinalabasan ng antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *audio/sound effects* ay walang makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa denotatibo, kasingkahulugan at kontekstong gamit sa pahayag. Makikita naman na mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan sa *audio/sound effects* ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitan batay sa konotatibo na may .411 *r-value* at kasalungat na may .375 *r-value*.

Nangangahulugan na may kaugnayan ang pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan batay sa *audio/sound effects* sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Batay sa kabuuang resulta ay lumalabas na mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitkan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan. Nangangahulugan na hindi tinatanggap ang nabuong *null hypothesis*.

Makikita na lubhang tumaas ang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sapagkat ginamitan ito ng *video lesson* na naglalaman ng mga salitang naging gabay upang maunawaan ang kahulugan ng mga salitang maaaring naging hadlang sa pag-unawa sa aralin. Tumugma rin ito sa pag-aaral ni Sansebuche at Carada (2022) sapagkat nagkaroon ng makabuluhang kaugnayan ang likhang larong Pic Isip sa pagpapakahulugang Denotasyon at Konotasyon sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mag-aaral. Ito ay nangangahulugang lubos na nakatulong ang paggamit ng Pic Isip upang maunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang kahulugan ng talasalitaan. Ang likhang larong *Use it* naman ay nagkaroon ng makabuluhang kaugnayan sa Kontekstwal na pagpapakahulugan ng mga tagasagot. Ang paggamit ng mga larawan at ang kalayaang ibinigay sa mga respondante na makabuo ng pangungusap batay sa kanilang nakikita ay lubos na nakatulong upang matukoy nila ang angkop na kahulugan ng isang salita

batay sa kung paano ito ginamit sa pangugusap. Ibig sabihin lubos na nakatulong ang mga tunog at larawan sa *Gamification* sa pagpapataas ng antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral nang gamitin ito sa pagtuturo ng panitikan at pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan. Nangangahulugan lang ito na malaki ang epekto ng paggamit ng mga makabagong kagamitan at teknolohiya sapagkat batay sa pag-aaral ay lubos na nakatulong ang mga tunog at larawan, *screen display* o mga text na lumalabas sa pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson*.

Talahanayan 12
Makabuluhang Pagkakaiba sa Iskor ng mga Tagasagot sa Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan Bago at Pagkatapos Gamitin ang Pinagyamang Bokabularyo- Video Lesson ng mga Akdang Pampanitikan.

Pagpapalawak ng Talasalitaan	Pauna		Panapos		T	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Denotatibo	5.27	1.85	10.96	1.22	21.735	44	.000
Konotatibo	6.98	2.06	9.40	1.60	8.341	44	.000
Kasingkahulugan	7.80	2.27	10.22	1.80	7.603	44	.000
Kasalungat	5.89	2.78	9.04	2.15	8.882	44	.000
Kontekstong Gamit sa Pahayag	6.62	2.60	10.47	1.47	12.349	44	.000

Makikita sa resulta ng Talahanayan 12 na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa iskor ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabularyo- *video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan mula sa dalawang baryabol. Batay sa denotatibo na may mean iskor sa paunang pagsusulit na 5.27 at SD na 1.85 samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit ay may mean iskor na 10.96 at SD na 1.22, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Batay naman sa konotatibo na may mean iskor sa paunang pagsusulit na may mean iskor na 6.98 at SD na 2.06 at sa panapos na pagsusulit na may mean iskor na 9.40 at SD na 1.60, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon rin ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa antas ng pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Batay naman sa kasingkahulugan na may mean iskor sa paunang pagsusulit na 7.80 at SD na 2.27 samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit na may mean iskor na 10.22 at SD na 1.80, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*. Sa kabuuang resulta ng pre-test nakakuha ng mean iskor na 16.340at SD na 2.2822 na samantalang sa post-test ay may mean iskor na 24.600 at SD na 2.4908 at ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*. Batay sa kasalungat na may mean iskor sa paunang pagsusulit na 5.89 at SD na 2.78 samantalang sa panapos na pagsusulit ay may mean iskor na 9.04 at SD na 2.15, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Batay naman sa kontekstong gamit sa pahayag na may mean iskor sa

paunang pagsusulit na may mean iskor na 6.62 at SD na 2.60 at sa panapos na pagsusulit na may mean iskor na 10.47 at SD na 1.47, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 *p-value*.

Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon rin ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa antas ng pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Nangangahulugan ito na naging epektibo ang paggamit ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sapagkat mas higit na tumaas ang kanilang nakuhang iskor sa panapos na pagsusulit pagkatapos itong gamitin.

Samakatuwid Malaki ang epekto ng paggamit ng pinagyamang-*video lesson* upang mapaunlad ang pagpapalawak sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral. Tumutugma ito sa resulta ng pag-aaral ni Saberola (2018), na mayroon ding mahalagang pagkakaiba sa kahinaan ng mga mag-aaral sa Grado 8 sa *pre-test* at *post-test* sa limang pangkat na may kinalabasan na tanggapin ang alternatibong hypothesis.

Inirerekomenda ng mananaliksik ang mga panuto o direksyon sa bawat pagsasanay sa activity enriched workbuk ay dapat siguraduhin na maliwanag upang mas madali itong mainti/ndihan ng mag-aaral. Dapat pang dagdagan ng mga larawan na makakakuha ng ng pansin at makakaakit ng kagustuhan ng mga mag-aaral sa kagamitang pampagtuturo na ginawa. Kaya nararapat din na magsagawa ng iba pang pag-aaral kung saan ang mga kasali ay mula sa una, gitna, at huling pangkat upang mas makita ang epektibo ng buong kagamitan sa pagtuturo. May kaugnayan din ang kinalabasan ng pag-aaral ni de Castro (2015), nabuo ang konklusyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon ang mga mag-aaral sa Grado 9 na ang *video teaching* ay panibagong lunsaran sa pagkatututo ng gramatika. Ang *video teaching* bilang kagamitang panturo sa gramatika na batay sa kaangkupan ng material, nilalaman, dating sa manonood at orihinalidad ng presentasyon ay lubos na katanggap-tanggap para sa mga gurong tagasagot at nag-ebalweyt. Nagkaroon ng mahalagang pagkakaiba sa pagitan ng *pre-test* at *post test* hinggil sa mga araling pandiwa at pang-abay kung kaya ang *video teaching* ay epektibong kagamitan sa paglinang ng kakayahang panggramatika ng mga mag-aaral sa Grado 9. Ito ay nagpapatunay na ang gagamit ng anumang uri ng kagamitang pampagtuturo ay nakatutulong nang husto upang maunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang aralin. Lalo na sa modernong panahon ngayon na kung saan gumagamit ang mga mag-aaral ng teknolohiya ay tiyak na makatutulong ang paggamit nila ng pinagyamang bokabularyo-*video lesson* sapagkat maari itong mapanood anumang oras at saan mang lugar. Makapagbibigay ito ng pagkakataon sa mga mag-aaral na mapaunlad ang pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan saan man sila naroroon.

4. KONKLUSYON
Batay sa resulta ng pagsusuri, ang mga sumusunod ang konklusyon ng pag-aaral:

4.1. Napatunayan rin naman sa resulta ng pag-aaral na mayroong makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang iskor sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang pinagyamang bokabulary-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan.

4.2. Napatunayan naman sa resulta ng pag-aaral na ang antas ng pagtanggap ng tagasagot sa ang pinagyamang bokabulary-*video lesson* ng mga akdang pampanitikan ay mayroong makabuluhang kaugnayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan.

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LOCALIZED STORYBOARD OF TAYABASIN TEXTS AND LEVEL OF READING COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY ENRICHMENT

(LOKALISADONG *STORYBOARD* NG MGA AKDANG TAYABASIN AT ANTAS NG PAG-UNAWA SA PAGBASA AT KASANAYAN SA PAGPAPAYAMAN NG TALASALITAAN)

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ABSTRACT

One objective in teaching reading is to comprehend each text that is given attention. It is not enough for an individual to know how to read; they should also understand what they read. With the help of various reading materials, students are assisted in developing their interests and enhancing their skills in reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment. As a result, the researcher conducted a descriptive-experimental study to help students in the seventh grade from public schools improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment through the use of Localized Storyboards of Tayabasin Texts. The study's findings revealed significant differences in the level of reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment of the respondents before and after using the Localized Storyboards, indicating the tool's effectiveness. Overall, the study shows that the use of localized storyboards greatly contributed to improving the respondents' reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment. Utilizing localized storyboards of Tayabasin texts to enhance students' interest in reading and improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills is recommended.

Keywords: *Lokalisadong Storyboard, Antas, Kasanayan, Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan*

ABSTRAK

Isang layunin sa pagtuturo ng pagbasa ay ang pag-unawa sa bawat akdang binibigyang-pansin. Hindi sapat na marunong lamang bumasa ang isang indibidwal marapat na ito ay kaniyang nauunawaan. Sa tulong ng iba't ibang kagamitan sa pagbasa ay natutulungan ang mga mag-aaral na magkaroon ng kawilihan at madebelop ang kanilang kakayahan sa pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng kanilang talasalitaan o bokabularyo. Bunsod nito ang mananaliksik ay nagsagawa ng *descriptive-experimental* na pag-aaral upang matulungan ang mga mag-aaral na nasa ikapitong baitang mula sa pampublikong paaralan upang mapataas ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sa tulong ng Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin. Sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang Lokalisadong Storyboard na nangangahulugan na naging mabisa ang kagamitan. Sa kabuuan ng pag-aaral makikita na ang paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ay malaki ang naitulong sa pagpapataas ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot at sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan. Iminumungkahi ang paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin upang mas mawili sa pagbabasa ang mga mag-aaral tungo sa pagpapataas ng antas sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa talasalitaan.

Mga Susing-Salita: Lokalisadong Storyboard, Antas, Kasanayan, Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan

1. PANIMULA

Ang pagbabasa ay isa sa mga makrong kasanayan at isang gawaing hindi na maiialis sa buhay ng tao kakabit na ito sa ating pang-araw-araw na pamumuhay bilang isang indibidwal. Sa pagtuntong natin sa paaralan hindi na maiaalis ang pagtuturo ng mga guro ng pagpapabasa ng mga aklat lalo't higit sa pag-aaral ng panitikan. Ang pagbasa ay isang mahalagang elemento upang maunawaan ang isang akdang pinag-aaralan.

Ngunit kaakibat nito ay ang mga makabagong dulog sa larangan ng edukasyon ang madalas na hinahanap ng mga guro sa kasalukuyan na naghahanap rin ng makabagong kagamitan sa kanilang pagtuturo partikular na sa pagtuturo at pagsasanay sa mga mag-aaral sa makrong kasanayan gaya na lamang ng pagbasa.

Sa mga kasanayang pangwika, ang pagbasa ay kinakailangang pag-ukulan ng panahon ng isang mag-aaral, sapagkat ang kasanayang ito ang isa sa huling nalilinang ng mga mag-aaral. Kaya naman ang mga guro ay may malaking responsibilidad na ginagampanan upang ang kanyang mga mag-aaral ay matuto.

Ang kanilang tungkulin ay mapataas ang pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral at mabigyang solusyon ang kanilang kakulangan at hirap sa pag-unawa lalo't higit sa pagbasa gaya na lamang sa mga panitikang tinatalakay. Malaking konsiderasyon kung may angkop na kagamitang panturo na gagamitin upang mapaunlad ang pagkatuto sa bawat aralin lalo't higit sa pagbasa gamit ang iba't ibang inobatibong estratehiya.

Tunay ngang ang kalidad ng pagtuturo ang sandigan upang ang pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral ay maging epektibo. Sang-ayon naman kay Salandanan (2013) ang mga edukador ay nagsimulang pag-aralan ang paggamit ng teknolohiya na magpapatibay sa moduelo ng pagtuturo para mapalwak ang pagkatuto. Ang desisyong ito nang paggamit ng teknolohiya ay magdadala sa mabisang pagkatuto nang may malalim na oagkaunawa sa mga teorya ng pagtutro at pagkatuto.

Ang kagamitang gagamitin ang siyang magiging katuwang ng guro tungo sa malinaw na pagkaunawa ng mga mag-aaral. Sa pagtuturong ginagawa ng guro sa loob ng silid-aralan malaki ang ginagampanan ng mga kagamitang pampagtuturo upang maging epektibo ang pagkatuto hindi lamang sa akademikong aspeto kundi sa holistiko nitong pag-unlad. Kailangang makiramdam ang guro sa kaniyang mga mag-aaral upang madaling matukoy kung ano at alin ang nababagay at naaangkop na gawain at estratehiya para sa mga mag-aaral. Madaling natututo ang estudyante kung sila ay nasisiyahan sa kanilang pag-aaral at higit na nagaganyak ang guro sa kaniyang pagtuturo kung nakikita niyang nasisiyahan ang kaniyang mga estudyante.

Walang katapusang proseso ang pagpapaunlad ng mga kagamitan at estratehiya sa pagtuturo lalo't higit sa makrong kasanayan ng mga mag-aaral. Ang layunin ng pagtuturo ay walang iba kundi mapalawig ang kaalaman sa pag-aaral. Sa kabilang ng ibat ibang estratehiya , ang paggawa ng malinaw at tiyak na layunin sa pagtuturo, angkop na kagamitan sa paksang aralin, pagkilala ng katangian at karanasan ng mga mag-aaral, pagtiyak ng tagal ng panahon ng paggamit ng kagamitan at pagsusuri ng tamang paraan ng paggamit ng mga ito ay ilan lamang sa mga responsibilidad ng mga kaguruan sa paghahanda ng kagamitan para sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Ito ang naging konkretong

pundasyon, kawilihan sa pag-aaral at nagdudulot din ito ng mabisang proseso ng pagtuturo at pagkatuto.

Ayon kay Alcantara sa pag-aaral pa rin ni Juarez (2014) na kung ang bata ay hindi magtataglay ng mga salik na nakaapekto sa pagbasa tulad ng kaalaman, kawilihan at motibasyon, kapaligiran at estratehiya sa pagkatuto ang kakayahan sa pagbasa ay nagiging mababa. Kaya't kinakailangan na ang guro ay mahusay sa mga estratehiya sa pagtuturo ng pagbasa sa kanyang mga mag-aaral.

Ang mga mag-aaral na walang interes sa pagbasa o hindi palagian ang pagbabasa ay hindi kailanman nalilinang ang mga kasanayan sa pagbasa tulad ng kasanayan sa pag-unawa, pagpapakahulugan at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sapagkat paano ang isang tao makapagbibigay ng impresyon sa teksto kung hindi naman lubusang naunawaan ang teksto.

Sa kabilang banda, ang bawat asignatura sa paaralan ay maaaring sumailalim sa paglolokalisa ng mga kagamitan sa pagtuturo ng mga akda na kanilang magagamit sa pagtuturo na makatutulong upang mapataas ang kalidad ng edukasyon gaya na lamang ng pagpapataas ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga mag-aaral at kanilang kasanayan sa mga salitang nakapaloob sa isang akda. Kaugnay nito ayon sa Republic Act No. 10533 (2013) section 5. na nagtatadhana ng mga batayan sa pagbuo ng K to 12 Curriculum: a) ang kurikulum ay alinsunod sa prinsipyo at balangkas ng *mother tongue based multilingual education* (MTB-MLE) kung saan ang mga kagamitang pampagtuturo ay nakabatay sa kung saan o ano ang kinagisnan ng mga mag-aaral; b) ang kurikulum ay binigyang permisyon ang mga paaralan upang bumuo ng mga lokalisadong kagamitang pampagtuturo. Ang pagpapakalap at pagsasaayos ng mga kagamitang ito ay aaprobahan ng rehiyunal at pambansang yunit ng edukasyon.

Kaugnay nito, malaki ang maitutulong ng pag-aaral na ito tungo sa epektibong pagtuturo ng pagbasa bilang makrong kasanayan kaya naniniwala ang mananaliksik na ang pag-aaral na ito ay napakahalaga para makatulong sa mga guro at mga mag-aaral partikular na sa mga mag-aaral ng ikapitong baitang ng Luis Palad Integrated High School upang higit nilang kawilihan ang pagbabasa ng panitikan sa pamamagitan ng mga estratehiya at mga lokalisadong kagamitan o materyal na ginagamit ng kanilang mga guro sa paaralan. Gayundin ay upang magkaroon ng kamalayan ang mga mag-aaral sa kahalagahan ng pagbasa at upang magsilbing pamukas ng isipan sa mga mag-aaral na ang pagbasa ay isang kasanayang dapat malinang ng isang tao.

1.1. *Paglalahad Ng Suliranin*
Ang pag-aaral na ito ay may pamagat na Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin at antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral sa tulong ng binuong *storyboard* ng mga piling akdang Tayabasin. Hangad ng mananaliksik na masagot ang mga sumusunod na tiyak na katanungan:

1.1.1. Ano ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa lokalisadong *storyboard* ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa nilalaman, organisasyon, wika at Estilo, ilustrasyon/ larawan, at kabuuang gamit?

1.1.2. Ano ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong *storyboard* ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa pag-unawang literal, pag-unawang inferensyal at pag-unawang kritikal?

1.1.3. Ano ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong *storyboard* ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay, kasingkahulugan, at kasalungat?

1.1.4. May makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong *Storyboard* ng mga akdang Tayabasin?

1.1.5. May makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong *Storyboard* ng mga akdang Tayabasin?

2. METODOLOHIYA
2.1. Disenyo ng Pananaliksik
Ang pamamaraang deskriptib-eksperimental ang ginamit sa pananaliksik upang mabatid ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang tayabasin at antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan batay sa kanilang nakuhang iskor sa pauna at panapos na pagsusulit bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard. Ito rin ay kinabibilangan ng mga elemento ng interpretasyon, kahulugan, kahalagahan ng bagay na binuo at binigyang ebalwasyon. Ang palarawang pagsusuring paraan ng pananaliksik ay isang paraan ng pagtatamo ng mga eksaktong bilang na mga katanungan tungkol sa isang sitwasyon. Tatangkain nitong ilarawan ang isang kondisyon o napag-aralan kaya ang kalalagayan ng isang bagay upang makabuo ng mapapanaligang pahayag mula sa natuklasang katanungan.

Inalam sa pag-aaral ang antas ng pag-unawa ng mga mag-aaral sa pagbasa na naging batayan sa pagbuo ng lokalisadong storyboard. Pagkatapos nito ay inalam kung ano ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa nabuong materyal at naging antas ng kasanayan pagkatapos gamitin ito.

Bumuo ng lokalisadong storyboard ang mananaliksik para sa antas ng pag-unawa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral na nabibilang sa antas ng *frustration* o kabiguan, ang lokalisadong storyboard ay naglalaman ng mga akdang Tayabasin na ang uri ng akdang pampanitikan ay nagmula sa ikatlong markahan para sa mag-aaral sa Grado 7. Nagbigay ang mananaliksik ng talatanungan na nagsilbing paunang pagsusulit upang malaman ang panimulang kaalaman sa mga akdang napili at kasanayan sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral. Ipinagamit ang lokalisadong storyboard sa mga mag-aaral sa itinakdang araw at oras ng kanilang iskedyul sa *reading class program* ng paaralan. Para malaman ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa nabuong lokalisadong storyboard ay nagbigay ng talatanungan para sa nilalaman, organisasyon, wika at estilo, ilustrasyon o larawan at kabuuang gamit. Pagkatapos nito ay isinagawa ang panapos na pagsusulit upang malaman ang naging bunga sa antas ng pag-unawa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral gamit ang lokalisadong storyboard.

2.2. Mga Tagasagot
Ang mga naging tagasagot sa pag-aaral na ito ay ang mga mag-aaral na nasa ikapitong baitang sa Luis Palad Integrated High School Taong Panuruan 2022-2023. Ang paaralang ito ang institusyong pinagtuturuan ng mananaliksik.

Ang mga mag-aaral ay may kabuuang bilang na siyamnapu't isa (91) na mag-aaral mula sa Luis Palad Integrated High School. Kung saan dalawampu't isa (21) ay mula sa pangkat *Persistence*; tiglabinwalo (18) ang mula sa mga pangkat *Gratitude at Prudence* at tiglabimpito (17) naman ang mula sa pangkat *Contentment at Obedience.*

Pinili ang mga tagasagot sa isinagawang pag-aaral gamit ang *purposive sampling*. Ang mga mag-aaral ay natukoy sa pamamagitan ng malakas na pagbasa noong araw ng pagpapatala ng mga mag-aaral sa nasabing paaralan. Ang pagtatasa ay salig sa Phil-IRI ng Kagawaran ng Edukasyon. Pinili ng mananaliksik ang baitang pito sapagkat sa mga nakalipas na tatlong taon sa resulta ng pagbasa ng nasabing paaralan, ang baitang na ito ang may pinakamataas na bilang ng mag-aaral na nabibilang sa antas na *frustration* o kabiguan. Pinili rin ang antas na ito sapagkat sila ang nangangailangan ng karagdagang interbensyon upang mapataas ang kasanayan at antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa maging ang kanilang kasanayan sa talasalitaan.

Kaya naman sa pamamagitan ng pagbuo ng lokalisadong storyboard na naglalaman ng mga pagsasanay ay maaaring mapataas ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga mag-aaral at ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan. Bilang paggalang sa mga naging tagasagot sa pag-aaral na ito, nagsagawa ng *concent form* ang mananaliksik at ipinaliwanag sa mga tagasagot ang kahalagahan ng pag-aaral na ito, at sa karagdagan ay ginawang pribado ng mananaliksik ang mga nakalap na datos.

2.3. Instrumentasyon ng Pananaliksik
Ang mananaliksik ay bumuo ng lokalisadong storyboard na naglalaman ng mga piling akdang Tayabasin na kabibilangan ng sanaysay, alamat, maikling kwento at dula. Ang mga nabanggit na uri ng akda ay nakabatay sa *Most Essential Learning Competencies o MELC* ng ikapitong baitang sa ikatlong

markahan. Ang mga akdang napili ay mga akdang isinulat mismo ng mga kilalang manunulat sa bayan ng Tayabas.

Pagkatapos ay gumamit ng instrumentong talatanungan na naglalaman ng antas ng pagtanggap sa lokalisadong storyboard na may tigsasampung (10) aytem batay sa nilalaman, organisasyon, wika at estilo, ilustrasyon o larawan at kabuuang gamit. Nagsagawa rin ng paunang pagsusulit para makita ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa (literal, inferensyal at kritikal) at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan (pagpapapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay, kasingkahulugan at kasalungat) ng mga mag-aaral na binubuo ng apatnapu't walong (48) aytem bago isagawa ang pag-aaral. Pagkatapos gamitin ng mag-aaral ang nabuong lokalisadong storyboard ang mananaliksik ay muling nagbigay ng panapos na pagsusulit upang malaman kung may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral.

2.4. *Balidasyon ng Instrumento*
Ang mga pagsusulit at talatanungang tseklist na binuo gayundin ang lokalisadong storyboard na ginamit sa pag-aaral ay ipinasuri sa mga taong may kasanayan at bihasa upang malaman ang kabisaan ng binuong instrumento. Pagkatapos nito, sinuring mabuti ng mananaliksik ang ginawang balidasyon upang matukoy kung alin ang dapat ayusin, alisin at idagdag sa ginawang pagsusulit, talatanungan at lokalisadong storyboard. Ang talatanungan at mga pagsusulit na binigyan ng puna at rekomendasyon ay ginawan ng rebisyon upang higit na maging angkop at makapagbigay ng kinakailangang datos. Ang mga binago sa talatanungan, mga pagsusulit at lokalisadong storyboard ay muling isinangguni at ipinasuri sa tagapayo at mga gurong tagapag-ugnay upang maisama ang kanilang suhestiyon at rekomendasyon bago mapasagutan sa mga tagasagot ang mga instrumento.

2.5. *Pamamaraan ng Pangangalap ng Datos*
Bumuo ang mananaliksik ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin, talatanungang tseklist at pauna at panapos na pagsusulit. Ang mga ito ay ipinasuri sa mga eksperto upang masuri at maisaalang-alang ang mga puna, kumento o suhestiyon upang mas maging epektibo ang pangangalap ng datos na kinailangan sa ginawang pananaliksik.

Matapos ang pagsasaayos, ang mananaliksik ay gumawa naman ng liham kahilingan para sa tagapangasiwa ng Dibisyon ng Tayabas, punongguro ng Luis Palad Integrated High School upang maipamahagi at mapasagutan ang mga inihandang talatanungan.

Isinagawa ang *pilot testing* kung saan ang dalawang (20) mag-aaral na hindi kabilang sa isinagawang pag-aaral na nasa ikapitong baitang ng Luis Palad Integrated High School ay nagsagot ng pauna at panapos na pagsusulit bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard sa pahintulot ng punongguro

ng paaralan. Ang mga nakuhang datos ay dumaan sa istatistikal na pagsusuri at pag-apruba bago tuluyang isinagawa ang pag-aaral.

Nagpasagot ang mananaliksik ng paunang pagsusulit sa kanilang oras o iskedyul ng kanilang *reading class program*. Matapos magsagot ng paunang pagsusulit ay ipinamahagi at ipinagamit sa mga mag-aaral ang nabuong lokalisadong storyboard gayundin ang pagpapapasagot sa mga mag-aaral sa mga pagsasanay na matatagpuan sa loob nito. Pagkatapos na mabasa, magamit at sagutan ng mga mag-aaral ang lokalisadong storyboard ay isinagawa ang ebalwasyon ng materyal sa pamamagitan ng tseklist na naglalaman ng antas ng pagtanggap batay sa nilalaman, organisasyon, wika at estilo, ilustrasyon o larawan at kabuuang gamit nito. Binigyan ng panapos na pagsusulit ang mga mag-aaral upang makita kung may naging makabuluhang pagkakaiba ba ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral.

Isinagawa ang pagkuha ng mga datos sa itinakdang panahon/oras na ibinigay ng mananaliksik. Matapos masagutan ang mga pagsusulit at talatanungan, ito'y nilikom ng mananaliksik, isa-isang itinala ang mga iskor at nakuhang sagot at saka nilapatan ng istadistikong pamamaraan sa tulong ng dalubhasa sa istatistika upang masagot ang tiyak na katanungan mula sa pananaliksik na ito. Sinuri ito at binigyan ng kaukulang kahulugan ng mananaliksik batay sa kinalabasan. Ang resulta ay binigyang-interpretasyon ng mananaliksik sa tulong ng kaniyang tagapayo at mula rito ay bumuo ng konklusyon at rekomendasyon ng pag-aaral na ihaharap sa lupon ng pasalitang pagsusuri.

2.6. *Lugar ng Pananaliksik*
Ang pananaliksik na ito ay isinagawa sa Luis Palad Integrated High School na matatagpuan sa Brgy. Ipilan sa Lungsod ng Tayabas kung saan ang mga napiling tagasagot ay mag-aaral ng nasabing paaralan. Ang paaralang ito rin ang pinakamalaki at pinakamataas na populasyon sa Dibisyon ng Tayabas, Probinsya ng Quezon. Kaya't pinili ito ng mananaliksik upang dito isagawa ang kanyang pag-aaral. Naniniwala ang mananaliksik na malaki ang maitutulong nito sa nasabing pag-aaral.

2.7. *Pamamaraang Istadistika*
Ginamit ng mananaliksik ang mga pamaraang istadistika upang mabigyan ng pagsusuri at interpretasyon ang mga datos. Ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng pamamaraang istadistika na *frequency and percentage* upang makuha ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral at gagamitin ang indikeytor na 7-8 (Napakahusay), 5-6 (Mahusay), 3-4 (Di-gaanong Mahusay) at 0-2 (Di-Mahusay).

Para makuha ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin ay gumamit ang mananaliksik ng *mean* at *standard deviation* ng bawat indikeytor gamit ang batayan *(legend)* na 4.50-5.00 - Lubos na

Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49 - Bahagyang Tinatanggap (BT), 1.50-2.49 - Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (HKT) at 1.00-1.49 - Lubos na Hindi Katanggap-Tanggap (LHKT).

Gumamit ang mananaliksik ng *One Sample T-Test* upang matukoy ang pagkakaiba sa antas ng pag-unawa at kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sa pauna at pangwakas bago at matapos gamitin ang Storyboard ng mga piling akdang lokal ng Tayabas.

3. REESULTA AT DISKUSYON
Talahanayan 1
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay na Nilalaman

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	Indikeytor	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1.	Angkop ang mga pagsasanay na nakalahad para sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan at pag-unawa ko sa pagbasa.	4.63	0.61	LKT
2.	Nagbibigay sa akin ng pagkakataon ang mga gawain at pagsasanay na pataasin ang aking kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan at pag-unawa sa pagbasa.	4.59	0.56	LKT
3.	Nawiwili ako sa mga pagsasanay na ginamit sa binuong Storyboard.	4.48	0.67	KT
4.	Akma para sa akin ang mga pagsasanay sa pagpapayaman ko ng bokabularyo ng mga salitang Tayabasin.	4.51	0.64	KT
5.	Nakaayon ang interbensyong materyal na Storyboard sa pag-unawa ko sa pagbasa bilang mag-aaral.	4.44	0.70	KT
6.	Ang nabuong storyboard ay kakikitaan ko ng mga kulturang sumasalamin sa kulturang Tayabasin.	4.52	0.60	LKT
7.	Akma ang gawain at pagsasanay matapos ang pagbasa sa akda upang masukat ang aking naging pag-unawa.	4.47	0.66	KT
8.	Maayos na nailahad ang nilalaman ng mga akdang lokal ng bayan ng Tayabas.	4.49	0.64	KT
9.	Nasaayon sa layunin ang nabuong kagamitang Storyboard.	4.51	0.60	LKT
10.	Nakaayon sa mga kompetensi ng MELC o Most Essential Learning Competency na itinakda ng K-12 curriculum.	4.46	0.67	KT
	Kabuuan	**4.51**	**0.28**	**LKT**

Legend- N= 4.50-5.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49 - Bahagyang Tinatanggap (BT), 1.50-2.49 - Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (HKT), 1.00- 1.49 - Lubos na Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (LHKT).

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 1 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Nilalaman. Sa kabuuang mean na 4.51 at may kabuuang SD 0.28 na ay nangangahulugang lubos na katanggap-tanggap sa mga mag-aaral ang nilalaman ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Pinatutunayan lamang nito na ang lahat ng nilalalaman ng materyal, ang mga akdang babasahin gayundin ang mga pagsasanay na nakapaloob dito ay lubos na makabuluhan at mahalaga para sa pag-unawa sa pagbasa at pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral. Mas madaling nauunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang isang akdang kanilang binabasa kung may mga pagsasanay na hahasa sa kanilang pag-unawa sa pagbasa at

maging sa bokabularyo o kanilang talasalitaan. Nakatutulong din ang mga pauna at panghuling pagsubok sa kanilang pagbasa.

Tumutugma ito sa pananaliksik ni Nanad (2021), malinaw na mahalaga ang nilalaman ng modyul ng mga babasahin bilang supplemental na kagamitan sa pagtuturo sapagkat sa tulong nito ay nauunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang aralin at mas napapadali sa kanila ang pagkatuto sa paksang tinatakay maging ang kultural at moral na katangian ng pinagmulan ng akda. Sa tulong ng nilalaman higit na napapayaman ng mga mag-aaral ang kaniyang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan.

Sa tulong ng iinterpretasyon at kaugnay na pag-aaral, nagpapatunay ito na ang lokalisadong storyboard ay naglalaman ng mga paksa at mga pagsasanay na angkop at madaling naunawaan ng mga mag-aaral kaya't nakatutulong sa kanilang antas ng pag-unawa at kasanayan sa talasalitaan.

Talahanayan 2
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay na Organisasyon

Talahanayan 2
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay na Organisasyon

	Indikeytor	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1.	Malinaw sa akin ang pagkakalahad ng mga gawain at pagsasanay hinggil sa talasalitaan at pag-unawa sa binasa.	4.66	0.60	LKT
2.	Maayos ang pormat ng mga lokal na akdang Tayabasin at mga pagsasanay para sa akin.	4.44	0.64	KT
3.	Angkop ang laki at uri ng tipo ng mga teksto upang madaling kong mabasa ang akda.	4.56	0.62	LKT
4.	Tiyak, malinaw, maikli at nauunawaan ko ang pagkakalahad ng mga panuto.	4.76	0.48	LKT
5.	Maayos na nailahad ang mga salaysay sa Storyboard upang mas maunawaan ko ang akda.	4.52	0.60	LKT
6.	Maayos na naipakita ang mga pangyayari sa akda.	4.45	0.64	KT
7.	Madali kong naunawaan ang mga akda dahil sa mga elementong taglay ng isang storyboard.	4.46	0.64	KT
8.	Kinakitaan ko ng pagkamalikhain sa presentasyon ng mga panuto,pagsasanay at akdang lokal ng Tayabas.	4.45	0.67	KT
9.	Malinaw ang kopya ng babasahin na ibinibigay sa akin upang matiyak na nababasa ko ito ng maayos at malinaw.	4.48	0.74	KT
10.	Makulay at kaakit-akit sa aking mata ang kagamitan kaya't kawili-wili itong basahin at pag-aralan.	4.64	0.59	LKT
	Kabuuan	**4.54**	**0.27**	**LKT**

Legend- N= 4.50-5.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49 - Bahagyang Tinatanggap (BT), 1.50-2.49 - Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (HKT), 1.00- 1.49 - Lubos na Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (LHKT).

Inilalahad naman sa Talahanayan 2 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Organisasyon. Makikita sa resulta ng pag-aaral ang kabuuang mean na 4.54 na may SD na 0.27 ay nangangahulugan ng lubos na katanggap-tanggap sa mga mag-aaral ang organisasyon o pagkakabuo ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Nangangahulugan na mahalaga sa pagbuo ng materyal lalo't higit sa pagbasa na simple at malinaw ang mga panutong gagamitin upang ito'y madali nilang

maunawaan nang sa gayon ay hindi magdulot ng kalituhan sa mga mag-aaral sa kanilang gagawing mga pagsasanay.

Ipinakikita rito na mahalagang simple o payak ang mga panuto, maayos at organisado ang mga bahagi ng materyal mula sa mga panuto, pormat ng babasahing akda hanggang sa iba't ibang pagsasanay na nakapaloob dito upang maging kawili-wili sa mata ng mga mag-aaral ang kagamitan at makatulong sa mabilis na pag-unawa ng mga mag-aaral sa mga akdang kanilang binabasa gayundin upang mahasa ang kanilang isipan sa talasalitaan na nakapaloob sa bawat akdang kanilang binibigyang-pansin.

May kaugnayan ito sa kinalabasan ng pananaliksik ni Orbita (2018) kung saan lubos na tinatanggap ng mga tagasagot ang interbensyong materyal batay sa organisasyon. Binanggit niyang kailangang lubos na nauunawaan ng mga mambabasa ang panuto na inilalahad sa bawat gawain; kailangang ito'y organisado mula sa paghahanay ng mga gawain kinakailangan sa simula ito ay nagbubukas sa mga mambabasa ng kahandaan patungo sa mahihirap na gawain at paglalapat sa tunay na buhay.

Mula rito'y makikitang mahalaga ang organisasyon sa isang materyal lalo't higit sa pagbasa, marapat na ito ay kakikitaan ng mga malilinaw na panuto, maayos na pagkakasunod-sunod ng mga gawain mula sa madali papunta sa mataas na antas upang higit na madebelop ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang kakayahan.

Talahanayan 3
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay na Wika at Estilo

Talahanayan 3
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Wika at Estilo

	Indikeytor	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1	Angkop para sa akin ang mga talasalitaan o bokabularyo na ginamit sa Storyboard	4.62	0.65	LKT
2	Akma ang haba ng mga salita at talasalitaan	4.44	0.60	KT
3	Malinaw at payak ang wikang ginamit sa paglalahad ng mga pangyayari sa kuwento.	4.57	0.62	LKT
4	Wasto para sa akin ang tamang haba ng pangungusap sa mga panels na naglalaman ng salaysay.	4.31	0.71	KT
5	Angkop ang mga istraktura, estilo at pormat ng salita sa inaasinlang antas.	4.38	0.76	KT
6	Nakatulong ang Storyboard upang malinang ko ang pagbalkita sa mga talasalitaan na nakapaloob sa mga akda.	4.54	0.54	LKT
7	Mas nauunawaan ko ang akda dahil sa pagbibigay-pansin sa kahulugan at kasalungat ng mga salita.	4.43	0.70	KT
8	Malinaw kong nababasa ang mga salita sa callouts o panel ng dayalogo ng mga tauhan sa akda.	4.48	0.62	KT
9	Gumamit ng tamang haba ng pangungusap sa mga panels na naglalaman ng mga usapan o dayalogo.	4.59	0.60	LKT
10	Madaling kong nauunawaan ang mga salitang Tayabasin sa loob ng akda.	4.60	0.65	LKT
	Kabuuan	**4.50**	**0.28**	**LKT**

Legend: N= 4.50-5.00 - Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap (LKT), 3.50-4.49 - Katanggap-tanggap (KT), 2.50-3.49 - Bahagyang Tinatanggap (BT), 1.50-2.49 - Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (HKT), 1.00-1.49 - Lubos na Hindi Katanggap-tanggap (LHKT)

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 3 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa Wika at Estilo. Sa kabuuan, ang pananaw ng mga

tagasagot sa antas ng pagtanggap sa lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa wika at estilo ay nakakuha ng mean score na 4.50 at may SD na 0.28 na nangangahulugang lubos na katanggap-tanggap. Pinatutunayan lamang nito na naniniwala ang mga tagasagot na mahalaga ang wikang ginagamit sa isang kagamitan lalo't higit sa pagbasa at ang estilo ng pagkakalahad ng mga pahayag o pangyayari sa loob nito upang mas madaling maunawaan ng mga magaaral ang mga babasahing kanilang binibigyang-pansin.

Akma ito sa pag-aaral na isinagawa ni Dayapera (2013), sa kanyang pag-aaral lumabas na lubos na tinatanggap ang sanayang aklat sa wika at estilo nito, dagdag pa niya na bilang isang guro dapat lamang na alam niyaang mga wikang nakapaloob sa akdang tatalakain bago ito ipahayag sa mga mag-aaral. Dapat pagyamanin ang bokabularyo at isaalang-alangang ang kahulugan ng salita at katumbas nitong kahulugan. Ayon naman kina Rendon at Mangaoag (2020), ang wika at estilo ay nakakaapekto rin sa pag-unawa ng mambabasa, higit na mabuting gumamit ng simple, natural at matapat na mga pahayag. Maaaring gumamit ng mga simple at payak na salita sa mga impormal o di-maanyo na sulatin samantalang sa pormal naman ay ang paggamit ng piling mga salita.

Nangangahulugan lamang na napakahalaga ng mga wika at estilong ginagamit sa materyal sapagkat ito ang tutulong sa mga gagamit nito upang mabisa niyang maisakatuparan ang layunin ng materyal na kaniyang ginagamit gaya ng mga materyal sa pagbasa.

Talahanayan 4
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay na Ilustrasyon/Larawan

Talahanayan 4
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa Ilustrasyon/Larawan

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1. Gumamit ng malinaw na ilustrasyon/ larawan upang maipahayag ang kaisipang kaugnay ng kasanayang idinidebelop.	4.65	0.58	LKT
2. Angkop ang ilustrasyon sa bawat akdang napili.	4.47	0.66	KT
3. Akma ang font styles at font size na ginamit sa mga damiloo at pagsasalaysay sa Storyboard.	4.41	0.73	KT
4. Nakapanghihikayat at nakapagbibigay kasiwlan sa akin ang mga ginamit na ilustrasyon/larawan	4.65	0.58	LKT
5. Angkop ang pinili at dinerensang mga ilustrasyon para higit na madebelop ko ang kasanayan sa pagbasa	4.40	0.70	KT
6. Naakit ako sa mga kulay at larawan na ginamit sa Storyboard	4.47	0.64	KT
7. Angkop at hindi masakit sa aking mata ang mga kulay at larawang ginamit sa Storyboard.	4.49	0.66	KT
8. Akma ang sukat ng mga piniling callouts at panels sa haba ng mga usapan ng mga tauhan at salaysay dito.	4.63	0.59	KT
9. Mahusay at piling-pili ang mga larawang kinuha upang iangkop sa bawat pangyayari sa kwento.	4.74	0.47	LKT
10. Angkop ang mga ekspresyon sa mukha ng mga larawan mapili sa bawat pangyayari sa mga akdang napili	4.55	0.60	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.55**	**0.28**	**LKT**

Legend/ N=1.50-4.00– *Lubos na Katanggap-tanggap* (LKT), 2.50-3.49– *Katanggap-tanggap* (KT) 1.50-2.49– *Hindi-Katanggap- tanggap* (HKT) 1.00-1.49– *Lubos sa Hindi-Katanggap- tanggap* (LHKT)

Inilalahad naman sa Talahanayan 4 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Ilustrasyon/Larawan. Makikita sa talahanayan na sa kabuuang mean na 4.55 at may SD na 0.28 ay nangangahulugan ng lubos na katanggap-tanggap ng mga mag-aaral ang mga ilustrasyon/larawan na nakapaloob at makikita sa binuong lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin sa pag-unawa sa pagbasa at kasanayan sa talaslaitaan. Ipinakikita rito na mahalaga sa pagbuo ng kagamitan sa pagbasa ang pagpili at paglalagay ng mga angkop na ilustrasyon o larawan sa kanilang babasahin upang makatulong sa kanilang pag-unawa sa akdang binibigyang-pansin. Mahalaga na hindi masakit sa mata ang mga kulay, disenyo at ilustrasyon na kanilang makikita sa babasahin upang higit na mawili ang mga mag-aaral na magbasa tungo sa kanilang pagdebelop ng kasanayan sa pagbasa maging sa kasanayan sa pagpapapayaman ng talasalitaan.

Kaakibat rin nito ang paggamit ng kaakit-akit at makukulay na mga larawan o ilustrasyon lalo't higit kung ito ay digitalized. Marapat lamang na piling-pili at angkop ang mga larawan upang maging epektibo at maakit ang atensyon ng mga mag-aaral sa kanilang babasahing akda o kwento. Binanggit sa pag-aaral ni Emralino (2021) ang artikulong the I*nstrction role of illustrations.* Tinalakay ang iba't ibang akademikong tungkulin o gamit ng ilustrasyon. Isa na rito ang pagpukaw ng atensyon ng mag-aaral. Ang pagpukaw ng atensyon ng mga mag-aaral ay mahalaga sa anumang uri ng pagkatuto. Ikalawang tungkulin ng ilustrasyon ay ang complexity na nakapupukaw ng atensyon. Ang mga ilustrasyon sapagkat ito ay nagpapakita ng pagkakaiba-iba at ugnayan ng linya, hugis, kulay, espasyo at teksto ay maaaring maging kompleks sa pandama kaya sa lekyura o teksto lamang, kaya ito kapansin pansin sa mag-aaral.

Samakatuwid, nangangahulugan na ang nabuong lokalisadong storyabord ay gumamit ng mga larawan, ilustrasyon at mga simbolo na kung saan ay nakapanghikayat at nakapukaw ng interes ng mga mambabasa. Ito ay may impak na makatulong sa mas mabilis na pag-unawa ng mga mag-aaral sa kanilang binabasa.

Talahanayan 5
Antas ng Pagtanggap ng mga Tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay na Kabuuang Gamit

Indikeytor	Mean	SD	Interpretasyon
1.	4.60	0.67	LKT
2.	4.40	0.59	KT
3.	4.55	0.60	LKT
4.	4.60	0.60	LKT
5.	4.67	0.60	LKT
6.	4.66	0.60	LKT
7.	4.44	0.65	KT
8.	4.65	0.60	LKT
9.	4.54	0.60	LKT
10.	4.59	0.60	LKT
Kabuuan	**4.57**	**0.29**	**LKT**

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 5 ang antas ng pagtanggap ng mga tagasagot sa Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Kabuuang Gamit.

Sa kabuuan, ang pananaw ng mga tagasagot sa antas ng pagtanggap sa lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin batay sa kabuuang gamit ay nakakuha ng kabuuang mean score na 4.57 at may SD na 0.29 na nangangahulugang lubos na katanggap-tanggap. Pinatutunayan lamang nito na naniniwala ang mga tagasagot na malaki ang maitutulong ng lokalisadong storyboard upang higit na mapataas ang kawilihan ng mga mag-aaral sa pagbasa at upang mas mapaunlad pa ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang proseso at pag-unawa sa mga akdang binabasa at malinang ang kanilang kasanayan sa talasalitaan. Nangangahulugan din itong lubos na katanggap-tanggap para sa mga tagasagot na magagamit din ang materyal na ito upang mas pahalagahan ng mga Tayabasin ang mga sariling likhang obra.

May kaugnayan ito sa pag-aaral ni Cabrera (2017) sapagkat dito'y lubos na tinanggap ng mga tagasagot ang interbensyong kagamitan batay sa gamit at kahalagahan nito na may 3.85 na mean. Dagdag pa niya ang isang epektibong kagamitang pampagtuturo ay kinakailangan na magtaglay ng kapaki-pakinabang na magbibigay ng impormasyon na mas huhubog sa

kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral at tinataglay nito ang maayos na nilalaman para sa sapat na kailangan ng mga magaaral. Sang-ayon din ito sa pananaliksik ni Cadiz (2018), kung saan lubos na tinatanggap ng mga guro ang nabuong lokalisadong kagamitang pampagtuturo sa Filipino dahil sa ito ay mainam na kagamitang makatutulong sa paglinang ng maayos at magandang proseso ng pagtuturo-pagkatuto sa loob ng paaralan.

Samakatuwid, napakahalaga ng kabuuang gamit ng isang materyal sapagkat ito'y marapat na maging kapakipakinabang at maging makabuluhan para sa mga gagamit nito tungo sa maayos at epektibong pagkatuto.

Talahanayan 6.
Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Literal

Talahanayan 6.
Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Literal

Iskor	Pag-unawang Literal				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	3	3	38	42	Napakahusay
5-6	21	23	50	55	Mahusay
3-4	30	33	3	3	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	37	41	—	—	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100.0	91	100.0	

Ang bahaging ito ay naglalahad ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot batay sa Pag-unawang Literal. Ibinatay ang resulta mula sa iskor na kanilang nakuha mula sa pre-test at post-test at pagkatapos ay nilapatan ng kaukulang interpretasyon. Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 6 ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa batay sa Pag-unawang Literal. Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay may 37 na mag-aaral na may 41 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang di-Mahusay ang nakakuha ng iskor na 0-2 sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit sa pag-unawang mula sa binasang teksto. Ang kabuuang resulta ng paunang pagsusulit ay nangangahulugang mababa pa ang antas ng pag-unawang literal ng mga mag-aaral sa kanilang binabasa bagamat ang mga kasagutan sa mga katanungan ay matatagpuan mismo sa mga akdang kanilang binasa ay kailangan pa itong hasain at paunlarin. Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na ang may pinakamataas na bilang na 50 na tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 5-6 na may 55.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang Napakahusay at tumaas ang bilang ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pag-unawang literal dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan nila sa pag-unawang literal sa akdang binasa pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Mapapansin na walang nakakuha ng napakababang iskor. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may mataas nang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa batay sa pag-unawang literal at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito

pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Ayon kay Ayade (2019), sa mga uri ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa, inilahad niya na ang pag-unawang literal ay nakapokus sa mga ideya o impormasyong tuwirang nakalahad sa teksto. Ang mga kasagutan sa tanong na literal ay ang simpleng pag-alala sa mga impormasyon at detalyeng nakapaloob sa babasahin. Tumutukoy ito sa pinakamababaw na kahulugan ng mga salita, bagamat ang ganitong antas ng pag-unawa ay nangangailangan lamang ng mababang antas ng pag-iisip ay mahalaga ito bilang pundasyon ng mataas na antas ng pag-iisip.

Talahanayan 7
Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Inferensyal

Talahanayan 7
Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Inferensyal

Iskor	Pag-unawang Inferensyal				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	--	--	39	43	Napakahusay
5-6	7	8	44	48	Mahusay
3-4	35	38	8	9	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	49	54	—	—	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100.0	91	100.0	

Ang bahaging ito ay naglalahad ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot batay sa Pag-unawang Inferensyal. Ibinatay ang resulta mula sa iskor na kanilang nakuha mula sa pre-test at post-test at pagkatapos ay nilapatan ng kaukulang interpretasyon.

Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay may 49 na mag-aaral na may 54 na bahagdan ang nakakuha ng iskor na 0-2 sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit sa pag-unawang mula sa binasang teksto. Ang kabuuang resulta ng paunang pagsusulit ay nangangahulugang mababa pa ang antas ng pag-unawang literal ng mga mag-aaral sa kanilang binabasa bagamat ang mga kasagutan sa mga katanungan ay matatagpuan mismo sa mga akdang kanilang binasa ay kailangan pa itong hasain at paunlarin. Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na ang may pinakamataas na bilang na 44 na tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 5-6 na may 48.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang mahusay at tumaas ang bilang ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pag-unawang literal dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan nila sa pag-unawang literal sa akdang binasa pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin.

Sang-ayon ito sa pahayag ni Garcia (2014) na sa antas ng pagbasa ay isa ang pag-unawang interpretasyon o inferensyal kung saan ito ay tumutukoy sa pagtuklas sa mga layunin ng may-akda, kaugnayan nito sa buhay. Kinakailangang taglayin ng mga mag-

aaral ang iba't ibang antas ng pagbasa dahil ito ay magkakaugnay dahil hindi makalilikha ng panibagong kaalaman kung hindi naunawaan ang ibig sabihin ng mga salitang nalimbag sa teksto.

Talahanayan 8

Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Kritikal

Talahanayan 8
Antas ng Pag-unawa sa Pagbasa ng mga Tagasagot ng mga Akdang Tayabasin batay sa Pag-unawang Kritikal

Iskor	Pag-unawang Kritikal				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	4	4	51	56	Napakahusay
5-6	22	24	35	38	Mahusay
3-4	30	33	5	5	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	35	38	--	--	Di- Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100.0	91	100.0	

Ang bahaging ito ay naglalahad ng antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot batay sa Pag-unawang Kritikal. Ibinatay ang resulta mula sa iskor na kanilang nakuha mula sa pre-test at post-test at pagkatapos ay nilapatan ng kaukulang interpretasyon.

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 8 ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa batay sa Pag-unawang kritikal. Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay 35 na tagasagot naman ang nakakuha ng iskor na 0-2 na may bahagdan na 38.0 na nangangahulugang maraming mga mag-aaral ang hirap sa pag-unawang kritikal na nangangailangan ng higit na malalim na pag-iisip at nangangailangan ng pansin sa pag-unawa sa pagbasa sa mga akdang pampanitikan.

Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na may 51 na tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 7-8 na may 56.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang tumaas ang bilang ng may napakahusay na antas ng pag-unawa sa pag-unawang kritikal dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan nila sa pag-unawang kritikal sa akdang binasa pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may mataas nang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa batay sa pag-unawang kritikal at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Mula sa nakuhang iskor ng mga tagasagot ay mapapansin na mas tumaas ang bilang ng mga tagasagot na may napakahusay at mahusay na antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa batay sa pag-unawang kritikal pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Kaugnay ng resultang nakita, ayon kay Bailey (2021), sa kaniyang lektyur hinggil sa Analitikal at Kritikal na Pagbasa, ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa na kritikal ay komplikadong proseso na nagpapahiwatig ng kakayahang bigyang kahulugan at gumawa ng paghuhusga tungkol sa impormasyon na pinagbabatayan ng teksto. Ito ay isang pagsusuri sa teksto kung saan tinatasa ng mambabasa ang nilalaman, isinasaalang-alang ang paggamit ng wika, na dapat malinaw at naiintindihan, at pinag-aaralan ang ugnayan ng teksto sa iba pang pagharap sa parehong paksa.

Talahanayan 9

Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Pagpapangkat ng mga Salitang Magkakaugnay

Talahanayan 9
Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Pagpapangkat ng mga Salitang Magkakaugnay

Iskor	Pagpapangkat ng mga Salitang Magkakaugnay				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	7	8	36	40	Napakahusay
5-6	43	47	48	53	Mahusay
3-4	28	31	7	8	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	13	14	--	--	Di Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100	91	100	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 9 ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot batay sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay. Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay may 43 na nakakuha ng iskor na 5-6 at may katumbas na 4.7 na bahagdan sa kabuuang 100% sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test* at nangangahulugang may iilan na mag-aaral ang may napakahusay ng kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan batay sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang salitang magkakaugnay. Napakahusay nila dahil sa nangangahulugan na batid nila kung alin sa mga salita ang kaugnay at kabilang sa kahulugan ng isang salita. pangpapangkat at alam kung alin ang hindi kabilang sa pangkat ng mga salita..

Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na may 48 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 5-6 na may 40.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang tumaas ang bilang ng may napakahusay ng kasanayan sa talasalitaan batay sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan nila sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Mapapansin naman na wala ng nakakuha napakababang iskor. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may mataas nang kasanayan sa talasalitaan batay sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Sa pananaliksik ni Mancia (2017) inilahad na nakapagpapapalawak ng kaalaman sa wika ang talasalitaan. Nakabubuti sa mga mag-aaral ang palagiang paglinang ng talasalitaan upang makaragdag

sa kaalaman sa paggamit ng wastong pagpapakahulugan at pagpili ng mga salita na magagamit sa pakikipagkomunikasyon. Mahalaga rin ang pagbibigay ng pansin sa mga magkakaugnay na salita sa loob ng akdang binabasa upang mas higit na maunawaan ang nilalaman nito sapagkat dito ay makikita ng isang tao ang kaugnayan ng kaniyang binabasa sa iba pang aspeto.

Talahanayan 10
Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Kasingkahulugan nito

Talahanayan 10
Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Batay sa Kasingkahulugan nito

Iskor	Kasingkahulugan				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	17	19	57	63	Napakahusay
5-6	40	44	31	34	Mahusay
3-4	28	31	3	3	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	6	7	—	—	Di- Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100.0	91	100.0	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 10 ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot batay sa kasingkahulugan. Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay may 40 na nakakuha ng iskor na 5-6 at may katumbas na 44.0 na bahagdan sa kabuuang 100% bahagdan sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test* at nangangahulugang may iilan na mag-aaral ang may napakahusay ng kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa kasingkahulugan nito. Napakahusay nila pagdating sa kanilang pagbibigay ng katumbas na kahulugan sa mga salitang kanilang nabasa sa loob ng mga akdang binigyang-pansin. Ang kabuuang resulta ng paunang pagsusulit ay nangangahulugang may bahagya nang kaalaman sa pagbibigay ng kasingkahulugan sa mga salita ang mga mag-aaral mula sa mga akdang kanilang binasa at binigyang-pansin.

Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na may 57 na tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 7-8 na may 63.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang malaki ang itinaas ng bilang ng may napakahusay na kasanayan sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan batay sa kasingkahulugan nito dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan nila sa pagbibigay ng katumbas na salita o kahulugan sa mga salitang matatagpuan sa akdang binasa pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may mataas nang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasingkahulugan ng mga salita at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Mahalagang aspeto ang pagtukoy sa kasingkahulugan ng bawat salita o talasalitaan. Ito ay nakapagdudulot ng mabilis na nauunawaan ang teksto at may komprehensyon o pag-unawang nagaganap mula sa mag-aaral sa mga akdang kayang binabasa. Binibigyang pokus ang talasalitaan sa unang bahagi ng talakayan

upang madaling maintindihan ang mga ilang salitang nakapaloob sa nilalaman ng teksto upang maiwasan na magdulot ng pagkalito (Almerico 2013).

Samantalang tumutugma ito sa pananaliksik na isinagawa ni Delmundo (2015) ang manunulat ay naglalagay ng mga hudyat o mga salita na maaaring malapit ang kahulugan sa salitang mahirap maunawaan. Sa ganitong paraan ay nalalaman ng mambabasa kung ano ang tunay na pakahulugan ng isang malamin na salita at maging ang damdamin na ipinakikita nito sa akda.

Nangangahulugan lamang na ang pagbibigay-pansin sa kasingkahulugan o katumbas na salita ay napakahalagang aspeto sapagkat mula rito ay matutulungan ang mga mag-aaral na malaman ang ibig sabihin ng mga salitang kanilang binabasa upang mas madali nilang maunawaan ang kanilang binabasang akda.

Talahanayan 11
Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot na Batay sa Kasalungat

Talahanayan 11
Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot na Batay sa Kasalungat

Iskor	Kasalungat				Interpretasyon
	Pre-test		Post test		
	F	Percent	F	Percent	
7-8	2	2	21	23	Napakahusay
5-6	12	13	25	27	Mahusay
3-4	19	21	45	49	Di-gaanong Mahusay
0-2	58	64	—	—	Di- Mahusay
Kabuuan	91	100.0	91	100.0	

Ipinakikita sa Talahanayan 11 ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga tagasagot batay kasalungat. Mula sa kabuuang siyamnapu't isang (91) tagasagot ay may 58 na nakakuha ng iskor na 0-2 at may katumbas na 2.0 na bahagdan sa kabuuang 100% bahagdan sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit o *pre-test* at nangangahulugang may iilan na mag-aaral ang may napakahusay ng kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat nito. Napakahusay nila pagdating sa kanilang pagbibigay ng salitang kabaliktaran ang kahulugan mula sa mga salitang kanilang binigyang-pansin. Samantalang maraming mga mag-aaral ang hirap sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat na salita sa mga salitang kanilang nabasa sa mga akdang kanilang binigyang-pansin. Ang kabuuang resulta ng paunang pagsusulit ay nangangahulugang mababa pa ang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat sa mga salitang kanilang binasa.

Sa kanila namang *post-test* ay mapapansin na may 34 tagasagot ang nakakuha ng iskor na 3-4 na may 49.0 na bahagdan na nangangahulugang tumaas ang bilang ng may napakahusay na kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat nito dahil sa mataas ang nakuhang iskor

ng mga mag-aaral sa panapos na pagsusulit na nangangahulugang tumaas ang kasanayan kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat sa mga salitang kanilang nabasa pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Samantala kapansin-pansin na malaki pa rin ang bilang ng mga tagasagot na nakakakuha ng di-gaanong mahusay sapagkat 45 na tagasagot ang nakakakuha ng iskor na 3-4 na may 49 na bahagdan. Nangangahulugan lamang na marami pa rin ang mga mag-aaral na nagkaroon ng kalituhan sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat sa mga salitang matatagpuan sa akdang kanilang binasa sa lokalisadong storyboard ngunit hindi naman ito nangangahulugan na hindi nakatulong ang kagamitan sapagkat mapapansin pa rin naman na tumaas ang bilang ng mga nakakakuha ng iskor sa kanilang panapos na pagsusulit kung ikukumpara sa kanilang paunang pagsusulit. Samantala walang nakakakuha ng napakababang iskor. Nagpapatunay ito na karamihan sa mga mag-aaral ay may naunawaan na at may nagkaroon ng kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan pagdating sa pagbibigay ng kasalungat nito at mapapansing mas tumaas pa ang bilang nito pagkatapos nilang gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin na makikita sa resulta ng kanilang post-test.

Akma ito sa pahayag ni Custodio (2015), ang mga mag-aaral ay natututo ng talasalitaan, kasingkahulugan maging ang kasalungat ng mga salitang kanilang nababasa sa pamamagitan ng pag-unawa mismo sa tekstong binabasa. Sa ganitong paraan ay mas mauunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang tinatalakay na aralin. Ang guro ang nagtuturo sa mga mag-aaral ng mga salita, malalim man ang kahulugan o hindi. Ang mga salitang itinuturo ay hindi bsta-basta at nangangailangan ng kahusayan ang guro ipang maituro ito ng maayos.

Talahanayan 12
Makabuluhang Pagkakaiba sa Antas ng Pag-unawa ng mga Tagasagot Bago at Pagkatapos Gamitin ang Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin

Antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa	Bago		Pakatapos		t	df	Sig (2-tailed)	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation				Lower	Upper
Literal	3.26	1.72	6.24	1.11	15.773	90	.000	-3.383	-2.603
Inferensyal	2.62	1.18	6.18	1.21	24.977	90	.000	-3.844	-3.277
Kritikal	3.24	1.89	6.41	1.05	15.998	90	.000	-3.558	-2.772

Makikita sa resulta ng Talahanayan 12 na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin mula sa dalawang baryabol. Batay sa pag-unawang literal na may mean iskor sa pretest na 3.26 at SD na 1.72 samantalang sa post test ay may mean iskor na 6.24 at SD na 1.11, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa sa pag-unawang literal ng mga tagasagot batay

sa resulta ng kanilang *pre-test* at *post-test*. Batay naman sa pag-unawang inferensyal na may mean iskor sa pre-test na 2.62 at SD na 1.18 at sa post-test na may mean iskor na 6.18 at SD na 1.21, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon rin ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa sa pag-unawang inferensyal ng mga tagasagot batay sa resulta ng kanilang *pre-test* at *post-test*. Batay naman sa pag-unawang kritikal na may mean iskor sa pre-test na 3.24 at SD na 1.89 samantalang sa post-test na may mean iskor na 6.41 at SD na 1.05, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value. Nangangahulugan ito na naging epektibo ang paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin sa antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa sapagkat mas higit na tumaas ang kanilang nakuhang iskor sa post-test pagkatapos itong gamitin.

Mula sa talahanayan ay mapapansin ang mataas na mean sa antas ng pag-unawang kritikal na may 3.24 at SD na 1.89 bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang materyal patungo sa mean na 6.41 at SD na 1.05 na nangangahulugan na malaki ang naitulong ng paggamit ng lokalisadong materyal upang mas madaling maunawaan ng mga mag-aaral ang kanilang binabasang akda sapagkat pamilyar at naiugnay nila ang kanilang sarili sa pinagmulan ng mga akdang kanilang binasa at maging ang pagdebelop ng kanilang kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan mula sa pag-angkop ng kanilang sarili sa mga salitang Tayabasin na ginamit sa akda sa loob ng lokalisadong storyboard. Akma ito sa resulta ng pananaliksik na isinagawa nina Quintino at Abagon (2021) kung saan lumabas na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa lebel ng kasanayan sa pagbasa ng mga mag-aaral matapos gamitin ang e-modyul sa mga mag-aaral na nasa ikawalong baitang. Samakatuwid, sadyang mahirap sa mga mag-aaral ang pagbabasa subalit nagkakaroon pa rin sila ng motibasyon sa sarili sa tulong rin ng mga kagamitan sa pagbasa.

Talahanayan 13
Makabuluhang Pagkakaiba sa Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan ng mga Tagasagot Bago at Pagkatapos Gamitin ang Lokalisadong Storyboard ng mga Akdang Tayabasin

Kasanayan sa Pagpapayaman ng Talasalitaan	Bago		Pakatapos		t	df	Sig (2-tailed)	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
	Mean	Std Deviation	Mean	Std Deviation				Lower	Upper
Pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay	4.44	1.75	6.07	1.21	-8.035	90	.000	-2.028	-1.224
Kasingkahulugan	4.86	1.64	6.64	1.04	10.774	90	.000	-2.108	-1.452
Kasalungat	2.33	1.83	4.82	1.69	13.061	90	.000	-2.874	-2.115

Makikita sa resulta ng Talahanayan 13 na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang kasanayan sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin mula sa dalawang baryabol. Batay sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sa pagpapangkat ng mga salitang magkakaugnay na may mean iskor sa pretest na 4.44

at SD na 1.75 samantalang sa post test ay may mean iskor na 6.07 at SD na 1.21, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang *pre-test* at *post-test*. Batay naman sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sa kasingkahulugan na may mean iskor sa pre-test na 4.86 at SD na 1.64 at sa post-test na may mean iskor na 6.64 at SD na 1.04, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value. Nagpapahiwatig ito na nagkaroon rin ng makabuluhang pagtaas sa kasanayan sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral batay sa resulta ng kanilang *pre-test* at *post-test*. Batay naman sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sa kasalungat na may mean iskor sa pre-test na 2.33 at SD na 1.83 samantalang sa post-test na may mean iskor na 4.82 at SD na 1.69, ipinakikita na ito ay may .000 p-value. Nangangahulugan ito na naging epektibo ang paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin sa kasanayan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan sapagkat mas higit na tumaas ang kanilang nakuhang iskor sa post-test pagkatapos itong gamitin.

Mula sa resulta ng pag-aaral ay mapapansin na bahagya pa ring mataas ang bilang ng nahirapan sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan batay sa kasalungat, ito marahil ay dahil sa mga panuto na nakalahad sa mga gawain kaya't nagkaroon ang mga mag-aaral ng kalituhan sa kanilang pagsasagot.

Tumutugma ito sa pag-aaral na isinagawa ni Culla (2021), kung saan lumabas sa kaniyang pag-aaral na nagkaroon ng pagkakaiba sa antas ng kasanayan sa talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang kaniyang *Activity Enriched Workbuk* na nangangahulugan na epektibo ang ang paggamit ng workbook sa pagpapalawak ng talasalitaan sapagkat mas higit na tumaas ang kanilang nakuhang iskor sa post-test pagkatapos itong gamitin. Iminungkahi rin sa kaniyang pananaliksik ang paggamit ng mga workbuk na naglalaman ng mga pagsasanay at akda upang mas mapaunlad ang kasanayan sa talasalitaan. Hinihikayat rin ang kanilang patuloy na pagbasa at pag-unawa ito ay makatutulong nang malaki sa pagkakaroon nila ng kalinangan sa kanilang sariling pag-unlad at pagkatuto.

KONKLUSYON

Batay sa mga resulta ng pagsusuri, ang mga sumusunod ang mga konklusyon na natuklasan sa pag-aaral. Una, napatunayan na mayroong makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng pag-unawa sa pagbasa ng mga tagasagot bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Ito ay nagpapahiwatig na ang paggamit ng lokal na storyboard ay may epekto sa pagpapataas ng kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral sa pag-unawa ng binabasa.

Pangalawa, napatunayan rin na mayroong makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa kasanayan ng mga tagasagot sa pagpapayaman ng talasalitaan bago at pagkatapos gamitin ang lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin. Ito ay nagpapakita na ang

paggamit ng nasabing kagamitan ay nakatulong sa pagpapabuti ng mga kasanayan ng mga mag-aaral sa pagpapayaman ng kanilang talasalitaan.

Ang mga natuklasang ito ay nagpapatunay na ang paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin ay nagdulot ng positibong epekto sa mga mag-aaral. Sa pamamagitan ng pagpapalawak ng kanilang kaalaman at kakayahan sa pag-unawa sa pagbasa, pati na rin ang pagpapayaman ng kanilang bokabularyo, ang mga mag-aaral ay mas nagiging mahusay sa pag-aaral ng mga teksto.

Ang pag-aaral na ito ay nagbibigay-daan sa rekomendasyon na magpatuloy sa paggamit ng lokalisadong storyboard ng mga akdang Tayabasin bilang isang epektibong paraan ng pagtuturo at pagpapahusay ng mga kasanayan sa pagbasa at talasalitaan ng mga mag-aaral.

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PREVALENCE OF OCCUPATIONAL STRESS AMONG NURSES WORKING IN SELECTED DEDICATED COVID HEALTH CENTERS (DCHCS)

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: *The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our lives. Nurses' reactions to the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic must be viewed from an occupational health and safety perspective. Month after month of working in the high-stakes environment of COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the mental health and well-being of nurses. The aim of this study is to assess the occupational stress among nurses working in Dedicated COVID Health Centres (DCHC).*

Methods: *The study was done by collecting data from nurses working in selected DCHC's of Satara District. Descriptive study design was used to assess occupational stress among nurses. Data collection tool consisted of Self-Prepared 5-point Likert Scale to assess occupational stress. Non-probability purposive sampling technique was used to select 50 participants. 15 to 20 minutes were given to participants to complete the questionnaire. Data was analysed using frequency, percentage, and Chi square test.*

Results: *The findings of the study revealed that out of 50 participants 0% had mild, 28% had moderate, 56% had severe, and 16% had very severe occupational stress. The study also showed that there was no significant association between prevalence of occupational stress and demographic variables like Age, Level of education, Number of years of work experience, Duration of work experience in DCHC, Marital status and prevalence of occupational stress among nurses working in DCHC, Chi -square value =1.049, 3.199, 0.519, 1.838, respectively (P= 0.5917, 0.202, 0.7714, 0.3988, 0.2092 respectively).*

Conclusion: *Occupational stress is prevalent among nurses which can affect their motivation and level of functioning. This study findings indicate the need to plan measures to combat stress among nurses working in communicable disease departments.*

KEYWORDS: *Occupational stress, Nurses, COVID-19.*

INTRODUCTION

The name "corona virus" is derived from a Latin word *corona*, meaning "crown" or "wreath". It was borrowed from a Greek word, *korone* which means "garland" and "wreath". The name was coined by June Almeida and David Tyrell who first observed and studied human corona viruses. [1]

Corona viruses are a group of related RNA viruses that cause diseases in mammals and birds. In humans and birds, they cause respiratory tract infections that can range from mild to lethal. Mild illnesses in humans include some cases of the common cold (which is also caused by other viruses, predominantly rhinoviruses), while more lethal varieties can cause SARS, MERS, and COVID-19[2].

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major effect on our lives. Many of us are facing challenges that can be stressful, overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children [3]. Frontline nursing and medical staff, especially in the early stages of epidemics, have suffered from anxiety and depression due to high workload, insufficient personal protective equipment, lack of knowledge of the pathogen and direct contact with patients. Consequently, nurses have commonly

reported to experience a greater decline of morale and decreased job satisfaction due to the nature of the profession. Therefore, mental health initiatives are important to support nurses and doctors during an unprecedented health crisis of a pandemic. [4]

Nurses' reactions to the stress of the current pandemic must be viewed from an occupational health and safety perspective. Stress and burnout were recognized internationally as work hazards for nurses before the pandemic. Research suggests that both occupational and personality factors play a role in burnout. In 2019 the World Health Organization declared burnout an occupational phenomenon—rather than a medical condition. Characterized by feelings of exhaustion, disengagement from one's job, and a sense of diminished professional fulfilment, burnout is considered the result of chronic work stress that the individual is not able to manage. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has increased work stress among an already strained nursing corps, putting their mental health and well-being at risk. Recent research from China and Italy, two nations that experienced the early phase of the pandemic, found that nurses directly involved in the care of COVID-19 patients were at increased risk for mental health problems compared to other healthcare professionals.[5]

Several reviews have already been conducted on healthcare workers' mental health in the COVID-19 pandemic, with the recent research conducted on 11 June 2021. Pappa et al. (2020) identified thirteen studies searched on 17th April 2020 and pooled prevalence rates; they reported that more than one of every five healthcare workers suffered from anxiety and/or depression; nearly two in five reported insomnia.[6]

Healthcare workers like nurses, doctors and other medical staff who worked on the frontlines in China experienced symptoms of anxiety, depression and sleeping difficulty. More specifically, about 46.04% had anxiety, 44.37% had depression, and 28.75% experienced insomnia. In Wuhan, China, over 70% of healthcare workers reported psychological distress.[7]

Healthcare workers are at risk for developing trauma or other stress-related disorders due to fears of falling ill and not knowing what will happen in the future. Post-traumatic stress was common among health workers, with nurses demonstrating a higher likelihood of developing or having anxiety among others in the medical field.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a rise in fear, anxiety, stress, and depression among the population: of these, university undergraduates from countries severely affected by COVID-19 are some of the most vulnerable, as they face strict lockdown measures and have fewer resources to cope with it.[8]

Month after month of working in the high-stakes environment of COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the mental health and well-being of nurses. Long hours caring for patients, fears about contracting the virus, separation from loved ones, and redeployment – the pressure on nurses has been unrelenting since

March last year. Nurses are suffering the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are physically and mentally exhausted. Particularly, within critical care, there are significant levels of post-traumatic stress evident, which is extremely worrying. This is simply not sustainable. Long hours caring for patients, fears about contracting the virus, separation from loved ones, and redeployment – the pressure on nurses has been unrelenting since March 2020.[9]

A study was done to explore the influencing factors of job stress among nurses fighting COVID-19 conducted by Yufang Zhan, in China, published on 22 October 2020. A convenient sampling method was used to conduct a questionnaire survey with 110 nurses who were on the clinical frontline of the COVID-19 epidemic in a hospital in Wuhan. The results showed that the average job stress score of the 110 frontline nurses assisting in combating the COVID-19 epidemic was 91.42 ± 26.09, which represents a moderate stress level, the dimensions of work environment and resources as well as workload and time pressure were ranked first and second, respectively. The study concluded that the job stress among nurses on the clinical frontline of the COVID-19 epidemic was found to be at a medium level.[10]

A study carried out by Ruchira.W.Khasne, conducted in India to evaluate the prevalence of burnout during COVID 19 pandemic among healthcare workers, using the Copenhagen Burnout Inventory Questionnaire was sent to the HCWs, using WhatsApp Messenger, and voluntary participation was sought. The responses from 2026 HCWs were received. Burnout was assessed in personal, work, and client-related (COVID-19 pandemic-related) domains. The result shows that the prevalence of personal burnout was 44.6% (903), work-related burn-out was only 26.9% (544), and greater than half of the respondents (1,069, 52.8%) had pandemic-related burnout. Younger respondents (21–30 years) had higher personal and work-related burnout. The prevalence of personal and work-related burnout was significantly (p < 0.01) higher among females. The doctors were 1.64 times, and the support staffs were 5 times more likely to experience pandemic-related burnout. The study concluded that there was a significant prevalence of burnout experienced by the HCW's during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly among the doctors and the staff nurse.[11]

A research study was conducted at Pilani, Jodhpur by Jaydev P S et.al. The study aimed to assess the level of stress perceived by nurses working in selected COVID designated hospitals in India. The study used the Descriptive Cross Sectional Survey and Purposive Sampling Technique. A total of 190 nurses participated in the study. The result showed that a moderate level of stress was perceived by the majority of nurses. There was a statistically significant association found between perceived levels of stress with demographic variables like age, education, and experience at p <0.05 level, but no significant association existed between gender and level of stress perceived. The study concluded that the effective management of pandemic should be the priority for healthcare organizations and adequate training should to be given for health care workers.[12]

A number of articles have been reviewed and it showed that most of the study participants were found to have high stress level and there is a significant prevalence of burnout during the COVID-19 pandemic among HCW's, particularly among doctors and staff nurses.

It is therefore, felt that there is a need to assess occupational stress among nurses working in selected Dedicated COVID Health Centre in Satara District of Maharashtra state.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
To assess the prevalence of occupational stress among nurses working in selected Dedicated COVID Health Centres (DCHC's).

SUBJECTS AND METHODS
In this study a descriptive research design was used to assess occupational stress among nurses working in selected DCHC's in Satara District.

In this study the research approach used was a quantitative approach; systematic selection of accessible population of Registered Staff Nurses working in selected DCHC's and who were available at the time of study and information was gathered by using self-structured 5-point Likert scale, in view of the problem statement of the selected study. The population consisted of registered male and female nurses of selected DCHC's in Satara District.

Setting of the study was selected in four DCHC's in Satara district which included 30 to 40 bed strength. The sample selected for the study comprises of registered staff nurses working in selected DCHC's in Satara district and fulfilling the sampling criteria.

The pilot study was done on 15th September 2020 on five selected nurses working in DCHCs fulfilling the inclusion criteria, to measure the occupational stress, and to assess the feasibility of the study and to decide the plan for data collection.

50 samples were then collected. Sampling technique used was non-probability purposive sampling technique. Inclusion criteria was- registered nurses working in selected DCHC's in Satara District, Nurses who were available at the time of data collection and willing to participate in the study. Data collection tool consisted of structured questionnaire and self-prepared 5-point Likert scale.

TOOL PREPARATION
The tool used for this study is a Self-Prepared Likert Scale. The research tool which consists of two sections, section A: demographic data and section B: Stress rating scale (5 point Likert scale). Demographic data include various factors like age, gender, education, marital status, work experience and duration of work experience in selected DCHC's. The stress rating scale included factors like job related, personal protective equipment, family, friends and society, and personal. There were 20 items covering these areas. The tool was validated by 10 experts for its content.

Interpretation of score:
The total score of the scale is 100, based on the score achieved by a particular nurse, the result was interpreted as below:

No stress	20
Mild stress	21-40
Moderate stress	41-60
Severe stress	61-80
Very Severe stress	81-100

RESULTS
The demographic data collected was analysed using frequency and percentage. The prevalence of occupational stress was analysed by frequency and percentage of the total score of participants classified as mild, moderate, severe and very severe stress. The association between the demographic variables and occupational stress was analysed using Chi square test.

ANALYSIS OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA
The frequency and percentage distribution of age of participants distribution among 50 participants. 76% of participants were between the age of 21-30. About 24% of participant were 30 years and above. [Figure 1]

The frequency and percentage of level of education, out of 50 participants, 60% of participants have completed ANM and 40% of participants have completed GNM or BSc. Nursing. [Figure 2]

The frequency and percentage of distribution of work experience in years,58% of participants have work experience of 3 years and 42% of participants have an experience of 4 years or more. [Figure 3]

The frequency and percentage distribution of duration of work experience in DCHC. The bar diagram explains, 42% of participants have 0-3 months and 58% of participants have 4 months or more duration of work experience in DCHC. [Figure 4]

The frequency and percentage distribution of marital status, 54% of participants were married and 46% of participants are unmarried. [Figure 5]

The frequency and percentage distribution of monthly income, 16% of participants' income is ₹0-10,000. 34% of participants' income is ₹11,000-20,000 and 50% of participants' income is ₹21,000-30,000.[Figure 6]

Analysis of Occupational Stress

Analysis of occupational stress showed that 0% (0) had Mild stress, 28% (14) of participants had Moderate stress, 56% (28) of participants had Severe stress and 16% (8) of participants had Very severe stress. [Table 1] [Figure 7]

Analysis of association between occupational stress and demographic variables using chi-square test

The association between prevalence of occupationsl stress and demographic variables such as age, level of education, work experience (years), duration of work experience in DCHC (months) and marital status was analysed using Chi-Sqaure test. The Chi-Square values were 1.049, 0.202, 0.7714, 0.3988 and 0.2092 respectively (P values 0.5917, 0.202, 0.7714, 0.3988 and 0.2092 respectively). [Table 2]. The results showed that there is no significant association between occupational stress and demographic variables.

Conclusion: The results show that out of 50 nurses 0% had no stress, 0% had mild stress, 28% had moderate stress, 56% had severe stress and 16% had very severe occupational stress. There is no statistically significant association between demographic variables and prevalence of stress.

DISCUSSION

The study findings revealed that 0% of participants had no stress and 0% had mild stress, 28% of participants had moderate stress, while 56% and 16% of participants had severe stress and very severe stress respectively. A similar research study conducted among 290 medical staff in Iran in 2020 to assess the status of occupational stress among nurses facing COVID-19 patients in hospitals of Kerman also showed that 88% of nurses had a partial to high levels of stress, the factors associated are high workload, low response time at the peak of hospital visits, lack of adequate support for top managers of all job groups equally, lack of basic needs and inadequate personal protective equipment.[11] This study revealed that the fear of infection, self-isolation, heavy workload, lack of comfort while using Personal Protective Equipment(PPE), fear of transmitting infection to the family, inability to meet the basic needs like drinking water and attending to nature's call, emotionally and physically drained after duty were the factors that made nurses vulnerable to the development of occupational stress.

A cross-sectional study done by Yigrem Ali Chekole in a governmental health institution Dilla, Southern Ethiopia, to assess the prevalence of perceived stress and risk factors of COVID-19 among healthcare providers, result revealed that the prevalence of perceived stress among participants was 126. Although socio demographic variables such as, age of the participants ranged between 25–31 years, masters and above in their educational qualification and nurse professionals were found to have a strong statistically significant association with the perceived stress of corona virus disease.[12]

In this study, there was no significant association between demographic variables such as age, level of education, number of years of work experience, duration of work experience in DCHC's, marital status, income with prevalence of stress.

Recommendations for further studies

A similar study can be done to assess the level of occupational stress among nurses working in communicable disease departments other than COVID 19.
A study can be done to assess the effect of selected interventions to reduce occupational stress among nurses working in communicable diseases departments.

Conclusion

The study concludes that nurses working in dedicated COVID health centres at district level which treated clinically moderate cases of COVID-19 experienced occupational stress varying from moderate to very severe stress levels. The results of this study can be useful to plan measures to reduce occupational stress among nurses working in other communicable disease departments.

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TABLES
Table No. 1 Analysis of occupational stress

N = 50

OCCUPATIONAL STRESS	FREQUENCY n	PERCENTAGE %
NO STRESS	0	0
MILD STRESS	0	0
MODERATE STRESS	14	28
SEVERE STRESS	28	56
VERY SEVERE STRESS	8	16

Table No. 2 Analysis of association between occupational stress with demographic variables using chi-square test

Demographic Variables	Moderate Stress	Severe Stress	Very severe Stress	Chi-Square Test value	P Value
AGE					
21-30	12(31.57%)	20(52.63%)	6(15.78%)	1.049	0.5917
31 and above	2(16.66%)	8(66.66%)	2(16.66%)		
LEVEL OF EDUCATION					
ANM	7(23.33%)	16(53.33%)	7(23.33%)	3.199	0.202
B.Sc and GNM	7(35%)	12(60%)	1(5%)		
WORK EXPERIENCE(Years)					
0-3	9(31.03%)	15(51.72%)	5(17.24%)	0.519	0.7714
4 and above	5(23.8%)	13(61.9%)	3(14.28%)		

DURATION OF EXPERIENCE IN DCHC (Months)					
0-3	8(38.09%)	10(47.61%)	3(14.28%)	1.838	0.3988
4 and above	6(20.68%)	18(62.06%)	5(17.24%)		
MARITAL STATUS					
Married	5(18.51%)	18(66.66%)	4(14.81%)	3.129	0.2092
Unmarried	9(39.13%)	10(43.47%)	4(17.39%)		

FIGURES
Figure 1 : Pie diagram representing age distribution of study participants
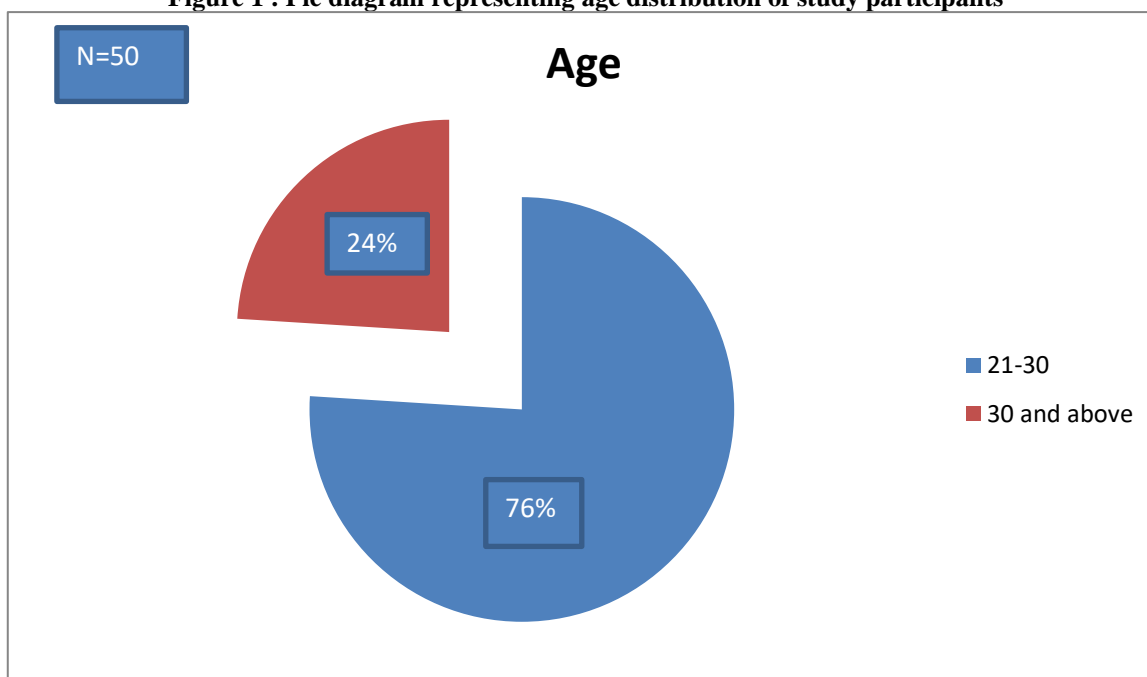
Figure 2 : Pie diagram representing educational level of study participants
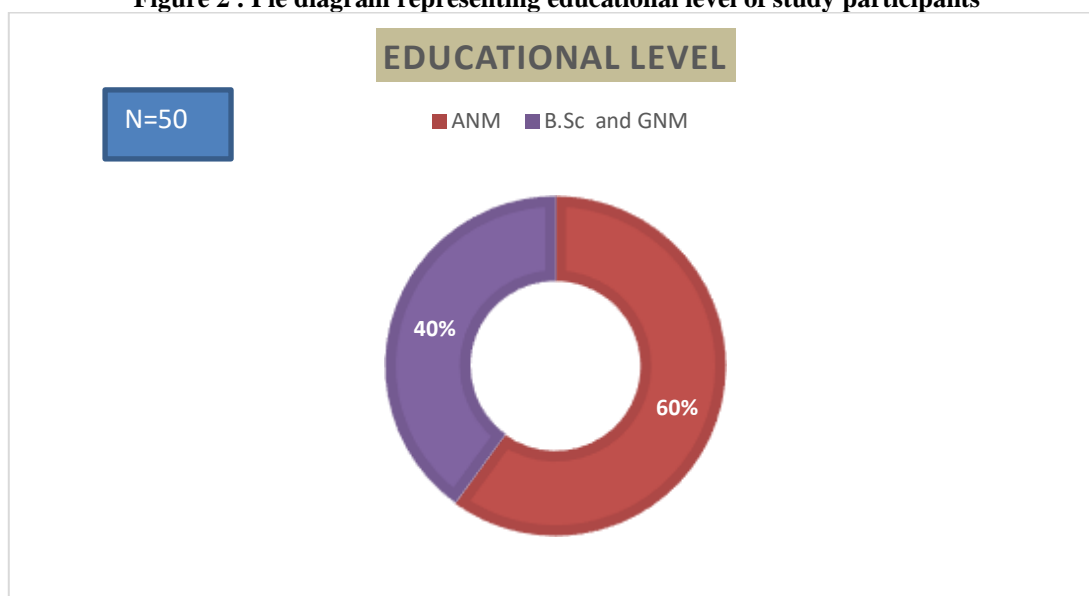
Figure 3 : Bar diagram representing total years of work experience of particiapants
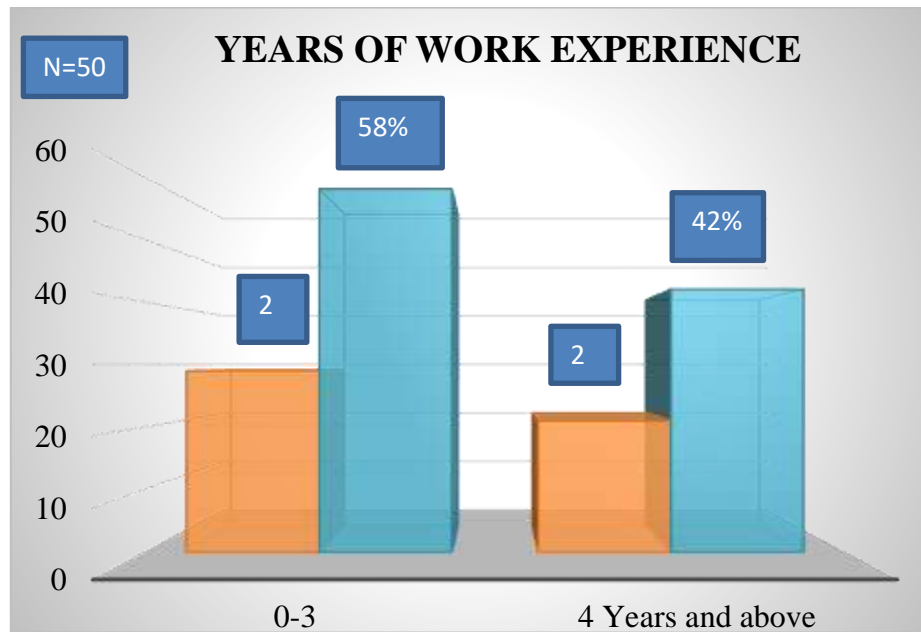
Figure 4 : Bar diagram representing duartion of work experience in dedicated COVID health centres (DCHC) of participants
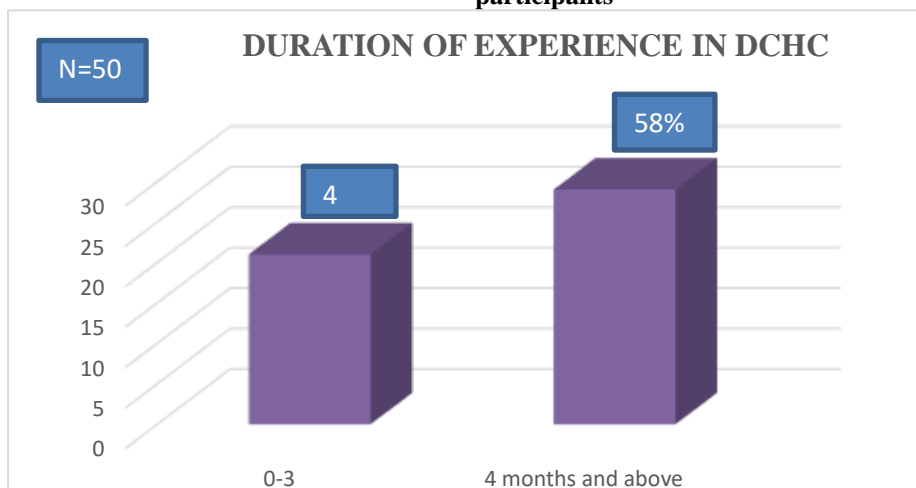
Figure 5 : Bar diagram representing frequency distribtion of marital status of participants

Figure 6: Pie diagram representing frequency distribution of monthly income (INR) of particpants

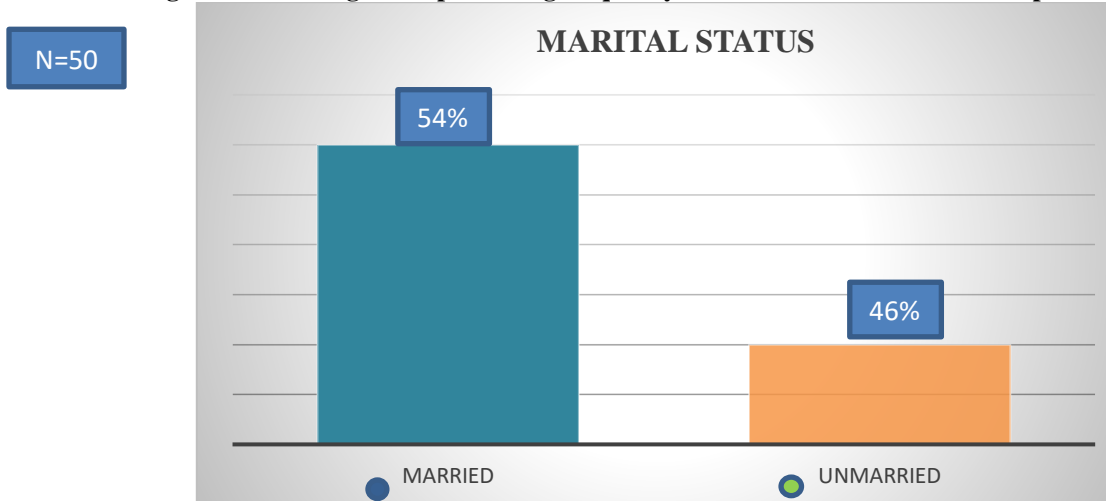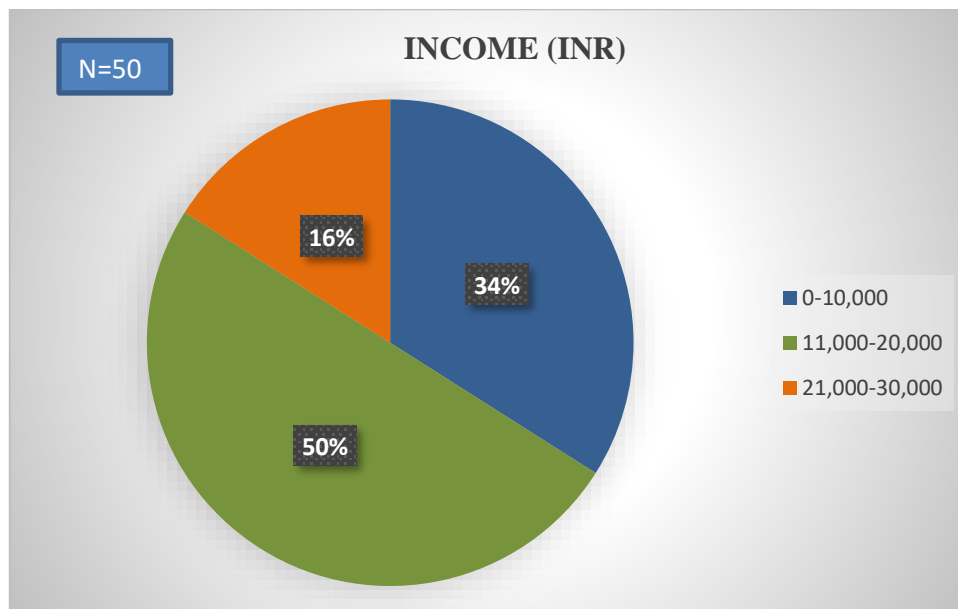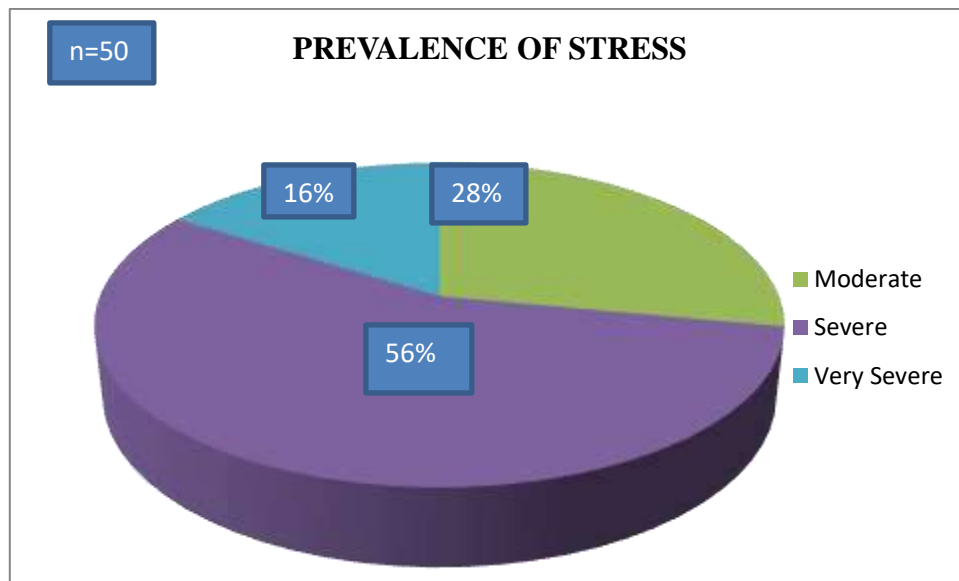**Figure 7 : Pie diagram representing the distribution of particpants according to prevalence of Occupational Stress.**

BEST PRACTICES ON BRIDGING LEARNING GAPS: FROM THE NARRATIVES OF SCHOOL HEADS

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ABSTRACT
Learning gaps have always been common in education. The onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic has been especially difficult for students. The transition to remote learning has been a lot tougher on some students than others, and unfortunately, this has led to an increase in learning gaps. Hence, this qualitative phenomenological research study explored the best practices in bridging learning gaps employed by the school heads in Loreto South District. It utilized in-depth interviews to gather data. This study used an interview guide created by the researcher as a qualitative analysis method. The researcher used a tool with a list of questions to keep track of to ensure that all the topics necessary to address the research questions were covered. This study aims to explore school heads' experiences, challenges, and insights in bridging learning gaps. There were five purposively selected school heads who participated in the conduct of the study. Findings revealed that the learners have poor academic performance because of remote learning during the pandemic. Because of this, learners' inability to master the basic competencies specifically reading, writing, and arithmetic (3Rs) made bridging learning gaps challenging. The study also revealed that there is a need for the implementation of learning recovery plans and intervention programs to recover learning losses. The study concludes with recommendations to assess the best practices, coping mechanisms, and strategies the school heads have employed in bridging learning gaps.
KEYWORD: *best practices, school heads, experiences, challenges, insights, phenomenological research*

1. INTRODUCTION

Literacy is an educational structure block that must be bettered through learning different generalities and capabilities. With the multitudinous chops and capabilities demanded to be covered in one academy time, hourly, the mastery of the assignment was overlooked causing literacy gaps still, there's a good chance that any unborn generalities that calculate on understanding this knowledge are going to be indeed more delicate to grasp. If a pupil failed to learn and master the prerequisite skill. This is how literacy gaps begin to form.

Globally, a new review of COVID- period exploration shows that K–12 scholars around the world suffered harrowing literacy loss due to academy closures that persist moment. The study finds that scholars endured average literacy poverties equal to about one-third of academy time. And the detriment was more severe in poorer countries and among poorer populations of scholars (Mahnken, 2023).

According to an article published by The Glossary of Educational Reform in 2014, nearly affiliated to achievement gap and occasion gap, a literacy gap is the difference between what a pupil has learned — i.e., the academic progress he or she has made — and what the pupil was anticipated to learn at a certain point in his or her education, similar as a particular age or grade

position. A literacy gap can be minor — the failure to acquire a specific skill or meet a particular literacy standard, for illustration — or it can be significant and educationally consequential, as in the case of scholars who have missed large quantities of training.

In pastoral India, nearly three- diggings of third graders cannot break a two-number deduction problem like 46 minus 17, and by grade five — half still cannot do so. Children reach a youthful majority without indeed the most introductory chops like calculating the correct change from a sale, reading a croaker's instructions, or understanding a machine schedule — let alone erecting a fulfilling career or educating their children (The World Bank, 2019).

Although academy sections and preceptors did their stylish to cover their scholars and give acceptable distance literacy surroundings, a recent exploration paper by McKinsey and Company, published in the United States in July 2021, reports the impact of the epidemic on K – 12 literacy left scholars a normal of five months behind in mathematics and four months behind in reading by the end of the 2020- 2021 academy time. The epidemic widened preexisting occasion and achievement gaps, hitting historically underprivileged scholars the hardest.

Meanwhile, the literacy gap estimated for the Philippines is about 5.5 times, which is larger than its Asian neighbors grounded on the World Bank's Human Capital Index.

Orbeta and Pacqueo also cited that an average Filipino pupil spends further time in the academy but is less productive than his/ her counterparts in other countries. They also added that the quality of advanced education in the country is "uneven" which can be traced to the low quality of introductory education. Only a many Philippines universities are on the list of top universities in the world rankings. Therefore, the Philippines' Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the literacy gaps endured by learners because of indispensable literacy modalities. That's why, DepEd is seeking innovative strategies to address problems in education in achieving learning issues as scholars transition to in-person classes (Beam & Yang, 2019).

On the other hand, learning gaps were apparent to abecedarian scholars of Loreto South District, Loreto, Agusan del Sur. In their position, the utmost of the scholars could hardly read and write. To validate this problem, the experimenter conducted a short interview with colorful academy heads of the said quarter. Throughout assessing the scholars' performance, the experimenter observed that the scholars still had difficulty in feting letters indeed though they were anticipated to master the faculty considering the grade position they were in. Because of this, the scholars had difficulty in reading and jotting which are two of the most essential chops to learn. Likewise, scholars in advanced situations also held the same problem as it was apparent with the numerous married crimes in doing written tasks. The same observation was also refocused by some preceptors of the quarter.

2. METHODS
2.1 Research Design
This study was a qualitative study employing a phenomenological approach because it aimed to explore the best practices utilized by the selected school heads. This research study utilized phenomenology as the research design. Phenomenology (Giorgi, 2012) is a qualitative research tool for describing how people respond to a particular phenomenon. Phenomenological research tries to put aside prejudices and preconceived notions about human perceptions, emotions, and reactions to a situation. It will enable the researcher to investigate the experiences, understandings, and emotions of others who have observed or lived through the phenomenon or circumstance of interest. The researcher would explore the experiences, challenges, insights, and coping mechanisms of the selected school heads.

2.2 Respondents
The study focused on the experiences, challenges as well as best practices utilized by the school heads in bridging learning gaps. The participants of this study were five school heads of Loreto South District, Loreto, Agusan del Sur through purposive sampling. Three of these informants were elementary school heads while the other two were secondary school heads. All five informants were from public schools. An in-depth interview was utilized in the data gathering. The research started in February

2023 and lasted until March 2023 of School Year 2022- 2023, which took the researcher approximately one and half months to complete this study from the preliminaries until the end.

2.3 Instrument
This study used an interview guide which was created by the researcher as a qualitative analysis method. The researcher used a tool with a list of questions to keep track of to ensure that all the topics necessary to address the research questions were covered. The study interview guide aimed to learn about the experiences, challenges, insights, best practices, and coping mechanisms of selected school heads.
The researcher underwent the guidelines on the procedure of gathering the data.

2.4 Statistical Tools
To interpret the results, the researcher used a deductive approach. The deductive approach to qualitative data analysis entailed interpreting data according to a predetermined framework by the researcher.

After collecting data in the field, the researcher used transcription to make sense of the details. The first step in data analysis was to transcribe everything. Transcription is the method of converting all data into text.

Following data transcription, the researcher referred to the study objectives or questions and arranged the collected data following the objectives/questions.

For a more effective data processing method, coding was the best way to compress the data into easily understandable concepts. Coding was the process of categorizing data into principles, properties, trends, or emerging themes in qualitative research.

One of the foundations of good research was data validation. Since data was at the core of the research, it was critical to ensure that it was free of errors.

3. FRAMEWORK
This study was anchored on Transformative Learning Theory by Jack Mezirow (1996). The Transformative Learning Theory (TLT) is a theory that examines how an adult interprets his life experiences and how he makes meaning through these experiences. Mezirow (1996) has defined learning and teaching as a process of making new or revised interpretations of the meaning of an experience which guides future understanding, appreciation, and action. He explained that learning is understood as the process of using one's prior interpretation to interpret a new or revised interpretation of the meaning of one 's experience to guide future action.

To achieve transformational learning, Mezirow encouraged critical reflection since it helps the learner in making meaning. Mezirow (1990) stated that the most significant learning experiences in adulthood comprise critical reflection reexamining the way we have posed problems and reexamining our own orientation to perceiving, knowing, believing, feeling, and acting. Reflection can be defined as inference, generalization, analogy,

distinction, evaluation, as well as memorizing and solving problems; critical reflection is the method of sensibly examining the assumptions by which we have been justifying our convictions. Critical reflection is an essential part of decision-making since it is not apprehensive with the how or the how-to of action but with its why, the reasons for, and the consequences of what one does.

In this study, the selected school heads' experiences in bridging learning gaps brought them new interpretations which guided them for their future action. The realizations, insights, and learning that occurred to the school heads had changed their entire perspective in the essence of addressing learning gaps. As they perceived that bridging learning gaps is not an easy task and that one has to prepare and plans to cope with the said problem, these insights have brought them new learning through a change in perspective.
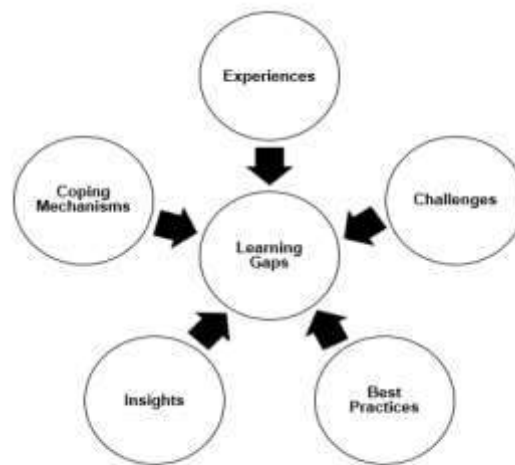
Figure 1. Conceptual Framework

4. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.

On the School Heads' Experiences in Bridging Learning Gaps. The impacts of the pandemic on education were undeniable. It can be reckoned that the research participants experienced difficulties in bridging learning mostly because of the students' inability to read which resulted in poor academic performance. The application of new teaching techniques and working out of a recovery plan which would fit the students' needs was also revealed to be arduous on the part of the school heads.

The need for teachers to instill in their pupils the academic significance of fluent reading. Teachers should build the confidence level of the pupils through implementing questioning techniques in reading discussions, that are age specific and where all answers to questions are accepted. Also, the implementation of reading programs must be intensified to further remediate the students.

On the Challenges Encountered in Bridging Learning Gaps. As noted in the findings of the study, the challenges mentioned were determining the most effective ways, addressing the learning needs, lack of facilities, materials, and resources, teaching-learning process adjustment, teachers' and students' commitment, responsiveness, and willingness, and identifying and planning an intervention. Among the challenges, it is addressing the learning needs in reading, writing, and arithmetic (3Rs) must be prioritized. For this reason, it is high time that the school incorporates the 3Rs in lesson delivery. The integration of these skills across the curriculum will enable the students to deepen their learning, communicate effectively, and widen their perspectives.

On the Challenges Difficult to Address in Bridging Learning Gaps. Reading plays a vital role in for learners to understand and comprehend the lessons. The findings of the study revealed that difficulty in reading hinders students from learning. Because of this, struggling readers lack the enthusiasm to study and learn.

This implies that the schools must strengthen their reading programs to provide additional strategies to boost reading skills in the areas of decoding, comprehension, and fluency for struggling readers. Reading programs may also serve as interventions that act as a supplement to the mainstream reading program curriculum.

On the Factors that Make Bridging Gaps Difficult. In the view of the factors that make bridging gaps difficult, it can be reckoned that the adjustment in the shift from modular to face-to-face classes, difficulty in 3Rs, learners' absenteeism, teachers' heavy workloads, and commitment to the process were the factors that contribute to making bridging gaps difficult. Therefore, teachers must not neglect the advantages of Psychological First

Aid (PFA). PFA is an evidence-informed approach that is built on the concept of human resilience. In addition, PFA aims to reduce stress symptoms and assist in a healthy recovery following traumatic events, natural disasters, public health emergencies, or even personal crises.

Meanwhile, learners' absenteeism should be addressed through home visitation and monitoring. Teachers could also incorporate interactive and engaging class sessions to rule out boredom and disinterest as a cause of absenteeism.

Moreover, the Department of Education (DepEd) announced that they will launch a "workload balancing tool" to determine the time that teachers spend in their classrooms teaching and doing administrative or clerical work with the aim to answer the problem of teachers' heavy workload. A few months ago, administrative officers were hired to lessen the administrative or clerical tasks of teachers so they can focus on teaching, especially since they must close the learning gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic where students had to make do with blended learning instead of face-to-face classes. However, this did not answer the problem of subject loads handled by teachers. DepEd should assess the number of needed teachers per school so that can hire more and address the problem of teachers' overload.

On Best Practices Used in Coping the Challenges in Bridging Learning Gaps. With the challenges faced in bridging learning gaps, the findings have highlighted the best practices employed by the informants. The informants focused on the strategies that would address the problem in reading. The strategies mentioned were a learning development plan, a reading intervention plan, one-on-one teaching in reading, and review, recall, and exposure to reading.

This implies that schools must prioritize reading and reading improvement among learners because reading creates better students, better cognition and memory, and a better vocabulary. Reading integration across all subjects should also be pursued to foster literacy and cognitive engagement.

On Coping Mechanisms Used to Overcome Problems in Bridging Learning Gaps. In relevance to the previous theme, the findings of the present study show that a learning development plan, LAC sessions, remediation, orientation, and monitoring was done.

In the previous themes, the said coping mechanisms were mentioned. As said, the school needs to strategize these types of ways to help learners recover from the learning losses. In addition, these would also give teachers the opportunity to communicate and plan effective methods to address the problem of learning gaps.

On Teachers' Help with the Encountered Difficulties in Bridging Learning Gaps. Aside from the coping mechanisms employed by the informants, teachers' involvement through initiating and implementing the intervention programs contributed much to bridging the learning gaps.

As the backbone of education, a teacher plays a key role in assisting students who are experiencing difficulties in the classroom. Rooted in special education background, an intervention teacher provides expertise and intentional support to students who demonstrate behavioral, social, and educational challenges.

On Insights Gained in Experiencing Difficulties in Bridging Learning Gaps. Based on the emerging themes, the research informants learned to embrace new teaching techniques, become resilient leaders, provide a good learning foundation to children, value commitment and teamwork, and expose students to reading, review, and recall.

These insights posit a positive impact on the part of the research informants. This implies that teachers may sustain the positivity expressed by the informants through learning new teaching strategies and methods that would mold learners into becoming effective, efficient, and critical thinkers, and exposing learners to differentiated activities to foster learning. Resiliency must not be overlooked since it is needed to process and overcome hardship. Those lacking resilience get easily overwhelmed and may turn to unhealthy coping mechanisms. Resilient people tap into their strengths and support systems to overcome challenges and work through problems.

Also, work commitment and teamwork should be valued because it creates a positive environment in the workplace enabling favorable results to happen.

On Teachers and Parents' Contribution in Bridging Learning Gaps. The finding revealed that teachers and parents worked together to help the learners through facilitating learning, monitoring, follow-up, and partnership.

Positive connections between parents and teachers have been shown to improve children's academic achievement, social competencies, and emotional well-being. When parents and teachers work as partners, children do better in school and at home. Since they are the sources of encouragement, optimism, and resilience, strengthening the bond between the school community and the stakeholders could create confident and competent learners in fulfilling their dreams.

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PORTRAYAL OF GENDER DISCRIMINATION: A STUDY OF THREE INDIAN ENGLISH CRITIC WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

India has been a land of articulate feelings, eloquent speeches and diverse cultural manifestations; Indian drama comprises all the three. India's tradition of drama goes back to Bhasa, the Sanskrit dramatist (fifth century B.C.E.), continuing through Kalidasa and Bhavabhuti. The *Natyashastra* by Bharata Muni is the oldest text on dramaturgy in the world. However, Indian English drama has always lagged behind poetry and fiction. As K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar pointed out in 1962:

> Modern Indian dramatic writing in English is neither rich in quantity nor, on the whole, of high quality. Enterprising Indians have for nearly a century occasionally attempted drama in English, but seldom for actual stage production. (Iyengar, 226)

This is primarily because of lack of opportunity to stage the plays. There is also the problem of language. In his Foreword to *Kanthapura* (1938) Raja Rao had talked about the difficulty of conveying —in a language that is not one's own the spirit that is one's own‖ even while recognizing that English is the language of our intellectual makeup. Shashi Deshpande has pointed out that the problem is more acute in the case of drama, which is why Indian English drama lagged behind drama in Indian languages:

> Reading a novel is a private matter. It is somehow possible to read the words of an Indian speaking English without too much discomfort, since the words register on the mind without being spoken aloud. But to hear the words being spoken by an Indian, especially by someone who would not be speaking English in real life, seems not just unnatural and wrong, it destroys the very illusion that drama seeks to create.

Apart from this, drama needs to use colloquial language, which increases the problems of writing in English. How does one get the different voices varying according to region, class, caste, education, etc.? What kind of English does one give an uneducated person, for example? How do we ‗translate‗ the language when there are possibly no words in English for what is being spoken? These problems arise in fiction as well, but fiction writers and poets have struggled with them for years and most have reached a kind of language that seems to work. The dramatist's job is much harder, because the actor is ‗speaking‗ directly to the audience; nothing comes in between. The impact is immediate. Besides, the characters are not on a page, but right there, in person, before you. (Deshpande, xi)

Krishan Mohan Banerjee's *The Persecuted, or Dramatic Scenes Illustrative of the Present State of Hindoo Society in Calcutta* (1831) is considered the first play written by an Indian in English. Shanta Gokhale says, —It was less a play and more a dramatized debate of the conflict between orthodox Hindu customs and the new ideas introduced by Western education. While anyone interested in English plays preferred to see those written by native English speakers, the majority of Indians preferred those performed in an Indian language‖ (337). Yet Indians continued to write plays, in spite of a lack of theatre. M.K. Naik observes, —From 1831 to 1980, not less than 500 plays by Indian English writers had appeared; and during the short period of the last twenty years [1960-2000], about 75 have been published. But, of course, numerical abundance does not necessarily spell qualitative richness‖ (201).

In the initial stage we have Sri Aurobindo (1872-1950) writing between 1890 and 1920. The notable feature of Sri Aurobindo's plays is that they depict different cultures and countries in different epochs, with a variety of characters, moods and sentiments. He wrote eleven verse plays, including five complete five act plays—*The Viziers of Bassora, Perseus the Deliverer, Rodogune, Eric: A Dramatic Romance* and *Vasavadutta.* Prema Nandakumar believes that Sri Aurobindo's plays are worthy of the stage, —Sri Aurobindo's plays have been staged with great success by the students of Sri Aurobindo Ashram's Mother's International School in New Delhi‖ (177).

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) occupies an important place in Indian drama. He translated many of his Bengali plays into English in the period 1913 to 1936, making extensive changes in the text. Self-translated plays —fall into two broad groups: thesis plays and psychological dramas. In the first group may be included *Sanyasi, The Cycle of Spring, Chitra, Malini, Sacrifice, Natir Puja* and *Red Oleander.*
To the second belong *The King and the Queen, Kacha and Devayani, Karna and Kunti*and *The Mother's Prayer*‖ (Naik, 101).Tagore's plays reflect his creativity and innovation, and his concern with the status of women in society. His plays reveal an insight into a woman's mind. Women are recurrent figures in his plays, such as Vasanthi in *The Ascetic*, Aparna in *Sacrifice*, Princess Chitra in *Chitra*, and Prakriti in *Chandalika*.

Sarojini Naidu's younger brother, Harindranath Chattopadhyaya (1898-1990) was a poet, dramatist, musician and stage and screen actor. Seven verse plays on the lives of Indian saints like Pundalik, *Chokhamela* and *Eknath* were published in *Poems and Plays* (1927). *Five Plays* (1929) are in prose, and dramas of social protest. The historical novelist A. S. P. Ayyar (1899-1963) authored six plays between 1926 and 1942, including *The Slave of Ideas* and *Sita's Choice*; he focused on women's rights and exposed the evils of society, such as caste and superstitious beliefs. T.P. Kailasam (1885-1946) wrote both in English and Kannada. He is regarded as the father of modern Kannada drama, because his plays in Kannada had social themes and humour.

His English plays such as *The Burden* (1933), *Fulfilment* (1933), *The Purpose* (1944), *Karna* (1964) and *Keechaka* (1949) present a fresh look at figures from Indian mythology. But most of these playwrights wrote their plays to be read and not performed.

Bharati Sarabhai (1912-1918) was a member of the Indian National Congress, a Gandhian who took an active part in politics. She is the only significant woman playwright of this period. *The Well of the People* (1943) is based on a true story published in Gandhiji's *Harijan.* It is a verse play, poetic and symbolic, about a widow who arranges to dig a well for the untouchables. *Two Women* (1952) is in prose and presents a fascinating group of women, mainly Anuradha, Urvashi, Sudha, Lata and Miss Boulton. Anuradha is a typical Hindu wife married to a westernized white man, exposing the differences in the married life. Urvashi, Anuradha's friend is an unsuccessful dancer and a singer. Both of them decide to renounce the world and go to the Himalayas. Anuradha's husband falls sick and the news brings Anuradha back to the family household while her friend falls in love and feels contented with her life. Both of them realized the teaching of *Gita* that doing one's duty is better than shying away from it. The long speeches by the characters detract from the stageability of the play.

Things started changing with the arrival of Asif Currimbhoy (1928-1994) on the Indian English drama scene. He was one of the first playwrights to produce plays that could be performed. He wrote twenty-nine plays in all, using a variety of theatrical devices like monologues, choruses, chants, songs, slide projections, sound effects and mime. Four plays of his plays deserve serious attention: *The Doldrummers* (1965), *The Dumb Dancer* (1961), *Goa* (1964), and The *Hungry Ones* (1965). *The Doldrummers* was banned in India. It was only in 1969, after writers like Khushwant Singh and Mulk Raj Anand wrote letters of protest to the *Times of India*, that the ban was lifted and the Little Theatre Group in Delhi staged it. Other playwrights of the period who wrote stageable plays were Gieve Patel with his *Princes* and *Savaksa*; and Pratap Sharma with his *A Touch of Brightness* (1968) and *The Professor Has a Warcry* (1970). Nissim Ezekiel, better known as a poet and literary critic, wrote *Three Plays* (1969) comprised of *Nalini: A Comedy*, *Marriage Poem: A Tragi-Comedy*, and *The Sleepwalkers: An Indo-American Farce. Nalini*, a full-length play in three acts, is a social satire with its witty and interesting dialogues. *Marriage Poem* is a one-act play, centred around the failure of an upper-middle-class marriage. The wife craves the attention and love of husband who is indifferent. The husband is caught between dreams of another woman and his duty towards his lonely wife. *The Sleepwalker* satirizes the fascination of Indians for Americans. The play presents a subtle criticism of American and Indian society.

CHAPTER 2
BREAKING STRUCTURES OF PATRIARCHAL CONSTRAINTS: DINA MEHTA'S PLAYS

Dina Mehta is a playwright, editor and fiction writer based in Mumbai. *The Myth-Makers,* her first full-length play, about the Hindi movie industry and the early rumblings of communalism in Mumbai, won the Second Prize in the Sultan Padamsee Memorial Playwriting Competition held in 1968 by the Theatre Group, Bombay (it was tied with Gieve Patel's *The Princes*). *Tiger, Tiger,* a play on Tipu Sultan, won an award at the second Sultan Padamsee Playwriting Competition in 1978. *Brides Are Not For Burning,* on dowry deaths, won the first prize in a worldwide competition sponsored by the BBC in 1979. *Getting Away with Murder* was on the shortlist of seven specially commended radio plays out of 902 entries submitted for the BBC World Playwriting Competition, 1989. *When One Plus One Makes Nine* won an allIndia competition on the subject of family planning and was telecast by Doordarshan in 1984. *Sister Like You,* a play on domestic violence, was shortlisted for the British Council New International Playwriting Awards, 1996. Mehta has also published two novels *And Some Take a Lover* (1992) and *Mila in Love* (2003). She is a short story writer of distinction, with two collections to her credit: *The Other Woman and Other Stories* (1981) and *Miss Menon Did Not Believe in Magic and Other Stories* (1994).

Dina Mehta focuses on the precarious position of the Indian woman, and the Indian woman's concept of self in a patriarchal society. Woman internalizes the negative image this socialization provides. ―Just as a society dominated by racist ideology consigns the black population to an inferior status makes it believe in this ideology, a society based on sexist ideology condemns the woman to an inferior sex and made her believe in it‖ (Mukherji, 52). As a result of this social requirement, a woman comes to believe that she is not important in herself, for herself. She comes to feel unworthy and undeserving. A woman is hesitant about her own initiatives. She is reluctant to speak for herself, to voice her own thoughts and ideas or to act on her own behalf. The life of a woman is defined almost entirely through interpersonal, usually domestic and filial, relationships. Her identity exists mainly as being-for-others, rather than being-for-herself. This identification of self, entirely as a response to others' needs and definitions, leads to loss of autonomy.

Mehta deals with the negative image this socialization provides. For instance, the insecurity of a single woman past her prime, as exemplified in Pramila, forms the theme of *The Myth-Makers. Brides Are Not for Burning* deals with the scourge of

dowry. The characters of Laxmi and Malini stand at two ends of the spectrum of Indian womanhood. While Laxmi is the conventional, submissive daughter-in-law, who is tortured and humiliated for bringing insufficient dowry, her sister Malini is a fighter who will not take things lying down. The vulnerable girl child, the trauma of child sexual abuse, childlessness and infidelity are the issues dealt with in *Getting Away with Murder*. The struggles of the modern Indian woman to overcome these —body blows‖ are seen in Malika, Sonali and Raziya.

Dina Mehta's first play *The Myth-Makers* is structured as three long acts, the first and third set in the bed-cum-sitting room of Pramila, while the second act is set in the house of Savitri, an actress who is throwing a party to celebrate the success of her latest film, *Rose of Kashmir*. The play opens with the ageing Pramila sitting in front of her dressing table mirror, getting ready to receive her lover Sandip Joglekar, the producer of the film. Through her gestures (—*She touches the slight pouches under her eyes, the sickle lines round her large, unhappy mouth, then sits gazing in despair. . .*‖) it is clear that she is very worried about her physical appearance. She repeatedly asks her maid servant Mukti, —Do you think he will come for me tonight?‖ and the young woman's only answer is, —You said he was coming.‖ This dialogue is repeated four times, to suggest the stasis of Pramila's life. Pramila expects that Joglekar would come and take her to the party. She has rescued Mukti from the streets, because she rouses her maternal feelings; she admits that —the child I never conceived haunts me everywhere. . . But I keep her locked in that room with my paintings and my past.‖ The right wall of the room on stage has a door which is locked. Mehta uses sound effects to recreate Pramila's past – Pramila hears knocking, and declares that it is —the child I myself was‖ who wants the door to be opened. Mukti assures her, —There is no knocking, *baijee*! I swear.‖ She has told Mukti not to open the street door to Anand, but he lets himself in because the latch is defective. Anand is a fearless journalist, with a very poor opinion of Joglekar's films. He loves Pramila, though she is fourteen years older than him, and asks her to go with him to Delhi. He is injured, and we learn that he got hurt when trying to save Krishnamurthy from some ruffians who attacked him. Krishnamurthy is an old retired journalist who talked to Anand about a scandal from the past – —a building collapsing on the heads of fifty workmen because the contractor had used faulty material‖. Anand has been receiving threats, and advised to keep quiet. He warns her that Joglekar will soon tire of her, and suggests that she should resume painting. He opens the locked door, though Pramila is terrified. Through effective use of lighting, the playwright projects images of the past which Pramila describes – her father who was a leather-worker, the untouchables' colony and the dirty pond. Then a younger Pramila is shown sitting at the table, working on film posters for Joglekar; she is attracted towards him, and is helpless when he seduces her. There is a thunderous knocking at the door, and Pramila imagines that it is Rajan, Joglekar's brother-in-law, trying to stop them. The sound brings Pramila back to the present – the knocking is by two rough men who want to meet Joglekar.

The act ends with Anand going away, while Pramila asks her maid for the fourth time, —Do you think he will come tonight?‖ Act II is set in Savitri's drawing room; she is reading out Anand's review of Joglekar's latest film to Suresh, the ageing actor who is the hero, and Rajan, Joglekar's brother-in-law. —If I see this Anand fellow, I will *speet* [sic] in his face, there is so much wrath in my bosoms.‖ Savitri is offended when Rajan corrects her English, —The word you want is _bosom‘.‖ None of the other guests have turned up, and Suresh Kumar (described by Anand as —the simpering, rotund hero with three chins‖) repeatedly asks for dinner to be served. Rajan has managed all of Joglekar's business affairs; his conversation with Savitri and Suresh reveals him as a complex character, dominated by Joglekar, though he bitterly resents his ill-treatment of his sister. Rajan also blames Joglekar's mistresses – Pramila and Savitri – for his infidelity. Savitri had asked Joglekar to bring Savitri to the party, but suspects that he must be with Lulu, a young and beautiful dancer. Their conversation is drowned out by the big crowd staging a demonstration on the street outside Savitri's house, shouting slogans against outsiders – Gujarati, Sindhis, Sikhs, Punjabis and South Indians. Joglekar arrives with Lulu, by driving through the crowd which has held up the other guests; when Savitri repeatedly asks about Pramila, he declares rudely, —Late nights do not agree with her.‖ The two men who had come to Pramila's house had come here too, but Joglekar refuses to meet them. The act ends with the news of Krishnamurthy's death.

The third act is again set in Pramila's bed-cum-sitting room, with Pramila still waiting for Joglekar, and telling the maid Mukti to go to bed. She hears knocking, and Dina Mehta uses a spotlight to show the locked door bursting open, a bright little girl coming out and dancing around happily with the powder puff before going back into the locked room. Pramila once again hears Rajan's voice, trying to prevent Joglekar from seducing her. Mukti ushers in Rajan, who requests Pramila to save her friend Anand; Krishnamurthy is dead, and it is dangerous for Anand if he gives evidence against the three miscreants who attacked him. When Mukti sees Joglekar coming, Rajan quickly slips away through the back door of the flat. Pramila assumes that Joglekar has come to take her to Savithri's party, but he indicates clearly that he has come only to stop Anand from testifying in court. He tells Pramila that she should use every means to stop Anand, because his speaking out could ruin Joglekar's political ambitions. He confesses that he was the contractor whose building collapsed. He even suggests that Pramila should sleep with Anand, if that would buy his silence. Enraged Pramila tells Joglekar to get out, and he points out that he owns the flat and everything in it. Pramila wants to go away, but lacks the strength to do so; the play ends with the same two men —with dead eyes‖ knocking at the door in search of Joglekar, their future leader.

The playwright reveals Joglekar's lack of morals by showing him attempting to seduce Lulu with the same words that he used on Pramila, that he is attracted to her by the —luminous purity of light on your brow . . . makes me think of those diadems that brides wear . . .‖. This technique of repeated dialogue is employed to reveal the psyche of all the characters—Suresh

repeatedly asks for food and drinks to be served; Savitri denounces Lulu to show her sisterhood with Pramila; and Pramila shows her subservience by repeating ―Do you think he will come for me tonight?‖ Dina Mehta also uses sentences in other languages – the actor Suresh slips into Hindu when he is angry. The crowd off-stage is heard shouting slogans in Marathi, this adds to the realism of the play.

Most cultures do not have a positive image of a single woman. Singleness is never seen as a choice, but as something which befalls a woman and which, therefore, engenders sympathy. *The Myth-Makers* encapsulates the vulnerable position of a single woman in an androcentric society, and her vacillating mind. Pramila, the aging actress in *The Myth-Makers*, invites the sympathy of the readers. Living in the world of filmdom which is characterized by insecurity, she sees her lover, Joglekar, as her only prop. Pramila‘s dependency on Joglekar can be seen in her frequent questions to her servant, Mukti, as to whether he will come. In spite of her knowledge that he is unfaithful to her, she needs him, and is willing to accept whatever little he can give her. ―I know I count for nothing. I accept that I am nothing! I am willing to accept anything from you‖ (Act 3). When Joglekar stands near her, ―*conscious of his power*‖ (stage directions), and cradles her against him, she clings to him with her eyes closed:
―All evening and half the night, I waited for this… to feel my happiness protected…‖ (Act 3).Women assumes positions of subservience and dependency because the social and economic structures in a patriarchal society force them to do so.

A traditional Indian woman feels that she has no identity apart from her husband. Her life revolves round him. ―Confined to the home, a child among her children, passive, no part of her existence under her own control, a woman could only exist by pleasing man. She was wholly dependent on his protection in a world that she had no share in making: man‘s world‖ (Friedan, 72).

Pramila suffers from this dependency syndrome, which is an outcome of the conditioning one receives from a patriarchal society. It is seen both in the young and the old, the wife and the mistress. The dependent woman fails to develop internal criteria for an evaluation and definition of self as her self-esteem and sense of worth become dependent upon rewards bestowed upon her by others. The consequences of the dependency syndrome are many, and adversely affect the actualization of a woman‘s potential. Too much of dependence on a husband or a man leads to a further decline in the self-image of woman. It leads to insecurity, feelings of inferiority and self-pity as she advises her maid, Mukta, ―You have to be subtle to keep your man – particularly if you are fighting your wrinkles with cold cream‖ (Act 1). She sees other women as enemies or potential rivals. A kind of masochism can be seen in women who accept the dominance of men. Then continues the consequences of this dependency syndrome:

> In her low self-esteem, the depressed woman views herself as deficient in characteristics that are important to her feminine identity, such as, intelligence, health, beauty, personal attractiveness

and popularity. She may describe herself as inferior and inadequate. She is also pessimistic and she expects the worst and rejects the possibility of improvement. She criticizes herself for various deficiencies and blames herself for happenings that are in no way connected with her. (Al-Issa 101-102)

CHAPTER 3
PLACING WOMEN CENTER STAGE: POILE SENGUPTA'S PLAYS

The emergence of women playwrights has opened new vistas in modern Indian Drama. It becomes all the more important because theatre was considered as a realm belonging to the patriarchal setup. But women playwrights today are contributing immensely to make deeper and long-suppressed dimensions of life, in a way that only they know and can write about. Women playwrights do not seek to resolve issues, nor end with author-defined conclusions. Rather, they invite audience participation in dealing with the emotions evoked, and the questioning of stereotypes.

Poile Sengupta is one such dramatist. Her work asks for reformulation of conventional paradigms and meaningful social intervention, and the re-examination of the basic knowledge about social and literary dynamics. Playwright, poet, novelist and children‘s writer Poile Sengupta (née Ambika Gopalakrishnan) was born in 1948.

She has an M.A. in English from Delhi University, and has taught at Indraprastha College and Miranda House (Delhi). She has written three one-act plays and eight full length plays for adults: *Mangalam* (1993), *Inner Laws* (1994), *A Pretty Business* (1995), *Keats was a Tuber* (1996), *Collages* (1998), *Alipha* (2001), *Thus Spake Shoorpanakha, So Said Shakuni* (2001) and *Samara's Song* (2007). Six of them were published by Routledge in *Women Centre Stage* (2010). Most of her plays have been directed by her husband Abhijit Sengupta. Some of her plays like *Mangalam, Thus Spake Shoorpanakha, So Said Shakuni*, and *Alipha* have been directed by Joy Micheal for Yatrik on the Delhi stage. Poile Sengupta is also a theatre person, founder of a group, Theatre Club and has acted on stage and in films. Her book of poems *A Woman Speaks* was published by Writers Workshop in 1991. Her short story ―Ammulu‖ was shortlisted for the 2012 Commonwealth short story prize. Her novel, *Inga* (2014), has the same feminist concerns as her plays.

Her fiction for children includes *Role Call* and *Role Call Again* (2003), *Vikramaditya's Throne* (2007), *How the Path Grew* (1997), *The Story of the Road* (1993) and *The Way to my Friend's House* (1988), published by loeading publishers like Rupa, Puffin and the Children‘s Book Trust. *The Exquisite Balance* (1987) won an award in the UNICEF-CBT competition. Her stories have also been included in several anthologies, such as *The Puffin Treasury of Modern Indian Stories*, *The Puffin Book of Funny Stories*, *Favourite Stories for Boys* and *Favourite Stories for Girls,* and *A Clear Blue Sky*. In 1968, she began ―A Letter to You‖ a humour column for

the children's magazine *Children's World* that ran for nearly three decades. She has written columns for children in *Deccan Herald*, Bangalore, *The Times of India*, Bangalore, and in *Midday*, Mumbai. A set of seven one Act plays for children – *Good Heavens!* – was published by Puffin in 2006. She has also written a full length play for children, with the title *Yavamajakka!*

Mangalam, her first full-length play, won the award for its socially relevant theme in The Hindu-Madras Players playscript competition, 1993. It is a play within a play. In Act II, a progressive, upper middle class urban family discusses a play they have seen the previous day. *"Everything about the play was false,‖* (*Body Blows*, 128) says Suresh, to his mother, who is a friend of the playwright. ―It was just a thunder and lightning script, a commercial film script, the *dabbawallah* type. You think real people actually speak that way to each other?‖ (128) he asks. Act I turns out to be the play they have seen. It is about a conservative, middle-class Tamil Brahmin family that is mourning the loss of the mother, Mangalam, who has been a victim of domestic abuse for 31 years. When Mangalam's sister Thangam arrives, skeletons tumble out of the closet. As the family continues to discuss the play, it dawns on the mother and her daughter Sumathi that their lives are no different from the characters they have been commenting on. Disturbing truths about their own family are revealed. They realise that like Mangalam and Thangam, they too are helpless.

As the playwright points out, ―A play within a play as a dramatic device is certainly not new; . . . It is used as a means to lend perspective to an issue. But in *Mangalam* I have used the same actors in both ‗plays' as an indication that nothing really changes; the sameness of it all, to me, is deeply disturbing‖ (*Women Centre Stage*, 1).

Mangalam is the protagonist in the play within the play, whose death becomes, in a way, the basis for much of the action. Through the First Act, we can feel her ‗absent presence', through references to the time of her life when she was alive. At first, we are told that she probably committed suicide by swallowing pills, but we are not given any reason for her having done so. It is only the narrator's choric commentary that provides insights like ―women die many kinds of deaths; men do not know this‖ (*Body Blows,* 102). Gradually we learn that she was carrying someone else's child when she got married to Dorai. Her sister Thangam's response to this accusation is, ―Did you ever think that it could have been forced upon her?‖ (122). Not willing to relent on this, Dorai is keen on presenting himself as the victim, until Thangam retorts, ―What about that married woman who used to come to the temple everyday and take *prasaadam* from your father? She took *prasaadam* from you also, didn't she?‖ (121). While any hint of a woman's unchaste conduct can malign her reputation for life, a similar act on a man's part is forgivable and can be easily ignored. Dorai has the audacity to justify himself, ―It's different for a man‖ (121). The shamelessness with which such private aspects of a woman's life are openly discussed, slandering her reputation even after her death, is nothing more than a war of ideologies between the characters, none of whom are really sensitive to the loss of Mangalam. It is at the end of the First

Act that we get to know that Mangalam was molested by her own sister Thangam's husband, alongside which news, Dorai's daughter Usha too arrives, having left her husband's house, because the oppression there had got the better of her.

> Domestic space, which is the marker that tradition sets for the preservation of women's chastity (Sita was abducted when she crossed the boundary marked by Lakshman), has now become a space of sexual violence and has led to an impasse for women. In the course of all this action, what becomes significantly clear, is that the woman Mangalam's body has all along been treated as an ‗object': by the molester as an object of gratification, by her father as an object for the preservation of familial dignity, and by the husband as an object for venting out his frustrations and grievances. Thus, the woman's body is nothing more than a pawn used by homosocial men in exchanges that preserve the kinship structures in society. (Kaushik)

Sengupta here is voicing some feminist concerns but that does not mean she is presenting the world in black and white. If there are some cruel and insensitive husbands like Dorai, there are men like Vikram too in modern times. When Sengupta was asked in an interview whether she would categories her work as feminist. Her reply was:

> I find it unacceptable to be categorized as a ―Feminist‖. I am a writer with the consciousness of a woman; I cannot escape my gender, but it is not my sole identity. My women characters live in a troubled, patriarchal world but they are strong and capable of speaking and acting for themselves…In *Mangalam*, I also depict the emergence of the new male, Vikram, who on page three of newspapers would be called the metrosexual male. (Interview, 614)

The second act is set in modern times. The same actors take different names except for Thangam, who never came on stage in Act 1. When the act opens, young Suresh is speaking over the telephone, flirting with one girl while going out with another girl. Sumati, played by the actor who was Usha in Act 1, is arguing with her younger brother Suresh about the play they have seen (Act 1). Suresh holds the belief that those things portrayed in the play never happen in modern times. Thangam tells them how an executive in a multinational company raped his sister-in-law. Sumati questions, ―…wasn't there anything in it that reached out and touched you, raked your memories, made an old scar throb again?‖ (*Body Blows*, 132). Even the Thangam of modern times, mother of Sumati and Suresh, ends up like Dorai's wife in the play within the play. She suffers terribly in her marriage to Sreeni as he maintained a steady extramarital affair.

Sumati describe the freedom men enjoy, ―The man seems to have all the advantages. He can have a roaring good time and he can pick and choose and drop and choose again‖ (148). Sumati admits that women are just objects of possession in a patriarchal society when she tells Suresh that: ―the way you talk about girls, about women, you don't seem to have a speck of respect for them…the moment a women doesn't fit into the category of being a mother or a sister, she's baggage, sexual baggage‖ (129). Sumati finds herself a victim and is aware of

the patriarchal setup, which is responsible for the blatantly unjust treatment of women and for the stifling and oppressive system of gender roles. Even in this educated and modern household, gender discrimination is present in subtle and various ways which are hurtful to women. And this son preference influences the siblings' feelings for each other. Suresh says to Sumati, ―You hated me. You thought Amma loved me more than she loved you‖ (130). Sumati responds, ―She does‖ (130).

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"TOLERANCE" IN THE CULTURAL PROVERBIAL EXPRESSIONS OF ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, AND UZBEK: A SEMANTIC FIELD STUDY

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ABSTRACT

 This article presents a semantic field study focused on the concept of "tolerance" within the cultural proverbial expressions of English, Russian, and Uzbek. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the study identifies and analyzes proverbs, idioms, and discourse related to "tolerance" in each language, uncovering shared meanings, cultural variations, and historical influences.
KEY WORDS: *Tolerance, cultural proverbial expressions, semantic field study, cross-cultural understanding, linguistic and cultural heritage, intercultural communication, inclusivity, social cohesion, language education, cultural values.*

INTRODUCTION

The concept of "tolerance" holds a pivotal role in promoting harmonious coexistence and understanding among diverse communities. Cultural proverbial expressions, such as proverbs and idioms, serve as linguistic mirrors reflecting the collective wisdom and cultural values of societies. Exploring the concept of "tolerance" within these expressions provides valuable insights into how different cultures conceptualize and communicate the idea of acceptance, patience, and open-mindedness towards others.

Cross-Cultural Understanding:
Studying "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions allows researchers to delve into the subtle nuances and cultural variations in expressing this concept. It offers a platform for cross-cultural comparison and understanding, enabling scholars to identify similarities and differences in the perception and importance of "tolerance" across various languages and societies.

Preserving Linguistic and Cultural Heritage:
Cultural proverbial expressions are part of a language's intangible cultural heritage, passed down through generations. Investigating "tolerance" in these expressions helps preserve and appreciate the linguistic richness and cultural heritage of the languages under study. By examining the usage and context of "tolerance"-related proverbs, researchers contribute to the documentation and recognition of these languages' unique cultural identity.

Enhancing Intercultural Communication:
Understanding the underlying cultural meanings behind "tolerance" in proverbial expressions enhances intercultural communication. It provides valuable insights into the cultural norms and values associated with tolerance, enabling individuals to navigate cross-cultural interactions with respect, empathy, and cultural sensitivity.

Promoting Inclusivity and Social Cohesion:
The study of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions promotes inclusivity and social cohesion within and between communities. By analyzing how diverse cultures express the concept of tolerance, researchers can identify common ground and shared values that foster unity and mutual understanding.

Applied Implications for Education and Communication:
Insights gained from the study of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions have practical applications in educational settings and intercultural communication. Educators and language professionals can use this knowledge to design language-learning curricula that embrace cultural diversity and promote open-mindedness.

Overview of the Languages (English, Russian, Uzbek) and Their Rich Linguistic and Cultural Heritage:
English, Russian, and Uzbek are linguistically and culturally diverse languages with rich histories and unique characteristics:

1. English: As a global lingua franca, English is widely spoken and serves as a primary or secondary language in many countries. It has a vast vocabulary, incorporating influences from various languages due to its historical and colonial interactions with different cultures.

2. Russian: Russian is the official language of Russia, spoken by millions of people across Eurasia and the former Soviet Union. It has a rich literary tradition and cultural heritage, with numerous famous writers and poets contributing to its literary wealth.

3. Uzbek: Uzbek is the official language of Uzbekistan, with significant populations of speakers in neighboring Central Asian countries. It has a rich oral tradition, and its literature and cultural expressions are deeply influenced by Islamic heritage and historical Silk Road connections.

Research Objectives and Methodology of the Semantic Field Study:

The semantic field study aims to explore and map the concept of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions of English, Russian, and Uzbek. The key research objectives include:

1. Identifying "Tolerance"-Related Proverbs: The study seeks to compile and analyze a comprehensive corpus of cultural proverbial expressions that convey the concept of "tolerance" in each language.
2. Semantic Categorization: Researchers aim to categorize and analyze the identified proverbs based on shared semantic themes and associations related to "tolerance".
3. Cross-Linguistic Comparison: The study intends to compare the expressions of "tolerance" in English, Russian, and Uzbek to identify linguistic and cultural patterns, similarities, and differences.
4. Cultural Contextualization: Researchers will place the proverbs within their cultural contexts, examining historical, social, and religious influences that contribute to the concept of "tolerance" in each language.
5. Interpretation and Analysis: The semantic field study employs qualitative and quantitative methods to analyze the collected data, providing a nuanced understanding of how "tolerance" is embedded in cultural proverbial expressions.

The methodology involves an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on techniques from linguistics, cultural studies, and ethnography. Data collection may involve the use of corpora, surveys, interviews, and ethnographic observations to capture the lived experiences and cultural contexts surrounding the proverbs.

By combining a thorough exploration of cultural proverbial expressions and a comprehensive analysis of linguistic and cultural elements, the semantic field study aims to contribute to the broader understanding of "tolerance" as a concept deeply rooted in language, culture, and society.

Conceptual Framework:
The conceptual framework in the study of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions provides the theoretical basis and structure for exploring how cultural values and beliefs are embedded within language. It offers a lens through which researchers can analyze and interpret the significance of "tolerance" as portrayed in these linguistic artifacts. The conceptual framework combines linguistic, cultural, and sociological perspectives to understand how cultural proverbial expressions serve as powerful carriers of cultural values, wisdom, and social norms.

Definition of Cultural Proverbial Expressions and Their Role in Conveying Cultural Values:
Cultural proverbial expressions, commonly known as proverbs or idioms, are concise, traditional sayings that encapsulate the collective wisdom and cultural values of a community [1]. These expressions are deeply rooted in the cultural heritage of a society, passed down through generations, and reflect the experiences, beliefs, and norms of a specific culture [2]. They play a crucial role in conveying cultural values and norms, acting as a guide for appropriate behavior, decision-making, and interpersonal relations.

Cultural proverbial expressions carry cultural-specific meanings that may not have direct equivalents in other languages or cultures [3]. They are embedded with metaphorical and symbolic elements that offer insights into the cultural worldview, attitudes, and social expectations [4]. The condensed nature of proverbs allows them to be easily remembered and frequently used in everyday conversations, making them a fundamental component of a language's intangible cultural heritage.

Theoretical Underpinnings of the Semantic Field Theory and Its Application to the Study of "Tolerance":
The semantic field theory, also known as field theory or semantic field analysis, is a linguistic approach that examines how words or concepts are interconnected and organized within a language [5]. It explores the relationships and associations between related lexical items, providing a systematic framework for analyzing the semantic structure of a given concept.

In the study of "tolerance", the semantic field theory is applied to analyze how cultural proverbial expressions related to "tolerance" are organized, connected, and distributed across the languages under investigation (English, Russian, Uzbek) [6]. The theory allows researchers to identify core elements, variations, and overlapping meanings of "tolerance" in these expressions, shedding light on the cultural nuances and attitudes towards tolerance in each language.

The application of semantic field theory to the study of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions enables researchers to:
- Establish semantic categories and clusters of proverbs related to "tolerance" within each language.
- Explore the similarities and differences in the ways "tolerance" is conceptualized and expressed across cultures.
- Identify key cultural themes and variations in conveying the notion of tolerance in proverbial expressions.
- Understand the socio-cultural factors that influence the usage and transmission of "tolerance"-related proverbs [7]. By utilizing the semantic field theory, researchers gain a comprehensive understanding of how "tolerance" is manifested in cultural proverbial expressions, contributing to a broader comprehension of how societies view and promote tolerance as an essential value in human interaction.

Methodology
The methodology employed in the study of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions involves a systematic and multi-faceted approach to data collection and analysis. This section outlines the key components of the methodology, including corpus selection and compilation, data analysis approach, and cultural considerations.

Corpus Selection and Compilation: Sources of Cultural Proverbial Expressions from Each Language
To create a comprehensive corpus of cultural proverbial expressions related to "tolerance", researchers select a diverse range of sources from each language under investigation - English, Russian, and Uzbek. These sources may include literary works, folklore, ethnographic records, oral traditions, and collections of proverbs from reputable linguistic databases [8][9][10]. The aim is to gather a representative sample of cultural expressions that reflect the richness and diversity of each language's proverbial heritage.

Data Analysis Approach: Identifying "tolerance" - Related Proverbs and Establishing Semantic Connections
In the data analysis phase, researchers employ a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods to identify and categorize "tolerance"-related proverbs within the collected corpus. Initially, proverbs that explicitly reference or imply the concept of "tolerance" are identified. These proverbs are then categorized based on shared semantic themes, such as acceptance, patience, empathy, and open-mindedness.

Semantic connections between proverbs are established by analyzing the linguistic patterns and cultural implications of the expressions. Researchers explore the associations and similarities in how different languages convey the idea of "tolerance" through metaphorical and figurative language. The objective is to identify overlapping meanings and cultural nuances in the proverbial expressions, thereby revealing the interplay between language, culture, and the concept of "tolerance" [11][12].

Cultural Considerations: Addressing Cultural Nuances and Implications in Proverbial Expressions
Cultural considerations play a crucial role in the analysis of "tolerance" in proverbial expressions. Researchers carefully contextualize each proverb within its cultural setting, taking into account historical, social, and religious influences that shape the meanings and usage of these expressions. Cultural nuances and connotations associated with "tolerance" may vary across languages and societies, and acknowledging these differences is essential for a comprehensive understanding of the concept.

"Tolerance" in English Proverbial Expressions
The examination of "tolerance" in English proverbial expressions uncovers a rich tapestry of cultural values and attitudes towards acceptance and understanding. For example, proverbs such as *"Live and let live"* and *"Don't judge a book by its cover"* illustrate the idea of accepting others' differences and avoiding hasty judgments. Furthermore, expressions like *"There is more than one way to skin a cat"* emphasize the importance of embracing diverse perspectives and approaches.

Other proverbs like *"Charity begins at home"* underscore the significance of demonstrating tolerance and compassion within one's immediate community. By analyzing a wide array of English proverbs, researchers gain valuable insights into how this concept is deeply ingrained in English-speaking cultures, guiding interpersonal relationships and promoting social cohesion [8][9].

Incorporating the above-mentioned methodology, the study provides a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of "tolerance" in cultural proverbial expressions, shedding light on the cultural values, social norms, and linguistic intricacies that shape the conceptualization and communication of tolerance in English, Russian, and Uzbek.

Overview of Selected English Proverbs Related to "Tolerance":
1. *"Live and let live"*: This proverb promotes a philosophy of non-interference and acceptance of diverse opinions, beliefs, and lifestyles [15].
2. *"Don't judge a book by its cover"*: This proverb cautions against making hasty judgments based on outward appearances and encourages understanding before forming opinions [16].
3. *"Patience is a virtue"*: This saying emphasizes the importance of patience and tolerance in dealing with challenging situations or difficult individuals [17].
4. *"To each his own"*: This proverb recognizes and respects individual differences and choices, encouraging a non-judgmental attitude [18].
5. *"The more, the merrier"*: This saying conveys the idea that diversity and a variety of perspectives can enhance the enjoyment of social gatherings and activities [19].
6. *"Two wrongs don't make a right"*: This proverb advises against responding to negativity or intolerance with more negativity, promoting forgiveness and understanding [20].
7. *"Birds of a feather flock together"*: This saying suggests that people with similar interests and values tend to associate with each other, acknowledging the existence of diverse social groups.
8. *"You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar"*: This proverb advocates for the use of kindness and understanding to achieve positive outcomes, even in difficult situations.

Semantic Categorization: Grouping Proverbs Based on Shared Meanings and Themes:
In conducting a semantic categorization of "tolerance"-related proverbs, researchers group the selected English proverbs based on shared meanings and themes. These categories may include:
1. Acceptance and Understanding: Proverbs that emphasize the importance of accepting others' differences and understanding their perspectives without judgment.
2. Patience and Forbearance: Proverbs that highlight the value of patience in dealing with diverse situations and individuals.
3. Non-Interference and Non-Judgment: Proverbs that advocate for refraining from interfering in others' affairs and avoiding making quick judgments based on appearances.

Analysis of Cultural Connotations and Historical Roots

An analysis of cultural connotations and historical roots of these proverbs involves investigating the societal context in which they originated and how they have been transmitted across generations. Some proverbs may have religious or historical connections, reflecting the moral values and ethical teachings prevalent in the culture. Additionally, the study examines how these proverbs have evolved over time, adapting to changing cultural norms while retaining their core messages of tolerance and acceptance.

"Tolerance" in Russian Proverbial Expressions
Russian proverbial expressions offer valuable insights into how the concept of "tolerance" is reflected and understood within the cultural context of Russian-speaking communities. These proverbs serve as a repository of cultural wisdom, conveying important messages about acceptance, understanding, and respect for others.

Examination of Russian Proverbs Reflecting the Concept of "Tolerance"
In the examination of Russian proverbs related to "tolerance", researchers delve into a rich collection of linguistic artifacts that encapsulate cultural attitudes towards diversity and coexistence. Proverbs such as *"Своя рубáшка блúже к тéлу"* (One's own shirt is closer to the body) and *"Стóрона грязú не берёт"* (The side of the mud does not take) exemplify the importance of accepting and supporting one's own family and community, promoting a sense of unity and belonging.

Identifying Similarities and Differences with English Expressions within the Semantic Field
As researchers identify and analyze Russian proverbs related to "tolerance", they may compare and contrast them with their English counterparts within the semantic field. Similarities in the core messages of proverbs from different languages can reveal universal values and shared human experiences. For instance, proverbs like *"Не судú другóго по себé"* (Do not judge others by yourself) and "Don't judge a book by its cover" convey similar ideas of avoiding hasty judgments and embracing empathy across cultures.

Conversely, differences in the linguistic expressions of "tolerance" between Russian and English proverbs may highlight unique cultural perspectives and historical influences. For instance, Russian proverbs may emphasize communal harmony and collective responsibility, reflecting the country's communalistic and collectivistic cultural traits.

Cultural and Historical Context of Russian Proverbs and Their Relevance to "Tolerance"
To understand the cultural and historical context of Russian proverbs related to "tolerance", researchers explore the sociopolitical climate and significant events that have shaped the Russian society over time. Proverbs might reflect historical experiences, religious beliefs, and societal norms, providing valuable insights into how "tolerance" has been perceived and valued in different historical periods.

Russian proverbs may also reflect the influence of literature, folklore, and religious teachings, offering glimpses into the shared values and beliefs of Russian speakers. The study of historical contexts enhances the understanding of how "tolerance" has been cultivated and valued within the Russian cultural identity.

"Tolerance" in Uzbek Proverbial Expressions
The exploration of "tolerance" in Uzbek proverbial expressions provides valuable insights into the cultural values and attitudes towards acceptance and understanding within Uzbek-speaking communities. Uzbek proverbs serve as a reservoir of cultural wisdom, conveying important messages about coexistence, empathy, and respect for diversity.

Investigation of Uzbek Proverbs Conveying the Notion of "Tolerance"
In the investigation of Uzbek proverbs related to "tolerance", researchers embark on an examination of linguistic and cultural artifacts that encapsulate the Uzbek perspective on harmonious coexistence and open-mindedness. Proverbs such as *"Avval oʻzingga boq, keyin nogʻora qoq"* (Look at yourself first, then trumpet the faults of others) exemplify the importance of tolerance in fostering a peaceful and contented life within the Uzbek cultural context, *"Qoʻshning koʻr boʻlsa, koʻzingni qis"* (If your neighbor is blind, then you squint your eyes), *"Kimning aravasiga tushsang, oʻshaning ashulasini aytasan"* (On whose cart I sit, I sing a song him)

Cross-Linguistic Comparison: Analyzing Unique Expressions and Shared Elements with English and Russian
Researchers undertake a cross-linguistic comparison, analyzing Uzbek proverbs alongside their English and Russian counterparts within the semantic field of "tolerance". This analysis allows for the identification of unique Uzbek expressions that shed light on the country's distinct cultural values and beliefs regarding acceptance and coexistence. Additionally, it reveals shared elements that may indicate universal human values across different languages and cultures.

Insights into Uzbek Cultural Values and Their Reflection in Proverbs
The examination of "tolerance" in Uzbek proverbs provides valuable insights into Uzbek cultural values and their manifestation in everyday life. Proverbs often reflect historical experiences, religious influences, and societal norms, offering glimpses into the collective wisdom and shared beliefs of Uzbek speakers. By understanding the cultural connotations and historical roots of these proverbs, researchers gain a deeper appreciation for how "tolerance" is woven into the fabric of Uzbek culture.

Semantic Field Analysis
Semantic field analysis is a linguistic research methodology that aims to explore the network of related meanings and concepts within a particular domain. In the context of the dissertation on the concept of "tolerance" in the English, Russian, and Uzbek languages, semantic field analysis helps to synthesize findings from all three languages, creating a

comprehensive understanding of how "tolerance" is conceptualized and represented across cultures.

Synthesizing Findings from All Three Languages
To conduct the semantic field analysis, researchers would analyze the data collected from the study of "tolerance" in English, Russian, and Uzbek languages at different language levels (lexical, phraseological, and discourse levels). By examining the collected proverbs, idioms, expressions, and discourse related to "tolerance" in each language, researchers can identify patterns, similarities, and differences in the conceptualization of tolerance within each linguistic and cultural context.

Key Themes, Variations, and Commonalities Across Cultures
The synthesis of findings allows researchers to identify key themes related to "tolerance" that are prevalent in all three languages. These themes may include acceptance, understanding, patience, and respect for differences. Additionally, the analysis may reveal variations in the emphasis and expression of tolerance in each language, shaped by cultural, historical, and religious influences.

Commonalities across cultures may indicate universal values and shared human experiences regarding "tolerance". For example, the concept of "tolerance" being associated with positive interpersonal relationships may be present in all three languages. Recognizing both commonalities and variations provides a comprehensive view of how the concept is understood and valued in each culture.

Cultural Implications and Implications for Intercultural Communication
The semantic field analysis offers insights into the cultural implications of "tolerance" within each language and society. Understanding how "tolerance" is embedded in the cultural fabric of each community helps in appreciating the unique cultural norms and values related to acceptance and inclusivity.

The analysis also has implications for intercultural communication, as it highlights the potential challenges and opportunities when individuals from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds interact. Awareness of the nuances and cultural perspectives of "tolerance" allows for more effective and respectful communication between individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds.

CONCLUSION
The semantic field study on the concept of "tolerance" in the English, Russian, and Uzbek language pictures of the world has yielded valuable insights into how this important notion is understood and represented across diverse linguistic and cultural contexts. The key findings and contributions of this study shed light on the similarities, differences, and cultural implications surrounding the concept of "tolerance". Through the exploration of lexical, phraseological, and discourse levels, the study identified common themes such as acceptance, understanding, and respect for differences in all three languages. The semantic field analysis revealed shared

elements, suggesting universal values related to "tolerance" among the studied cultures. Additionally, variations in expressions and emphasis highlighted the unique cultural perspectives and historical influences shaping the concept of "tolerance" within each language. The research has significant implications for linguistic and cultural studies as it contributes to the understanding of how language reflects cultural values and beliefs. By exploring "tolerance" in different languages, researchers gain a deeper appreciation of how culture shapes language and vice versa. This study fosters cultural awareness, promoting cross-cultural understanding and respect for diversity. In the context of intercultural communication, the findings underscore the importance of sensitivity to cultural nuances and variations in the interpretation of "tolerance". Awareness of these differences can enhance effective communication and foster more harmonious relationships among individuals from different cultural backgrounds. The insights gained from this study can be applied in various domains, including education, intercultural training, and international relations. Integrating the understanding of "tolerance" in language teaching curricula can promote cultural sensitivity among language learners. Future research directions may include exploring the impact of globalization and modernization on the evolving linguistic expressions of "tolerance" in these languages. Additionally, comparative studies with other languages and cultures can provide broader perspectives on the universality and cultural specificity of the concept. Furthermore, investigations into the historical evolution of "tolerance" in each language and its implications in contemporary societies could offer valuable sociolinguistic and sociocultural insights.

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EVALUATING INTERVENTIONS AND COPING MECHANISMS FOR ALLEVIATING OCCUPATIONAL STRESS IN THE IT INDUSTRY AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON JOB PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

Occupational stress is a growing problem in today's businesses of all sizes. Companies dependent on IT are not exempt from this rule. The Information Technology (IT) industry in Bangalore, India's main IT city, is one of the top ten most stressful workplaces in the country. Although the IT industry has embraced new technologies and innovation, workers are overburdened with tasks and experiencing high levels of stress. Stress is on the rise among IT workers because of the industry's rapid pace of change. This research aimed to determine what factors in the IT industry contribute to employees' stress levels. The effects of stress on the health of IT workers are highlighted in this research. This research also makes an effort to zero in on the stress management initiatives undertaken by several IT companies. Despite efforts to lessen occupational stress among IT personnel, the study's findings reveal that many different factors contribute to mental health problems in the industry. According to the results of this survey, the majority of workers experienced both mental and physical stress as a result of their workloads.

KEYWORDS: Occupational Stress, IT Industry, Job performance, Evaluation, Intervention

1. INTRODUCTION

The state of the art world is probably a universe of successes and stresses. Stress can occur in any group or institution, be it a family, a business, or a government agency. A person's life is fraught with pressure from the moment they are born until the moment they take their last breath. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that interest in the subject has grown as the century dubbed the "Period of Nervousness and Stress" has progressed.

Avoiding the topic of stress altogether may be difficult. Today's society is unquestionably more stressful than it was thirty years ago, as one prominent scientist put it: "Stress is a typical partner of living." How we respond to it is what matters most. The word has become so commonplace in our culture that it has been discussed on radio, TV, in newspapers, and in magazines. Since there is no single cause for stress and numerous possible responses to it, there is a wide range of opinions on the topic. If we ask five different people for their definitions, we could get at least that many responses.

People's reactions to the word "stress" are unpredictable and diverse. The air traffic controller views stress as a problem with concentration and focus, the financial expert views it as a letdown or excessive stress, and the organic chemist views it as a completely synthetic abnormality.

1.1. Occupational Stress

The stress caused by the relentless march of fashion has substantial, far-reaching consequences for people's quality of life. Workplace health and productivity might suffer when an employee is under stress. When it comes to stress management, many companies face the same challenges. The stress that a person experiences on the job is among the most important kinds of stress. Occupational stress is widely believed to impact people of all professions and levels of employment. It's a major worry for the company's leadership, workers, and other interested parties. Different types of enterprises and workplace environments as well as degrees of occupational stress can be found even within the same industry. When a person is under stress, it often shows up in their behaviour, especially if it suddenly shifts. Anxiety, depression, irritability, and exhaustion are all examples of emotional responses; withdrawal, aggression, crying, and a lack of motivation are all examples of behavioural responses; cognitive responses include problems focusing and solving problems; and somatic responses include heart palpitations, nausea, and headaches are all examples of physiological responses. Anxiety, depression, and heart disease are just a few of the bad health outcomes that have been linked to prolonged stress. When any of these functions is impaired, our ability to cope with stress is diminished, and we have trouble shifting gears when

necessary. The way in which staff members cope with stress is affected by this.

1.2. Sources of Occupational Stress
- Unfavourable working conditions
- Positive shifts in workload
- Exclusion from the crowd,
- Hours worked,
- Role conflict and ambiguity,
- Barriers to career advancement,
- Challenging relationships with managers and coworkers,
- Different social controls,
- Harassment behaviours,
- Alterations in organisational climate.

1.3. Types of Occupational Stress
1) To begin with, situational occupational stress In this type of occupational stress, the individual has already gone through burnout in a particular situation. After handling the situation, the employee's tension decreases or disappears as well.
2) Potential Workplace Stress Based on an employee's expectations within a corporation, this stress exists. It has to do with how eagerly anticipated upcoming events are by the employee. For instance, the employee has job stress due to the impending presentation they will be presenting.
3) Feeling stressed at work How a person interacts with their coworkers has an impact on how they experience this kind of stress. It is mostly associated with the stress caused by interpersonal contacts at work, which is work-related stress in an environment where interpersonal skills are important.
4) Temporally based occupational stress This type of work-related stress is time-based and may be correlated with arriving at or departing from a job, completing a task, etc. Employee stress could be caused by the pressure to finish the work in the allowed time.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW
Hassan, et al. (2015) carried a research to determine what influences productivity in Libyan and Indonesian workers. Researchers have been attempting to understand how employees feel about the factors that are most crucial to their productivity. The study examined the variables influencing people's levels of productivity. (2007) Sarmiento and Beale According to their analysis, a combination of skills and competencies are required for employment success. According to the authors, in order to succeed in work, employees must possess these qualities. According to Jex and Britt (2008), an employee's success on the work can be assessed based on their behaviour while performing their duties as well as their pay.

Motowidlo and Kell (2012) To provide a summary of job performance, employ multidimensional models of job performance. They consider concepts like flexible performance and trait activation. The study examined the connections between traits including IQ, attitude, motivation, and skill in the job. According to the study's findings, workplace stress, corporate culture, job satisfaction, training, and growth all have an impact on how productive employees are.

Researchers Khaled Al-Omari and Haneen Okasheh (2017) examined the effect of company culture on employees' productivity. For their case study, the authors spoke with 85 employees and gathered information from them. Cross-sectional polling methods were used to compile the basic statistics. The study looked at the reactions of workers to noise, air quality, light, colour, and space as well as their overall level of job satisfaction. According to the research, unpleasant working conditions are linked to lower levels of productivity. The authors contend that if workers were encouraged to put their all into their work, they would do better work and be happier.

Goswami and Talukdar (2013) examined engineers serving in managerial positions in the public sector to determine whether there was a connection between EQ and workplace stress. 30 engineers from an Assam government office completed the survey. We measured emotional intelligence and occupational stress using tried-and-true surveys. The results of the study demonstrated that those with high EI are also skilled communicators. They were more open to discussing their feelings and ideas. Managers who scored highly on the emotional intelligence test were able to identify negative emotions as well as identify the root cause and address it.

Bindu Chhabara and Mohanty (2013) examined how stress at work is affected by emotional intelligence at various management levels. A total of 103 managers participated. They came from junior to senior positions across the organisation. The results showed that EQ is decreased by job stress. Senior executives took satisfaction in having greater emotional intelligence than their less experienced peers. Some of the duties that were the province of lower-level supervisors were taken away from them.

Pakistani academics (Yusoff et al., 2013) have examined the connection between emotional intelligence, achievement, and job stress. From a college with both public and private students, 65 teachers and staff members responded. While workplace stress has a definite detrimental impact on performance, emotional intelligence had a definite positive impact on production. According to analysts, institutions should prioritise identifying the root causes of stress and attempting to address it by educating students on how to be passionate and providing them with representational support in a welcoming setting.

2.1. Research Objectives
- To evaluate how these approaches have helped to lower occupational stress and enhance work performance.
- To identify workplace stress in the IT industry.

2.2. Hypothesis of the study
Null Hypothesis (H0): In the IT sector, there is no discernible link between job performance and occupational stress.
Alternative Hypothesis (H1): In the information technology sector, there is a considerable link between job performance and occupational stress.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
Research can be compared to a journey that takes you from the known to the unknown. Informally speaking, research refers to an investigation of a subject. The Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Contemporary English defines research as "a careful investigation or inquiry especially through search for new facts in any branch of knowledge." 1 Research is another activity associated with academics. We are all naturally curious about the world. When faced with the unknown, our innate curiosity drives us to research and gain as much knowledge as we can. Our desire for information drives us forward, and the methods by which we obtain it open the door to more inquiry.

3.1. Sample Population
My study will include the IT companies in Bangalore, as well as a general estimate of their staff sizes and the survey's sample size. The sample size for the study is 100.
- **TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)**

TATA Consultancy Services Ltd in Bangalore is one of the leading businesses in the Software Companies. Software has become an integral part of our lives as everything is technology-driven.

3.2. Sample Size
Example files can be investigated similarly by grouping individuals, substances, and objects that are thought to together make up a bigger population for computing needs. It is crucial that the sample be representative of the population as a whole in order to maximise one's capacity to extrapolate from an analysis sample to the entire population (Englander, 2012).

3.3. Sampling Techniques
The stratified and random sample methods are both used in this investigation. It is possible to determine the right sample size using the Krejcie Morgan table. A population is first divided into smaller groups called strata in order to conduct a stratified random sampling. Stratification, commonly referred to as stratified random sampling, separates populations into groups according to their shared socioeconomic and demographic characteristics. Among the numerous fields where stratified random sampling might be helpful are demography and life expectancy research, to name just two.

The responses were graded from 1 to 5 on a scale. The methodology for this process is based on likert scales. Rensis Likert, who invented this approach of conducting attitude surveys, detailed its benefits in his 1972 article "A Technique for the Measurement of the Attitudes." The benefit of this strategy was that it could be put into practise more quickly than any other method. Another factor contributing to the popularity of the Likert scale in the business world is the ability to utilise it without including negative possibilities. The Likert technique uses a Likert scale with possible responses of Strongly Agree (5), Agree (4), Undecided (3), Disagree (2), and Strongly Disagree (1).

3.4. Tools And Techniques
- **Average Mean**

Typical or mean The most widely used measure of central tendency is the mean, or arithmetic average, which is calculated by dividing the sum of the values of a collection of items by the total number of items in the set. The most popular and practical method for evaluating central tendency is the mean. Its main purpose is to enable series comparisons by providing a summary of each series' essential traits. It can be handled algebraically, therefore it can be used in many different statistical procedures. It serves as a trustworthy barometer of the middle ground. Nevertheless, it has some disadvantages, including being skewed by outliers, not necessarily reflecting the true value of a particular item in a series, and creating the wrong impression, particularly when item values are not presented alongside the average. However, mean is preferable to other averages, particularly in disciplines like sociology and economics where precise numerical measurements are practical.

- **Factor Analysis**

Thurstone coined the term "Factor analysis" in 1931 to designate a particular study methodology. It's a method for either streamlining data or uncovering buried patterns. To condense a large number of variables into a smaller, more manageable group, factor analysis is frequently utilised. Three steps make up factor analysis: (i) figuring out the initial factor loadings; (ii) rotating the factors; and (iii) figuring out the factor scores. Principal component analysis and principle axis factoring are two typical methods for figuring out initial factor loadings. Two techniques for determining factorability are Bartlett's test of sphericity and the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin measure of sample adequacy (KMO). In the current inquiry, the KMO test was employed; a result above 0.5 suggests that factor analysis is appropriate for the available data.

4. DATA ANALYSIS
It is the procedure that aids a researcher in successfully and efficiently analysing the gathered and recorded data. The information is ready to be analysed once it has been entered and tabulated in the designated fields. Experts are required for this procedure in order to successfully analyse the data and understand the necessary outcomes from it. To locate relevant data, support

conclusions, and encourage decision-making, data analysis is a technique that involves checking, cleansing, remodelling, and modelling information.

4.1. Factor Analysis
A statistical method called factor analysis is used to investigate the underlying structure of a collection of observable variables. In order to understand the patterns of correlations between the variables, it seeks to discover latent components or constructs. Reduced dimensionality of the data and the discovery of common factors that explain the observed covariation are the key goals of factor analysis.

Table 1: Factor Analysis

Construct	Variables	Factor Loading	Eigen	Variance	Cronbach's value
Occupational stress levels	OS1	.752	4.363	70.3	0.95
	OS2	.858			
Initiatives to reduce occupational stress	IS1	.788	3.023	75.3	0.76
	IS2	.632			
Job performance	JP1	.726	2.223	72.6	0.82
	JP2	.888			
Stress management strategies	SM1	.899	5.236	39.23	0.79
	SM2	.845			
	SM3	.712			
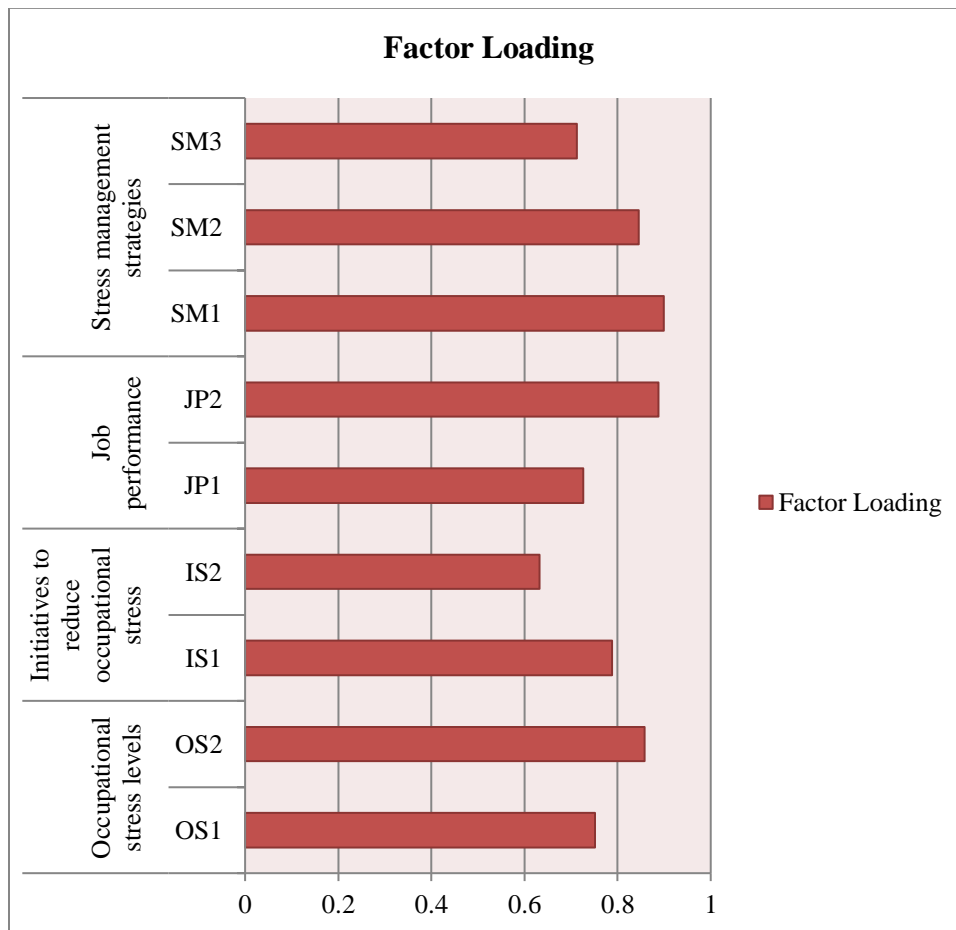
Figure 1: Factor Analysis

This factor analysis reveals that each construct's variables and related factors have important correlations. According to eigenvalues, the weight of the components changes between the constructions. Initiatives to lessen occupational stress and job performance have variables with higher variances, which suggest that they contribute more to overall variability. The Cronbach's alpha coefficients show that the constructs also exhibit respectable levels of internal consistency and dependability.

In SPSS, Pearson Product Moment Correlations were utilised to examine the validity of the survey. The Product Moment Pearson Correlations validity test is finished by comparing the final score with the answers to each question on the questionnaire. The questionnaire's legitimate items can be seen by their strong association to the result.

- **Demographic Profile**

4.2. Descriptive Analysis Of Data

Descriptive data analysis is a type of research methodology that focuses on outlining the characteristics of the workforce or population under study. Instead than concentrating on the "why" of the study's topic, this approach emphasises the "what" of the assessment issue. Either measurements of central tendency or measures of variability are the foundation of all descriptive statistics. These 2 measures make use of graphs, tables, and general discussions to aid people in understanding the significance of the analysed data. Various data pieces are analysed in the form of tables and graphs in this descriptive examination of the data. Responses based on gender, age, Indian Railway departments, and information about each questionnaire's question are just a few descriptive data analysis components. The following paragraphs address the descriptive analysis of the current study:

Table 2: Age of Respondents

Age			
		Frequency	**Percent**
	18 to 28	48	48
	29 to 39	35	35
	40 to 50	12	12
	51 Years and above	5	5
	Total	100	100
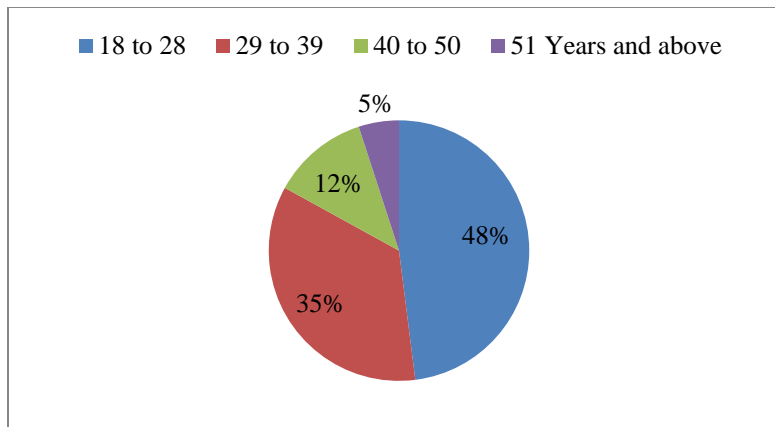
Figure 1: Age of Respondents

Table 2 presents the distribution of respondents' age in the study. The data shows that out of the total 100 respondents, the highest proportion of participants (48%) falls within the age range of 18 to 28 years. The next most prominent age group is between 29 to 39 years, accounting for 35% of the respondents. Participants aged 40 to 50 years constitute 12% of the sample, while respondents aged 51 years and above comprise 5% of the total. Overall, the age groups of 18 to 28 and 29 to 39 represent the majority of the study population, making up 83% of the total respondents.

Hypothesis Testing
Null Hypothesis (H0): In the IT sector, there is no discernible link between job performance and occupational stress.
Alternative Hypothesis (H1): In the information technology sector, there is a considerable link between job performance and occupational stress.

Table 3: Association of Occupational Stress with Job Performance of the employees of IT Industry

Correlation			Occupational Stress	Job performance
Pearson	Occupational Stress	Correlation Coefficient	1	-.296
		Sig. (2-tailed)		.015
		N	100	100
	Job performance	Correlation Coefficient	-.296	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.015	1
		N	100	
*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 Level (2-tailed)				

Table 3 presents the Pearson's correlation value, its significance value, and the sample size used in the computation to display the correlation values. The Pearson correlation coefficient in the given result is -0.15, the significance level is 0.005, and there were 100 test items. The significance value, which was calculated using the identified results, is 0.015.

Table 4 : Association of Job Stress Factors with Job Performance of the employees of IT Industry

Correlation			Job performance	Job stress Factors
Pearson	Job performance	Correlation Coefficient	1	.639**
		Sig. (2-tailed)		.001
		N	100	100
	Job stress Factors	Correlation Coefficient	.639**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	1
		N	100	
*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 Level (2-tailed)				

The Pearson's correlation value, its significance value, and the sample size used in the computation are all displayed in Table 4, which displays the correlation results. The Pearson correlation coefficient in the result that is being shown is 0.639, the significance value is 0.000 (determined using a 0.05 significance threshold), and there were 469 test items. The significance value of 0.000 to 0.050, which indicates a significant association between job stress factors and job performance, may be deduced from the identified results. It demonstrates a significant departure from the null hypothesis, which results in its rejection.

Table 5: Association of Organizational Stress Factors with Job Performance of the employees of IT Industry

Correlation			Job performance	Organisational stress Factors
Pearson	Job performance	Correlation Coefficient	1	-.163**
		Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
		N	500	500
	Organisational stress Factors	Correlation Coefficient	-.163**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	1
		N	500	
*Correlation is significant at the 0.05 Level (2-tailed)				

Table 5 presents the Pearson's correlation value, its significance value, and the sample size used in the calculation to show the correlation results. The Pearson correlation coefficient in the given result is -0.163, the significance value is 0.000 (measured using the 0.05 significance level), and there were 500 test items. It demonstrates a significant departure from the null hypothesis, which results in its rejection.

5. CONCLUSION

In human existence, stress is an inevitable process. Individuals experience different levels and types of stress according on their own systems, psychological makeup, alignment, working habits, and interactions with their families, friends, and coworkers. Additionally, each person's biological heritage has a role. However, the individual's stress is typically displayed in relation to their work and results. Every person's behaviour is solely evaluated in his or her professional and social relationships. Since it is firmly held that each person's occupational stress directly affects their personal, family, social, and environmental outcomes, psychoanalytic studies today insist on studying and measuring occupational stress of every individual with respect to the work environment, working condition, pattern, culture, and interaction. Numerous studies have shown that an individual's persona, family, social, psychological, and organisational backgrounds all contribute to their level of stress. The dimensions of the factors for each feature vary. In this context, personal, family, psychological, social, and environmental backgrounds also have an impact on the occupational stress experienced by women nurses. The theoretical model that is presented below explains the stress process and results for female nurses. The analytical findings of the current investigation, which were assessed using primary data sources in the study, have been used to develop the theoretical model. The expanding need for healthcare is being met by a variety of hospitals and related industries around the world. Individuals must be provided with comprehensive health protection due to changes in the environment, human consumption patterns, work systems and cultures, and food consumption habits. Additionally, the expansion of hospitals spurred by private and multinational involvement away from government services and assisted paradigm increased the demand for improved health care where patients are treated like clients. In today's healthcare services, patient relationship management has become a crucial instrument.

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VISUAL TEACHING OF THE TOPIC "STRUCTURE OF CRYSTALLINE BODIES" WITH THE HELP OF THE MAPLE SOFTWARE PACKAGE

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ANNOTATION

This article discusses the topic of the structure of crystalline bodies, which makes it difficult for readers to understand the clarity using the "Maple" software tool.

KEY WORDS: *kristall; monokristall; polikristall; building; cell; oscillation; centralized cubical; geksonal; centralized hexenal; spatial location.*

Annotatsiya: Ushbu maqolada o'quvchilar tushunishida qiyinchilik tug'diradigan kristall jismlar tuzilishi haqidagi mavzuni Maple dasturiy vositasi yordamida ko'rgazmalilik asosida yoritilgan.
Kalit so'zlar: kristall; monokristall; polikristall; tuzilish; yacheyka;tebranish; markazlashgan kubik; geksonal; markazlashgan geksonal; fazoviy joylashuv.

Аннотация: В этой статье рассматривается тема структуры кристаллических тел, которая затрудняет понимание читателями с помощью программного инструмента "Maple", основанного на наглядности.
Ключевые слова: кристалл; монокристалл; поликристалл; строение; ячейка; колебания; централизованный; кубический; гексенал; централизованный гексенал; пространственное расположение.

We all know very well that there is no left area where information communication technologies and software tools have not penetrated. Their opportunities have had time to make our lives easier, to create comfort, as well as to become an integral part of our lives. Even if we say that the organization of the educational process using the capabilities of Information Technology in the field of education, as in other areas, has already become a tradition in all educational institutions of our country, there will never be an exaggeration. Among them, the organization of physics classes in academic lyceums, like all subjects, with the help of a projector, an electronic board, computer gadgets, an internet network, virtual laboratories, hypermedia capabilities, as well as lesson presentations designed for each lesson and various developments obtained using a software tool, has become a requirement of the present day. Based on this, the science of physics presented difficulties in understanding and imagining[1].

Under the academic Lyceum curriculum, students of the 1st stage are taught information about the internal properties of substances in the spring, about the structures of Crystal bodies in the chapter on the structure of substances, as well as about the types of yacheyka. Several atoms or molecules of a substance that are located close together form a spatial pattern. This form is called yacheyka, and the types of yacheyka are much more diverse. For example, if the Centers of atoms or molecules are located at the edges of the Jub, he called it a cubic yacheyka, and if the hexagonal is located at the ends of the prism, he called it a hexonal yacheyka. Cubical and hexonal yachts are also in turn divided into types such as centered cubical or hexonal and collar centered cubical or hexonal. Beyond it are the types of oblique cuboid, hexonal, rhombahedral and hokoza, which the simple oral (oral) explanation does not pay much to readers. Showing crystals and yacheykas using modern programs without moving their generated spatial images away from the lesson, showing the subject in parallel as visual materials during the transition process, causes an increase in the effectiveness and productivity of the lesson[2].

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To this end, we can refer to the Maple software package, the possibility of which is extremely wide. We call the point at which the atom or molecule in the crystal cells is located nodes. Let's take the fact that only atoms are sitting in the node so that it is simpler and describe it as spherical. In the Maple package, the balloon is entered by the sphere command. For example, the sphere(0,0,0,3,color=red) order is entered to draw a sphere whose center is at the beginning of the coordinate, whose radius is equal to 3, and whose color is red. In order to vividly describe what shape the Yacheyka is in, the yacheyka knots should be cut out adjacent to the cuts. In the Maple package, cuts are entered by the line command. For example, line an incision with a brown color at the ends (-1,-2,-3) and (1,2,3) with a thickness of 3([-1,-2,-3], [1,2,3], color=brown, thickness=3) Command. With these two commands, we can get 3D-dimensional images of simple yacheykas and Crystal nodes. To do this, we will use the Cartesian coordinate system and it will be necessary to draw up an algorithm for entering the coordinates of the atom (sphere) at each node, as well as the coordinates of the intersections connecting the nodes. To distinguish between each other, it is better to number each line as and each sfwrani as. Plots[display](l1,l2,l3,...,s1,s2, s3,..); we use the command. First of all, take a 3D – dimensional representation of the simplest yacheyka-centered cubic[3].

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$> a := 4; \ R := a/5;$

$a := 4 \quad R := \dfrac{4}{5}$

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$\quad l2 := line([-a/2, a/2,-a/2], [a/2, a/2,-a/2], color = black):$
$\quad l3 := line([a/2, a/2,-a/2], [a/2,-a/2,-a/2], color = black): \ l4 := line([a/2,-a/2,-a/2], [-a/2,-a/2,-a/2], color = black):$
$\quad l5 := line([-a/2,-a/2, a/2], [-a/2, a/2, a/2], color = black): \ l6 := line([-a/2, a/2, a/2], [a/2, a/2, a/2], color = black):$

$l7 := line([a/2, a/2, a/2], [a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black): \ l8 := line([a/2,-a/2, a/2], [-a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black):$

$l9 := line([-a/2,-a/2,-a/2], [-a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black):$
$\quad l10 := line([-a/2, a/2,-a/2], [-a/2, a/2, a/2], color = black):$

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$c1 := sphere([-a/2,-a/2,-a/2], R, color = red): c2 := sphere([-a/2, a/2,-a/2], R, color = red):$
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$\quad c5 := sphere([-a/2,-a/2, a/2], R, color = red): \ c6 := sphere([-a/2, a/2, a/2], R, color = red):$
$\quad c7 := sphere([a/2, a/2, a/2], R, color = red): \ c8 := sphere([a/2,-a/2, a/2], R, color = red): \ c9 := sphere([0, 0, 0], R, color = blue):$

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> $plots[display](l1, l2, l3, l4, l5, l6, l7, l8, l9, l10, l11, l12, c1, c2, c3,$
  $c4, c5, c6, c7, c8, c9, scaling = constrained, axes = normal, style$
  $= wireframe, thickness = 3);$

Then the computer program 1-a will give us the image in the picture. It was a 3D-dimensional image of a centered cubic yacht, depicting the atom at the edges of the cube in red, and the atom at the center in blue[4].

If, in a similar way, several adjacent yachts are included in the program, then we have a 3D-dimensional image of the crystal structure (1-b, figure).

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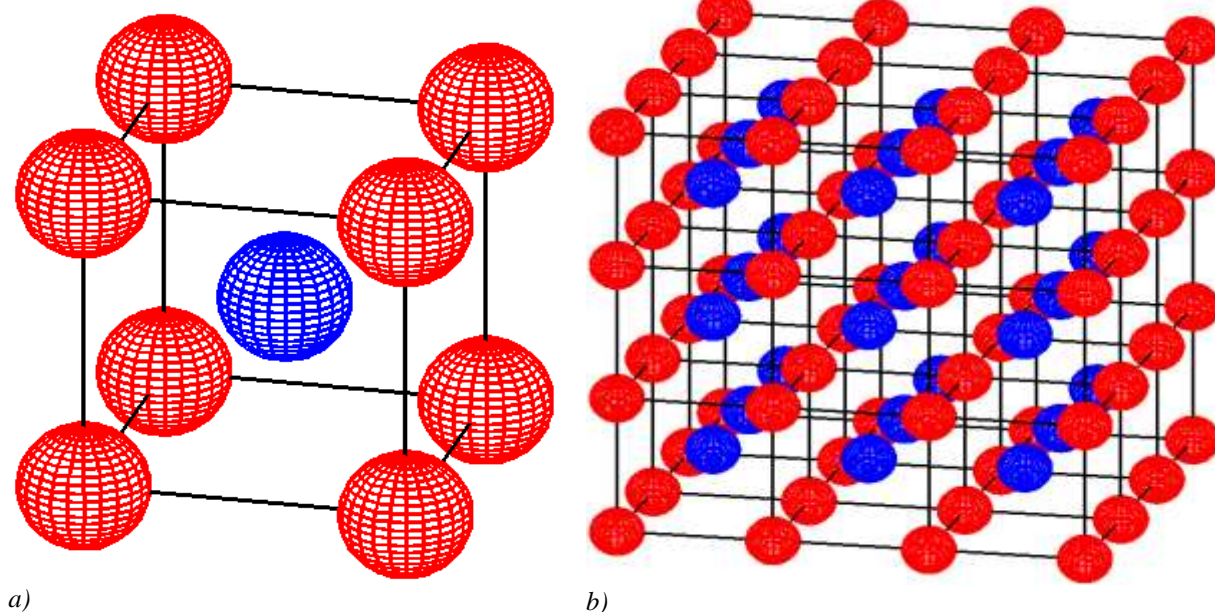
Figure -1

Now let's try to describe the slightly more complex appearance of the cubic yacheyka, that is, the cube with the sides centered. In this case, 8 atoms are located at the ends of the cube in one cell, and 6 atoms are located at the Centers of the cube's sides, for a total of 14 atoms forming a cell with one collar centered. Let ' make an algorithm to form that yacheyka.

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> $a := 4; \ R := a/5;$

$a := 4$

$R := \dfrac{4}{5}$

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> $l7 := line([a/2, a/2, a/2], [a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black): \quad l8 := line([a/2,-a/2, a/2], [-a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black):$
> $l9 := line([-a/2,-a/2,-a/2], [-a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black): \quad l10 := line([-a/2, a/2,-a/2], [-a/2, a/2, a/2], color = black): \quad l11 := line([a/2, a/2,-a/2], [a/2, a/2, a/2], color = black): \quad l12 := line([a/2,-a/2,-a/2], [a/2,-a/2, a/2], color = black):$

> $c1 := sphere([-a/2,-a/2,-a/2], R, color = red): c2 := sphere([-a/2, a/2,-a/2], R, color = red):$
> $c3 := sphere([a/2, a/2,-a/2], R, color = red): \quad c4 := sphere([a/2,-a/2,-a/2], R, color = red):$
> $c5 := sphere([-a/2,-a/2, a/2], R, color = red): c6 := sphere([-a/2, a/2, a/2], R, color = red):$
> $c7 := sphere([a/2, a/2, a/2], R, color = red): \quad c8 := sphere([a/2,-a/2, a/2], R, color = red):$
> $c9 := sphere([0, 0, a/2], R, color = blue): \quad c10 := sphere([0, a/2, 0], R, color = blue):$
> $c11 := sphere([0, 0,-a/2], R, color = blue): \quad c12 := sphere([0,-a/2, 0], R, color = blue): \quad c13 := sphere([-a/2, 0, 0], R, color = blue): c14 := sphere([a/2, 0, 0], R, color = blue):$

> $plots[display](l1, l2, l3, l4, l5, l6, l7, l8, l9, l10, l11, l12, c1, c2, c3, c4, c5, c6, c7, c8, c9, c10, c11, c12, c13, c14, scaling = constrained, axes = normal, style = wireframe, thickness = 2);$

Then we need a computer program 2-a,forming an image in the picture. It was a 3D-dimensional representation of a cubic yacheyka centered on the sides, with 8 atoms on the cube edges depicted in red, and 6 atoms centered on the sides in blue. If in a similar way we expand the algorithm in the program and insert several adjacent yacheys into the program by also giving the program the coordinates of the atoms in the nodes, then we have a 3D-dimensional image of a cubic yachecal crystal structure with the sides centered (2-b, figure)

a)   b)
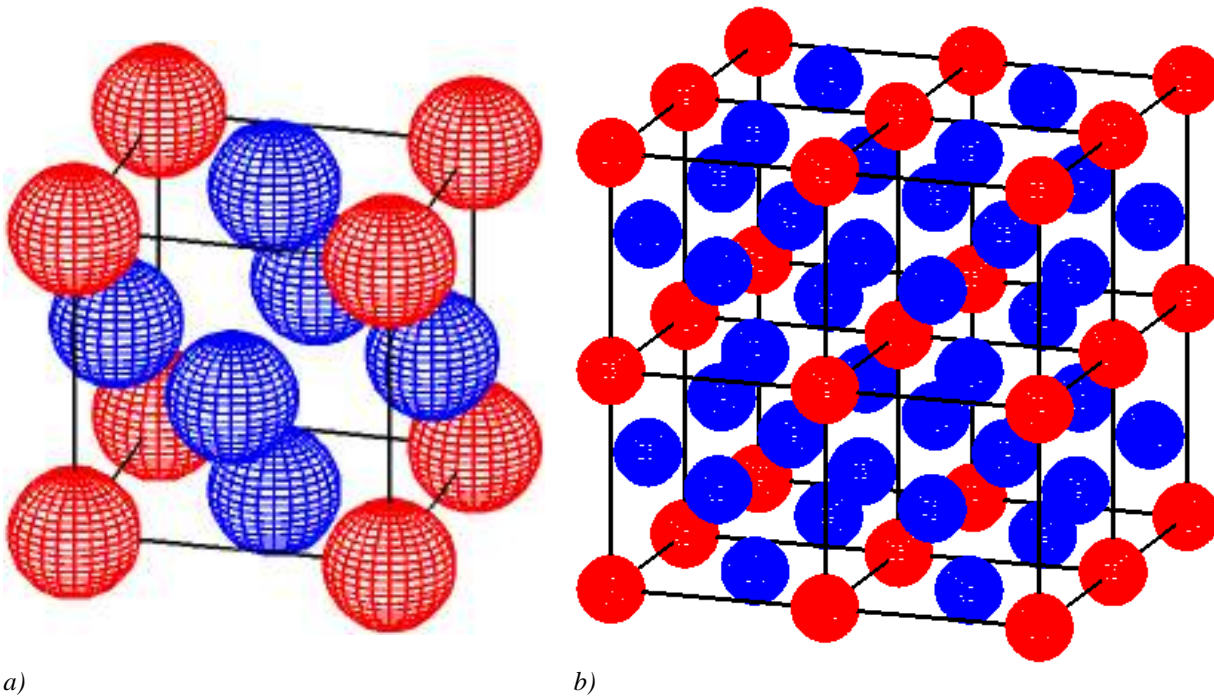
Figure -2

Another ken scattered pattern of Crystal yachts is the hexonal (6 – sided) yacheyka. In this case, 6 atoms will be located at the top and bottom ends of the 6-angle prism. There will be 1 additional atom located in the center of the prism or in the center of the 3 side oils of the prism, depending on whether it is a hexonal cachexa centered beyond it or the sides centered. Let's try to depict the atoms at the ends of the prism in red, and the atom at the center in blue. Let's build an algorithm for this centralized hexonal yacht.

$>$ $with(\,plottools\,)$:

$>$ $a := 4;\ R := a/3; H := 2*a;$

$a := 4$

$R := \dfrac{4}{3}$

$H := 8$

$> l1 := line(\,[a, 0, -H/2], [a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$:
    $l2 := line(\,[a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l3 := line(\,[-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a, 0, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l4 := line(\,[-a, 0, -H/2], [-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l5 := line(\,[-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l6 := line(\,[a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a, 0, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l7 := line(\,[a, 0, H/2], [a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l8 := line(\,[a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l9 := line(\,[-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [-a, 0, H/2], color = black\,)$:

$l10 := line(\,[-a, 0, H/2], [-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$
    $l11 := line(\,[-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$:

$l12 := line([a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [a, 0, H/2], color = black) :$
$\qquad l13 := line([a, 0, -H/2], [a, 0, H/2], color = black) :$
$\qquad\qquad l14 := line([a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2,$
$-\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black) :$
$l15 := line([-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H$
$/2], color = black) : \qquad l16 := line([-a, 0, -H/2], [-a, 0, H$
$/2], color = black) : \qquad l17 := line([-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H$
$/2], [-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black) : \qquad l18$
$:= line([a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2],$
$color = black) :$

$> c1 := sphere([a, 0, -H/2], R, color = red) : \qquad c2$
$:= sphere([a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red) :$
$c3 := sphere([-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red) : \qquad c4$
$:= sphere([-a, 0, -H/2], R, color = red) :$
$c5 := sphere([-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red) :$
$\qquad c6 := sphere([a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red) :$
$c7 := sphere([a, 0, H/2], R, color = red) : \qquad c8$
$:= sphere([a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red) :$
$c9 := sphere([-a/2, -\text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red) : \quad c10$
$:= sphere([-a, 0, H/2], R, color = red) :$
$c11 := sphere([-a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red) : \quad c12$
$:= sphere([a/2, \text{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red) : \qquad c13$
$:= sphere([0, 0, 0], R, color = blue) :$

$plots[display](l1, l2, l3, l4, l5, l6, l7, l8, l9, l10, l11, l12, l13, l14, l15,$
$l16, l17, l18, c1, c2, c3, c4, c5, c6, c7, c8, c9, c10, c11, c12, c13,$
$scaling = constrained, axes = normal, style = wireframe,$
$thickness = 2);$
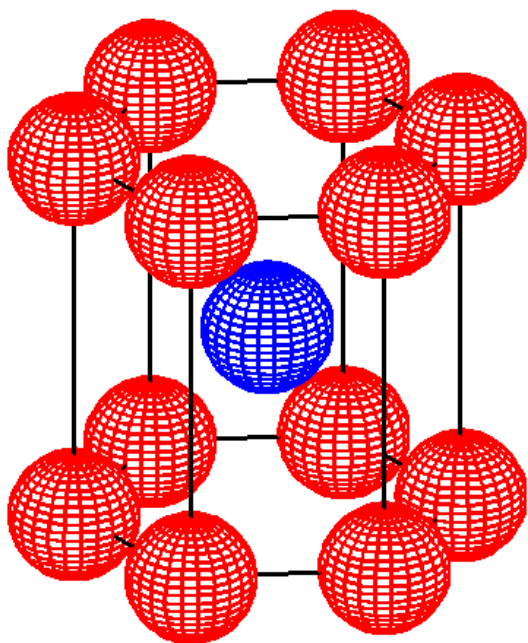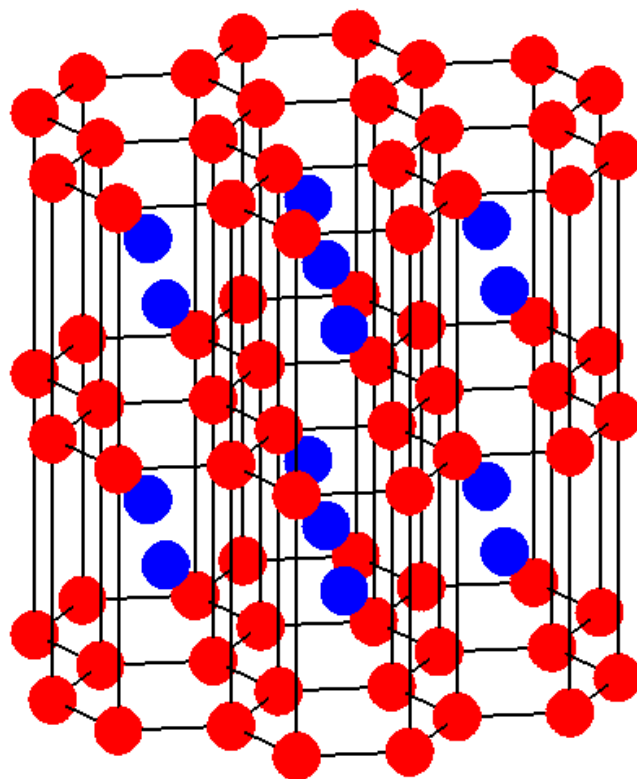
a)   b)

Figure -3

Then we need a computer program 3-a,forming an image in the picture. If, in a similar way, we construct an algorithm by expanding the algorithm in the program and inserting the coordinates of several adjacent yacheykas into the program as well,then we have a 3D-dimensional image of the hexonal yacheykali crystal structure, the sides of which are centered (3-b, figure)

We can construct an algorithm using the Maple-12 software package to capture a 3D-dimensional representation of a cubic yacht whose sides are centered in a similar way to the surface.

$>$ $with(\,plottools\,)$:

$>$ $a := 4;\ R := a/3; H := 2*a;$

$a := 4$

$R := \dfrac{4}{3}$

$H := 8$

$>$ $l1 := line(\,[a, 0, -H/2], [a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l2 := line(\,[a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l3 := line(\,[-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a, 0, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l4 := line(\,[-a, 0, -H/2], [-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l5 := line(\,[-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l6 := line(\,[a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a, 0, -H/2], color = black\,)$: $l7 := line(\,[a, 0, H/2], [a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l8 := line(\,[a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l9 := line(\,[-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [-a, 0, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l10 := line(\,[-a, 0, H/2], [-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l11 := line(\,[-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l12 := line(\,[a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], [a, 0, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l13 := line(\,[a, 0, -H/2], [a, 0, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l14 := line(\,[a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2 -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l15 := line(\,[-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l16 := line(\,[-a, 0, -H/2], [-a, 0, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l17 := line(\,[-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$: $l18 := line(\,[a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], [a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], color = black\,)$:

$>$ $c1 := sphere(\,[a, 0, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c2 := sphere(\,[a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c3 := sphere(\,[-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c4 := sphere(\,[-a, 0, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c5 := sphere(\,[-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c6 := sphere(\,[a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, -H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c7 := sphere(\,[a, 0, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c8 := sphere(\,[a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c9 := sphere(\,[-a/2, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c10 := sphere(\,[-a, 0, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c11 := sphere(\,[-a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c12 := sphere(\,[a/2, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, H/2], R, color = red\,)$: $c13 := sphere(\,[3/4*a, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/4*a, 0], R, color = blue\,)$: $c14 := sphere(\,[-3/4*a, \mathrm{sqrt}(3)/4*a, 0], R, color = blue\,)$: $c15 := sphere(\,[0, -\mathrm{sqrt}(3)/2*a, 0], R, color = blue\,)$:

$$plots[display](l1,l2,l3,l4,l5,l6,l7,l8,l9,l10,l11,l12,l13,l14,l15,$$
$$l16,l17,l18,c1,c2,c3,c4,c5,c6,c7,c8,c9,c10,c11,c12,c13,$$
$$c14,c15,scaling=constrained,axes=normal,style$$
$$=wireframe,thickness=2);$$

Then we need a computer program 4-a,forming an image in the picture. We can also easily generate 3D-dimensional images of Crystal pangaras with centered hexonal cells,such as those performed above, using the Maple Package (4-b, figure).
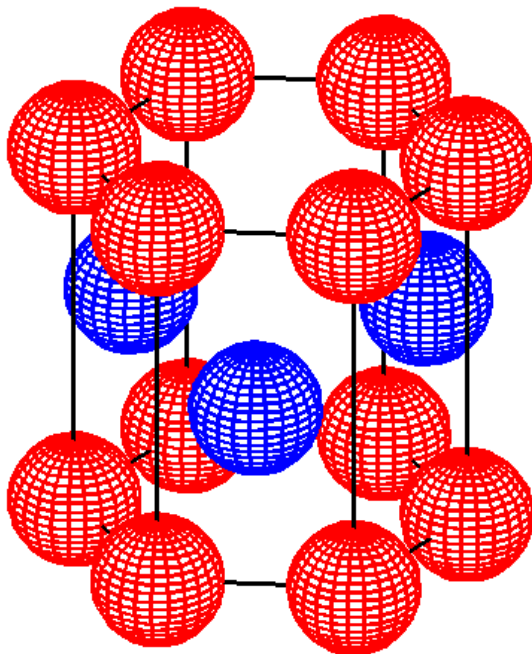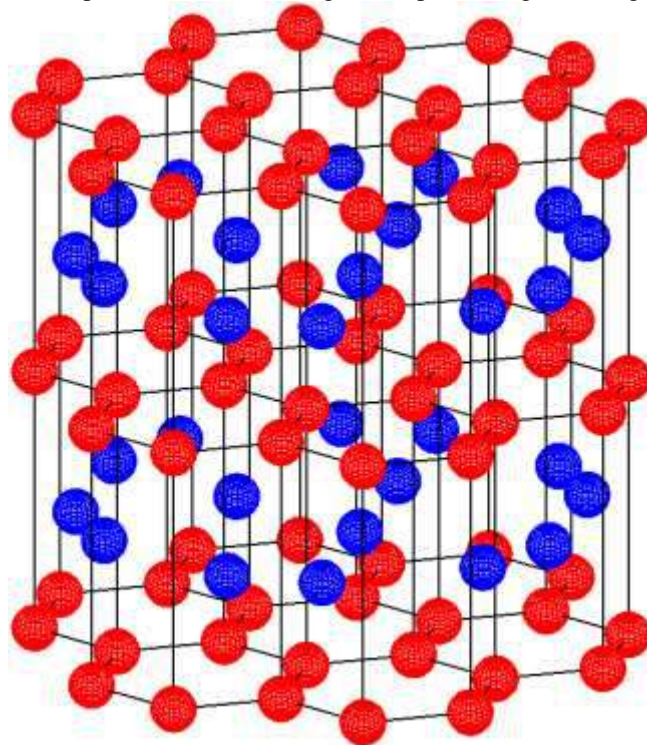
a)   b)

Figure-4

Of course, our first goal is not to teach programming to students of academic lyceums during the lesson, but to teach topics related to physics. But it is better to use the various developments obtained using various software tools and packages in parallel during the coverage of the topic on physics in order to increase the sensitivity, attractiveness of the subject and make the most of the time. This leads to an increase in skills and competencies that students can understand and master, and to be able to bring the phenomena and processes surrounding the topic to the fore.

Thus, in addition to the fact that teaching students with the help of modern software tools, a topic related to the structure of Crystal bodies has the advantages listed above, it makes students interested in working with programs, creating an opportunity for them to work on their own. It can also be explained in this topic by the teacher that due to the presence of forces of attraction and push between molecules and atoms, the atoms and molecules in the yacheyka nodes, without standing hardened, oscillate around this node, and when this oscillatory movement intensifies, they gradually begin to turn into liquids. This allows students ' knowledge to be formed in detail, in depth.

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AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FACTORS INFLUENCING LEADERS' BEHAVIOURS AND PRODUCTIVITY AT LORDSVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM 2020 TO MARCH 2022

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ABSTRACT

Motivation: *According to the Grade 11 Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC) national results over the past three years, Lordsville Secondary School has been one of the best-performing high schools in Karasburg and in the Kharas region, in the southern part of Namibia. Currently, there are many disciplinary issues like arguments and fights amongst learners on a daily basis. There are also a lot of arguments between parents, teachers, employees and management at the school. The morale of staff members is also very low at the moment. The behaviours of leaders towards their subordinates have an influence on the day-to-day running of an organisation and on the morale of workers and clients.*

Research Approach: *The researcher has made use of qualitative research approach to explore, recognise and define how leaders' behaviours affect productivity at the Lordsville Secondary School.*

Main results: *The study demonstrates the critical role that leaders' actions play in any organization and the impact they have, which may be either beneficial or bad. According to the research, leaders must ensure that their actions have a positive impact on everyone inside their organization for it to be effective.*

Conclusion: *The respondents indicated a few strategies that leaders might use to restore the organization's effectiveness. The interview subjects also acknowledged that some leaders' actions had a detrimental impact on the institution.*

KEYWORDS: *Leadership, Subordinates Autocracy, Accountability, Teamwork, Respect, Conducive environment*

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Leaders play a crucial role in all organisations; schools are no exception. Their behavioural patterns can influence a school negatively or positively. If the correct procedures are utilised in managing schools, productivity is likely to sky rocket and the environment will be conducive; thus, creating a great atmosphere rich for productivity and results attainment. In situations where leaders behave in a dictatorship manner, lacking initiatives and interpersonal skills, the morale among employees will be negatively affected, which can have great impact on school productivity and, therefore, affect results.

Lordsville Secondary School is a government school with one principal, two head of departments (HODs), 20 teachers, four institutional workers, two secretaries, two hostel superintendents, 18 hostel workers and 560 learners. The school teaches Grades 8 to 11. According to the Grade 11 NSSC national results over the past three years, Lordsville Secondary School has been one of the best-performing high schools in Karasburg and in the Kharas region, in the southern part of Namibia.

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Lordsville Secondary School is a government school with one (1) principal, two (2) head of departments (HODs), twenty (20) teachers, four (4) institutional workers, two (2) secretaries, two (2) hostel superintendents, eighteen (18) hostel workers and five hundred and sixty (560) learners. The school teaches from Grades 8 to 11.

In the past, Lordsville Secondary School was acclaimed the honour of being among the top five schools and producing most of the learners who achieved the top 10 results in the region. Apart from excellent academic performances in the school, the interpersonal relationships among the staff have always been good. The disciplinary record in the school has been up to standard and the school has always had an open-door policy. It was, therefore, easy for parents from all over Namibia to flock to Lordsville Secondary School to register their children. Employees were proud to be associated with the school. Learners, teachers and administration staff members have all been treated as one huge family, striving to live up to the ideal of "Ubuntu".

The results of learners in the last few months have declined in comparison to those of the past. The current state of the school is no longer conducive like it used to be. Arguments and fights among learners and teachers are rife and have become the new norm. Learners are absconding classes on a daily basis and some are absent for weeks. Alcohol and drug abuse have become a habit amongst learners, both on school grounds and in the hostel. Teachers are divided and no longer have respect for each other nor for the management and vice versa.

The disagreements between management and teachers have led to a lack of assistance and support when it comes to school-related matters. Bullying has become the status quo in the school. The school environment is no longer conducive, and productivity has decreased.

The behaviours of leaders towards their subordinates have an influence on the day-to-day running of an organisation and on the morale of workers and clients.

It's against this background that, a study was conducted to investigate the influence of leaders' behaviours on the productivity of Lordsville Secondary School. Specific study objectives included:
- ➤ To identify the behaviours of leaders that can affect the productivity of Lordsville Secondary School
- ➤ To discover leaders' behaviours affecting the productivity of Lordsville Secondary School
- ➤ To explore the patterns of leaders' behaviours, affecting the productivity of Lordsville Secondary School
- ➤ To establish mechanisms that can be used by leaders to increase productivity at Lordsville Secondary School

2. LITERATURE REVIEW
The researchers have pondered more on the topics involving leaders in workplace environments. Themes such as leadership behaviours in organisations, leadership roles impacting organisations and leadership strategies to impact the organisational success have been visited and researched to shed more light on the issue pertaining leadership.

2.1 Leadership behaviour in organisations
De Beer, Le Roux, Ellis, Ward, Van Neuwenhuizen & Anderson (2020) state that leaders play an essential role within societies, as they help to guide their followers and organisations towards success. It is also made clear by De Beer et al. (2020) that leadership is about a set of behaviours and skilful actions that ensure the sustainability of an organisation. Leadership is the most vital component in an organisation and the most significant skill for its leaders, according to Kalsoom, Khan and Zubair (2018), because it has a direct and indirect impact on employee performance.

Leadership, according to Oyetunji, Adebiyi and Olatunde (2019), is a dynamic process in which one person motivates others to contribute to the completion of a task. Oyetunji, Adebiyi and Olatunde (2019) firmly believe that leadership exists on many levels in many sections of society, and that what motivates leaders is the achievement of the organisation's overarching purpose. Mehdinezhad and Sardarzhi (2015) note that leadership is defined as influencing subordinates through communication in order to achieve organisational goals, with an emphasis on interpersonal relationships.

Akdol and Arikboga (2015) strongly believe that employee personality traits and organisational climate have a substantial impact on employee innovation and creativity. Khan et al. (2020) define transformational leadership as leadership where leaders transform followers, inspire them, build trust, encourage them, admire their innovate ideas, and develop them. Strong job satisfaction is linked to a positive attitude and high performance at work, and it is a significant aspect of creating an innovative work environment (Akdol & Arikboga, 2015). Campos-Garcia and Zuniga-Vicente (2018) believe that positive leader training may have a positive impact on employee motivation.

Good leadership behaviour has no effect on the positive and negative work climates, nor on team performance, according to Makaske (2015); however, counter-productive leadership behaviour has an effect on the negative work climate. Burn (2017) strongly believes that toxic leadership has even been found to have a negative impact on the targets' personal relationships, resulting in increased partner conflict and higher work-life conflict. Their actions also have a negative impact on the employees with whom they work, resulting in higher turnover intentions, drug and alcohol abuse, and lower job satisfaction, productivity and motivation. Cakir and Adiguzel (2020) state that it is critical for the strategic success of information sharing to be done in a healthy manner of the organisation. At the same time, they concluded that effective employee information sharing had a favourable impact on both performance and strategy.

The study's findings demonstrate how crucial leadership is to organizations. Depending on how they treat their subordinates, leaders' behavior either positively or negatively shapes an organization. If a leader behaves badly, that could potentially result in the organization's demise. The morale of an organization is greatly impacted by the actions of its leaders. Employees may leave their employment quickly and easily as a result of the behavior of their leaders, and others may turn to drugs and alcohol as a means of escaping. The behavior of leaders may also have a tendency to cause numerous disputes and physical altercations among workers.

Both the giver and receiver profit from sharing information. It may foster comprehension, a sense of significance, and even assist workers develop their leadership abilities (Carruthers, 2021). In order for an individual to function to their maximum capacity, information exchange and transfer within the organisation is crucial. The performance of the team members helps the leaders who share information with them. A high-performing team can benefit from information exchange. Knowledge management is also essential for corporate performance. In order to produce high-calibre work, a team must therefore possess a culture of knowledge management and information exchange (Bhatti, 2021).

According to the study, leaders who are unwilling to divulge knowledge to staff members or subordinates may find that they are unable to complete any work. The productivity of the organization depends heavily on information sharing. Everyone will just do what they want if information isn't provided, and nobody will actually know what to do. The ability of an organization's staff to collectively grasp client conditions, attitudes, and expectations is enhanced by knowledge sharing, which helps businesses make decisions that are centred on their customers. Sharing knowledge fosters innovation and growth. Sharing knowledge boosts productivity and reduces costs. Customer centricity is improved in the workplace by knowledge exchange. Sharing knowledge fosters teamwork, enabling teams to solve problems more quickly.

2.2 Leadership roles impacting businesses
According to Al-Malki and Juan (2018), it is thought that resolving role ambiguity and conflict improves job performance, and improving job performance has a favourable impact on boosting job cooperation. Asar-ul-Haq and Anwar (2018) report that most organisations' leadership development programmes place a high priority on national cultural values, which are seen as a cornerstone to effective leadership and, as a result, improve organisational performance.

Hao and Yazdaniford (2015) believe that when organisational leader's lead people in the right direction and push them to constantly improve and be innovative, the organisation's performance will undoubtedly improve and it will be able to survive in today's difficult business environment. Su et al. (2020) believes that individual identification with leaders moderates the association between servant leadership and intrinsic motivation, and regard the function of intrinsic motivation as having a major impact in mediating the relationship. Leaders must work in numerous directions, swap techniques, and integrate various types of leadership behaviour to be able to influence and facilitate, according to Van der Hoek, Groenewald and Beerkens (2021).

There is a lot of previous research that has been done on leadership and leadership behaviours which leaders can use in their organisations to help them lead, influence, motivate and understand their subordinates better.
The study demonstrates that in order to achieve goals, leaders should offer direction, inspiration, and motivation. It should be possible for leaders to consciously create a culture of trust thanks to their credibility and competence. Leaders should develop a common vision and strategy and persuasively present it to entice people to join them on the journey. Leaders should work closely with and through their staff members to carry out the organization's vision and plan. Through constant coaching and feedback, leaders should help their team members reach their full potential as leaders and enhance performance. Building a positive work environment, communicating with employees, handling disagreement within the organization, and boosting employee morale are all responsibilities of leaders.

2.3 Leadership strategies to impact the organisation's successes
Extraordinary leaders of organisations create an inspiring, strong and modest dream that strengthens the main drive of a business (Sateesh, 2020). Sateesh (2020) further states that leaders need to be linked with people, ideas, thoughts and apprehensions about the future of the organisation. Leaders should evaluate the group's current performance and competences for rivalry.

Gupta (2018) believes that there are factors that obstruct the effectiveness of leadership, therefore limiting productivity of organisations. These include the following: lack of communication, lack of group thinking, lack of creativity, lack of talent retention strategies, and lack of visionary leadership.

According to Ali (2018:15), effective leadership is a substantial driver for improving employee performance, upholding constructive leader-subordinate relationships, and accumulating organisational sustainability.

3. METHODOLOGY
The researchers have used a qualitative research approach to explore, recognise and define how leaders' behaviours affect productivity at the Lordsville Secondary School.The "specific objects or elements whose characteristics the researcher described and explained and whose data the researcher collected" was the units of analysis (Fouche et al., 2021:67). The units of analysis for this study was the leaders of Lordsville Secondary School.The variable was the behaviours of leaders or management at Lordsville Secondary School.

Furthermore, the researchers used exploratory research for this study. Du Plooy-Cilliers, (validityDavis & Bezuidenhoudt (2019) define exploratory research as a way to gather new information about a topic that has not been researched before. The goal was to gather information about the research topic and determine how to increase productivity at Lordsville Secondary School.

3.1 Population
Du Plooy-Cilliers, Davis and Bezuidenhout (2019:133) state that "everyone or everything that falls inside the population parameters" is the target demographic. The population targeted was the 26 employees of Lordsville Secondary School.

3.2 Sample and sample type
The sample frame used included three (3) male teachers, four (4) female teachers, three (3) institutional workers and one (1) female secretary. The researchers have used purposive sampling as a non-probability sampling type. This means the participants chosen were those that were inclined to participate and had the ability to communicate in a way that was articulative and expressive. The selection criteria had taken into consideration the different age groups and experiences. The sample size was eleven (11) participants, consisting of seven (7) teachers, three (3) institutional workers and one (1) secretary. The sample size was determined on the levels of experience and ability to communicate.

3.3 Research Instruments

In-depth interviews were used as a qualitative data collection strategy by the researcher. During the interviews, the researchers used open-ended questions in order to acquire a clear understanding of the participants' responses. In-depth interviews allowed the researchers to gain clarification on the answers of participants and for participants to supply more details. When participants answered questions, the researchers were able to observe their facial expressions and body language, which was a valuable source of data for the researchers to have a deeper understanding of their responses.

3.4 Trustworthiness of data collected

To ensure the study findings trustworthiness the following three measures were observed namely; credibility, Transferability and Confirmability.

3.4.1Credibility

The researchers were non-judgmental to ensure that participants are open to sharing their experienced meaning. The researchers allowed enough time for the participants to explore and reflect on their felt meanings as that resulted in the appearance of more meaning and awareness of the participants. The researchers chose in depth interviews, knowing that not much information will be hidden, concealed or twisted to impress the researchers since the researchers can study the participant's face cues.

3.4.2 Transferability

Transferability concerns the aspect of applicability, enabling the reader to assess whether findings are transferrable to their own setting. The researchers developed transferability through a thick description of methodology that was used. The researchers described the participants in more details and included them in the sample size. The researchers also provided information about the research setting in order to provide the reader with a fuller and richer understanding of the setting. The detailed description of methods and analysis allowed for the replication of this study in other frameworks.

3.4.3 Confirmability

Confirmability was confirmed when the researchers described the research steps that were undertaken, from the start of the research to the development and research of findings. For confirmability purposes, the researchers made sure that the interpretation of data was not based on the researcher's own preferences and points of views. The researcher similarly abided by confirmability through the completion of the interviews, and kept records of raw data obtained through participant interviews, records of procedures, data generation and analysis. The interview sheet can serve as evidence of the methodology utilised. This was crucial for transparency of the research path.

3.5 Data Analysis

The researchers made use of content analysis to analyse the different viewpoints of all participants through the interviews. Qualitative content analysis is also well suited to the subjective interpretation of text data content via a systematic classification process of coding and pattern identification. In doing a qualitative content analysis, the researchers were working in an interpretative paradigm with the goal of providing a thick description of the social reality mirrored in the texts.

3.6 Ethical Guidelines

The following ethical procedures were realised and observed for the completion of the study.

3.6.1 Informed consent

The researchers obtained informed consent from the gatekeepers, namely: the inspector, the Director as well as the participants from Lordsville Secondary School. Participation was voluntarily.

3.6.2 Avoidance of harm

The primary ethical rule of the researcher was not to harm the volunteers. The researchers were responsible for ensuring that participants were not subjected to any type of bodily discomfort as a result of the research endeavour.

3.6.3 Confidentiality verses anonymity and privacy

The researchers did not infringe on any participant's privacy or breach confidentiality in any way. Throughout the research endeavour, no identities were utilised, and the researchers did not discuss any information or participants with anybody else other than the school administration and Circuit Inspector. Pseudonyms were used by the researchers.

3.6.4 Deception of subjects or respondents

Participants were not misled, facts were not misinterpreted, and no information were withheld from any participant. Participants were not purposely misled by written/verbal instructions, other people's actions, or certain characteristics of the setting in this study. All participants were given a clear and detailed explanation of the research's goal by the researchers.

3.6.5 Trustworthiness

The researchers were dependable. The interviews were conducted by the researchers themselves, and no interview questions were offered to anyone ahead of time.

3.6.6 Credibility

To ensure that participants were willing to discuss their experiences, the researchers were non-judgemental. The researchers gave the participants adequate time to investigate and reflect on their felt meanings, since this had led to a greater sense of meaning and awareness of their experience. The researchers had not discussed the responses of the participants with anyone.

3.6.7 Falsifying information

The researchers have not falsified information or change any data.

3.6.8 Distorting results

The researches have not distort interpretation or emphasise certain aspects of participants.

3.6.9 Bias and Misusing information

The researchers were not bias towards any participant or subject throughout the project. Neither, the researchers have not misused any data collected for the research project from participants.

3.6.10 Dealing with sensitive information

The researchers have not become emotionally involved and have not let their personal feelings interfere with the research. The researchers also have never revealed any sensitive information about the participants.

4. FINDINGS

According to participant's responses leaders should be personable, consistent in their leadership style, courteous of subordinates, and aware of their feelings. They claimed that effective leaders should be industrious, humble, and have good interpersonal communication abilities. They are adamant that leaders shouldn't be autocratic. Leaders need to be good listeners, receptive to new ideas, and eager to learn. Leaders' ought to be caring and collaborative. A strong leader should always involve their team in decision-making and avoid letting their personal opinions override organizational concerns. Leaders need to have vision and be responsible.

All of the respondents agreed that a leader's actions can affect an organisation because if a leader can relate to their team members well, employees will feel at ease and be able to express themselves freely, which will increase productivity. They believed that the absence of the aforementioned leadership behaviours could result in a lack of collaboration, disengagement, contributions, low morale, and group strife.

Some leaders, according to the respondents, are kind, encouraging, good listeners, honest, and approachable. Most participants also believed that certain leaders are autocratic and do not consider the feelings of their subordinates. They believed that some leaders are brash and unreliable. They continued to claim that some leaders lack cohesion and are very challenging to communicate with. They also believed that the leaders were inconsistent, haughty, stupid, rude, and uncaring about their issues and problems.

The participants claimed that these actions could impact the school. Some stressed that certain types of actions could have a positive impact on the school through increased teamwork, productivity, collaboration among co-workers, and an improvement in student pass rates. While the majority of interviewees reported feeling demotivated, afraid of being dominated, and worried that their confidence would decline. The participants established that if leaders don't encourage their staff, staff members are likely to rebel against management. They also contended that the root cause is mental illness, which has a significant impact on how well those in charge perform at work. High absenteeism and staff disunity caused by rebellious behaviour results in high absenteeism rates, which in turn cause students to misbehave or engage in other negative school-related behaviours.

While some participants noted that some leaders are motivating, supportive, and participatory, others believed that the change in leadership had ushered in a dictatorship. Some people believed that some leaders were overly sentimental, incapable of setting priorities, and more subjective than objective. Additionally, they felt that some leaders were "passively aggressive," irate, moody, and incapable of communicating with everyone in the organization. They claimed that it leads to dread, anxiety, and poor productivity since they are constantly perplexed.

According to several respondents, co-workers look up to their bosses for inspiration in the same way that kids look up to individuals as role models. Additionally, they claimed that they felt oppressed, unappreciated, and not held accountable for their actions. Some participants claimed that their colleagues don't trust them. Others said that the school could not run effectively without consistent leadership and that teachers who are divided or confused could not do their jobs well. They believed that leaders won't exhibit any sense of pride, self-worth, or confidence, and that their work would likely endure.

Some partipants recognised that the sudden change in leadership was the cause of all the autocratic issues they were experiencing. They said that the school was no longer a favourable environment as a result of these behaviours, particularly following the abrupt change in leadership. They believed that some employees even quit work due to the circumstances at the institution.

Yes, leaders can take action to boost school productivity, all participants agreed. Some believed that effective leaders needed to set a good example by being straightforward, open, sympathetic, kind, and good listeners. They also believed that they needed to treat all employees equally. They alleged that leaders should lead by example in promoting unity, encouraging cohesion, and fostering an environment where employees may express their opinions without fear of reprisal. They continued that in order to bring about significant reforms that would benefit everyone, freedom of speech and constructive criticism must be permitted. They demand that everyone's efforts should be recognized, regardless of age, teaching background, or position. They claimed that the division of labour should be done evenly and that authority should be shared by everybody.

According to the participants, leaders should foster a culture of professionalism and secrecy as well as refrain from allowing interpersonal conflicts and emotions to affect their ability to accomplish their jobs. They were certain that effort must be recognized and appropriately rewarded. Leaders, according to the participants, should be team players rather than merely delegating and distributing responsibilities. They also highly advise leaders to test out recommendations or ideas from subordinates rather than immediately dismissing them as useless. They want the leaders to foster an environment where the "Ubuntu" spirit may flourish. They want leaders to create objectives for bettering outcomes and being responsible. Leaders need to be task-focused and open-minded.

5. LIMITATIONS

During the research investigation, the researchers had not encountered certain restrictions, but these were beyond their control. The qualitative study depended largely on the participant's points of views, perceptions and sensitivities and participants can lie and exaggerate; Bias were therefore expected regarding the study. Participants also chose their own ways of answering interview questions and ignore instructions given. This was a challenge as it could affect the quality and accuracy of the data collected. The researchers were therefore patient and guided the participants to stay in the research area. The researchers gave clear instructions that were understood well by the participants.

6. CONCLUSION

The researchers believe that there are significant and vital issues faced by the staff at the school based on interviews with the staff members at Lordsville Secondary School. Employees lack motivation and are dissatisfied with their jobs. It appears that the shift in leadership affected both the staff and students' attitudes about the institution. Many staff members have already left the school due to the negative impact some leaders' behaviour is having on both the school and the students as a whole, and there are frequent conflicts between staff members, students, and parents. To establish a productive workplace for everyone, management or school leaders should collaborate with employees, students, and parents. They ought to be encouraging, kind, and receptive to their subordinates. Every employee will have an aura of pride and belonging if their leaders involve them in the decision-making process at the school.

Based on findings with regard to international and or Managerial implications, Managers and leaders of school institutions really did have a positive and negative impact on their subordinates. Their treatment and day to day interactions with the staff mattered a lot and influenced the productivity levels of the staff at the school institution. The change in leadership at the school had an impact on the environment where learners and school staff are found. It has also been found that communication skills, listening skills and approach matters as key skills of a leader.

It has been established that some leaders might have mental illness and poor interpersonal skills and that could be the reason they behave the way they do. That some leaders portray behaviour patterns that are toxic and creates an unfavourable working environments. There is also a lot that leaders can do to change their attitudes for the sake of creating positive mindsets and desirable work ethics that can positively impact on productivity.

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STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ON NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY 2020 AT HIGHER EDUCATION LEVEL

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ABSTRACT

National Education Policy 2020 is one of the most important issues in the history of education in India. This educational policy has brought about a holistic change in all levels of education which we all need to be knowledgeable of especially the students. Hence this research was to study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. A descriptive type survey method of research and a qualitative approach was used. 200 higher education students as samples through a Convenience Sampling technique were taken and data were collected through a self-developed standardized questionnaire contained with close-ended questions. The qualitative analysis method was used for data analysis, and percentage calculation was done. It was found that 35.71 % of HEI students have Low knowledge 32.46 % have high knowledge, 29.22% have average knowledge, and 2.59 % have Very Low and Very High knowledge of National Education Policy 2020.
KEYWORDS: *Knowledge, National Education Policy 2020, Students, Higher Education.*

INTRODUCTION
The National Policy on Education (NPE) was launched by the Government of India for fostering education among the citizens of India. The policy extends from primary school through college education in both rural and urban India. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi issued the first NPE in 1968, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi issued the second in 1986, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued the third in 2020.

After over thirty years, the release of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has been one of the most major events in Indian education. It is a comprehensive program that emphasizes interdisciplinary and multimode methods at universities, as well as education supported by technology. The new NEP has radically changed the administrative organization of India's educational sector. It emphasizes character and skill development to help pupils thrive in life. Because of India's variety, considerable changes and flexibility in the educational system are required to execute policy in a way that suits the demands of the varied people. As a result, a multidisciplinary approach is required.

India is preparing to apply the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 all over the country in order to reform and make radical changes in school education and higher education with the goal of creating a new education system that should empower young people and boost their confidence in order to create new knowledge, new skills, and human values in order to solve current and future problems and challenges of civilized society through their enhanced innovative ability. It is well understood that technology, as an application of scientific reasoning, has the potential to improve the quality of life for everyone in the universe, and that great education is the basis for this. The new education policy has many intrinsic propositions to improve the quality of school and higher education to create interest in their chosen area to find challenges and convert them into opportunities by discovering innovative solutions to make life comfortable and successful with expected happiness, with the goal of providing value-based, knowledge-based, and skill-based higher education for everyone in the country. Quality higher education aims to produce individuals who are obligated to develop a better society via increased human value-based discipline and mutual respect for progress and prosperity. Quality higher education also encourages everyone to participate in the discovery, adoption, or promotion of new technologies that can help society advance.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE
Choudhari (2022) conducted "A Study on National Education Policy – 2020 and its Impact on Stakeholders w.r.t Higher Education Institutions of Nagpur City". NEP 2020 aims to meet industrial, national, and global needs, ensuring quality of life

and economic growth. Focusing on positive effects and efficient work for the country's welfare is crucial.

Sawant and Sankpal (2021) conducted a study on "National education policy 2020 and higher education: A brief review". The study reveals India's Education Policy 2020 aims for a modern, progressive, and equitable education system, based on Access, Equity, Quality, Affordability, and Accountability.

Devi and Cheluvaraju (2020) conducted a study "A Study on Awareness about the Impact of National Education Policy-2020 Among the Stakeholder of Commerce and Management Disciplinary". The study highlights the impact of NEP 2020 on commerce and management stakeholders, highlighting drawbacks and promoting the need for effective implementation to achieve economic growth and improve living standards. It emphasizes the importance of focusing on positive impacts and efficient work for the country's welfare.

Kurien and Chandramana (2020) Conducted a study on the "Impact of New Education Policy 2020 on Higher Education". The study reveals a progressive policy addressing the socioeconomic landscape and future uncertainty. It focuses on education for a new generation, addressing dematerialization and digitalization, and empowering the system to constantly reform itself, avoiding a yearly policy shift in curriculum.

Manivasakan (2021) conducted a study on "National Education Policy 2020 – A Viewpoint with Respect to Higher Education". The National Scholarship Portal will expand to provide financial support, outreach to higher education opportunities, and develop technology tools. The NHERA will be a single regulating body, focusing on accreditation norms, disclosure, governance, and outcomes.

By reviewing so far researcher came to know that no work has been done on my topic "Knowledge of Higher Education Level Students Towards National Education Policy 2020". So, this issue of National Educational Policy 2020 is a research gap.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
The problem has been stated as: "Students' Knowledge on National Education Policy 2020 at Higher Education Level."

RATIONALE OF THE STUDY
At present, West Bengal as well as India is far behind in the field of education compared to other developed countries of the world. Therefore, to improve the education system more structurally and effectively, the Indian Government led by the current Prime Minister Narendra Modi formulated a new National Education Policy in 2020. It is hoped that this New Educational Policy will be able to establish the Indian Education system in an important place in the court of the world. This New Education Policy is based on four pillars- i) School Education, ii) Higher Education, iii) Other key Area focus, iv) Make it Happen. Among these four pillars, Higher education has undergone radical changes compared to the earlier NEP. The researcher has chosen this subject because of how aware the students are of the changes that have been made

in the National Education Policy for students in higher education.

Currently, various seminars, workshops are being held focusing on NEP2020. Also, National Education Policy 2020 is now a much-debated topic. So, the researcher chose this topic for research.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
Objectives of the study were-
1. To study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
2. To study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of their Gender.
3. To study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of their locality.
4. To study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of selected dimensions.

OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THE STUDY
○ **Knowledge:** Facts, information, and skills acquired through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject. In this study, knowledge means knowledge of NEP 2020. In this study, knowledge has been measured on the basis of knowledge of the following aspects of NEP 2020- School Education, Higher Education, Other key Areas, Make it Happen.
○ **Higher Education:** Higher education is tertiary-level of education. Students entered in higher education after passing school education. It consists of undergraduate and post-graduate programs. In this study, postgraduate students are considered as higher education students.
○ **Selected dimension:** In this study dimensions refer to used parameters mentioned in NEP 2020. These are School Education, Higher Education, Others key Area, Make it Happen.

METHODOLOGY
• **Method and Approach of the Study:** The researcher has applied a descriptive type survey method of research and a qualitative approach.
• **Population and Sample:** All the Male and female post-graduate students in the Education Department of West Bengal were included in the population. Out of all the Postgraduate students in the Education, department were selected as samples
• **Sample and Sampling procedures:** Researcher took 200 samples through a Convenience Sampling technique used in this study for collecting data from the sample.

- **Instrument for data collection:** A self-developed standardized questionnaire was used for data collection in this present study.
- **Procedure of data collection:** This study collected data through both online and as well as online modes. Firstly, some data is collected offline mode by using the self-made questionnaire. Some data were collected online in the mode through a Google form.
- **Statistical techniques used:** Percentage Analysis was used to be done from the collected through close-ended questions analyzed using qualitative analysis.

DELIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY
The present study was delimited from the following aspects -
- **Level of Education:** The study was delimited to only PG-level students.

- **Sample Size:** The study was restricted to only a selected sample size.
- **Area of the study:** The study was delimited only in West Bengal.
- **Tool:** The study uses only one self-develop questionnaire as a tool ("Knowledge of Higher Education Level Students towards National Education Policy 2020.") for data collection.
- **Approach of the study:** The study delimited only the qualitative approach and Simple Percentage calculation done by the researcher.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION
The analysis and interpretation of the data have been done objective-wise.
Objective 1: To study the knowledge of higher education students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Table 01: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education levels Students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Levels of Knowledge	Ratio	No of respondent	Percentage (%)
Very High	25 & above	0	0
High	19-24	50	32.46
Average	13-18	45	29.22
Low	7-12	55	35.71
Very Low	below 7	4	2.59
Total		**154**	**100%**
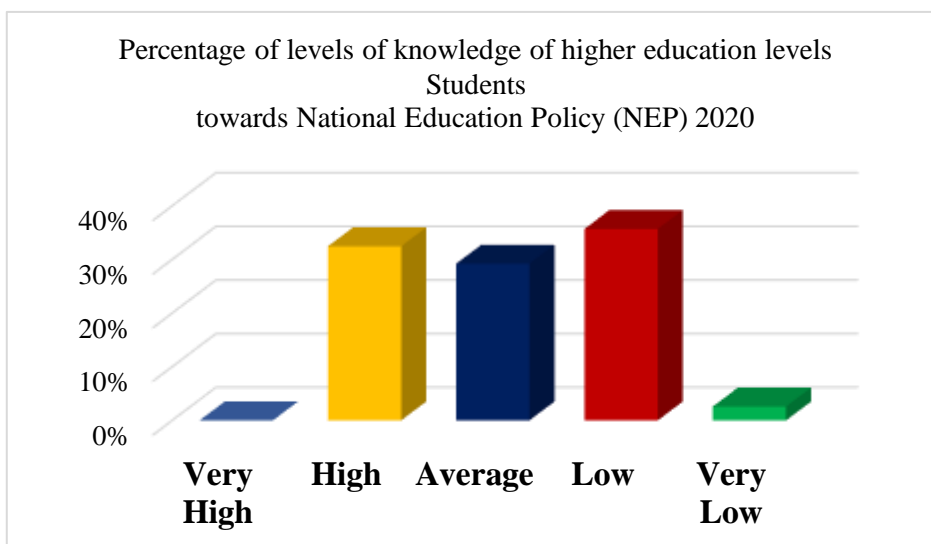
Figure 01: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education levels Students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students had been done to study the knowledge of higher education level students towards NEP-2020. This table had been studied based on 30 questions out of a total of students 154, 50 students (32.46%) have high knowledge, 45 students (29.46%) have average knowledge, 55 students (35.71%) have low knowledge, 4 students (2.59%) have very low knowledge.

Objective 2: To study the knowledge of higher education students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of their Gender.

Table 2: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020in terms of Gender

Levels of Knowledge	Ratio	No of respondent		Percentage (%)	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Very High	25 & above	0	0	**0**	**0**
High	19-24	9	41	**5.84**	**26.62**
Average	13-18	15	30	**9.74**	**19.48**
Low	7-12	16	39	**10.38**	**25.32**
Very Low	below 7	0	4	**0**	**2.59**
Total				**100%**	**100%**
		154			

Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education level students
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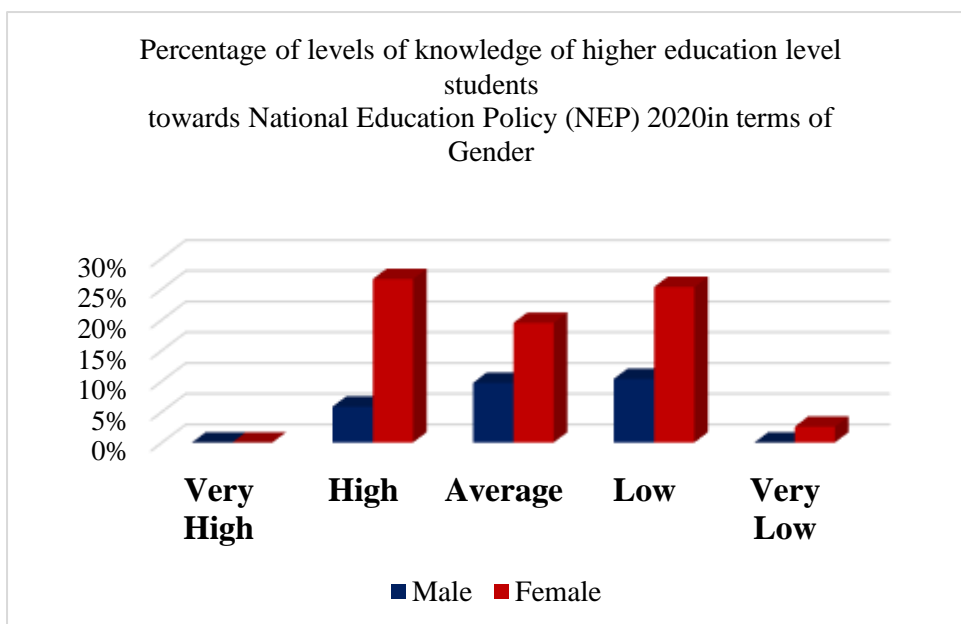
Figure 2: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020in terms of Gender

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students in terms of Gender had been done to study the knowledge of higher education level students towards NEP2020. This table had been studied based on 30 questions out of total students, 9 Male (5.84%) and 41 Female (26.62%) students have high knowledge, 15 Male (9.74%) and 30 Female (19.48%) students have average knowledge, 16 Male (10.38%) and 39 Female (25.32%) students have low knowledge, 0 Male and 4 Female (2.59%) students have very low knowledge.

Objective 3: To study the knowledge of higher education students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of their Locality.

Table 3: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of Locality

Levels of Knowledge	No of respondent		Percentage (%)	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Very High (25 & above)	0	0	**0**	**0**
High (19-24)	42	8	**27.27**	**5.19**
Average (13-18)	33	12	**21.42**	**7.79**
Low (7-12)	38	17	**24.67**	**11.03**
Very Low (below 7)	3	1	**1.94**	**0.64**
Total			**100%**	**100%**
	154			
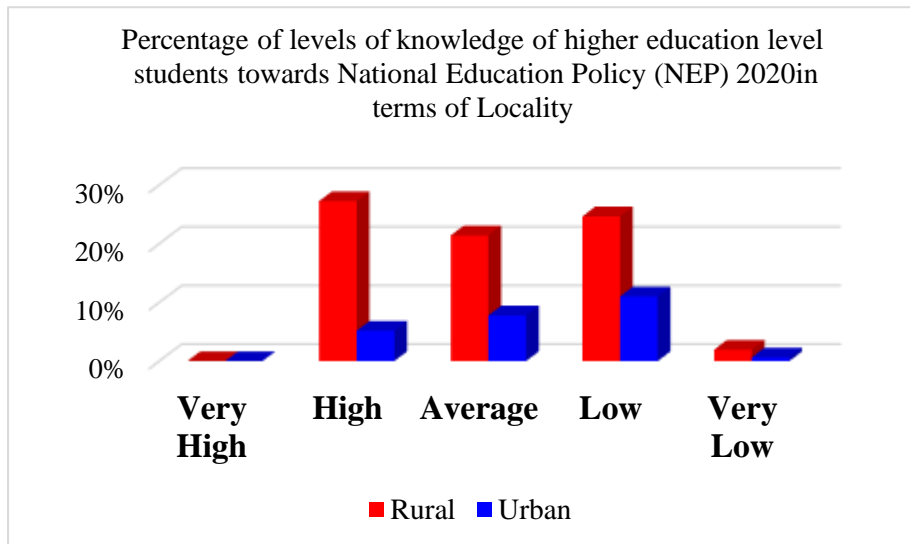
Figure 3: Percentage of levels of knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of Locality

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students in terms of Locality had been done to study the knowledge of higher education level students towards NEP2020. This table had been studied based on 30 questions out of total students, 42 Rural (27.27%) and 8 Urban (5.19%) students have high knowledge, 33 Rural (21.42%) and 12 Urban (7.79%) students have average knowledge, 38 Rural (24.67%) and17 Urban (11.03%) students have low knowledge, 3 Rural (1.94%) and 1 Urban (0.64%) students have very low knowledge.

Objective 4: To study the knowledge of higher education level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in terms of selected dimensions.

Table 4: Dimensions-wise mean score of knowledge of higher education Level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Name of the Dimension	No of Item	Mean
Overall viewpoint	10	99.4
School Education	6	77.5
Higher Education	7	66.57
Make it Happen	7	54.42
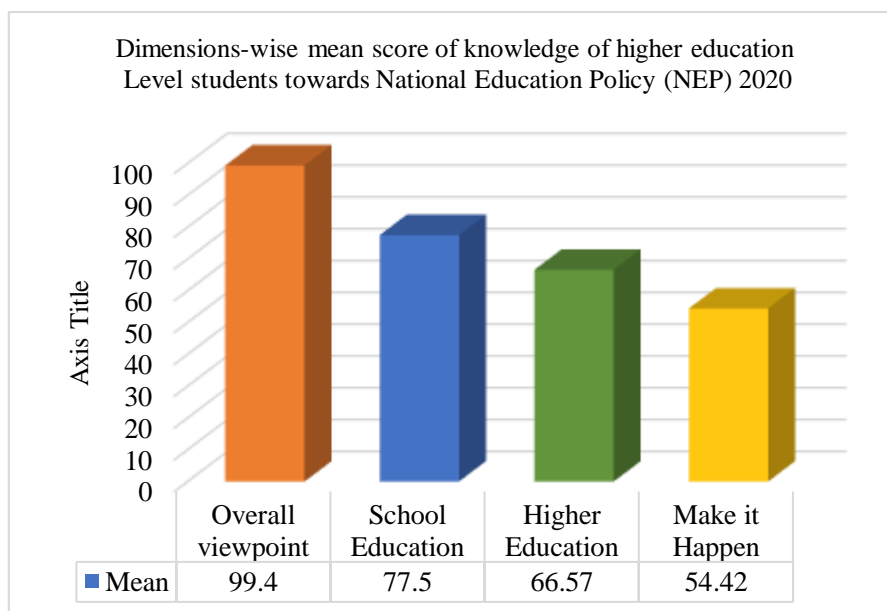
Figure 4: Dimensions-wise mean score of knowledge of higher education Level students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Table 5: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 1ˢᵗ Dimension (Overall viewpoint) with reference to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Item No	Items	Total right response	% of the right response
1	What is the full name of NEP?	150	**97**
2	How many NEPs have been formulated so far?	63	**41**
3	What is the full name of NRF in Education?	116	**75**
4	After how many years the NEP 2020 was formulated?	102	**66**
5	NEP 2020 was formulated under the supervision of which Prime Minister?	134	**87**
6	Who has prepared the NEP 2020?	79	**51**
7	Who is the chairman of NEP 2020?	100	**65**
8	What percentage of GDP is spent by the Union Government in the NEP 2020?	94	**61**
9	When was 1st NEP formed?	118	**77**
10	How long did the consultation process of NEP 2020 last?	38	**25**
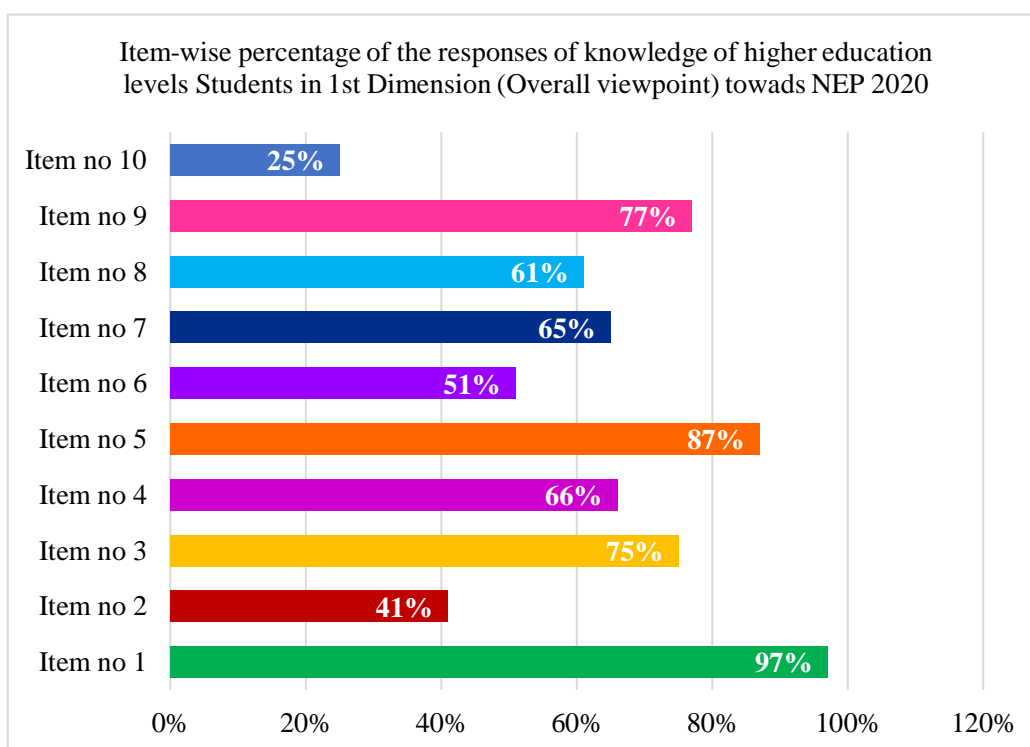
Figure 5: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 1ˢᵗ Dimension (Overall viewpoint) with reference to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students had been done to study the Knowledge of Students in Higher Level Institutions towards NEP-2020 based on the Overall viewpoint dimension. This dimension had been studied based on 10 questions. Out of total students, 150 students (97%) right response in the first item, 63 students(41%) right response in the second item, 116 students (75%) right response in the third item, 102 students (66%) right response in fourth item, 134 students (87%) right response in the fifth item, 79 students (51%)right response in the sixth item, 100 students (65%) right response in the seventh item, 94 students (61%) right response in the eighth item, 118 students (77%) right response in the ninth item, 38 students (25%)in the tenth item. Total correct response 64.5% in 1ˢᵗ dimension.

Table 6: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 2nd Dimension (School Education) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Item No	Items	Total right response	% of the right response
11	According to the NEP 2020, Children aged 3-18 years belong to which education framework?	118	**77**
12	According to NEP 2020 over 85% of the brain gradually develops before what age?	84	**55**
13	What is the student-teacher ratio at the school level proposed by NEP 2020?	91	**59**
14	What is the quality repository for basic literacy and numeracy?	52	**34**
15	What is called the period of 8-11 years of age of school education?	51	**33**
16	In which grades, according to NEP 2020, should all children learn basic literacy and numeracy skills?	69	**45**

Figure 6: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 2nd Dimension (School Education) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students had been done to study the Knowledge of Students in Higher Level Institutions towards NEP2020 based on the School Education dimension. This dimension had been studied based on 6 questions. Out of the total students, 118 students (77%) right response in the eleventh item, 84 students (55%) right response in the twelfth item, 91students (59%) right response in the thirteenth item, 52 students (34%) right response in a fourteenth item, 51 students (33%) right response in the fifteenth item, 69 students (45%) right response in the sixteenth item. Total correct response 30.3% in 2nd dimension.

Table 7: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 3rd Dimension (Higher Education) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Item No	Items	Total right response	% of the right response
17	According to NEP-2020, it will outline a uniform national curriculum and teaching methodology for early care and education of children up to the age of eight?	18	**12**
18	From which class vocational classes will start according to NEP 2020?	30	**19**
19	What is the duration of the year of basic education proposed by NEP 2020?	77	**50**
20	According to NEP 2020, how many years for the M.A. program are said to be taken after completing 4 years of a bachelor's degree?	85	**55**
21	Which type of certificate is to be provided after completion of the second year of college-level education as per NEP 2020?	51	**33**
22	Which course has been abolished in the NEP 2020?	110	**71**
23	What is now required to do Ph.D. according to NEP 2020?	95	**62**
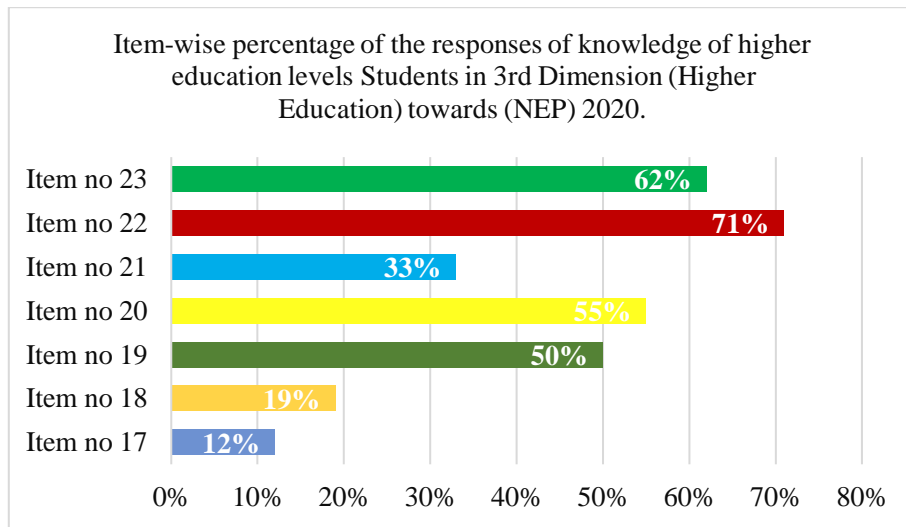
Figure 7: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 3rd Dimension (Higher Education) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students had been done to study the Knowledge of Students in Higher Level Institutions towards NEP2020 based on the Higher Education dimension. This dimension had been studied based on 7 questions. Out of the total students, 18 students (12%) right response in the seventeenth item, 30 students (19%) right response in the eighteenth item, 77 students (50%) right response in the nineteenth item, 85 students (55%) right response in twenty items, 51 students (33%) right response in the twenty-first item, 110 students (71% out of total) right response in the twenty–second item, 95students (65%) right response in the twenty –third items. Total correct response 43.14% in 3rd dimension.

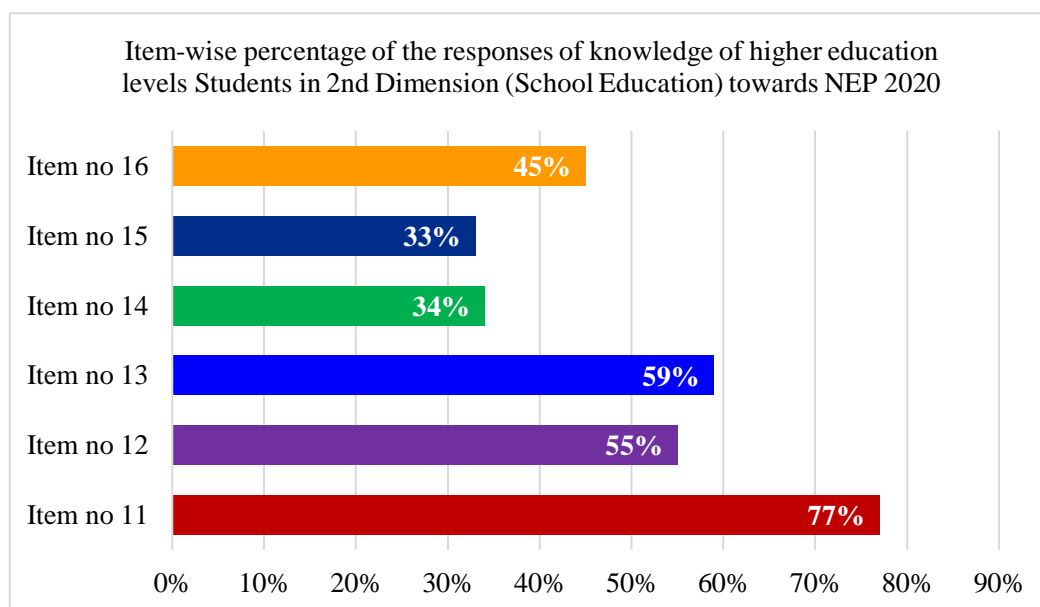**Table 8: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 4th Dimension (Make it Happen) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.**

| Item No	Items	Total right response	% of the Right Response
24	What is the duration of granting a diploma degree in a professional field?	52	34
25	What is the Academic Bank of Credit in NEP 2020?	21	14
26	Which is the target year of reaching 50% GER in Higher Education in India?	87	56
27	How many languages in India UNESCO has been declared as calamitous languages?	51	33
28	What was renamed to the Ministry of Human Resource Development?	93	60
29	Which organization is discussed every year for the implementation of the NEP?	50	32
30	Approximately what is the current public spending on education in India?	27	18
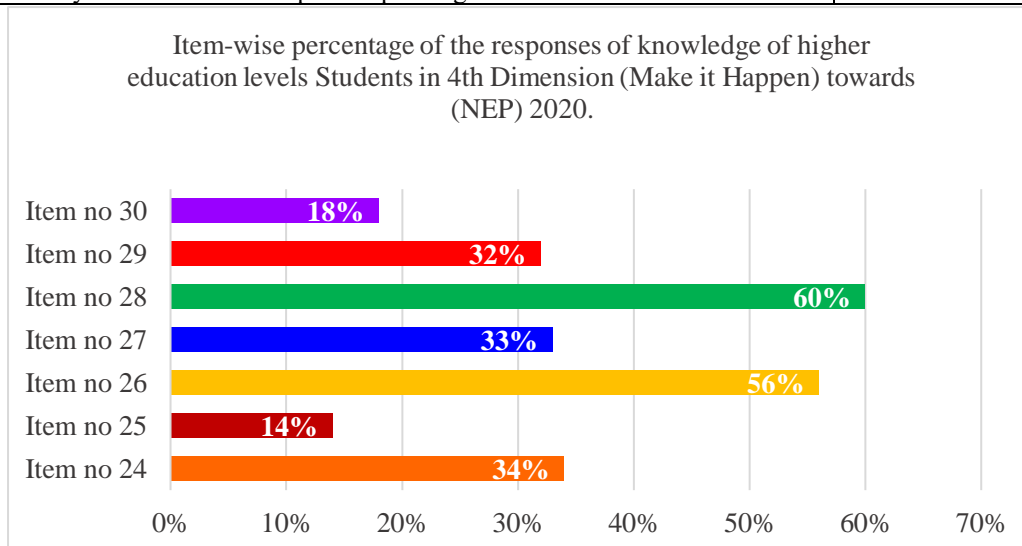
Table 8: Item-wise percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students in 4th Dimension (Make it Happen) of reference to National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interpretation: A survey of 154 higher education level students had been done to study the Knowledge of Students in Higher Level Institutions towards NEP2020 based on the Higher Education dimension. This dimension had been studied based on 7 questions. Out of total students, 52 students (34%) right response in the twenty-fourth item, 21 students (14%) right response in the twenty-fifth item, 87students (56%) right response in the twenty- six-item, 51 students (33%) right response in twenty- seven-item, 93 students (60%) right response in the twenty-eight item, 50 students (32%) right response in the twenty –nine-item, 27students (18%) right response in the thirtieth. The total correct response is 35.28 in the 4th dimension.

Table 9: Dimension-wise overall percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Name of the Dimension	No of Item	Total percentage of responses
Overall viewpoint	10	64.5
School Education	6	30.03
Higher Education	7	43.14
Make it Happen	7	35.28
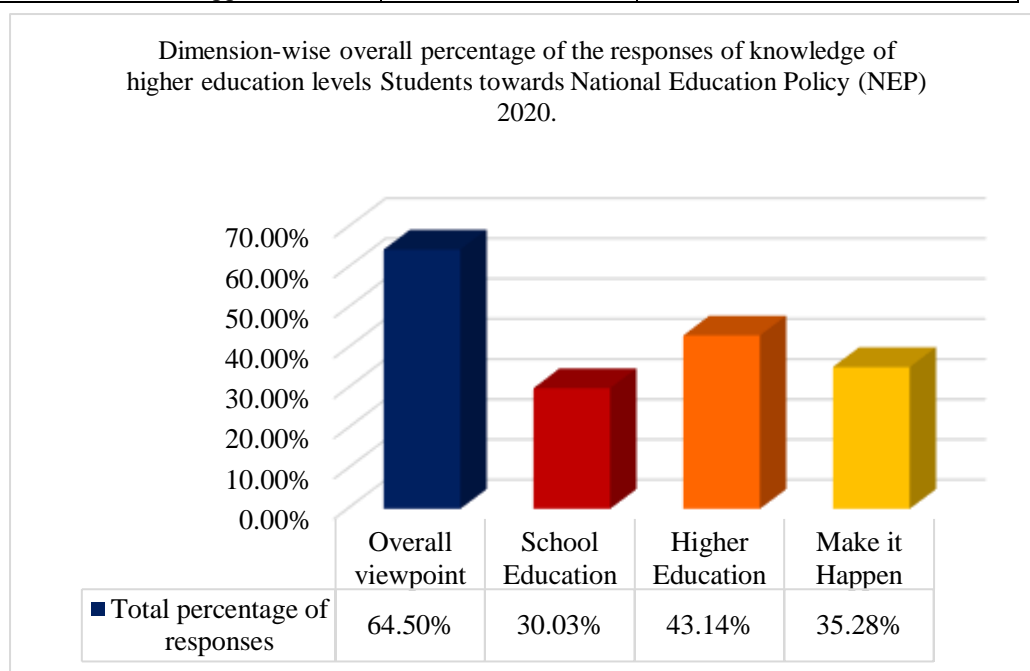
Figure 9: Dimension-wise overall percentage of the responses of knowledge of higher education levels Students towards National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Interpretation: Tabular presentation showed dimension-wise overall percentage of responses of knowledge towards NEP 2020. 64.5 % of respondents respond to the 'Overall viewpoint,' 30.03% of respondents respond on the 'School Education' dimension, 43.14 % of respondents respond to the 'Higher Education' dimension, and 35.28 % respondents respond to the 'Make it Happen, dimension.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY
The findings of the study are presented objectively-
- It was found that 35.71 % of HEI students have Low knowledge 32.46 % have high knowledge, 29.22% have average knowledge, and 2.59 % have Very Low and Very High knowledge of National Education Policy 2020.
- It has been revealed that female HEI students have a greater high level, an average level of knowledge of National Education Policy 2020. Also found very low knowledge and low knowledge about National Education Policy 2020 among female higher education students is greater as compared to males.
- It has been revealed that rural HEI students have a greater high level, average level of knowledge of National Education Policy 2020. Also found very low knowledge and low knowledge about National Education Policy 2020 among rural higher education students is greater as compared to urban.
- It has been found that 64.5 % of respondents made correct responses on the 1st dimension, 43.14 % of respondents made correct responses on the 3rd dimension, 35.28 % of respondents made correct responses on the 4th dimension, and 30.03 % of respondents made correct responses on the 2nd dimension.

CONCLUSION
Education is essential for a sustainable society. Everyday Life- Knowledge is important and useful in day-to-

day events. Basically, higher education students must have knowledge about various educational plan policy committee commissions. In the history of Indian education, National Education Policy is a game-changing policy that radically transforms school students into higher education, and knowledge of higher education students towards NEP 2020 is very important because they are the future teachers of the society and the backbone of social change.

IMPLICATION OF THE STUDY

According to the researcher, the importance of this investigation is mentioned below-

- Additional research on awareness towards NEP 2020 is anticipated by this investigation.
- This study will encourage future researchers to conduct research on undergraduate students.
- The result of this research enriched the field of policy and planning.
- The result of the study will add knowledge to the existing field of study.
- The result of the study acts as a review of the literature for future research.
- The result of the study will be helpful for the welfare of society.

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LEADING WITHOUT LIMITS: A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS DURING PANDEMIC

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ABSTRACT

The global outbreak of COVID-19 has prompted widespread inquiries regarding the possibility of continuing educational practices amidst a climate characterized by unpredictability and instability. The purpose of this study is to explore and understand the lived experiences, challenges encountered, coping mechanisms, and realizations of the elementary instructional leaders of Mawab District as they strive to lead their respective schools, assist their teachers, and overcome obstacles amidst the COVID-19 outbreak. Utilizing a qualitative methodology, the study gathered comprehensive narrative data by conducting in-depth interviews with ten instructional leaders purposively identified by the researcher. Findings revealed that instructional leaders encountered multifaceted challenges, including abrupt shifts to remote learning, maintaining academic standards, and resource constraints. Despite these challenges, participants exhibited remarkable resilience and adaptability, showcasing their different coping mechanisms. Additionally, the study discovered that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a positive effect on instructional leaders. This study concludes with recommendations and realizations that would help instructional leaders deal with unprecedented crises and areas for further research.

KEYWORDS: *COVID-19 education, leadership, instructional leaders, lived experiences, challenges, coping mechanisms, realizations, suggestions, recommendations, phenomenological research*

INTRODUCTION

If teachers and students are struggling, what more are the instructional leaders in charge of the school, the teachers, the students, and anyone else? Did we hear anything from them? Did someone acknowledge their accomplishments, successful strategies, and intervention schemes in combatting the pandemic? The Corona Virus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 struck and affected everything, most especially our educational system. Everyone was struggling. Unknowingly, more than them, there were these unseen personnel who works the most - the instructional leaders, commonly known as the school principals, school administrators, or school heads. These personnel faced difficulty steering the course of education amidst the crisis since COVID-19 limited our lives. But this didn't hinder them from leading their respective school without limits. They think beyond their limits and have managed to configure ways and means to sustain and continue the education of our school children in their respective areas.

In Malaysia, the Ministry of Education (MOE) decided to close all schools in the country due to the Movement Control Order (MCO), forcing school principals to examine novel approaches and initiatives to guarantee the stability and uninterrupted provision of educational services to the indigenous people amidst pandemic (Lopez et al. 2022). Also, Aytac

All of the given situations above stipulated the

(2020) found that Turkey's school administrators' biggest challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic were keeping students motivated, the lack of capacity among parents to establish a conducive learning environment at home, coupled with the students' limited ability to gain entry to and engage in real-time transmissions via EBA education site.

Consequently, within the context of the Philippines, Villanueva et. al (2023) conducted a study and revealed that school administrators had encountered several challenges, the unpreparedness of the school for the new learning modality, the cooperation, and involvement of parents, as well as barriers related to communication and monitoring, have been identified as significant factors affecting the students, and the efficacy of modular distance learning during the height of New Normal Education due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In the municipality of Mawab, the pandemic had a significant impact on all Mawabenyos. To ensure that Mawabenyos received continuous learning, we were told to implement modular learning. Which, we encountered challenges such as a shortage of self-learning modules, printing materials like bond papers, inks, printers, and even manpower to staple the modules, and many other problems. The responsibility for overcoming all of these obstacles was squarely placed upon the shoulders of the instructional leaders. These experiences made all Mawabenyos appear to be drifting toward the void.

need to document the instructional leaders' different experiences in the context of the present COVID-19

situation to address the research gap since it is unlikely known and explored by many.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this phenomenological investigation was to explore and understand the lived experiences, challenges encountered, coping mechanisms, and realizations of the elementary instructional leaders of Mawab District as they strive to lead their respective schools, assist their teachers, and overcome obstacles amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.

METHODS

This study was a qualitative study employing a phenomenological approach as it sought to explore the lived experiences, challenges, coping mechanisms, and realizations of instructional leaders amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. This research study utilized phenomenology as the research design. Giorgi (2012) said phenomenology is a qualitative research tool describing how people respond to a particular phenomenon.

Furthermore, the researcher utilized the one-on-one In-Depth Interview (IDI) in gathering the data needed for the study. In-depth interviewing is a research tool for data collection that aims to understand people better, (Minichiello et al., 2008).

In selecting the participants in this study, purposive sampling techniques were utilized through selection criteria and the personal judgment of the researcher. The selection criteria include: a.) designated as a school principal or head teacher before the crisis b.) experience leading a school during the crisis and c.) no. of years as a school principal or head teacher. This is following one of the phenomenology's features.

With the approval of the Division of Davao de Oro, this research was undertaken in the district of Mawab, Davao de Oro. The researcher identified 10 instructional leaders from Mawab District to participate in the one-on-one in-depth interview. The participants were asked to sign a consent form. They were also provided with an in-depth overview of the study and were informed that they will go through an In-Depth Interview (IDI) as a method of data collection.

The data collected from the participants were obtained through a semi-structured interview, in which validated interview questions were utilized as the primary instrument. This was used in a form of an interview guide that was made by the researcher itself, which encapsulated all the necessary questions.

After the interview, the researcher proceeded to data analysis. Thematic analysis was employed to analyze the transcripts of the interviews. Pseudonyms were utilized as a means of safeguarding the anonymity of the individuals involved in the process of data analysis and subsequent reporting.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 1
The formulated theme and central ideas on the lived experiences of instructional leaders during the pandemic

Themes	Central Ideas
Initial Reaction when the Department of Education Announced the Closure	Instructional leaders exhibit primarily negative emotions toward the announcement of school closures.
Experiences Encountered with Regard to Modular Learning	Instructional leaders strengthened the home visitation program of DepEd and created programs, interventions, and resolutions for reading.
Experiences Encountered on the Requirements of Vaccinated Teachers and Students Before Going to School	Instructional leaders conducted a vaccination campaign for students and parents in the form of parents' orientation.
Experiences with Regard to Blended Learning	Instructional leaders initiated some interventions for their teachers and learners.
Experiences Encountered with Limited Face-to-Face Classes Started	This brings so much happiness to all of us, the parents, instructional leaders, teachers, and students.

Initial Reaction when the Department of Education Announced the Closure

The emerging themes in this structured theme are negative emotions, being challenged, just following orders, and feelings of happiness. These were the initial reactions of the instructional leaders when the Department of Education announced the school closures.

The results revealed that instructional leaders tend to exhibit primarily negative emotions toward the announcement of school closures.

"Well, during lockdown, I am worried for the learners. What will happen to them knowing that they can't have face-to-face classes with their teachers? As a school leader, I am worried. Since our purpose is to give quality education to our school children." – Informant 7

Harris (2020) posits that instructional leaders experience a range of negative emotions and encounter various challenges amidst the ongoing pandemic, such as frustration, and unpredictability associated with navigating a global health crisis. Furthermore, educational administrators have openly shared their individual and occupational challenges on public digital platforms such as Twitter and Facebook.

Moreover, they have expressed that it was a big challenge for them. Since it's the first time that we had encountered a pandemic.

On the other hand, others were also happy since they were with their family to combat the pandemic.

Experiences Encountered with Regard to Modular Learning

The emerging themes in this structured theme are home visitation, creating a program, creating a resolution, making arrangements with parents, asking for assistance from Purok Leaders, making funds and resources for modules, preparing materials for modular learning, and no problem on materials reproduction. These were the experiences of the instructional leaders with regard to modular learning.

"My teachers did a house-to-house visit to monitor the students, especially those who didn't get their modules. So, at that time, the teachers take risks in visiting the students in their homes to follow up with the students." – Informant 3

"We initiated creating a resolution to conduct a face-to-face remedial class for those students at risk in reading. We called this reading program Project RISSK or Reading Intervention to Save Struggling Kids." – Informant 7

"So, for those students who weren't able to get their modules, we asked assistance from our Barangay, through our Purok Leaders. They will be the ones to deliver the modules to the students' houses." – Informant 5

DepEd implemented various learning modalities, one of which was Modular Distance Learning, to ensure the continuity of education and to achieve the Department of Education's mission and vision, which is to provide quality education to every Filipino learner.

Modular Learning is the most prevalent form of Distance Learning among the various modalities. It will be prepared by the teacher. The self-learning modules must be completed by the learner in a week. After which, the parents will submit it back to the teacher and get another set of SLM. (Codamon, 2020).

According to FlipScience (2020), the modules encompass comprehensive sections on motivation and assessment based on the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELCS), providing a comprehensive guide for teachers and students to develop their desired competencies. In the DepEd survey, all public schools here in the Philippines used Modular Distance Learning Modality.

The latter was the commonly used method here in Mawab District. The teachers together with their school principal, monitored the learners by visiting them in their homes. As Pangilinan (2021) emphasized that school heads must offer comprehensive support to educators, as well as create effective educational programs for parents and learners.

In line with this, instructional leaders in Mawab District create programs, interventions, and resolutions about reading. To further help the learners in their reading skills.

Experiences Encountered on the Requirements of Vaccinated Teachers and Students Before Going to School

The emerging themes in this structured theme are conduct orientation, educating pupils and parents on vaccination, a higher percentage of vaccination, teachers being fully vaccinated, parents being afraid of vaccination, some declining for vaccination, and respect for teachers' and parents' decisions. These were the experiences of the instructional leaders with regard to requiring teachers and students to be vaccinated before going to school.

"The first thing that we do, we call up all the parents to attend the orientation then we oriented the parents regarding the benefits. To erase also some of their negative assumptions with regard to vaccination." – Informant 1

"Of course, as school leaders, we have to emphasize the importance of having vaccinated before going to school. So, we also help the government in sending the correct information to the parents through parents' orientation." – Informant 9

After the vaccines became readily available to the public, Fore (2020) quoted "UNICEF is calling for teachers to be prioritized to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This will help protect teachers from the virus, allow them to teach in person, and ultimately keep schools open." And luckily, this was heard by the Philippine Government.

Prior to reaching out to parents and students, DepEd (2021), launched the "Vacc2School: Ligtas na Bakuna, Para sa Balik-Eskwela" campaign which aims to disseminate information, provide education, and garner support for the vaccination campaign.

Fukuda et. al (2021) stated that teachers who are vaccinated can positively influence hesitant parents or students in their decision to accept vaccination. In line with this, schools conducted a parents' orientation along with the campaign of RESBAKUNA KIDS: Vaccination Rollout for 5-11 years, in order to educate and discussed the importance and benefits that they can get from being vaccinated.

In particular, the University of Rizal thru the Health Services Unit led by Dr. Edna Maycacayan conducted an online orientation on the COVID-19 vaccination via Google Meet.

Likewise, the Lawang Bato Elementary School conducted an online parents' orientation about pediatric COVID-19 vaccination via Facebook Live.

Additionally, in Davao, the Davao City COVID-19 Task Force conducted school-based vaccinations in public schools every Friday, (Davao City.Org, 2022).

Moreover, the City Government of Isabela through the City Health Office (CHO) conducted a special orientation on pediatric vaccination with PTA Presidents of all 66 elementary schools in the city, (City of Isabela, 2022).

Experiences with Regard to Blended Learning

The emerging themes in this structured theme are initiating some interventions, so much preparation,

conducting an online reading, using modular learning only, home visitation, conducting limited face-to-face, and make monitoring. These were the experiences of the instructional leaders with regard to blended learning.

"Yes, in MES, I told the teachers to conduct a class so they will make the child read and then make a video call...Video call them to see what he is reading. So, the teachers still monitor the progress of the children's rating, only those who have gadgets that can access the internet." – Informant 3

With the improvement of the health situation, students transitioned back to in-person classes, resulting in the emergence of blended learning (BL) that integrates traditional face-to-face instruction with online learning strategies (Batista-Toledo et al., 2022).

As reported by Sucena et al. (2022), in Portugal, while utilizing blended learning, they have developed an intervention program aiming to intervene in the reading skills of kindergartens, first graders, and second graders. This is called the RSCP or Reading Skills Competency Program. The RSCP comprises a series of ten activities, designed to be implemented across five sessions, with the objective of enhancing decoding proficiency.

Cited by Hernando-Malipot (2022), the Department of Education (DepEd) expressed commendation for the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) of Navotas, Isabela, Bacolod, Mandaluyong, and Negros Occidental for their demonstration of innovative instructional methods in implementing blended learning.

Conversely, the Department of Education (SDO) in Isabela and Bacolod has implemented radio-based instruction (RBI) and protocols for ensuring quality assurance.

The utilization of Facebook Messenger was employed by the Schools Division Office (SDO) Mandaluyong for the purposes of facilitating class discussions and conducting parent consultations. They have also introduced several initiatives. These include the implementation of Mandunong TV Pilipinas, Gabay at Guro, Frontlearners Training for Teachers, Data Analytics, and E-commerce Pilot classes, as well as the adoption of Frontlearners LMS for specific grade levels.

Furthermore, the Senior Education Program Specialist of the Division of Negros Occidental, Rebonie Emboltorio, provided information pertaining to Comprehensive Rapid Literacy Assessment (CRLA) tools, sheets, and schedule guides, which aimed to improve the reading level of the students.

All of these initiatives were done in order to make blended learning work. For the benefit of our learners.

Experiences Encountered with Limited Face-to-Face Classes Started

The emerging themes in this structured theme are feelings of happiness, learners are excited, parents were happy, following the mandate, initiated reward system, created monitoring checklist, a difference, and complaints. These were the experiences of the instructional leaders with regard to limited face-to-face classes started.

"The children were so excited. They were so happy seeing their teacher and their classmates." – Informant 9

"So, during limited face-to-face learning, we really follow what is mandated by our department, that the capacity inside our classroom is only 50%. Likewise, the teachers' capacity also is 50%. So, we really divided the days in school. Like, the learners, weekly. So, this week 50% SET A then another week for SET B." – Informant 2

DepEd (2022), mandated the conduct of limited face-to-face classes pursuant to the approval of the President for progressive face-to-face expansion in both public and private schools. Provided that the schools should follow the guidelines, which will be assessed through a School Safety Assessment Tool (SSAT).

In particular, during the conduct of one of those guidelines, the instructional leaders with their teachers, felt the happiness of the parents while getting their consent. They were very excited, so as did their children. They feel like, they can sense a little bit of normalcy amidst the pandemic.

In Mawab District, it was agreed that we will implement the Set A and Set B arrangements for our learners following the 1-meter social distancing.

DepEd Davao de Oro (2022) mandated the strong implementation of the WINS Program during the limited face-to-face classes. Wherein, the school must have a washing facility, where students can wash their hands before they can get inside the school. Another is that schools must have handwashing, cleaning, and disinfection supplies.

In April 2022, the Mawab District officially welcomed the Set A learners. We have conducted a short welcome program during our flag-raising ceremony. The teachers prepared gifts as a reward for their students.

This is anchored to an interview conducted by D'Souza (2021) with the school principals, where one said, extrinsic rewards have the potential to cultivate children's interest in reading, foster motivation, and instill an intrinsic desire to engage in reading activities, independent of any external incentives.

Table 2
The formulated themes and central ideas on the challenges encountered by instructional leaders during the pandemic

Themes	Central Ideas
Challenges Encountered When School Was Used as an Isolation Center	Instructional leaders felt afraid and threatened by the effect of the virus on them with their classrooms being vulnerable to airborne transmission.
Challenges Encountered in Facilitating Modular Learning	Schools don't have enough resources to reproduce the Self Learning Modules (SLMs).
Challenges Encountered in Facilitating Blended Learning	Instructional leaders have difficulty implementing blended learning since not all students have internet connections and even smartphones.
Challenges Encountered when Teachers and Learners were required to be Vaccinated	Instructional leaders faced difficulty educating parents about being vaccinated.
Challenges Encountered during the Official Reopening of Classes in a New Normal Setting	Instructional leaders and teachers faced the reality of students having learning gaps and changes in behaviors.

Challenges Encountered When School Was Used as an Isolation Center

The emerging themes in this structured theme are threatened by the virus, difficulty with water resources, and worries about what to provide. These were the challenges encountered by the instructional leaders when their school was used as an isolation center.

"So, when the school is being used as an evacuation center. The number 1 challenge on our part is that there is a threat. So, the teachers are somewhat afraid because their classrooms will be used by the CoVid19 positives. Our second challenge is our resources. Resources in terms of what we call water because our supply is slow." – Informant 1

"So, during that time, are the facilities there in the school likewise complete because it was closed immediately, and the teachers weren't ready at that time? The things inside the classrooms, was it safely packed? How safe is the equipment because it was just left right away!" – Informant 6

Leonor Briones, the Education Secretary, provided clarification that schools should only be utilized as a measure of last resort in emergency circumstances, such as the ongoing health crisis. Due to the shortage of medical facilities, schools were utilized.

In the statement of Pascua, the undersecretary of education, a total of 1,212 public schools underwent conversion of their classrooms, as well as other facilities including gyms and laboratories, in order to be utilized as isolation facilities for individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 (Deiparine, 2021).

In an interview conducted by Lacerna (2023) on one of the teachers whose classroom was used as an isolation/evacuation center, she said that the evacuees used her modules to make a fire so that they can cook food.

Another situation was published by Inquirer (2022), wherein four (4) teachers were allegedly molested by one of the evacuees while they were preparing their classrooms for the re-opening of classes. With this, the government is considering discontinuing the utilization of schools as quarantine areas.

Additionally, in the study conducted by Persico (2019), elevated levels of air pollution have been found to increase the susceptibility of individuals to contract and experience fatal outcomes from COVID-19. Therefore, with proper school ventilation, children will be protected against COVID-19. Existing research also indicates that the transmission of COVID-19 within educational institutions is more likely to occur where there are inadequately ventilated school facilities.

As a result, instructional leaders felt afraid and threatened by the effect of the virus on them. With their classrooms being vulnerable to airborne transmission, (Tupper et al., 2021).

Given these instances, we cannot deny the fact that instructional leaders really faced difficulties when their schools were used as isolation centers or quarantine areas during the CoVid19 pandemic.

Challenges Encountered in Facilitating Modular Learning

The emerging themes in this structured theme are the availability of materials for module reproduction, some printers cannot be used, parents cannot pick up/submit modules, no quality education, assistance for learners, and internet connectivity problems. These were the challenges encountered by the instructional leaders with regard to modular learning.

"During the reproduction of the modules, we experienced a shortage of budget at that time." – Informant 3

"So, reproduction is very crucial. Where will we get the materials? So, what we did was, the school borrowed money. Because the MOOE is not available yet, and we need to distribute the modules. The school is really in debt with supplies likewise with the equipment that we used." - Informant 1

"The only problem we have is the cooperation of the parents. The parents don't cooperate. But we can't blame them either because it's their work. That's where they get their daily food." – Informant 6

Anzaldo (2021) described Modular Distance Learning as the utilization of self-learning modules (SLMs) developed by educators, which encompass a

range of tasks and learning activities aligned with the fundamental learning competencies (MELCs). This presented additional challenges for school personnel in delivering quality education, most especially instructional leaders.

Since the beginning of classes for the academic year 2020-2021, the Department of Education (DepEd) has mandated the allocation of resources from each school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) towards the prioritization of module reproduction. This measure aims to enhance the efficiency of module reproduction for the benefit of learners (Montemayor, 2021). However, a significant issue arose in relation to the insufficiency of the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) budget allocated to schools, particularly those of substantial size. A scarcity of printed modules was observed.

This was supported by the study of Boholano et al. (2022), wherein one of the problems during the implementation of MDL is the limited availability of resources like printers. The quantity of printers available is insufficient to meet the needs of the entire teaching staff at the school.

Another issue that arises pertains to the distribution and retrieval of modules. Due to the imposed limitations on students' mobility, their parents or guardians have assumed the responsibility of procuring their educational materials.

Melorin (2021) also mentioned that a large percentage of parents did not adhere to their designated schedule for obtaining and returning the instructional modules.

Moreover, Guiamalon et al. (2021) stated that many parents, particularly those residing in remote areas, often lack the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively explain the educational modules provided to their children.

Additionally, there are students who do not have parents who could assist them with their studies, (Bernardo, 2020). With these challenges in place, instructional leaders' role to ensure the delivery of quality education to students was hampered.

Challenges Encountered in Facilitating Blended Learning

The emerging themes in this structured theme are the cost of internet connectivity, poor internet connection, and did not employ. These were the challenges encountered by the instructional leaders with regard to modular learning.

"Internet loads remain the number one inconvenience. It's the burden of data communications through telecommunications or even what is called virtual activity. It is very costly, especially for under privilege learners." – Informant 1

In light of the global impact of COVID-19, educational institutions worldwide have begun to transform efforts, leading to the emergence of blended learning as a prevailing paradigm. Blended learning, a pedagogical approach that integrates conventional in-person teaching with online instruction, has been in existence for a considerable duration. This aims to offer students a combination of traditional face-to-face instruction and online learning opportunities in order to optimize their educational experiences.

DepEd (2021), Secretary Briones said that they are preparing for a "higher level of dependency on technology,". Since they do not want to encourage the widespread use of printed learning materials due to their impact on the environment. And they have started distributing gadgets to students in remote areas.

However, Melorin (2021) said that the lack of access to electronic devices and inadequate internet connectivity were identified as key obstacles that hindered the organization's ability to fulfill its mission of providing high-quality education to students.

In a separate report by Nicholls (2020), an enormous percentage of students opt for printed modules or lessons as an alternative learning delivery modality due to limited access to gadgets or an internet connection.

A study conducted across the Philippines revealed that 32% of the 3670 Filipino students surveyed encountered challenges in adapting to new learning methodologies, while 22% lacked consistent access to internet connectivity, (Alvarez, 2020).

Challenges Encountered when Teachers and Learners were required to be Vaccinated

The emerging themes in this structured theme are negative feedback from parents, teachers' beliefs and health conditions, fare cost, and no problem. These were the challenges encountered by the instructional leaders when teachers and learners were required to be vaccinated.

"The parents are really negative. They get scared because of the news that something is going to happen. Those who are very close-minded, who are negative about vaccination, we don't force them." – Informant 7

"The reactions of the parents are very negative because they have other views that the vaccine might harm the children." – Informant 10

After battling the COVID-19 epidemic for more than a year, the promise of vaccines has taken us to the edge of a brighter future. Vaccines are readily available, but the problem is, parents are not into vaccination. They are hesitant of allowing their children to be vaccinated due to some reasons.

The educational system was one of the most severely affected by the pandemic. In order to alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the educational pursuits of children and young adults, it is imperative to achieve a higher percentage of vaccination coverage, (Sabat, 2020).

Fisher et al. (2022) concluded that resistant parents mentioned safety concerns such as immediate, long-term, and unknown side effects of the vaccines on their children.

Contemporary parents are susceptible to the impact of social media and online content, which disseminate misleading information or foster skepticism

towards vaccines (Suran, 2022).

On the other hand, Cahapay (2022) relayed, a substantial percentage of educators expressed uncertainty regarding their inclination to receive the COVID-19 vaccination due to its potential adverse effects.

Challenges Encountered during the Official Reopening of Classes in a New Normal Setting

The emerging themes in this structured theme are struggling with the learning gaps of the students, challenges on learners' behavior, provision of health protocols, so much preparation, and no challenges. These were the challenges encountered by the instructional leaders during the official re-opening of face-to-face classes in a new normal setting.

"We struggle so hard. Most especially from the primary grade, the kinder, grade 1, grade 2, and grade 3. We really struggle so hard, especially in reading and writing... learning gap." – Informant 9

"We are doing backward learning. We couldn't follow the module. Because they can't read and write." – Informant 4

After the country lifted most remaining COVID-19 restrictions, millions of students have resumed attending classrooms, marking their return after a hiatus of over two years.

In the article cited by Al Jazeera (2022), Vladimir Quetua said that "generally, the impact of these two years has been the quality of education. Some of our grade eight students, [do not know] how to write, how to compute numbers. And many of our students lack interest in studying at all,"

Moreover, Hernando-Malipot (2022) stated that teachers have identified deficiencies in reading and writing skills, behavioral challenges, as well as separation anxiety among Kindergarten and Grade 1 students in relation to their parents.

In addition, Jackaria (2022) revealed that during the reopening of classes, school principals and teachers faced instructional challenges such as an increasing number of pupils who are illiterate and unprepared socially and intellectually, the difficulty of upholding health regulations, the necessity for new teaching methods, and difficulties with time management.

Table 3
The formulated themes and central ideas on the coping mechanisms of instructional leaders in leading their respective schools during the pandemic

Themes	Central Ideas
Management Styles and Roles Employed as an Instructional Leader in School	The instructional leaders employed various management styles in dealing with the COVID-19 situation.
Practices of Instructional Leaders in Keeping Sane During Pandemic	Instructional leaders constantly communicate with their teachers, always look on the brighter side, take vitamins, and always trust God.

Management Styles and Roles Employed as an Instructional Leader in School

The emerging themes in this structured theme are democratic management style, transformational management style, and mandate-driven management style. These were the management styles and roles employed by instructional leaders during the pandemic.

"Of course, I have to be democratic. Because we should understand the teachers, the parents, as well as the stakeholders, especially the parents at that time."– Informant 3

"The keyword is empowerment. I'm not a person of authority but I am a person to empower our teachers. So, that is my management style. I empower the teachers to implement or to give also their initiative." – Informant 2

Leading through periods of uncertainty can present significant challenges. As per the findings of a study conducted by the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (2020), the ability to effectively navigate periods of adversity necessitates the possession of adaptability and a repertoire of strategic approaches.

Heffernan (2019) said leaders undergo a natural process of evolution and transformation throughout their professional trajectories as they navigate diverse educational settings and contexts.

Molaodi (2021) highlighted that it is imperative for school leaders to maintain cohesion among the team, regardless of whether teachers are physically present at the school or working remotely, in the context of a lockdown. This action was in alignment with the principles of the Democratic Management Style.

Another kind of management style emphasized by East Central University (2019), is the transformational management style. This fosters a sense of trust, enabling educators to feel at ease when approaching school administrators with their ideas or concerns.

Moreover, Cheatham (2020) conveyed, to be a school leader during the pandemic means seeking out opportunities to heal, repair, and transform. So instructional leaders transform negative situations into great opportunities.

Practices of Instructional Leaders in Keeping Sane During Pandemic

The emerging themes in this structured theme are keeping strong faith in God, constant communication with teachers, looking to the brighter side, and taking vitamins. These were the practices of instructional leaders in keeping their selves mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy during the pandemic.

"I offered everything to God because our plans will not be realized without the guidance of our most powerful. He is the only one who can decide everything and what he wants to happen to us." – Informant 5

"What I did is constant communication. I think I have

a gift for communicating with other people." – Informant 8

"Taking vitamins to boost our immune system will help us fight this pandemic." – Informant 10

The global pandemic posed unforeseen challenges that even the most well-prepared administrator could not have predicted.

Ehrkamp (2020) mentioned that the pandemic offers lessons in faith and hope for teachers, students, and school heads.

Uncertainty and fear are common during a pandemic. By maintaining open lines of communication, school leaders can provide reassurance to the school community. Clear and timely communication helps ensure that everyone is well-informed and can adapt to the evolving situation.

Another way of keeping their selves healthy is taking care of their selves. Numerous principals amidst the pandemic recognize the importance of preserving certain aspects of their lives, particularly engaging in activities outside of their professional responsibilities that promote relaxation. According to Heubeck (2021), exercise and other conventional recreational activities are commonly regarded as means of engagement by a significant number of individuals.

Table 4
The formulated themes and central ideas on the realizations of instructional leaders in leading a school during the pandemic

Themes	Central Ideas
Positive Effects of the Pandemic on the Instructional Leaders	During the pandemic, instructional leaders learned to manipulate technology, created innovations, realized life, improved their leadership skills, and became health conscious.
Negative Effects of the Pandemic on the Instructional Leaders	The COVID-19 pandemic brought drastic changes in students' learning and was a burden on the part of instructional leaders.
Realizations in Leading a School During Pandemic	The COVID-19 pandemic enables instructional leaders to have realizations about their lives, the community, their teachers, and their learners.
Suggestions of the Instructional Leaders to the Department of Education	Instructional leaders had varied suggestions about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Positive Effects of the Pandemic on the Instructional Leaders

The emerging themes in this structured theme are learning to manipulate technology, creating innovations, realizing life, improving leadership skills, and becoming health conscious. These were the positive effects of the pandemic on instructional leaders.

"Oh, I'm now good at manipulating gadgets. You will learn because you will be left behind." – Informant 6

"During the pandemic more on using the gadgets. You communicate with them so I'm used to using GC. I'm also used to using a laptop, having meetings, and google meet. So that's where I enhanced my skill in ICT." – Informant 7

"It was there that we came up with the realization that we do a lot of initiative which is quite out of this world, we can do an initiative as if we never did it before." – Informant 1

Individuals in positions of leadership enhanced their leadership abilities by establishing virtual connections with their colleagues and stakeholders, adapting their approach to leadership during the crisis, and prioritizing the continuity of learning and teaching.

The study conducted by Yaseen et al. (2020) unveiled that the Covid-19 pandemic has prompted numerous innovations within the education sector. Educators are progressively acquiring technological proficiency and acquiring novel knowledge to enhance their pedagogical abilities.

The integration of technologies into the education system has been identified as a positive outcome of the pandemic, as discussed by Magomedov et al. (2020).

On the other hand, Collet et al. (2023) revealed that school administrators in the United States who are immersed in the Marshallese families had increased their cultural awareness as an effect of the COVID-19 remote learning. They believed that being culturally aware of the family background of your students helps them effectively respond to their educational needs.

Negative Effects of the Pandemic on the Instructional Leaders

The emerging themes in this structured theme are drastic changes in students' learning, adjustment to facemasks, health conditions, MOOE being wasted, missed school beautification, and no negative effects. These were the negative effects of the pandemic on instructional leaders.

"The negative effects of the pandemic for me, as a school leader, are those children who cannot read." – Informant 7

"I get a headache reading GCs, updating, reading reports because it's all online. Your eyes will hurt." – Informant 8

One of the negative impacts of the pandemic on instructional leaders is the learning gaps of the students. Most especially their reading skills. Since they were the ones responsible for the overall learning of the students. But due to the pandemic, this problem is inevitable and beyond control.

The global health crisis exacerbated the pre-

existing issues within the Philippine education system, resulting in a decline in its overall quality. Educators are currently faced with the task of accommodating students at their current level of understanding, while also addressing the educational disparity that has emerged as a result of the pandemic.

The importance of reading cannot be overstated (Blomert et al. 2010). The presence of this impairment can result in a chronic disability that significantly impacts various aspects of an individual's quality of life.

In the article of D'Souza (2021), there was a significant decline in reading fluency among second and third-grade students. The study compared data from Fall 2020 to Fall 2019 and found that the students were approximately 30% below the standard benchmark.

Another negative effect is on the health and well-being of the school principals. Argyropoulou et al. (2021) contended that the well-being of leaders is being adversely affected by the managerial demands brought about by the pandemic.

This was supported by De Matthews et al. (2021) who conveyed that the available evidence indicates that principal burnout has been intensified by the pandemic.

Realizations in Leading a School During Pandemic

The emerging themes in this structured theme are realizations about life, realizations about thyself, realizations about the community, realizations about the teachers, and realizations about the learners. These were the realizations of the instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic.

"Because of the circumstances, you need to go beyond your limits for the benefit of your learners." – Informant 1

"School heads should be prepared one step ahead in everything. You must be visionary." – Informant 8

"We can learn a lesson from it. Because during that time, we can see the collaboration of the different agencies." – Informant 5

Instructional leaders have so many realizations about their leadership skills. Constantia et al. (2021) argued that the emotional behaviors and leadership attributes of school principals have a substantial impact on school leadership and management during periods of crisis.

The emergence of the coronavirus pandemic has presented various challenges in the field of education. However, public schools have been able to address these issues through collaboration both within and outside their institutions (Gregorio, 2020). This is true as seen in the responses of the instructional leaders. They have realized that the community is very concerned with the education of the students. Hence, they were very much willing to collaborate with schools just to ensure the safe and quality delivery of education to the students.

Suggestions of the Instructional Leaders to the

Department of Education

The emerging themes in this structured theme are to conduct a series of training for teachers and instructional leaders, to provide a budget for digital teaching, to provide the needs of the school, to include the pandemic in the history books, and to provide an intervention plan. These were the realizations of the instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic.

"So, this should be a part of history. Through learning the history, the next generation can be capacitated. Because he has the possibility to come back." – Informant 2

"The Department of Education will provide also a budget for the digital teaching-learning of the teachers." – Informant 1

Constantia et al. (2021) suggest that principals must receive comprehensive training to effectively navigate crisis situations, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with a particular focus on addressing challenges associated with remote instructional technology.

Moreover, Deiparine (2021) also suggested that having a bigger budget and better tools might end the learning crisis. The ACT party list was seeking an additional budget for the improvement of the schools' infrastructure as well as its quality of learning and teaching, (Magsambol, 2020).

IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.

On the lived experiences of instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic. The lived experiences of instructional leaders during the pandemic have several implications for teaching. The first is on crisis preparedness and planning. Since the pandemic has highlighted the importance of having comprehensive crisis preparedness plans in place. Instructional leaders should focus on developing robust strategies to handle unforeseen events, including clear protocols for remote learning, communication plans, and contingency plans for future disruptions.

The second is on technology integration and digital literacy. The rapid shift to remote and hybrid learning has emphasized the need for instructional leaders to prioritize technology integration and digital literacy among teachers, students, and even themselves. This experience underscores the importance of providing ongoing professional development and support in utilizing digital tools and platforms effectively for instruction.

The third one is on flexible instructional models. The pandemic has necessitated a shift from traditional classroom instruction to more flexible instructional models, such as modular distance learning, online learning, and blended learning. Instructional leaders should explore and promote innovative teaching approaches that allow for individualized instruction, active engagement, and student-centered learning both

in-person and remotely.

On Challenges Encountered by instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic. As indicated in the results of the study, instructional leaders faced different difficulties during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. This implies that the instructional leaders were not well-capacitated on how to deal with those situations. So, there is a need for the Department of Education to conduct more training for instructional leaders.

On the coping mechanisms of instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic. During the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, instructional leaders were put under pressure. As the findings revealed, school principals have utilized different management skills as well as different coping mechanisms in addressing the situation they are in. Such management skills and coping mechanisms enable them to effectively lead their schools and surpassed the pandemic.

On the realizations of instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic. In view of the realizations of the instructional leaders, they have realized that truly, no man is an island. This implies that collaborations with the community, other stakeholders, and teachers greatly affect the situation of their school during the pandemic. therefore, there is a need to strengthen partnerships and collaboration with external stakeholders to better address problems in the future.

IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

Given the limited size of the study, which focused solely on responses provided by instructional leaders in Mawab District, the following implications for future research are taken into account:

First, future studies may be conducted by identifying additional instructional leaders from the same districts. Second, a similar study could be conducted in a different location to investigate the same phenomenon in the lived experiences of instructional leaders during the pandemic. Third, a follow-up interview with the same research participants and informants may be done to determine whether their realizations of their lived experiences during the pandemic have changed over a period of time.

Fourth, this investigation was conducted in a public elementary school. Further studies could be done to explore exactly the same phenomenon within the context of private elementary schools. Finally, the study's findings are analyzed through the perspective of the chosen research participants, who are instructional leaders, as well as informants. Another potential avenue for research could involve exploring the lived experiences of instructional leaders during the pandemic among the instructional leaders from other districts in Davao de Oro.

CONCLUSIONS

Exploring the instructional leaders' lived experiences, challenges, coping mechanisms and realizations in leading their schools during the pandemic is the main focus of this investigation. The understanding of the lived experiences of instructional leaders in leading their schools during the pandemic could reinforce the Department of Education to improve the readiness of instructional leaders in dealing with adversities.

The advent of the "new normal" has posed significant challenges for educators, students, parents, and particularly instructional leaders. Educators encountered various challenges and obstacles when it came to facilitating learning during the ongoing pandemic. In order to address this matter, it would be highly beneficial to provide instructional leaders with diverse training opportunities focused on effectively managing schools during periods of disruption, as well as familiarizing them with various online platforms and resources. This would enhance their knowledge and skills, enabling them to navigate any uncertainties that may arise within the realm of education.

In line with this, the findings of this study also elucidated the distinction in the management approaches employed in small-scale educational institutions compared to larger educational institutions. In general, school principals assigned to larger schools tend to face greater challenges in comparison to their counterparts assigned to smaller schools. They were a lot more stressed and pressured by the circumstances surrounding their educational institutions.

Furthermore, the implementation of a program aimed at facilitating the adjustment process during sudden transitions or changes would prove highly beneficial. In light of prevailing public health emergencies, it is imperative for educators to consistently engage in innovative practices and cultivate unconventional pedagogical approaches to effectively support students in achieving proficiency across diverse learning domains.

Indeed, instructional leaders during the pandemic lead their schools without limits. Since they were able to go beyond their limits in planning, innovating, and implementing different methods, techniques, and solutions to surpass the pandemic without compromising the education of the learners.

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BEING COMFORTABLE IN SPEAKING ENGLISH THROUGH THE LENS OF GRADE 10 STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

The study analyzed the sources, experiences, and insights in speaking English comfortably among Grade 10 students at La Filipina National High School, Philippines. Phenomenological qualitative research design was used to gather data from 10 learner-informants. The findings revealed that students' sources of being comfortable in speaking English is influenced by a number of sources of confidence brought by parents, classmates and teachers. Students describe their experiences as being helped by teachers by providing strategies to improve English speaking skills and be comfortable with it. They also provide insights and recommendations for other students to develop speaking skills. Students identify reinforcement programs and ways how stakeholders could help them develop their speaking skills. The researcher suggests the creation and strengthening of academic programs to promote a supportive and inclusive environment, encourage a positive mindset, and provide ample practice facilities, such as speech and reading laboratories, classrooms with information technology and area for speech performances. These can help students communicate, connect with others, and succeed in various personal, academic, and professional contexts.

KEYWORDS: *English speaking skills, sources, experiences, insights, recommendations, phenomenological research*, *Philippines*

INTRODUCTION

The importance of speaking English cannot be denied in this modern society since it is the language taught in many countries in the world. Recent studies on the teaching of learning methods and learner autonomy have shown that both can be effective in teaching language learning strategies to language learners and that learner autonomy, when combined with a desire for language learning, can result in good language learning outcomes (Kim, 2013). Aside from that, there should be opportunities for real communication so that their confidence will be developed. As a result, it brings students a wide range of opportunity that would benefit their personal and professional growth (Arango, 2015). Due to its importance in language setting, English learners continue to develop their speaking skill despite the challenges they encounter along the way of learning.

There are previous studies relating to students' self-confidence of Arab English as a foreign language in Saudi Arabia. Bensalem (2018) found that participants who were self-efficacious and felt more proficient in English were significantly less likely to suffer from foreign language anxiety. Learners with higher level of confidence experience lower anxiety levels and gained the ability to be high achievers in foreign language learning.

A local study by Lucas (2011) concluded that students from the several higher education institutions in Manila Philippines, have strongly benefited from vocabulary strategy and has aided them to cope with their English-speaking anxiety

effectively. This means that students use some strategies to cope with their nervousness by utilizing helpful tools such as reading books in English and consulting dictionaries. Since English is valued as a second language, it has been integrated as the medium of instruction in Philippine educational system.

On the other hand, students at La Filipina National High School, specifically the Special Program in Journalism, are less likely to experience speaking anxiety in class. To validate this problem, the researcher conducted a short interview with their English teacher. She observed that students are confident speakers in second language because of their exposure on TV-Broadcasting and other journalism activities. Students are comfortable in speaking in English.

Many studies dig into language anxiety and its effect to learners' competence in speaking. However, learning to speak the language comfortably is quite under explored in the domain of second language acquisition. In line with this, the researcher found that there is a need to conduct this study to explore the sources, experiences, challenges and insights of speaking English comfortably and to craft a reinforcement program that would benefit both the students and the second-language teachers.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE
Speaking in English. Speaking has a significant role in people's daily lives. It is one of the methods of verbally transmitting thoughts and a message. To enable students to

communicate, we need to apply the language of communication. Rebecca (2006) stated that speaking is the first mode in which children acquire language, it is part of the daily involvement of most people with language activities, and it is the prime motor of language change. Since speaking is one of the basic skills in learning a second language, it is not easy for the students to communicate in English. Second language learners are still reported to be uncomfortable, unmotivated, unwilling to participate, or have a low performance in their language education (Tsiplakides & Keramida, 2009).

Characteristic of Successful of Speaking Activities. Speaking exercise can boost students' confidence and satisfaction, and with considerate teacher guidance, you may help them to grow to learn harder. As a result, effective communication may and should be tremendously inspiring. Many speaking exercise (discussions, role-playing, problem solving, etc.) are fundamentally satisfying in and of themselves (Hammer, 2007). However, speaking is sometimes a simple task, but in some cases, it is challenging (Brown, 2000). There are instances when it is difficult for people to converse fluently. They must meet a certain criterion, such as the following, in order to carry out successful speaking, including:

Learners talk a lot. This activity does allow for student to talk to the greatest extent possible. The majority of the time is frequently spent with teacher talk or pauses, despite being evident of this.

Participant is even. Discussions in the classroom are not dominated by an observation of the active talkers. Everybody has an opportunity to speak, and contributions are fairly evenly distributed.

*Motivation is high. S*tudents are ready to talk because they are engaged in the subjects, have something fresh to say about it, or they want to help the group to complete the task.

Language is of an acceptable level. The language used by learners to express themselves is accurate to an appropriate degree, relevant, and easy for others to understand.

Teachers' Role in Speaking Activities. Teachers have significant role in teaching speaking in the classroom. They do not only prepare the activities of speaking applied in the classroom, but they are also involved in students speaking activity. Some teachers get very involved with their students during speaking activity and want to participate in the activity themselves. There is nothing wrong with teachers getting involved, of course, provided they do not start to dominate. Although, it is probably better to stand back so that you can watch and listen to what's going on.

There are 3 roles of the teacher in speaking activities (Harmer, 2007).

Prompter. Sometimes students are confused, stuck on what to say next, or lose the fluidity we anticipate from them in another way. Teachers can leave them to struggle out of such situations on their own, and indeed sometimes this maybe the best option. However, teachers may be able to help them and

the activity to progress to offering discrete suggestions.

Participants. When asking students to develop language, teacher ought to be effective animators. However, there are instances when teachers would want to take part in discussions and role-plays personally. In this manner, they are able to subtly prompt students, present fresh materials to advance in the activity, guarantee ongoing student participation, and maintain a creative environment.

Feedback Provider. When students are in the middle of a speaking activity, over correction may inhibit them and take the communicative ability out of the activity. When students have completed an activity, it is vital that we allow them to assess what they have done and that we tell them what, in our opinion, went well.

Motivation and Confidence. The teacher's job is somehow to get the students engage in activities that will result in the desired learning. This process is an essential ingredient in both instruction and discipline, and we call this process motivation. Motivation and confidence are interrelated and interact with each other (Lindsay, 2006). One can argue that learning the second language well involves a lot of time and effort on the part of the students. Because of this, students who are studying English, especially those who want to improve their speaking abilities, need to be motivated in order to advance.

OBJECTIVES
Specifically, this sought to address the following research questions:
1. What are the sources of comfortability in speaking English among the participants?
2. How do the participants describe their experiences in speaking English?
3. What are the insights gained by the participants on the comfortability of speaking English?
4. What reinforcement program can be crafted from the findings of the study?

METHOD
This study was a qualitative study employing a phenomenological approach to explore the experiences of students who are comfortable in speaking English. It focused on behavior, perceptions, motivation, and holistic actions from key informants. Purposive sampling was used to identify 10 participants for the In-Depth Interview (IDI).

The study was conducted at La Filipina National High School in Tagum City, Philippines. The school has 24 English teachers and three Master Teachers in the English Department. This study selected Grade 10 students from La Filipina National High School, who had a general weighted average (GWA) of below 90 in the previous school year 2021-2022, and an average of not more than 90 in English subject. They were chosen voluntarily for extensive and accurate data collection. Participants signed consent forms and participated in an In-Depth Interview (IDI), a qualitative method of data collection. The study aimed to gather comprehensive information about the topic under study.

This study utilized in-depth interviews to gather information about participants' sources, challenges, insights, and coping mechanisms in speaking English. These personal, unstructured interviews allowed for direct contact and reduced non-response rates. The researcher obtained permission from the Schools Division Superintendent and principal, and participants signed a consent form. A semi-structured questionnaire guided interviews, and participants' verbatim statements were critically transcribed. The results were examined, thematized, and interpreted based on the discussions.

The collected data in this study were analyzed using thematic analysis. The researcher used Creswell's Model, specifically the identifying of the themes approach, to assess the responses of the participants from the interviews that were performed. According to Creswell (2012) themes in qualitative research are similar codes aggregated together to form a major idea in the database.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Confidence in Speaking English. The following gives confidence to the students; understanding the written materials, teacher's motivation, parents influence, confidence boosted by the parents, sentence construction in mind, reading of English books, being trained to speak English by journalism coach, being challenged by the family, being pushed by the teacher, being influenced by the classmates, self-motivation to speak English.

Understanding theWritten Materials. Improving students' understanding of written materials can indeed boost their confidence in speaking English. Even though enhancing understanding of written materials requires time and regular effort, there is no doubt that understanding written materials can provide a significant source of comfort and confidence when it comes to speaking English. An informant expressed own ways of gaining comfort with the use of English language in speaking, through understanding the things that was written in English.

Teacher's Motivation. Teachers' external motivation can be quite effective in increasing students' comfort and confidence in their English-speaking abilities. By fostering a positive learning atmosphere, delivering helpful criticism, and offering plenty of opportunity for practice and development, teachers can foster extrinsic motivation in their students. Students can become more at ease and confident in speaking English with the assistance and support of their teachers.

Parents' Influence. The level of comfort and confidence that children have when speaking English is greatly influenced by their parents. Parents can considerably influence their children's comfort and confidence in speaking English by exposing them to the language and actively participate in their language development. An informant pointed out that parents who use English language at home greatly influence their children.

Confidence Boosted by Classmates. Classmates can indeed play a significant role in boosting confidence and comfort when speaking English. It is important to note that classmates may have varying levels of proficiency in English, and it is essential to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels supported regardless of their current skill level. By fostering a supportive community, classmates can contribute to each other's confidence and comfort in speaking English, ultimately enhancing the overall language learning experience.

Sentence Construction in Mind. Having a solid mental construction of sentence structures allows students to formulate and organize their thoughts more efficiently. This enables them to speak more fluently with fewer pauses, giving them a sense of comfort and ease during conversations. An informant mentioned that she will not talk right away instead constructing first the message she wants to say.

Reading of English Books. Reading English books can indeed be a valuable source of comfort when speaking English. To maximize the benefits of reading English books for speaking, it is helpful to engage in active reading. This involves taking notes on new vocabulary, paying attention to sentence structures, and practice speaking aloud by reading passages or dialogues. This active engagement strengthens the connection between reading and speaking, further enhancing the comfort and proficiency in spoken English.

Being trained to speak English by journalism coach. Working with a journalism coach to improve students English-speaking skills can be an effective source of comfort and confidence. The expertise, guidance, and tailored training of the journalism coach can help students develop the necessary skills and confidence to communicate effectively in English, particularly within the realm of journalism.

Being challenged by the family. Open communication with the family about the learning goals and support needed is crucial. By involving family members and embracing their challenges and feedback, students can create a nurturing environment that fosters to be comfortable and confident in speaking English. This was stressed out by an informant as she said that being challenged by the family gives her the confidence to speak English.

Being pushed by the teacher. Being challenged by a teacher to speak English can be a source of comfort, and it is important to note that the push from a teacher should be balanced, supportive, and tailored to your individual needs. The teacher should provide guidance and encouragement while considering your comfort level and language proficiency. Open communication with your teacher about your language learning goals and any specific area you want to work on is essential for maximizing the benefits of their push in developing their sense of being comfortable and confident in speaking English.

Being influenced by classmates. It has been proven that speaking English can be made more comfortable by peer influence, and by actively engaging with classmates, seeking opportunities for language practice, and fostering a supportive learning community, students can benefit from the influence

of their peers in developing comfort and confidence in speaking English. Embrace the opportunity to learn from and with their classmates, and leverage their support and diverse perspectives to enhance your language skills.

Self-motivation to speak English. Motivating oneself to speak English is a powerful source of comfort and confidence. Motivation comes from within, and cultivating self-motivation is a lifelong journey. By setting clear goals, maintaining a positive mindset, celebrating achievements, and constantly engaging in English speaking practice, students can fuel their motivation and build the sense of being comfortable and confident in speaking English.

Reasons for being comfortable in speaking English
The following are the reasons of being comfortable namely: usage of English language since childhood, friend's influence, English language use at home, environment's influence, self-confidence to speak English, subject teacher's motivation, being prompt to use English, English as second language.

Usage of English language since childhood. For some students, English has been an integral part of their lives since childhood. They have been exposed to the language on a daily basis through conversations with family. This constant exposure has made English a familiar and natural language for them to speak.

Friend's influence. Having a friend who is fluent in English can inspire and motivate students to improve their own language skills. Observing their fluency and proficiency can instill a desire to reach a similar level of competence. Their success in using English effectively can serve as a role model, encouraging students to practice more and strive for greater proficiency.

English language use at home. When English is spoken at home, it creates an immersive language environment. Constant exposure to English in daily conversations with family members builds familiarity and ease with the language.

Environment's influence. Many different language backgrounds draw people to English-speaking environments. As a result of this exposure, their grasp of English is widened and their capacity to adapt is encouraged, enabling them to converse with and understand a variety of English speakers.

Self-confidence to speak English. Many experience language anxiety or fear of making mistakes when speaking English. Self-confidence helps overcome this anxiety by cultivating a positive mindset and embracing the learning process. When students have confidence in their abilities, they are more willing to take risks, try new vocabulary or sentence structures, and engage in conversations without excessive worry about making errors.

Subject teacher's motivation. A teacher who encourages and supports students English-speaking efforts creates a positive and safe environment for language practice. They provide constructive feedback, offer guidance, and create

opportunities for them to speak English comfortably. This supportive environment boosts students confidence and motivates them to improve their English-speaking skills.

Being prompt to use English. When students are in an environment where people are competitive about their English-speaking efforts, it can trigger a sense of confidence. This could be a classroom setting with students who actively engage in speaking English.

English as second language. Making English a second language could be in the form of immersing oneself in the language to develop a natural understanding of vocabulary, expressions, and cultural nuances, or watching movies or TV shows in English, listening to English music, reading English books or articles.

Strategies used to speak English comfortably
 Six themes emerged as strategies including: speech preparation beforehand, simple English usage, avoidance of distractions, concentrate on the most important ideas, learn how to pronounce words, and reading English-language books.

Speech preparation beforehand. It can be a good habit to pause and collect one's thoughts before speaking to improve communication. Consider the logical flow of the response while identifying the primary points or arguments they want to make. Thinking about the main points they want to make and the examples they can use to support them.

Simple English usage. Delivering the message in a clear and efficient manner is the aim of communication. One may ensure that their thoughts are received by a larger audience by adopting simple language and paying attention to clarity, which will improve communication and engagement.

Avoidance of distractions. One can improve his focus and concentration while learning to speak English by creating a distraction-free environment. By doing this, he/she will be able to maximize his/her study time and more quickly advance in language abilities.

Concentrate on the most important ideas. One can enhance his/her learning, hone communication abilities, and develop a deeper comprehension of the subject matter by deliberately focusing on specific topics.

Learn how to pronounce words. Studying pronunciation is an important aspect of learning to speak English clearly and effectively.

Reading English-language books. An effective way to learn English is by reading. While reading primarily aims to increase reading comprehension, it also has a number of advantages for increasing spoken English ability.

Recommendations to other students to develop English speaking skills. The following are the recommendations: find time to read, watch movies, practice tongue twister, build self-

confidence, listen to teachers, motivate self to speak English, implement program on speaking skills, and practice reguarly.

Find Time to Read. Reading is important if one desires to develop their speaking skills.

Watch Movies. Students who enjoy watching movies find it beneficial for their English-speaking skills.

Practice Tongue Twister. Activities like tongue twister can help practice students' ability to use the English language.

Build Self-confidence. Confidence is the key for Informant 5. As she shared her experience, she revealed that it helps her improve her speaking skills.

Listen to Teachers. Most importantly for Informant 5 is to always listen to the teachers. In this way, one can surely learn speak in English comfortably.

Motivate Self to Speak English. Motivating oneself is also important for Informant 7 to be able to improve one's speaking skills in English.

Implement Program on Speaking Skills. Schools may also implement and enhance reading programs that will help students speaking skills.

Practice Regularly. Constant practice will make a big difference. Informant 1 believes that through practice, one can improve their skills.

Activities to Increase Students' Comfortability in Speaking English. The suggested activities are the following: book reading during vacant periods, film viewing in the classroom, tongue twister on dear time, spelling bee contest, reading month, enhancement program for reading, public speaking activities, and usage of English language inside the classroom.

Assistance Stakeholders Provide for Students to be Comfortable in Speaking English
Stakeholders can assist through the following; provision for funds and reading materials, design a speaking-enhancement program, stimulation of speaking English, weekend enhancement programs, English communication training.

Provision for Funds and Reading Materials.
If stakeholders provide funds for reading materials, students will surely find it helpful. It is believed that there should be enough reading materials available for students.

Design a Speaking-enhancement Program. Creating a program that will encourage students in speaking is seen important for many students.

Stimulation of Speaking English. It is true that there is power in encouragement. Students need to be encouraged to speak in English in a positive way.

Weekend Speaking Enhancement Programs. Having a special program during Saturdays and Sundays that focuses on improving student speaking skills.

English Communication Training. Conducting trainings for students as to how to communicate using the English language is needed.

Implications for Practice
Based on the findings, the following implications for practice are offered.

On Confidence in Speaking English. It can be assumed that the research participants experience that understanding the written materials, teacher's motivation, parent's influence, confidence boosted by parents, sentence construction in mind, reading of English books, being trained to speak English by journalism coach, being challenged by family, being pushed by teacher, being influenced by classmates, self-motivation to speak English are the reasons why they were able to gain confidence in speaking the language. While all the above mentioned experience promotes, develop and enhance students confidence in speaking English it can also be an advantage if they can create a firm foundation by focusing on learning English grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and sentence structure thoroughly.

On Reasons for being Comfortable in Speaking English. The research participants of this study find the usage of English language since childhood, friend's influence, English language use at home, environment's influence, self-confidence to speak English, subject teacher's motivation, being prompt to use English, English as second language the reasons for being comfortable in speaking English language. In this regard it is also good to note that being comfortable in speaking English offers a multitude of advantages, ranging from career opportunities and effective communication to cultural exchange and personal growth. It allows every individual to connect with the global community, access information and resources, and navigate various aspects of life with confidence and ease.

On Strategies Used to Speak English Comfortably. The strategies gathered from the research participants in speaking English comfortably are: speech preparation beforehand, simple English usage, avoidance of distractions, concentrate on the most important ideas, learn how to pronounce words, and reading English-language books. Truly, speaking English fluently requires time and practice. Students must be patient, relish their journey, and acknowledge successes. They will get more at ease and confident the more speaking opportunities and language exposure they have. Moreover, students are encouraged to request feedback from teachers or language partners to improve speaking skills. Actively listen to their suggestions and incorporate them into practice.

On Insights about Speaking English Comfortably. The student participants shared their insights about speaking the English language comfortably. This generated the following: vocabulary improvement, mistakes are part of the learning process, confidence in learning English, composure when speaking, thinking it out first matters, self-confidence in

speaking. While all these things matter, students must also remember to develop active listening skills. Effective communication involves not only speaking but also listening. Encouraging students to actively listen to English speakers through audio recordings, videos, podcasts, or live interactions. This will help improve their comprehension, pronunciation, and overall confidence in engaging in conversations.

On Recommendations to Other Students to Develop Speaking Skills. In order to develop the students' speaking skills, the following are recommended: find time to read, watch movies, practice tongue twister, build self-confidence, listen to teachers, motivate self to speak English, implement program on speaking skills, and practice reguarly. All these mentioned experiences alone will not be enough to develop students' speaking skills. Students must be encouraged to focus on developing a solid understanding of English grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and sentence structure. Providing them with opportunities for regular practice and reinforcement of these fundamental language skills is important, as they contribute greatly to developing their speaking skills.

On Activities to Increase Students' Sense of being comfortable in speaking English. The research participants also find the following activities to increase students' sense of being comfortable in speaking English: book reading during vacant periods, film viewing in the classroom, tongue twister on dear time, spelling bee contest, reading month, enhancement program for reading, public speaking activities, and usage of English language inside the classroom. Aside from these equally important activities, students may also actively engage in real-life conversations, discussions, and debates. Incorporate activities that simulate authentic situations such as role-plays, group discussions, and presentations to enhance confidence in using English.

CONCLUSION

Speaking English with comfort is a goal and an important aspect of learning a language and proficiency. Students are more likely to express themselves freely, participate in interesting conversations, and get through communication hurdles when they feel at ease in speaking English. It takes effort, exposure, and a supportive learning environment to become comfortable in speaking English. Focusing on gaining confidence, speaking frequently, and accepting mistakes as opportunities for learning will help students develop comfort in speaking English. They can tailor their education, immerse themselves in the language, and get assistance from peers, teachers, parents, language schools, and the larger community. Stakeholders are essential in helping learners feel comfortable and advance their English-speaking abilities by offering support, direction, and resources. Ultimately, students can gradually gain comfort with speaking English by creating a supportive and inclusive environment, encouraging a positive mindset, and offering plenty of opportunities for practice, enabling them to successfully communicate, connect with others, and succeed in various personal, academic, and professional context.

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KERALA'S TRANSITION FROM PURE VEGETARIAN MEAL HOUSES TO ARABIC FLAVOURS

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Food is an essential component that energises our body to survive in day to day life and it also contains a transformative power when it is converted into a cuisine. It is realised that food habits have a history that is deeply rooted in the culture of the place it originated from. The food culture of each country has a different narrative to share and thus it can be apprehended that food is a major attraction that invites people from the world over to places far and wide. Food can be identified as an element that marks the culture of a country and spreads the aroma of the land to foreigners and food lovers. As Roland Barthes rightly remarks in the essay titled "Toward a Psychosociology of Contemporary Food Consumption",

> When he buys an item of food, consumes it, or serves it, modern man does not manipulate a simple object in a purely transitive fashion; this item of food sums up and transmits a situation; it constitutes an information; it signifies. That is to say that it is not just an indicator of a set of more or less conscious motivations, but that it is a real sign, perhaps the functional unit of a system of communication. (*Food and Culture* 24)

The structure of this communication has often been delineated from the normal perception of language as it impedes the foodie in recognizing the history and message of a food item. Even something as simple as changing one's food habit will have a tremendous effect on his perspective and lifestyle. The ideas and ideologies inhibited by a person or a community tend to expose them into every aspect of their life, especially they will be perceptible in their food style. More importantly, food channels every facet of life that a producer has to offer and the receiver makes no effort to question the ideologies of the maker but they are more into the taste a food has to offer. Hence as Barthes states, "substances, techniques of preparation, habits, all become part of a system of differences in signification; and as soon as this happens, we have communication by way of food" (25).

The determined change in taste or a food habit has something to say about the cultural change in the society. It may be dependent on the foreign culture that a native culture interacts with or through inspirations that stem from social media. The ideas travel at high speed in modern times and so do the recipes and taste of food. The important factor that influences the trend of a particular food item is the expenditure of a food product. The popular food item of the society is always the one with less expenditure which takes less effort to produce and consume. It is to be noted that there was a huge spike in the consumption of fast food globally and the disease associated with it also rose in various parts of the world. The Indian states have a variety of tastes that have been carried on from a long history as the famed author Sasi Tharoor comments "If America is a melting-pot, then to me India is a thali, a selection of sumptuous dishes in different bowls. Each tastes different, and does not necessarily mix with the next, but they belong together on the same plate… That, to me, is the notion or metaphor of the Indian identity" (*The Guardian*).

A place like Kerala, which is rich with various flavours of food dishes of its own, has placed a significant mark on the world map. Tourists visit this small geographical boundary of India with various intentions. And the vivid reasons may be the coastal beauty, the ancient structures and most importantly the food culture. The food culture of Kerala is remarkable in the eyes of the Western world. The list of food items starts from the healthy tapioca and the sardine curry to the grand thali that is served as a feast to the eyes as well. Some people even visit the Kerala state to try these dishes and this search of tourists makes Kerala an important space in India when the food taste is the prime concern.

Such a space like Kerala has shown a shift in the consumption of food in recent years with the coming of the pandemic. The situations in the familial spaces had found enough time to experiment with food and its varieties. They have tried various things and one of the remarkable experiments was on the traditional food that can be prepared using the resources available around the household. There have been various recordings and videos which were promoting these ideas from each territory. The shared newfound knowledge was an inspiration to a lot of people and some people found this to be interesting as they took it as a creative idea. They were trying to recover the tradition that was long buried by modernity, and hence they wished to get back to the roots of their true traditions and to be part of the large communication system of their past. Barthes tries to emphasise this idea when he comments, "a coherent set of food traits and habits can constitute a complex

but homogeneous dominant feature useful for defining a general system of tastes and habits" (26).

The traditionality of Kerala is considered to be preserved in the meal shops within the state which serve a plethora of vegetarian dishes. The 'pure vegetarian' restaurants found abundantly in the state were a mark of pride for its inhabitants. The tagline 'pure vegetarian' was a hallmark of standard cuisine, and a badge which dauntlessly featured the authentic taste of the place. This does not neglect the fact that Kerala is also a spot famous for its seafood restaurants but the tagline 'pure vegetarian' was in itself a brand name. However, during the course of time, the traditional cuisines have begun to fade from the face of this small territory and they are slowly being replaced by Arabic cuisines. In the post-covid era there was a significant rise in the number of restaurants that served authentic Arabic dishes. From the very traditional idli, dosa and upma, people are now attracted to the tastes offered by a different cuisine that does not belong to India at all. Kerala holds a long history of people migrating to the Arab nations and after years of this practice, the Arabs have acquired a genuine space in the food habits of the state. Kerala is now home to meal shops that serve Mandi, Shawarma and Al-fahm, which is a drastic shift that the state witnessed from pure vegetarian to Arabic flavours. The people of the state have not just embraced the new flavour but also made space for an Arab domination in taste and flavour. But the question that now arises is of the native flavours that are slowly taking a backseat.

The modern trend also made awareness among the people that the people have lost all interest in the traditional cuisines and they can no longer carry the tastes of the native food styles. The trend of Arabic food began to uproot its regimes at this point and found a way to market itself through various forms. Marketing surpasses all those ideas or ideologies of space as the viewer is exposed to a new trend or a new model. This sudden change is having a lasting impact on the culture at a macro level. Roland Barthes states, "one could say that an entire "world" (social environment) is present in and signified by

food. Today we have a tool with which to isolate these themes and situations, namely, Advertising" (26).

The fast-food system that was on the roll destroyed one part of the Kerala traditions at a point as it was made cheap for the voyeur to taste the food on the road and satisfy the hunger and quench the thirst for unknown flavours. But the result of these new trends has impacted the relations of the Malayalee community with their native cuisines. The taste of the new food has made them forget about the traditional cuisines and their healthy nature. "The rise of fast food was inextricable from the de-skilling, racializing, and youthening of restaurant and food-processing work, making such work mindless at best and extraordinarily hazardous at worst" (Guthman).

Arabic food and fast food are the two foreign food practices that are colonizing the native culture in modern times. Neo-imperialism is growing at a high rate around people and society does not care about it as it does not touch them personally. But this neglect is destroying the indigenous culture and all its traditions related to food. The neglect of this same has burned the people once during the pandemic spread as we don't feel the original taste anymore. On a serious note, it is also going to be more severe if the situation continues on the same path.

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THE EFFECT OF CAPITAL INTENSITY, INSTITUTIONAL OWNERSHIP, AND SALES GROWTH ON TAX AVOIDANCE
(Empirical Study of Energy Sector Companies Listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange in 2017-2021)

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ABSTRACT
The purpose of this research is to examine how capital intensity, institutional ownership, and sales growth impact tax avoidance in the energy sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange between 2017 and 2021. The independent variables analyzed in this study are capital intensity, institutional ownership, and sales growth, while the dependent variable is tax avoidance. The data used for this study is secondary data, collected from the financial reports of all energy sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange during the specified time frame. The sampling method used was purposive sampling, which resulted in a total sample size of 16 energy sector companies. To analyze the data, researchers conducted multiple regression tests using SPSS 22 software. The findings show that all the independent variables in this study- capital intensity, institutional ownership, and sales growth- have a negative effect on tax avoidance.
KEYWORDS: *Tax Avoidance, Liquidity, Company Size, Institutional Ownership, Sales Growth*

INTRODUCTION

Taxes are an important source of revenue for the state, contributing significantly to the State Revenue and Expenditure Budget (APBN) compared to other sectors. However, taxpayers and companies often seek to minimize their tax burden, sometimes resorting to tax avoidance. This is because high taxes can reduce profits, which should be distributed among the parties involved in the company. On the other hand, taxes are crucial for the state, as they provide the necessary funding for state activities.

Unfortunately, the different interests of companies and the government often lead to disobedience and tax avoidance practices. As a result, tax revenues have not met the targets set in the State Revenue and Expenditure Budget (APBN) over the last five years, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Tax Revenue Realization (in trillion Rupiah)

Years	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Target	1.283	1.424	1.577,6	1.198,8	1.229,58
Realization	1.147,5	1.315,9	1.545,3	1.019,56	1.227,53
Achievement	89,4%	92%	86,5%	85,65%	103,90%

Source : Kemenkeu RI

According to Table 1, the tax sector has not yet reached its full potential in terms of income. This is because taxpayers have not fulfilled their obligation to pay taxes to the government. Economist Yusuf Rendy Manilet from the Center of Reform on Economics (CORE) Indonesia revealed that Indonesia is estimated to lose $4.86 billion (or Rp. 68.7 trillion) annually due to tax avoidance practices. Out of this total, $4.78 billion was lost due to tax avoidance by companies in Indonesia, while the remaining $78.83 million came from individual tax avoidance (Novika, 2020).

There has been a case of tax avoidance by a company in the energy sector in Indonesia. PT Adaro Energy Tbk reportedly paid US $125 million less taxes than expected to the Indonesian government. According to the Global Witness report, PT Adaro Energy Tbk used transfer pricing through its subsidiary in Singapore from 2009 to 2017. The company sold its coal to Coaltrade Services International at a lower price and then sold it to other countries at a higher price, taking advantage of a loophole in the system. As a result, the tax imposed on the company's income in Indonesia was lower. This means that the sales and profits reported in Indonesia were lower than they should have been (Sugianto, 2019).

Tax avoidance refers to the legal and safe practice of minimizing the amount of taxes a taxpayer is required to pay, without violating any tax laws or regulations. This is achieved by exploiting the gray areas or weaknesses contained within the tax laws and regulations. (Pohan, 2018: 370).

People engage in tax avoidance to decrease the amount of taxes they must pay to the government. One common strategy is through capital intensity. Capital intensity refers to the ratio of investment activities in fixed assets by a company (Jusman & Nosita, 2020). This term is used to describe the proportion of

fixed assets owned by a company compared to all its assets (Anindyka S et al., 2018). If a company has a higher proportion of fixed assets, the depreciation expenses will increase, leading to a lower tax burden.

From a management perspective, tax avoidance is often viewed as a strategy to demonstrate good performance. However, it is important to have a mechanism in place to control and reduce instances of tax avoidance. According to Tarmidi et al. (2020) Good Corporate Governance is one such mechanism that can help prevent tax avoidance practices. Institutional Ownership is a key part of Good Corporate Governance, as it allows institutional investors to closely monitor management activities. Institutional ownership refers to the situation where third-party organizations possess stocks in a particular enterprise (Gunawan, 2021:77). This increased oversight encourages management to be more cautious when making decisions, particularly when it comes to tax management and avoidance.

In addition to the two previous variables, namely capital intensity and institutional ownership, the implementation of tax avoidance practices by companies that have large profits is influenced by the amount of sales growth. According to Fauzan et al. (2019) companies can predict how to generate large profits that will be obtained through sales growth rates. Kasmir (2016:107) defines Sales Growth as the measure of how much a company has improved its sales, which can be compared to its overall sales performance. According to Auliya (2021: 32), sales growth refers to a company's capacity to enhance its sales from one year to the next. Increased sales growth will have an impact on increasing profits, thereby enabling companies to practice tax avoidance.

According to research conducted by Nugraha & Mulyani (2019), the level of capital intensity has a positive impact on tax avoidance. However, the studies carried out by Marwa & Wahyudi (2018), Nibras & Hadinata (2020) and Fatimah *et al*. (2021) contradict this, as they found no significant correlation between capital intensity and tax avoidance. Similarly, Rais et al. (2023) discovered that institutional ownership can affect tax avoidance, but this contradicts Fitria's (2018) research, which found no significant impact of institutional ownership on tax avoidance. Previous studies have also yielded differing results when it comes to the effect of sales growth on tax avoidance. For instance, Maryam et al. (2023)) found that sales growth had a significant positive impact on tax avoidance, while Febryanti & Sulistyowati (2023) found no significant correlation between sales growth and tax avoidance.

Based on the background described above, both from the phenomenon and the differences in the results of previous studies, the researcher is interested in conducting another study in differentiating capital intensity, institutional ownership, and sales growth on tax avoidance in Energy Sector Companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange Year 2017-2021.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Agency Theory
In Rifai & Atiningsih's (2019) interpretation of Jensen & Meckling's (1979) agency theory, it refers to a system of agreements between a company's owner (principal) and manager (agent) who oversee its operations and resources in order to maximize profits. The relationship between agency theory and tax avoidance is the connection between a tax collector (principal) and a taxpayer (agent). The tax collector (principal) wants to collect the most tax revenue possible for the state, while the taxpayer (agent) aims to achieve maximum profits with minimal tax burden. As a result, companies exploit loopholes to avoid paying taxes, leading to a conflict of interest between the tax authorities and corporate taxpayers (Yuliawati & Sutrisno, 2021).

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND HYPOTHESIS DEVELOPMENT
Effect of Capital Intensity on Tax Avoidance
Managers make financial decisions to increase a company's profits, and one such decision is capital intensity. Capital intensity involves investing in fixed assets to generate income. The ratio of capital intensity is used to determine how much a company needs to invest in fixed assets to make a profit. Investing in fixed assets can reduce the tax burden because of depreciation costs. Managers can use depreciation costs to minimize the amount of tax paid by the company. This creates an opportunity for companies to use idle funds to invest in fixed assets and utilize depreciation costs as a tax deduction, which may lead to tax avoidance. Studies by Nugraha & Mulyani (2019) and Darsani & Sukartha (2021) confirm that capital intensity has a significant positive effect on tax avoidance. Companies with more assets are more likely to engage in tax avoidance. Therefore, the higher the capital intensity ratio, the greater the possibility of tax avoidance.
H1: Capital Intensity has a significant positive effect on tax avoidance.

Effect of Institutional Ownership on Tax Avoidance
The level of institutional ownership in a company has a significant impact on its degree of control. When institutional investors have greater control, there is less likelihood of fraudulent behavior by management, such as evading corporate taxes. Studies by Noviyani & Muid (2019) and Afrika (2021) have found that institutional ownership has a negative impact on tax avoidance.
H2: Institutional ownership has a negative effect on tax avoidance.

Effect of *Sales Growth* on Tax Avoidance
When a company experiences a significant increase in sales, it can have a direct impact on their profits. As these profits grow larger, it becomes more likely that the company may engage in tax avoidance measures in order to avoid reducing their profits through tax payments (Fauzan et al., 2019). Both Puspita & Febrianti (2017) and Fauzan et al. (2019) have conducted research that demonstrates a correlation between sales growth and tax avoidance.

H3: Sales Growth has a positive effect on tax avoidance.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study is a quantitative analysis that utilizes financial statements of companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange between 2017 and 2021 as secondary data. The method employed in this study is multiple linear analysis through SPSS 22. The energy sector companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange between 2017 and 2021 form the population of this study. The sampling technique used in this study is purposive sampling, wherein the researcher selects samples with specific characteristics that correspond to research objectives. Based on the selection criteria, the data collected includes a total of 80 data points from 16 companies.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Descriptive Statistics Test

Tabel 2. Descriptive Statistics Test

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Tax_Avoidance	80	.000	1.380	.34900	.283971
Capital_Intensity	80	.031	2.495	.33585	.335954
Institutional_Ownership	80	.100	.970	.67575	.215182
Sales_Growth	80	-.390	1.600	.20488	.397718
Valid N (listwise)	80				

Source: Data is processed using SPSS22

Hypothesis Test

Before testing the hypothesis, a classical assumption test is performed to determine whether the proposed regression model is feasible for hypothesis testing. The classic assumption tests carried out include normality, multicollinearity, autocorrelation, and heteroscedasticity tests. Initially, the normality test results showed that the data were not normally distributed because the sig. of $0.005 < 0.050$. Then the data is treated with the winsorizing method so that the data is normally distributed with sig values. of $0.052 > 0.050$. The multicollinearity test shows a VIF value <10. Then the autocorrelation test shows a Durbin-Watson value of 2.026 greater than the upper limit (dU) of 1.7153. Meanwhile, in the heteroscedasticity test, the sig. in each independent variable is greater than 0.05 so from the classical assumption test it can be concluded that in the research data, there are no symptoms of multicollinearity, autocorrelation, and heteroscedasticity.

In addition to the classical assumption test results, the coefficient of determination (adjusted R square) is 0.21. This value indicates that the ability of capital intensity, institutional ownership, and sales growth in explaining tax evasion is 21%. While the remaining 79% can be explained by other variables not used in this study.

Next, a model feasibility test (F test) was carried out which obtained a sig. of 0.000. so it can be concluded that the model used in this study is feasible to be tested. Therefore, further testing can be carried out on research data.

Tabel 3. Hypothesis Test
Coefficients[a]

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.696	.093		7.501	.000
	Capital_Intensity	-.204	.102	-.201	-1.999	.049
	Institutional_Ownership	-.397	.122	-.329	-3.264	.002
	Sales_Growth	-.184	.065	-.287	-2.825	.006

a. Dependent Variable: Tax_Avoidance
Source: Data is processed using SPSS22

Based on the results of hypothesis testing in Table 3 above on the capital intensity variable, the sig value. is 0.049 and the regression coefficient is -0.204 so it can be concluded that hypothesis 1 is rejected, even though capital intensity has a significant effect on tax avoidance, the direction of the relationship between capital intensity and tax avoidance is not in accordance with the hypothesis. The results of this study state that capital intensity has a significant negative effect on tax evasion. Investing through fixed assets can be done as an effort to avoid taxes. With the high investment value in fixed assets, taxable income can be reduced due to the high depreciation value. If according to the statement, tax evasion should increase. However, the results of this study state the opposite, the higher the investment in fixed assets can reduce the practice of tax avoidance. This shows that the company invests in fixed assets not to avoid taxes but to be used in the company's operational activities. This result is in line with the results of research by Safitri & Rizal (2023), but contrary to the results of

research by Nugraha & Mulyani (2019) and Darsani & Sukartha (2021).

Furthermore, the institutional ownership variable has a sig value of 0.002 and a regression coefficient of -0.397 so it can be concluded that hypothesis 2 is accepted, namely institutional ownership has a negative effect on tax evasion. This shows that the greater the institutional ownership, the lower the possibility of tax evasion. The size of institutional ownership indicates that more and more external agencies are also monitoring the performance of management in managing the company so that they can suppress all forms of fraud, especially in conducting financial reporting, one of which is the practice of tax avoidance. Thus the results of this study are in line with the results of research by Noviyani & Muid (2019) and Africa (2021) which state that institutional ownership has a negative effect on tax avoidance. However, the results of this study are contrary to the results of Fitria's research (2018).

The test results on the sales growth variable have a sig value of 0.006 and a regression coefficient of -0.184 so it can be concluded that hypothesis 3 is rejected. Although the test results show that there is a significant effect of sales growth on tax avoidance, based on the regression coefficient the direction of the relationship between variables is negative. So the test results show that sales growth has a significant negative effect on tax avoidance. This shows that the higher the company's sales growth rate, the possibility of tax avoidance will decrease. Companies that are increasing their sales growth can also indicate a high-profit level. Thus, it is assumed that companies are able to carry out their tax obligations voluntarily so that the level of tax avoidance practices is low. So the results of this study support the research results of Widiastuti, R.N. (2023) and contrary to the results of research by Puspita & Febrianti (2017) and Fauzan et al. (2019) which in fact stated that sales growth had a significant positive effect on tax avoidance and even Febryanti & Sulistyowati (2023) and Anasta (2021) stated that sales growth had no significant effect on tax avoidance.
Based on Table 2 above, the regression equation of this study is as follows:

$$TA = 0{,}696 - 0{,}204 \, CI - 0{,}397 \, Inst - 0{,}184 SG + e$$

CONCLUSION
Based on the test results, the following are the conclusions of this study:
   a. Capital Intensity has a significant negative effect on Tax Avoidance.
   b. Institutional Ownership has a significant negative effect on Tax Avoidance.
   c. Sales Growth has a significant negative effect on Tax Avoidance.

RESEARCH RECOMMENDATIONS AND LIMITATIONS
The findings of this study can serve as valuable input and reference for researchers and investors. Additionally, it is possible that tax authorities may use the results to assess the level of corporate tax avoidance and evaluate the level of corporate compliance with tax obligations, including future ones.
It is important to note that this study only utilized data from 16 out of the total 58 companies in the population, with a sample size of only 80. This data may not provide a fully representative picture of the population in question. Therefore, for future research, it may be beneficial to consider a larger number of companies as potential subjects for further study.

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CONSUMER BEHAVIOR AND SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT ADOPTION IN ODISHA: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Modern sustainability initiatives are becoming increasingly influenced by consumer behaviour, as more people are becoming conscious of their environmental and social impacts. This research aims to investigate and compare the perception of consumers towards the acceptance of sustainable products among people in Odisha. By utilizing a mixed-methods approach, primary data was collected through structured surveys administered to consumers while secondary data was sourced from existing literature reviews. The study assessed the factors influencing the perception of these stakeholders towards sustainable products in Odisha. The data was analysed using SPSS software. The results showed that behavioural intention of stakeholders is significantly influenced by perceived environmental concerns, perceived safety, perceived ethical considerations, and perceived product quality. However, social influence does not have a significant impact on behavioural intention.

KEYWORDS: *sustainable products, consumer behaviour, adoption, sustainability*

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INTRODUCTION

As the globe struggles to address the urgent issues of climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation, consumer acceptance of sustainable products has become an important force for change. Sustainable products provide a way to create a more sustainable future because of their reduced ecological impact, ethical sourcing, and eco-friendly production methods.

Sustainability and increasing awareness go hand in hand as crucial pillars for building a more sustainable future. Increasing public understanding of sustainable practises and their effects is crucial as major global concerns like climate change, resource depletion, and environmental degradation are increasing day by day. It is possible to emphasise the value of sustainable living, renewable energy, waste reduction, and ethical consumption through educational campaigns, media engagement, and community projects. As awareness rises, people are more empowered to take initiative in adopting more sustainable lifestyles, fostering a group effort to save the world and safeguard its resources for future generations.

Consumer purchasing behaviour possesses an essential part in promoting the use of sustainable products. Consumers are making more sustainable decisions as environmental awareness, ethical concerns, social influences, and economic issues come together. Understanding these drivers is essential for businesses to develop effective marketing plans, and politicians may utilise this information to encourage sustainable consumption and advance the global sustainability agenda. A

more sustainable future is achievable via collective efforts, where ethical consumer conduct paves the way for a greener society. products. Sustainable products, especially those that have minimal adverse effects on society and the environment throughout their existence, have received more attention in recent years.Modern consumers are more conscious than ever before of social and environmental issues. Consumers are consequently becoming more aware of the effects of their purchasing choices. This shifting consumer perspective is in line with sustainable products, which are created to solve these issues by minimising resource usage, decreasing pollution, and society. Consumers are consequently becoming more aware of the effects of their purchasing choices. As they are developed to address these issues by limiting the consumption of resources, eliminating pollution, and encouraging ethical practises, sustainable products are in line with the shifting consumer mindset. Consumers that place a high priority on sustainability are more inclined to look for and purchase goods that align with their principles.

Consumer decision-making about the adoption of sustainable products is influenced by a number of factors. The amount of information that consumers have access to is one of the most important aspects. Consumer preferences can be greatly influenced by education and awareness efforts on the advantages of sustainable products for the environment and society. Consumers can be empowered to make sensible choices through clear, transparent labelling that emphasises a product's environmentally friendly features, which will encourage the adoption of sustainable alternatives. The

widespread use of sustainable products has the ability to solve critical environmental problems and transform society in the direction of a more sustainable path. Understanding and catering to consumer behaviour will remain essential in establishing an environmentally friendly and more ethical economy as consumer preferences continue to change.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Understanding the variables impacting consumer decision-making in is crucial for firms, politicians, and researchers since consumer behaviour has a significant impact on the acceptance of sustainable products. The increasing environmental awareness of customers has been cited in numerous studies as a key factor in the adoption of sustainable products (Khalek, and Chakraborty,2023). The negative effects of traditional consumption patterns on the environment, such as carbon emissions, deforestation, and plastic pollution, are coming to the attention of consumers more and more. As a result, consumers who want to reduce their ecological footprints favour eco-friendly alternatives including organic, biodegradable, and energy-efficient goods. One of the major crucial component affecting customer behaviour towards sustainable products is ethical issues (Verma et.al,2023) .Consumers are interested in knowing the origins of products, the working conditions of those involved in the supply chain, and the fair treatment of workers. Socially conscious consumers favour businesses that uphold fair trade principles, put worker welfare first, and exhibit transparency in their supply chains (Alyahya et.al,2023).Numerous studies have highlighted the positive correlation between environmental awareness and consumers' inclination towards sustainable products. Consumers who are more environmentally conscious tend to exhibit greater interest in adopting products that are perceived to have lower environmental impacts. Environmental education, media exposure, and personal experiences are significant determinants of consumer awareness and concern for sustainability (Lambert and Cagan,2015). It is also assumed that customers will be more inclined to select sustainable goods over traditional ones if they link them with decreased health and safety hazards, such as reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals. Customers that are conscious of how their purchasing decisions affect workers, marginalised groups, and local communities may make an effort to support sustainable products that advance social welfare and ethical production methods.

Adopting sustainable products has many implications for corporations and society at large. Businesses can get a competitive edge by integrating sustainability into their product offers, attracting environmentally sensitive customers, and increasing brand reputation. Companies that do not adapt may experience backlash or decreased revenues as consumer demand for sustainable products rises. The widespread use of sustainable products can aid in reducing environmental problems including pollution, resource depletion, and climate change. It encourages other sectors of the economy to adopt sustainable practises by fostering a culture of accountability and consciousness (Verma et.al,2023). This trend towards sustainability is consistent with international objectives like the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, resulting in a more sustainable future for future generations.

RESEARCH GAP

- While understanding consumer attitudes towards sustainable products has drawn more attention globally, there is still lack of studies that particularly examine this topic in the context of Odisha, India.
- There is limited research on the factors influencing consumer decision-making towards sustainable products in Odisha, despite the increased emphasis on sustainable consumption and the potential for sustainable product uptake in this region.
- The dynamics of consumer decision-making in emerging markets like Odisha have not been adequately studied because the majority of the literature on consumer behaviour and the adoption of sustainable products has concentrated on developed countries.
- In order to understand how these contextual elements interact and affect customers' attitudes and behaviours towards sustainable products, it is critical to examine Odisha.
- This study will offer practical advice to companies, and help policymakers create strategies that will encourage the adoption of sustainable products in the area.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- To understand consumer perception towards sustainable products in Odisha.
- To investigate the key drivers and barriers that influence consumer decision-making when it comes to adopting sustainable products.
- To provide suggestions and recommendations aimed at promoting sustainable consumption.

RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

1. **Perceived Environmental concerns**

   Consumers are more likely to accept sustainable products than non-sustainable ones if they perceive more benefits from them, such as cost savings, long-term durability, and beneficial environmental impact. Consumers who understand the financial benefits of sustainable products, such as decreased energy usage and maintenance costs, will likely be motivated to use them in order to achieve possible financial savings(Lundblad and Davies,2016). Customers may feel a feeling of responsibility towards sustainability and pick for eco-friendly solutions if they believe that sustainable products have a positive impact on the environment, such as lowering carbon emissions or conserving natural resources.

   H1= Perceived environmental concerns significantly impacts the adoption of sustainable products.

2. Perceived safety

Consumer preference for safer alternatives, which are more likely to be adopted over conventional products is greatly influenced by how safe consumers consider sustainable products to be. It is assumed that customers will be more inclined to select sustainable goods over traditional ones if they link them with decreased health and safety hazards, such as reduced exposure to hazardous chemicals(Alyahya et.al,2023).. Additionally, customers who believe that sustainable products adhere to ethical and health standards and are obtained ethically may have more faith in their products' safety.

H2= Perceived safety significantly impacts the adoption of sustainable products.

3. Perceived Ethical Considerations

Consumer decisions are significantly influenced by ethical factors including fair trade, social responsibility, and regional manufacturing. Customers who have higher ethical standards are more likely to choose sustainable items (Loureiro et.al,2021). Customers appreciate moral principles, advocate for the treatment of employees, and support ethical sourcing, select products that are compatible with their ethical belief.

H3= Perceived Ethical Considerations significantly impacts the adoption of sustainable products.

4. Perceived Product Quality

Consumer adoption of sustainable products is greatly influenced by their perceived quality and performance in comparison to traditional alternatives.Consumers are more inclined to choose sustainable products over traditional ones if they believe they are of greater quality and function as expected or better. Customers that enjoy using sustainable products for reasons including durability, dependability, and efficacy are more inclined to promote them and tell others about their positive experiences, which will lead to increased adoption(Nguyen et.al,2022). In addition, consumers may be hesitant to transition to sustainable solutions if they believe they are inferior to traditional items due to worries about the quality and performance of sustainable products.

H4= Perceived Product Quality significantly impacts the adoption of sustainable products

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study has been tested using quantitative methods and uses a purposive sampling method to obtain the representative data. The data source used in this study is both primary and secondary. The reliability of the data was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, and a multiple regression analysis was performed to examine the relationship between the dependent variable, investment, and the independent variables. To capture a wide range of viewpoints, the sample included a variety of customers. In order to collect data from customers, a standardised questionnaire was designed and circulated online. The consumer survey investigated the customers' knowledge, attitudes, and purchasing patterns about sustainable products. These cover questions relating to knowledge of sustainability concerns, prior purchases of sustainable products, and the variables influencing their choices. A total of 174 responses were received and were analysed using Statistical software SPSS.

DATA ANALYSIS

Overall Cronbach Alpha Reliability Test

Cronbach Alpha	N of items
0.865	25

Source: SPSS version 26.0

The reliability test's Cronbach's alpha value stands at .865, indicating a satisfactory level of reliability. This validates the precision of the measurements and offers supporting evidence for the data's reliability, which was collected.

Individual variable Cronbach Alpha Reliability Test

Construct	Cronbach Alpha
Perceived Environmental concerns	.677
Perceived safety	.751
Perceived Ethical Considerations	.794
Perceived Product Quality	.633
Sustainable products	.811

The study assessed the internal consistency and reliability of the variables using the Cronbach's alpha coefficient, which ranged from .633 to .811. The results demonstrate strong internal consistency across the variables. Notably, the variable "sustainable products" displayed the highest Cronbach's alpha value of .811, indicating a high level of internal consistency and reliability. In contrast, the variable "Perceived product quality" had the lowest Cronbach's alpha value at .633.

Results of Regression Analysis (Model Summary)

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.895ᵃ	.802	.670	.580

a. Predictors: (Constant), Percived safety, Percived ethical consideration, Perceived environmental concerns, Percived product quality

The analysis demonstrates that the model effectively explains 80% of the impact exerted by the independent variables (perceived environmental concerns, perceived safety, perceived ethical considerations, and perceived product quality) on the dependent variable, which is the adoption of sustainable products. This finding is supported by the Adjusted R-squared value of 0.670. The results indicate a strong correlation between investment in green bonds and the independent variables, namely issuer reputation, environmental benefits, financial performance, and risk perception. This assertion is validated by the regression model's R coefficient of 89%. Additionally, the R-squared value of 80% signifies that the model accounts for a substantial portion of the total variance.

Table-5, Results of Regression Analysis (ANOVA)

ANOVA[a]

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	8.164	4	2.041	6.068	.027[b]
	Residual	2.018	6	.336		
	Total	10.182	10			

a. Dependent Variable: sustainable products

b. Predictors: (Constant), Percived safety, Percived ethical consideration, Perceived environmental concerns, Percived product quality

According to the ANOVA findings, the probability value obtained was .027b, suggesting the regression model's significance. This indicates that the model is appropriate for predicting the relationship between the independent variables (perceived environmental concerns, perceived safety, perceived ethical considerations, and perceived product quality) and the dependent variable (adoption of sustainable products). The p-value |t| (at a 95% confidence level) is below 0.05, further confirming its significance.

HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Hypothesis		Unstd. Beta	Std. Beta	Std. Error	t-value	Decision
H1	Perceived environmental concerns→Sustainable products	0.688	0.725	0.118	5.658	Supported
H2	Perceived product safety → Sustainable products	0.659	0.602	0.158	4.731	Supported
H3	Perceived ethical consideration→ Sustainable products	0.787	0.832	0.112	7.037	Supported
H4	Perceived product quality →Sustainable products	0.739	0.819	0.118	6.361	Supported

SUGGESTION

- Include environmental education and sustainability in school and college curriculum. This can produce a generation of consumers who are environmentally conscious by teaching sustainable attitudes and behaviours at a young age.
- Raise customer awareness by running campaigns regarding environmentally friendly products and how they can benefit consumers in the long run.
- Create a recognisable and understandable certification or labelling system for eco-friendly goods. Consumers will find it easier to identify sustainable solutions with transparent labelling.
- Work with wholesalers and retailers to establish special sections in stores for sustainable products. To improve relationships with customers, train personnel about the advantages and characteristics of sustainable products.
- Collaborate with suppliers and manufacturers to increase the affordability of sustainable products. To make sustainable choices more accessible, reduce the price difference between sustainable and conventional items.

CONCLUSION

This study investigated the factors influencing consumer decision-making towards sustainable products in Odisha. The findings revealed that perceived environmental concerns, perceived safety, perceived ethical considerations, and perceived product quality were significant determinants of sustainable product adoption in the region. While sustainable products offer substantial environmental benefits, several challenges hinder their widespread adoption. The lack of consumer awareness emerged as a key barrier. Many consumers in Odisha are not adequately informed about sustainable products and their positive impact on the environment. Addressing this knowledge gap through targeted awareness campaigns and educational initiatives could play a crucial role in encouraging consumer interest and preference for sustainable alternatives. Promoting consumer awareness, addressing cost concerns, enhancing marketing efforts, and expanding the availability of sustainable product options are vital steps towards overcoming obstacles to adoption. The findings of this study provide valuable insights for decision-makers and can guide future efforts aimed at promoting sustainable consumption in the region, paving the way for a greener and more sustainable future in Odisha and beyond.

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VYGOTSKY'S PERSPECTIVE ON CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CHILD AND THE ROLE OF INSTRUCTION IN IT

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ABSTRACT

This theoretical paper maps down the process of concept development from Vygotsky's theory of concept formation, the steps involved in the concept formation and the role of instruction in it. Vygotsky distinguished between lower order thinking and higher order thinking and he classified concepts into everyday concepts and scientific concepts. Scientific concepts are higher order cognitive processes as it is learnt by a child in a mediated process, in contrast to everyday concepts which are learnt through everyday experiences. Moreover, he gave the concept of the zone of proximal development and its role in the development of scientific concepts. This paper provides a detailed description of the process of concept development and the role of instruction in it.

KEYWORDS: *Concepts, everyday concepts, scientific concepts, zone of proximal development*

Vygotsky's psychological ideas have increasingly influenced work in several academic disciplines in the Western world (Werstch,1988). His emphasis is on cultural influences in learning which provides a broad conceptual framework that challenges us to examine the learning and teaching. In his book titled 'Thought and Language' (1962, chap.6 "Development of Scientific concepts") Vygotsky initiated a discussion on the issue which continues to be fundamental importance in education even of the relationship between the development of decontextualized, formal thinking and school instruction.Vygotsky's doctrine of scientific concepts have been extensively applied to education.

Mathematical concepts are typically the type designated by Vygotsky as the scientific concept as they are learned under systematic instruction in school, not by everyday experiences. Mathematical concept development requires a theoretical mode of thought and is abstract; it can't be detected by empirical features like shape, color etc.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK
Concept Development : Vygotskian framework

Vygotsky (1986) stated, Concept formation is a higher order mental function, which are mediated processes: 'signs' are the basic means used to master and direct concepts. In concept formations that 'sign' denotes a word, which functions as a means of concept formation. Word becomes the symbol and investigation of the functional use of word and its development from one age to the next provides the key to the formation of the concept. Thinking in concepts is not possible without verbal thinking. Fundamental to formation of concepts, is adults mastery of their own mental process through words or signs.

Concept develops from concrete experiences, where children have to isolate or abstract some general feature from several concrete impressions. The presence of only associative connections is insufficient for the development of concepts. Concept is always productive rather than reproductive and involves the resolution of some tasks. Factors determining concept formation are not association, attention, presence of goal and task , mutual cooperation or judgment or determining tendency. These factors participate in the formation of concepts but none of them are essential or determining process. Development of concepts doesn't occur in linear transition from concrete to the abstract. It proceeds in reverse order from general to particular or from top of the pyramid to its base. Concept evolves in the process of thinking and can be broken down into many separate stages of development where in every stage there is concept in action i.e its functional application to the process of thinking (Vygotsky, 1987, p, 85).

The development of the process that leads to concept formation is present since childhood, but these processes mature only in the transitional age. It is not a quantitative transformation of elementary functions, as the association between the process of development of concepts has something qualitatively new i.e transmission from unmediated intellectual activity to operations that are mediated by signs.

Stages in Concept Formation

Vygotsky conducted an experiment to understand the process of concept formation. He described three stages of concept formation each of which breaks into several distinct phases. These are as follows:

The **first stage** of concept development can be seen in the behavior of young children when they form unordered collections or heap of objects. This phenomenon can be described as the child's tendency to substitute surplus subjective collection with insufficient objective collections. Children engage in social interaction with adults through words. Meaning of given words intersects for both adult and child on the same concrete objects. But the development path of the meaning of this word is entirely different.

The **first phase** of the **first stage** of concept formation is the **syncretic image**: which means a heap of objects that corresponds with the meaning of words. This is the trial and error period in the child's thinking (Vygotsky, 1962). For example, when a child is required to group together all similar objects (in terms of size, shape or color), the child may group together objects that are lying close together without isolating the individual features of the objects. In this case, the classification is only based on circumstantial or chance phenomenon not on the basis of common underlying features.

The **second phase** is that of the **spatial distribution** of the objects, the syncretic image as discussed above are also formed on the basis of the spatial encounter of isolated elements.

The **third phase** of the first stage is the basis for syncretic image formation and signifies the transition to the second stage of concept formation.

The **second stage** in concept formation is thinking through **complexes**. In this stage, the objects are arranged according to objective connections among different concrete objects, unlike the first stage which was merely based on subjective connections arising in a child's impressions. This stage involves unifications and generalizations of separate objects, which leads to the systematization of a child's experience.

Complex thinking is both connected and objective thinking, the child in this stage of concept formation moves from syncretic image to mastery of objective thinking. Thought in complexes are objective and coherent but still, it does not reflect objective relationship as that of conceptual thinking. The factual bonds underlying complexes are discovered through direct experiences, unlike concepts which are formed on the plane of abstract logical thinking. Thus the complex lacks logical unity. Complex thinking is crucial in terms of the development of conceptual thinking as it helps learners incoherent thinking by isolating different attributes of the object or ideas with specific properties into groups and thus forming the basis for later theoretical generalizations. This thinking occurs in the plane of concrete empirical thinking and conceptual thinking is abstract logical thinking based on abstract logical connections.

Vygotsky classified complex thinking into five different phases: associative complex, chain complex, collection complex, diffuse complex and pseudo concept (Vygotsky, 1962). The **first** type of complex is an associative **complex**, the inclusion of objects in this complex is based on similarity, for example, color, shapes, dimension etc. This complex is always based on concrete experiences. The **second phase** of complexive thinking consists of **collection complex** i.e unification of objects in a collection based on a single feature. The child selects objects to match models on physical features, these selections of objects are neither accidental nor chaotic. The difference between this and the associative complex is that in former there is association by contrast and in latter, there is association by similarity (Vygotsky, 1987, p. 133).

The **third phase** is that of the **chained complex** the object is included in the group because it shares an attribute with another object already in the group. The **fourth type** of complex is **diffuse complex**, because the features that unify concrete elements in the complex are diffuse, undefined collections of concrete groups of images.

This **final phase** completes the picture of complexive thinking. This phase is called **pseudo concept** and it acts as a bridge to the formation of concepts. In pseudo-concept, the generalizations formed in a child's mind appear very similar to the true concept but it's psychologically very different. The unmasked similarities between pseudo-concepts and true concepts are a major obstacle in the genetic analysis of thought. The reason for this is that a child learns the whole series of words which have the same meaning for adults, this helps in communication between adult and child through mutual understanding. This creates an impression that beginning and end stages in the development of a concept i.e the word correspond to a completed concept which is given to a child from society with no role for further development. But child words correspond to adults only in terms of object relatedness, i.e they indicate the same object but don't correspond in meaning (Vygotsky, 1987).

On one hand, as already stated, this similarity between pseudo concept and concept create obstacles in the genetic analysis of thought but this contradiction is of extreme importance in the development of child's thinking. Thus this serves as the final phase of the second stage of concept formation, by serving as a bridge between a child's concrete and abstract thinking.

According to Vygotsky (1962), **the final stage** of concept formation is of **true concept**, it requires abstract thinking, to single out elements and to view the abstracted elements apart from their totality of concrete experience in which they are embedded. In this study, the term mathematical concept is used to refer to the mental idea of the mathematical object. According to Vygotsky's theory of concept formation (1962, 1986), a mathematical idea becomes a concept (rather than a complex)

when its internal links, i.e., the links between the different properties and attributes of the concept are consistent and logical.

The process of concept formation appears as a movement of thought within the pyramid of concepts, constantly changing between two positions from the concrete (particular) to the abstract (general), and from abstract to the concrete. "The concept is formed as an intellectual operation in which all the elementary mental functions participate in a specific combination. This operation is guided by the use of words, of abstracting certain traits, synthesizing them, and symbolising them by a sign" (Vygotsky, 1962, p. 81). In the whole process of concept formation word is an integral part and word maintains its guiding functions in the whole process .

Development of Scientific Concepts
Vygotsky first introduced the discussion of Scientific Concepts in chapter 6 'Development of Scientific concepts' in 'Thought and Language'. His discussion on 'development of Scientific Concepts' is carried out quite largely in terms of the ways in which they differ from everyday concepts or spontaneous concepts. "Everyday concepts are learned through cultural practice and, because they are tied to learning in specific contexts, allow for limited generalization to new situations, scientific concepts are learned through formal instruction and, because they are grounded in general principles, can more readily be applied to new situations" (Vygotsky, 1962, p. 114).

Vygotsky argues that while spontaneous concepts may be developed without formal instruction, scientific concepts develop from spontaneous concepts under formal instruction (Vygotsky, 1962). Vygotsky valorises scientific concepts as the height of intellectual activity because formal, abstracted knowledge of a concept enables its application to new situations. Spontaneously developed concepts in contrast tend to be situated in the context in which they are learned and are thus less amenable to application to new situations.

The child can consciously use scientific concept, because the development of scientific concepts begin with verbal definition and is used in non spontaneous operations, while on the other hand use of everyday concepts in non spontaneous situations are relatively late, long after the concept acquisition as the child is not conscious of his own act of thought and is not able to operate with everyday concept at will. The examples proving this are when given a reasoning task, children performed better with problems involving scientific concepts than everyday concepts because scientific concepts can be generalized to other situations, while children lack awareness of everyday concepts and can't operate with them at will as the situation demands. For instance, "the concept of 'brother' is saturated with everyday experience, but when asked to solve an abstract problem about a brother's brother, the child becomes confused. On the other hand the child can correctly answer questions based on 'slavery; 'exploitation' or 'civil war" (Vygotsky, 1962, pp 108). Another example is a 3 year old child having experienced that a pin, needle and a coin sinks in water might wrongly assume that all small objects sink in water.

Despite being learnt from direct experience and its unscientific nature, everyday concepts play a major role in the acquisition of scientific concepts, they form the foundation for scientific concepts acquisition as a certain level of understanding of everyday concepts is required for the development of scientific concepts. Vygotsky stated that, "Development of the child's everyday concept proceeds upward, and the development of scientific concept proceeds downward" (Vygotsky, 1962, p.108).

In summary, Vygotsky's doctrine of scientific concepts, in the context of school instruction is an elaboration of his general theoretical views that mediated learning is a major determinant of human development. Vygotsky viewed school instruction as a major process of mediated learning, which will contribute to the development of higher order mental functions in middle childhood. Such a development generating effect of instruction would take place only if the process of instruction is organized in a proper way. For him "the only good kind of instruction is that which marches ahead of development and leads it, it must be aimed not so much at the ripe as much as on the ripening functions"(Vygotsky, 1962, p.104). Properly organized instructions in school lead to the development of 'scientific concepts' that can be contrasted with everyday or spontaneous concepts. Everyday concepts are generalization of everyday personal experiences developed without any systematic instruction. Therefore, such concepts are non systematic and often wrong. Vygotsky used the term "scientific concepts" in a broad sense, which includes concepts in the social sciences, language, and mathematics. According to Vygotsky scientific concepts are systematic, hierarchical knowledge as opposed to the nonsystematic, unorganized, and context bound knowledge gained from everyday experience.

Semiotic mediation in the development of scientific concepts
'Semiosis' is the term used to designate any 'sign' process: the activity of sign. 'Sign' means something that stands for something else. Semiotic is 'the study or doctrine of signs'. Mathematics is full of signs for example, triangle- which is a particular case but used to denote triangles in general (Radford, 2006).

According to Vygotsky (1978), signs are psychological tools which a child initially uses to influence the surrounding environment and then to master his/her own behavior. These psychological tools include written and oral language, numbers, diagrams etc used to communicate cultural knowledge and organize behavior of every individual. The role of signs in psychological activity is analogous to the role of a tool in labor. The most basic difference between sign and tool is the way they orient human behaviour. Sign is both a psychological tool and cultural mediator used for accomplishing a goal.

"The tool's function is to serve as the conductor of human influence on the object of activity; it is externally oriented; it must lead to changes in objects. It is a means by which human external activity is aimed at mastering, and triumphing over, nature. The sign, on the other hand, changes nothing in the object of a psychological operation. It is a means of internal activity aimed at mastering oneself; the sign is internally oriented" (Vygotsky, 1978, p. 55).

He gave the concept of "internalization" to describe how the psychological tools transform the lower mental functions into higher mental functions. Vygotsky (1978), states that "all mental functions occur twice in the developmental plane, once in the social plane of development and later in the psychological plane of development". The main function of these psychological tools is to allow certain freedom to the mind from concrete environmental situations, by organizing and constructing higher levels of cognition than animals (Linask, 2012). With the sign using activity an externally oriented activity begins to occur internally and leads to the development of intelligence, voluntary attention and memory.

Thus the term semiotic mediation is paraphrased as "mediation by means of semiosis, that is, by the use of sign systems which act as an abstract tool in changing the character of human mental activity" (Hasan, 2002). Scientific concepts according to Vygotsky were higher order mental functions. Scientific concepts are characterized by conscious awareness, voluntary control and abstract thinking. Voluntary control and intellectualization requires the use of 'artificial stimuli', they are under human control and are required for the manipulation of thinking.

To quote
"Human beings go beyond the limits of the psychological functions given to them by nature and proceed to a new culturally-elaborated organization of their behaviour. The central characteristic of elementary functions is that they are totally and directly determined by stimulation from the environment. For higher functions, the central feature is self generated stimulation, that is, the creation and use of artificial stimuli which become the immediate cause of behaviour" (Vygotsky, 1978, p. 39).

Role of Instruction in development of scientific concepts
In every ontogenetic stage of development, a child forms meaning with everyday personal experiences called everyday or spontaneous concepts as already discussed above. Also, Vygotsky argued in every ontogenetic stage there are some meanings that child forms within instruction, these meanings are called scientific concepts or non spontaneous concepts. This kind of instruction is of very specific type involving child-adult collaboration, in which the child forms the meaning and adults imitates that meaning as an act of intellectual imitation (Vygotsky, 1987, p. 216). This type of instruction is 'imitation based instruction' which is different from the 'inquiry based

instruction'. In addition to this what Vygotsky called instruction does not even require contingent social interaction (Clara, 2016).

Scientific concepts as Vygotsky stated are only developed in the process of instruction and everyday concepts create a potential for the development of scientific concepts under instruction. The relationships between everyday and scientific concepts are that of instruction and development. Vygotsky addresses the problem of instruction and development by focusing on the work a child does at school. He specifically focuses on reading, writing, arithmetic and grammar's impact on the psychological development of a child. He tries to discover the relationship between instruction and development by trying to answer four questions. He states:

"The most important issues that we were able to address through this research concerned: (1) the maturity of specific mental functions when instruction begins, (2) the influence of instruction on their development, and, (3) the nature and significance of instruction as a formal discipline"(Vygotsky, 1987, p. 200).

To understand the detailed relationship between instruction and development Vygotsky first addressed the issue of maturity of the mental functions when instruction initially begins at school. He used the example of written speech to explain this problem. Written speech is developed usually 6-8 years after the development of oral speech. When the process of instruction initially begins in writing, written speech is not fully developed, it's in the stage of maturing functions. Instruction plays a fundamental role in the development of written speech. Written speech follows a different developmental path than oral speech, it's a more mature and higher order mental function. Its speech in thought, it lacks the material sound which is the most basic form of oral speech.Written speech is more difficult and complex than oral speech, it's directed by intention and consciousness. Vygotsky concluded the difference between oral and written speech by stating: oral speech is spontaneous and involuntary and without conscious awareness while on the other hand written speech is abstract, voluntary and characterized by conscious awareness.

When school instruction begins in written speech, the basic mental functions that underlie it have not yet begun. Instruction depends on the processes that have not yet matured, the process that has just entered the first phase of their development. This could be applied to other domains of basic subjects such as arithmetic and grammar as during the starting of school instruction they are also immature. The child develops these mental functions during the course of school instruction. In fact the immaturity of the required mental functions at the beginning of school instruction is a basic law in the domain of all school instructions.

In addition to this the next problem addressed to understand the relationship between instruction and development, is the

connection between all the basic subjects taught at school. According to Vygotsky all the basic subjects taught at school have a common underlying mental function. This common mental foundation is that of conscious awareness and mastery of subjects. The child's abstract thinking develops in all the cases. The development of this foundation is the primary goal of all instructions at school (Vygotsky, 1987, p. 207).

 The final section explaining the relationship between instruction and development of scientific concepts is that of the role of zone of proximal development(ZPD) in development of scientific concepts. According to Vygotsky, to analyze a child's developmental level the researcher must also evaluate a child's potential level or zone of proximal development level. Actual development level can be evaluated by analyzing the tasks a child can do independently without any assistance. ZPD is the task that a child can do with assistance or with adult collaboration. ZPD has more significance for the dynamics of intellectual development and for the success of instruction than the actual development level. In collaboration the child can't do infinitely more, but just what lies within the imitation of the child's intellectual potential. Imitation is not mindless copying, imitation is of fundamental significance for the psychology of instruction. Imitation means stepping from something one knows to something new. Imitation and instruction plays a major role in the child's psychological development, as they bring out specifically human qualities of mind. This is the significance of instruction for development. It is also in the content of the concept of ZPD. Vygotsky states, imitation is the source of instruction's influence on development. Children receive instruction in school not on the basis of what they can do independently but on what they cannot do. This is the fundamental characteristic of instruction to help the child do tasks that he can do in collaboration with adults but not independently. Therefore ZPD is a defining feature of the relationship between instruction and development. Vygotsky states:

> "Instruction and development seem to be related in the same way that the zone of proximal development and the level of actual development are related. The only instruction which is useful in childhood is that which moves ahead of development, that which leads it. Instruction is possible only where there is a potential for imitation. This means that instruction must be oriented to the lower threshold of the developmental cycle which has already occurred" (Vygotsky, 1987, p. 210).

 Instruction must always march ahead of development for instruction to be most fruitful. Each subject taught in school requires more than what the child is capable of, leading the child to carry out activities that force him to rise above himself. This is always the case with healthy school instruction. Instruction and development are unique to school age as they only begin when the child enters school not before that. Instruction is maximally productive only when it occurs in a certain period of ZPD,

Vygotsky called it sensitive periods. For instance, instruction in writing when the child is 4.5-5 years of age is most fruitful as during this stage there is a rich and spontaneous use of written speech not found after that age.

We can conclude the role of instruction in development of scientific concepts by stating that scientific concepts or non spontaneous concepts can only be formed by intellectual imitation. This does not mean that all intellectual imitation or instruction leads to the development of scientific concepts, it can also happen that during instruction the child forms meaning by intellectual imitation which she can form on her own and that is therefore spontaneous meaning. But for Vygotsky spontaneous concepts are of little significance for a child's conceptual development. For Vygotsky the importance of instruction for a child's conceptual development was that the child forms meaning which he is unable to form on her own. This non spontaneous concept or scientific concept is a true concept which leads to development of higher order mental functions in children. Vygotsky analyzed the formation of scientific concepts in school under systematic instruction. He illustrated the role of instruction in the development of scientific concepts by stating the examples of written speech, grammar, arithmetic and foreign language. When the child enters school his mental functions are only maturing in the domains of these subject matter, it is only fully matured under the influence of instruction. All the basic subjects taught at school's aim is the development of conscious awareness and mastery, which is the basic foundation of development of scientific concepts. Thus instruction enables the child to move towards higher levels of possibility, this is called ZPD. For ZPD to be realized the relationship between spontaneous and non spontaneous concepts must be sustained, that is instruction is needed throughout the whole process of realization of ZPD, because during this process the child can form non spontaneous concepts only through instruction (Clara, 2017).

Thus, it can be summarized that instruction pushes the child's conceptual development only if it leads to the development of scientific concepts in relation to the everyday concepts and when this relation is sustained for long enough to permit the mutual self development of scientific and everyday concepts. This answer also clarifies our common understanding of ZPD, ZPD is not merely a relationship between people, but rather a structural relationship between concepts i.e everyday and scientific concepts. As ZPD opens up a child's potential to move from her actual development level to a higher development level. The meaning that constitutes the structural relationship between concepts are formed under acts of learning, within instruction. This structural relationship causes the development of scientific concepts and at the same time scientific concepts restructures the understanding of everyday concepts and the two concepts enter the dynamics of mutual development. This relationship is the unit of self development that is what Vygotsky was looking for to explain cultural development (Clara, 2017). This self development is achieved as scientific concepts allow for

conscious awareness and better reasoning which everyday concepts do not. Vygotsky argued that the mutual self development of everyday and scientific concepts under instruction is a law and this is the law of interconnections between higher systems(scientific concepts) and lower systems(everyday concepts) (Clara, 2017).

CONCLUSION

This theoretical paper has mapped down the process of concept development from Vygotsky's theory of concept formation, the steps involved in the concept formation and the role of instruction in it. He gave three stages of concept development: Syncretic image, thinking in complexes, and true concept stage.

He distinguished between everyday and scientific concepts and stated that while everyday concepts may be developed without formal instruction, scientific concepts develop from everyday concepts under formal instruction (Vygotsky, 1962). Vygotsky valorises scientific concepts as the height of intellectual activity because formal, abstracted knowledge of a concept enables its application to new situations. Spontaneously developed concepts in contrast tend to be situated in the context in which they are learned and are thus less amenable to application to new situations.

Scientific concepts are developed in the process of instruction and everyday concepts create a potential for the development of scientific concepts under instruction. The relationships between everyday and scientific concepts are that of instruction and development. Vygotsky's doctrine of scientific concepts, in the context of school instruction is an elaboration of his general theoretical views that mediated learning is a major determinant of human development. Vygotsky viewed school instruction as a major process of mediated learning, which will contribute to the development of higher order mental functions in middle childhood. Properly organized instructions in school lead to the development of 'scientific concepts' that can be contrasted with everyday or spontaneous concepts. Everyday concepts are generalization of everyday personal experiences developed without any systematic instruction. Therefore, such concepts are non systematic and often wrong. Vygotsky used the term "scientific concepts" in a broad sense, which includes concepts in the social sciences, language, and mathematics.

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SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL IN THE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF UZBEK STATEHOOD

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ABSTRACT

This article delves into the historical importance of the right to appeal in the Timurid Empire, established under Amir Temur. It emphasizes the creation of a strong system for addressing appeals, ensuring fairness and justice in governance. Through an examination of historical documents and edicts, it becomes evident that the Timurids placed great emphasis on the careful consideration and resolution of appeals, punishing those who obstructed this right. The article highlights how the Timurid approach to appeals contributed to the stability and longevity of their empire, serving as a blueprint for effective state administration. The right to appeal played a pivotal role in safeguarding citizens' rights, strengthening the bond between individuals and the state, and enhancing societal and governmental operations.

KEYWORDS: *appeal, right to appeal, complaint, law, application.*

INTRODUCTION

The historical trajectory of Uzbek statehood is a captivating journey that encapsulates the metamorphosis of governance structures, the maturation of jurisprudence, and the intricate tapestry of societal organization. Spanning several millennia, this trajectory is not just a chronicle of rulers and dynasties but a more profound narrative of the symbiotic relationship between a people and their evolving systems of governance.

In the vast and culturally rich landscape of Uzbekistan, this right has been neither static nor monolithic. Like a river that changes its course shaped by the terrains it traverses, the right to appeal in Uzbekistan has been molded and influenced by a myriad of factors. Socio-political dynamics, the ebb and flow of power structures, the profound wisdom of religious tenets, and the interplay of regional geopolitics – all these have left their indelible imprint on how the right to appeal has been perceived, practiced, and institutionalized.

As we embark on this exploration, we aim to delve into the nuanced aspects of the right to appeal, tracing its journey from the earliest days of Uzbek statehood to its current incarnation. This exploration not only offers insights into the legalistic dimensions but also provides a window into the soul of a nation that has, over the ages, striven to balance tradition with modernity, and justice with mercy.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Generally, in any country, citizens act as a force to protect their rights and legal interests, prevent and eliminate illegal actions and abuse of office by representatives of state authorities and administrative bodies, as well as who emerge as an active initiative force. And such an exercise of power is carried out through the right to appeal.

A nation that has chosen the path of democratic development ensures the legal foundation for protecting this right, develops effective and efficient mechanisms and ensures practical implementation in this regard. Because this right *firstly*, restores violated rights and freedoms and protects legal interests, *secondly*, it increases the responsibility of competent state bodies in the timely elimination of shortcomings and defects in governing activities and lives of the citizens, *thirdly,* it strengthens the relationship between the individual, society and the state, *fourthly*, it serves as a tool for the realization of personal, socio-economic and other political rights of citizens, *fifthly*, it helps to improve societal and state activities.

This institute, however, predates modern times. The right to appeal has been a pressing issue since the early days of human society. Based on the historical experience of the development of Uzbek statehood, we can see that, the relations regarding the consideration and resolution of appeals in the Timurids empire, which occupied an important place in the civilization of the world development with its systematic and strong statehood, was recognized as one of the priority areas of the state.

In fact, the state founded by Amir Temur and the Timurids has a unique feature that can be a model for the development of not only Uzbek, but also global statehood. This feature is the perfect mechanism of state management, ensuring the rule of law,

strengthening of legitimacy, and practical experiences in various fields. In particular, Ioann, the Sultanate's archbishop and ambassador, praises Amir Temur by stating that "you will not find the order and discipline practiced in Temur's army in any other country in the world." [1].

Even Karl Marx, who is credited with being one of the forerunners of the 19th-century revolutionary movements in Europe, examined the development of Amir Temur's state from a theoretical and scientific perspective. He was astounded by Temur's actions and efforts to run the country, and he observed that "Temur established the systems and laws of building a state." [2].

The world historian Ibn Arabshah said that he had never seen anybody looting and that the first person to touch something was the owner. The most high ranking akabir (official) was on par with the lowest-ranking soldier in terms of rights. Before he authorized "sudden attack", he would, however, retaliate by using his life and possessions against anyone who injured another person without cause, made a simple insult, or engaged in pointless violence. No amount of his blood could possibly atone for his transgression, and neither the guilty man's friend nor his servant would dare approach him. Everyone was on equal footing before him; therefore, this rule could never be broken [3].

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS
From historical records, it is known that a number of factors inspired or contributed to the ideal and long-lasting rule of Amir Temur and the Timurids. One of them is that the legislative framework and necessary conditions have been established for the full execution of the right to appeal in the nation, and it is practically guaranteed that anyone in a position to impede this right will be punished. In particular, the right to appeal to government agencies was guaranteed by a special decree in the reign of Timur. According to it, if the reasons mentioned in the complaints from the localities are confirmed, strict measures were taken against a representative of the local authority or a responsible person.

In this regard, Timur says in his "Temur tuzuklari" (treatise): "I was aware of how each nation's citizens were doing. I assigned religious and accurate writers to record the circumstances in each nation, the attitudes of military men, behaviors, and interrelationships. When they informed me that their writing was crooked, I disciplined them. When I learned that a governor or military men had mistreated the populace, I acted swiftly to establish justice and fairness." [4].

The fact that Amir Temur expanded his value by putting his decrees into practice is one of the key aspects of his rule, which serves as an example for other international leaders. Extract from "Temur tuzuklari" (treatise): "I ordered that a news writer be appointed for each border, region, army and country. He will

write (report) truthfully and send us about the entry and exit of soldiers, people, governors, foreign troops, the riches; the entry and exit of foreign people and caravans; the condition of the country of the neighboring kings, their work and deeds; the deeds and words of scholars and virtuous people who came to my country from faraway; if they write wrongly, their fingers will be cut off." It can be understood from the phrase, "And whoever writes news secretly hides the work of the army, his hand will be cut off, and if he writes slander with a lie or malice, he will be killed" [5].

The militarized feudal structure upon which the realm of Amir Temur was built put the populace at considerable risk of harm from the army, particularly the military men. Therefore, in the first place, a strong discipline was formed among the soldiers, and proper instructions were given on topics like maintaining good relations with the local populace and the population of the conquered areas, as well as refraining from abusing their authority.

Amir Temur cites this situation as follows: "If I received a complaint about my soldiers and officers not paying for the goods they bought from the shops, or if they paid less than the specified price, or displeased the seller, I duly ordered the death penalty for them (soldiers and officers). In this regard, with the establishment of order, the countries lived happily, the people lived in peace and tranquility" [6].

During this era, analyzing appeals carefully, using an unbiased approach, and coming to a just conclusion were thought to be among the state's top priorities. This is clearly seen in Amir Temur's work.

In particular, according to the written sources of historians, some officials complained to Amir Temur about the poet Hafiz Shirozi that his poems contain critical meanings about Temur's policy and asked to take measures against him. It was noted that Amir Temur was well acquainted with Hafiz Shirozi's work. In particular, his ghazal, which begins with the verses *"Agar on turki Shirozi ba dast orad moro, ba kholi hinduyash bakhsham Samarkandu Bukhororo"* (If she calms my heart, I will spare the soul of Shiraz, Samarkand and Bukhara for her) was popular among many people and was often used in different scholarly meetings.

Therefore, in 1387, Temur, who occupied the Persian regions and the capital city of Shiraz, gave the order to summon Hafiz Shiraz, one of the city's well-known figures, for a talk. At this time, the poet was very old and had financial difficulties. The poet dressed in poor clothes was brought to Timur. Then Amir Temur asked him: "If I spend all the wealth of the world and improve Samarkand and Bukhara, do you want to give them away in exchange to a beauty spot on a woman's face?" The smart poet was also prompt with the answer: "It is because of my generosity

that I am in the present situation". Delighted by such a witty response, Timur escorted the poet with great gifts [7]. Evidently, Timur was a generous person, he was impartial to any appeal, and he had a special respect for scholars.

Due to the fair treatment of appeals in the Kingdom, each complainant thought and felt responsible for the defamation and then decided to appeal. Complaints against representatives of the central and local authorities were specially monitored and investigated. We can directly see these cases in the first sources related to the activities of the Timurids.

In particular, Amir Temur says: "...The first thing I decided to do about establishing the truth was this: A number of slanders have been made by envious and malicious people against one of the ministers (Wazirs) I appointed in Iraq, named Aziz. They brought a document and complained that Aziz Wazir was oppressive and was taking gold from subjects and merchants by force. I decided to talk to him, and the thought came to my mind that I should also call the informants. When they were present, I sentenced Aziz to punishment, but after thinking about it, I questioned the petitioners again. Then their tongues stopped rolling. The next day I confronted both parties. With that, Aziz Wazir won on the matter of truth and the truth came out. After that, I thanked God that I did not do wrong by punishing the instigators."

"...Another case was settled in Baghdad. Three elderly men properly dressed came to me. One of them complained that his goods were with one merchant, and the two old men came to testify. He said that the cited merchant would not want to give back his goods. The judge summoned him and sentenced him to return the goods after the two old men testified. When I was signing the judgment, the truth was revealed and it became known that those three elders had built a conspiracy and one came as the plaintiff and two as witnesses. After finding the truth, I punished these three elders and ordered the Islamic judges not to accept the testimony of the Iraqi Arabs anymore" [5].

Another instance is described by historian Nizamiddin Shami as follows: "Khoja Sharifiddin Ali Simnani, an employee of the Ministry, was given favor and restored to his work after spending a considerable amount of time in prison as a result of the defamation of some spiteful people. He was the sole governor of Khorasan, Iraqi Ajam, Qoms, and Mozandaran, therefore despite the inspectors' best efforts, they were unable to demonstrate even a single dinar deficit. Khoja Fakhriddin Ahmad and Khoja Sharafuddin Ali were appointed to the Samarkand Diwan (government) [8].

The state viewed handling appeals to be the primary responsibility of all officials, from the lowest ranking official to the supreme leader. This included accepting and resolving the appeals of any citizens who came with a petition.

The chroniclers' accounts confirm this: "In the splendid and calm halls of the palace, Timur occasionally paused and welcomed some dignified but uninteresting persons or residents who were unworthy to access the gardens and the magnificent royal buildings [9]. In Shahrisabz, the region where Amir Temur was born, Aksaroy was regarded as his home. Therefore, when he arrived in Kesh, he welcomed visitors, had numerous councils, and then took a break [10].

Amir established a vow with God during the years of exile and famine, according to the historian Mu'iniddin Natanzi. He made it his mission to interact with God's people according to these protocols [11].

The Timurid kingdom's longevity can be attributed to the fact that Amir Temur's successors upheld the rules he set, especially their approach to appeals. This is seen in the works of Samarkand's long-reigning ruler Mirzo Ulugbek.

The sources claim that Ulugbek provided merchants loans in exchange for a portion of their profits. Ulugbek gave one of the merchants a valuable stone instead of money. The merchant died suddenly from illness after being unable to pay his obligation. It was discovered that the dealer had either loaned or sold the expensive stone. When Ulugbek heard this, he gave the order to bring the deceased's entire possessions to his treasury. The merchant's heirs complained about the monarch to judge Kalon Shamsiddin Muhammad Miskin, who was renowned for his sincerity and honesty.

Ulugbek did not travel himself, but he sent two courtiers who were aware of the case as witnesses. The judge did not think twice about handing down an insensitive verdict. When he was told that Ulugbek was angry, Miskin the judge told the courtiers:

Go to your ruler and tell him that he had made a mistake by sending witnesses, and expecting that this case, which is known to everyone, would be decided in his favor. The judge obeys only the truth. If the ruler wants me to decide the case in his favor, he can tie my hands and feet and put cold water on me until I lose consciousness. Perhaps then I can confiscate all the property of the deceased merchant for a stone that is not worth one hundredth of his property [12].

According to another source, Amir Said Ali's soldiers ransacked the surroundings of Koshghar city. The same situation was repeated the following year. This time Amir Shoyastam (instead of fighting the robbers) was lying like a cat behind the strong wall of the fort, and invaders took advantage of this and looted many villages of the region. The indolence/injustice of the officials, who ate the people's bread and rode their horses, gradually made the people very furious. The people of Koshgar city wanted to get rid of him at any costs. With this purpose, they sent people to Samarkand and made a complaint to Ulugbek over Shoyastam. Ulugbek dismissed Amir Shoyastam from his position and appointed Amir Pirmuhammad in his place [13].

According to American orientalist Harold Lamb, the Timurid Empire upheld the rule of law as follows: "According to the legacy left by the ancestors, the ruler was required to act in accordance with the yasaq (law) he inherited from his ancestor Genghis Khan, but in the politics of Babur Mirza, Sharia laws, which incorporate Islamic laws, were in effect. Timur the Great was able to reconcile both rules in accordance with the circumstances, and Samarkand, the epicenter of Central Asian civilization, was born as a result" [14].

So, Amir Temur and the Timurid Empire used the institute of appeal to determine the following issues: *firstly*, providing the citizens with the opportunity to apply directly to the higher authorities in order to protect their rights and freedoms; *secondly*, creating conditions for the population to participate in public administration to a certain extent; *thirdly*, to determine the local situation (that is, the way of life of citizens, the relationship of responsible persons with the ordinary population), ensuring the practical implementation of the laws in the country.

A nation that has chosen the path of democratic development ensures the legal foundation for protecting this right, develops effective and efficient mechanisms, and ensures the practical implementation in this regard. Because this right *firstly*, restores violated rights and freedoms and protects legal interests, *secondly*, it increases the responsibility of competent state bodies in timely elimination of shortcomings and defects in governing activities and lives of the citizens, *thirdly,* it strengthens the relationship between the individual, society and the state, *fourthly*, it serves as a tool for the realization of personal, socio-economic and other political rights of citizens, *fifthly*, it helps to improve societal and state activities.

CONCLUSION
The right to appeal in the history of Uzbek statehood is not just a legal provision but a reflection of the societal values, external influences, and internal aspirations of the country. From tribal gatherings to modern courts, the journey of this right is a microcosm of Uzbekistan's broader historical experience. Today, as Uzbekistan continues to modernize its institutions and strengthen its rule of law, the right to appeal remains a vital beacon, symbolizing justice, fairness, and the unwavering commitment to the principles of democracy.

It is clear from the foregoing that upholding the law, particularly one's attitude toward appeals, was crucial to the long-lasting, powerful, and orderly empire of Amir Temur and the Timurids.

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EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF EFFECTIVENESS OF AUDIO VISUAL AIDS AMONG STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT
In India education is most useful things in all aspects. In present study were taken on 9th class students in Chandrapur district. On the topic of effectiveness of audio visual aids developing proper pronunciation of ninth class students.in this study experimental study was used. sample taken 100 students in Chandrapur district.Pre test and post test were taken.

INTRODUCTION

Indian students tend to use different speech pattern or styles when speaking English .some will not speak out because they are afraid of making mistakes and are embarrassed. Pronunciation training through audio visual program may improve their competence .This study focused on if and how pronunciation training with audio visual apparatus increased confidence and improved learner to become intelligible speakers .being an intelligible speaker is to understand there are many English training courses teaching speaking but they do not focus on pronunciation an English teaching has moved to language functions and communicative competencies a new urgency for the teaching of pronunciation has arisen

NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH STUDY

English language plays an important role in everybody s life we should speak English with correct pronunciation .as described by Robert lado pronunciation is the use of sound system in speaking and listening. All language teaching involves pronunciation of the sound it is necessary to give them the proper knowledge of sound with this students learn pronunciation of English language around them .ninth class students mostly come from rural areas so they have lack of knowledge of correct pronunciation so researcher felt need to conduct research on the above subject.

As we know today English has undoubtedly acquired the status of world language .in each and every field we can see significance of English language speech play and important role in life of every field .the first impression that we form about a person is from his speech pronunciation plays and important role in everybody life. After this research student will be able to speak fluently with proper pronunciation .this research will be a result of good efforts in making our students confidant in speaking English .researcher has developed remedial teaching program with the help of audio and audio visual aids which will help teachers to develop students pronunciation also researcher has measured effectively of teaching with the help of audio and audio visual aids.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1   To identify the common errors of students in pronunciation of English words
2   To measure effectively of audio and audio visual programs on developing pronunciation of students
3   To compare difference between effect of audio and audio visual programs on developing pronunciation.

HYPOTHESIS

1)   The audio visual programs developed by the researcher are effective the common errors in pronunciation of English words.
2)   The audio visual programs are more effective than audio programs in developing pronunciation of English words

SAMPLE: 100 students taken from 9th class in Chandrapur district

RESEARCH TOOLS

Researcher observed the population and selected the sample for actual work. Researcher observed the mistakes of the students in pronunciation of English words . by observation method researcher know the reason behind the mistakes. Researcher observed to the students how the commited mistakes why they have commited mistakes all these were known by observation . researcher prepared audio program to decrease students mistakes in pronouncing word correctly and to improve their

mispronunciation. Researcher gave daily practice of listening speech from cassette, CDs ,and tapes. students develop pronunciation by following correct pronunciation after listing audio programs observation method was the tools for data collection in this research.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

Table 1 Mean of pre test and post test of audio program and audio visual program

Test	Audio Program	Audio Visual Program
Pre test	14.6	14.8
Post test	16.87	18.31

Result of Audio Program
Post test – pre test = result of exp.
16.87 - 14.6 = 2.27

Result of Audio Visual Program
Post test – pre test = result of exp.
18.31- 14.8 = 3.51

Table 2 t value of audio programs and audio visual programs

t value	Audio programs	Audio visual programs
Students N= 150	3.69	4.33

In above table the t value of audio programs are 3.69 and t value of audio visual are 4.33 the 4.33 is the greater value than the 3.69 so the audio visual programs are more effective than the audio programs.

CONCLUSIONS
1) The mean of post test of audio programs is 16.87 and mean of audio visual programs is 18.31 students makes are increased in post test of audio visual programs. It shows that audio visual aids are more effective than audio programs.
2) t value of audio programs is 3.69 and audio visual programs is 4.33 t value of audio visual programs are more than audio programs. It shows that audio visual programs are more effective than audio programs.
3) It was observed that use of audio visual aids effectively develop the pronunciation of students researcher used different kinds cassette, CDs, computer programs having good model of speaking .so they developed the pronunciation of students.

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON JOB MARKETS

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ABSTRACT

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to advance rapidly transforming industries, economies, and societies worldwide, its impact on job markets has become a subject of significant concern and interest. This research paper aims to explore the multifaceted implications of AI on job markets, ranging from job displacement and skill shifts to potential new opportunities and the need for proactive policy interventions. Through an in-depth analysis of current trends, case studies, and expert opinions, this paper provides insights into the ways AI is reshaping the world of work and offers recommendations for individuals, industries, and policymakers to navigate this transformative era.

KEYWORDS: *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Job Markets, Job Displacements.*

INTRODUCTION
Artificial Intelligence (AI)
It is the science and engineering of making intelligent machines, especially intelligent computer programs. It is related to the similar task of using computers to understand human intelligence, but AI does not have to confine itself to methods that are biologically observable. While no consensual definition of Artificial Intelligence (AI) exists, AI is broadly characterized as the study of computations that allow for perception, reason and action. Today, the amount of data that is generated, by both humans and machines, far outpaces humans' ability to absorb, interpret, and make complex decisions based on that data. Artificial intelligence forms the basis for all computer learning and is the future of all complex decision making. This paper examines features of artificial Intelligence, introduction, definitions of AI, history, applications, growth and achievements

Job Markets
The job market refers to the dynamic interaction between job seekers (individuals looking for employment) and employers (organizations with job openings). It encompasses the supply and demand for labour, including various factors that influence the availability and nature of jobs. The job market is a fundamental component of any economy. It reflects the relationship between the skills and qualifications of job seekers and the needs and requirements of employers. Various factors shape the job market, including economic conditions, technological advancements, industry trends, demographics, and government policies.

Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on Job Markets
Historically, technological advancements have frequently led to fears of job displacement, from the Industrial Revolution to the rise of computers. However, Artificial Intelligence's capacity to perform tasks previously reserved for human cognition has amplified these concerns. Automation powered by AI

algorithms can now handle data analysis, customer service interactions, and even complex problem-solving tasks. Consequently, the traditional delineation between "routine" and "skilled" labour is blurring, casting a shadow over jobs across a diverse spectrum of professions.

The rise of artificial intelligence has brought about unprecedented changes to various industries, altering the dynamics of the job market. AI technologies, including machine learning, automation, and robotics, have the potential to revolutionize the way we work, creating both opportunities and challenges. This paper examines the implications of AI on job markets and explores the strategies that can help mitigate negative effects while harnessing the benefits.

In the rapidly evolving landscape of technology, artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force with profound implications for various facets of human society. One of the most significant arenas experiencing the impact of AI is the job market. As AI technologies continue to advance and permeate numerous industries, the nature of work, employment dynamics, and skill requirements are undergoing unprecedented shifts. This research paper delves into the multifaceted implications of AI on job markets, examining the challenges, opportunities, and policy considerations that arise as the symbiotic relationship between human labour and intelligent machines unfolds.

The integration of AI into the fabric of modern economies has brought both excitement and apprehension. While AI promises greater efficiency, precision, and innovation, it also raises questions about the fate of existing jobs and the nature of the workforce in the near and distant future. The transformational impact of AI is not merely confined to repetitive and routine tasks; it extends to cognitive activities, decision-making processes, and even creative endeavors. This transformative potential necessitates a comprehensive understanding of how

AI influences job markets and the strategies that can be adopted to harness its potential while addressing its challenges.

Amid these concerns, it is crucial to recognize that AI is not solely a harbinger of job losses. The infusion of AI technologies into industries is fostering the emergence of new job categories that leverage uniquely human traits, such as creativity, emotional intelligence, and adaptability. Moreover, the symbiotic relationship between humans and AI has the potential to amplify human capabilities, augmenting decision-making processes and catalyzing innovative breakthroughs.

As AI-induced disruptions alter the dynamics of job markets, the necessity for reskilling and upskilling becomes apparent. Traditional educational models might be ill-equipped to address the rapid pace of change demanded by the AI era. The transition to this new world of work requires comprehensive efforts in training and education, ensuring that the workforce is equipped with the skills needed to interact with AI technologies seamlessly.

In addition to considering the economic implications of AI, this paper also delves into the ethical and societal dimensions of this technological revolution. AI's influence on job markets extends beyond profit margins; it touches upon issues of privacy, equity, and bias. The ethical challenges posed by AI algorithms that perpetuate discriminatory practices underscore the need for responsible development and deployment of these technologies.

Application of Artificial Intelligence that impact the job markets

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought about significant changes to various industries, influencing the job market in numerous ways. Here are some key applications of AI that impact job markets:
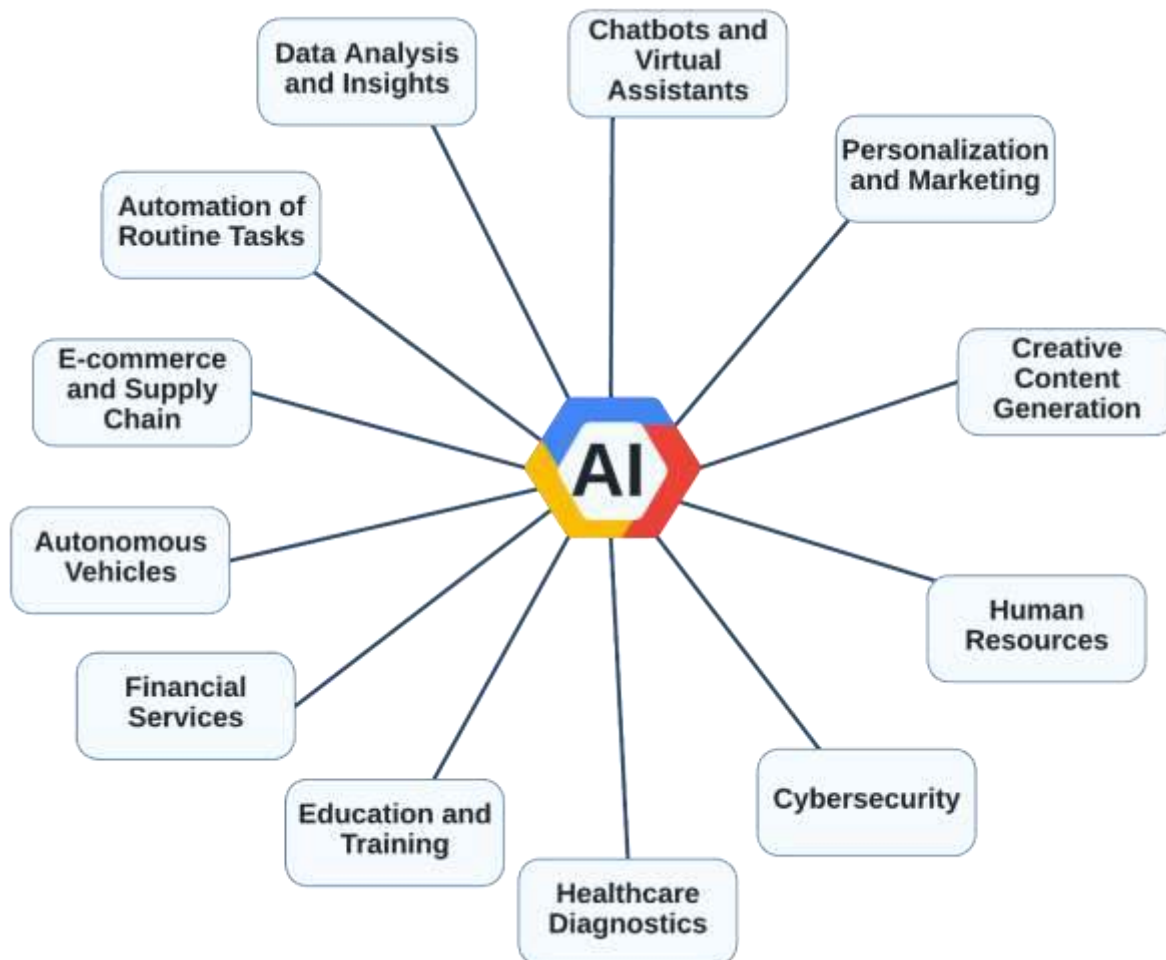
Automation of Routine Tasks: AI-powered automation is reshaping industries by taking over routine and repetitive tasks. This can lead to job displacement in roles that primarily involve manual or repetitive work. For example, manufacturing assembly lines, data entry, and customer support are being automated, which can affect jobs traditionally associated with these tasks.

Data Analysis and Insights: AI's ability to process and analyze vast amounts of data has led to the emergence of data-driven decision-making. Organizations use AI algorithms to derive

insights from data, aiding in business strategies, market predictions, and customer behaviour analysis. This creates demand for data scientists, analysts, and AI specialists.

Chatbots and Virtual Assistants: AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants are being deployed in customer service, reducing the need for human agents in handling routine inquiries. This can impact call center jobs but also creates new roles in designing, maintaining, and improving these AI systems.

Personalization and Marketing: AI enables personalized marketing campaigns by analyzing user preferences and behaviors. This increases demand for professionals skilled in AI-based marketing strategies, consumer insights, and content optimization.

Healthcare Diagnostics: AI-driven diagnostic tools analyze medical images and patient data to assist doctors in diagnosing diseases accurately. This can lead to increased efficiency in healthcare, but it also requires radiologists and medical professionals to adapt their skills to collaborate effectively with AI systems.

Financial Services: AI algorithms are used in algorithmic trading, risk assessment, fraud detection, and customer service in the financial sector. This can impact traditional roles in finance while creating demand for professionals who can interpret and manage AI-driven financial systems.

Autonomous Vehicles: The development of self-driving vehicles relies heavily on AI technologies like computer vision and machine learning. This can lead to the creation of new job roles related to autonomous vehicle operations, maintenance, and safety monitoring.

E-commerce and Supply Chain: AI optimizes supply chain management, inventory control, and demand forecasting. This affects roles in logistics, supply chain management, and inventory planning.

Creative Content Generation: AI-generated content, such as articles, music, and art, challenges traditional creative professions. However, it also opens doors for professionals who can collaborate with AI tools to enhance creative processes.

Cybersecurity: AI enhances cybersecurity through threat detection, anomaly detection, and real-time response. This creates opportunities for cybersecurity experts to work alongside AI systems to safeguard data and networks.

Education and Training: AI-powered e-learning platforms provide personalized learning experiences. This demands educators who can curate content, develop AI-enhanced courses, and adapt to technology-driven teaching methods.

Human Resources: AI streamlines recruitment, applicant screening, and employee management. HR professionals need

to understand AI systems to effectively integrate them into talent management processes.

AI and Job Displacement
AI-driven automation has the potential to replace certain tasks and jobs traditionally performed by humans. Case studies from manufacturing, retail, and customer service sectors demonstrate how AI-powered systems can perform routine and repetitive tasks more efficiently, raising concerns about job displacement. While some jobs may be at risk, new roles related to AI development, implementation, and maintenance are emerging.

Skill Shifts and Reskilling
The integration of AI in the workplace necessitates a shift in required skill sets. Workers will need to adapt and acquire new skills to remain relevant in the job market. Analyzing skill demands across industries, this section delves into the importance of reskilling and upskilling programs to ensure a workforce that can thrive in the age of AI.

New Job Opportunities and Creativity
AI's transformative potential extends beyond mere automation. It enables the creation of new job categories that require creativity, critical thinking, and complex problem-solving. From AI ethics consultants to data storytellers, the paper highlights the emergence of roles that capitalize on the unique strengths of human intelligence alongside AI technologies.

Policy Considerations
Addressing the challenges posed by AI on job markets requires a collaborative effort from policymakers, industries, and educators. This section explores policy measures such as universal basic income, job sharing, and flexible education systems that can help cushion the impact of AI-induced disruptions.

Case Studies
Drawing from real-world examples, this section examines industries that have been significantly impacted by AI, such as manufacturing, finance, healthcare, and transportation. The case studies provide insights into how different sectors are adapting to AI-driven changes and highlight strategies for successful transition.

Ethical and Social Implications
AI's influence on job markets goes beyond economic considerations. Ethical concerns, such as bias in AI algorithms and the potential for surveillance, require attention. This section explores the broader societal implications of AI adoption in the workplace.

CONCLUSION
The implications of artificial intelligence on job markets are complex and multifaceted. While job displacement is a concern, AI also offers opportunities for innovation and growth. Navigating this landscape requires a proactive approach from individuals, industries, and policymakers to ensure a balanced and inclusive future of work in the age of AI. The implications

of artificial intelligence on job markets are both intricate and transformative. This research paper navigates through these complexities, exploring the dual nature of AI as a disruptor and an enabler. It examines the shifts in skill demands, the emergence of new opportunities, and the ethical considerations that must accompany the integration of AI into the world of work. The ensuing sections will delve into case studies, policy measures, and expert opinions to provide a comprehensive understanding of how AI's evolution is shaping the future of employment and human livelihoods.

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A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE OF MOTHERS REGARDING PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN A SELECTED RURAL AREA OF JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the knowledge and attitude of mothers in a selected rural area of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, regarding the prevention of child sexual abuse. The objectives of the study include assessing the knowledge and attitude scores of mothers, examining the association of knowledge and attitude scores with socio-demographic variables, and testing hypotheses related to the associations. The methodology employed a quantitative research approach, utilizing a structured questionnaire to collect data from 60 mothers using non-probability convenient sampling. The study's findings indicated varying levels of knowledge and attitudes among the participants. Associations between socio-demographic variables and knowledge and attitude scores were explored and found to be statistically significant. The study underscores the importance of awareness and positive attitudes in combating child sexual abuse for the well-being and future development of the nation's children.
KEYWORDS: Child sexual abuse prevention, Knowledge, Attitude, Mothers, Rural area, Socio-demographic variables

INTRODUCTION

Child sexual abuse is a prevalent yet often unnoticed issue that impacts the well-being of children. This study focuses on understanding the knowledge and attitude of mothers residing in a rural area of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, regarding the prevention of child sexual abuse. By assessing their knowledge and attitude, the study aims to contribute to efforts aimed at safeguarding children from this menace.

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the knowledge score of mothers regarding the prevention of child sexual abuse.
2. To assess the attitude score of mothers regarding the prevention of child sexual abuse.
3. To explore the association between knowledge scores and selected socio-demographic variables.
4. To explore the association between attitude scores and selected socio-demographic variables.

HYPOTHESES

- H1: There will be a significant association between knowledge regarding prevention of child sexual abuse and socio-demographic variables.
- H2: There will be a significant association between attitude regarding prevention of child sexual abuse and socio-demographic variables.

METHODOLOGY

This study employed a quantitative research approach to assess mothers' knowledge and attitudes about preventing child sexual abuse. A structured questionnaire was utilized as the data collection tool. The study was conducted in a selected rural area of Jabalpur, and 60 mothers were included as participants through non-probability convenient sampling.

RESULTS

The study's results were presented in several sections. Demographic characteristics of the participants were reported, along with frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation of knowledge and attitude scores. Associations between knowledge and attitude scores and socio-demographic variables were explored using chi-square tests and found to be statistically significant.

Section I: Frequency and Percentage Distribution of Mothers According to Socio-Demographic Variables: The socio-demographic characteristics of the participants were analysed and presented as follows:

- Age: Among the 60 mothers, 34 (56.67%) were in the age group of < 25 years, 14 (23.33%) were aged 26-30 years, while 6 (10%) were aged 31-35 years, and an equal number were above 35 years.
- Education: Among the participants, 11 (18.34%) were illiterate, 13 (21.66%) had primary education, 35 (58.34%) had higher secondary education, and only 1 (1.66%) was a graduate.

- Occupation: Of the 60 mothers, 39 (65%) were homemakers, 13 (21.66%) were self-employed, and 4 (6.67%) were engaged in private or government service each.
- Family Structure: 22 (36.66%) mothers belonged to nuclear families, while 38 (63.34%) were from joint families.
- History of Substance Abuse: Among the participants, 40 (66.66%) had a history of substance abuse in the family, while 20 (33.34%) did not.

Section II: Knowledge Score of Mothers Regarding Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: The participants' knowledge about preventing child sexual abuse was evaluated and categorized as follows:

- Good Knowledge: 3 (5%)
- Average Knowledge: 46 (76.66%)
- Poor Knowledge: 11 (18.34%)

FIGURE 8 BAR DIAGRAM SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF KNOWLEDGE SCORE OF MOTHERS.
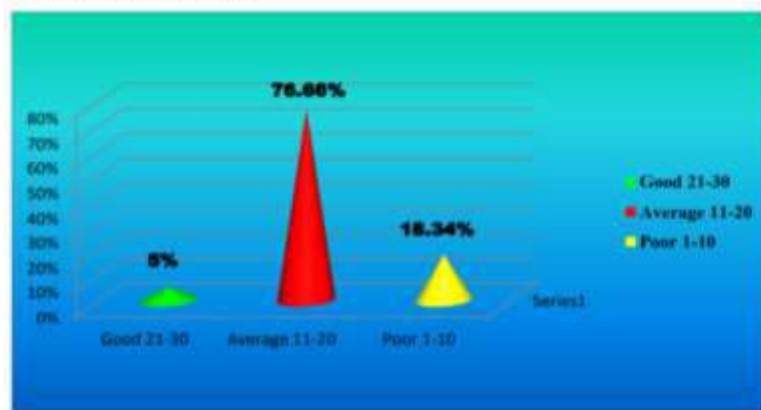
The mean knowledge score of mothers was 14.1, with a standard deviation of 4.6.

Section III: Attitude Score of Mothers Regarding Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: The attitudes of mothers towards preventing child sexual abuse were assessed and grouped as:

- Favourable Attitude: 3 (5%)
- Moderately Favourable Attitude: 46 (76.66%)
- Unfavourable Attitude: 11 (18.34%)

The mean attitude score of mothers was 14.1, with a standard deviation of 4.6.

FIGURE 8 BAR DIAGRAM SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF ATTITUDE SCORE OF MOTHERS.
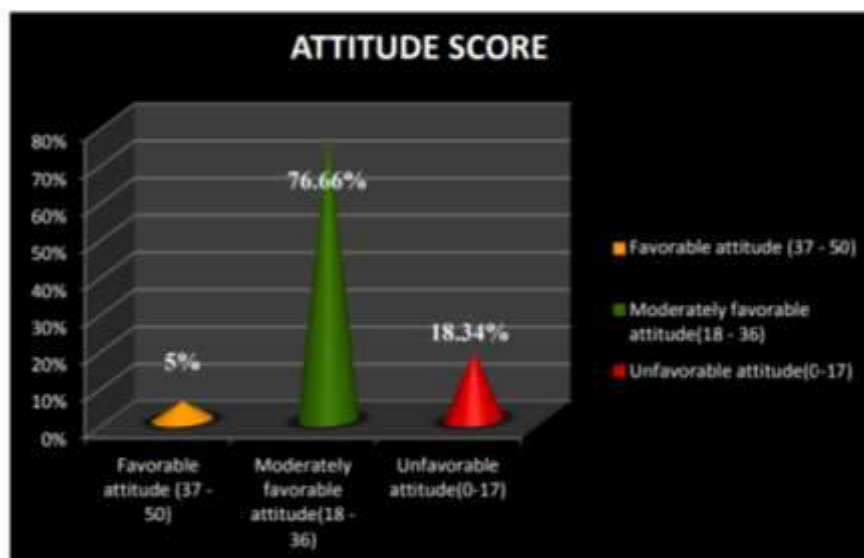
Section IV: Association Between Selected Demographic Variables and Knowledge Score: The associations between socio-demographic variables and knowledge scores were explored using chi-square tests. The results indicated statistically significant associations:

- Age: The calculated chi-square value was 34.86 (P < 0.001), indicating a significant association between age and knowledge score.
- Education: The chi-square value obtained was 40.92 (P < 0.001), showing a significant association between education level and knowledge score.
- Occupation: The chi-square value obtained was 54.78 (P < 0.001), signifying a significant association between occupation and knowledge score.
- Family Structure: The calculated chi-square value was 15.6 (P < 0.001), indicating a significant association between family structure and knowledge score.
- History of Substance Abuse: The chi-square value obtained was 5.4 (P < 0.05), suggesting a significant association between history of substance abuse and knowledge score.

Section V: Association Between Selected Socio-Demographic Variables and Attitude Score: Similar associations were explored between socio-demographic variables and attitude scores, and the chi-square tests yielded significant results:

- Age: The calculated chi-square value was 34.86 (P < 0.001), indicating a significant association between age and attitude score.
- Education: The chi-square value obtained was 40.92 (P < 0.001), showing a significant association between education level and attitude score.
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CONCLUSION

The study highlighted the critical role of parents, family members, teachers, and community individuals in protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse. It emphasized the need for awareness, positive attitudes, and strict law enforcement to combat child sexual abuse effectively. The findings underscore the importance of sensitizing parents and promoting a positive attitude towards available resources for preventing child abuse. This study contributes to efforts aimed at creating a safe environment for children's development and progress.

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RESCHEDULING OF BRUSHING DATE FOR COMMERCIALIZATION OF SILKWORM REARING (*BOMBYX MORI* L.) IN THE AUTUMN SEASON- A STUDY IN DOON VALLEY

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ABSTRACT
Sericulture is an essential economic activity in North Western India, particularly in Uttarakhand, contributing to rural livelihoods. However, the success of the autumn mulberry silkworm crop has been hampered by challenges such as temperature fluctuations, pest attacks, and the use of over-matured leaves. In the context of climate change and the need for sustainable sericulture, a two-year study was conducted in Doon Valley to investigate the effects of rescheduling pruning and brushing dates on the autumn silkworm crop. The experiment involved different pruning and brushing schedules, with observations made on parameters such as larval weight, defective cocoon percentage, cocoon productivity, single cocoon weight, single shell weight, and shell ratio. Statistical analyses were performed to assess the impact of these schedules on silkworm rearing. The results indicated that the timing of pruning and brushing significantly influenced various aspects of silkworm rearing. Notably, pruning mulberry trees in early July and brushing in September led to improved outcomes, including higher larval weight, lower defective cocoon percentage, increased cocoon productivity, and better cocoon quality. These findings align with previous studies highlighting the importance of using freshly pruned leaves for rearing. In conclusion, this research underscores the significance of proper scheduling of pruning and brushing dates to enhance the success of the autumn silkworm crop. By optimizing these practices, sericulturists can mitigate the adverse effects of temperature fluctuations and pests, thereby contributing to the sustainability of the sericulture industry in the region. This study also emphasizes the need for further research on season-specific mulberry and silkworm varieties to adapt to changing climatic conditions and ensure the long-term viability of sericulture in North Western India.
KEYWORDS: *Brushing, Pruning, Rescheduling, Season Specific, Silkworm rearing*

1. INTRODUCTION
Like other North Western states of India mulberry sericulture is also practiced in Uttarakhand to augment livelihood of rural masses. The state has congenial climate and topography for producing bivoltine silk particularly during Spring season as majority of silk production occurs during spring. Small proportion of cocoon production occurs during autumn, when the temperature fluctuation is more and also the attack of pests and diseases is also high (Rudramani *et al*, 2019). Also mulberry leaf is too mature because of absence of pruning practices and more than four months in between the spring crop harvest and start of autumn brushing. Previous studies have already confirmed that sericulture mainly sustains on the mulberry trees grown on roadsides, banks of rivers, departmental gardens in North West India (Dhar and Bindroo, 1997). Further, the autumn crop has yet to be stabilized for sustainability of sericulture industry in North West part of country in general and Uttarakhand in particular. A preliminary survey was conducted before the start of research

programme and it was found that the hills and foot hills of Doon valley are more suitable for bivoltine silkworm cocoon production in Uttarakhand, but still there is a gap between productivity at lab and at farmers level (Aslam *et al*, 2019a; Khan *et al*, 2020). Research on different aspects have been carried out to arrive at a comprehensive solution to stabilize autumn crop (Aslam *et al*, 2019c). But as per Miyashita 1986, the highest contribution for a successful mulberry silkworm cocoon crop comes from mulberry leaves (38.2%), followed by climatic conditions of rearing (37.0%) race/ hybrid (4.25%) and quality of silkworm eggs (3.1%). The package of practices of mulberry silkworm rearing followed in Doon valley have been developed in Southern states where climatic conditions are favorable throughout the year and with slight modifications have been applied in Northern conditions but with less effect on stabilizing autumn crop (Dhingra *et al*, 2000; Khan et al, 2018).
Further, rise in global atmospheric temperature along with increase in concentration of green house gases like nitrous oxide,

carbon dioxide, methane, hydrochlorofluorocarbons and ozone have also raised an alarm (Yadav *et al*, 2020) . A number of explanations have been under discussion about the predictions been made on possible effect of climate change on sericulture industry (Neelaboina *et al*, 2018). Several researchers from India, have predicted that accumulation of green house gases with rise in temperature may alter production practices and performance of sericulture particularly in temperate regions and to some extent in tropical regions of the country (Ram *et al*, 2016).

In view of the climatic scenario due to global warming and long term call to stabilize autumn silkworm rearing in Northern India, rescheduling the brushing date for autumn season and accordingly pruning dates needs to be further worked on along with developing season specific mulberry and silkworm varieties. With this background the research work was carried out at RSRS, Sahaspur, Dehradun for two years from 2020-2022, to stabilize autumn silkworm crop through rescheduling pruning practices of mulberry and altering brushing dates of silkworm.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS
The mulberry plantation utilized under the experiment at RSRS, Sahaspur was pruned with 5 treatments along with two control (Table 2) and was maintained as per the mulberry package and practices for sub-tropical areas(Table 1). For Chawki and late age rearing S-146 mulberry variety (tree mode) was used.

Table: 1 Details of mulberry experimental plantation, cultural operations and inputs.

Details of mulberry plantation	Cultural operations and inputs
a. Name of silkworm hybrids: SH6 x NB4D2 b. Number of Replications = 03 c. Name of mulberry variety = S-146 d. Mode of plantation: Tree e. Age of plants :8-10 years old f. Spacing : 8'X 8' (240 × 240 cm) g. No. of plants per experiment : 10 h. Basal Pruning in the month of June-July and middle pruning in the month of December-January	a. FYM – 10-20 kg /plant/year b. Chemical fertilizer- Per plant/year in two split doses i.e., February and August. c. Urea :167 gm (1st Dose) + 271gm (2nd Dose). (Nitrogen-46%) ; d. DAP :271 gm. (Nitrogen-16% and Phosphorous-84%); e. MOP :208 gm (Potash-100%), f. Digging/weeding in the month of January-Feb and July

Ten (10) DFLs of SH6 x NB4D2 for each treatment were incubated and brushed as per the below mentioned brushing treatment schedule (Table 2). The data was recorded on following parameters i.e, Weight of 10 mature silkworm larvae (g), Defective cocoon percentage, Cocoon yield/100 DFLs in kilograms, Single Cocoon Weight in grams, Single Shell Weight in grams and SR (%).

2. 1 Weight of 10 mature larvae: Ten larvae were randomly selected and weighted on digital balance to determine weight of 10 mature larvae.

2. 2 Defective cocoon (%): The total defective cocoon were calculated from the available 250 cocoons from 250 larvae by the following formula and were expressed as a percentage using the following equation

Defective cocoon (%) = {No. of good cocoons – No. of (flimsy + double +stained) cocoons × 100.

2.3 Cocoon yield/100 DFLs (Productivity) : It was calculated by weighing cocoons harvested from the 250 larvae and converting it into cocoons harvested from 40000 larvae.

2.4 Single Cocoon Weight: Ten cocoons were randomly selected and weighted on digital balance to determine the single cocoon weight by using the following formula
Single cocoon weight = Weight of 10 cocoon (g) /10

2.5 Single Shell Weight (g): Ten cocoon shells from each replicate were weighted on digital balance to determine single shell weight.
Single shell weight = Weight of 10 cocoon shells (g) /10

2.6 Shell Ratio (%): The total quantity of silk available from a single cocoon was expressed as a percentage using the following equation
Shell ratio = (Single cocoon shell weight (g) / Single cocoon weight (g)) × 100

Table 2: Details of treatments

Treatment 01	Treatment 02	Treatment 03 (Control)
Mulberry plantation: *Sub treatment:* Shoot harvesting during spring season and no pruning followed during the month of June/July for autumn rearing as practiced by farmers.	**Mulberry plantation:** *Sub treatment :* Date of pruning (55 days before the proposed date of brushing): 1. 25th June. 2. 30th June 3. 05th July 4. 10th July 5. 15th July	**Mulberry plantation:** *Sub treatment :* Pruning under taken in last week of June/first week of July for autumn rearing as practiced presently.
Silkworm rearing: *Sub treatment –* Date of brushing: 1. 20th August. 2. 25th August. 3. 30th August. 4. 05th September 5. 10th September (Control).	**Silkworm rearing:** *Sub treatment –* Date of brushing: 1. 20th August. 2. 25th August. 3. 30th August. 4. 05th September 5. 10th September (Control).	**Silkworm rearing:** *Sub treatment –* Date of brushing: 1. 20th August. 2. 25th August. 3. 30th August. 4. 05th September 5. 10th September (Control).

A view of the Experimental Site

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2.4 Statistical analysis:-The effect of different pruning/brushing dates on six parameters of silkworm rearing were subjected to one way analysis of variance followed by post-hoc test (Tukey test) for comparison of means.

Table 3: Two years pooled analysed data.

Name of parameter	Treatment		Mean±SE	F/df/P(Sig)
	Date of pruning	Date of brushing		
Weight of 10 mature worms (g)	20th June	20th August	42.6667±0.333[c]	7.437/6/0.001
	30th June	25th August	43.0000±0.000[c]	
	5th July	31st August	43.3333±0.440[c]	
	10th July	5th September	42.3333±0.666[b,c]	
	15th July	10th September	42.1667±0.166[b,c]	
	2nd July	25th August	40.8333±0.440[a,b]	
	No pruning	10th September	40.3333±0.440[a]	
Defective cocoon%	20th June	20th August	46.5333±1.484[e]	75.334/6/0.000
	30th June	25th August	35.5333±0.290[c]	
	5th July	31st August	23.4000±0.416[a]	
	10th July	5th September	39.4000±0.808[d]	
	15th July	10th September	31.4000±0.115[b]	
	2nd July	25th August	40.0667±0.466[d]	
	No pruning	10th September	35.2667±1.266[c]	
Productivity (Kg)	20th June	20th August	46.3333±0.285[a]	462.590/6/0.000
	30th June	25th August	54.4367±0.148[b]	
	5th July	31st August	62.4067±0.229[e]	
	10th July	5th September	54.9667±0.110[b,c]	
	15th July	10th September	63.2467±0.224[e]	
	2nd July	25th August	55.8233±0.209[c]	
	No pruning	10th September	58.6067±0.479[d]	
Single cocoon weight (g)	20th June	20th August	1.7000±0.030[a,b]	21.547/6/0.000
	30th June	25th August	1.7333±0.008[b,c]	
	5th July	31st August	1.6367±0.006[a]	
	10th July	5th September	1.8167±0.026[d]	
	15th July	10th September	1.8533±0.012[d]	
	2nd July	25th August	1.8533±0.006[d]	
	No pruning	10th September	1.7933±0.0176[c,d]	
Single shell weight(g)	20th June	20th August	.3200±0.005[b]	15.848/6/0.000
	30th June	25th August	.3233±0.003[b,c]	
	5th July	31st August	.2933±0.003[a]	
	10th July	5th September	.3267±0.003[b,c,d]	
	15th July	10th September	.3400±0.000[c,d]	
	2nd July	25th August	.3433±0.003[c,d]	
	No pruning	10th September	.3333±0.006[b,d]	
SR%	20th June	20th August	18.7967±0.016[b]	5.227/6/0.005
	30th June	25th August	18.7167±0.173[b]	
	5th July	31st August	17.9300±0.110[a]	
	10th July	5th September	18.1733±0.173[a,b]	
	15th July	10th September	18.2567±0.051[a,b]	
	2nd July	25th August	18.3500±0.191[a,b]	
	No pruning	10th September	18.6067±0.145[b]	

3.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results from pooled data of two years revealed that the date of pruning and brushing had significant effect (F=7.437., df=6.,P=0.001) on the weight of ten mature larvae. The highest weight (43.33g) of 10 mature larvae was observed on the pruning date 05th July/ brushing date 31st August and lowest weight (40.33g) of 10 mature larvae was observed on no pruning/brushing date of 10th September and

the difference was significant. Further, Tukey test revealed that 30 June/5th July/10th July/15th July pruning dates and subsequent brushing dates 25th August/ 31st August/ 5th September/ 10th September are significantly different than that of no pruning/10th September brushing. The results are in conformity with Bhatia *et al*, 2013; Aslam *et al*, 2019[b]; Singh and Murli, 2021 who had reported that pruning of mulberry trees atleast two months before brushing in September, by utilizing the leaf for summer crop in the month of June will be a natural remedy for stabilizing the autumn crop, because this leaf harvesting would act as pruning for mulberry trees and will provide leaf of maximum of 80 days in the month of September as against more than four months old leaf used for autumn. This practice will not only help in stabilizing autumn crop and increase yield through feeding quality mulberry leaves but will also open avenues for third crop in between spring and autumn in North Western India. Therefore revalidation of pruning schedule is required as evident from lowest weight of larvae fed on leaf of unpruned mulberry trees with leaf age of more than 120 days.

Further date of pruning/brushing also had significant effect (F=75.33., df=6.,P=0.000) on the defective cocoon percentage. The highest percentage of defective cocoons (46.53%) was observed on pruning date 20th June/brushing date 20th August and lowest (23.4%) on pruning date 5th July/ brushing date 31stAugust and the difference was significant. Tukey test further revealed that 5th July pruning/31st August brushing is significantly different from 15th July pruning/10 September brushing followed by 30th June pruning/ 25th August brushing followed by 10th July pruning/ 2nd July Pruning and subsequent brushing on 5th September/ 25th August followed by 20th June pruning and subsequent brushing of 20th August. This result is in confirmation to the earlier work of other researchers Rahmatullah *et al*, 2012; Verma *et al*, 2016; Sarkar, 2020; Sharma *et al,* 2023 who have reported that the bivoltine hybrids were most susceptible to disease infection in monsoon seasons. Developmental process of silkworm is affected by precipitation, humidity, temperature, air, light and any change in the proportion of these factors may lead to pessimistic result. Rearing room temperatures will give good results with less number of defective cocoons only when proper hygienic conditions and quality leaf feeding would be maintained. Because during wet summer due to sufficient rainfall luxuriant growth of mulberry leaves occurs, but due to high rainfall, fluctuation of temperature also happens which is harmful for silkworms. During late august monsoon would be in receding stage and in September effects of humidity, temperature would be less and disease incidence would be also be less, resulting in lesser number of defective cocoon percentage as compared to August month.

In case of productivity results revealed that there was significant effect (F=462.59., df=6.,P=0.000) of pruning date/brushing date on cocoon productivity. The cocoon productivity was highest (63.24kg) on the pruning date of 15th July/brushing date of 10th September and lowest (46.33kg) on pruning date of 20th June/brushing date of 20th August and the difference was significant. Tukey test further revealed that 15th July/5th July pruning and subsequent brushing on 10th September/ 31st August is significantly different from all other treatments. The results are in confirmation with Singhal *et al*, 2003; Shabnam *et al*, 2018 who reported that cocoon production and productivity is affected by the quality leaf and the number of feeds per day. Best season to get good productivity from autumn rearing is to conduct it in September-October, but the leaf should be fed from the mulberry trees which have been pruned in June/July not as against the practice of feeding over mature leaf which comes after Spring harvesting in April in sub tropics. Further the number of feeds of quality leaf should not been less than three feeds per day and will directly depend on quantity of quality mulberry leaf availability.

Similarly in case of single cocoon weight results revealed that there was significant effect (F=21.547., df=6., P=0.000) of pruning/brushing date on weight of single cocoon. Highest single cocoon weight (1.8533gm) was observed in case of pruning date of 15th Jul / brushing date 10th September and lowest (1.63gm) in case of 5th July pruning date/31st August brushing date and difference was significant. Further Tukey test revealed that 15th July/10th July/2nd July subsequent brushing on 10th September/5th September and 25th August were significantly different from other treatments. The results are in confirmation with Thiagarajan *et al*, 1993; Kato *et al,* 1998; Sarkhel *et al*, 2017; Kaveri *et al*, 2020 who had reported that the seasonal fluctuations affects the morphological aspects such as length & weight of larvae, diameter & weight of cocoon and biochemical aspects of silkworm such as protein content of silk-gland and cocoon. At 21-24°C temperature and 67% RH, cocoon weight, shell weight, and filament length will be maximum. Heat as well affects cocoon characters and larvae stages and 5th instar larvae is more susceptible to heat than 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th instar larvae. Therefore natural remedy to avoid the heat and temperature would be to conduct silkworm rearing in September and not in August for stabilizing autumn crop.

Results for single shell weight revealed that pruning date/brushing date had significant effect (F=15.848., df=6.,P=0.00) on shell weight. Highest single shell weight(0.3433gm) was observed in case of pruning on 2nd July/brushing 25th August and lowest(0.2933gm) in case of pruning 5th July/ brushing 31st August and the difference was significant. Further Tukey test revealed that 2nd July/15th July/10th July/ 30th June/20th June and subsequent brushings on 25th August/ 10th September/ 5th

September/25th August/ 20th August were significantly different from 5th July pruning /31st August brushing. The results are in confirmation with Alebiosu *et al*, 2014; Sharma *et al*, 2023 who have reported that larval and pupal weights, single shell weight, number of cocoons, single cocoon weight were significantly higher when the silkworms feed consisted of leaves from pruned mulberry plants. However, cocoon shell mainly made of proteins and the fibroin synthesis being high towards the end of fifth instar. As silk gland-body ratio (GBR) of silkworm records positive growth under the impact of nutritionally high mulberry leaves with high concentration of proteins. During monsoon season nutrient concentration is high, but under field conditions it is difficult to control temperature and humidity at farmer level particularly in the month of August, so a better option would be to conduct silkworm rearing in the month of September but leaf to be fed from pruned trees only with leaf age not more than 80 days.

The results in case of Shell Ratio(%) revealed that date of pruning/brushing had a significant effect (F=5.227., df=6.,P=0.005) on Shell Ratio(%). The highest Shell Ratio(%) (18.79) was observed in case of pruning date of 20th June / brushing date of 20th August and the lowest (17.93m) was observed on pruning date of 5th July/ brushing date of 31st August and the difference was significant. Further Tukey test revealed that 20th June/30th June pruning dates and subsequent brushing dates are significantly different from pruning date of 5th July/31st August. Further 20th June/30th June/10th July/ 15th July and subsequent brushing on 20 August/25th August/ 5th September/ 10th September are not significantly different. The results are in confirmation with Rahmathulla and Suresh, 2012; Nooruldin *et al*, 2015 who have reported that almost all the macronutrients exhibited stable concentration in mulberry leaf during 1st fortnight of August month and nutritional efficiency is higher during rainy seasons only where optimum temperature and humidity are maintained inside rearing rooms.

4. CONCLUSION

The research aimed to stabilize the autumn crop of mulberry silkworm (*Bombyx mori* L.) through rescheduling of pruning and brushing dates in the Doon Valley region of Uttarakhand, India. The study focused on addressing the challenges posed by temperature fluctuations, pests, diseases, and the use of over-mature mulberry leaves for the autumn crop. The experiment was conducted over two years, and various parameters were assessed to determine the impact of different pruning and brushing schedules on silkworm rearing and cocoon production. The findings of the study provide valuable insights into the optimal timing for pruning and brushing, which significantly influence the quality and quantity of cocoon production. The study's results underscore the significance of proper timing in

mulberry silkworm rearing to achieve successful and sustainable autumn cocoon production. Furthermore, the study provides practical recommendations for sericulturists and farmers in the region to enhance autumn cocoon production and contribute to the stability and growth of the sericulture industry. In light of the anticipated effects of climate change and the need for sustainable sericulture practices, the research outcomes offer valuable guidance for adapting mulberry silkworm rearing strategies to changing environmental conditions. Further studies and practical implementations based on these findings could help bridge the gap between laboratory-based research and on-field cocoon production, ultimately supporting the livelihoods of rural communities and fostering the sustainability of the sericulture industry in the Doon Valley and similar regions.

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AN IoT BASED SELF LOCKING SYSTEM FOR TWO WHEELERS FOR RIDERS WITHOUT HELMET

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ABSTRACT
The basic idea of the work is AI based Helmet Wearing system. In India, almost 200 million individuals drive by bikes consistently. We ordinarily see individuals riding bikes without head protector and this is a typical sight these days. Consistently, in excess of 100 bikers pass on from head injury in India. 'Safe Trekking' ads won't function as individuals are not worried about the outcomes they should confront. In our undertaking, a camera is to be set before the speedometer in a point to such an extent that it covers the rider's face. At the point when the rider turns on the vehicle, the control unit begins working, looks for the cap's picture by taking constant contribution from the camera. On the off chance that the camera observes that the rider isn't wearing cap, it conveys a message to the microchip to switch the vehicle off. This keeps the rider from head injury and it just so happens, demise. Also, in any event, when the rider is riding for quite a long time and when he will in general eliminate his protective cap, the vehicle switches off genuinely. Hence, this saves the rider from cerebrum injury. Protective cap save people from head wounds, and keeping from those head wounds save people from death.
KEYWORDS-*Artificial intelligence, self locking, Speedometer*

I.INTRODUCTION

The aim opf the work is to make our country a safe riding environment. Bike riders must wear helmets to ensure a safe voyage. People do   not normally wear helmets anymore since they do not consider it a serious issue; our project addresses this issue by mandating that all motorcyclists wear helmets. If a person needs to ride a bike, he or she must wear a helmet; only then will the bike begin to ignite. Our device assists the government and police officials in taking action against those who disobey the law, punishing those who do not wear helmets, and forcing riders to wear helmets. Despite the fact that the government requires motorcyclists to wear helmets, many do not.

Our device assists the government and police officials in taking action against those who violate the law, punishing those who do not wear helmets, and forcing riders to wear helmets. Despite the fact that the government requires riders to wear helmets, the riders do not. They will benefit from our product. Many lives are saved as a result of our product. Our goal is to get motorcyclists to use helmets without sensors, making them radiation-free.

[1] According to the paper, video clips from the roadside were taken and converted into images, and it first determines how many members are on the two wheeler, and then it determines whether the rider is wearing helmet or not by using the KNN (K Nearest Neighbour) classifier, which is based on the features of circularity, average hues, and average intensity of each head quadrants.

[2] The study on intelligent transportation systems for accident prevention proposed a smart helmet design that uses sensors to determine if the rider has worn the helmet and whether or not he has ingested alcohol. If the driver is wearing a helmet and has not ingested alcohol, the controller will start the bike; otherwise, the bike will not start. They also included the capability of sending notifications of accidents to designated cellphone numbers through GPS (to communicate the position of the accidents) and GSM (to deliver the message to the mobile).

This occurs when the sensors in the helmets become tilted, which is one of the key disadvantages because even if the rider leans down while wearing the helmet and the warning goes to the folks without any accidents, the accuracy in predicting accidents is reduced.

[3] The paper on Helmet presence classification with motorcycle detection and tracking describes and tests a system for the automatic classification and tracking of motorcycle riders with and without helmets. The method employs support vector machines that have been trained on histograms produced from motorbike riders' head pictures using both static photographs and individual image frames from video data.

The learned classifier is used in a tracking system to automatically segregate motorbike riders from video data using background subtraction. The riders' heads are segregated and categorised using the learned classifier. The individual classifier outputs are then averaged to classify the frames as a

whole. Tests reveal that the classifier can correctly identify whether or not riders are wearing helmets in static pictures.

[4] The study on Internet of Things (IoT)-based smart helmet for accident detection and notification described a smart helmet that can detect and report accidents. The system is built using sensors, Wi-Fi enabled processors, and cloud computing infrastructures. The accelerometer measurements are communicated to the CPU, which continuously monitors for deviations, by the accident detection system. When an accident happens, the relevant information is communicated to the emergency contacts via a cloud-based service. The global positioning system is used to determine the location of the vehicle.

[5]According to Liu, Liao, Chen, and Chen's study Full Motorcycle Helmet Detection Scheme utilising Canny Detection, the investigations focusing on helmet detection employ a strategy to discover a full-face helmet in a scene utilising circle fitting on its Canny.

[6]The paper Smart Helmet System Using Alcohol Detection For Vehicle Protection offers a smart helmet system that identifies whether a person is wearing a helmet or not, as well as whether the person is drunk. If the driver is using a cell phone while driving, the bike will jam slowly. A transmitter in the helmet and a receiver on the bike are used in this system. A switch will be present to determine whether or not the person is wearing the helmet. In addition, an alcohol sensor is installed in the driver's helmet near the driver's lips to determine whether the driver is intoxicated.

II.PROPOSED SYSTEM
The solution we are attempting to promote is to require individuals to wear helmets anytime they ride a bike. We utilised a camera and a microcontroller. To make our project more effective, we used Image Processor in a novel approach. A camera module, an image processor, a switch, and a motor are shown in the block diagram.The block diagram has been shown in fig.1.
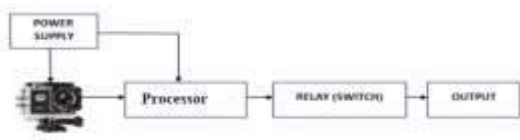
Fig.1.Block diagram

A. Camera
The camera module is positioned so that it focuses on the rider's face and helmet. It is positioned movably so that it can be adjusted for the rider's comfort. When the camera module receives power from the battery, it turns on. The camera module then feeds the image processor the continuous image output.

B.Image Processor
The image processor's goal is to determine whether or not the cyclist is wearing a helmet. The camera module's output is used as the processor's input. Some of the helmet image data has already been put into the CPU. The algorithm used to determine

whether or not the rider is wearing a helmet is put into the CPU. When the processor is turned on, the algorithm compares the image output from the camera module to the data in the processor to determine whether or not the rider has worn the helmet. If the comparison is successful, the CPU sends a HIGH signal to the relay [switch], otherwise it delivers a LOW signal to the switch.

C. The Image Processor's Output
The image captured by the camera is converted into binary data and delivered to the controller, which switches the bike off if the image lacks a helmet and on if the image contains a helmet. Fig.2a and 2b .show the monochrome and binary images of the picture.

Fig.2a.Monochrome Image

Fig.2b.Binary Image

D. Switch
A switch connects the motor ignition to the processor output signal. The switch is generally in the open position. Only when the switch is shorted will there be signal flow. When the CPU sends the HIGH output signal, the switch shorts out, activating the ignition.

E. The Proposed Solution's Inventiveness
When compared to previous prototypes and products, the innovativeness of our solution is that we use a camera module, whereas the existing prototypes use various sensors such as ultrasonic sensors and infrared sensors. Thus, the originality in our technique is to employ a camera rather than sensors, which emit radiation and have a slow impact on human life. The power supply is not squandered in this case because it is drawn directly from the bike's battery. The image processor is also used to compare the photos, which is a unique aspect of our suggested method.

III.CONCLUSION
The most crucial part of our daily lives is road safety. As public knowledge of road safety declines and the number of accidents

rises, we created this project to address the issue. Although we received some unfavourable feedback on our initiative, the majority of the customers we spoke with thought that this approach would be a viable way to handle the problem in cities where helmet-wearing riders are few. Our idea had a positive impact on bike manufacturing companies and bike riders, who believed that employing cameras rather than sensors is preferable because it has no negative impacts on the human body. However, the people with whom we connected had a key concern: what if the rider is in an emergency situation and loses his helmet? Will he be able to ride the bike? The answer will be "the rider cannot," because helmets are required, and even in emergency situations, driving without a helmet is not recommended because the worth of life is quite high.

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MODERN SYNOPSIS AND CONSERVATION OF THE SPECIES *COUSINIA KRAUSEANA* DISTRIBUTED IN THE FERGANA VALLEY

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ABSTRACT
Cousinia krauseana is a fascinating endemic species of mountainous Central Asia, found primarily in the southern Chotkal region. Its small population and restricted distribution make it of significant conservation concern. Field research in the South Chotkal region revealed anthropogenic threats to its habitats. Evaluated under the IUCN Red List criteria, it was categorized as Vulnerable+Endangered (VU+EN). Urgent conservation measures are needed to safeguard its future in this captivating landscape.
KEYWORDS: *Cousinia, Asteraceae, Fergana Valley, modern synopsis, conservation, IUCN.*

INTRODUCTION

The genus Cousinia Cassini was initially published in 1827 by Cassini, within G.-F. Cuvier's "Dict. Sci. Nat., ed. 2. 47: 503 (1827)," relying on the species Carduus orientalis Adams. A more comprehensive investigation of the genus was conducted by A. Bunge in 1865, utilizing morphological data and encompassing 126 species across 23 sections. Building upon Bunge's studies, Boissier (1875) and Tscherneva (1962) subsequently made taxonomic revisions as well.

This group stands as one of the largest within the Asteraceae family, comprising approximately 700 species (Ulukuş and Tugay, 2020). Its primary centers of species diversity lie in Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia, exhibiting a significant level of endemism (Rechinger, 1986; Knapp, 1987; Djamali et al., 2012). Notably, out of the 400 Cusinia species found across South-West Asia, a remarkable 379 species are classified as endemic, thriving in the mountainous regions of Iran, Afghanistan, and Turkmenistan (Knapp, 1987).

Furthermore, this genus is distinctive for housing a vast number of species within a relatively confined geographical area. These species are distributed in various regions, such as the Western Tien Shan (60 species), Pamir-Aloy (170 species), North-Eastern Afghanistan (Eastern Hindu Kush; 80 species), North-Western Afghanistan (Western Hindu Kush; 45 species), Kopetdag (Iran; 70 species, Turkmenistan; 30 species), Elburz (Northern Iran; 70 species), Northern Zagros (Western Iran; 45 species), and the Eastern Anatolia mountains in Azerbaijan (West Turkey, North-West Iran; 40 species) (López-Vinyallonga & al. 2009).

The genus Cusinia boasts a rich diversity, with 260 recorded species in Central Asia (Tscherneva 1993). Within the flora of Uzbekistan, 133 species of Cusinia have been identified (Tscherneva 1962), contributing to 22% of the total species diversity within the Asteraceae family (Tojibaev et al. 2014). Recent years have witnessed the discovery of 8 additional species in the Uzbekistani flora (Sennikov 2010, Tojiboev et al. 2017, Usmanov 2017a, Usmanov 2017b), raising the local species count to 141.

Various studies encompassing palynology, phytochemistry, anatomy, and molecular analysis have been carried out by foreign scientists (Ahmad et al., 2011; Amiri et al., 2014; Ulukush and Tugay, 2019a, 2019b; Tugay et al., 2019; Ulukush and Tugay, 2020). However, these investigations are not conclusive, and there is a pressing need to continue targeted and contemporary research on the taxonomy, geography, ecology, and conservation of these species.

In the forthcoming period of 2023-2024, researchers from Namangan State University (Namangan, Uzbekistan) have embarked on a study focused on the Cousinia genus found in the administrative region of the Fergana Valley (Uzbekistan). Specifically, they will explore Jurineopsis (Juz.) Tschern, a species distributed within the Ferghana Valley, with a particular focus on Cousinia krauseana Regel & Schmalh.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The picturesque Fergana Valley finds itself encircled by various mountain ranges, with Kurama bordering it from the northwest, Chotkal from the north, Fergana and Otoynaq from the northeast and east, while Aloy and Turkestan flank it from the south. To the west, the valley is bordered by Mongolia. Its dimensions stretch approximately 300 km in length and are, on average, 60-120 km wide.

From a political and administrative perspective, the valley shares its borders with the Jalalabad, Osh, and Batken regions of the Kyrgyz Republic to the north, east, and south, respectively. Towards the southwest, it borders the Sogd region of the Republic of Tajikistan, and to the west, it meets the Tashkent region (Fig. 1).
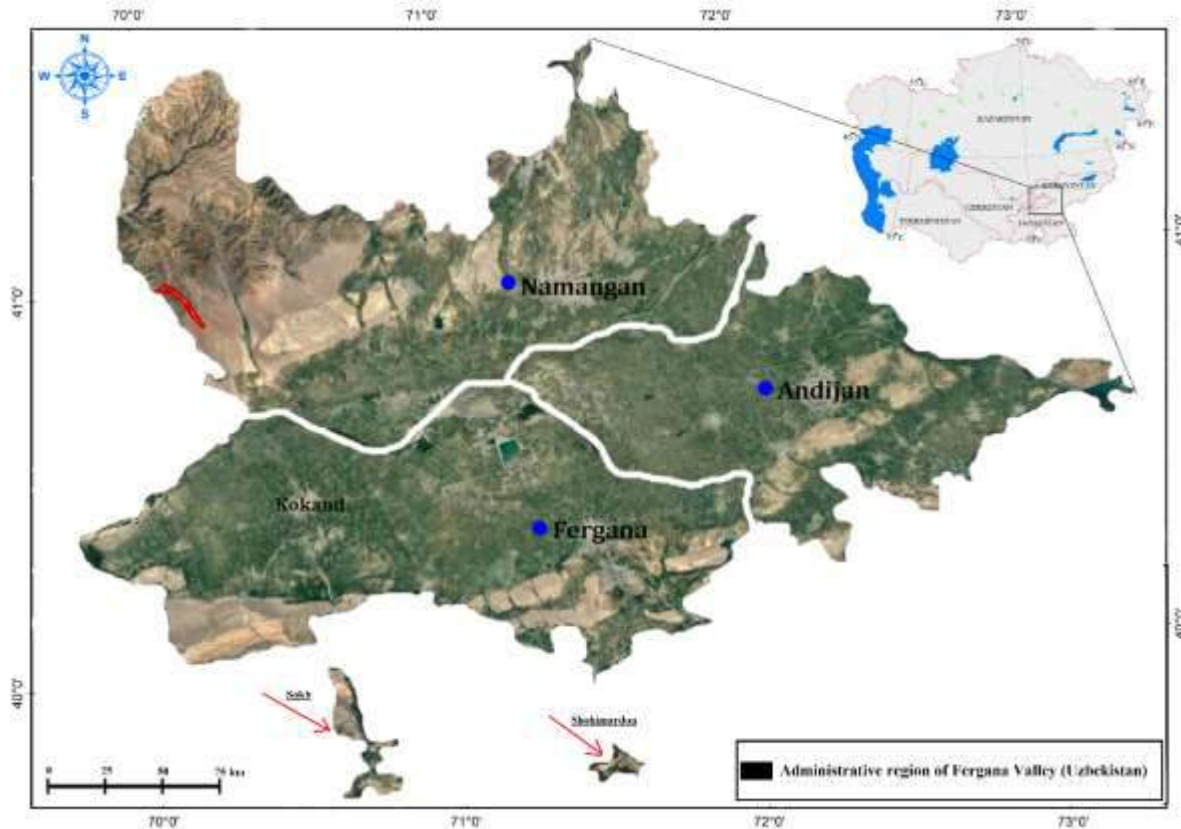
Figure 1. Administrative region of Fergana Valley (part of Uzbekistan)

In this study, a comprehensive analysis of the species was conducted using herbarium specimens, totaling 20 specimens stored in the National Herbarium of Uzbekistan (TASH) and various other herbaria, including MW (8), B (3), P (2), E (2), S (1), W (1), BR (1), K (1), and RB (1). Additionally, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (https://www.gbif.org/ru, accessed on 30 April 2023) served as an additional source of information through international databases.

Taxon nomenclature was cross-referenced using Plants of the World Online (http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org, accessed on 5 May 2023) and the International Plant Name Index (https://www.ipni.org, accessed on 6 May 2023) from international databases. Geographical coordinates depicting the extinction points in the herbarium specimens were determined using Google Earth Pro 7.1 software, and visual documentation of the species was captured with a digital camera (Sanon EOS 400D).

The research area map was prepared using ArcGIS 10.6.1 software, and natural illustrator Photoshop CS6x64 software was utilized (Fig. 3). To assess the threat status of the species, IUCN Red List categories and criteria from 2012 were employed. Geospatial analysis was performed using the GeoCAT GeoSpatial Conservation Assessment Web Tool (Bachman et al. 2011), with a recommended cell width of 2 km2 for the Area of Occupancy (AOO).

The study involved the examination of the species' syntype, which is preserved in the herbarium of the Royal Botanical Garden (K000786364). Field research was carried out in 2023 in the administrative regions of the Ferghana Valley, specifically in the Chortaq district, Arbagish village, where herbarium samples were prepared (Fig. 2).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
A Modern Synopsis of the Species
This exquisite plant is characterized as a two-year species, and its life cycle reveals delightful phenology, with blooming occurring from May to June, and fruiting during the months of June to July.

Inhabiting a variety of red and brown-gray soils, Cousinia krauseana thrives in the foothills up to the lower mountain regions, flourishing at elevations between 1050-1200 m above sea level.

Despite its significance, the species faces a concerning conservation status, as no in-situ protective measures are currently in place. To safeguard this lesser-known plant and

assess its distribution and population size, it is essential to conduct specialized field surveys.

In the Fergana Valley, this lovely species holds an important presence, classified under Category Aiii of the Important Plant Areas (IPAs).

With a broader distribution spanning across Middle Asia, including Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan, Cousinia krauseana primarily thrives in the foothills and low-mountain belts of the Fergana Valley.

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Figure 2. A) Syntype: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - Herbarium Specimens (K000786364); B) A herbarium specimen collected from the village of Arbagish, Fergana Valley

Belonging to the Cousinia sect. Jurineopsis (Juz.) Tscherneva, endemic to the Central Asian Mountains, this species finds itself amongst 11 others, most of which boast relatively small distribution areas. Tscherneva's earlier work identified C. krauseana in the flora of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz SSR, with a limited distribution confined to the northern foothills of the Fergana Valley. However, more recent field surveys revealed a small population of the species on the border of Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, reaffirming its narrow distribution range, aligning with Tscherneva's latest data from 1993. Yet, the species remains underrepresented in herbarium records, urging for further attention and documentation by experts (Komiljon Sh. Tojibaev et al., 2023).
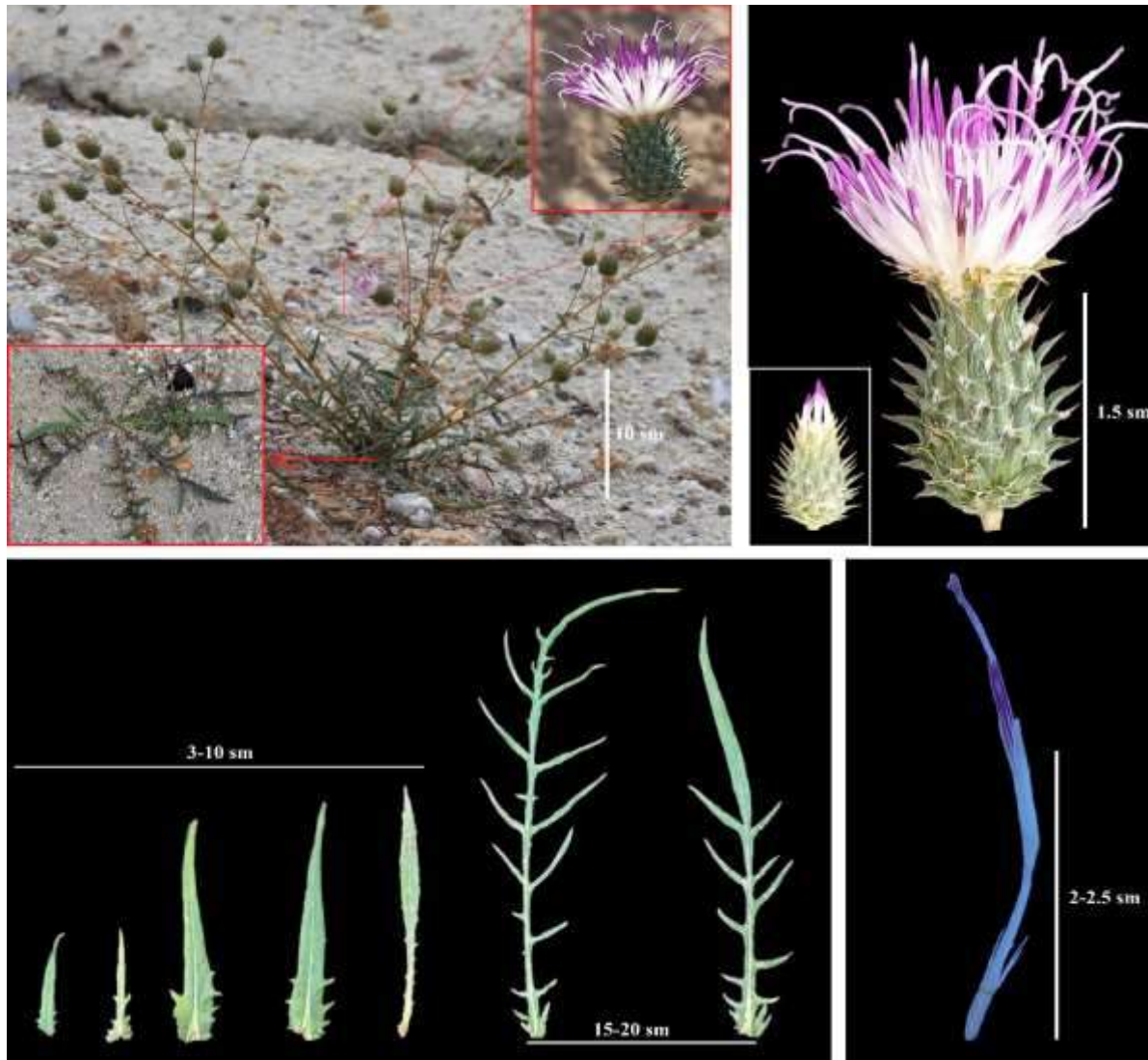
Figure 3. Natural illustration of C. Krauseana species

This remarkable species holds a special place in the heart of mountainous Central Asia, showcasing its unique endemism, with a narrow distribution primarily confined to the southern Chotkal region. Given its limited population and restricted range, the species raises conservation concerns and calls for dedicated efforts to ensure its survival.

During a tour of the South Chotkal region, this area emerged as a hotspot, drawing significant interest. Subsequently, a detailed field research expedition was conducted in May 2023, unveiling the species' habitats under imminent anthropogenic threats. Specifically, the research pinpointed the presence of the species in Arbagish, Chortoq district (coordinates: 41.277377°N, 71.906383°E). Unfortunately, this area displayed signs of moderate anthropogenic transformation, with approximately 25-50% degradation of vegetation cover, as reported by G. Ibrokhimova in 2020.

In order to assess its conservation status, a revision of the International (IUCN) Red List categories was undertaken. The evaluation revealed that the Extent of Occurrence (EOO) for C. krauseana spans an area of 13,077,769 km2, while the Area of Occupancy (AOO) covers 20,000 km². The species is found in 6 separate hunting areas, each approximately 2 km2 in size, but these areas are scattered at distances ranging from 10 to 50 km within the South Chotkal region. Based on these significant factors, the species was categorized as Vulnerable+Endangered (VU+EN) according to the criteria established by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) (Fig. 4).

With this evaluation in mind, it is evident that protective measures and conservation efforts are crucial to safeguard the future of this remarkable species, ensuring it thrives in its natural habitat amidst the beauty of mountainous Central Asia.

Figure 4. Distribution GeoCAT map of C. Krauseana species

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Cousinia krauseana emerges as a fascinating and precious species endemic to the captivating landscapes of mountainous Central Asia, specifically confined to the southern Chotkal range. Its limited distribution and small population make it a species of significant conservation interest, warranting immediate attention to ensure its preservation and long-term survival.

Through detailed field research conducted in May 2023, the species' habitats were carefully examined, revealing areas under the distress of anthropogenic threats, particularly in the Arbagish region of the Chortoq district. It is disheartening to observe that this region has experienced moderate anthropogenic transformation, resulting in a noticeable 25-50% degradation of vegetation cover.

Assessing the species' conservation status using the International (IUCN) Red List categories, it was found that Cousinia krauseana has a relatively extensive Extent of Occurrence (EOO) spanning 13,077,769 km2, yet its Area of Occupancy (AOO) is confined to a mere 20,000 km². The species is scattered across six hunting areas, each approximately 2 km2 in size, with distances between these areas ranging from 10 to 50 km within the South Chotkal region. Taking into account these vital parameters, the species was designated under the Vulnerable+Endangered (VU+EN) categories established by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Given the concerning conservation status and the anthropogenic threats faced by Cousinia krauseana, it is imperative to implement immediate and targeted conservation efforts. Preserving its unique habitats, mitigating anthropogenic impacts, and ensuring the sustainable management of its surroundings are essential steps to safeguarding the future of this remarkable species. Collaborative initiatives, informed by scientific research and supported by conservation organizations, will play a crucial role in securing the survival and continued flourishing of Cousinia krauseana in the awe-inspiring landscapes of mountainous Central Asia.

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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS: EXPLORING THE STIGMA SURROUNDING COUNSELLING IN AN INDIAN CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT
This article delves into the prevalent stigma surrounding counselling within the Indian context, shedding light on the barriers that hinder individuals from seeking professional mental health support. The cultural, social, and traditional factors that contribute to this stigma are examined, along with their consequences for individuals and society as a whole. The article also highlights the importance of raising awareness, promoting education, and fostering open conversations to dismantle these barriers and create a more inclusive and supportive environment for mental health care in India.

INTRODUCTION
The stigma surrounding mental health issues is a global concern, but its impact is particularly profound in culturally diverse societies like India. Despite the growing recognition of mental health as an essential aspect of overall well-being, seeking professional help through counseling remains a taboo in many Indian communities. This article aims to explore the multifaceted stigma attached to counseling in India and its implications, while also emphasizing the need for a shift in societal attitudes towards mental health.

BARRIERS STEMMING FROM CULTURAL NORMS
Indian culture places a strong emphasis on familial and societal values, often discouraging open discussions about personal struggles and emotions. Mental health concerns are frequently perceived as signs of weakness or spiritual imbalance, exacerbating the stigma associated with seeking counseling. The traditional expectation of individuals to conform to societal roles and norms can deter them from admitting the need for professional assistance.

SOCIAL AND PEER PRESSURE
The fear of being labelled as "mentally unstable" or "crazy" often prevents individuals from reaching out for help. The pressure to maintain a façade of strength and composure, especially in collectivist societies, can deter people from seeking counseling, as it might be perceived as an admission of vulnerability.

LACK OF EDUCATION AND AWARENESS
Misconceptions and misinformation about counseling and mental health perpetuate the stigma. Lack of proper education and awareness campaigns contribute to the notion that mental health issues are not real medical concerns, but rather a sign of personal failure. Dispelling these myths is crucial to breaking down barriers.

GENDER DYNAMICS AND STIGMA
Gender plays a significant role in the stigma surrounding counseling in India. Men, in particular, are often discouraged from expressing vulnerability, as it goes against traditional notions of masculinity. This can lead to suppressed emotions and unaddressed mental health concerns.

IMPLICATIONS OF STIGMA
The reluctance to seek counseling has severe consequences for individuals and society. Untreated mental health issues can escalate, leading to decreased quality of life, impaired relationships, and even self-harm. On a broader scale, the perpetuation of stigma contributes to a lack of adequate mental health infrastructure and policies.

BREAKING THE STIGMA
Efforts to break down the stigma surrounding counseling in India require a multi-pronged approach. This includes public awareness campaigns, integrating mental health education into school curricula, and encouraging open conversations within families and communities. Destigmatizing counseling will require collective action to reshape societal perceptions.

1. **Public Awareness Campaigns:**
   - Media and Mental Health: Leveraging television, radio, social media, and print media to disseminate accurate information about counseling, mental health, and its benefits.
   - Celebrities as Advocates: Engaging influential individuals to share their own mental health journeys and experiences with counseling to reduce stigma.

2. **Integrating Mental Health Education:**
   - School Curricula Enhancement: Incorporating mental health education into school syllabi to equip students with a better understanding of their own emotions and to promote empathy and support for their peers.
   - Teacher Training: Providing educators with the necessary tools and knowledge to identify early signs of mental health concerns in students and offer appropriate guidance.

3. **Promoting Open Conversations:**
   - Breaking Cultural Silence: Encouraging families and communities to engage in discussions about mental health, challenging the notion that such topics are off-limits.
   - Role of Religious and Community Leaders: Enlisting the support of influential figures to advocate for mental health awareness and acceptance within their respective communities.

4. **Creating Safe Spaces:**
   - Workplace Initiatives: Implementing mental health programs in workplaces to ensure that employees feel comfortable seeking help without fear of professional repercussions.
   - Support Groups: Establishing local support groups where individuals can share their experiences, fostering a sense of belonging and normalizing seeking help.

5. **Leveraging Technology:**
   - Online Counseling Platforms: Expanding the availability of virtual counseling services to make mental health support more accessible and confidential.
   - Mental Health Apps: Developing smartphone applications that offer resources, self-help tools, and guided interventions to empower individuals in managing their mental well-being.

6. **Collaboration and Partnerships:**
   - Government and NGOs: Partnering with governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations to pool resources and expertise in advocating for mental health awareness and destigmatization.
   - Corporate Social Responsibility: Encouraging businesses to contribute to mental health initiatives through funding, resources, or awareness campaigns.

7. **Addressing Cultural Sensitivities:**
   - Tailored Approaches: Designing interventions that respect and address cultural nuances, taking into consideration regional beliefs and practices related to mental health.
   - Bridging Generational Gaps: Fostering intergenerational dialogues to reconcile differing viewpoints and bridge gaps in understanding.

Each of these subthemes provides a unique angle to approach the multi-pronged effort needed to break down the stigma surrounding counseling in the Indian context. Incorporating these ideas into your article will provide a comprehensive overview of the strategies required to reshape societal perceptions and promote mental health acceptance.

CONCLUSION

The stigma surrounding counseling in the Indian context is a complex issue deeply rooted in cultural, social, and traditional beliefs. To foster a society that values and prioritizes mental health, it is imperative to challenge these barriers through education, awareness, and compassionate conversations. By acknowledging the importance of seeking professional help for mental well-being, India can pave the way for a more inclusive and supportive environment for all individuals.

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INDIA'S TRADE AND COMMERCE POST COVID19

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ABSTRACT

Despite the fact that the corona virus's spread has impacted every element of human existence, including social and cultural, political, or any other facet of human behavior in that setting. Yet, the economic component of human life has been most severely impacted. An estimated 14 crore (140 million) individuals lost their jobs during the lockdown. Around the country, more than 45% of households have reported lower incomes than the year before. After the coronavirus epidemic, the government of India imposed a complete lockdown for the first 21 days. At this time, it was anticipated that the Indian economy would lose more than 32,000 crore (US$4.5 billion) every day. Less than 25% of India's $2.8 trillion economic movement was operational while the country was in total lockdown. With an emphasis on the trade sector and development issues, this article aims to analyze the macroeconomic effects of the COVID-19 on the Indian economy. Also, the report discusses how key aspects of growth that pertain to development are being neglected as a result of the epidemic. The exercise makes the case for policy stimulus with a sectoral focus, which should again be adjusted across Indian states rather than having a standard policy, in order to fully realize the potential of the trade sector in igniting engines of growth.

INTRODUCTION

The Covid19 pandemic, which inflicted unparalleled harm from the perspective of a health crisis as well as from that of economic ruin, first hit India along with the rest of the world more than two years ago. India entered the early in 2020, the pandemic's grasp. By October 2020, the pandemic's initial wave had passed, but in the summer of 2021, a second, probably much more catastrophic wave, began to impact the nation. The government's restrictions in response to these two waves of the epidemic caused a severe economic downturn in 2020–21. After that, there was a modest amount of recovery in 2021–2022. The pandemic has mainly receded by this point.

Based on information from the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker, the central government declared one of the broadest and strictest statewide lockdowns in the world at the time when the pandemic started spreading in India in March 2020. This was done to slow the infectious disease's rapid spread. Beginning in June 2020, the strict lockdown that was declared on March 24, 2020, progressively loosened, with the circumstances differing from state to state.(Sridharan, 2020). India has the third-highest number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the globe (after the United States and Russia) during the first wave of the pandemic (between March and July 2020).

Mid-September 2020 marked the height of the first wave, after which the number of cases decreased until the end of the year. Many of the national mobility restrictions were progressively loosened beginning in June 2020 as the severity of the first wave of the pandemic started to decline. Despite sporadic restarts due to the uneven regional distribution of the severity of Covid cases, economic activity has restarted. India has approximately 10 million confirmed cases by January 2021, the second-highest number after the US, and 150,000 fatalities.

A second pandemic wave struck India in the summer of 2021, bringing the total number of confirmed illnesses to 30 million by July 2021 and the total number of fatalities to over 400,000. The second wave, which peaked in May 2021, was more severe, more geographically extensive, and afflicted a bigger percentage of the population. Because of the inadequate health care infrastructure, it had a disproportionately negative impact in metropolitan areas. However, the economy suffered, particularly in sectors that require a lot of communication. As in the first wave, the typical suspects—the hospitality sector, travel and tourism, aviation, restaurants, entertainment, commercial real estate, small transport operators, etc.—were hardest hit. According to the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy, unemployment increased, but the labour force participation rate did not increase at the same time, suggesting that existing workers lost their jobs rather than more people looking for work as unemployment increased. It may be argued that the uncertainty surrounding the second wave was greater, and risk aversion was also higher, made worse by significant delays in the implementation of universal vaccination as well as the dangers posed by probable virus changes.

The intensity of the pandemic started to lessen after the second wave, in part due to widespread vaccination and in part due to disease-induced immunity, and starting in September 2021, the number of active Covid cases began to fall nationwide. There were just 4 million more confirmed cases between July 2021 and January 2022. During a brief third wave that began in December 2021 and peaked in January 2022, the sickness was more contagious but substantially less severe. As a result, the local governments' limitations on mobility were likewise far less severe.

The Indian economy saw a severe contraction during the pandemic. Official estimates indicate that real GDP growth decreased by 6.6% in FY21. One of the biggest recessions in history occurred in the April–June 2020 quarter alone, when GDP dropped by more than 20%, and it only partially recovered in the following quarters. This was the largest contraction since the 1970s in an economy that has been contracting since 2018.

The ongoing effects of numerous global shocks, including the Russia-Ukraine war and related geopolitical tensions, the resurgence of Covid cases, and strict lockdowns in China, have all made the supply chain bottlenecks brought on by the pandemic worse even as the economy has struggled to recover from them. The government's extensive stimulus programme and the US Fed's monetary easing measures have caused inflation in the US to reach its highest level in four decades. As of now in 2022, inflation in the UK and the Eurozone has likewise been averaging in the 8–10% area, causing the respective central banks to start an aggressive monetary tightening course. The IMF calculated that emerging markets and developing economies needed trillions of dollars in external finance. According to news sources in the Economic Times from March 23, 2020, economists estimate that the COVID-19 lockdown will cost US$120 billion, or 4% of GDP, and that India is also suffering under the pandemic's burden (The Economist, 2020). Manufacturing and the service industries—hospitality, travel and tourism, healthcare, retail, banks, hotels, real estate, education, health, IT, recreation, media, and others—were both impacted by the COVID-19 epidemic. Economic stress has already begun and will intensify quickly.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE
Chaudhary, Sodani, and Das (2020): This study evaluates the effects on impacted industries, including aviation, tourism, retail, capital markets, MSMEs, and the oil industry. Mobility both internationally and domestically is constrained, and the 9.2% of GDP that travel and tourism revenues make up will have a significant negative impact on the GDP growth rate. 1.56 billion USD less will be made in aviation revenues. In March, the price of oil fell to an 18-year low of $22 a barrel, and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) withdrew a staggering USD 571.4 million from India. Reverse capital flows will increase the current account deficit while falling oil prices would reduce it. The value of the rupee keeps declining. MSMEs will experience a severe liquidity shortage. During the crisis, there was an ominous mass departure

of such floating Their main concerns were losing their jobs, not having a daily ration, and no social safety net. India has to reconsider its approach to development and broader in scope. Additionally, COVID 19 has given India a number of exceptional chances. There is a chance to take part in international supply chains, yet multinational corporations are losing faith in China. Labour reforms are one of the reforms required for "Make in India."

Jadhav (2020): The Covid-19 pandemic outbreak has shocked the Indian economy like never before. In order to address the issue, the Indian government has announced a number of initiatives, including tax deadline extensions, more funding for healthcare, and incentives specific to certain industries. The prolonged national lockdown, the global economic slump, and the ensuing disruption of the supply and demand networks would certainly cause the economy to experience a lengthy period of slowness. This study identified the potential effects of the shock on a number of industries, including manufacturing, banking, financial services, infrastructure, real estate, and services, and it made a number of policy recommendations for these industries.

Sahoo & Ashwani (2020): The report evaluates the impact of COVID-19 on the Indian economy by examining its effects on growth, manufacturing, trade, and the sector of micro, small, and medium-sized firms. It also identifies important policy steps to mitigate any potential negative effects on the economy. The pandemic has a significant negative impact on the Indian economy across all sectors, in all lockdown scenarios—complete, extended, and partial—and at all levels of capacity utilization. In the best-case scenario, India's economy might only increase by 0.5%, while in the worst-case scenario; it could contract by 3–7%. The effects on the manufacturing, MSME, and trade sectors are significant.

RESEARCH GAP & RELEVANCE OF CURRENT STUDY
The majority of prior research have concentrated on the effects of Covid-19 on different Indian industries. In this context, the current work seeks to evaluate impact of COVID-19 on the Indian economy and emphasizes important policy measures to control the potential economic effects. The report adds to the body of knowledge by assessing the effects on the Indian economy with a stronger emphasis on growth, trade, manufacturing, and the services sector. The study primarily focuses on evaluating the losses brought on by COVID-19 in the impacted sectors, including business, and services, as well as the overall productivity loss and the socioeconomic effects of missed work hours with an analysis of developmental policy.

GOALS OF THE STUDY
The primary goals of this study are to:
1. Understand the Covid-19's economic impact in India.
2. To learn more about COVID-19's difficulties and potential.

3. To make recommendations for how to make Covid-19's current situation better.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The objective of the study is to assess the detrimental consequences of COVID-19 on various businesses. The researcher conducted a literature review for evaluation purposes, recording secondary data for information dissemination from evaluations of books, journal papers, and official websites. These sources are regarded as secondary data that are used for analysis and published in scholarly publications, historical records, official papers, and statistics databases. The study is of a descriptive kind.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TRADE AND COMMERCE

The COVID shock has been recovered from by the Indian economy as well as the world economy. Their rate of recovery is influenced not only by the severity of COVID's effects but also by how well they are able to handle the difficulties brought on by the economic consequences of the ongoing geopolitical struggle. Due to supply-side constraints and pressure on petroleum prices, all major nations are currently dealing with growth erosion and previously unheard-of internal inflationary pressures.

The three significant hurdles India is likely to encounter will, however, skew the route to a durable recovery. First off, even if inflation may have already reached its peak or may do so shortly, it is likely to stay high this year. Second, a worldwide slowdown brought on by aggressive tightening of monetary policies by advanced economy central banks is likely to occur this year. This will have an effect on consumer demand and domestic investment as people's propensity to save grows. In addition to capital outflows and a growing balance of payment account imbalance, tighter liquidity circumstances may also have these effects. Finally, there is still room for improvement in the labour market, and the pandemic's potential return is still a wild card that might scuttle the robust consumer demand and services sector rebound.

India's economy is predominantly driven by domestic demand, with consumption and investments accounting for 70% of total economic activity. Many investments and advances have been done across numerous economic sectors as a result of an improvement in the economic environment and the Indian economy's recovery from the shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. India must continue to prioritize reducing inequality while also implementing growth-oriented policies to stimulate the economy, according to the World Bank.

The states that look to be in a stronger position in terms of growth (before COVID-19 and with the pandemic-induced hit) are Bihar, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and Andhra Pradesh. Comparatively worse off are Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh. The impact of the pandemic on state growth was mitigated by agriculture.

This suggests that, overall, states with a bigger share of agriculture in their GDP experienced less contraction in fiscal 2021. On the other hand, states that rely more heavily on personal interaction with customers were more severely affected by the pandemic. It's interesting that the pandemic's impact on state growth hasn't resulted in a divergence in that low-income states don't seem to have been more severely impacted. Most states have experienced a similar high increase in inflation during the current fiscal year. 13 sizable states have had higher inflation so far this fiscal year than the nation as a whole, with Telangana, Maharashtra, and West Bengal experiencing the highest rates. The wealthier states are the ones that are most affected by inflation. The previous two years have seen an increase in fiscal hardship across all states as indicated by debt-deficit levels. As a percentage of their gross state product, Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, and Rajasthan are among the states with the highest expected debt levels this fiscal year. These states are particularly financially vulnerable. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and West Bengal's finances deteriorated, with debt to GDP above 35% in these states.

India's economic performance in the first half of the current fiscal year demonstrated the government's unwavering support for the country's capital expenditure, which was 46.8% greater in FY 2022–23 (through August 2022) than it was during the same period in FY 2021–22. Indicating a significant shift in favor of higher-quality expenditures, the ratio of revenue expenditure to capital outlay declined from 6.4 in the previous year to 4.5 in the present year. Rising levels of capital spending were also influenced by stronger revenue generation as a result of better tax compliance, increased firm profitability, and rising economic activity.

India's exports increased this quarter at the second-highest rate despite the ongoing global recession. Restoring supply networks is made possible by a decrease in port congestion. As of April 2022, the influence is already seen in the CPI-C and WPI inflation decrease. The CPI-C inflation rate in August 2022 was 7.0%, a decrease from 7.8% in April 2022. WPI inflation has also fallen, going from 15.4% in April 2022 to 12.4% in August 2022. In general, inflationary pressures in India appear to be easing due to the government's proactive administrative measures, flexibility in the monetary policy, a drop in the price of commodities globally, and the alleviation of supply-chain bottlenecks.

The Indian government has launched numerous programs over the years to boost the economy of the country. The Indian government has been successful in creating laws and programs that help people improve their financial security as well as the nation's overall economic expansion. The demand for exports has significantly increased as a result of India's recent rapid economic expansion. In addition, a number of the government's signature initiatives, including as Made in India, Start-up India, Digital India, the Smart City Mission, and the Atal Mission for

Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, are designed to open up enormous potential in India.

Investment and exports are the two key engines of growth for a rising economy like India. Given the considerable deleveraging, sheets are also in good shape. However, private sector investment is still behind. According to CMIE Capex data, it had been reducing nominally during the pre-pandemic period and even after the pandemic had abated. It is no longer declining, but investment has not significantly increased either. In its Union Budget for 2022–2023, the government also provided a much-needed capex boost, but it has yet to be seen how this would translate into private investment.

Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) in Q1 of FY23 grew year over year, but it is still below the 30% of GDP threshold needed to set the economy on a path of sustained development. In Q1 of FY23, GFCF increased from 30.7% of GDP to 29.2% of GDP (mainly due to government capex).

Economic theory suggests that in the face of adverse terms of trade shock, a weaker currency helps in expenditure switching towards higher exports and lower imports and hence improves the trade balance. Weaker exchange rate boosts non-oil exports and helps reduce non-oil imports by increasing the price of imports. Moreover, if the rupee fails to follow when other EM currencies are depreciating, then India's exports will lose competitiveness. Already, the rupee has appreciated significantly against other Asian currencies such as the South Korean won, the Thai baht and the Taiwanese dollar. If competitiveness is further eroded at a time when the global economic environment is turning difficult, export growth could really suffer

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY
From a more comprehensive and general standpoint, notwithstanding the continuous slowdown in exports, the current state of global commerce may offer India a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join the club of great exporting nations. China, the world's largest exporter, has been shutting down its factories, which has caused foreign companies to look for new locations for their facilities. Sanctions on Russia are getting harder and tighter. Due to the reduction of two significant Asian trading partners, India now has an unparalleled opportunity to draw foreign businesses to produce and export from this country. Similar to how the situation in Bangladesh, one of our neighbors, may present India with a chance to expand its textile export business.

There are other options for India to boost economic growth in the longer term in addition to utilizing its export potential. According to a recent issue of the Economist magazine (Economist, 2022), as the pandemic fades, four pillars are visible that could support growth in the following ten years: (1) the GST's creation of a single national market; (2) the growth of industry due to the switch to renewable energy and a shift in supply chains away from China; (3) advancements in technology, IT services, and the outsourcing industry; and (4) a high-tech, welfare safety-net for the hundreds of millions

The recent announcement of privatization and asset monetization, tax reforms (GST and corporate tax rationalization), the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme, the insolvency and bankruptcy code (IBC) to improve the credit culture and resource allocation mechanism, labour reforms, and a fiscal policy focused on capex and infrastructure are just a few of the recent structural reforms India has implemented. (RBI, 2022a). To foster a climate that will encourage private sector investment, which in turn will generate much-needed jobs, a lot more work must be done consistently. Given that many global businesses are currently exploring for alternatives to China and Russia, luring them to produce in India must also be given top importance. India must utilise this to its fullest potential.

In this perspective, it is important to note that for the first time in many years, US inflation is higher than Indian inflation. One of the key reasons India's inflation has been less severe than that of the West is that, in contrast to the developed countries, the Indian government did not implement a significant fiscal stimulus during the pandemic period. As a result, supply shocks have been the main cause of inflation while low demand has persisted.

Furthermore, unlike the period from 2009 to 2011 when CPI inflation had reached 15%, the inflation this time around was kept under control thanks to the inflation targeting regime that was introduced in 2015. For the economy to continue to benefit from low and stable inflation for an extended length of time, the RBI should concentrate on maintaining this credibility and upholding its accountability as an inflation targeting central bank. This will thereafter help to establish an atmosphere that is favorable for private sector investment and consequently for overall economic growth.

INDIAS DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Indicator (% year-over-year, unless otherwise stated)	FY19/20	FY20/21	FY21/22	FY22/23	FY23/24
At Fixed Market Prices, Real GDP Growth	3.9	-5.8	9.1	6.9	6.3
Private Consumption	5.2	-5.2	11.2	8.3	6.9
Government Consumption	3.9	-0.9	6.6	1.2	-1.1
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	1.1	-7.3	14.6	10.1	9.3
Exports, Goods and Services	-3.4	-9.1	29.3	11.5	9.2
Imports, Goods and Services	-0.8	-13.7	21.8	19.0	11.6
At Fixed Factor Prices, Real GDP Growth	3.9	-4.2	8.8	6.6	6.3
Agriculture	6.2	4.1	3.5	3.2	3.4
Industry	-1.4	-0.9	11.6	3.6	6.8
Services	6.4	-8.2	8.8	9.5	6.7
Inflation (Consumer Price Index)	4.8	6.2	5.5	6.6	5.2
Current Account Balance (percent of GDP)	-0.9	0.9	-1.2	-3.0	-2.1
Fiscal Balance (percent of GDP)	-7.2	-13.3	-10.5	-9.4	-8.7
Debt (percent of GDP)	73.6	87.5	85.4	83.0	83.4
Primary Balance (percent of GDP)	-2.5	-7.8	-5.2	-4.2	-3.3

SOURCE: https://documents1.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/099926004032338633

CONCLUSION

After two years of an unprecedented shock in the form of a pandemic, the biggest challenges facing the Indian economy are achieving a high, sustainable GDP growth rate, creating enough jobs to absorb the millions of unemployed, and achieving a low, stable rate of inflation in the midst of a highly volatile and uncertain global economic environment dealing with the effects of numerous adverse shocks. Despite a partial pandemic recovery, there are still issues with medium- to long-term growth.

The debt-to-GDP ratio and the sustainability of the debt are the main arguments against expanding public spending. How rigid are these restrictions? The amount of debt ratio shouldn't be an instant restriction at a time when all nations are experiencing an increase in their debt-to-GDP ratios. The relative ranks for the G-20 countries have remained mostly similar because the amount of change in the ratio during the pandemic has been roughly proportional to the beginning level. India's debt-to-GDP ratio places it ninth among the G-20 nations for each of these years.

As we will show below, the major issue in the Indian context is actually a "impossible trinity": preserving fiscal responsibility, continuing corporate tax breaks, and compensating vulnerable households for income losses.

The global economic climate was comparatively stable during the Covid-19 epidemic, which aided developing nations like India in implementing their own measures to deal with this shock.
For instance, to boost demand and sustain growth, the RBI was able to decrease rates and infuse massive sums of money.

Nevertheless, the world's climate has grown more unpredictable and volatile recently, making it challenging to select the best possible combination of policies that would provide the desired results.

India currently has to deal with both foreign and internal imbalances, which is a double challenge. On the one hand, the pressure on the rupee to depreciate is increased by the widening current account deficit and the difficulty of financing it as a result of the significant inflows of foreign investment. On the other hand, the high levels of the fiscal deficit and debt, along with inflation, continue to raise concerns. The RBI's proactive monetary policy tightening may, in the medium term, assist to control inflation, but it is harmful to the ongoing, embryonic economic recovery. Aggressive fiscal consolidation may also impede economic expansion.

India is also experiencing a historic opportunity to increase exports as a result of China's exit from the global trading system. It takes a liberal, consistent, and stable trade policy with an export promotion focus to take advantage of this opportunity. While the global recession has caused a slowdown in exports, what may be more concerning is the recent tendency towards protectionist government policies, which could further harm India's export potential and growth prospects.

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HIATAL HERNIA, PANORAMIC REVIEW OF DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

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SUMMARY

Introduction: *Hiatal hernia (HH) occurs frequently in the population, characterized by various non-specific symptoms, however most of these symptoms are found to be related to gastroesophageal reflux disease. A hiatal hernia is said to be a medical condition in which the upper portion of the stomach or other internal organ protrudes through an opening in the diaphragm.*

Objective: *to detail current information related to hiatal hernia, description, etiology, classification, diagnosis, differential, prognosis, management and complications.*

Methodology: *a total of 38 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 27 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant for this study. The sources of information were PubMed, Google Scholar and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: hiatal hernia, hiatal repair, diagnosis, management.*

Results: *The incidence of symptomatic cases of hiatal hernia is related to the diagnosis of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). The incidence of hiatal hernias increases with age. About 55%-60% of individuals over 50 years of age have a hiatal hernia. However, approximately 9% have symptoms and it depends on the type and competence of the lower esophageal sphincter (LES). The largest percentage of these hernias are type I sliding hiatal hernias. Type II, paraesophageal hernias, represent approximately 5% of hiatal hernias in which the LES remains stationary, with the stomach*

protruding superiorly to the diaphragm. There is also a high prevalence in women, attributable to increased intra-abdominal pressure during pregnancy. The estimated overall 30-day mortality rate in relation to antireflux surgery is approximately 0.19%.
Conclusions: *Hiatal hernia (HH) is relatively common in the general population. It is caused by increased intra-abdominal pressure, leading to protrusion of the stomach and other abdominal viscera into the mediastinum. Hiatal hernias can be congenital or acquired. The current anatomical classification of hiatal hernias consists of four types or categories, each with its different characteristics. Diagnosis of hiatal hernia can be challenging because of the change in the anatomy of the esophagogastric junction on swallowing, breathing and movement. The pre-surgical study of the individual supports the diagnosis and the exclusion of other pathologic entities to properly direct the surgical intervention. The success of hiatal hernia surgery can be measured by the improvement of symptoms, such as esophageal acid exposure, complications and the requirement for reoperation. Complications of surgery are usually mild and are not directly linked to the surgery itself.*
KEY WORDS*: surgery, hernia, hiatus, diagnosis, management.*

INTRODUCTION

Hiatal hernia (HH) is common in the general population and is characterized by a variety of nonspecific symptoms, most of them linked to gastroesophageal reflux disease. Treatment sometimes becomes challenging and depends on the presence of complications(1).

A hiatal hernia is a disorder in which the upper part of the stomach or other internal organ protrudes through an opening in the diaphragm. The diaphragm is a muscle involved in breathing and has a small opening, a hiatus, through which it crosses the esophagus before joining the stomach; this connection is known as the gastroesophageal junction (GEJ). In a hiatal hernia, the stomach propels through this opening into the chest and involves the lower esophageal sphincter (LES). This laxity of the LES can allow matter inside the stomach as well as acid to back up into the esophagus and lead to gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Smaller hiatal hernias usually do not present symptoms, or if they do, they can be treated medically; larger hiatal hernias usually require surgical treatment(2,3).

In recent years, there have been advances in the area of hiatal hernia treatment, primarily in surgical treatment. However, there are many uncertainties for which no clear guideline updates have been made(1).

METHODOLOGY

A total of 38 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as cases and clinical trials, of which 27 bibliographies were used because the information collected was not important enough to be included in this study. The sources of information were Cochrane, PubMed and Google Scholar; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: hiatal hernia, hiatal repair, diagnosis, management.

The choice of the bibliography exposes elements related to hiatal hernia; in addition to this factor, a description, etiology, classification, diagnosis, differential, prognosis, management and complications of the disease are presented.

DEVELOPMENT

Description

Hiatal hernia (HH) is common in the general population. It is caused by increased intra-abdominal pressure, leading to protrusion of the stomach and other abdominal viscera into the mediastinum. Overweight and advanced age are essential risk factors in its formation. Other associated risk factors:

➢ History of esophageal surgery.
➢ Partial or total gastrectomy.
➢ Multiple pregnancies.
➢ Some disorders of the skeletal system are related to decalcification and bone degeneration.

The incidence of symptomatic cases of hiatal hernia is closely linked to the diagnosis of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). The most typical manifestation shown in hiatal hernia is gastroesophageal reflux, noted by regurgitation and heartburn, more infrequent symptoms are epigastric or thoracic pain, dysphagia and sometimes chronic iron deficiency anemia. Major hernias may show with dysphagia, early satiety or regurgitation(4,5).

The esophageal hiatal orifice is an elliptical shaped opening through the diaphragm with its major axis in the sagittal plane where the esophagus and vagus nerves enter the abdomen. Of the openings through the diaphragm, only the esophageal hiatus is vulnerable to visceral herniation because it runs directly into the abdominal cavity, thus it is directly subjected to the pressure stresses between the two cavities. Uniquely, the esophagus does not hermetically saturate the hiatus as it requires expansion to accommodate the luminal contents.

Although there is some anatomical diversity, the most common anatomical pattern is that the hiatus is formed by elements of the right diaphragmatic pillar. The abutments arise from the tendinous fibers that arise from the anterior longitudinal ligament over the upper lumbar vertebrae. The pillars are directed upward in strong relation to the vertebral bodies throughout most of their course and are directed forward as they arch near the esophagus. Leaving the tendinous origin of the right pillar, the muscle fibers divide into 2 ribbon-like bundles divided by connective tissue. The dorsal bundle forms the left arm of the right pillar, while the ventral bundle becomes the right arm of the right pillar. As they approach the hiatus, the muscle fibers diverge and intertwine with each other in a scissor-like fashion, with the ventral bundle passing to the upper right and the dorsal bundle to the upper left. The lateral fibers of the hiatal branches insert into the central tendon of the diaphragm, the medial fibers bend toward the midline and separate in front of the esophagus.

Usually, the esophagus is rooted to the diaphragm so that the stomach cannot be directed through the hiatus in the direction of the mediastinum. The fundamental structures in the restriction are the esophageal-paraesophageal ligaments, also known as the esophageal-paraesophageal membrane, as well as an aggregation of posterior elements where the vagus nerve and the roots of the left gastric vein and the left gastric artery are located. The esophageal brake membrane is created from the transversalis fascia in the lower area of the diaphragm and from the fused structures of the endothoracic fascia. This elastic membrane is introduced circumferentially into the esophageal musculature, one step away from the squamocolumnar junction, and is directed about 1 centimeter above the gastroesophageal connection. Thus, the axial location of the squamocolumnar junction is usually within or slightly distal to the diaphragmatic hiatus and

circumferential to the crural diaphragm. The esophageal paraesophageal membrane also closes the potential space between the esophagus and the diaphragm. With age, the amount of elastic tissue in the esophageal diaphragm gradually decreases, increasing its laxity, as well as the risk of developing hiatal hernias(3,6,7).

Figure 1. Distinction between a sliding hiatal hernia (type I) and paraesophageal hernia (type II). With type I hernia the leading edge is the gastric cardia while with type two it is the gastric fundus. The SCJ maintains its native position in the paraesophageal hernia while it is displaced upward with the sliding hernia. Modified from Jaffee BM, Surgery of the esophagus. In Orlando RC Ed. Atlas of Esophageal Diseases, Second Edition. pp 223–242
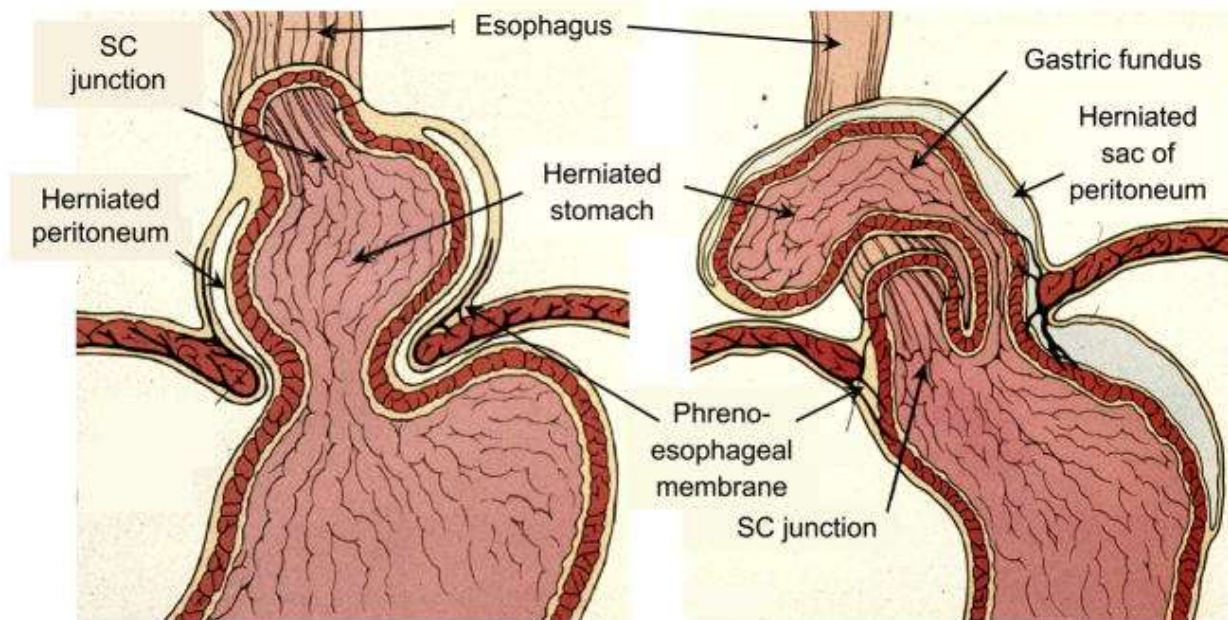
Source: Kahrilas PJ, Kim HC, Pandolfino JE. Approaches to the diagnosis and grading of hiatal hernia(3).

Etiology and Epidemiology
Hiatal hernias can be congenital or acquired. They are more frequent in the elderly. Muscle weakness with loss of flexibility and elasticity with age is thought to influence the development of a hiatal hernia. This may cause the upper portion of the stomach not to return to its natural place under the diaphragm during swallowing. There are also other predisposing factors, such as high intra-abdominal pressure. This is often due to pregnancy, chronic constipation, obesity and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Trauma, age, previous surgeries and genetics often also play a role in the formation of hiatal hernia(2,8).

The incidence of hiatal hernias increases with age. About 55% to 60% of individuals over 50 years of age have a hiatal hernia. However, about 9% have symptoms, and it will depend on the type, as well as the competence of the lower esophageal sphincter. Most of these hernias are type I sliding hiatal hernias. Type II, paraesophageal hernias, only make up about 5% of hiatal hernias in which the LES remains stationary, but the stomach protrudes

superior to the diaphragm. There is a higher prevalence in females, which could be due to the increased intra-abdominal pressure in pregnancy. Hiatal hernias are more common in Western Europe and North America and uncommon in rural Africa(2,9).

Classification
Traditionally, hiatal hernia was divided into sliding or paraesophageal. The current anatomical classification of hiatal hernias is divided into 4.

Type I hernias or sliding hernias: related to the symmetrical ascent of the stomach through the diaphragmatic pillar. They make up more than 90% of all cases of hiatal hernia and are associated with GERD, more severe degrees of esophagitis and Barrett's esophagus.

Type II hernias or pure paraesophageal hernias (PEH): a part of the gastric fundus is herniated through the diaphragmatic hiatus

next to the esophagus, while the gastroesophageal junction remains in its usual anatomical situation.

Type III hernias: a mixture between types I and II, both the fundus and the gastroesophageal junction are herniated through the hiatus. The fundus is superior to the gastroesophageal junction.

Type IV hernias consist of a distinct form of the stomach protruding through the thoracic cavity either colon, omentum, small intestine, peritoneum or spleen.

Types II-IV are called paraesophageal hernias (PEH); they are notable because of their likelihood of ischemia, obstruction or volvulus. The anatomical classification of hiatal hernia is primarily useful in approach, since the indications for surgical treatment are very different between sliding and paraesophageal hernias(1,5,10-12).

Diagnosis

Sometimes it can be challenging, since there are changes in the anatomy of the esophagogastric junction at the time of breathing, movement and swallowing. A well-done anamnesis and physical examination are imperative. The typical presentation leading to an assessment of hiatal hernia is gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). Affected individuals usually report heartburn and, on occasion, regurgitation. Some individuals present with extraesophageal symptoms, such as chronic cough or asthma. The presentation of regurgitation or these extraesophageal symptoms is usually a sign of progression of the disease. However, not all individuals with regurgitation present with GERD, so it is important to keep in mind whether the regurgitated food is digested or not(1,2).

Undigested food may represent another pathology such as achalasia or a diverticulum. Dysphagia is another drawback that occurs in advanced disease. It is usually secondary to mechanical obstruction. When present, it could be due to additional pathology, such as a tumor, diverticula, peptic stricture or a primary motor disorder. Physical examination in individuals with hiatal hernia and GERD infrequently supports the diagnosis. The presence of abnormal supraclavicular lymph nodes in individuals with heartburn and dysphasia may be suggestive of esophageal or gastric cancer, so evaluation is crucial(1,2,13).

The correct pre-surgical evaluation with appropriate complementary examinations in an individual with suspicion will allow confirming the diagnosis, as well as distinguishing from other pathological agents.

Endoscopy: it is essential for the evaluation of individuals with GERD and possible hiatal hernia who could benefit from surgery. It serves to differentiate from other pathological entities such as tumors, in addition to showing the presence of esophageal alterations. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) has the advantage of real-time examination of the esophageal mucosa, stomach mucosa and duodenum, compared to barium radiography. It can detect Barrett's esophagus, Cameron's ulcer, erosive esophagitis and even lesions suspicious of malignancy. However, it often does not allow observation of a large hiatal hernia, especially when talking about organo-axial rotation of the stomach. Some authors say that it is a challenge to provide an accurate endoscopic description of massive hernias, so they consider that it should also be accompanied by an X-ray with barium swallow to better report the hernia. The literature also indicates that when performing endoscopy, it should be kept in mind that too much insufflation of air from the stomach can increase the size of the hernia.

Manometry: used to differentiate from primary motility disorders such as achalasia, which causes reflux symptoms. Individuals with primary motility disorders sometimes need a partial fundoplication rather than a Nissen fundoplication. Esophageal manometry provides important information about esophageal motility. A division between the crural diaphragm and the lower esophageal sphincter of 2 centimeters or greater is thought to be diagnostic of hiatal hernia. The literature states that esophageal manometry should be done primarily prior to surgery, because it can rule out achalasia or other motility disorders. Prior to fundoplication surgery, it is also essential to check the integrity of esophageal peristalsis, and this can be done by means of high-resolution manometry (HRM), since it provides a real-time pressure recording. However, placing the manometry catheter is complex; some authors show that the method is completed less than 50% of the time.

pH monitoring: The 24-hour pH test is the gold standard for the diagnosis of acid reflux. A probe is placed 5 centimeters above the gastroesophageal junction and the amount of acid involved is measured. A number named DeMeesterm score 14.7 or higher indicates significant gastroesophageal reflux. This test is not essential in diagnosis however it is useful in giving a quantitative analysis of reflux episodes, because it correlates the pH level with the individual's reflux afflictions; furthermore studies consider it a gold standard against exposure to acid reflux in the esophageal lumen.

Esophagography: provides important information in terms of the anatomy of the esophagus and proximal stomach. With this, anatomical abnormalities such as tumors or strictures can be appreciated. Barium radiography gives important information on the size of the herniated stomach and the location of the gastroesophageal junction. Most of the reviews agree that the barium swallow is still fundamental for the diagnosis of hiatal hernia, hiatal hernias can be diagnosed through this method if the axial hernia is larger than 2 centimeters. Video esophagram is also often recommended because it examines the transit of the bolus. It also supports the diagnosis of short esophagus. The main disadvantage is radiation exposure. The risks related to radiation exposure add up over time and are directly associated with the number of X-rays undergone.

CT scanning is not routinely indicated, however it is used to obtain more information about the location and specific type of hiatal hernia. It is usually discovered incidentally while a CT scan is being performed for other purposes. Some authors recommend the use of CT to rule out perforation, pneumoperitoneum or pneumomediastinum. If a paraesophageal hernia is present, it is a method used to evaluate gastric volvulus(1,4,10,12,14-17).

Management

Treatment of hiatal hernias varies according to the type of hernia and the significance of the symptoms. The first management of an individual with typical GERD symptoms on an outpatient basis includes double doses of a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), which can be both therapeutic and diagnostic, because sustained symptoms usually require further evaluation. Since the advent of PPIs, the recommendation for surgical management has been transformed. Those individuals with evidence of severe esophageal alteration, either stricture, ulcer or Barrett's mucosa, should be considered as candidates for surgery. Also, those individuals with a long symptomatic evolution or those who present a non-complete resolution of symptoms during medical treatment should be evaluated for a surgical procedure. In recent years it has been seen that the value of surgery has decreased with minimally invasive techniques in the treatment of GERD. Patients with more than 8 years of life expectancy and require lifelong therapy because of a mechanically deficient SLE, surgical management can be considered as the treatment of choice(2,18-20).

When we are faced with a case of symptomatic hiatal hernia, it is usually due to acid reflux, so we should try to alleviate the symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) by managing gastric acid secretion. Lifestyle change is the first-line treatment encompassing:

➢ Restricting triggers foods such as chocolate, caffeine, alcohol, spicy, citrus, carbonated beverages.
➢ Raise the head of the bed 8 inches during sleep.
➢ Avoid meals 2 to 3 hours before bedtime.
➢ Weight loss.

The American College of Gastroenterology reports that using a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) 8 weeks at a time is the therapy of choice for symptom improvement in GERD, without much variation in efficacy among the various types of PPIs. The use of twice-daily PPIs may be indicated in individuals with a poor response to the once-daily dose. At this time it is recommended to use the minimum dose of PPIs capable enough to maintain symptom-free. Some other medications that may be used are histamine 2 receptor antagonists and antacids. Individuals with moderate symptoms can use these treatments on demand, however, patients who continue with symptoms despite PPI treatment should use them as adjunctive treatment(1,3,12,21).

In paraesophageal hernias, the gastric fundus has migrated superiorly to the diaphragm, thus presenting a higher risk of obstruction. Generally individuals showing symptoms of paraesophageal hernia experience mild or no relief with medications such as histamine receptor antagonists, antacids or proton pump inhibitors; management with these medications is helpful however the definitive treatment for paraesophageal hernia remains surgical.

Prokinetic drugs are not indicated in clinical practice guidelines either as monotherapy or as adjunctive treatment, because there is insufficient evidence to support their efficacy in the management of GERD-related hiatal hernia(1).

Paraesophageal hernias may present with gastric volvulus due to the laxity of the peritoneal connections of the stomach and the consequent rotation of the gastric fundus, being a surgical emergency. Surgical repair of any symptomatic paraesophageal hernia is currently indicated, as well as totally asymptomatic major hernias in individuals under 60 years of age and without other pathology(2,22).

Nissen fundoplication (360-degree wrap): is based on totally wrapping the EUS using the fundus of the stomach. It is usually performed with a 52 French tube in place to ensure a correct approach without the wrap remaining too tight. It starts with dissection of the short gastric vessels of the greater curvature of the stomach to mobilize the fundus. The esophageal paraspinal membrane over the left abutment is completely dissected and the crural fibers are shown. In the right crural dissection, the lesser omentum should be separated and the right phrenoesophageal membrane mobilized. The anterior and posterior vagus should be maintained in this dissection. Frequently, a Penrose drain is used around the esophagus to enhance mobilization and sheath formation. The wrap is formed over a length of 2.5 to 3 cm using 3 to 4 interrupted permanent sutures. Subsequent to the wrap, the 52 French tube is removed and the wrap is anchored to the esophagus and hiatus. This prevents hernia and slippage(2,23).

Partial fundoplication (Dor and Toupet): when esophageal motility is incompetent, a partial fundoplication is usually the treatment of choice. The two most common partial fundoplications are the Dor procedure, which is an anterior wrap, and the Toupet procedure, which is a posterior wrap. In discrepancy to the 360-degree total wrap done with a Nissen, these two techniques entail the formation of a 180- to 250-degree wrap. The concept is that a partial wrap will help prevent plugging in the esophagus when motility is a concern.

Dor's procedure: is performed by folding the fundus over the anterior aspect of the esophagus and subsequently anchoring to the hiatus and esophagus as performed in the 360-degree wrap. This has been used sparingly for the management of GERD and is frequently used to treat individuals with achalasia who have had an anterior myotomy.

Toupet procedure: the entire esophageal dissection for this procedure is identical to the Nissen procedure, with mobilization of the esophagus, differing from the anterior procedure in that it forms a 220 to 250 degree wrap around the posterior aspect of the esophagus, and is the treatment of choice if motility is the primary concern(2,24).

Table I. Current therapeutic approaches of hiatal hernia.

Type of hiatal hernia	First line	Second line
Type I (sliding) hernia	PPI – once daily, 8 week course treatment Inadequate symptom control: PPI – twice daily, 8 week course treatment	Laparoscopic fundoplication (Nissen or Toupet) – especially in case of symptom persistence
Types II, III, IV (paraesophageal) hernias	Laparoscopic fundoplication (Nissen or Toupet) – definitive treatment	PPI, histamine receptor antagonists, antacids – for symptom relief

Source: Sfara A, Dumitrașcu DL. The management of hiatal hernia: an update on diagnosis and treatment(1).

Differential Diagnosis

The differential diagnosis of an individual presenting with GERD can be very broad, so a complete workup should be performed prior to surgery. Typical heartburn shows up as a burning or caustic epigastric sensation. Usually, without irradiation to the back or pressure sensation. This allows differentiation from other pathologies such as pancreatitis or acute coronary syndrome. Extraesophageal symptoms of GERD come from the respiratory tract and present as laryngeal or pulmonary symptoms. The etiology of these symptoms can become complicated; primary esophageal motility disorders, gastric or esophageal cancer, and primary lung disease should also be suspected. If an individual shows these symptoms and the primary study is negative, other etiological alternatives should be evaluated(2,25,26).

Prognosis

The success of hiatal hernia surgery can be measured by symptom relief, improvement in esophageal acid exposure, complications and the requirement for reoperation. In research that evaluated 100 individuals who underwent antireflux surgery for 10 years, they found a 90% decrease in symptoms at 10 years. In recent years, due to greater experience, symptom improvement has increased and perioperative complications have decreased(2,16).

Complications

Complications of surgery are usually mild and are generally not related to the surgery itself. The global one-month mortality rate related to antireflux surgery is 0.19%. Specific complications of antireflux surgery are:
Gastroesophageal injuries: occur in about 1% of individuals who undergo Nissen fundoplication.

➢ Pneumothorax: it is the most frequent, however it is observed in less than 2% of patients.
➢ Hepatic and splenic lesions: they may generate hemorrhage and occur in about 2.3% of patients. Severe alterations are rare.
➢ Dysphasia: usually resolves without any intervention and is frequently generated by postoperative edema(2,27).

CONCLUSIONS

Hiatal hernia (HH) is relatively common in the general population. It is caused by increased intra-abdominal pressure, leading to protrusion of the stomach and other abdominal viscera into the mediastinum. Hiatal hernias can be congenital or acquired. The current anatomical classification of hiatal hernias consists of four types or categories, each with its different characteristics. Diagnosis of hiatal hernia can be challenging because of the change in the anatomy of the esophagogastric junction on swallowing, breathing and movement. The pre-surgical study of the individual supports the diagnosis and the exclusion of other pathologic entities to properly direct the surgical intervention. The success of hiatal hernia surgery can be measured by the improvement of symptoms, such as esophageal acid exposure, complications and the requirement for reoperation. Complications of surgery are usually minor and are not directly related to the surgery itself.

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THE CREATIVITY OF SH. AITMATOV AND SH. SEITOV: LITERARY INFLUENCE AND TYPOLOGY

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ABSTRACT
In the article, the articles and researches written on the similarities in the prose of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov and the Karakalpak writer Sh. Seitov in Karakalpak literary criticism and literary studies are studied.
KEY WORDS: *literary influence, typology, Sh. Aitmatov, Sh. Seitov, novel, story, plot, composition, character.*

INTRODUCTION
"National literatures are developed not only due to internal resources, but also due to wider social and aesthetic relations with each other. That is why each national literature is characterized not only by specific regularities arising from local conditions and traditions, but also by universal regularities conditioned by the international character of literary development. These two dimensions of the literary process, i.e., world literature, and national literature, which, according to its specifics, can be learned as a part of the common concept, require comparative study". [1; 173]

When studying national literature from this point of view, the necessity of comparative studies is visible. When we pay attention to the researches written on the history of Karakalpak literature, the researchers study the poetics of literary work, individual writers' creativity in the framework of literary tradition and innovation, literary influence and literary connections, typological and genetic similarities.

There are also articles and studies on the influence of Russian and other people's literature on the development of prose in Karakalpak literary criticism and literary studies. In the 1950s, the academician M. Nurmukhamedov began to study the problem of the influence of Russian literature on Karakalpak literature, and since the 1970s, the influence of Kyrgyz writers on Karakalpak prose has been discussed in literary criticism. The works of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov have been translated into Karakalpak since the 1960s [2]. Starting from this period, Sh. Aitmatov's creativity is compared with a number of literary works in the Karakalpak literature, and a number of articles are written from the point of view of similarities or literary influence in the creativity [3, 118-126].

LITERATURE REVIEW
The history of Kyrgyz literature of the 20th century is associated with the name of Sh. Aitmatov, his creativity illuminates the sharp turns of the history of the Kyrgyz people and, at the same time, has a certain influence on the development of other folk literatures. The works of Sh.

Aitmatov, who brought up in the spirit of folk poetry and studied at the Institute of Literature named after M. Gorky, were recognized in the late 1950s by the whole union and later by world literature. The geography of distribution of Sh. Aitmatov's works has expanded since his story "Irazi, bol, Gulsari! (Be pleased, Gulsari)", and they were published in Russian and then translated into other languages. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the creativity of writer from the 1960s not only showed the degree of development of Kyrgyz national literature, but also marked the ways of its further development. Sh. Aitmatov is a writer who had the troubles of the times that he had lived, and answered by describing the problems of the times in his artistic and journalistic works in time. The writer always lives equal with the times and raises the global problems of the world.

The writer is constantly searching for new content and new form for each of his works, starting from his short stories and stories. In the last thirty years of the 20th century, the connections between Sh.Aitmatov's poetry and the literature of the Turkic peoples were specially studied [4]. In the studies of the Kyrgyz writer A. Akmataliev, Kyrgyz writer Chingys Aitmatov's writings were compared with the literature of a number of Turkic peoples, and his opinions were expressed on literary phenomena such as literary influence and typological similarities [5].

In 1991, the literary center called "multinational Soviet literature" stopped its activity, and instead of it several national literatures began to appear. If we look at the past today, the name of Sh. Aitmatov is mentioned among the most famous writers in the era of "multinational Soviet literature". In particular, it is not an exaggeration to say that the writer Sh. Aitmatov, who had a strong influence on the development of the literature of the Turkic peoples in the composition of the multi-national literature. As proof of this opinion, we can cite several scientific papers, monographs, dissertations and articles written comparing the writing of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov with the writing of other literature or writers. Also,

the research work of Sh. Aitmatov's writings in the context of the world literature was undertaken.

A number of articles and researches were written in the Karakalpak Literary Studies on the issues about the influence of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov on the Karakalpak prose, their interrelationships, translation, etc. [6]. They show the influence of Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov's creativity in the works of Karakalpak writers T. Kaipbergenov, Sh. Seitov, S. Saliyev, U. Pirjanov, K. Kamalov, G. Esemuratova, K.Rakhmanov and others. In the results of the research, it was noted that Sh. Aitmatov's literary influence on the Karakalpak prose was mainly, on the writers' choice of plot and the construction of composition, as well as the use of artistic and psychological methods. And writer evaluates the closeness in the creativity of Sh. Seitov and Sh. Aitmatov as literary adaptations and typological phenomena.

In this article, we will learn the opinions about the similar literary phenomena in the creativity of Sh.Seytov and Sh. Aitmatov expressed by the writers, and will express our opinions.

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS
In the works of Sh. K. Kamalov, Zh. Yesenov, A. Sultanov the comments on the similarity of the compositional and artistic methods used in Seitov's first famous story "Qashqin (The Fugitive)" (1969, 2021) to Sh. Aitmatov's creativity were given.

Writer K. Kamalov: In "Irazi bol, Gulsari" the old man walking on the road is depicted together with the fate of the horse. Tanabay and Gulsari go over every hill of the road on the mountain and a part of their life is depicted. Thus, the writer reveals the fate of the two heroes by depicting their joint actions. In Sh.Seitov's "The Fugitive", the actions of Nesiybeli, Kanlikilish, Durdi cannot find this level of unity. Sh.Seytov ... broke the method of plotting [7, 80] – he criticizes.

In our opinion, these two stories have similarity in depicting the unity of man and nature. Sh. Seytov depicted Nazli with her dog, and Sh. Aitmatov depicted Tanabay together with his horse in the same space. Secondly, Sh. Seytov in his story "The Fugitive" depicted the actions and psychological situation of several characters in parallel (Nesibeli, Kanlikilish, Durdi) and in the composition of the story, the events were arranged according to the logical progression. Therefore, the methods used in creating the image of the characters and creating the composition were successful.

Also, learning the poetic traditions of Sh. Aitmatov used in A. Sultanov's karakalpak prose, Sh. Seytov's story "The Fugitive" is similar to Sh. Aitmatov's story "Jamila" in its description of the psychology of the hero and the landscape, the use of artistic details, richness of lyricism and considers it to be the result of self-mastery the writer's art methods with creativity. This is really true. The story "The Fugitive" is very similar to Sh. Aitmatov's story "Irazi bol, Gulsari" and the story "Jamila" in terms of plot structure, composition, methods of creating

the character, and landscape descriptions. As noted by the writer Sh.Seitov himself, he learned coming into the psychology of the hero, the methods of plotting, creating composition from Sh. Aitmatov, mastered and used them in his creativity. Therefore, the creativity of both writers is close to each other in terms of artisticization methods and actions. However, the plot and character images chosen by them do not repeat each other. In our opinion, the image system of Sh.Seitov's story "The Fugitive" is similar to Sh. Aitmatov's work "Da'slepki mug'allim (First teacher)".

The story of Shaudirbai Seitov's "There were many cranes gone" and "Cranes that have come early" by the Kyrgyz writer Chingys Aitmatov depict rural life and images of children in the war years. The title of both stories is similar. The most difficult years in the life of the multi-ethnic peoples of the former republics of previous century were the era of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945. It aggravated the social situation of the people, and there were many victims of the war. This tragedy left an indelible mark in history. Therefore, the life of this era has become a topic that is depicted in the literature of every people of the previous union until today. When we study the works written on the war theme in the union literature of the war years and the post-war period, we see that this theme is reflected in them in different directions. Writers depict the life in the war front or in the rear. Among them, there are works that are very similar in terms of title. Among such works, we can mention the story of the Karakalpak writer Shaudirbai Seitov "There were many cranes gone" and the story of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov "Cranes that came early". However, these two works were not created at the same time. Karakalpak writer Sh. Seitov's story "There were many cranes gone" was published in 1966 in the issues No. 5-6 of "Amiudarya" magazine. And the story of the Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov "Cranes that came early" was published in Russian in 1975 under the title "Rannie juravli" in issue No. 9 of Noviy Mir (New World) magazine. Ashim Jakypbekov translated it into Kyrgyz under the title "Early Cranes" and published it in the 1978 issue No. 7 of "Ala-Too" magazine (and it was translated into Karakalpak by Uzakbay Pirjanov). The main characters depicted in these two stories are similar in terms of age and life condition. The Karakalpak researchers, of course, evaluated these similarities in different ways in their critics and later in their researches. The literary writer J. Esenov made such conclusion that while learning the methods of revealing the psychology of the hero in the story "There were many cranes gone" Sh. Seitov learned these psychological (movement, landscape, letter) methods from Sh. Aitmatov, and wrote that Sh.Seitov perfected the use of these methods [8; 86, 88, 89].

The researcher A. Sultanov "We can see that Sh. Seitov's story "There were many Cranes gone" has clearly absorbed many specific genre-stylistic features of Sh. Aitmatov's works "Jamiyla" and "Earth-Motherland". Like Sh. Aitmatov's story "Jamiyla", it is written in a lyrical style from the language of a child named Sapar, in this too, Tolganai in "Earth-Motherland" like mother stands in a decisive place in the idea-aesthetic center of the whole work in building a plot and composition of the narrator, illuminating the character traits of

other characters, the picture of the era. All events, the emotional-expressive character of the work, as in the stories of Sh. Aitmatov, are given through the inner feelings, observations, and evaluations of this lyrical hero Sapar. As in Sh. Aitmatov's works, in this village, all works and difficulties are loaded only on women and children, old man and women and the war invalid [9], notes that Sh. Seitov was impressed by the Kyrgyz writer Sh.Aitmatov, learned some depicting methods. However, here are some controversial opinions. The story "There were many Cranes gone" (Sh. Seitov) may be similar to Sh. Aitmatov's stories "Jamila", "Earth Motherland" in terms of depiction of the events of the war time, that is, in terms of theme , but the plot structure, world of images, and ideas of these works are completely different. In our opinion, the plot and images of the story "There were many Cranes gone" are closer to the story "Cranes that came early" than the stories "Jamila", "Earth Motherland". Secondly, the style of Sh. Seitov's work is not similar with Sh.Aitmatov's style. Sh.Seitov's characters are different from each other in terms of language, psychology and attitudes, and they are also different from Sh. Aitmatov's characters. Sh. Seitov's story "there were many cranes gone" shows the influence of the ideology of the time that it's written. It can be seen in the introduction of the image of a Russian person in this work and its idealization. Therefore, the incident of the fire related to the image of Petka in the story "there were many cranes gone" becomes a polemic in its time [10].

Karakalpak researchers show that the heroes of Sh. Seytov's novel "Iǵbal soqpaqları (The Paths of happiness)" and the heroes of Sh. Aitmatov's story "Jamila" have a spiritual closeness [9, 72-78]. In our opinion, the artistic ability in the image of Murat in "Iǵbal soqpaqları" reminds the images of Daniyar ("Jamila") in the moments of nature observation of Seyit, Makset in the story "Jamiyla". In terms of aesthetic taste and character, the image of Makset is close to the image of Ilyas in Sh.Aitmatov's story «Sárwi boylı nigarım (My beautiful sweetheart)».

In these works, the relationship between Karakalpak writer Sh. Seytov and Kyrgyz writer Sh. Aitmatov's creativities and the issue of mutual influence are discussed.

The literary scientists K. Allambergenov, P. Nurjanov, A. Sultanov, J. Yesenov, J. Sagidullaeva say that the plot and compositional characteristics of the writer's novel "Shirashilar (Lamp holders)" are similar to the traditions of Aitmatov.

The scientist K. Allambergenov wrote that in the writer's novel "Shirashilar": "He was able to fit all the events into the framework of an evening of life and choose an effective form." This means that the author creatively developed the form in Sh. Aitmatov's novel «Bir kúnim bir ásirdey (My one day like a century) » [11, 93], - writes that it is the result of adaptation, while J. Sagidullaeva writes that Sh. Aitmatov's novels «Boranlı bándirgi (Stormy busstop) » are built on a similar composition, and shows that it is related to Sh. Seitov's editing the Karakalpak translation of a well-known Kyrgyz writer Sh.Aitmatov's works. According to the

researcher, Sh. Seitov adapted the artistic traditions of Sh. Aitmatov's prose while editing the translation.

Also, J. Sagidullaeva mentions that the similarity in the system of images of the novels "Shirashilar" and "Boranli Bandirgi" is that the old men are depicted as the main image in both novels [12, 111].

CONCLUSION

The literary connections between Karakalpak prose and Sh. Aitmatov's creativity were studied in different directions from a scientific point of view. Also, the factors of origin of closeness in the creativity of Sh. Seitov and Sh. Aitmatov are also different. It is related to the scientific research objects, research principles and methods chosen by the researchers.

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PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION, CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN ADAMAWA STATE, NIGERIA, 2015- 2021

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ABSTRACT

This Research is Appraisal of the Role of Public Complaints Commission (Ombudsman) on Conflict Resolution and Promotion of Good Governance in Adamawa State, Nigeria, 2015- 2021. The objective of the study is to find out the conflict resolution methods deploy by the Public Complaints Commission and also to determine its effectiveness. The study is found out the factors that hinders the activities of Public Complaints Commission and to determine whether the existing legal framework of Public Complaints Commission constitute an obstacle to the level of conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State. Relevant literatures were reviewed in line with the study objectives. The study also adopts mixed methods sampling techniques to select respondents from Adamawa State Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Local Government Councils. Total sample of 400 respondents were drawn from sample frame. Both quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection were employed for the study. Finding of the study reveals that there is little awareness on the activities of Adamawa State Public Complaints Commission on conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State. The study also reveals that mediation is the methods of conflict resolution mostly employed by the Adamawa State Public Complaints Commission and it was very effective during the period under review. It was also found out that inadequate funding is the major impediment to the effective and efficient performance of Adamawa State Public Complaints Commission on conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State. The finding of the study also shows that the existing legal framework of Public Complaints Commission constitutes an obstacle to the level of conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State. The findings of the study therefore reveal that the structural functional theory has not work in the effective and efficient performance of Public Complaints Commission, Adamawa State. These findings were very consistent with the overall objectives of the study. In view of these findings, the study recommends that the Commission should be adequately funded and the independence should be safeguarded. The government should also review and strengthen the legal framework of the Public Complaints Commission. Also, there is the need for aggressive public enlightenment through advocacy, seminars, workshops, mass and print media to propagate the activities and promote better understanding and public awareness on the activities of the Commission on conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is examining the Role of Public Complaints Commission (Ombudsman) on Conflict Resolution and Promotion of Good Governance in Adamawa State, Nigeria, 2015- 2021. The mission for establishing the Public Complaints Commission is to promote social justice for the individual citizen and to serve as watchdogs for the society, without which there can hardly be peace and stability among citizens in the country. Other objectives for establishing Public Complaints Commission are to receive complaints from aggrieved citizens against government agencies, private sector officials and employees. In turn the commission is empowered to investigate, recommend corrective measures, and report such issue to policy makers.

The function of the Public Complaints Commission is contained in Decree 31 of 1975. Broadly, it investigates complaints made to it about administrative actions of officials. For this purpose, the Commission is given power to question officials and other persons and to inspect documents. If there is evidence of what might broadly be called maladministration the Commission will make recommendations for remedial action. If its recommendations are not accepted, or other appropriate remedial action not taken, the Commission can inform the Head of State through appropriate report (Ebiziem, 2015)

Public Complaints Commission has been involved in the investigation and resolution of conflicts bordering on complaints of maladministration and injustice in Adamawa State. However, despite the existence of Public Complaints Commission, maladministration and administrative injustice has continued

unabated as indicated in both the Annual National Public Complaints Commission's Report and Adamawa State Public Complaints Commission.

Conflict, a state of opposition between ideas or interests, is unavoidable. Indeed, conflict can be a desirable generator of positive change and improvement. However, when conflict is expressed through violence, it can lead to massive casualties, displacement, economic hardship and state collapse – with the poor invariably being hit hardest. The premise of this paper is to critically examine the role of PCC in the management of conflicts among the citizens of Adamawa state.

The Commission fulfills a most complex function when dealing with complaints from members of the public. It is not the role of the Commission to act as a complainant's advocate. When a matter is brought before the Commission, it is the task of the Commission to determine whether the action falls within any of the terms of reference set out in Section 4 Sub-section 3d(i-iv) of Decree 31 of 1975 viz:

"Every Commissioner shall ensure that administrative action by any person or body ....will not result in the commitment of any act of injustice against any citizen of Nigeria or any another person resident in Nigeria and for that purpose he shall investigate with special care administrative acts which are or appear to be":
  i.   Contrary to any law or regulation.
  ii. Mistaken in law or arbitrary in the ascertainment of fact.
  iii. Unreasonable, unfair, oppressive, or inconsistent with the general functions of administrative organs.
  iv. Improper in motivation or based on irrelevant considerations.
  v.   Unclear or inadequately explained, or

After investigation, the Commissioner can make the following recommendations:
  a). That a further consideration of the matter be made.
  b). That a modification or cancellation of the offending administrative action or other act be effected.
  c). That an alteration of a regulation or ruling be effected.
  d). That full reasons behind a particular administrative action or other act be given.

In carrying out these statutory obligations, the Commission will seek the reason for a decision, ensure that the organization was fully aware of the complainant's circumstances and check that the decision or action has been taken having regard to those circumstances. Many complainants and organizations interpret this to mean that the Commission is acting as the complainant's advocate. This is a Misconception of the position of the Commission. The ascertainment of these facts is an integral part of the Commission's investigation of the case and is crucial in the resolution of the complaint, particularly as it is a frequent basis of complaint that the officer had already made up for.

Report of 650 complaints were received for 2020/2021, a decrease of 59 (8.3%) compared to the previous year when 709 were received. However, the first quarter of the year coincided with the first Covid lockdown, during which there was a significant fall in complaints compared with historical trends.

Of the 650 complaints received 67 (10.3%) progressed to the second and final stage of the complaint's procedure compared to 66 (9.3%) in 2019/2020.

The preferred access channel for customers to make a complaint is online (44%), with telephone (30%) and emails (26%). Customers are encouraged to use the online forms, where possible.

The Council also offers a translation and interpreting service for users of Council services where the first language is not English or due to a disability or impairment, the customer requires alternative formats such as British Sign Language or large print.

2.0 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY
Adamawa, as already noted, is one of the six states forming the northeast geo-political zone of Nigeria. It lies between latitude 7^0 and 11^0 N of the equator and longitude 11^0 and 14^0 E of the Greenwich meridian. The state covers a land area of about 39,972 km2 with a population of 3,168,101 according to the 2006 census. Adamawa State as it is today was carved out of the defunct Gongola State on August 27th 1991. Gongola State was itself carved out of the then North-Eastern State in February 1976. Yola, the capital city of Adamawa State, was founded by ModibboAdama in1841 and had served as the headquarters of the pre-colonial Emirate of Fombina. Yola had also served as the seat of the then Adamawa Province from the colonial era to 1976. Since the creation of Gongola, and subsequently Adamawa State, Yola (and its twin settlement, Jimeta, 6km due north) became the capital of both the state and local governments of Yola North and South.

The River Benue divides Adamawa State into almost two equal halves; each half having varying types and extent of landforms, one of which is valleys/troughs; such as the River Benue and its tributaries like Rivers Gongola, Song and Kilange on the northern flank and Rivers Ini, Belwa and Faro on the southern bank. There are also lowlands lying generally immediate to the valleys and troughs especially in the central part of the state and upland plains such as areas immediate to or lying at the foot of hills and mountains. The upland plains form the largest landform type and also the most heavily dissected by numerous sharp and steep-sided streams of well-developed dendritic pattern. Other landform types are the hills/mountain ranges that constitute the most striking features in the state, generally appearing as grouped hills and mostly trending south to north particularly along the eastern borderlands of Nigeria and Cameroon. The Atlantika, Shebshi-Jangani Mountains in the southern part and the Muduru, Maiha-Gela and Mandara granitic mountain ranges in the north are the most prominent(Abdullahi, 2014)

Table 1: The table below shows the Senatorial Districts distribution by Landmass and Populations.

S/No	Senatorial District	LGA's	Total Landmass (Km2)	Population
1	Northern	Gombi, Hong, Madagali, Maiha, Michika, Mubi North, Mubi South	9290.11 (23.55%)	998,946 (31.42%)
2	Southern	Demsa, Ganye, Jada, Lamurde, Mayo Belwa, Toungo	16,320 (41.37%)	924,577 (29.08%)
3	Central	Fufore, Girie, Guyuk, Shelleng, Song, Yola North, Yola South	13,840.83 (35.08%)	1,255,691 (39.50%)

*Sources: *The LGA contested its 2006 Census figures as released by National Population Commission*

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

The word ombudsman consists of two parts: ombuds, meaning representative; and man, a gender-non-specific term meaning the people. Historically, an ombudsman has been the representative of the people in dealings with bureaucracy. In Quebec the ombudsman is referred to as "The Protector of the Citizens"; while in France the ombudsman is called "The State Mediator". Ombudsmen are generally concerned with the fair treatment of members of their constituency by the bureaucracy or agency they oversee. Ombudsmen are generally characterized as being independent, impartial, and neutral advocates neither for the agency nor the complainant, but rather for the principles of administrative fairness (Fowlie, 2008)

(Sultana, 2007) sees ombudsman is an institution established under the constitution or by the legislature that receives and investigates complaints reported by individual citizens against any government and institution and recommend corrective actions. The United States Ombudsman Association (Fajonyomi, 2012), (USOA) also provides a comprehensive definition of Ombudsman thus: an independent, impartial public official with authority and responsibility to receive, investigate or informally address complaints about government actions, and, when appropriate, make findings and recommendations, and publish reports.

According to International Ombudsman Institute (n.d.), ombudsman is the office of a person who has been appointed or elected pursuant to an Act of the legislature; whose role is to investigate citizen complaints concerning administrative acts or decisions of governments' agencies from which the ombudsman is independent; and who makes recommendations to the legislature as an officer of that body.

Types of Ombudsmen
The following constitutes the various types of Ombudsmen, include Classical Ombudsman, Organizational Ombudsman, Advocate Ombudsman, Hybrid Ombudsman, Legislative Ombudsman, Executive Ombudsman, Media Ombudsman, Private Sector Ombudsman, Specialty, Single-Purpose, or Single-Sector Ombudsman will be discussed in detail to expatiate on the literature.

In a study of the ombudsman institutions in the European Union, (Heede, 2000) developed five theoretical models of ombudsman. These models are ideal types that contain some clear-cut rules and regulation of different ombudsman plans. The models differentiate the ombudsman plans by seven aspects namely: access, mandate in organizational sense, and mandate in functional sense, review criterion, investigative powers, decision, and enforcing powers. For access, it refers to what kinds of individual or party have access to the Ombudsman, whether the institution has its own initiative to investigate and if the decision of the ombudsman can be reviewed by the court or the legislature. Mandate refers to the types of organization and the kinds of elements or activities of the organization are investigable. Review criterion is about whether the institution is empowered to conduct legality review or non-legality review. Powers of investigation concerns about the extent of power that the ombudsman has during the process. As for decision, the ombudsman should be empowered to mediate and to issue recommendation for correction, request a new decision or request compensation for damages, if his function is to address grievances (Heede, 2000). These institutions according to Alemika (2015) promote and protect individual rights, encourages more efficient public administration, provide a cost-effective dispute resolution mechanism, bridge the gap between the government and the public, promote cooperation instead of litigation, allow increased citizens access to dispute resolution.

USOA (1995) cited in Najmul (2011) aptly observed that the "ombudsman office is a paradox, being both powerful and powerless at the same time" because, on one hand, he or she has extensive powers to investigate, to subpoena and examine witnesses and documents, to visit a site or office, and to determine whether a complaint is justified, but on the other hand, as noted earlier, he or she does not have the power to make any public agency or official to accept his or her recommendation.

However, the minimum characteristics, powers and functions of the institutions are captured by the definition proposed by the International Bar Association in (1974) cited in Alemika (2015:2)

who defines an Ombudsman institution irrespective of the names they are called as:

"An office provided by the constitution or by the action of the legislature or parliament and headed by an independent high-level public official who is responsible to the legislature or parliament, who receives complaints from aggrieved persons against government agencies, officials and employees or who acts on his own motion, and who has the power to investigate, recommend corrective action, and issue reports."

From the above definitions, it shows that the features of Ombudsman include, independent of government, responsible for making sure that administrative practices and services of public bodies are fair, reasonable, appropriate and equitable and able to conduct confidential investigations that are non-threatening and protect complainants against retribution.

Conceptualizing Conflict

Conflict is a universal phenomenon and not a preserve of one region, group, religion or race. Peace researchers are not in agreement on the meaning of the concept of conflict. Conflict is a struggle or contest between people with opposing needs, ideas, beliefs, values, or goals. Oyeshola (2005) proposes that there is conflict, 'when there is a sharp disagreement or clash, for instance, between divergent ideas, interests of people and nations'. He asserts further that conflicts are universal yet distinct in every culture. It is common to all persons yet experienced uniquely by every individual. It is a visible sign of human energy and often the result of competition for resources.

Diez, Stetter & Albert (2006) defines conflict in broadest terms to denote the incompatibility of subject positions. This definition emphasizes the opposition or incompatibility at the heart of the conflict, and initially leaves open the exact nature of these incompatibilities, i.e. whether they are between individuals, groups or societal positions; whether they rest in different interests or beliefs; or whether they have a material existence or come into being only through discourse.

Conflicts at any level arise from divergence of interests, desires, goals and values aspirations in the competition for resources to meet impressing demands in social life in a defined socio-physical environment (Albert, 2001). As a matter of fact, man in a socio-physical environmental lives in continuous process of dependence and interdependence which often produces contradictions and conflicts. Thomen (2006) defines conflict as the process which begins when one party perceived that the other is trying to frustrate him or her. It involves situation in which differences are expressed by interdependent people in the process of achieving their needs. It also arises when a difference between two or more people necessitates changes in at least one person in order for their engagement to continue and develop.

Furthermore, Baldridge (2007) opines that conflict is a struggle over values and claims to scarce status, power and resources in which the aims of the opponents are to neutralize, injure, or

eliminate the rivals. It strains relationship, and that in turn evokes emotions that progresses to conflict (Akpuru-Aja, 2009). Robert (1972) cited in Ikejiani-Clark & Agbo (2008) observes that conflict emerges whenever two or more persons seek to possess the same object, occupy the same space of the same exclusive position, play incompatible roles, maintain incompatible goals, or undertake mutually incompatible means for achieving their purposes. Tauhidul (2013) sees conflict as a struggle over values or claims to status, power, and scarce resources, in which the aim of the conflicting parties are not only to gain the desired values but also to neutralize, injure, or eliminate their rivals. He went further to add that in the process of conflict, an aggrieved group may violently attempt to eliminate the other. This has serious implications in the struggle for socio-economic and political conflict between nations and ethnic groups.

Isola (2011) argues that the people with negative connotation of conflict tend to handle conflict in a destructive way with negative effects. A conflict is said to have become destructive when it exceeds the limit imposed by societal consensus. In a destructive conflict, process of conflict escalation is toward mutual attacks and efforts to destroy each other, there are misjudgments and misperceptions and situational entrapment in which the conflict becomes unduly magnified. Such a situation endangers decent human survival. Most of the conflict in Nigeria today have definitely exceeded society consensus and can only be said to be negative or destructive conflict. However, handled correctly, conflict can benefit individuals and organization's by producing stronger, more resilient working relationship, improving creative output and generating innovative solutions (Omoluabi, 2001).

Conflict is a process of interaction between two or more parties that seek to thwart, injure or destroy their opponent because they perceive they have incompatible goals or interests (Kalu 2003). Stanger (2011) defines conflict as a situation by which two or more human beings desire goals which they perceive as being attainable by one of the other but not by both. According to Akumuo (2003) conflict is an inevitable circumstance that happens in all spheres of life. It cannot be totally eliminated from life activities but it can be controlled.

From the literature reviewed above, it is obvious that conflict can be seen as clash between individuals arising out of difference in thought process, attitudes, understanding interests, requirements and even sometimes perceptions. It is a natural phenomenon in all human or organizational relationship. Conflict is therefore a part of life and often a part of growth and change. We can live with it, which implies learning about it, making choices and seeking to transform it in a creative way or we can live in it, and allow it to undermine objective or become destructive.

Conceptualizing Conflict Resolution

Conflict resolution is seen by Miller (2003) as a variety of approaches aimed at terminating conflicts through constructive solving of problems, distinct from management or transformation of conflict. Conflict resolution is conceptualized as the methods and processes involved in facilitating the peaceful ending of

conflicts and retribution (Wallensteen, 2018). It is the use of non-violent resistance measures by conflicting parties to promote effective resolution of disputes (Reychler & Langer, 2006).

Mitchel & Banks (1996) cited in Best (2006) submits that conflict resolution is an outcome in which the issues in an existing conflict are satisfactorily dealt with through a solution that is mutually acceptable to the parties, self sustaining in the long run and productive of a new, positive relationship between parties that were previously hostile adversaries; and process or procedure by which such an outcome is achieved. Best (2006) added that in principle, conflict resolution connotes a sense of finality, where the parties to a conflict are mutually satisfied with the outcome of a settlement and the conflict is resolved in a true sense of it. Some conflicts, especially those over resources, are permanently resolvable.

Conflict resolution is a more comprehensive term, which implies that the deep- rooted sources of conflict are addressed and transformed. This implies that behaviour is no longer violent, attitudes are no longer hostile, and the structure of the conflict has been changed (Ramsbotham, Woodhouse & Miall 2011). Conflict resolution is a relational approach to handling conflicts. It is a process in which interpersonal communication is used to get the parties to a conflict to reach an amicable and satisfactory point of agreement (Albert, 2005; Omoluabi, 2001).

Hilal (2011) maintains that conflict resolution as a discipline of peace study lays emphasis upon that all conflicts of human society should have to be resolved by peaceful and non-violent methods such as, through diplomacy, communication, negotiation, summits conciliation, arbitration, mediation and through cooperative and confidence-building measures. Therefore, it can be said that conflict resolution is the best mechanism towards social justice, peace, harmony, cooperation and world brotherhood.

Miall (2004) posits that during conflict resolution, it is expected that the deep-rooted sources of conflicts are addressed and resolved and hostility should cease. Gawerc (2006) views conflict resolution as an outcome in which the issue in existing conflict are satisfactorily dealt with through a solution that is mutually acceptable to the parties, self-sustaining in the long run and productive of a new positive relationship between parties that are previously hostile to one another.

From the above reviewed literature, conflict resolution harps on the fact that in any organization, conflict is inevitable. Conflict resolution is the formal or informal process that two or more parties employ to find a peaceful solution to their dispute. Conflict resolution serves as an avenue and or platform for two or more parties to find a peaceful solution to disagreement among them. The disagreement may be personal, financial, political or emotional.

Conceptualizing Good Governance
Many conceptions of good governance abound, as summarized by Rothstein (2014) from good governance as small government to good governance as the absence of corruption, to good governance as the rule of law, good governance as democracy, to good governance as government efficiency, etc. Indicators of Good Governance according to United Nations (2016) are Participation, rule of law, transparency, responsiveness, consensus oriented, equity and inclusiveness, effectiveness and efficiency, and accountability. However, the Council of Europe (2008) on its own part went beyond the prescriptions of the United Nations. Its Council of Ministers; in 2008, identified and endorsed 12 principles and related tool of Good Governance. These are:

i. fair conduct of elections, representation, and participation
ii. responsiveness
iii. efficiency and effectiveness
iv. openness and transparency
v. rule of law
vi. ethical conduct
vii. competence and capacity
viii. innovation and openness to change
ix. sustainability and long-term orientation
x. sound financial management
xi. human right, cultural diversity and social cohesion
xii. accountability

Whatever else governance could be, it must include a democratic content, it must be participatory, with bottom-up processes and it must have inclusivity. Its framework is necessarily democratic, it is governance within a constitutional framework and based on the rule of law, as well as circumscribed by universal rights and freedoms (Jega, 2021).

Good governance is seen by Ifiemi (2016) and Obasa (2016) as the process of making and implementing decisions. It is not about making 'correct' decisions, but about the best possible process of making decisions for the overall interest of the people. Good decision-making process and good governance share several characteristics: They all have a positive effect on various aspects of the government including consultations with the people, policies that are people-oriented, and programmes that provide the platform for developing society. Similarly, Auslan (2005) defined good governance as the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's economic and social resources for development. Good governance reinforces protection of fundamental human rights and provides playing ground that shape government's action and other political and social actors in the society (Saikia, 2013).

According to Otoghile, Igbafe & Aghontaen (2014) good governance is the rightly exercising of authority, the ability to problem-solving and conflict resolution, the capacity to manage resources efficiently for development, and high level of responsiveness to the needs and the interest of the citizens. The United Nations Development Programme cited in Cheung (2007)

addressed the concept of good governance as participatory, transparent, accountable and efficient. It promotes the rule of law and equal justice under the law. It also recognizes that governance is exercised by the private sector and civil society, as well as the state. The Office of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (2007) also defines the concept in a similar way but added the responsiveness of government to the needs and aspiration of the people.

Good governance is, among other things, about being participatory, transparent and accountable. Good governance is described as the government of the society (Kola et al., 2017). This is more so, since effective governance means the capacity of the state, through its power of determinism or, authoritative allocation of scarce critical societal resources to deliver the basic necessities of life to the governed and, equally facilitate the process of economic development (Akindele et al, 2012). Good governance has also been defined as the process of allocating resources through the instrumentalities of the state, for the attainment of public good. Thus, good governance includes institutional and structural arrangements, decision making processes, policy formulation and implementation capacity, development of personnel, information flows and the nature and style of leadership within a political system (Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre, 2016).

In any case, good governance came to mean the absence of bad governance. Characteristics of "bad governance" are identified as: lack of accountability and transparency, interference with the rule of law and corruption. Indeed, bad governance is perceived as the inability of public institutions to manage public affairs and public resources; and the failure of a government to meet the needs of society while making the best use of all the resources at their disposal (Jega, 2021).

However, despite all the differences, a common understanding of the term good governance is that, it is the exercise of power and decision-making for a group of people bearing in mind the principles of accountability, effectiveness and efficiency, participatory, transparency, responsiveness, consensus-oriented, and equitable (Economic Commission of Africa 2012). Thus, good governance is characterized by participation, rule of law, transparency, responsiveness, equity, inclusiveness, effectiveness, efficiency and accountability (Ewuim, Nnamani & Eberinwa, 2014).

From the literature reviewed above, the concept of good governance harps on rule of law, equity and fairness which the Public Complaints Commission seeks to achieve in promotion of conflict resolution.

Theoretical Framework
This study adopts Structural Functional Theory as its theoretical framework. The Functionalist theory has its origins in the works of Emile Durkheim (1893) who was especially interested in how society remains relatively stable. Other notable theorists include Herbert Spencer (1896), Robert Merton (1949) & Talcot Parsons (1977).Functionalism underscores the principle of organic relationship between the various structures/units existing in a system in terms of their functions. Hence any flaw in a part of the system creates problems, imbalances and obviates appropriate outcome. It is noteworthy that functionalism fosters a perspective on the vision of work, respect for jurisdictional boundaries as well as mutual cooperation and supervision (Udenta 2009).

Structural functionalism theory is a general theory concerning the explanation of social reality which posits that organization, units, and parts thereof and social forces in general should be approached, assessed, and/or examines from the point of view and functions explicit as well as implicit. However, the originators of this theory are Verma and Talcot Parsons, who posits that when conflict does arise, it is settled by the judiciary system and does not therefore, lead to the disintegration of the social system (Ebiziem & Amadi, 2015). This is a general theory which posits that organizations, units and parts thereof and social forces in general should be approached, assessed and/or examined from the point of view and functions- explicit as well as implicit.

The adoption of structural-functional theory in this study is informed by it aptness in providing a systematic explanation of the basic variables which this study interrogates. Since public complaints commission is often regarded as an integral part of public sector transformation and given the complex nature of modern government and the need to restore the dignity of man through the enthronement of the rule of law and the protection of the individual and the organization against administrative injustice through the investigation and resolution of complaints against government and private sector organizations and their officials.

3.0 METHODOLOGY
This study will critically know of Role of Public Complaints Commission (Ombudsman) on Conflict Resolution and Promotion of Good Governance in Adamawa State and its antecedent implications with the performance of workers of Public Complaints Commission Adamawa State as a case study. Hence this study will look at various areas of interest like the research design, sources of data, location of the study, population, target population, sampling technique, method of data collection and distribution, method of data analysis, etc.
The study will cover the Thereafter, the selected 6 local government councils were further divided into different strata of departments using stratified sampling techniques (Administration, Treasury, Agriculture, Works, Education and Health Departments). The tables below illustrate the sample size of the various departments of the selected local government councils of Adamawa State.

Table 2: Summary of the Sample Size and Population of the Six (6) Focused Local Government Councils Staff on Departmental Basis.

Departments	Population	Sample
Admin	654	47
Treasury	768	53
Agric	398	27
Education	586	42
Works	682	48
Health	1,258	84
Total	**4,344**	**300**

Source: Researcher's Field Work, 2022.

The table above indicates the sample size and population of Local Government Councils Staff on departmental basis drawn through mixed method sampling techniques (simple random, systematic, stratified and purposive sampling techniques). The methods used in arriving at the sample in the above table is the purposive sampling. The plan will be employed to safeguard unforeseen circumstances that may come up during the field work. Thereafter, each department was grouped into strata and the above total sample of **300** respondents was recorded. From the table above, administrative department was allocated 47 questionnaires, Treasury department was given 53, Agric department was assigned 27 questionnaires, Education department was assigned 42 questionnaires, Works department was allocated 48 questionnaires and Health department was given 84 questionnaires. It is logical and scientific to assign more questionnaires to departments with large population.

Table 3: Summary of the Sample Size and Population of the four (4) Focused Ministries on Departmental Basis.

Departments	Population	Sample
Admin	760	34
Information Unit	378	24
Account	378	16
Statistics	311	17
Legal	160	9
Total	**1,987**	**100**

Source: Researcher's Field Work, 2022.

The table above indicates the sample size and population of Ministries Staff on departmental basis drawn through mixed method sampling techniques (simple random, systematic, stratified, and purposive sampling techniques). The methods used in arriving at the sample in the above table are as follows. First, writing out the names of Staff of various departments listed above on a piece of paper. Second, shuffling them continuously and picking each after shuffling until the sample size was attained. Thereafter, each department was grouped into strata and the above total sample of 100 respondents was recorded. From the table above, administrative department was allocated 34 questionnaires, Information Unit was given 24, Account department was assigned 16 questionnaires, Statistics department was assigned 17 questionnaires and Legal department was allocated 9 questionnaires. It is logical and scientific to assign more questionnaires to departments with large population. The

analysis of data for the study will involves the use of a combination of descriptive as well as statistical techniques which are presented in form of tables, percentages and frequencies. This method is believed to help organize, describe and represent data in logical ways.

In an attempt to find solutions to the above objectives the research answer the following research questions; what are the conflict resolution methods, how effective are the methods of conflict resolution, what are factors that hinders the activities of Public Complaints Commission on conflict resolution, how does the existing legal framework of Public Complaints Commission constitute an obstacle, what can be done to improve the performance of Public Complaints Commission on conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State, 2015-2021?

The Scope and Limitations of the study is concerned with the appraisal of the role Public Complaints Commission on conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State, 2015-2021. The justification of this period is predicated on the fact that the period serves as a point of reference that disposes the intensity and frequency of Public Complaints Commission's involvement in resolution of conflict bordering on administrative infractions and maladministration in Adamawa State.

5.0 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY
The major limitation of this work is the geographical coverage, that is, only six (6) out of the twenty-one (21) local government areas of Adamawa State were to be covered by the study. Also, only six (6) out of the thirty (31) Adamawa State Ministries, Departments and Agencies were expected to be covered by the study. However, our hope is that this work will serve as the beginning of more studies to unravel the Role of Public Complaints Commission (Ombudsman) on Conflict Resolution and Promotion of Good Governance in Adamawa State.

The second limitation of this work has to do with the attitude of some respondents who are either absent from office very often or feeling very reluctant to sit down and attend to our research assistants. The third limitation is accessibility to some principal actors as well as their unwillingness to provide relevant and valid information. The fourth limitation is logistics, due to the difficult terrain of the region and financial constraints. However, these problems were overcome through the cooperation received from the Research Assistants and the researchers' commitment and dedication to the research work.

6.0 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY
Given the importance of Public Complaints Commission in governance process, this study is significant because it will create an awareness, additive value, and understanding of the services provided by the Commission. It will also critically review the activities and performance of the Commission during the period under review. This study is also significant in that the findings and recommendations will greatly aid the optimal performance of

Public Complaints Commission in Nigeria and Adamawa State in particular. It will also be useful to the students, academics, public servants and decision makers in public and private sectors organizations and will be relevant to other researcher who wishes to further research on the topic.

7.0 CONCLUSION

Findings of the analysis of our data, will hereby be draw the following conclusions. Possible findings will show that the Public Complaints Commission, Adamawa State is working but, not as efficiently and optimally based on the research and provisional statistics of the Commission as contained in the Annual Reports (2015-2021). The number of reported cases, resolved and pending is abysmally incomparable to the level of administrative injustices inflicted on the vulnerable people in the State. This may be to many people who are not aware that the Commission constitutes a veritable platform to seek redress and ventilate their grievances and to get justice from abuse of power from government ministries, departments and agencies and private organizations. Other discoveries may be silent of the research that although the Public Complaints Commission was established by the enabling Act of the National Assembly, the recommendations of the Commission are not binding. The Act does not give adequate constitutional powers to the Commission. This hinders the Commission to effectively and efficiently discharge it statutory function of conflict resolution and promotion of good governance in Adamawa State. No doubt, due to the area of study the activities and presence of the Commission may largely not be felt in the rural areas and other security prone zones of Adamawa State.

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SCHOOL STAKEHOLDERS' LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE ON MODULAR DISTANCE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

This study determined the relationship between the school stakeholders' level of engagement and the level of school performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning for the school year 2020-2021. A correlation research design was used to find the relationship between school stakeholders' level of engagement and the level of school performance of Public Elementary Schools using an adopted survey questionnaire. A total of 462 respondents were utilized in the study to get the data required. The statistical tools used in the analysis of the data were frequency, percentage, mean, grand mean, Pearson r, and t-test. Based on the findings of the study, the level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders are very satisfactory. The school performance as assessed by teachers in terms of the school overall mean percentile scores are very satisfactory; school-based management level of implementation is developing; learning delivery modality implementation are very satisfactory; and learning continuity plan implementation obtain very satisfactory performance. There was a significant relationship between the level of School Stakeholders' Engagement and the School performance of Public Elementary Schools in the Dolores district during modular distance learning. There is no significant difference between the internal and external stakeholders before and after the engagement. Based on the results of the study, there is a need for a national standard for the assessment and evaluation of school performance to determine significant issues, problems, gaps and needs to support and strengthen the competencies of school heads and teachers to enjoy their work and be satisfied in the new normal.

KEYWORDS: *School Stakeholders, Performance, Modular Distance Learning*

INTRODUCTION

School partnerships and engagements are mutually beneficial relationships between school administrators, staff, students, organizations, the private sector, and local businesses (Eubanks, 2017). As a result, they are dedicated to cooperating and sharing responsibility to progress students' holistic and credible advancement. It has the potential to influence learners' and schools' achievement, which will advantage the school. Hill et al. (2018) highlight how teachers' professional perspectives can result in them making a judgment and criticizing family members for their educational, social, and economic difficulties, exacerbating educational disparities for the learners and families. If efficient school–School partnerships are to be established, genuine, trusting relationships must be developed and institutionalized within and across schools. Mostly every industry in the world was impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. COVID19 had a negative financial impact on business, modes of communication, health, and, inevitably, school shutdown, according to Upoalkpajor and Upoalkpajor (2020). According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO,

2020), school shutdowns in 180 countries affected 87 percent of learners. In an attempt to contain COVID-19 growth, most educational institutions worldwide, such as the Philippines, postponed face-to-face teaching and shifted to digital classrooms in January 2020, according to Randall et al. (2021). According to Chang and Yano (2020), the government was compelled to undertake an unprecedented job of guaranteeing educational consistency. The call for survival becomes essential and a primary concern in health, schooling, social lives of students, and the school. This massive, multidimensional abhorrence to the school and school processes calls for an instant and rapid reinvigorating of collaboration and school engagement and participation. Tizon (2019) and Nagda et al. (2006), put emphasis on the need for both human resources and financial assets in the conduct of school programs, activities, and projects. The level of participation of the school stakeholders to the different school-initiated activities can be significantly affected by the level of SBM implementation (Cabardo, 2016; Huber and Helm (2020). However, despite such efforts to assist school principals to lead education during difficult times, educational

leadership at present is fraught with many challenges (Cahapay, 2020; Chi-Kin Lee, 2020). Mailizar et al. (2020) and Rasmitadila et al. (2020) found that teacher, school, curriculum and student were the four components of problems experienced by teachers in the Covid-19 period. In the Philippines, where there is a dearth of literature on parents' educational beliefs, parents raise their children with authoritarian behavior (Bartolome, et al, 2017). Similarly, Jeynes (2005) states that a genuine partnership is one in which parents partake in profound ways with teachers in schools, such as instructional decision-making and teaching and learning. On the other hand, SBM practice has alerted the community's enthusiasm to become highly engaged in education on the ground (Maca, 2019; World Bank 2016). Fonte et al. (2021) and Davis (2020) claim that educators' school performance reflects an elevated tier of learning delivery modality implementation. During the pandemic, alternative learning models should be backed by a well-designed technical and logistical implementation plan (Edizon, 2020; Dayagbil et al., 2021). In a related study, Abril and Callo (2021) and Oswald et al. (2014) found that LCP implementation had a significant impact on both participants' "learning delivery modalities, learning assessment, and learning resources" as an essential component of the school's performance. The Department of Education (DepEd) has been using this school-based mechanism to enforce multiple "projects, programs, and activities (PPA)" that recognize school partnerships and bridge the deficit for the Department's sound philosophical and legal structures. In this regard, it has been noted that, despite schools' best efforts to connect with various school stakeholders, schools have disclosed decreasing outcomes on some of the school-initiated activities. As a result, the investigator examines the function of internal and external stakeholders in the Dolores District's implementation of the new normal modular learning modality. Internal and external stakeholders' levels of participation and engagement, as well as their relationship to overall school performance, must be empirically determined, as this will serve as a basis for making decisions in the coming year. As a result, empirical research is required to determine how school involvement affects program success.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
The study aims to assess the relationship between the school stakeholders' level of engagement and the level of school performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning for the school year 2020-2021. Specifically, this study explored out the following objectives.

1. What is the School Stakeholders Level of Engagement of Public elementary Schools of Dolores district during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of?
　　1.1. Public Understanding of School Operations;
　　1.2. Responsibility for Quality Education;
　　1.3. Attainment of Objectives of Learning Continuity Plan amidst Covid-19 Pandemic;

　　1.4. Resolution of School and Educational Problems; and
　　1.5. Linkage and Networking?
2. What is the school Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning in terms of;
　　2.1. School Overall Mean Percentile Scores;
　　2.2. School-Based Management level of Implementation;
　　2.3. Learning Delivery Modality Implementation; and
　　2.4. Learning Continuity Plan Implementation?
3. Is there a significant relationship between the level of School Stakeholders' Engagement and the School performance of Public Elementary Schools in the Dolores district during modular distance learning?
4. Is there a significant difference in the level of School engagement as perceived by internal and by external stakeholders?

METHODOLOGY
This study used a descriptive-correlational research design to investigate the predictive variables' relatedness and relationship to the descriptive variables. This research looked at the relationship between school stakeholder engagement and school performance in the Dolores District Public Elementary Schools on Modular Distance Learning for the school year 2020-2021. The respondents of the study were 231 internal stakeholders and 231 external stakeholders from 42 public elementary schools in Dolores District. A purposive sampling to determine the two hundred thirty-one (231) internal and external stakeholders in Dolores District by using the slovin's formula sampling. In this study, data were collected using an adapted survey questionnaire from Tomacas, (2012) unpublished dissertation, and benchmark statements were taken from the DepEd School Operational Manual 2000 and the SBM operations handbook. The survey instrument consists of 50 benchmark statements to determine internal and external stakeholders' perceptions and observations on the level of community stakeholder engagement using a Likert-type scale to gather data in Dolores District. The data were tabulated, organized, analyzed, and interpreted with the use of descriptive as well as inferential statistical tools, including mean, standard deviation Spearman's rank correlation for the degree of relationship, and t-test for the test of difference.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION
Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders.
Public Understanding of School Operations.
Table 2 shows the level of engagement of stakeholders in terms of public understanding of school operations as perceived by internal and external stakeholders. As reflected in the table, the grand mean of 4.51 is perceived internal, which is interpreted as always observed.

Meanwhile, as perceived by external stakeholders, obtained a 4.37, which was interpreted as always observed. This study

implies that the school operation fulfills the criteria of child-friendly school systems, as they are always in need of both human and financial assets in the conduct of school programs, activities, and projects in the Covid-19 pandemic, as asserted by Tizon (2019). The regulation of stakeholder partnerships by community officials, according to Nagda et al. (2006), was highlighted as a major concern.

Responsibility for Quality Education
Table 3 shows the level of engagement of stakeholders in terms of responsibility for quality education as perceived by internal and external stakeholders. As reflected in the table, the grand mean of 4.43 as perceived by internal stakeholders is interpreted as always observed. Meanwhile, as perceived by external stakeholders, obtained a 4.35, which is interpreted as always observed. This implies that both stakeholders responsible for quality education prioritize the needs of both the learners and the teachers as two important key players of the educational system in promoting access, equity, quality, excellence and relevance, and responsiveness. Cabardo (2016) Huber and Helm (2020) and support this by stating that stakeholders' requirements must be assessed for their students to have good access to basic education programs.

Attainment of Objectives of Learning Continuity Plan Amidst Covid-19 Pandemic
Table 4 shows the level of engagement of stakeholders in terms of the attainment of objectives of the learning continuity plan as perceived by internal and external stakeholders. As reflected in the table, the grand mean of 4.50 as perceived by internal stakeholders is interpreted as always observed. Meanwhile, as perceived by external stakeholders, obtained a 4.41, which was interpreted as always observed. This finding, supported by Cahapay's (2020) and Chi-Kin Lee (2020) study, states that understanding the COVID-19 crisis is critical so that suitable learning delivery modes can be cautiously framed from any learning continuity plan.

Resolution of School and Educational Problems
Table 5 shows the level of engagement of stakeholders in terms of the resolution of school and educational problems as perceived by internal and external stakeholders. As reflected in the table, the grand mean of 4.34 as perceived by internal stakeholders is interpreted as always observed. Meanwhile, as perceived by external stakeholders, obtained a 4.27, which is interpreted as always observed. In the study, which was carried out with a qualitative approach, the educational problems faced by both stakeholders were collected under the implementation of a learning continuity plan in school in the new normal. This means that the indicator stated is manifested and observed on some occasions, and the indicator stated is sometimes felt and occurs in the resolution of school and educational problems. Similarly, Mailizar et al. (2020) studied teachers during the Covid-19 pandemic and looked at the constraints from four perspectives: educator, school, curriculum, and student. Technical constraints, student conditioning, student participation in education, and online education experience were identified as the difficulties faced by teachers during the Covid-19 pandemic by Rasmitadila et al. (2020). Educators face a variety of issues during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to Fauzi et al. (2020), including limited opportunities in web-based learning applications, network and internet use, teacher planning, implementation, evaluation, and collaboration with parents.

Linkage and Networking
Table 6 shows the level of engagement of stakeholders in terms of linkage and networking as perceived by internal and external stakeholders. As reflected in the table, the grand mean of 4.29 as perceived by internal stakeholders is interpreted as always observed. Meanwhile, as perceived by external stakeholders, obtained a 4.34, which was interpreted as always observed. This shows that the school had a good relationship with the stakeholder. It implies that the big challenge for the school is to keep very good relationships with external stakeholders. Having very good relations is an essential function for strengthening and extending the work of external stakeholders during the pandemic. This discovery supports Bartolome, Mamat, and Masnan's (2017) assertion that both parties' full engagement can enhance the relationship's ability to achieve the preferred partnership goals. Similarly, Jeynes (2005) states that a genuine partnership is one in which parents partake in profound ways with teachers in schools, such as instructional decision-making and teaching and learning.

This sub-section summarizes the level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools as assessed by internal and external stakeholders. To examine, the highest engagement of internal stakeholders as perceived by respondents obtained from public understanding of school operation, with 4.51 mean which interpreted as "Always Observed". Meanwhile, the lowest level of engagement of internal stakeholders, belong to the "Linkage and Networking", with mean of 4.29 which is interpreted as "Always Observed". In addition, the weighted mean of 4.41 as assessed by the internal stakeholders, which is interpreted as "Always Observed". It implies that these manifestations of teachers show initiatives that partnership with the community is more engaged in learning during the Covid 19 pandemic crisis.

Furthermore, Table 7 shows the level of engagement of external stakeholders revealed that the highest engagement of external stakeholders as perceived by respondents obtained from "Attainment of Objectives of Learning Continuity Plan", with 4.41 mean which interpreted as "Always Observed". Concisely, the lowest level of engagement of external stakeholders, belong to the "Resolution of School and Educational Problems" with mean of 4.27 which is interpreted as "Always Observed". It implies that the engagement of external stakeholders need support from teachers and this support plays an important role in students' learning efforts and

outcomes in the pandemic. To sum up, the effects of COVID-19 pose challenges for stakeholders themselves and for the processes that support the most inclusive and meaningful engagement.

School Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning School Overall Mean Percentile Scores

Table 8 shows the frequency distribution of mean percentile scores of the public elementary school in Dolores district. The school performance scores on the mean percentage score showed that most of them, 33 or (78.57%) had ranged from 85 to 89. Most of them were in the area of very satisfactory performance. There were nine participating schools (21.43%) that scored satisfactory in performance, and no schools scored outstanding, fairly satisfactory, and did not meet expectations in performance. This finding revealed that schools have high mastery of skills in all learning areas despite the Covid 19 Pandemic. It shows that school performance can still acquire the competencies without face-to-face interaction with pupils. This finding supports the total performance of the schools, indicating that they have met the DepEd national target of 75 percent MPS in the National Achievement Test (NAT) (Luz, 2007).

School-Based Management level of implementation

Table 9 shows the scores of school performance in terms of school-based management level of implementation. The scores of school performance on the school-based management level of implementation showed that most of them, 28 or (66.67%), had ranged from 0.5 – to 1.49. Most of them were in Level 1 (Developing performance level. There were 14 participating schools (33.33%) that scored Level 1 (Developing) in performance level, and no schools scored in Level III (Advanced) performance level. This means that the school performance in implementing school-based management has not gone very far in improving learning outcomes in the new normal. In which the teaching-learning process is affected by the progress of their outputs and whether they did well in their tasks. This finding is in line with the World Bank (2016) statement that fewer than 10 percent of schools reported being at the highest level of SBM implementation in the Philippines. On the other hand, SBM practice has alerted the community's enthusiasm to become highly engaged in education on the ground, according to Maca. (2019).

Learning Delivery Modality Implementation

As shown in Table 10 shows the scores of school performance in terms of l of learning delivery modality implementation. The scores of school performance on the school-based management level of implementation showed that 42 or (100%) had a range from 3.50 – to 4.499. All of them were in the area of Very Satisfactory performance level. There were no schools that scored in Outstanding, Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, and Poor performance levels. This further suggested that the teachers experienced different challenges in the new normal setup of

education. In the learning process, learners are still the priority of the school and their teachers. They make contingencies and solutions to address the different challenges and difficulties that the learning modality is consistently implemented, monitored, and evaluated. This finding is consistent with Fonte et al. (2021), who claim that educators' school performance reflects an elevated tier of learning delivery modality implementation. Similarly, Davis (2020) claims that educators can shape legitimate collaborative teams in which they communicate anticipations, take part in mutually advantageous professional learning, utilize communal devices to facilitate learner achievement, and progress their skills, expertise, and beliefs about student learning. Finally, as Collie et al. (2018) point out, provided the continuously changing requirements of teaching work, educators' adaptability has been highlighted as critical.

Learning Continuity Plan Implementation

Table 11 shows the scores of school performance in terms of learning continuity plan implementation. The scores of school performance on learning continuity plan implementation showed that most of them 37 or (88.10%) had ranged from 3.50 – to 4.499. Most of them were in the area of Very Satisfactory school performance level. Five participating schools (11.90%) ranged from 4.50 – to 5.00 in outstanding performance levels, and no schools scored in Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, and Poor performance levels. The findings reveal that education is still pursued in economically challenging settings but with more challenges to the capability-building of teachers to facilitate the teaching-learning process amid the pandemic. This finding is consistent with Dayagbil et al. (2021). They found that in times of crisis, learning continuity plan implementation must be constantly evaluated, altered, and improved to react to turbulent, ambiguous, and shifting circumstances. As a result, during the pandemic, alternative learning models should be backed by a well-designed technical and logistical implementation plan (Edizon, 2020).

Table 12 shows the summary of the level of school performance as assessed by teachers. It revealed that respondents had observed that the highest percentage is Learning Delivery Modality Implementation. Based on the finding, the percentage of the variable indicators obtained a 100%, which is interpreted as "very satisfactory. "On the other hand, the lowest percentage of performance was on the School-Based Management level of implementation, which obtained 66.67, interpreted as "Developing" performance. This study revealed that school performance in the Dolores District today is very much involved in ensuring the safety and well-being of learners, teachers, and personnel and the continuity of learning in the new normal. This finding is similar to that of Abril and Callo (2021), who found that LCP implementation had a significant impact on both participants' "learning delivery modalities, learning assessment, and learning resources" as an essential component of the school's performance. Similarly, Oswald et al. (2014) point out that for a school to optimize

performance, it must recognize the quality of its services and other educational programs.

Relationship between the Stakeholder's Engagement and the School Performance of Public Elementary Schools in Dolores district during modular distance learning

As the variables were not normally distributed and the assumption of linearity was markedly violated, Pearson r Coefficient of Correlation was computed to examine the inter-correlations of the variables.

Table 13 shows that the computed r values signify a positive estimate for the stakeholder engagement as assessed by internal stakeholders. They are significantly correlated with the school-based management, *p = .002*; learning delivery modality, *p = .001*, and learning continuity plan; p = *.000*. This is an implication that the stakeholder engagement as assessed by internal stakeholders was significantly associated with the school performance implementation. Therefore, the null hypothesis, which states that there is no significant relationship between the level of School Stakeholders' Engagement and the School performance of Public elementary Schools in Dolores district during modular distance learning, was rejected. This means that all the activities to be implemented by the schools follow the needs of the learners and internal and external stakeholders. This finding is similar to that of Abril and Callo (2021), who discovered that the application of LCP-related factors has a substantial impact on school achievement.

Furthermore, school performance implementation proved to be not significantly correlated with the engagement with external stakeholders. The computed p-values of MPS, *p = .396;* SMB; *p =. 320;* LDM; *p = .483*; and LCP, *p = .128* respectively, proved to be not significant because they were higher than 0.05 alpha level. Therefore, the null hypothesis, which states that there is no significant relationship between the level of School Stakeholders' Engagement and the School performance of Public elementary Schools in the Dolores district during modular distance learning, was rejected. Hence, in this situation, the level of school performance of the engagement faced by the external stakeholders does not vary alongside the application of the strategies they employed in the school. This finding contradicts Cabardo (2016), who discovered a substantial link between the level of participation of school stakeholders in various school-initiated exercises. As a result, this discovery disclosed that school implementation of SBM strategies is not particularly difficult. Since then, internal and external stakeholders have faced a unique situation during the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-of-a-kind incident is probable to provoke some anxiety and stress, as they must acclimate to a different manner of living during the pandemic and its unpredicted difficulties.

Difference between level on the level of Stakeholder Engagement as perceived by internal and external stakeholders

Table 14 replicates the finding of values for testing the significant difference between the level of stakeholder engagement as perceived by internal and external stakeholders showing that out of fifty- items test, the mean score of the respondents in the internal stakeholder is 4.4140 with a standard deviation of .09711 while the mean scores in the external stakeholders are 4. 3480 with a standard deviation of 0.05911. The standard deviation in the internal stakeholder is higher than that of the external stakeholder since the accumulated scores during the engagement process is of lesser dispersion than the implementation of the SBM program. Likewise, the standard deviations show the minimum distribution of scores from the mean of each subscale.

To determine if the difference is significant, the t-test was utilized. The computed t-stat of 2.102 was computed to the p-value of 0.103 at a 0.05 level of significance. Since the t-test value is more than the tabular p-value, it is proven that there is no significant difference between the internal and external stakeholders before and after the engagement; therefore, the null hypothesis is failed to reject.

It should also be noted that there is no significant difference in the level of engagement of schools in Dolores District after the implementation of internal and external stakeholders. The findings imply that the engagement has no significant effect on the implementation of the district's internal and external stakeholders in the SMB program. These findings differ from those of Cabardo (2016), who found a significant link between the execution of school-based management and the level of stakeholder involvement in various school-initiated activities. As a result, the research results suggest that the level of implementation of school-based management has no bearing on stakeholder involvement in various school-initiated activities. Blank (2004), on the other hand, claims that School-Based Management can enhance student learning by fostering relationships between schools and various community organizations. Similarly, Sheldon and Voorhis (2004) assert that community and parental support for school-based management programs can strengthen schools, children's educational quality, and pupils' educational achievement.

Table 2. *Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular   Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of Public Understanding of school operation.*

Statement	Internal Stakeholder		External Stakeholder	
	Mean	Interpretation	Mean	Interpretation
The school promotes public awareness of its use of MOOE and other public funds	4.58	Always Observed	4.36	Always Observed
The school ensures that its policies ensure the public of the effectiveness of the school's operation	4.63	Always Observed	4.48	Always Observed
Community Stakeholder engagement help enhance accountability and transparency in school operation	4.41	Always Observed	4.36	Always Observed
School reports and functions are used to inform stakeholders of the performance of the school and its constituents	4.61	Always Observed	4.47	Always Observed
The school develops intelligent citizens' understanding of school operations	4.45	Always Observed	4.38	Always Observed
The school allows the community to express what they wish the school to accomplish	4.50	Always Observed	4.43	Always Observed
The school fosters public understanding of its need for adequate financial support.	4.51	Always Observed	4.33	Always Observed
The school informs the public of the broad school issues and its day-to-day operation.	4.52	Always Observed	4.32	Always Observed
Strong alliance fosters sound academic practices in the school and civic-mindedness in the community.	4.42	Always Observed	4.29	Always Observed
The community stakeholder's engagement creates a wholesome climate for mutual gains and benefits.	4.45	Always Observed	4.26	Always Observed
Grand Mean	**4.51**	**Always Observed**	**4.37**	**Always Observed**

Table 3. *Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of Responsibility for Quality Education*

Statement	Internal Stakeholder		External Stakeholder	
	Mean	Interpretation	Mean	Interpretation
The school shows the importance of stakeholder's involvement in attaining quality education and continuity of learning even amidst the pandemic.	4.72	Always Observed	4.54	Always Observed
The stakeholders make the school the center of community improvement.	4.35	Always Observed	4.33	Always Observed
The stakeholders are part of making the school as a democratic social center.	4.49	Always Observed	4.31	Always Observed
The parents, government and non-government organizations are partners of the school in developing and improving educational processes.	4.51	Always Observed	4.39	Always Observed
The Local School Board and Barangay Council are social partners of the school in attaining quality education.	4.24	Always Observed	4.33	Always Observed
The PTA serves as a reliable partner of the school in educational matters.	4.47	Always Observed	4.42	Always Observed
The Local School Board (LSB) helps determine the supplemental budgetary needs for the operation and maintenance of public schools within its jurisdiction.	4.18	Always Observed	4.16	Always Observed
The Local Government Unit (LGU) allocates fund for school activities and programs through the Special Education Fund (SEF).	3.90	Usually Observed	3.99	Usually Observed
The parents and other stakeholders are well-informed of their duties and responsibilities to their children and to the school.	4.66	Always Observed	4.47	Always Observed
The school head and the teachers encourage the community to serve the school for the benefits of the learners.	4.78	Always Observed	4.59	Always Observed
Grand Mean	**4.43**	**Always Observed**	**4.35**	**Always Observed**

Table 4. *Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of Attainment of Objectives of Learning Continuity Plan.*

Statement	Internal Stakeholder		External Stakeholder	
	Mean	Interpretation	Mean	Interpretation
The community and Stakeholders were consulted and involved in the crafting and formulation of the school road map and learning continuity plan	4.56	Always Observed	4.39	Always Observed
The community's motivation to participate in new normal school activities redound to surviving the education processes, uplifting of morale and continuity of educative process.	4.48	Always Observed	4.39	Always Observed
The parents, stakeholders, and the school forged a kind of commitment to get engage in the best interest of the learners during the health mergencies/ pandemic.	4.47	Always Observed	4.46	Always Observed
Parents and stakeholders offered support and commitment in terms of resources to the school.	4.32	Always Observed	4.36	Always Observed
Teachers are committed to spending time, effort and expertise in serving the learners in the new normal setting.	4.77	Always Observed	4.63	Always Observed
The teachers went out to the community and conducted regular home visitation to learners and families.	4.70	Always Observed	4.48	Always Observed
The modular distance learning/self-learning modules strengthen the values and personal traits and characteristics of learners initially developed at home.	4.40	Always Observed	4.32	Always Observed
The collaborative efforts of parents and teachers in the learner's education under the new normal is accorded recognition and acknowledgment by the members of the community.	4.46	Always Observed	4.40	Always Observed
The community residents have high regards for the personal, professional and collective efforts and capabilities of the members of the academe.	4.35	Always Observed	4.31	Always Observed
The community recognizes the crucial importance of the school and the continuity of education amidst the current health crises.	4.47	Always Observed	4.36	Always Observed
Grand Mean	**4.50**	**Always Observed**	**4.41**	**Always Observed**

Table 5. *Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of Resolution of School and Educational Problems*

Statement	Internal Stakeholder		External Stakeholder	
	Mean	Interpretation	Mean	Interpretation
The participation and involvement of key stakeholders in the decision-making processes increase accountability in school management	4.42	Always Observed	4.32	Always Observed
The stakeholders were consulted and are involved in the crating of Road Map, Revised SIP-AIP, Learning Continuity Plan, and other education-related programs and contingencies.	4.48	Always Observed	4.30	Always Observed
The stakeholders participate in the formulation of new normal educational policies and contingent reforms.	4.43	Always Observed	4.37	Always Observed
The stakeholders are involved in the monitoring, evaluation, and assessment of school effectiveness.	4.32	Always Observed	4.30	Always Observed
The stakeholder's involvement in decision-making processes enhances transparency in school management.	4.41	Always Observed	4.26	Always Observed
The stakeholder's involvement provides internal checks and balance of school operations.	4.30	Always Observed	4.23	Always Observed
The school allows balanced information to the public to make decisions on how to deal with risks.	4.47	Always Observed	4.32	Always Observed
The stakeholders are involved in planning, development and implementation of contextualized educational programs.	4.26	Always Observed	4.26	Always Observed
There is public participation in the study and resolution of educational problems and school-community problems.	4.17	Always Observed	4.20	Always Observed
Parents and stakeholders are involved in sourcing out funds and other related activities whose to finance school improvement projects and activities.	4.09	Always Observed	4.16	Always Observed
Grand Mean	**4.34**	Always Observed	**4.27**	Always Observed

Table 6. *Level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders in terms of Linkage and Networking*

Statement	Internal Stakeholder		External Stakeholder	
	Mean	Interpretation	Mean	Interpretation
Parents and stakeholders join the teacher in all sorts of school activities	4.29	Always Observed	4.33	Always Observed
There is a positive parental involvement and engagement that significantly influences learner's academic performance.	4.29	Always Observed	4.35	Always Observed
Parents and stakeholders voluntarily involve themselves in school activities where there presence and support are needed.	4.21	Always Observed	4.33	Always Observed
The community understands the need for adequate financial support for quality education.	4.19	Always Observed	4.35	Always Observed
The stakeholders support the schools formulated programs to adapt to the current needs to meet learners need amidst the pandemic.	4.28	Always Observed	4.35	Always Observed
The partnership has developed strategies of coordinating and linking the array of support opportunities for learner development.	4.25	Always Observed	4.26	Always Observed
The school and community join hands together in achieving the school's mission and vision.	4.38	Always Observed	4.46	Always Observed
The partnership ensures that all members understand and accepts their roles and responsibilities in the organizational structure.	4.40	Always Observed	4.40	Always Observed
The school establishes linkage with local stakeholders, including the LGU, and ensures that network actively engages in governance and school operation.	4.31	Always Observed	4.25	Always Observed
Mechanisms for mutual linkage and support within and across community organizations are put in place.	4.30	Always Observed	4.26	Always Observed
Grand Mean	**4.29**	**Always Observed**	**4.34**	**Always Observed**

Table 7. *Summary of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools as assessed by internal and external stakeholders*

Engagement of Stakeholder	Assessed by Internal Stakeholders		Assessed by External Stakeholders	
	Arithmetic Mean	Interpretation	Arithmetic Mean	Interpretation
Public Understanding of School Operation	4.51	Always Observed	4.37	Always Observed
Responsibility for Quality Education	4.43	Always Observed	4.35	Always Observed
Attainment of Objectives of Learning Continuity Plan	4.50	Always Observed	4.41	Always Observed
Resolution of School and Educational Problems	4.34	Always Observed	4.27	Always Observed
Linkage and Networking	4.29	Always Observed	4.34	Always Observed
Weighted Mean	**4.41**	**Always Observed**	**4. 34**	**Always Observed**

Table 8. *School Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning in terms of School Over All Mean Percentile Scores*

MPS	Frequency (N = 42 schools)	Percent	Performance level
90 – 100	0	0	Outstanding
85 - 89	33	78.57%	Very Satisfactory
80 – 84	9	21.43%	Satisfactory
75 – 79	0	0	Fairly Satisfactory
Below 75	0	0	Did Not Meet Expectations

Table 9. *School Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning in terms of School-Based Management level of implementation*

SBM	Frequency (N = 42 schools)	Percent	Performance level
2.5 – 3. 0	0	0	Level III (Advanced)
1.5 – 2.49	14	33.33%	Level II (Maturing)
0.5 – 1.49	28	66.67%	Level 1 (Developing)

Table 10. *School Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning in terms of Learning Delivery Modality Implementation*

Range	Frequency (N = 42 schools)	Percent	Performance level
4.50 – 5.00	0	0	Outstanding
3.50 – 4.499	42	100%	Very Satisfactory
2.50 – 3.499	0	0	Satisfactory
1.50 – 2.499	0	0	Unsatisfactory
1.0 – 1.499	0	0	Poor

Table 11. *School Performance of Public Elementary Schools of Dolores District on Modular Distance Learning in terms of Learning Continuity Plan Implementation*

Range	Frequency (N = 42 schools)	Percent	Performance level
4.50 – 5.00	5	11.90%	Outstanding
3.50 – 4.499	37	88.10%	Very Satisfactory
2.50 – 3.499	0	0	Satisfactory
1.50 – 2.499	0	0	Unsatisfactory
Below 1.499	0	0	Poor

Table 12. *Summary of the level of school performance*

School Performance	Percentage	Performance Level
School Over All Mean Percentile Scores	78.57	Very Satisfactory
School-Based Management level of implementation	66.67	Developing
Learning Delivery Modality Implementation	100	Very Satisfactory
Learning Continuity Plan Implementation	88.10	Very Satisfactory

Table 13. *Test on the significant relationship between the level of Stakeholder's Engagement and the School Performance of Public Elementary Schools in Dolores district during modular distance learning.*

Performance	Stakeholder	p-value	Decision	Interpretation
MPS		.056	Fail to reject H_0	Not significant
SBM	Internal	.002	Reject H_0	Significant
LDM		.001	Reject H_0	Significant
LCP		.000	Reject H_0	Significant
MPS		.396	Fail to reject H_0	Not significant
SBM	External	.320	Fail to reject H_0	Not significant
LDM		.483	Fail to reject H_0	Not significant
LCP		.128	Fail to reject H_0	Not significant

** highly significant; * significant; ns, not significant

Table 14. *Test on significant difference in the level of Stakeholder's Engagement as perceived by internal and external stakeholders*

	Mean	df	t Stat	p-value	Interpretation	Decision
Internal	4.4140	4	2.102	0.103	Not Significant	Fail to Reject Null Hypothesis
External	4. 3480					

CONCLUSION

Therefore, the researcher came up with the following conclusions:

1. The level of engagement of stakeholders of public elementary schools in Dolores District during Modular Distance learning as perceived by internal and external stakeholders is very satisfactory.
2. The school performance as assessed by teachers in terms of the school's overall mean percentile scores are very satisfactory; school-based management level of implementation is developing; learning delivery modality implementation is very satisfactory, and learning continuity plan implementation obtain very satisfactory performance.
3. There was a significant relationship between the level of School Stakeholders' Engagement and the School performance of Public elementary Schools in the Dolores district during modular distance learning.
4. There is no significant difference between the internal and external stakeholders before and after the engagement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The foregoing conclusions served as the basis for the following recommendations:

1. The internal and external stakeholders may work collaboratively to review the school-based management program implementation for effective and efficient practices.
2. School administration may devise a scheme for monitoring quality assurance to satisfy basic needs and requirements in the modular distance learning in the new normal.
3. The school administration extends collaboration to parents and other stakeholders for the improvements of school performance amidst to Covid-19 pandemic.
4. There is a need for the assessment and evaluation of school performance to determine the significant issues and gaps to strengthen the competencies of school heads and teachers in the new normal.
5. Another related study or research should be conducted to further verify the findings of the current study using a much bigger population and locale.

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INTEGRATING FUZZY LOGIC AND SIX SIGMA FOR ENHANCED SOFTWARE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT

Software project management is characterized by its intricate nature, often hindered by the volatile dynamics of software development. Conventional management approaches struggle to address the uncertainties that arise in such contexts. This study delves into the synergistic fusion of fuzzy logic and Six Sigma methodologies to refine software project management. Fuzzy logic adeptly navigates uncertainty, while Six Sigma employs a data-driven strategy for process enhancement. This research investigates the amalgamation of these methodologies to optimize software project management, ultimately leading to heightened project outcomes, diminished risks, and amplified stakeholder contentment.

INTRODUCTION

Software projects are prone to uncertainties stemming from fluid requirements, evolving technologies, and intricate team dynamics. Traditional project management frameworks often fall short in managing such uncertainties. Fuzzy logic, hinging on imprecise reasoning, excels in encapsulating and handling uncertainty. In contrast, Six Sigma focuses on curtailing process variations and defects. This paper explores the potential gains from merging these methodologies to address the intricate challenges inherent in software project management.

Fuzzy Logic in Software Project Management

Fuzzy logic furnishes an approach to grapple with the indistinct and ambiguous information endemic to software projects. By introducing linguistic variables and membership functions, project parameters can be portrayed and processed in a manner more akin to human cognition. Fuzzy logic is particularly effective in modeling uncertain project constraints, including task duration and resource allocation, enhancing predictions and decision-making.
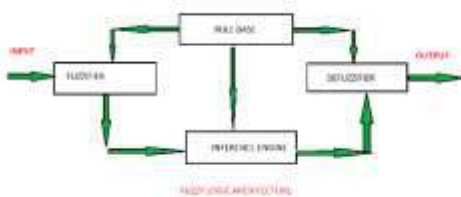
Example Calculation

Let's consider a task with uncertain duration due to resource availability. Utilizing fuzzy logic, we establish membership functions for short, medium, and long durations. Assuming the membership functions are defined as follows:

Short Duration: Membership value = 0.2
Medium Duration: Membership value = 0.6
Long Duration: Membership value = 0.3

In a scenario where resources are in a medium state (membership value = 0.6), the projected task duration can be calculated as follows:
Predicted Duration = (Short Duration × Short Membership) + (Medium Duration × Medium Membership) + (Long Duration × Long Membership)
= (5 days × 0.2) + (10 days × 0.6) + (20 days × 0.3)
= 9 + 6 + 6
= 21 days

Six Sigma in Software Project Management

Six Sigma, a data-centric methodology, strives to minimize defects and process variations. This entails defining critical processes, measuring their performance, dissecting data, implementing refinements, and controlling new processes. Integrating Six Sigma principles into software project management can yield improved estimation precision, diminished rework, and an overall bolstered project performance.

Six Sigma Curve
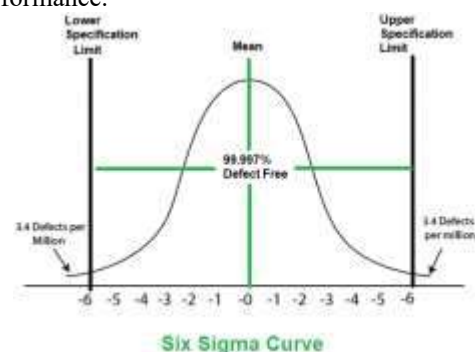
Example Calculation

Consider a software development process initially plagued with a defect rate of 10 defects per 1,000 lines of code (D/LOC). By implementing Six Sigma practices, this defect rate is reduced to 2 defects per 1,000 lines of code. The defect reduction achieved can be quantified using the formula:

Defect Reduction = (Initial Defect Rate - Improved Defect Rate) / Initial Defect Rate

= (10 - 2) / 10

= 0.8 or 80%

In this illustration, the adoption of Six Sigma has led to an 80% reduction in defects, culminating in heightened software quality and a diminished incidence of issues during project execution.

Case Study: Implementing the Integrated Methodologies:
A case study is employed to exemplify the application of fuzzy logic and Six Sigma in a software project. This case study hones in on a complex project characterized by evolving requirements and resource constraints. The synthesis of these methodologies showcases how fuzzy logic adeptly handles uncertain requirements, while Six Sigma's tenets guide process enhancements, thereby amplifying project outcomes.

Case Study Scenario

Imagine a software project grappling with stringent timelines and uncertain resource availability. Fuzzy logic is leveraged to gauge the ramifications of fluctuating resource levels on task durations. Simultaneously, Six Sigma principles are invoked to discern and eradicate process inefficiencies that could precipitate delays.

The case study elucidates how the integration of fuzzy logic and Six Sigma empowers the project team to make informed decisions about resource allocation across diverse scenarios. Moreover, it underscores the optimization of process workflows to mitigate bottlenecks and rework.

Future Prospects

Future research avenues encompass the scalability of these integrated methodologies for larger projects, the conception of automated tools that facilitate decision-making through fuzzy logic, and the exploration of their applicability across diverse software development frameworks like Agile and Waterfall.

Given the rapid advancements in fuzzy logic and Six Sigma, the horizon holds promise for the formulation of advanced algorithms that dynamically adapt to evolving project conditions via fuzzy logic. This, coupled with the continuous refinement facilitated by Six Sigma's data-driven analysis, holds the potential to further elevate project processes.

CONCLUSION

The harmonious amalgamation of fuzzy logic and Six Sigma methodologies constitutes a propitious pathway toward navigating the intricate uncertainties intrinsic to software project management. By harnessing the strengths of both methodologies, software projects stand to benefit from elevated quality standards, attenuated risks, and enhanced operational efficiency. This research underscores the latent potential of an integrated approach and advocates for its in-depth exploration and assimilation within the software development realm.

As software projects evolve in complexity, the fusion of fuzzy logic's adaptable decision-making and Six Sigma's process refinement stands poised to significantly contribute to the realization of successful project outcomes. This symbiotic amalgamation heralds a stride forward in the realm of effective software project management within an ever-evolving landscape.

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E-FARM APPLICATION USING DJANGO: ENHANCING AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

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ABSTRACT

The agricultural landscape in India finds itself entangled in a web of poverty, stemming from deeply entrenched traditional practices and the exploitation perpetuated by unscrupulous intermediaries who take advantage of farmers during the critical phase of selling their produce. This dire situation calls for innovative solutions, and agro marketing emerges as a beacon of hope. Through the automation of various agricultural processes, agro marketing breathes new life into the sector and empowers farmers with invaluable market insights that can steer them toward better outcomes.

In this context, the concept of E-farming stands as a transformative force. E-farming, as an integral facet of agro marketing, opens the door to a realm of possibilities for farmers. By harnessing the power of digital platforms, E-farming dismantles the barriers that once confined farmers to local markets. It becomes a conduit for farmers to transcend geographical limitations, enabling them to sell their products across the nation. This expansion horizons not only promises increased revenue streams but also the prospect of reducing their vulnerability to market fluctuations.

The allure of E-farming does not merely rest in the realm of product sales. It is a comprehensive system that arms farmers with a suite of tools and resources to elevate their agricultural practices to new heights. At its core, E-farming functions as a repository of real-time market data, empowering farmers with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about what and when to produce. This information, combined with SMS communication capabilities, ensures that even those without access to the internet are not left behind in this digital revolution.

Furthermore, E-farming stands as a conduit for the dissemination of innovative farming methods. It becomes a platform for farmers to access a wealth of knowledge about advanced techniques that can amplify productivity while minimizing resource wastage. As a bridge between technology and agriculture, E-farming introduces farmers to the concept of precision farming, where every decision is grounded in data-driven insights.

Government programs are an essential lifeline for the agricultural sector, and E-farming seamlessly integrates these programs into its fabric. Through the platform, farmers are informed about the latest government schemes designed to bolster their endeavors. In times of adversity, such as natural disasters, E-farming ensures that farmers have swift access to financial aid and support, helping them weather the storm and emerge stronger.

The core essence of this project lies in creating an online haven for rural farmers, where they can showcase their produce and tap into the vast urban markets. Through an intuitive user interface, farmers can effortlessly manage their product listings and engage with potential buyers. This digital marketplace not only transcends the limitations of physical distance but also simplifies the transaction process, making it a win-win situation for both sellers and buyers.

INTRODUCTION

The E-Farming initiative emerges as a potent catalyst poised to revolutionize the agricultural paradigm in India. Deep-rooted in a response to the multifaceted challenges plaguing the sector, this project's fundamental objective is to uplift the lives of farmers, transcending age-old practices and empowering them through technology-driven agro-marketing strategies. By orchestrating the automation of diverse agricultural processes, E-Farming aspires to breathe new vitality into an industry weighed down by poverty and outdated methodologies.

Within the complex tapestry of the agricultural landscape, the advent of E-Farming stands as a beacon of hope. Its central premise is transformative — to liberate farmers from the confines of local markets through the integration of digital

platforms. This marks a monumental shift, enabling farmers to extend their reach across geographical boundaries, thereby unlocking a realm of opportunities to vend their products nationwide. The implications are profound; apart from augmenting revenue streams, this diversification holds the potential to mitigate the often-devastating impacts of market volatility.

However, E-Farming's significance goes beyond the mere act of sales transactions. It emerges as a holistic ecosystem designed to equip farmers with a repertoire of tools, resources, and insights that transcend traditional limitations. The core of E-Farming's functionality lies in its real-time market data repository. This treasure trove of information empowers farmers with the critical knowledge needed to make informed

decisions regarding crop cultivation and timely harvesting. This knowledge is further democratized through SMS communication capabilities, ensuring inclusivity for those farmers who lack internet access.

Going a step further, E-Farming functions as a conduit for disseminating pioneering agricultural methodologies. It serves as a knowledge-sharing platform, introducing farmers to cutting-edge techniques that amplify productivity while minimizing resource consumption. E-Farming seamlessly bridges the divide between technology and agriculture, familiarizing farmers with the principles of precision farming. In this new era, every decision is grounded in data-driven insights, optimizing yield and resource allocation.

Crucially, E-Farming integrates seamlessly with governmental initiatives, acting as a conduit through which farmers receive information about the latest schemes and policies designed to fortify their agricultural pursuits. During times of adversity, such as natural disasters, the E-Farming platform steps in as a rapid-response mechanism, facilitating efficient access to financial assistance and support. This fortification against unforeseen challenges reflects the project's commitment to the holistic well-being of farmers.

At its core, the E-Farming project manifests as an online haven, a digital marketplace where rural farmers interface directly with urban consumers. The user interface is intuitive, enabling farmers to effortlessly manage product listings and engage with potential buyers. This virtual marketplace transcends the boundaries of physical distance, simplifying transactions and engendering a mutually beneficial ecosystem for both sellers and buyers.

In summation, the E-Farming initiative paints a vivid portrait of a promising future for Indian agriculture. Leveraging the transformative capabilities of technology, it engages head-on with the long-standing predicaments faced by farmers. It envisions a landscape where prosperity is intricately intertwined with sustainability, a realm in which technology redefines the trajectories of livelihoods. As E-Farming garners momentum, it emerges not just as a solution but as a driving force poised to reshape the agricultural panorama and uplift countless farmers across the nation.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Agricultural technology's potential for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is substantial, especially in developing nations. Integrating IoT, cloud computing, and data analysis in agriculture is evolving. This article presents an FPGA-based smart agriculture solution addressing real-time data gaps, offering irrigation adjustments and disease detection. Another study combines IoT and cloud computing for enhanced agriculture databases. Usability and navigation are crucial for complex websites.

METHODOLOGY
The user login process for the E-Farming platform offers participants a choice between two distinct roles: ADMIN and USER. These roles serve as gateways to different sets of functionalities, each catering to specific needs and responsibilities within the system.

The ADMIN role assumes a position of authority, entrusted with overseeing and managing the various functions that underpin the platform's operations. This encompasses a spectrum of tasks, ranging from user management to the orchestration of critical processes that ensure the seamless functioning of the platform. The ADMIN user holds the power to effect changes, make updates, and optimize the overall user experience.

On the other end, the USERS are afforded access to the system's dynamic pulse - the current stock of products available within the virtual marketplace. This facet provides them with real-time information on the array of agricultural products ready for transaction. In this role, USERS can engage with the platform as discerning consumers, selecting and purchasing products that align with their preferences and needs.

The architecture of the application is designed with an emphasis on user-friendliness and intuitive navigation. As USERS delve into the interface, they are greeted with a comprehensive array of tools aimed at facilitating a smooth and efficient experience. These tools encompass an array of features, including product details, stock management capabilities, and robust search options.

In terms of product details, the platform goes beyond mere textual information, incorporating vivid visuals to accompany the descriptions. Names, pictures, and prices come together to present a holistic view of each product, enabling USERS to make informed decisions with confidence. This immersive presentation style bridges the gap between the virtual realm and the tangible reality of agricultural produce.

In the realm of stock management, USERS gain a bird's-eye view of the available inventory. This feature is crucial for farmers and consumers alike, as it allows for transparent tracking of product availability. In a world where time is of the essence, this functionality empowers USERS to act decisively, securing their desired products in a swift and efficient manner.

The incorporation of search options takes the user experience a step further. USERS can fine-tune their search parameters, sifting through the expansive collection of products to locate items that precisely align with their requirements. This functionality is underpinned by a robust back-end system that ensures accurate results and a seamless user experience.

Beneath the surface, the E-Farming application's design is meticulously crafted to ensure not only a user-friendly interface but also a solid foundation of business logic, data validation, and security measures. Business logic dictates the flow of processes, ensuring that interactions between users and the platform unfold in a logical and structured manner.

Data validation is a cornerstone of accuracy and reliability within the system. This mechanism safeguards against errors by meticulously verifying the data input by users, thereby guaranteeing the integrity of the information. Furthermore, stringent security measures are in place to shield the platform and its users from any potential threats, fostering a safe and trustworthy environment.

In summation, the E-Farming application's login process represents a gateway to a world of functionalities, where roles are defined and functionalities are tailored to enhance the experience of both administrators and users. By prioritizing user-friendliness, comprehensive information presentation, robust stock management, and advanced search options, the platform promises a seamless journey. Underlying it all is a robust foundation of business logic, data validation, and security measures, ensuring that every interaction within the system is efficient, accurate, and secure.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The E-farming application employs web-based or mobile app frameworks, an application server, and a database management system. User authentication is implemented, and a farm data model stores farming data. External services and APIs provide additional features. Notifications and background jobs enhance user experience. Production deployment considers scalability and fault tolerance.
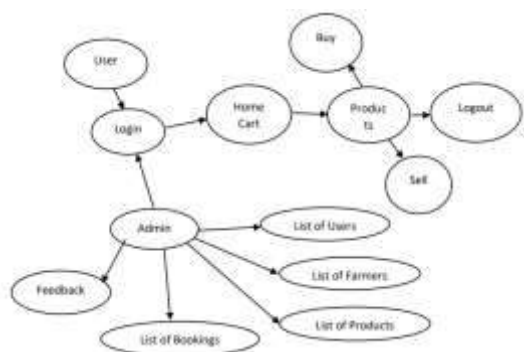
RESULTS

The E-farm application offers Farmer and Buyer menus for communication. Farmers manage products, while buyers purchase directly. The application handles complex logic, data validation, and offers a functional user interface. Further development could include advanced features, security, and integration with external services.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

The Python-powered E-farm program will evolve, providing improved user experience, real-time data-driven decisions, and advanced analytics. Inventory management, supply chain integration, and transaction facilitation are envisioned. The program will also foster a strong agricultural community and offer multilingual support.

CONCLUSION

The E-Farming Portal blends front-end and back-end technologies to connect farmers and buyers. It streamlines marketing, enhances communication, and supports data-driven decisions. Further developments will lead to a more comprehensive and efficient platform.

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FINANCIAL QUOTIENT AND LIFE SATISFACTION AMONG EDUCATORS IN THE DISTRICT OF BORONGAN CITY

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ABSTRACT

The study aimed to investigate the financial quotient and Life Satisfaction among educators in the District of Borongan City. A descriptive-correlation method of research was utilized in the study. It employed a survey questionnaire to gather information from thirty (30) educators participating in the research investigation. Data collected were subjected to appropriate statistical tools: frequency count, percentage, weighted mean, and Pearson correlation. It was concluded that most of the educators in the district of Borongan City were middle-aged, female, and designated teacher III. Their pastimes were watching TV, using gadgets with the internet, doing household or school chores, and bonding with family and friends. The respondents have a net pay ranging from php5,000.00 to 10,000.00 with financial liability ranging from 100,000.00 and above, not having an extra income. This indicates that the Educators in the district of Borongan City need more education on their finance.

KEYWORDS: *Financial intelligence, Life satisfaction, Educators*

INTRODUCTION

The aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic on incomes and livelihood has caused Filipinos to be more aware of their financial health. How to handle money today is different from what it used to be; we cannot expect the old generation and new ones—who are making, spending, and investing in the same ways as before. *However,* when BSP conducted research, only 2% of Filipino adults were financially literate. Most Filipinos prefer to spend before they save. They save based on what has been left from what they receive; if there is none left, there is nothing for them to save. *Based on a survey of 94 Filipinos* on a scale of one to five, 60.6 percent rate themselves a three regarding financial literacy. Only 19.1percent rated themselves higher than three, which suggests a degree of limited scope and conceivably willingness to learn. (Esquire, 2021) on financial intelligence quotient. The financial intelligence quotient of an average Filipino remains poor (Inquirer, 2018). A problem that initiated having poor childhood education that tenacious until adult years. Because most Filipinos are financially unknowledgeable, they miss the point of what is stated in their loans or mortgages or even on their credit cards, resulting in trouble debts**.** Lack of financial Quotient leads them to borrow more and save less, ending up paying more fees until

bankruptcy, or worst, poverty. Low financial intelligence quotient overwhelmed by financial problems. Education and awareness of financial intelligence will lead to a brighter future and a more stable financial situation. Financial Intelligence solves money problems. (Kayosaki,2019). The financial intelligence quotient is the ability to generate wealth, multiply it and manage it. A high financial intelligence quotient helps increase earnings, establish a retirement fund and maintain financial stability. Financial stability is the foundation of Life Satisfaction. Life satisfaction is the amount to which a person firmly evaluates the overall quality of his/her life. It is how much the person regards the life he/she leads (Veenhoven). Individual's physical, emotional deem life satisfaction, and mental well-being, Satisfaction from interpersonal relationships, Opportunities to develop skills and strengths, the ability to make choices about one's life, the level of participation in society and community-building, the possibility of advancing professionally and financial status and future potential (Randolph, 2021). These determinants affect work engagement for living in harmony, the involvement with a project, or because that strongly care about a person's overall health.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

This study aims to identify the association between financial Quotient and Life satisfaction among Educators in the District of Borongan City. Specifically, it tries to answer the following question.

1. What is the characteristics profile of the respondents in terms of:

    1.1 Age
    1.2 Gender
    1.3 Designation of Educators
    1.4 Source of extra income
    1.5 Past Time
    1.6 Monthly Income from extra Source
    1.7 Monthly Take-Home Pay

2. What is the financial Quotient of the respondents?
3. What is the level of Life Satisfaction of the respondents?
4. Is there a significant relationship between characteristics profile and financial Quotient on life satisfaction?
5. Is there a significant correlation between financial Quotient and life satisfaction?

Significance of the study

The researcher believes that this study will be of great benefit to the following:

The Educators in the District of Borongan City

The data will provide how financial intelligence quotients affect life satisfaction among educators. The result will enable the educators to improve life satisfaction through financial Quotient.

The DepEd Head of Schools

The result of this study will offer the head of school, particularly life satisfaction, practical information on the effect of financial intelligence quotient on educators. Thus, it will lead them to employ a financial intelligence quotient as one of the adequate skills in improving life satisfaction.

Future Researcher

The findings of this study would give additional information that could be of great help for future studies with a similar subject of interest.

Scope and limitation of the study

The study will cover the effect of financial intelligence quotient and life satisfaction among educators in the district of Borongan City. The Primary subjects of this research study will consist of the educators in the District of Borongan City.

The study will be conducted on the third week of May 2022. It covers the following schools, Songco ES, Calingatngan ES, Ando ES, Sabang CES, Hindang ES, Libuton ES, Maybacong ES, Maypangdan ES, Maypangdan NHS, Pepelitan ES, San Mateo ES.

Theoretical framework of the study

This research is anchored on social cognitive theory—a theory developed by renowned Stanford psychology professor Albert Badura. The study views people as factors who influence and are influenced by their environment. The component of the theory is on processing wants and needs by its surroundings and learning from them to gain better rewards.

Conceptual framework

This study Utilizes the independent and dependent variables. The schematic diagram shows the correlation between Independent Variables and dependent variables. The independent variable comprises age, gender, teaching position, source of extra income, and past time on the demographic profile among educators in the district of Borongan. The dependent variable is life satisfaction.

It was noted in the literature that a person would cultivate financial IQ to obtain skills influencing the ability to recognize money, manage finances, and create wealth.

Independent Variable   Dependent Variable
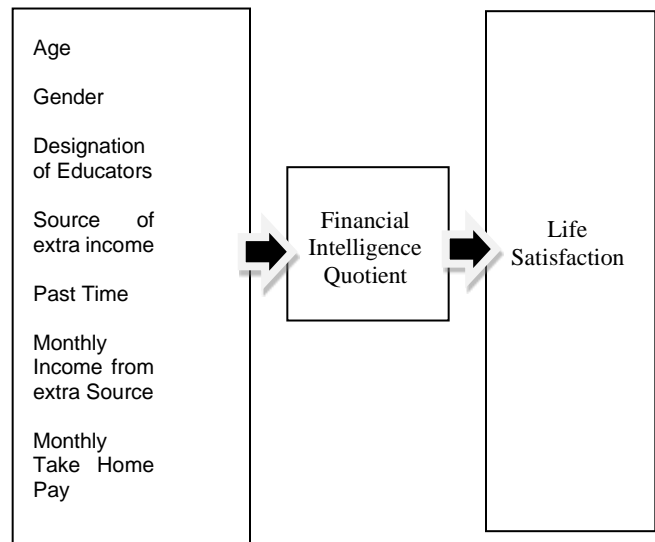
Schematic Diagram Depicting the Correlation Between the independent and Dependent Variables of the study

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

The study will discover how many educators think, act, or feel in a specific way. It will seek to answer questions to add knowledge in a field. Before the survey is deployed, the researcher makes sure to test the survey to acquire a reasonable response rate and to ensure that the respondent experience is how it wants it to be. Moreover, to ensure it renders precisely how the researchers want it to. The research design will center on numerical data collection and analysis. This correlational

Quantitative research design will establish a relationship with a positive direction.

Locale of the study
The research will be administered at the different schools in different Barangays in the district of Borongan City. The district has 106 elementary educators and 70 secondary educators dedicated to their profession.

Subject/Participants of the Study
The study participants are educators in different schools in the District of Borongan City. They are selected randomly; based on the theory of probability, the researcher chooses samples has an equal chance of getting selected

Sampling Procedure
To weigh the samples, the researcher will have the educators in the second district of Borongan city as a population composed of one hundred six elementary educators and seventy secondary educators. Every educator in each Barangay had a chance to be selected.

Research Instrument
The first part is the characteristic of each respondent. The second part of the questionnaire evaluates each respondent's understanding and financial quotient. Part III focuses on life satisfaction. The research instrument will undergo a dry run to ascertain its usability for the study. Suggestions or comments for the improvements of the questionnaire as a result of the dry run were duly considered.

Data Collection Procedure
Request permission to conduct the study from the Schools Division Superintendent before the researcher personally fielded the questionnaire. The respondents will be requested to provide honest answers to the questionnaire questions. Collection of the questionnaire will immediately follow respondents finished answering the questionnaire where they bring an answer at home. Then will be collected the following day.

Analysis of the Data
After collecting data, statistical analysis will make the relationship between variables using correlation. It will be Summarized, Categorized, and tabulated in a correlation coefficient.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION
Characteristics Profile of the Respondents.

Age. Table 1 shows that 14 out of 30 respondents (46.7%) are 41-50. 10 (33.3%) are 51-60 years old.6 (8.6%) are 31-40 years old. This implied that most of the respondents were in middle age.

Table 1. **Distribution of the age of the Respondents**

Age	Frequency	Percent
51-60 years old	10	33.3
41-50 years old	14	46.7
31-40 years old	6	20
Total	30	100

Gender. Table 2 shows 29 (96.7%) females. 1 (3.3%) male respondent brings the finding that most of the respondents are female.

Table 2. **Distribution of Gender on the Respondents**

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Male	1	3.3
Female	29	96.7
Total	30	100

Designation. Table 3 shows 12 (40.0%) are teacher 3. 11 (36.7%) are teacher 2, 4 (13.3%) are master teacher, 2 (6.7%) are teacher 1 and 1 (3.3%) is a head teacher. The findings state that most of the respondents are teacher 3.

Table 3. **Distribution Designation of the Respondents**

Designation	Frequency	Percent
Teacher I	2	6.7
Teacher II	11	36.7
Teacher III	12	40
Master T	4	13.3
Head Teacher	1	3.3
Total	30	100

Pastime. Table 4 – 13.6 shows the pastime of the respondents, outdoor bonding with friends (56.6%), outdoor bonding with family (76.7%), keeping in touch with the world (56.7%), school-related work (80%), and house chores as their pastime (93.3%), implying that this is their routine in their lifestyle.

Table 4. Distribution of pastime

Outdoor bonding with friends	Frequency	Percentile
Yes	17	56.7
No	13	43.3
Total	30	100

Table 4.1

Outdoor bonding with family	Frequency	Percentile
Yes	23	76.7
No	7	23.3
Total	30	100

Table 4.2

Watching TV Shows and keeping in touch with the world wide	Frequency	Percentile
Yes	17	56.7
No	13	43.3
Total	30	100

Table 4.3

Doing school related works	Frequency	Percentile
Yes	24	80
No	6	20
Total	30	100

Table 4.4

Performing household chores	Frequency	Percentile
Yes	28	93.3
No	2	6.7
Total	30	100

Table 4.5

Others	Frequency	Percentile
ss	1	3.3
No	29	96.7
Total	30	100

Source of Extra Income. The table shows that 20 (66.7%) of the respondents do not have any extra income. 3 (10.0%) respondents have a sari-sari store or engage in farming. 2 (6.7%) have tutorial services, and 1 (3.3%) have either online selling or merchandizing. The Findings tell that most respondents do not have any extra income.

Table 5. Distribution Source of Extra Income of the Respondents

Source of Extra Income	Frequency	Percentile
Tutorial Services	2	6.7
Online selling	1	3.3
sari-sari store	3	10
others/farming	3	10
Online selling and Sari-Sari store	1	3.3
None	20	66.7
Total	30	100

Monthly income from extra Sources. The table shows that 20 (66.7%) respondents do not have a monthly income from different sources. 5 (16.7%) have 4,999 & below. 2 (6.7%) have either 15,000-19,000 or 10,000-14,000. 1 (3.3%) respondent with 5,000-9,999 monthly incomes from extra sources. The findings show that most respondents do not have extra income

Table 6. Distribution of monthly income from extra sources of the respondent

Monthly income from extra Source	Frequency	Percentile
15,000-19,000	2	6.7
10,000-14,000	2	6.7
5,000-9,999	1	3.3
4,999 &below	5	16.7
None	20	66.7
Total	30	100

Monthly Net Take Home Pay. The table shows 15 (50.0%) of the respondents have Php5,000-php9,999 monthly net take-home pay. 6 (20.0%) Php10,000-php14,999. 5 (16.7%) Php15,000-php19,999. 3 (10.0%) Php20,000-php24,999. 1 (3.3%) Php4,999 & below monthly net take-home pay indicates that most respondents have Php5,000-php9,999 monthly net take-home pay.

Table 7. Distribution on monthly net take home pay of the respondent

Monthly Net Take Home Pay	Frequency	Percentile
Php20,000-php24,999	3	10
Php15,000-php19,999	5	16.7
Php10,000-php14,999	6	20
Php5,000-php9,999	15	50
Php4,999 & below	1	3.3
Total	30	100

Amount of loan/ financial liability. The table shows that **9 (30.0%)** respondents have php100,000 and below loan/ financial liability. **4 (13.3%)** have Php5,000,001 & above or php400,001-php500,000**. 2 (6.7%)** have either php1,000,001-php2,000,000, php600,001-php700,000, php200,001-php300,000 or php100,001-php200,000. **1 (3.3%)** have either php300,001-php400,000, php800,001-php9,000,000, php900,001-php1,000,000,php3,000,001 php4,000,000 or php4,000,001-php5,000,000 loan/ financial liability. Most of the respondents have php100,000 and below loan/ financial liability.

Table 8. Distribution on amount of loan/ financial liability of the respondents

Amount of loan/ financial liability	Frequency	Percentile
Php5,000,001 & above	4	13.3
php4,000,001-php5,000,000	1	3.3
php3,000,001-php4,000,000	1	3.3
php1,000,001-php2,000,000	2	6.7
php900,001-php1,000,000	1	3.3
php800,001-php9,000,000	1	3.3
php600,001-php700,000	2	6.7
php400,001-php500,000	4	13.3
php300,001-php400,000	1	3.3
php200,001-php300,000	2	6.7
php100,001-php200,000	2	6.7
php100,000 and below	9	30
Total	30	100

The *Characteristics profile of the Respondents* tells us that 14 (46.7%) of 41 to 50 years old belong to middle age. 29 (96.7%) females. 12 (40.0%) are mostly teacher 3. **13 (43.3%)** of the respondents have pastimes on outdoor bonding with Friends, outdoor bonding with Family members, watching TV shows, and keeping in touch with the world wide web/internet/social media, doing school-related chores, and performing household chores**.** 20 (66.7%) don't have any extra income. 15 (50.0%) of the respondents have Php5,000-php9,999 monthly net take-home pay. **9 (30.0%)** of the respondents have php100,000 and below loan/ financial liability.

Financial Intelligence Quotient of the Respondents
Financial Quotient Question 1. Table 9 shows 30 (100%) a very high financial quotient in the given situation that each one should receive Php 200 gift.

Table 9. Distribution of, five brothers are given a gift of Php 1,000. If the brothers have to divide the money equally

Q1	Frequency	Percent
Php200	30	100

Financial Quotient Question 2. Table 10 shows that 27(90%) entails a very high financial Quotient in considering cash as an asset. 3(10%) consider salary increase as an asset which implies a Low financial Quotient. The findings state that most respondents have a very high financial quotient as cash is an asset.

Table 10. Distribution on consideration of Asset

Q2	Frequency	Percent (%)
cash	27	90
salary increase	3	10
Total	30	100

Financial Quotient Question 3. Table 11 shows that 30 (100%) consider a loan as a debt which implies a very high financial Quotient. The finding tells that loans as debt have very high financial Quotient.

Table 11. Distribution on Consideration of Debt

Q3	Frequency	Percent
Loan	30	100

Financial Quotient Question 4. Table 12 shows 27 (90%) consider stocks as an investment which implies a very high financial Quotient. 3 (10.0%) consider the piggy bank as an investment which implies a Low financial Quotient.

Table 12. Distribution on consideration of an investment

Q4	Frequency	Percentile
stocks	27	90
piggybanks	3	10
Total	30	100

Financial Quotient Question 5. Table 13 shows 16 (53.3%) has moderately high financial Quotient stating that to protect against risk is best describes as the primary purpose of insurance products. 13 (43.3%) has low financial Quotient stating that to accumulate saving is best describes as the primary purpose of insurance products 1 (3.3%) have low financial Quotient stating that to donate money is best describes as the primary purpose of insurance products.

Table 13. Distribution on Statements best describes the primary purpose of insurance products.

Q5	Frequency	Percent (%)
Accumulate saving	13	43.3
Protect against risk	16	53.3
donate money	1	3.3
Total	30	100.0

Financial Quotient Question 6. Table 14 shows 17 (56.7%) have moderately high financial Quotient with statements that higher inflation means higher prices of consumer goods and that purchasing power is lower if inflation is high. As inflation rises, every peso will buy a fewer amount of goods. That describes a moderately high financial Quotient. 8 (26.7%) with Low financial Quotient have statements that higher inflation means higher prices of goods. 5 (16.7%) have a low financial Quotient saying that every peso will buy fewer goods if inflation rises.

Table 14. Distribution on Statements about inflation

Q6	Frequency	Percentile
Higher inflation means higher prices of goods	8	26.7
Inflation rises, every peso will buy a fewer amount of goods	5	16.7
all the above	17	56.7
Total	30	100

Financial Quotient Question 7. Table 15 shows 14 (46.7%) have a moderately high financial Quotient on either the formula for a healthy budget should be income minus savings equals expenses or income minus expenses equal savings. 2 (6.7%) has a low financial Quotient with the formula for a healthy budget should be Income-expenses=savings.

Table 15. Distribution on formula for a healthy budget

Q7	Frequency	Percentile
Income - savings= expenses	14	46.7
Income - expenses= savings	2	6.7
Either b or c	14	46.7
Total	30	100.0

Financial Quotient Question 8. Table 16 shows that 28 (93.3%) educators say that if a savings account has an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php200 will earn after a year if he deposits php10,000, which has a very high financial Quotient. 1(3.3%) educator says that if a savings account has an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php02 or php2,000 will earn after a year if he deposits php10,000, that entails Low financial Quotient.

Table 16. Distribution on A savings account has an annual interest rate of 2 percent, how much will a Php 10,000 deposit earn after a year

Q8	Frequency	Percentile
php02	1	3.3
php200	28	93.3
php2,000	1	3.3
Total	30	100.0

Financial Quotient Question 9. Table 17 shows that 16 (53.3%) educators say that it is true that a 15–year loan requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less. Which indicates a moderately high financial Quotient. 8(26.7%) educators say that it depends on a 15–year loan typically requiring higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less. This indicates a Slightly high financial Quotient.4 (13.3%) educators say either true or false that a 15–year loan requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less. This indicates a low financial Quotient. 2 (6.7%) educators say that it is false that a 15–year loan requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less.

Table 17. Distribution on a 15–year loan typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30 year-loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less.

Q9	Frequency	Percentile
True	16	53.3
False	2	6.7
either true or false	4	13.3
it depends on	8	26.7
Total	30	100.0

Financial Quotient Question 10. Table 18 shows that 27 (90.0%) educators say it is a better bargain of a discount php150 TV set with a retail price of php 1,000. This indicates a very high financial Quotient. 2 (6.7%) educators say it is a better bargain of 10% discount of TV-set with a retail price of php 1,000.1 (3.3%) educators says a discount of php150 and 10%discount it is just the same discount of TV-set with a retail price of php 1,000.

Table 18. Distribution on TV-sets of the same model on sale in two different shops. The initial retail price of it was Php 1,000

Q10	F Frequency	Percent (%)
discount of php150	27	90.0
they are just the same	1	3.3
10%discount	2	6.7
Total	30	100.

The Financial Quotient
The respondents have a very high financial Quotient with 30 (100%) when they imagine that five brothers are given a gift of Php 1,000. Moreover, the brothers have to divide the money equally, and each one should receive php 200 gift. 27(90%) consider cash as an asset. 30 (100%) loan as a debt .27 (90%) consider stocks as an investment. 28 (93.3%) say a savings account has an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php200 will earn after a year if he deposits php10,000, which has a very high financial Quotient.

The respondents with moderate-high financial Quotient. 16 (53.3%) say to protect against risk is best described as the primary purpose of insurance products. (46.7%) educator says

that the formula for a healthy budget should be income- savings =Expenses and either income- savings =Expense or Income- expenses = Savings.16 (53.3%) educators say that it is true that a 15–year loan requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan. However, the total interest of the loan will be less.17 (56.7%) educators state that higher inflation means higher prices of consumer goods and that purchasing power is lower if inflation is high. As inflation rises, every peso will buy a fewer amount of goods.

The respondents with a slightly high financial quotient of 8(26.7%) say that depending on a 15–year loan requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less.

The respondents with low financial Quotient. 3(10%) consider salary increase as an asset.4 3 (10.0%) consider the piggy bank as an investment.5 (43.3%) says that accumulating savings is best described as the primary purpose of insurance products.1 (3.3%) say donating money is best described as insurance products' primary purpose. 5 (16.7%) educators have agreed that inflation rises every peso will buy fewer goods. (26.7%) higher inflation means higher prices of goods. 2 (6.7%) educators say that the formula for a healthy budget should be income minus expenses equals savings.1(3.3%) a savings account has an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php02 or php2,000 will earn after a year if he deposits php10,000.4 (13.3%) either true or false that a 15–year loan typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan. However, the total interest of the loan will be less. 2 (6.7%) a 15–year loan typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the total interest of the loan will be less.

Life Satisfaction

Table 19 shows that 18 (60.0%) agree that, in most ways, their life is close to their ideal life satisfaction. Indicates that the educator has slightly life dissatisfied. 6 (20.0%) strongly agree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction.5 (16.7%) agree slightly that they are extremely dissatisfied. In life satisfaction. 1. (3.3%) neither agree nor disagree that they have extremely dissatisfied with their life satisfaction.

Table 19. Distribution In most ways, my life is close to my ideal

Description	Frequency	Percent
neither agree nor disagree	1	3.3
Agree	18	60.0
agree slightly	5	16.7
strongly agree	6	20.0
Total	30	100

Table 20 shows that 17 (56.7%) agree that their living conditions are excellent. Which entails that educator has slightly dissatisfied with life satisfaction.6(20.0%) strongly agree that educator have extremely dissatisfied.4 (13.3%) neither agree nor disagree with extremely dissatisfied life satisfaction.3 (10.0%) agree slightly which has extremely dissatisfied in life satisfaction.

Table 20. Distribution on the conditions of my life are excellent

Description	Frequency	Percent
neither agree nor disagree	4	13.3%
agree	17	56.7%
agree slightly	3	10.0%
strongly agree	6	20.0%
Total	30	100.0%

Table 21 shows that 14 (46.7%) agree that they are dissatisfied with their life. Even if they say, they are satisfied.10 (33.3%) strongly agree they are dissatisfied with life satisfaction.4(13.3%) agree that they are dissatisfied with life satisfaction. Moreover, 2 (6.7%) neither agree nor disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction.

Table 21. Distribution on I am satisfied with my life.

Description	Frequency	Percentile
neither agree nor disagree	2	6.7
agree	14	46.7
agree slightly	4	13.3
strongly agree	10	33.3
Total	30	100.0

Table 22. 12 (40.0%) agree that they are dissatisfied. 7 (23.3%) strongly agree that they are extremely dissatisfied. Moreover, 6 (20.0%) neither agree nor disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied. 3 (10.0%) agree that they are highly dissatisfied. Moreover, 2 (6.7%) slightly disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction that so far, I have gotten the important things I want in life

Table 22. Distribution So far, I have gotten the important things I want in life

Description	Frequency	Percentile
slightly disagree	2	6.7
neither agree nor disagree	6	20.0
agree	12	40.0
agree slightly	3	10.0
strongly agree	7	23.3
Total	30	100.0

Table 23 shows that 10 (34.6%) agree that if they could live their life over, they would change almost nothing, which indicates that they are dissatisfied with life satisfaction.8 (27.6%) strongly agree that they are extremely dissatisfied. 6 (20.7%0) neither agree nor disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied.2 (6.9%) agree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction.1(3.4%) slightly disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied. 1 (3.4%) disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied. 1 (3.4%) strongly disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction.

Table 23. Distribution If I could live my life over, I would change almost nothing

Description	Frequency	Percentile
strongly disagree	1	3.4
disagree	1	3.4
slightly disagree	1	3.4
neither agree nor disagree	6	20.7
agree	10	34.6
agree slightly	2	6.9
strongly agree	8	27.6
Total	30	100.0

Life Satisfaction

The Life Satisfaction of the respondents in the statement in most ways, their life is close to their ideal life satisfaction; the highest score finds that respondents indicate slightly life dissatisfaction. Moreover, the lowest score indicates neither agree nor disagree that they are highly dissatisfied with life satisfaction.

This means that people who score in this range have few but significant problems in several areas of their lives, or they have many areas where they are doing well but one area where they are having significant problems. Suppose a person has temporarily moved from a higher level of life satisfaction to this level due to a recent event. Things will usually improve over time, and satisfaction will generally move back up.

However, some changes may be done if a person is chronically slightly dissatisfied with many aspects of life.

Thus, temporary dissatisfaction is common and ordinary, the person is simply expecting too much, and life changes are sometimes required. While temporary dissatisfaction is common and normal, chronic dissatisfaction in a few areas of life requires reflection. Some people can be motivated by a small amount of dissatisfaction, but dissatisfaction in multiple areas of life is often a distraction and unpleasant.

The Life Satisfaction of the respondents in the conditions of my life are excellent. Respondents have slightly dissatisfied. And 3 extremely dissatisfied in life satisfaction. Individuals with this range of scores have minor problematic or specific issues dissatisfying them. In this range, 1 or 2 aspects of livelihood are affected problematic; an example of this would be a failed relationship, a problem at work, pile up of debt. This would be only temporary if the said individual is motivated to improve life satisfaction, but if, in this situation, the dissatisfaction becomes chronicled would hinder productivity due to distraction of problematic issues. Slightly below average in life satisfaction in saying I am satisfied with my life. Individuals with this range of scores have minor or specific issues that dissatisfy them to a degree. In this range of scores, if one comes from average to below average, it would further motivate them to improve themselves, making the below average satisfaction only temporary. If the temporary below-average satisfaction becomes chronic, it would mean a call for reflection on the individual's life. 2 (6.7%) neither agree nor disagree that they are highly dissatisfied with life satisfaction. With this range of scores, individuals are living significantly unhappily with their current livelihood; a loved one's death may cause depression and constant anxiety that to the point it is a big distraction to one's life and stops productivity. With this range of extreme dissatisfaction, it would be advised outside intervention to make the individuals have a desire to improve themselves.

In the statement, I have gotten the important things I want in life. Individuals with this range of scores have small problematic or specific issues dissatisfying them. In this range, 1 or 2 aspects of livelihood are affected problematic; an example of this would be a failed relationship, a problem at work, pile up of debt. This would be only temporary if the said individual is motivated to improve life satisfaction, but if, in this situation, the dissatisfaction becomes chronicled would hinder productivity due to distraction of problematic issues. 2 (6.7%) slightly disagree that they are extremely dissatisfied with life satisfaction that I have gotten the important in life so far. With this range of scores, individuals are living significantly unhappily with their current livelihood; a loved one's death may cause depression and constant anxiety that to the point it is a big distraction to one's life and stops productivity. With this range of extreme dissatisfaction, it

would be advised outside intervention to make the individuals have a desire to improve themselves.

Respondents are dissatisfied that if they could live their life over, they would change almost nothing. Individuals with this range of scores have minor problematic or specific issues dissatisfying them. In this range, 1 or 2 aspects of livelihood are affected problematic; an example of this would be a failed relationship, a problem at work, pile up of debt. This would be only temporary if the said individual is motivated to improve life satisfaction, but if, in this situation, the dissatisfaction becomes chronicled would hinder productivity due to distraction of problematic issues. 1 (3.4%) strongly disagree that they are highly dissatisfied with life satisfaction. With this range of scores, individuals are living significantly unhappily with their current livelihood; a loved one's death may cause depression and constant anxiety that to the point it is a big distraction to one's life and stops productivity. With this range of extreme dissatisfaction, it would be advised outside intervention to make the individuals have a desire to improve themselves.

Correlation of data sets

Table 24 shows that there is a moderately negative correlation as well as statistically significant between question 2 and gender. It would be concluded that understanding assets and gender is inversely proportional.

Table 24. Correlation of characteristic and finical literacy

	Considered as asset	Considered as asset	Considered as investment	Primary purpose of insurnce products
Age	-0.139	0.227	0.056	0.259
Gender	-.507**	-0.034	-0.068	0.157
Designation of education	0.335	-0.062	0.123	0.094

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 24.1 shows a low positive correlation but still is statistically significant between the designation of education and understanding inflation, concluding that the position of a teacher affects their understanding of inflation.

Table 24.1. Correlation of characteristic and finical literacy

	Statement about inflation	Healthy budget	Annual interest	Interst of a loan	Better bargain
Age	-0.031	-0.293	-0.025	-0.068	0.057
Gender	-0.138	-0.178	-0.015	-0.133	0.034
Designation of education	.378*	-0.045	0.064	-0.238	-0.144

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 24.2 shows a low negative correlation between bonding with friends and primary purpose of insurance, concluding that friends can influence and affect their understanding of the inflation purpose of insurance.

Table 24.2. Correlation of pastime and finical literacy

	Considered as asset	Considered as asset	Considered as investment	Primary purpose of insurnce products
Bonding with friends	0.057	0.162	0.124	-.370*
Bonding with family	0.265	0.102	0.319	0.033
Keeping in touch with the world	-0.232	0.102	-0.203	0.033
Doing school related works	-0.21	0.093	0.092	0.211
Performing household chores	-112	0.05	0.344	0.113
Others	0.078	0.034	0.068	-0.078

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 24.3 shows a low positive correlation between bonding with friends and understanding inflation concluding that friends also influence these matters. There is also a low positive Correlation between bonding with family and a healthy budget and a low negative Correlation between doing school work and understanding interests. There is a moderately negative correlation between performing house chores and understanding interest.

Table 24.3. Correlation of pastime and financial literacy

	Statement about inflation	Healthy budget	Annual interest	Interst of a loan	Better bargain
Bonding with friends	.391*	0.339	-0.259	0.078	0.212
Bonding with family	0.349	.382*	0.342	0.103	0.337
Keeping in touch with the world	0.349	0.09	0.045	-0.014	-0.102
Doing school related works	0.243	0.342	-.369*	0.357	.371*
Performing household chores	0.198	0.008	-.635**	-0.105	.695**
Others	-0.138	0.166	-0.015	0.142	0.034

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 25 shows the low positive Correlation between "gotten important things in my life" and the primary purpose of insurance, suggesting that the assurance of different life aspects increases with life satisfaction

Table 25. Correlation of livelihood and financial literacy

	Considered as asset	Considered as asset	Considered as investment	Primary purpose of insurnce products
My life is close to my ideal	-0.141	0.177	-0.101	0.316
Excellent life condition	-0.023	0.062	0	0.141
Satisfied with my life	-0.098	0.136	-0.049	0.311
Gotten important things in my life	-0.132	0.058	0.115	.422*
Live my life over, I will not change	-0.028	0.012	-0.097	0.223

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 25.1 shows a moderately positive Correlation between ideal life, healthy budget, and understanding loan interest; a moderate positive Correlation between excellent living conditions, a healthy budget, and understanding loan, and a low positive correlation between satisfaction with life and a healthy budget.

Table 25.1. Correlation of livelihood and financial literacy

	Statement about inflation	Healthy budget	Annual interest	Interst of a loan	Better bargain
My life is close to my ideal	0.165	.640**	0.052	.596**	-0.117
Excellent life condition	0.077	.559**	0.027	.593**	-0.062
Satisfied with my life	.366*	.487**	0.06	0.327	-0.136
Gotten important things in my life	0.298	0.327	0.166	0.203	-0.217
Live my life over, I will not change	0.353	0.186	0.144	0.031	0.477

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 26 shows the low negative Correlation between net take-home pay and asset value, showing that people have a different perception

Table 26. Correlation of Income/loan and financial literacy

	Considered as asset	Considered as asset	Considered as investment	Primary purpose of insurnce products
Net take home pay	-.402*	0.355	-0.161	0.289
Loan liability	-0.13	-0.122	-0.028	-0.272

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 26.1 shows a low negative Correlation between loan liability, understanding inflation, a healthy budget, and loan interest. This means that loans affect our financial decision.

Table 26.1. Correlation of Income/loan and financial literacy

	Statement about inflation	Healthy budget	Annual interest	Interst of a loan	Better bargain
Net take home pay	0.161	0.16	-0.112	0.175	0.101
Loan liability	-.483**	-.497**.	-0.081	-.428*	0.183

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 26.2 There is a moderately negative Correlation between loan liability, ideal life, excellent life condition, satisfied with life. Low negative Correlation of loan liability, essential things in life, live my life over.

Table 26.2. Correlation of net income and financial literacy

	My life is close to my ideal	Excellent life condition	Satisfied with my life	Gotten important things in my life	Live my life over, I will not change
Net take home pay	0.215	0.061	-0.073	0.031	-0.108
Loan liability	-.639**	-.534**.	-.591**	-.479**	-.464**

*Correlation has significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation has significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Table 26.3 shows a low negative correlation between bonding with family and loan liability. Showing that loans can affect family relationships.

Table 26.3. Correlation of net income and financial literacy

	Monthly net take home	Loan liability
Bonding with friends	-0.129	-0.31
Bonding with family	-0.086	-.411*
Keeping in touch with the world	0.172	-292
Doing school related works	0.341	-265
Performing household chores	0.146	0.162
Others	-0.101	-0.042

*Correlation significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
**Correlation significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Correlation of life satisfaction and financial Quotient
The Correlation of both life satisfaction and financial Quotient is a relationship proven by tables 22 to 26.3, having specific questions correlate with each other resulting in an exciting output. Table 26.2 have these interesting results that show loan liability and the ratings of livelihood resulting in an inversely proportional relationship in simple terms, the more the loan, the result of ideal life in life proves the less happy one (-.639**), excellent life condition (-.534**), satisfied with life (-.591**), essential things in life (-.479**) and will not change life if given a chance (-.464**). There is also an exciting result when it comes to life satisfaction and a healthy budget with the result of idea life (.640**), excellent life condition (.559**) and essential things in life (.497**), concluding that life satisfaction can be seen as a leverage to a point if the person has an excellent financial quotient.

The results can be concluded that lifestyle, as well as life satisfaction, has a significant effect on a person's financial Quotient or vice versa. It can also pertain if a person will have stable finance in the long run.

SUMMARY
The character profiles tell us that most respondents are female, middle age and teacher III. Their pastimes are watching TV,

using gadgets with the internet, doing household or school chores, and bonding with family and friends.

The respondents have a net pay ranging from php5,000.00 – 10,000.00 with financial liability ranging from 100,000.00 above; they do not have extra Income. The financial quotient of the respondents is very high in terms of cash as an asset, loan as a debt, and stocks as an investment. The formula of a healthy budget should be Income minus savings equals expenses. Savings account with an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php200 will earn after a year if he will deposit php10,000, a better bargain of a discount php150 TV-set with a retail price of php 1,000.

However, the respondents have a low financial quotient in considering salary increases as an asset—Piggy bank as an investment. Accumulating savings is best described as the primary purpose of insurance products. To donate money is best described as the primary purpose of insurance products. Inflation decreases the value of a currency, making the number of goods much more expensive. Higher inflation means higher prices of goods. The formula for a healthy budget should contain Income minus expenses equals savings. A savings account with an annual interest rate of 2 percent, php02 or php2,000, will earn after a year if he deposits php10,000. Whether true or false that a 15–year loan typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, the total interest of the loan will be less. 15–year loan typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year loan, but the loan's total interest will be less.

Table 25 shows a moderate negative correlation between gender and considering assets. Would it mean that the consideration and understanding of an asset are not viewed in equal terms by both genders, making an inversely proportional relationship in understanding what an asset is and the genders learning what an assent is. The data set's correlation on how the respondent's financial quotient and lifestyle can be affected by it can be seen in the table of correlations; comparing each specific question to each other, one of the important questions to correlate is life satisfaction and loan from table 26.2, it can be shown that they have moderate negative correlation of each other meaning the more loan that the respondent owns the less satisfied he/she is in her life making the dreadfulness of having too much loan that can't be paid a heavy burden in their lifestyle. There is also a moderate positive correlation between a healthy budget and life satisfaction, as seen in table 26.1, concluding that a high satisfaction rate in their life could result in a much better idea for them of what is a healthy budget. There is also an exciting finding of a moderate positive correlation in table 26.1, specifically the loan interest, excellent living conditions, and ideal life. This could mean that the respondent in that area will have a much better understanding of using a loan and its interest if they view their lifestyle much better.

CONCLUSION

The data gathered concludes that participants have poor savings, spending, excessive credit, and bad investment decisions. According to the data gathered, the respondents' life satisfaction finds that there is slight life dissatisfaction. In most ways, their life is close to their ideal life satisfaction. Moreover, the least states that neither agree nor disagree have highly dissatisfied life satisfaction. When the conditions of life are excellent, it has slightly dissatisfied conditions and the least extremely dissatisfied in life satisfaction. I am satisfied with my life, slightly below average in life satisfaction and its least is neither agree nor disagree that they are highly dissatisfied in life satisfaction. So far, I have gotten the essential things in life.

Moreover, the lowest is slightly disagree that they are highly dissatisfied the respondent is dissatisfied if they could live their life over, they would change almost nothing. Moreover, the least strongly disagree that they are highly dissatisfied with life satisfaction. A conclusion is that most of the respondents are dissatisfied with their life satisfaction. A dissatisfied score tends to mean you're feeling substantially dissatisfied with your current circumstances. This might be deep dissatisfaction across all areas of life or that two or three areas or far worse than the others.

The significant relationship between characteristics profile and financial quotient on life satisfaction means that middle-aged teacher III respondents have poor savings, poor spending, excessive credit, and inadequate investment decision, which tend to feel dissatisfied more than satisfied daily.

The link between financial quotient and life satisfaction is vital; hence out of the five questions, three questions have most agreed a dissatisfied score which means the feeling of substantially dissatisfied with current circumstances. It is reflecting to see the dissatisfaction due to a recent event or situation – which may be temporary – or if this is a chronic experience because they are not living the life, they truly want.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the light of the findings and conclusions are drawn, the following recommendations were made:
1. The encouragement for the educators in the district of Borongan City to learn more about their financial dilemma and decision through seminars.
2. To encourage the educators in the district of Borongan City to talk about each other's financial dilemmas and to spread financial awareness.
3. Taking a large number of loans from private or public lending agencies should not be taken lightly, and

thoroughly explore the idea of how it will affect one's lifestyle and satisfaction.

4. School districts should yearly investigate the educators of Borongan City to correlate their livelihood and school performance for better results.
5. Financial education should be encouraged and taught to individuals to ensure financial stability.
6. Similar research should be gathered and compared to assess the resemblance of problems and solutions.

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THE ROLE OF TELEHEALTH IN CARDIOTHORACIC NURSING: ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Telehealth has become a transformative force in cardiothoracic nursing, providing advantages in various scenarios, from pediatric care to geriatrics and emergency situations. This article explores the diverse applications of telehealth in cardiothoracic nursing, highlighting its ability to reduce stress, enhance emergency response, and facilitate age-friendly care. However, it also addresses limitations such as technological barriers, privacy concerns, and regulatory challenges that must be navigated to unlock its full potential. This article explores the advantages and limitations of telehealth in cardiothoracic nursing, highlighting its potential to improve patient outcomes while acknowledging the challenges it presents.

KEYWORDS: *Telehealth, Cardiothoracic Nursing, Advantages, Limitations, Remote Monitoring, Patient Care*

INTRODUCTION

Cardiothoracic nursing plays a pivotal role in the care of patients with heart and lung conditions. Telehealth, defined as the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical healthcare, has gained prominence in recent years. This article delves into the role of telehealth in cardiothoracic nursing, focusing on its advantages and limitations.

Advantages of Telehealth in Cardiothoracic Nursing

1. **Remote Monitoring**: Telehealth enables nurses to remotely monitor patients' vital signs, such as heart rate, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation. This continuous monitoring allows early detection of abnormalities, facilitating timely intervention and reducing the risk of complications.
2. **Improved Access to Care**: Patients in rural or underserved areas often struggle to access specialized cardiothoracic care. Telehealth bridges this gap, connecting patients with expert cardiothoracic nurses, regardless of their geographical location.
3. **Enhanced Patient Education**: Telehealth platforms offer opportunities for nurses to provide patients with educational materials, dietary guidance, and medication instructions. This empowers patients to actively participate in their care and make informed decisions about their health.
4. **Reduced Hospital Readmissions**: By closely monitoring patients post-discharge, cardiothoracic nurses can identify issues early and address them promptly. This reduces the likelihood of hospital readmissions, enhancing both patient outcomes and cost-efficiency.
5. **Cost Savings**: Telehealth reduces travel and accommodation expenses for patients, making healthcare more affordable. It can also lead to cost savings for

healthcare systems by preventing unnecessary hospitalizations.

Telehealth has numerous advantages in the field of cardiothoracic nursing, and these advantages can be especially beneficial in various circumstances and settings. Here are the advantages of telehealth in cardiothoracic nursing in different circumstances:

Rural and Underserved Areas

Improved Access to Specialists: In rural or underserved areas where access to specialized cardiothoracic care may be limited, telehealth allows patients to connect with experienced nurses and specialists remotely, reducing the need for long-distance travel.

Timely Interventions: Telehealth enables timely interventions and consultations, reducing the risk of complications in patients who would otherwise have to wait for in-person appointments.

Post-Surgery Care

Remote Monitoring: After cardiothoracic surgery, patients require close monitoring. Telehealth allows nurses to remotely track vital signs, incision healing, and potential complications, ensuring early detection and intervention.

Rehabilitation Support: Telehealth platforms can provide guidance for post-surgery rehabilitation exercises and lifestyle modifications, ensuring that patients follow their recovery plans correctly.

Chronic Disease Management

Continuous Monitoring: For patients with chronic cardiothoracic conditions such as heart failure or COPD, telehealth enables continuous monitoring of symptoms and

vital signs. Nurses can adjust treatment plans in real-time, preventing exacerbations.

Medication Management: Nurses can use telehealth to ensure that patients are adhering to their medication regimens and address any concerns or side effects promptly.

Pediatric Cardiothoracic Care
Reduced Stress for Children and Families: Telehealth can be less intimidating for pediatric patients, reducing their stress and anxiety associated with hospital visits. It also allows families to receive guidance and support from home.

Long-Term Follow-Up: For children who have undergone cardiothoracic surgery, telehealth facilitates long-term follow-up care, ensuring that their recovery and development are monitored closely.

Emergency Situations
Quick Consultations: In emergency situations, telehealth consultations can provide rapid access to cardiothoracic nursing expertise, enabling healthcare providers to make critical decisions promptly.
Remote Triage: Telehealth can assist in triaging patients with potential cardiothoracic emergencies, helping healthcare providers determine whether immediate hospitalization is necessary.

Geriatric Cardiothoracic Care
Age-Friendly Care: For elderly patients with cardiothoracic conditions, telehealth can be a more comfortable and convenient option, as it eliminates the need for extensive travel and allows them to receive care from the comfort of their homes.
Family Involvement: Telehealth enables family members to participate in care discussions and provide support, which can be especially important for older patients.

Pandemic Response
Infection Control: During pandemics like COVID-19, telehealth minimizes the risk of disease transmission in healthcare settings by reducing the need for in-person visits.

Continuity of Care: Telehealth ensures that cardiothoracic nursing care continues uninterrupted during times of crisis, helping patients maintain their treatment plans.

In summary, telehealth offers numerous advantages in cardiothoracic nursing across various circumstances and settings, including improved access to care, continuous monitoring, timely interventions, and reduced stress for patients and their families. It plays a critical role in enhancing patient outcomes and expanding the reach of cardiothoracic nursing expertise

Limitations of Telehealth in Cardiothoracic Nursing:
1. **Technological Barriers**: Not all patients have access to the necessary technology or the digital literacy required for telehealth consultations. This can create disparities in care, disadvantaging those without access.

2. **Lack of Physical Examination**: Cardiothoracic nursing often requires physical examinations, such as listening to heart and lung sounds. Telehealth cannot fully replace these hands-on assessments, potentially limiting the accuracy of diagnoses.
3. **Privacy and Security Concerns**: Protecting patient data and ensuring the security of telehealth platforms is paramount. Data breaches or privacy violations can erode patient trust and compromise the quality of care.
4. **Regulatory Challenges**: Regulations surrounding telehealth vary by region, making it challenging to implement standardized practices. Nurses must navigate complex legal and licensing issues when practicing telehealth across state or national borders.
5. **Communication Challenges**: Effective communication is essential in nursing care. Telehealth can introduce challenges related to video and audio quality, potentially impacting the nurse-patient relationship and the clarity of information exchange.

CONCLUSION
Telehealth has emerged as a valuable tool in cardiothoracic nursing, offering advantages such as remote monitoring, improved access to care, enhanced patient education, reduced hospital readmissions, and cost savings. However, it also presents limitations related to technological barriers, the inability to perform physical examinations, privacy concerns, regulatory challenges, and communication issues. As telehealth continues to evolve, addressing these limitations while maximizing its benefits will be crucial in advancing cardiothoracic nursing and improving patient outcomes.

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AN ANALYSIS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC PHENOMENA OF SCHEDULED CASTE IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The socio-economic empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in India has been a persistent concern, rooted in historical marginalization and discrimination. This analysis delves into the complex interplay of socio-economic phenomena that shape the lives of the SC community. While progress has been made towards addressing overt discrimination, disparities in education, healthcare, employment, and economic resources persist. This study examines the intricate intersection of socio-economic factors and caste dynamics, influencing wealth distribution, access to services, and political representation. Through historical contexts, policy interventions, and contemporary challenges, patterns that shape the socio-economic trajectory of SCs are discerned. One promising avenue for empowerment is land ownership, symbolizing economic stability and social status. Historically, SCs faced land deprivation, perpetuating cycles of poverty. Initiatives like the "Empowering SCs through Land Ownership Scheme" strive to rectify this by providing access to land ownership. The analysis underscores the importance of education as a vehicle for upward mobility and highlights the need for accessible healthcare services. It explores the challenges SCs face in securing better job opportunities and emphasizes the role of self-help groups in improving livelihoods. Ultimately, this study contributes to a nuanced discourse on social equity, policy impact, and the journey towards an inclusive society. It calls for comprehensive efforts to eliminate educational disparities, raise awareness of available facilities, and empower SCs to improve their socio-economic conditions. Through a holistic approach, India can aspire to uplift the socio-economic status of SCs and foster a more just and equitable society for all its citizens.

KEY WORDS: *SCs, Population, Literacy, Health, Economic*

1. INTRODUCTION

In India, the issue of social and economic empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SCs), historically marginalized communities, has been a pressing concern for decades. One of the key strategies employed to uplift the socio-economic status of SCs has been through land ownership schemes. Land, often regarded as a symbol of economic stability and social status, plays a pivotal role in fostering self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of poverty, and promoting inclusive development.

The socio-economic landscape of India is marked by a complex interplay of historical legacies, cultural norms, and institutional structures. Within this intricate tapestry, the Scheduled Castes (SCs) hold a distinctive position, characterized by a history of marginalization, discrimination, and efforts towards empowerment. This analysis aims to delve into the socio-economic phenomena that shape the lives of the SC community in India. The Scheduled Castes, historically known as "Dalits," have been subjected to systemic discrimination and exclusion for centuries. This discrimination is rooted in the caste system, an age-old social hierarchy that categorized individuals into rigid occupational roles and determined their social standing from birth. Despite strides towards social justice and equality, remnants of this hierarchical system persist in modern Indian society.

While significant strides have been made in addressing some of the most overt forms of discrimination, such as untouchability, the socio-economic disparities that SCs face remain a poignant concern. Access to education, healthcare, employment opportunities, and economic resources has often been uneven, perpetuating a cycle of disadvantage for this community. This analysis seeks to unravel these multifaceted dimensions to provide a comprehensive understanding of the socio-economic realities of SCs in India.

The intersection of socio-economic factors with caste dynamics has far-reaching implications. It influences the distribution of wealth, access to essential services, and political representation. Through this analysis, we endeavour to shed light on the intricacies of how these factors intertwine and impact the day-to-day lives of SCs. By examining historical contexts, policy interventions, and contemporary challenges, we aim to discern patterns and trends that have shaped the socio-economic trajectory of SCs. In essence, this analysis is a quest to comprehend the evolution of SCs' socio-economic circumstances in the broader context of a transforming India. By examining disparities, advancements, and persistent challenges, we hope to contribute to a nuanced discourse on social equity, the role of policy, and the imperative of fostering

an inclusive society that ensures equal opportunities and dignified lives for all its citizens, irrespective of their caste identity.

The issue of social and economic inequality has long been a challenge in India, with certain marginalized communities, particularly Scheduled Castes (SCs), facing historical disadvantages and discrimination. In the pursuit of addressing these disparities and fostering inclusive growth, various affirmative action policies and schemes have been implemented by the Indian government. One such initiative that holds significant promise is the "Empowering Scheduled Castes through Land Ownership Scheme." Land ownership has been a pivotal factor in determining social status, economic stability, and political empowerment in India. Historically, SCs have been is proportionately deprived of land rights, which has perpetuated cycles of poverty and limited their access to opportunities. Recognizing the importance of rectifying this historical injustice, the government has designed and implemented schemes aimed at providing SCs with access to land ownership. These initiatives not only strive to uplift the socio-economic conditions of SC communities but also aim to facilitate their integration into the mainstream of society.

The empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in India has been a pressing issue for decades. The government has implemented various policies and schemes to uplift the socio-economic status of SCs and provide them with equal opportunities. One such scheme is the Land Ownership Scheme, which aims to empower SCs through land distribution and cultivation. This article delves into the key aspects of the scheme, including its objectives, implementation process, benefits, challenges, and the overall impact on SC empowerment.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE
Apparaya (2015) an assessment of the socio-economic conditions of scheduled castes in Kalaburgi district was conducted, involving interviews with 450 respondents to collect primary data. The findings of the study underscore the prevalence of deprivation across multiple social and economic dimensions within this community. The study unveiled a concerning trend in terms of income, revealing that a significant portion of scheduled castes subsisted on meagre monthly earnings, often falling below the poverty line. Moreover, the investigation shed light on their employment patterns, indicating that a considerable majority remained engaged in unorganized or caste-based occupations. These revelations underline the urgent necessity for governmental intervention to uplift the socio-economic conditions of scheduled castes in Kalaburgi district. By addressing the identified challenges, policy measures can play a crucial role in facilitating improved living standards and broader opportunities for this marginalized community.

Singh (2014) made an attempt to study the socioeconomic status of scheduled caste people of Kangra in Himachal Pradesh. According to him, the socio-economic status of some respondent was not good. Due to poor socio-economic conditions, it was difficult for them to provide good quality education to their children. The study found that most of the family income depended on daily wages. The study also states that majority of respondents were under debt because of education, health and other needs. The study also shows that social and economic status of some of the scheduled castes people were improved as compare to earlier time due to the improvement in education and also due to the reservation of scheduled caste people in various sector.

3. OBJECTIVES
> To understand status of SCs from the historical perspective in India**.**
> To examine the socio-economic background of SCs in India.

4. METHODOLOGY
Present study is based on secondary source data, Secondary data was collected from published and unpublished documents of government departments and private agencies such as census report, and In addition, secondary data was collected from monographs, research reports, research papers, journals, books and internet. Secondary data were ratified during field data collection.

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
> **To understand status of SCs from the historical perspective in India**

Ancient Period: The caste system, rooted in Hindu society, categorized people into distinct social groups based on birth. The SCs, formerly known as "untouchables" or "Dalits," occupied the lowest rung of this hierarchy. They were subjected to severe social and religious restrictions, and their occupations were often considered "polluting" by higher castes.

Medieval Period: The social discrimination against SCs continued during the medieval period. Islamic rulers introduced their own forms of social stratification, but the overall position of SCs remained marginalized. They were excluded from many socio-religious activities and faced economic hardships due to limited access to resources.

Colonial Period: The arrival of the British colonial rule brought some changes to the social landscape. While the British did not eradicate caste-based discrimination, they initiated certain measures aimed at uplifting marginalized communities. The census operations and administrative reforms highlighted the plight of SCs, leading to some efforts to improve their conditions. However, these measures were often limited and inconsistent.

Social and Reform Movements: The 19th and early 20th centuries witnessed the emergence of social reform movements led by figures like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Jyotirao Phule, and B.R. Ambedkar. These reformers advocated for the rights and dignity of SCs, aiming to eliminate caste-based discrimination. B.R. Ambedkar played a crucial role in drafting the Indian Constitution, which provided a framework for addressing the concerns of SCs.

Post-Independence Period: The Constitution of India, adopted in 1950, included provisions to uplift SCs through affirmative action policies, commonly known as "reservation."

These policies aimed to provide SCs with representation in educational institutions, government jobs, and political positions. This marked a significant shift in the status of SCs, granting them legal protection and opportunities for advancement.

Challenges and Progress: While affirmative action policies have led to some improvement in the socio-economic conditions of SCs, challenges persist. Caste-based discrimination continues to exist in various forms, impacting access to education, employment, housing, and social integration. Economic disparities and unequal distribution of resources are also prevalent.

Political Representation: Over the years, SCs have gained representation in various legislative bodies at both national and state levels. This political empowerment has led to increased awareness of their issues and the formulation of policies targeting their development.

Contemporary Dynamics: Despite advancements, SCs continue to face social stigma and prejudice. Efforts are ongoing to combat discrimination, promote education, provide economic opportunities, and raise awareness about their rights. Civil society organizations, advocacy groups, and government initiatives play a role in driving change.

The historical perspective of SCs in India has been marked by centuries of caste-based discrimination and marginalization. While there have been significant legal and policy interventions aimed at uplifting them, the challenge of eradicating deeply entrenched social attitudes and disparities remains. Addressing these issues requires a multi-pronged approach involving legal reforms, social awareness, education, economic development, and consistent efforts to ensure the dignity and rights of SCs.

➢ **To understand socio-economic background of SCs in India.**

Table 5.1 indicate that A total of 31 states and union territories in India are home to the country's Scheduled Castes. However, since Christian and Muslim Dalits are not recognised as "Scheduled Castes," the total number of Scheduled Castes in the country is very certainly significantly greater than the 200 million SCs in India. There are no so-called reserves for them in the educational system, government employment, or any of the other fundamental protections. Because of the growing number of SC citizens in India, a Dalit researcher believes that the government of India needs to revaluate several of its policies to ensure that SCs have an equal opportunity to succeed. This includes increasing the number of reservations in education, the workforce and other sectors right away.

In 2011, the Scheduled Castes (SC) population in India constituted 16.6% of the total population, as reported by the census. This demographic group is concentrated predominantly in a few states, with Uttar Pradesh leading percent at 20.5 of the total SC population, followed by West Bengal percent at 10.7, Bihar percent at 8.2, and Tamil Nadu percent at 7.2. The SC population in India totalled around 201.4 million individuals, compared to 166.6 million in 2001. This growth rate of 20.8 for Dalits over the past decade exceeded percent of the 17.7 general population growth rate.

However, despite this increase in numbers, legislative protections for Dalits' interests are lacking in several states. Many Dalits remain landless, and attempts to empower them through land distribution have not been successful. Notably, Punjab stands out with a significant number of SC industrialists, while this phenomenon is largely absent in other states. Urban SC population increased by percent 40 since 2001, yet rural areas still constitute over three-fourths of the total SC population. Dalits in rural regions face significant challenges, including limited access to basic resources, land, essential services, and the justice system. Many SC labourers lack property ownership, which forces them into undesirable jobs like street sweeping and waste collection for meagre wages. Caste-based discrimination persists, preventing lower-caste individuals from using the same wells as higher-caste members. Landlords maintain control in rural agricultural areas, allowing them to perpetuate caste and gender-based abuses. Dalits seeking to assert their rights often experience physical, verbal, and sexual violence from these landlords.

To address these issues, a more equitable approach is needed. State budgets should allocate funds for Dalit asset-building based on their demographic representation. Instead of merely distributing free benefits, state governments could set aside a proportion of the budget specifically for the Dalit population. This would help prevent Dalits from being denied the funds they are entitled to. States with substantial Dalit populations should consider implementing legislation similar to Andhra Pradesh's SC/ST Sub Plan Act, which focuses on targeted development for these marginalized groups.

Therefore, the socio-economic challenges faced by the Scheduled Castes in India are rooted in historical discrimination and disparities. While the Dalit population is growing, meaningful legislative protections and targeted development initiatives are essential to address their specific needs and promote social inclusion and equality.

Table 5. 1 compares the percentage of people who belong to a Scheduled Caste to the overall population.

Indicator	2001		2011		Percentage	
	SCs	Overall	SCs	Overall	SCs	Overall
Total	166,635,700	1,028,610,328	201,378,086	1,210,569,573	16.2	16.6
Rural	133,010,878	742,302,537	153,850,562	833,463,448	17.9	18.5
Urban	33,624,822	286,307,791	47,527,524	377,106,125	11.7	12.6

Sources: (census 2011)

Literacy Status of Scheduled Castes

Table 5. 2 indicated that the literacy rate serves as a crucial gauge of a society's advancement in terms of human development, as it reflects the quality of education accessible to its populace. Inextricably linked to a nation's progress, education quality is particularly significant for marginalized groups, such as Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST), as underscored by Article 46 of the Constitution of India. This article mandates that the State must prioritize support for the educational and economic interests of these groups, safeguarding them against various forms of social injustice and exploitation. Unfortunately, the reality is far from ideal, as Scheduled Castes often encounter barriers to higher education due to their disadvantaged socioeconomic status. The presence of educational materials within Dalit communities is met with resistance, often accompanied by violence against those seeking to benefit from them. Regrettably, the government frequently falls short in addressing the infrastructure and resource needs of Dalit communities, failing to allocate the necessary funding to ensure equitable access.

Consequently, limited educational prospects contribute to increased vulnerability and resource scarcity for Scheduled Caste women. The literacy rate data from the 2011 census underscores this issue. While the literacy rate for Scheduled Castes has improved from percent 54.7 in 2001 to 66.1 in 2011, it remains below the national average percent of 73.0 in 2011. Interestingly, urban areas exhibit higher SC literacy rates than their rural counterparts. This pattern persists in both rural and urban SC communities. In essence, the intricate relationship between education, caste, and socioeconomic factors underscores the multifaceted challenges faced by Scheduled Castes in India. While literacy rates have risen, systemic inequalities persist, necessitating comprehensive efforts to not only enhance access to education but also to address the broader issues of poverty, land ownership, and economic empowerment that continue to affect the lives of Dalit individuals and communities.

Table 5. 2 Compares the percentage of Literacy rate by SCs in India

Indicator	2001		2011	
	SCs	Overall	SCs	Overall
Total	54.7	64.8	66.1	73.0
Rural	51.2	58.7	62.8	67.8
Urban	68.1	79.9	76.2	84.1

Sources: (census 2011)

Health Status of Scheduled Castes

Figure 5.1 Utilizing data from the National Family Health Survey 2016, a comparison was drawn between the health status of Scheduled Castes (SC) and the general population. In the context of health metrics, India lags behind its neighbouring countries and economic counterparts. Arundhati Roy, in her Lancet lecture, emphasizes that addressing the caste system is crucial to improving the nation's health status. Achieving equality, opportunities, and investing in health and education are vital endeavours. This resonates well, as the caste system is no longer tenable in modern Indian society.

In addition to providing essential resources, health programs targeting SC/ST communities must also address both perceived and actual stigma and discrimination. Strategies to surmount these challenges involve sensitizing healthcare personnel, focused health education and outreach, and culturally relevant community initiatives. Adequate medical attention during pregnancy is critical for both maternal health and fetal development, as it promotes health-conscious behaviours and effective parenting abilities. The provision of proper antenatal care (ANC) increases the likelihood of utilizing skilled birth attendants and fosters lifelong good health for women. Sadly, Scheduled Caste women often suffer from being denied access to essential amenities, including maternal health services. A study by Navsarjan Trust (2013) highlighted that a concerning percent 54.8 of pregnant women and new mothers from the Valmiki sub-caste, traditionally associated with manual scavenging, did not receive the legally required prenatal or postnatal care. Utilizing National Family Health Survey data from 2015-2016, the factors contributing to the disparity in

antenatal care utilization between SCs and the general population were quantified. Notably, women identifying as SCs exhibit different antenatal care visit patterns. Social group membership significantly influences antenatal care usage, with SC/ST women being much less likely to utilize these services.

The disparity in antenatal care utilization is further exacerbated by factors such as education level, household economic position, residential location, and the mother's age at childbirth. Institutional delivery, which occurs in medical facilities under the supervision of qualified health professionals, is essential for saving both mother and child's lives. However, Scheduled Castes remain one of India's most marginalized groups, concentrated in remote and hard-to-access areas. Scheduled Castes face reduced odds of opting for institutional delivery, likely due to deep-seated social and cultural reasons. Saroha, Altarac, and Sibley's research in 2008 established that lower caste women often opt for home deliveries due to fears of stigma and discrimination, particularly since maternal care involves contact with healthcare providers from different castes.

Addressing such challenges might necessitate targeted health promotion initiatives. The 2015-2016 National Family Health Survey reveals a rising percentage of institutional births in India, with Scheduled Castes accounting for percent 78, Scheduled Tribes for percent 68, and Other Backward Classes for percent 80 of such births. Disparities in the utilization of institutional birth services can be exacerbated by educational discrepancies, household economic status, residence, and maternal age at childbirth. Additionally, it was found that rural

women often cited higher costs as a primary reason for not opting for hospital births.

Figure 5.1: Mothers with at least four antenatal care visits in all over India.
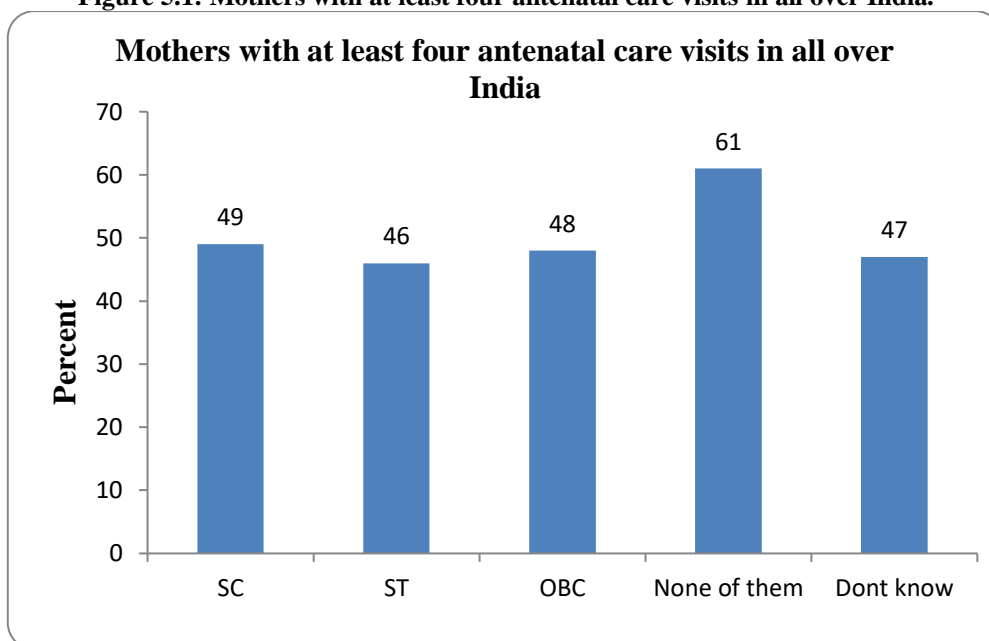
Sources: (Ministry of Welfare, 2017)

Table 5. 3 shows that the data on percentage of landless households suggests that landlessness is more pronounced among Scheduled Castes, percentage 54 of SC households lacking land, while Scheduled Tribes and the rest of the population have relatively lower percentages of landless households at 36 and 35 respectively. Casual labour data, unfortunately, is not provided for further analysis. The provided data underscores the socio-economic disparities present in land ownership and highlights the need for targeted policies to address landlessness, particularly within marginalized groups like SCs and STs.

Relatively equal distribution of percent of salaried government jobs among SCs, STs, and OBC categories households. This could reflect efforts to promote social equity and inclusivity through affirmative action policies and reservations in government employment. However, the small sample size limits the extent to which broader conclusions can be drawn from this data alone.

Households have private sector salaried jobs among different population categories. While OBC households have the highest representation percent of at 4, SCs and STs have comparatively lower representation percent at 2 and 1 respectively. This highlights potential disparities and challenges faced by marginalized groups in accessing private sector employment opportunities.

Attempt to ensure equal access to Kisan Credit Cards among SCs and STs Households both represented at 2, while OBC households show relatively better representation at 4. Overall, the data underscores efforts to provide marginalized groups with access to financial tools that can support their agricultural activities and contribute to their economic well-being.

Varying degrees of access to irrigated land among different household categories. While OBC households show a relatively higher representation percent at 29, SCs and STs have slightly lower percentages percent at 17 and 18 respectively. The overall household representation percent of 26 underscores the importance of irrigated land for agricultural activities and highlights the need for equitable distribution to promote inclusive and sustainable agriculture.

Table 3: Compares the percentage of Economics status by Social groups

Categories	Landless households and casual labour	HHs salaried job in government	HHs salaried job in Private	No of HHs kisan credit card	No HHs irrigated land
SCs	54	4	2	2	17
STs	36	4	1	2	18
Others	35	5	4	4	29
All India Total	38	5	4	4	26

Sources: Socio - Economic and caste census 2011.

6. FINDINGS

➢ Educational attainment among SCs varies widely. While there has been progress in improving access to education, there are still disparities. SCs continue to face challenges such as low enrolment rates, high dropout rates, and limited access to quality education, particularly in rural areas.

➢ Land ownership remains a significant challenge for SCs, with a notable proportion of them being landless or having limited access to agricultural land. This hampers their economic stability and opportunities for agricultural livelihoods.

➢ Access to quality healthcare and basic services varies. SCs, particularly in rural areas, might face barriers to accessing healthcare facilities and services due to factors such as location and economic constraints.

➢ SCs are often overrepresented in low-skilled and manual labour jobs, which tend to be associated with lower wages and limited job security. There's a need for better job opportunities, skill development programs, and affirmative action in employment to uplift their economic status.

7. SUGGESTIONS

There are several suggestions that can be made by reviewing the whole study-

➢ The concerned authorities will have to take effective steps to eliminate educational backwardness.

➢ Various types of voluntary organizations can come forward to make the students who are being deprived of education for poverty on the way of higher education.

➢ They also have to understand by the people of their own community of the facilities provided to them to improve their socio-economic condition.

➢ The unemployed people of SCs community can form self-help group and continue to earn a few earnings that will provide benefits to improve their livelihood.

8. CONCLUSION

In India, the Scheduled Castes represent the most economically disadvantaged and marginalized segment of society. Evidenced by indicators of human development, such as access to healthcare, it's evident that SCs face significant disparities. They grapple with profound social challenges, placing them among the most vulnerable in society. These disparities manifest across economic, social, and psychological dimensions, perpetuating a cycle of exploitation. Recognizing this, the Indian government has undertaken a range of affirmative actions and constitutional provisions aimed at lifting the impoverished from the depths of poverty. These initiatives have yielded positive outcomes, leading to improved living conditions for this historically disadvantaged population. However, there's a caveat to consider: these provisions can sometimes become misconstrued, creating barriers that hinder their effective utilization. Factors such as lack of awareness or deeply ingrained social biases based on race or caste can obstruct individuals from benefiting from these provisions. To drive meaningful progress in uplifting the human development status of Scheduled Castes, advocates of social equality in India need to adopt a multifaceted approach. This entails exploring diverse initiatives across various levels. The journey toward rectifying historical injustices demands ongoing efforts, as the complexities of socio-economic disparities cannot be resolved through a singular approach. In essence, addressing the systemic inequities faced by Scheduled Castes requires sustained commitment. While positive changes have emerged from governmental measures, there remains a necessity to combat misconceptions, ignorance, and social barriers that impede progress. By fostering a multi-pronged strategy and continually adapting to the evolving needs of the marginalized, groups dedicated to social equality can strive to create a more just and inclusive society in India.

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A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON COMPLEXITY OF TEXTS IN COLLEGE ENGLISH TEXTBOOK AND IN CET 4

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ABSTRACT
This study evaluates the text complexity of passages from Textbook 1 in comparison to those in CET 4 to determine their consistency. A total of 12 texts, 6 from Textbook 1 and 6 from CET 4's comprehensive reading section, are analyzed using Eng-Editor. The analysis is structured around three key dimensions: lexical, syntactic, and complexity grade. Findings reveal that Textbook 1's passages are more challenging than those in CET 4. Such insights can guide language educators in harnessing textbooks effectively to enhance students' language proficiency.
KEYWORDS: *Text Analysis; Complexity Evaluation; Eng-Editor; Textbook Comparison; Lexical and Syntactic Analysis.*

INTRODUCTION

In China, College English Test 4 (CET 4) and College English Test 6 (CET 6) are the high-stake exams to examine the English level and different abilities of university students. Reading comprehension is an important part in English tests, accounting for 35%, so that the score of reading section may affect the result of test. Textbooks can provide freshmen reading materials, which are much more difficult than texts in middle-school textbooks with more difficult vocabulary and complex sentences. Language teachers are willing to choose additional reading materials based on their experience to help learners acquire more vocabulary and improve reading abilities. Whether texts in textbook are suitable for freshmen? Whether can language teachers help freshmen improve language abilities and pass CET 4 with textbooks? How can language teachers choose other materials as additional materials?

Text complexity is used to judge the difficulty of text. This research collects 6 texts from Textbook 1 and 6 texts from the CET 4, and analyzes the text complexity from vocabulary, syntax, and complexity grade. The research will provide some suggestion for language teaching and learning to be aligned to China's Standards of English Language Ability (CSE).

1. LITERATURE REVIEW

1.1 Text complexity

Text complexity is multidimensional feature that consists of absolute and relative components included in language systems–phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical (Bult´e & Housen, 2012). Text complexity analysis is the basis of test validation, reading test design, reading teaching and other relative studies. In 1970s, the studies focus on the text features, such as average length of sentence, average length of words and other features on surface. (Guo, Jin &Lu, 2018) The lexical complexity and syntax complexity may have great influence on the text complexity. (Alderson,2000)

1.1.1 Length

The length of text is an obvious index to test the complexity, but there are some other indexes, including vocabulary density, repetition of the words, conjunctions and so on. In CET 4, a reading text may consist of 300-350 words totally. The reading text consisting of 200-500 words is proper to be used in the test. (Liu & Han, 2000)

1.1.2 Vocabulary complexity

Vocabulary complexity is an important index of text complexity, and the dimensions include density, diversity, and sophistication. Lexical density is the ratio of the number of lexical (open-class) words to the total number of words in a text (Ure, 1971). The words can be divided into different classes, such as verb, noun, pronoun, adjective, adverbial, and other function words. If there are more notional words, the text is more difficult. The diversity of words is the range of vocabulary, so more formal words make the text more difficult. In China, China's Standards of English Language Ability (CSE) has been accepted as the criteria for judging students' language ability. College freshmen and sophomores should achieve Level 5, and they should master 5000—6000 words. Therefore, the higher vocabulary complexity is, the more words language learners should acquire.

1.1.3 Syntax complexity

The syntax complexity is another feature of text complexity. The syntax complexity of text reflects how productive various grammatical structures are (Foster & Skehan, 1996). The more accurate definition of syntax complexity is given in (Lu & Ai, 2015). They determine it as a part of linguistic complexity that studies the number and variety of syntactic structures and the degree of sophistication of those structures. The longer the sentence is, the more difficult it is. Texts with more sophisticated noun phrases and clauses must be more difficult to understand. Furthermore, text complexity can be reduced by adding more conjunctive words to connect

the sentences together, or close link among sentences.

1.2 Tool of testing

In the 1920s, the researchers began to conduct the studies on the text complexity. Flesch Reading Ease and Flesch-kincaid Grade Level (Kincaid et al. 1975) are always used to test the text complexity. In the 1990s, as the modern technology developed so quickly, researchers began to use computer and some software to analyze the texts and test the complexity. In China, Lu Xiaofei (2010) designed the L2 Syntactic Complexity Analyzer. Jin, T., Lu, X., Guo, K., Li, B., Liu, F., Deng, Y., Wu, J., & Chen, G. (2021) designed an online English text evaluation and adaptation system, Eng-Editor, which is popular in China. The online English text evaluation and adaptation system analyzes the text complexity from the following three dimensions: lexical analysis, syntactic analysis, and grade testing.

2. RESEARCH DESIGN

2.1 Research questions

College language learners have learned English for more than 10 years, but reading is the difficult part for them besides listening. It is common that language learners know meaning of every word in the passage, but it is difficult for them to understand it, especially doing some reading exercises of CET4/6. Especially for freshmen, texts of college English

textbook are difficult for large number of new words. For language teachers, textbooks are teaching materials, and it is also necessary to choose some additional materials to improve teaching and learning. However, most language teachers choose materials based on their own experience without any scientific standard. The research is to analyze text complexity of texts in Textbook 1 and texts in CET 4 with Eng-Editor. It is an easy way for language teachers to judge whether reading materials are suitable for language learners.

2.2 Research design

The research chooses 6 reading texts from College Textbook 1 and 6 texts from comprehensive reading section in CET 4 from 2019 to 2020 and analyzes the text complexity with Eng-Editor to examine consistency of text complexity between texts in Textbook 1and CET 4, including length of texts, vocabulary complexity, syntax complexity, the longest sentence, and complexity levels of texts.

3. RESEARCH RESULT

3.1 Research Analysis

3.1.1 Analysis of one text

Analysis of text complexity is conducted from vocabulary, sentences, and grade with Eng-Editor. The system can provide with more information. Take one text of CET 4 as an example. （Table 1）

Table 1. Lexical Analysis
(*Data coming from languagedata.net/tester*)

The lexicon in system consists of secondary-school lexicon, high-school lexicon, CET4 and CET 6 lexicons, and postgraduate lexicon. Vocabulary of the text is tested to belong to different stages and the percentage of the words occupying. Besides, the report may provide the frequency of occurrence in

the exams of different stages, repetition of each word, fraction of coverage and so on.

Table 2. Syntax Analysis
(*Data coming from languagedata.net/tester*)

Syntactic analysis is conducted from the number of qualitative subordinate clauses, complex noun clauses, non-finite verb phrases and attributive clauses. (Table.2) Qualitative subordinate clauses include definite clauses, gerund clauses, and noun clauses, etc. The complex noun phrases include noun phrases modified by adjectives, all-comers, prepositional phrases, determiners, present or past participles, etc.; "non-finite verb phrases include verb infinitives, gerund phrases, past participle phrases, etc. Attributive clauses include attributive clauses, adverbial clauses, and noun clauses. There are 9 qualitative subordinate clauses, 13 complex noun clauses and 7 non-finite verb phrases and attributive clauses in this 327-word text, and the longest sentence consists of 30 words.

Table 3. Text Grade
(*Data coming from languagedata.net/tester*)
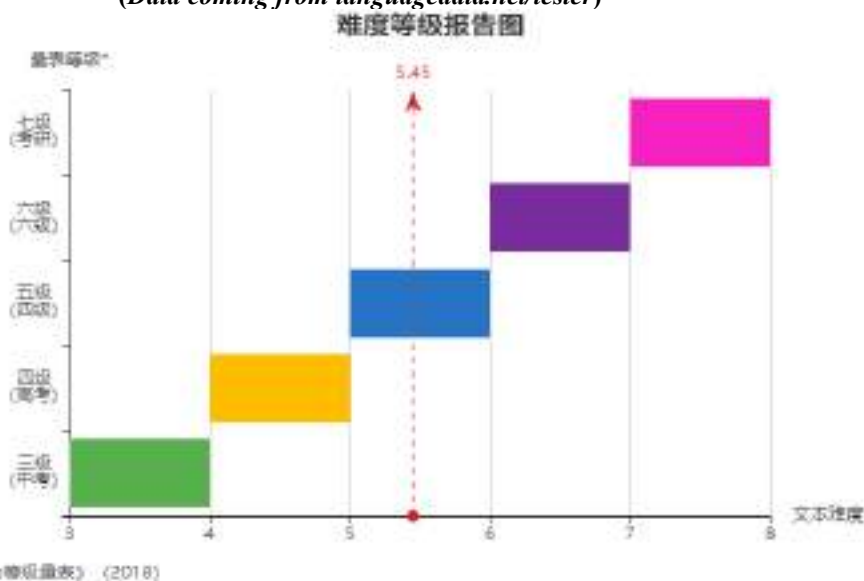
Based on the vocabulary and syntactic analysis, the system may provide a grade to match with the different levels of CSE. (Table 3) Vocabulary complexity of the text is 5.49, syntax complexity is 5.10, and text complexity is 5.45, at Level 5, which is consistent with CET 4 based on CSE.

3.1.2 Research Data
The research analyzes 6 texts in Textbook 1. The 6 texts are the first reading materials freshmen read in college English classes and language teachers must give instruction in detail. The complexity is consistent with texts in CET 4, which is good for language teachers to design reading tasks to help language learners improve language abilities.

Table 4. Text Complexity Analysis (Textbook)
(*Data coming from languagedata.net/tester*)

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
Length(words)	614	675	818	794	702	750
VC/Grade	5.17/5	4.99/4	6.06/6	6.07/6	5.19/5	6.15/6
SC/Grade	3.98/3	5.47/5	5.17/5	5.95/5	7.30/7	6.23/6
Longest sentence(words)	42	44	34	56	44	43
LD/Grade	5.00/4	5.00/4	5.97/5	5.98/5	5.96/5	6.14/6
Level	5	5	5	5	5	6

6 Texts of Textbook 1 consist of 614-818 words, and are at Level 5, which is College English Level freshmen should achieve based on CSE. The vocabulary complexity (VC) is from 4.99 to 6.15. One text is in Grade 4, 2 texts are in Grade 5, and 3 texts are in Grade 6.

The syntax complexity (SC) is from 3.98 to 7.30, from Grade 3 to Grade 7. The longest sentence in each text consists of 34 to 56 words. The difficulty level (LD) is from 5.00 to 6.14, from Grade 4 to Grade 6. (Table 4) Although the longest text consists of 818 words, the longest sentence consists of 34 words, which can make language learners understand easily. Based on analysis of text complexity, texts in Textbook 1 are arranged according to difficulty and grade.

Table 5. Text Complexity Analysis （CET 4） (*Data coming from languagedata.net/tester*)

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
Length(words)	327	349	321	335	360	330
VC/Grade	5.49/5	5.22/5	5.58/5	4.51/4	4.68/4	4.41/4
SC/Grade	5.10/5	5.29/5	5.42/5	5.05/5	4.73/4	3.89/3
Longest sentence(words)	30	30	35	35	46	47
LD/Grade	5.45/5	5.29/5	5.63/5	4.62/4	5.00/5	4.47/4
Level	5	5	5	4	5	4

In the CET 4 exams, all the reading texts consist of more than 300 words. Most high-frequency vocabulary have been acquired during the junior and senior middle school, but there are more words acquired during the college period. The vocabulary complexity (VC) is from 4.41 to 5.58, and the testing grade is on level 4 and level 5. The difficult of every text may on Lever 5, which can match with the grade of college learners mentioned in CSE. The syntax complexity (SC) is from 3.89 to 5.42. The longest sentence in each text also consists of more than 30--47 words. The difficulty level (LD) is from 4.62 to 5.63, at level 4 or level 5, and most texts are at level 5. (Table 5)

3.2 Research result
3.2.1 Analysis of texts in Textbook 1
The result indicates 5 texts in Textbook 1 are at Level 5, and the last text in this book is more difficult than previous ones at Level 6. Among these texts, 2 texts consisting of more than 600 words, 3 texts consisting of more than 700 words and one with more than 800 words.

The vocabulary complexity is from 4.99 to 6.15, from Level 4 to Level 6. The second text is the lowest and the sixth one is the highest. The texts are chosen from Unit 1 to Unit 6 with higher and higher vocabulary complexity. The syntax complexity is from 3.98 to 7.30, from Level 3 to Level 7. The first text is the lowest and the fifth one is the highest. The longest sentence is

in the forth text with 56 words, and this text is the most difficult one among these 6 texts.

The longest text consists of 818 words, but the longest sentence consists of 34 words, which results in the complexity is below Level 6. The sixth text in Unit 6 is the most difficult one with the highest vocabulary complexity and the second highest syntax complexity. The texts are arranged mostly based on text complexity, which is consistent with the development of language learners' abilities.

3.2.2 Analysis of texts in CET 4
All the texts in CET 4 consist of more than 300 words, from 321 to 360 words. The vocabulary complexity is from 4.41 to 5.58, from Level 4 to Level 5. The syntax complexity is from 3.89 to 5.42, from Level 3 to Level 5. The longest sentence consists of 47 words, but it is not the difficult one for lowest syntax complexity.

The six texts are from 3 CET tests, and text 1 and text 2 are at Level 5 from the same test, which means comprehensive reading section in this test is more difficult than the same part in another two tests. To guarantee the validity of test, CET 4 at Level 5 is a standard test with a balance between vocabulary complexity and syntax complexity, which is consistent with CSE.

3.2.3 Comparison of text complexity

Table 6. Comparison of Text Complexity

	Length avg.	Vocabulary Complexity avg.	Syntax Complexity avg.	Longest Sentence avg.	LD/Grade avg.
Textbook	725.200	5.605	5.683	43.830	5.675
CET 4	337.000	4.982	4.913	37.160	5.077

The research compares text complexity of texts in Textbook 1 and texts of comprehensive reading part in CET 4. The average length of text in textbook is 725.200, and the average length of text in CET 4 is 337.000, which indicates there is a hug difference. However, all the texts are at Level 5. The vocabulary complexity and syntax complexity of texts in Textbook 1 is higher than texts in CET 4. The longest sentence of texts consists of more words than texts in CET 4.

Although texts in Textbook 1 are longer and more difficult, most of them are narrative essays, which makes language learners understand easily for coherence between paragraphs. All texts in CET 4 are expository and argumentative essays with greater logic.

3.3 Suggestions for language teaching and learning
Based on the data analysis of text complexity, the research can provide some suggestions for language teachers and learners.

In daily teaching, most language teachers choose the texts from some websites, exercises books and some test systems based on their experience. When they read the text, they judge the difficulty by the length of words, content, sentence structure and so on. If there are more new words they think or more complicated sentences in one text, they may pass it.

Textbooks, written by professors are important materials and texts are chosen according to analysis of text complexity. Language teachers should study textbooks from vocabulary, sentences, structure, and other characteristics of texts. Design of textbooks must follow some kind of principles; therefore, language teachers should have a deep understanding, then explore different teaching tasks. Selecting the original articles as additional materials can provide more reading materials for language learners, and language teachers should analyze text complexity of articles. If necessary, language teachers can lower text complexity by replacing difficult words with easier ones, rewriting sentences with less complex structure, or adding more conjunction words.

For language learners, textbooks are the basic materials with a large amount of vocabulary and complex sentences. Many learners do many reading exercises to pass CET 4 but ignore learning texts in textbooks. More exercises are good for improving proficiency in problem solving. Meanwhile, the coherence and cohesion of texts in textbooks can help them develop a logical thinking.

4. CONCLUSION
The research is conducted to compare the text complexity of texts in textbook and CET4. Texts in textbook 1 are more difficult than texts in CET 4, but all the texts are at Level 5, which is the standard level freshmen should achieve in CSE. The research also provides some suggestions to the language teachers and test designers.

The research provides the objective analysis on text complexity but lacks analysis from more dimensions, such as conjunctive feature of text, the average level of learners' language abilities, and so on. The text complexity can be an important factor to judge the difficulty of text. Language teachers and test designers should conduct more research on it and design the proper tests for the language learners to improve language abilities.

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EMPOWERING MATERNAL WELLNESS: THE VITAL ROLE OF NURSING ADVOCACY IN MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

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ABSTRACT
Maternal mental health is a critical component of holistic healthcare during the perinatal period. This article sheds light on the pivotal role that nurses play in advocating for maternal mental health, emphasizing the importance of awareness, education, and policy reform. By exploring the unique challenges faced by pregnant and postpartum individuals, this article underscores the need for comprehensive care and support within the nursing profession.
KEYWORDS: *Maternal mental health, Advocacy, Nursing perspective, Perinatal mental health, Postpartum depression, Healthcare policy*

INTRODUCTION
Maternal mental health is an integral part of women's overall well-being during pregnancy and the postpartum period. The perinatal period, spanning from conception through the first year postpartum, presents unique challenges and vulnerabilities for women. It is during this time that nurses have a crucial role to play in advocating for maternal mental health. This article aims to explore the landscape of maternal mental health advocacy from a nursing perspective, highlighting the importance of awareness, education, and policy reform.

THE BURDEN OF MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
Maternal mental health issues, including but not limited to postpartum depression, anxiety, and psychosis, are more common than one might think. A substantial number of women experience these conditions during pregnancy and the postpartum period, yet they often go undiagnosed and untreated. The burden of maternal mental health issues extends beyond the individual; it affects families, communities, and healthcare systems.

Maternal mental health issues are not rare occurrences. They affect a significant portion of women during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Postpartum depression alone, for example, is estimated to affect approximately 1 in 7 women in the United States [1]. Worldwide, it's estimated that 10% of pregnant women and 13% of women who have just given birth experience a mental disorder, primarily depression [2]. These statistics underscore the importance of maternal mental health as a public health concern.
Despite the prevalence of these issues, they often go unnoticed and untreated. Stigma, lack of awareness, and inadequate screening processes contribute to this underdiagnosis. The consequences of untreated maternal mental health issues are profound. They can impact not only the mother's well-being but also the child's development and the overall family dynamics [3]. Furthermore, untreated maternal mental health issues can lead to more significant burdens on the healthcare system in terms of increased healthcare utilization and costs.

THE ROLE OF NURSES IN ADVOCACY
Nurses are at the frontline of maternal care. They are uniquely positioned to detect early signs of maternal mental health issues, provide emotional support, and connect individuals with appropriate resources. Nurses' roles in advocacy for maternal mental health are multifaceted:
1. Raising Awareness: Nurses can educate pregnant and postpartum individuals about the signs and symptoms of maternal mental health issues, reducing stigma, and encouraging early help-seeking behavior.
2. Early Detection and Screening: Nurses can integrate mental health screenings into routine perinatal care, ensuring that potential issues are identified promptly.
3. Support and Counseling: Nurses can offer empathetic listening and counseling to individuals experiencing maternal mental health challenges, providing a safe space to express their concerns.
4. Collaboration: Nurses can collaborate with mental health professionals, obstetricians, and policymakers to ensure a comprehensive approach to maternal mental health.
5. Advocating for Policy Reform: Nurses can advocate for policies that prioritize maternal mental health, such as improved access to mental health services, paid family leave, and insurance coverage for mental health treatment.

RAISING AWARENESS

Raising awareness about maternal mental health is a fundamental step in advocacy. Many pregnant and postpartum individuals are unaware of the signs and symptoms of mental health issues that can arise during this period. They may mistake these symptoms for typical stress or hormonal changes, and as a result, they may not seek help.

Nurses, being in frequent contact with pregnant and postpartum individuals, can play a pivotal role in disseminating information about maternal mental health. This can include providing pamphlets, conducting educational sessions, and engaging in one-on-one conversations during prenatal and postnatal visits. By imparting knowledge about the signs of maternal mental health issues, nurses empower individuals to recognize when they might need assistance.

Additionally, nurses can use their platforms, both in healthcare settings and through social media, to reduce stigma surrounding mental health. Sharing stories of recovery and resilience can be particularly impactful. When individuals see that they are not alone in their experiences and that seeking help is a sign of strength, they are more likely to reach out for support.

Early Detection and Screening: Early detection and screening are vital components of maternal mental health advocacy. Identifying mental health issues as soon as possible allows for timely intervention and support. Nurses can incorporate mental health screenings into routine perinatal care, making it a standard practice.

Screenings can be conducted using validated tools such as the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) or the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9). These assessments are relatively quick and can provide valuable insights into an individual's mental health status. If a nurse detects potential concerns through these screenings, they can initiate further evaluation and, if necessary, refer the individual to a mental health specialist.

It's essential to emphasize that these screenings should not be seen as invasive or judgmental but as a routine part of comprehensive perinatal care. By normalizing mental health assessments, nurses help reduce the stigma associated with seeking help for mental health concerns.

Support and Counseling: Support and counseling are integral aspects of nursing care for individuals experiencing maternal mental health challenges. Nurses can provide a safe and non-judgmental space for pregnant and postpartum individuals to express their concerns, fears, and emotions. These conversations can be therapeutic in themselves, as individuals often find relief in sharing their experiences.

In cases where individuals are experiencing mild to moderate maternal mental health issues, nurses can offer counseling and psychoeducation. Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques, adapted for perinatal mental health, can be particularly effective in managing symptoms of anxiety and depression. Nurses can be trained in these techniques and provide evidence-based interventions to individuals in need.

Moreover, support groups can be organized within healthcare settings or virtually, allowing individuals to connect with others facing similar challenges. These groups provide a sense of community and reassurance that individuals are not alone in their struggles.

Collaboration: Collaboration is key in addressing maternal mental health comprehensively. Nurses can collaborate with other healthcare professionals, including obstetricians, midwives, and mental health specialists, to ensure that individuals receive a well-rounded continuum of care.

Obstetricians and midwives, for example, can work closely with nurses to implement mental health screenings and share information about the individual's mental health status. Mental health specialists can be consulted for more complex cases or when medication management is necessary. By creating a multidisciplinary team, nurses can ensure that individuals receive the right level of care and support tailored to their needs.

Advocating for Policy Reform: Advocating for policy reform is a potent means of effecting change in maternal mental health care. Nurses can leverage their collective voice to advocate for policies that prioritize maternal mental health at both the institutional and governmental levels.

At the institutional level, nurses can work within their healthcare organizations to implement policies that support mental health care for pregnant and postpartum individuals. This can include allocating resources for mental health screenings, counseling services, and training programs for nursing staff.

At the governmental level, nurses can engage in advocacy efforts to influence legislation and policies related to maternal mental health. This may involve participating in lobbying efforts, joining professional organizations dedicated to maternal and child health, and communicating with elected officials about the importance of maternal mental health.

Examples of policy changes that can significantly impact maternal mental health include:

- **Improved Access to Mental Health Services:** Advocating for increased access to mental health services, especially in underserved communities, can help ensure that all individuals have access to the care they need.
- **Paid Family Leave:** Supporting policies that provide paid family leave allows individuals to take time off work to address their mental health needs without financial strain.
- **Insurance Coverage for Mental Health Treatment:** Advocating for insurance coverage that includes mental health treatment can reduce the financial barriers to accessing care.

- **Training and Education:** Promoting policies that require healthcare professionals, including nurses, to receive training in perinatal mental health can enhance the quality of care provided.
- **Community-Based Resources:** Advocating for the development of community-based resources, such as support groups and mental health clinics, can improve access to care outside of traditional healthcare settings.

CONCLUSION

Maternal mental health advocacy is a vital component of nursing care during the perinatal period. Nurses can play a pivotal role in raising awareness, promoting early detection, providing support, and advocating for policy reform. By recognizing the unique challenges faced by pregnant and postpartum individuals and integrating mental health into routine care, nurses can contribute to better outcomes for both mothers and their families.

In conclusion, maternal mental health advocacy is not a separate or optional aspect of nursing care—it is an integral part of providing holistic and patient-centered care. By acknowledging the prevalence of maternal mental health issues, nurses can take proactive steps to identify and address these challenges. With awareness, education, collaboration, and advocacy, nurses can make a significant impact on the well-being of pregnant and postpartum individuals and their families.

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EXPLORING FACTORS INFLUENCING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIRD COVID-19 VACCINE DOSE: A QUALITATIVE STUDY IN MADHYA PRADESH, INDIA

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ABSTRACT

This qualitative exploratory study aims to investigate the factors influencing individuals' willingness to receive a third dose of Covid-19 vaccination in Madhya Pradesh, India. Through in-depth interviews with 27 participants, the study explores the themes related to safety, efficacy, community protection, and demographic differences. The findings highlight the complex interplay of factors shaping individuals' decisions and provide insights for public health strategies aimed at enhancing vaccine uptake.
KEYWORDS: *Third COVID-19 vaccine dose, Acceptance factors, Vaccine hesitancy, Healthcare communication, Cultural influences*

INTRODUCTION

The ongoing global effort to combat Covid-19 has brought attention to the necessity of a third dose of vaccination to address emerging variants. This study seeks to understand the underlying factors influencing individuals' decisions to either accept or decline the additional dose. Given the diverse concerns surrounding vaccine hesitancy, exploring the perspectives of individuals in Madhya Pradesh, India, can provide valuable insights for public health interventions.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS ADDRESSED

1. What are the primary reasons behind individuals, being willing or unwilling to receive a third COVID-19 vaccine dose?
2. How do factors such as previous vaccination experiences, access to information, and trust in healthcare authorities influence the acceptance of a third COVID-19 vaccine dose?
3. Are there demographic differences (age, gender, education, etc.) in the acceptance levels of a third COVID-19 vaccine dose?
4. To what extent do concerns about vaccine safety and efficacy affect the willingness to receive a third COVID-19 vaccine dose?
5. Are there any cultural or social factors that influence the acceptance of additional vaccine doses, and if so, how do they manifest?
6. What are the perceived benefits and risks associated with receiving a third COVID-19 vaccine dose, and how do these perceptions differ across various segments of the population?

METHOD

Participants

Purposive sampling was employed to select 27 participants from various age groups, genders, and backgrounds in Madhya Pradesh, India.

Data Collection

Semi-structured interviews through video conferencing were conducted to elicit participants' views on the third Covid-19 vaccine dose. Verbatim transcriptions were generated for analysis. Consent from participants were obtained through google forms.

Data Analysis

Thematic analysis was utilized, involving open coding and iterative refinement of categories. Themes and subthemes were identified to capture the multifaceted factors driving individuals' willingness.

RESULTS

Theme 1: Safety and Long-Term Effects

Subtheme 1.1: Vaccine Hesitancy due to Safety Concerns
Participant quotes revealed concerns about potential long-term effects and side effects associated with the third dose.
" I understand the importance of vaccination, but I'm concerned about the potential long-term effects and side effects that might come with it and I want to be sure that the benefits outweigh the risks before getting it."

Subtheme 1.2: Lack of Trust in Vaccine Development
Some participants expressed scepticism about the rapid development of the vaccine and its implications for safety.
"I find to fully trust the development of a third COVID vaccine dose due to the rapid rollout of the initial vaccines made me

question the thoroughness of the testing process. It feels like they are constantly changing their recommendations, and that uncertainty reduces my confidence in their effectiveness and safety."

Subtheme 1.3: Mistrust in Pharmaceutical Companies
A subset of participants highlighted concerns about the motives of pharmaceutical companies and their influence on vaccine safety.
"Because of the rushed development and rollout of COVID-19 vaccines by pharmaceutical companies, I doubt about profit motives overshadowing public health. It's hard to shake the feeling that corners may have been cut, compromising safety and efficacy, when the stakes are so high."

Theme 2: Efficacy and Necessity
Subtheme 2.1: Efficacy in Face of Variants
Participants willing to take the third dose cited concerns about emerging variants and the need for enhanced immunity.
"In the big battle against COVID-19 and its variants, I strongly believe in the unwavering efficacy of vaccines. These vaccines are our most powerful tool in adapting to the changing landscape of the virus, offering not just protection against severe illness but also a glimmer of hope for a return to normalcy."

Subtheme 2.2: Doubts about Vaccine Effectiveness
Others questioned the necessity of a third dose, based on their perception of having sufficient protection.
"I've been hearing a lot about the COVID vaccine, and while I appreciate the efforts behind it, I can't help but am having doubts about its effectiveness. I mean, the virus keeps mutating, and we keep hearing about breakthrough cases, so it's hard not to wonder if the vaccine is really as fool proof as they claim."

Subtheme 2.3: Personal Experience of Vaccine Effectiveness
Participants who experienced milder side effects after previous doses were more inclined to consider the third dose for added protection.
"In my own perspective, getting vaccinated against COVID-19 was a game-changer. After receiving both doses, I felt a sense

of relief and confidence in my ability to protect myself, my family and those around me. It was a personal experience that not only gave me peace of mind but also allowed me to actively participate in ending this pandemic."

Theme 3: Community Protection
Subtheme 3.1: Contributing to Public Health
Several participants expressed a sense of responsibility toward community protection and were willing to take the third dose for this reason.

Subtheme 3.2: Altruism and Responsibility
A subset of participants mentioned altruistic motivations, aiming to protect vulnerable populations by receiving the third dose.

Subtheme 3.3: Scepticism about Community Impact
Some participants questioned the extent to which their individual decision would impact community immunity.

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES
Theme 4: Age and Vaccination History
Subtheme 4.1: Older Age and Vaccine Experience
Certain older participants were hesitant due to concerns stemming from previous vaccination experiences.

Subtheme 4.2: Younger Adults and Risk Perception
Younger participants perceived themselves as more exposed to risk and were open to receiving the third dose.

Theme 5: Gender Differences
Subtheme 5.1: Gender-Based Concerns
Females often expressed greater caution, citing concerns about potential side effects.

Subtheme 5.2: Empowerment and Informed Decision-Making
Female participants emphasized the need for information to make informed decisions about the third dose.

Themes	Subthemes
Safety and Long-Term Effects	Vaccine Hesitancy due to Safety Concerns
	Lack of Trust in Vaccine Development
	Mistrust in Pharmaceutical Companies
Efficacy and Necessity	Efficacy in Face of Variants
	Doubts about Vaccine Effectiveness
	Personal Experience of Vaccine Effectiveness
Community Protection	Contributing to Public Health
	Altruism and Responsibility
	Scepticism about Community Impact
Demographic Variables	Age and Vaccination History
	Younger Adults and Risk Perception
Gender Differences	Gender-Based Concerns
	Empowerment and Informed Decision-Making

Table 1: Themes and Subthemes in Participants' Perspectives on Third Covid-19 Vaccine Dose

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study highlight the intricate interplay of factors influencing individuals' willingness to receive a third Covid-19 vaccine dose. The identified themes provide insights for tailored public health strategies that address safety concerns, efficacy perceptions, and community protection motivations. Additionally, the study underscores the significance of demographic variables, such as age, gender, educational status etc, in shaping these viewpoints.

Themes and Subthemes Importance
1. Safety and Long-Term Effects:
- **Vaccine Hesitancy due to Safety Concerns:** Safety concerns play a crucial role in shaping individuals' decisions regarding the third Covid-19 vaccine dose. Understanding these concerns is vital for public health campaigns to address and alleviate fears related to potential adverse effects and long-term consequences of the vaccine.
- **Lack of Trust in Vaccine Development:** A lack of trust in the rapid vaccine development process can lead to vaccine hesitancy. Acknowledging and addressing these concerns is crucial for establishing credibility and promoting vaccine acceptance among individuals who doubt the speed of development.
- **Mistrust in Pharmaceutical Companies:** Some individuals express scepticism about pharmaceutical companies' intentions, which can influence their decision-making process. Recognizing these concerns allows for targeted communication strategies that emphasize transparency and the rigorous testing process.

2. Efficacy and Necessity:
- **Efficacy in Face of Variants:** Understanding the perceived efficacy of the third dose, particularly in addressing emerging variants, is essential. This insight helps public health agencies tailor their messaging to highlight the potential benefits of the additional dose.
- **Doubts about Vaccine Effectiveness:** Addressing doubts about the necessity of a third dose is important for ensuring individuals understand the scientific rationale behind booster shots. Providing clear and evidence-based explanations can mitigate concerns and enhance vaccine acceptance.
- **Personal Experience of Vaccine Effectiveness:** Recognizing that personal experience influences perceptions of vaccine effectiveness allow for targeted communication with individuals who have had positive outcomes from previous doses. Highlighting the tangible benefits can sway those who are hesitant about the third dose.

3. Community Protection:
- **Contributing to Public Health:** The willingness of individuals to contribute to the overall health of the community reflects a sense of collective responsibility. This finding emphasizes the importance of fostering a community-oriented perspective to encourage individuals to take the third dose for the greater good.
- **Altruism and Responsibility:** Altruistic motivations underscore individuals' desire to protect vulnerable populations, even if they may perceive themselves as low-risk. Leveraging these motivations through messaging can help individuals see their role in safeguarding their communities.
- **Scepticism about Community Impact:** Some individuals may underestimate the impact of their individual decisions on community protection. Addressing this skepticism is critical for conveying the message that collective action has a significant impact on overall immunity.

4. Demographic Variables:
- **Age and Vaccination History:** Understanding how different age groups approach the decision-making process provides insights into generational perspectives on vaccination. This knowledge aids in tailoring messaging and interventions that resonate with the concerns of specific age demographics.
- **Younger Adults and Risk Perception:** Younger adults' perception of increased risk due to their lifestyles or occupation informs public health strategies that emphasize their vulnerability and the potential benefits of receiving the third dose.

5. Gender Differences:
- **Gender-Based Concerns:** Acknowledging gender-based concerns about side effects and vaccine safety allows public health campaigns to provide targeted information that addresses these specific worries. This approach can empower individuals to make informed decisions based on their gender-related considerations.
- **Empowerment and Informed Decision-Making:** Recognizing the importance of information in decision-making, particularly among females, emphasizes the need for transparent communication and accessible resources that empower individuals to make choices aligned with their values and concerns.

By understanding and addressing these themes and subthemes, public health authorities can tailor their strategies to effectively communicate the benefits, safety, and importance of the third Covid-19 vaccine dose. This approach enhances informed decision-making and encourages higher vaccine uptake within the community

CONCLUSION

This qualitative exploratory study offers valuable insights into the multifaceted nature of individuals' willingness to receive a third Covid-19 vaccine dose. The themes and subthemes identified underscore the importance of addressing concerns related to safety, efficacy, and community protection in order to facilitate informed decision-making and enhance vaccine uptake. The study's implications can guide public health interventions aimed at promoting wider acceptance of the third dose.

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HYDROPONIC FARMING SYSTEMS ENHANCED BY IoT: A PARADIGM SHIFT IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

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ABSTRACT

In the contemporary epoch, the convergence of state-of-the-art technology with time-honored agricultural practices has given rise to transformative solutions that challenge established methods of crop cultivation. The "Integration of Hydroponic Farming with IoT" initiative represents a seminal advancement that harnesses the capabilities of the Internet of Things (IoT) to elevate hydroponic farming to unprecedented heights of efficiency and sustainability. This scholarly exposition delves into the genesis of this groundbreaking initiative and its potential to revolutionize agricultural paradigms by seamlessly infusing IoT into hydroponic cultivation ecosystems. By optimizing the utilization of resources and fortifying crop productivity, this symbiotic amalgamation epitomizes a noteworthy stride toward the realization of sustainable and efficacious food production.

INTRODUCTION

The agrarian panorama has been inexorably molded by the perpetual interplay between evolving societal exigencies and technological innovations. While conventional agricultural methodologies have engendered commendable yields, they grapple with exigencies such as limited arable expanses, capricious climatic vicissitudes, and the capricious specter of pests and maladies. Hydroponic farming, a soil-less cultivation technique, has surfaced as a propitious panacea, proffering controlled environments that ameliorate these constraints. Through the immersion of plant roots in nutrient-enriched aqueous solutions, hydroponics circumvents soil-based limitations and facilitates meticulous oversight of pivotal growth determinants, including nutrient concentrations, pH equilibrium, and aqueous availability.

Hydroponic Farming: A Modernistic Agricultural Approach

Section 2 delves sagaciously into the rudiments of hydroponic farming, elucidating its cardinal principles, typologies, and accruements. The latent capacity of hydroponics to transmute food production is expounded upon, predicated on its aptitude to facilitate perennial cultivation, judicious water usage, attenuated reliance on arable terrain, and augmented assimilation of nutrients by flora. By circumventing exigencies rooted in soil substrates, hydroponics lays the foundational bedrock for a more dependable and sustainable agricultural matrix.

Internet of Things (IoT) in Agriculture

Section 3 cogitates upon the transformative mettle of IoT within the precincts of modern agriculture. IoT's innate dexterity in harmoniously interlinking devices and systems engenders a milieu conducive to real-time data accrual, scrutiny, and prescient decision-making. The amalgamation of IoT within the ambit of agriculture empowers cultivators to remotely oversee and modulate sundry parameters, ranging from ambient temperature and humidity levels to luminous intensity and nutrient concentrations, with unprecedented precision. Such data-fostered sagacity facilitates proactive interventions, judicious apportionment of resources, and judicious decision-making.

The "Integration of Hydroponic Farming with IoT" Initiative

The crux of this erudite compendium, heralds the innovative endeavor that melds hydroponic farming with IoT. The core objective of this initiative is the establishment of an intricate and interconnected hydroponic cultivation milieu that optimizes crop yield while minimizing resource dissipation. The harmonious integration of sensors, actuators, and data analytic tools engenders an ambience wherein agrarians can effectuate real-time remote monitoring and calibration of growth parameters. This degree of command accords the potential to finetune the growth milieu of botanical entities, culminating in amplified yields and superlative produce quality.

Calculation Examples

Example 1: **Water Savings through IoT-Enabled Hydroponics**
In a traditional soil-based farm, approximately 70% of water is lost through evaporation and inefficient watering practices. By contrast, an IoT-enabled hydroponic system can precisely control water delivery, resulting in up to 90% reduction in water usage. For instance, a lettuce crop that requires 50 liters of water over its growth cycle in soil may only require 5 liters in a hydroponic system, leading to an 80% reduction in water consumption.

Example 2: **Nutrient Optimization for Enhanced Growth**
IoT sensors constantly monitor nutrient levels in a hydroponic system. If the sensors detect a drop in nitrogen levels for a batch of tomato plants, an automated nutrient delivery system can be triggered. Calculations based on plant growth rates and nutrient requirements can ensure that the optimal amount of nitrogen is supplied, leading to a potential 15% increase in tomato yield per plant compared to non-IoT hydroponic systems.

Example 3: **Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings**
An IoT-enabled hydroponic farm can intelligently adjust lighting and temperature based on real-time data. By analyzing energy consumption patterns and plant response, the system can fine-tune lighting schedules and temperature settings. This optimization could lead to a 20% reduction in energy consumption, translating to substantial cost savings for the farmer over the course of a year.

These calculation examples underscore the tangible benefits of integrating IoT with hydroponic farming, including resource savings, increased yield, and cost efficiency. Such data-driven precision holds the potential to transform conventional agriculture into a more sustainable and productive endeavor.

Advantages and Implications
It delves into the dividend proffered by the synergistic infusion of IoT within hydroponic farming. These gains encompass judicious allocations of water and nutrients, attenuated ecological footprint, diminished operational overheads, and heightened crop caliber. Furthermore, the treatise contemplates the broader reverberations of this confluence within the milieu of sustainable agriculture and edibles security.

Challenges and Future Trajectories
Whilst the "Integration of Hydroponic Farming with IoT" initiative holds immense promise, it encounters exigencies in the form of preliminary capital outlays, technical intricacies, and apprehensions pertaining to data security. Section 6 delves sagaciously into these conundrums and proffers prospective remedies. Moreover, the opus delineates the latent vistas of IoT-empowered hydroponic farming, envisaging its potential for scalability across variegated crop species and geographical demesnes.

CONCLUSION
In summation, the assimilation of IoT into hydroponic farming represents a seminal juncture that has the potential to reconfigure the agricultural landscape. Through the judicious husbandry of resources, augmentation of crop productivity, and advocacy of sustainable methodologies, this fusion incarnates an indispensable stride towards the actualization of global food security. The "Integration of Hydroponic Farming with IoT" initiative stands as an epitome of ingenuity in the relentless pursuit of resource-efficient and sustainable comestible production.

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CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY DERMATOSIS: ROSACEA, OVERVIEW, DESCRIPTION, PRESENTATION, EPIDEMIOLOGY, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, TYPES, DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT OF THE DISEASE AND ITS ROLE IN PREGNANCY

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SUMMARY

Introduction: *Rosacea is a chronic inflammatory dermatosis involving especially the cheeks, nose, chin and forehead, characterized by repetitive episodes of transient flushing or erythema, persistent erythema, in addition to phymatous changes, papules, pustules and telangiectasias.*

Objective: *to detail the current information related to rosacea, description, presentation, epidemiology, pathophysiology, types, differential diagnosis, treatment of the disease and its role in pregnancy.*

Methodology: *a total of 50 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 39 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant to this study. The sources of information were PubMed,*

Google Scholar and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: rosacea, treatment, chronic inflammatory dermatosis.

Results: *Phymatous changes are not frequent, however they occur primarily in the nose (rhinophyma) and more commonly in men. Rosacea usually begins between 30 and 50 years of age, however it can occur at any age. The approximate population prevalence is between less than 1 to 22%. The neurocutaneous mechanisms in rosacea, reflecting reactivity to temperature change, alcohol, sports, UV rays and spicy foods, may be mediated by the ankyrin and vanilloid subfamilies of the transient receptor potential (TRP). Increased rosacea can occur in pregnancy and multiple cases linked to rosacea fulminans (RF) are reported in the literature.*

Conclusions: *Rosacea is characterized by repetitive episodes of redness, persistent erythema, inflammatory papules-pustules and telangiectasias. Previously rosacea was divided into ocular, phymatous, fulminant and granulomatous types, however there is now a new classification of rosacea. In the treatment the first thing is to identify the trigger, then make some general recommendations on the skin such as the use of sunscreen and finally give treatment that can be both topical and systemic or even to use laser or other procedures. The differential diagnosis of rosacea is broad and should be carefully analyzed. Treatment in pregnant women is a huge challenge, because several of the treatments for rosacea are contraindicated or have limited evidence of probable side effects to the fetus.*

KEYWORDS: *rosacea,treatment,dermatosis,inflammatory.*

INTRODUCTION

Rosacea is a chronic inflammatory dermatosis involving especially the cheeks, nose, chin and forehead, characterized by repetitive episodes of transient flushing or erythema, persistent erythema, in addition to phymatous changes, papules, pustules and telangiectasias. The eyeball may also be altered. Because rosacea affects the face, it has a great negative impact on the quality of life, as well as on well-being and self-esteem. Current scientific literature refers to alterations in the functions of the innate and adaptive immune systems, as well as neurovascular dysregulation under the spectrum of clinical manifestations of rosacea. In 2002, rosacea was classified into 4 subtypes: erythematotelangiectatic, papulopustular, phymatous, and ocular. In 2017, a phenotype-based approach was suggested for better diagnosis and classification. Fixed centrofacial erythema and phymatous changes are particularly considered as diagnostic criteria for rosacea. Rosacea in most cases is not a life-threatening disease, with a very good overall prognosis(1-8).

METHODOLOGY

A total of 50 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as cases and clinical trials, of which 39 bibliographies were used because the information collected was not important enough to be included in this study. The sources of information were Cochrane, PubMed and Google Scholar; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: rosacea, treatment, chronic inflammatory dermatosis.

The choice of the bibliography exposes elements related to a panoramic review of rosacea; in addition to this factor, a description, presentation, epidemiology, pathophysiology, types, differential diagnosis, treatment of the disease and its role in pregnancy are presented.

DEVELOPMENT
Description, Presentation and Epidemiology.

Rosacea is a chronic inflammatory dermatosis of multifactorial cause that produces episodes of erythema, papulopustular lesions and telangiectasias mainly in the central area of the face comprising the cheeks, nose, forehead, as well as the chin, periorbuccal and periocular region. Rosacea is characterized by repetitive episodes of redness, persistent erythema, inflammatory papules-pustules and telangiectasias. Phymatous changes are not frequent, however they occur primarily in the nose (rhinophyma) and more commonly in men. Slightly more than 50% of individuals with rosacea present with ocular features including:

➢ Photophobia.
➢ Dryness.
➢ Conjunctivitis.
➢ Foreign body sensation.
➢ Blepharitis
➢ Infrequently keratitis.

Rosacea usually begins between 30 and 50 years of age, however it can occur at any age. The approximate population prevalence is between less than 1 to 22%, however these values are possibly related to differences in study design and methodology, type of population, geographic location, and social and cultural variations(1,5,7,9-16).

Pathophysiology

Currently, the dysregulation of innate, adaptive and inflammasome immune mechanisms, as well as neurocutaneous mechanisms, have been shown to be important in the pathogenesis of rosacea. Genetic susceptibility with modified immune reactivity is suggested by the relationship of rosacea with single nucleotide polymorphisms in genes linked to the major histocompatibility complex(17,18).

Innate and adaptive immune activation can be triggered by microbes, such as Demodex species and different bacteria like Bacillus oleronius and Staphylococcus epidermidis. Innate immune activation leads to up-regulation of toll-like receptor 2 from keratinocytes (TLR2) and proteinase-activated receptor 2 (PAR2). These previously named receptors promote the expression of the antimicrobial peptide cathelicidin, which shortly thereafter will activate the bioactive LL-37 by kallikrein protease 5 (KLK-5), leading to erythema and angiogenesis. TLR2 simplifies the activation of the NLRP3 inflammasome leading to

the creation of pustules, pain and vascular response via interleukin-1β and tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α); in addition to prostaglandin E2 release. TLR2 can also generate telangiectasia, erythema, and inflammation through the expression of chemokines, proteases, cytokines, and angiogenic factors. Activation of PAR2 leads to inflammation, pain and pruritus combined with recruitment of neutrophils and T lymphocytes, mast cell degranulation and increased release of inflammatory cytokines, prostaglandins and chemokines. The activation of the adaptive immune system, conferred by the presence of T-helper T lymphocytes type I (TH1) and T-helper T

17 (TH17) with their important immune mediators generates an increase in inflammation and further immune activation(1,7,19). Neurocutaneous mechanisms in rosacea, reflecting reactivity to temperature change, alcohol, sports, UV rays and spicy foods, may be mediated by the transient receptor potential (TRP) subfamilies ankyrin and vanilloid. Particular subfamily receptors can elicit a response to various external triggers leading to the release of vasoactive neuropeptides such as substance P, pituitary adenylate cyclase-activating peptide and calcitonin gene-related peptide. Sensory nerves also express TLR2 and PAR2 and can maintain the activation of inflammatory mechanisms(1,20).

Table 1. Novel classification of rosacea on the basis of diagnostic, major, and secondary features of rosacea.

Novel classification of rosacea on the basis of diagnostic, major, and secondary features of rosacea.

Diagnostic features	Major features	Secondary features
Persistent centro-facial erythema associated with aggravation by trigger factors	Flushing/transient erythema	Burning sensation
Phymatous changes	Inflammatory papules and pustules	Stinging sensation
	Telangiectasia	Edema
	Ocular manifestations	Dry sensation of the skin
	Lid margin telangiectasia	
	Blepharitis, keratitis, conjunctivitis, and sclerokeratitis	

Source: Buddenkotte J, Steinhoff M. Recent advances in understanding and managing rosacea(2,5,21).

Types

Ocular Rosacea
Ocular involvement may be seen in more than half of individuals with rosacea. Eyelid hygiene and systemic management with tetracyclines should be used as treatment for this type of rosacea. Oral omega-3 fatty acids, cyclosporine ophthalmic emulsion and doxycycline are indicated for management. Some investigators noted that IPL may also improve dry eye symptoms in individuals with rosacea following periocular facial skin treatment; note that eye shields must be properly applied for ocular protection. In other trials, individuals with severe ocular rosacea benefited from an enhanced metronidazole water-soluble silver(I) complex, with good results in uncorrected visual acuity tests, as well as more convenient objective and subjective assessment of tear film parameters. Other authors recommend a flexible treatment with eyelid wash, preservative-free artificial tears, warm compresses, topical antibiotics, topical steroids, topical cyclosporine, oral doxycycline, azithromycin suspension and erythromycin suspension. We have to emphasize early identification and management in cases of children with ocular irritation, recurrent chalazion, peripheral corneal infiltrates that are of long duration and Meibomian gland disease(6,22-24).

Phymatous Rosacea
The Rosacea Classification and Staging Expert Committee of the National Rosacea Society classified rosacea fymatosa as a specific subtype of rosacea in 2002. Phymatous rosacea occurs mostly on the nose, also called rhinophyma. In 2017, fymatous changes were designated as one of the characteristic and diagnostic phenotypes of rosacea. The rosacea treatment update in the ROSacea COnsensus (ROSCO) indicates that management for phyma is going to depend on whether it is inflamed or not. For inflamed phyma or active phyma, oral doxycycline and oral isotretinoin were indicated, whereas for non-inflamed phyma or fibrotic phyma, physical modalities were indicated. Some authors used CO 2 laser ablation due to its efficacy, reliability, practicality and predictability. Studies recommended using a porcine extracellular matrix after shaving excision of rhinophyma: this treatment reduces the number of dressing removals and the re-epithelialization time (2,4-6,10,25,26).

Rosacea Fulminans
Rosacea fulminans, also called pyoderma facialis or rosacea conglobata, is a rare disease characterized by inflammatory papules, pustules, nodules and cysts on the face. Rosacea fulminans may be associated with pregnancy and inflammatory

bowel disease. Some research suggests systemic treatment with corticosteroids and/or isotretinoin to improve symptoms and decrease scarring rates(6,27,28).

Granulomatous Rosacea
The National Rosacea Society Expert Committee on the Classification and Staging of Rosacea recognized it as a variant of rosacea in 2002; however, in the current classification system, granulomatous rosacea was not named. This disease often presents a chronic course, which is complex to manage. Trials show successful treatment with chromophore gel-assisted phototherapy, oral doxycycline, oral metronidazole, topical ivermectin, topical brimonidine, oral steroids and oral dapsone(2,5,29-33).

Treatment
The first thing in the management of rosacea is to advise the affected individual to identify and then avoid triggers such as:
- Ultraviolet light.
- Alcoholic beverages
- Spices.
- Changes in climate.

General dermal care advice for all individuals with rosacea includes:
- Broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- pH-balanced skin cleansers.
- Regular use of moisturizers.

Rosacea often causes the skin to become sensitive and irritable, so avoid products that cause irritation. Cosmetics containing green pigment are best suited to cover persistent erythema. Almost all therapies are aimed at decreasing inflammation. Topical steroids should be avoided in rosacea because of their association with rebound flare-up or induction of perioral dermatitis. Persistent erythema and telangiectasias are not entirely secondary to inflammation and often need treatment directed at the skin vasculature, such as brimonidine, oxymetazoline, or vascular lasers. Phymatous changes in rosacea result in irreversible skin changes that require surgical intervention if necessary(8,34,35).

Topical Treatment
Erythema
- Brimonidine tartrate is an alpha-2 agonist in gel at 0.33%, applied daily on the face.
- Oxymetazoline hydrochloride is an alpha-1 agonist in a 1% cream applied daily on the face.

Inflammatory Papules and Pustules
- Ivermectin 1% cream is applied daily.
- Azelaic acid 15% gel, foam or cream 20% is applied daily 1 or 2 times.

- Metronidazole 0.75% and 1% gel or cream is applied daily 1 or 2 times.
- Topical or systemic tranexamic acid may help with symptoms in individuals with rosacea by stabilizing the immune response and angiogenesis.

Ocular Involvement
- Artificial tears.
- Fusidic acid gel is placed daily 1 to 2 times on the eyelids.
- Metronidazole gel 0.75% is placed daily 1 to 2 times on the eyelids.
- Cyclosporine eye drops 0.05% are placed daily 1 to 2 times on the eyelids.

Systemic Treatment
Redness
- Propranolol 20 to 40 mg 2 to 3 times a day.
- Carvedilol 6.25 mg 2 to 3 times per day.
- Clonidine 50 mcg 2 times a day.

Inflammatory papules and pustules.
- Doxycycline in sub antimicrobial dose, in modified release presentation 40 mg per day, 30 mg immediate release and 10 mg delayed release beads, for 8 to 12 weeks.
- Minocycline 50 to 100 mg twice daily for 8 to 12 weeks.
- Tetracycline 250 to 500 mg twice daily for 8 to 12 weeks.
- Azithromycin 250-500 mg 3 times a week for 4 to 8 weeks.
- Isotretinoin 0.25 to 0.3 mg/kg/day for 12 to 16 weeks.

Phyma-Inflamed.
- Doxycycline 100 mg 1 to 2 times a day for 8 to 12 weeks.
- Tetracycline 250 to 500 mg twice a day for 8 to 12 weeks.
- Isotretinoin 0.25-0.3 mg/kg/day for 3 to 4 months.

Ocular Involvement
- Doxycycline in sub antimicrobial dose, modified release presentation 40 to 100 mg per day.

Procedures/Interventions
Erythema-Telangiectasia
- Intense pulsed light therapy.
- NdYAG laser.
- PDL 585 to 595 nm pulsed dye laser.

Phyma-Non-Inflamed
- CO2 laser 10,600nm.
- Surgical resection.
- Electrosurgery.

Referral to an ophthalmologist is indicated if the individual shows any eye involvement, significant symptoms or visual disturbance. Topical treatment is indicated in pregnant women. Azithromycin, erythromycin and clarithromycin are considered safe in pregnancy with mild to severe inflammatory rosacea. Systemic management is usually used for flare-ups with no response to individual topical therapy. It is preferable to maintain topical management so that remission remains after flare-up control(1,8,23,36-38).

Differential Diagnosis

➤ Acne: having comedones is exclusive of acne.

➤ Redness: in rosacea limited to the face.

➤ Acute cutaneous lupus erythematosus: with very similar malar eruption, however it respects the nasolabial folds and does not present papulopustules.

➤ Seborrheic dermatitis shows erythema and greasy desquamation on the scalp and face. It is mostly distributed in the nasolabial folds and hair-bearing surfaces of the face. Because the 2 entities are common, several individuals will show both seborrheic dermatitis and rosacea. Treatment of one may eventually unmask the other.

➤ Keratosis pilaris rubra usually occurs in adolescent individuals with small follicular papules on the lateral cheeks and neck over erythematous patches.

➤ Drug-induced acneiform eruption: with abrupt onset and related to drug intake, the skin changes are usually monomorphic, bony at the same stage and also involve the trunk(8).

Rosacea During Pregnancy

Increased rosacea can occur in pregnancy and multiple cases linked to rosacea fulminans (RF) have been reported in the literature. Treatment in the pregnant woman is a huge challenge because several of the treatments for rosacea are contraindicated or have limited evidence regarding the likely side effects to the fetus. Some studies show topical ivermectin to be more effective than metronidazole, however it presents a more alarming pregnancy category. Azithromycin is the only oral therapy for rosacea that is considered safe for pregnant women, being used to treat RF(39).

CONCLUSIONS

Rosacea is characterized by repetitive episodes of redness, persistent erythema, inflammatory papules-pustules and telangiectasias. Previously rosacea was divided into ocular, phymatous, fulminant and granulomatous types, however there is now a new classification of rosacea. In the treatment the first thing is to identify the trigger, then make some general recommendations on the skin such as the use of sunscreen and finally give treatment that can be both topical and systemic or even to use laser or other procedures. The differential diagnosis of rosacea is broad and should be carefully analyzed. Treatment

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ANALYSIS OF THE CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS CAUSED BY STURGE WEBER SYNDROME

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: *Sturge-Weber syndrome is a congenital disease with activating somatic alteration of the GNAQ gene, causing a failure in the regression of the primitive cephalic venous plexus so it is specifically associated with Port Wine stain with leptomeningeal angioma, it is associated with venous and capillary malformations in the brain and eye; causing glaucoma and leptomeningeal angioma.*

Objective: *detail and analyze the clinical manifestations related to Sturge Weber syndrome.*

Methodology: *the work presented is a descriptive analysis based on research studies by different authors and on a clinical case found in the province of Cañar, that is to say that its incidence is 1 in 100,000 inhabitants. A total of 20 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 14 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant to this study. The sources of information were PubMed, SciELO, Google Scholar, Medigraphic and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: Sturge-Weber syndrome, Port Wine Stain, Leptomeningeal angiomatosis.*

Results: *based on some authors, it is argued that the Sturge-Weber syndrome presents different forms, even presenting incompletely in which there are two manifestations, being angiomatosis and encephalo-facial, but according to the Roach scale there are three types: type 1 with facial port wine stain and leptomeningeal angiomatosis, with or without associated glaucoma that would correspond to classic Sturge Weber Syndrome; type 2, which is the most frequent, with facial MVO without leptomeningeal involvement, with or without the presence of glaucoma; and type 3, which is the less frequent form, with the presence only of leptomeningeal angiomatosis.*

It is currently known that the evolution of the clinical manifestations should be treated respectively, since the most serious complication of this disease are partial or complex seizures, taking into account that the occipital lobe is affected in most cases, but also the occipito-parietal lobe or even the frontal lobe in the frontonasal area may be affected. Sturge-Weber syndrome is a congenital disease affecting the brain, spine and nerves (neuro) and skin (cutaneous), with an incidence of about 1 in 20,000 to 50,000 people, but not inherited.

Medical treatment includes anticonvulsants, symptomatic and prophylactic, glaucoma treatment to reduce intraocular pressure, and laser therapy to reduce facial nevus. It should be clarified that the medical treatment will be based on how much the area is affected, especially in the neurological symptoms due to the development of the leptomeningeal malformation.

Conclusions: *Sturge-Weber syndrome is a highly complex disorder of very low incidence in our country, because it is caused by a mutation of one of the genes at birth, affecting mainly the blood vessels and causing severe neurological disorders due to the lack of flow to the affected areas, thus compromising the life of the patients who suffer from it, who are mainly newborns and children, This makes its approach difficult, due to the mutation and the affection that they entail, which hinders therapeutic decisions, so it is extremely important to make a correct diagnosis based on a clinical, genetic and symptomatological analysis taking into account the condition and age of the patient, so that in this way the treatment can provide adequate survival to the patient.*

KEYWORDS: SSW: Sturge-Weber Syndrome.

MVO: Port Wine Stain.
Leptomeningeal angiomatosis: It is an excess of venous vascularization, producing an alteration in cerebral venous drainage, leading to venous stasis and hypoperfusion causing cerebral atrophy and cerebral calcifications.
Port wine stain: It is a birthmark that is related to the growth of blood vessels.
Roach scale: Used for grading.

INTRODUCTION

Sturge Weber syndrome (SSW) was first described by Schirmer in 1860, its main cause and manifestations were not exactly known, but, from 1879 William Allen Sturge investigated in depth about the syndrome in a six year old patient who presented a clinical picture of neurological disorders associated with seizures, mental retardation and unilateral ocular disease. From this case in 1901 Siegfried Kalischer manifested more clinical features in new studies of children. In 1922, Parkes Weber described the typical radiological changes of the disease: intracranial calcification[1].

Finally, in the years 1923 to 1934 Vicente Dimitri and Krabbe concluded that it is a rare hereditary syndrome. Cases are described as autosomal recessive and dominant, and can affect both sexes equally. According to the analysis performed, the most visible signs of the disease are birthmarks or "port wine stains" on the face, which are flat areas that vary in color from red to dark purple and are characteristic of at least one upper part in the area of the eyelids and forehead. The cause of the spots is the formation of small blood vessels under the skin[1]. Based on all the research carried out, it is currently proposed that it is a hereditary neurocutaneous disease, which occurs in 1 in 20,000-50,000 live births. Characteristically presenting with a vascular malformation (VM), from a somatic change that activates the GNAQ gene, leading to the failure of the degeneration of the primitive cranial plexus, so it is particularly associated with Port Wine Stain with visible leptomeningeal hemangiomas and patchy distribution of blood vessels.[2]. Its severity is based on the control of epilepsy and degree of brain involvement[3].

METHODOLOGY

The work presented is a descriptive analysis based on research studies by different authors and on a clinical case found in the province of Cañar, that is to say that its incidence is 1 in 100,000 inhabitants. A total of 20 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 14 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant to this study. The sources of information were PubMed, SciELO, Google Scholar, Medigraphic and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: Sturge-Weber syndrome, Port Wine Stain, Leptomeningeal angiomatosis.

The choice of literature presents elements related to an overview of Sturge-Weber syndrome; in addition to this factor, a description and analysis of the clinical manifestations of the disease is presented.

DEVELOPMENT
Clinical Manifestations.
Port-Wine Stain, Capillary or Venular Malformation.

Present at birth, it is characteristic of Sturge Weber syndrome, is pink or purple in color, is usually lateralized, or may be bilateral. On the other hand, the risk of association to leptomeningeal or ocular damage is determined by its extension, that is to say, as the trigeminal branch is mainly affected, it can alter any of its branches, being the frontal branch (V1), maxillary branch (V2) and the mandibular branch (V3)[4].

Velasquez describes the physiopathology of Sturge Weber syndrome, emphasizing that it is neurodegenerative.
From the point of view of the authors, all agree that the frontal branch is the most frequently affected, extending through the upper eyelid, frontonasal prominence and optic vesicle that derive from the frontal placode. The V2 and V3 branches are less frequent and there is no risk of causing leptomeningeal involvement or glaucoma. Those that present a higher risk are bilateral and extensive[5].
In addition, it has been suggested that in some cases MVO can develop up to 60% soft tissue hypertrophy, 13.8% bone hypertrophy and 43.8% proliferative nodule formation[5].

Neurological Manifestations

The leptomeningeal capillary venous manifestation presents with tortuous and abnormal vascular structures in the thickened leptomeninges, usually affecting the occipital lobe, occipitoparietal lobe and sometimes the entire hemisphere. It is usually ipsilateral to the MVO. There are also alterations in the deep draining veins which are dilated, the underlying brain tissue may show neuronal loss, be atrophic with calcifications in perivascular distribution or in the cerebral cortex due to hypoxia causing neurological symptoms[6].

The cortical irritability that is generated will cause hypoxia and ischemia in patients with WSS resulting in seizures, which occur in 80 to 90% during the first 2 years of life and are associated with progressive hemiparesis in 60%, migraine, neuropsychological developmental delay, cerebrovascular events, glaucoma and behavioral problems. The first seizures are usually partial, and may even be triggered by a febrile condition; these partial seizures usually evolve into generalized seizures[7].

Angiomas

63% of cases are associated with unilateral cutaneous nevus, i.e. Port Wine stain, the other 40% of cases occur bilaterally. Kuchenbunch in 2016 states that the presence of angiomas in some cases occurs with Klippel Trenaunay syndrome, i.e. angiomas can be found at the level of the thorax, abdomen or upper or lower extremities, it is a bony hypertrophic syndrome. Since the angioma can affect branches V1, V2, V3 depending on its distribution, whether uni or bilateral, it has close structural consequences, such as facial mucosa, facial asymmetry and dental occlusion, which are usually unilateral[7].

Liao, Yao, Huang and Zeng, determine that neurodegenerative symptomatology can appear even within the first two years being even more serious to treat.

Ocular Manifestations

It consists mainly of a vascular malformation of the eye, with dilated, tortuous venous vessels caused by an increase in episcleral venous pressure in Schlemm's canal or failure of aqueous humor drainage that causes optic atrophy and blindness. It appears during the first year of life and it is mentioned that glaucoma is the most frequent ocular clinical manifestation, in up to 40-60% of patients(7).

Sturge-Weber syndrome does not occur frequently, it is a congenital disorder and based on Roach's study includes in one of his classifications of encephalo-facial angiomatosis the classic Sturge-Weber syndrome within type I, while the cases without facial angioma would be included within type III. Type II, which would not correspond to this syndrome, is the most frequent, and includes all those cases of facial angioma without leptomeningeal involvement, whether or not they have glaucoma. Although most newborns with SSE are usually neurologically asymptomatic at birth, up to 70-80% of patients present with seizures at some time during their evolution, usually of a focal type. These seizures usually appear in the first eighteen months of life, and may be accompanied by a febrile process(8).

Several studies have shown that WSS is characterized by a wine-colored spot on the face, epilepsy, mental retardation, other neurological deficits (hemiparesis, hemianopsia) and glaucoma that must be controlled to avoid total neurological atrophy(8).

The most frequent complication of this pathology is seizures, so its treatment is based on the control of epileptic seizures. Regarding the treatment of epilepsy, it is important the correct selection of the antiepileptic drug according to the type or types of seizures shown by the patient and it is important to be energetic because of the importance of seizures in the prognosis and thus avoid total neurological atrophy(9).

Huang, Couto, Pinto, determine that the evolution of a patient becomes more severe depending on the age of the patient.
In few young patients, with exclusively unilateral involvement, with refractory epilepsy and without profound mental retardation, surgical treatment is indicated, by means of resection of the affected area, lobectomy or even hemispherectomy. In these cases it is important to ensure that the other hemisphere is completely healthy, which requires a thorough neuroimaging (structural and functional) and electroencephalographic evaluation(9).

Treatment with low-dose aspirin has been proposed for the prevention of venous thrombosis and thus neurological deterioration; however, this is disputed in patients with small facial lesions and little neurological involvement; laser therapy can be used for aesthetic treatment(9).

Treatment.

In most cases the control of epileptic seizures constitutes the only element to be treated; however, there are other possibilities and options that we will describe below(10).

Regarding the treatment of epilepsy, it is important the correct selection of the antiepileptic drug according to the type or types of seizures shown by the patient(10).

In different cases with minor patients, with unilateral involvement exclusively, with refractory epilepsy and without profound mental retardation, surgical treatment is indicated, by resection of the affected area, lobectomy and even hemispherectomy(10).

Treatment with low-dose aspirin has been proposed for the prevention of venous thrombosis and thus neurological deterioration; however, this is disputed. In patients with small facial lesions and little neurological involvement, laser therapy can be used for cosmetic treatment(11).

The onset of seizures below the age of 2 years makes it more prevalent in cases of mental retardation. Only about 7% of patients start their seizures after 5 years of age. Total seizure control is achieved in 47% of patients; others report that epileptic seizures are more frequent when there is bihemispheric involvement. Mental retardation affects 50-70% of patients with WSD and its presence is noted after the onset of epileptic seizures. Severe mental retardation develops in 2.5% of patients(12).
Fernandez, Gomez, Hernandez, describe that incidence studies are rare but exist and depending on the severity, neurological signs, mainly seizures, will be treated.

Complementary Examinations

- ➢ **Skull X-ray:** It is not a study of choice, but gyriform cortical calcifications called "railroad tracks" can be observed, which are commonly shown as a late finding in children older than 2 years(13).
- ➢ **Computed Axial Tomography:** It is a study used in the emergency department, from one year of age onwards, tomography can be used to observe calcifications.
- ➢ **Brain MRI:** It is the study of choice to observe the degree of brain involvement. The technique of choice is with gadolinium and the vascular leptomeningeal malformation, dilatation of the ipsilateral choroid plexus and loss of volume of the affected hemisphere will be observed. This can be observed after one year.
- ➢ **Perfusion imaging:** Since it is in a state of hypoperfusion, hypoxia, ischemia and lack of glucose in the parenchyma, neurological deterioration can be observed(14).
- ➢ **Angiography:** It is used to see other associated vascular alterations, but above all to know if there is bleeding in case it is necessary to opt for a craniotomy(14).

RESULTS

Sturge-Weber syndrome is a congenital disease with activating somatic alteration of the GNAQ gene, causing a failure of primitive cephalic venous plexus regression and is therefore specifically associated with Port Wine stain with leptomeningeal angioma.

Nevus flammeus type facial angiomas appear in approximately three out of every thousand live births. The first controversies arise when including a patient with a facial angioma within the diagnosis of Sturge Weber syndrome, since only 5-10% of patients with congenital facial angioma will correspond to this syndrome, while the remaining 90-95% are not accompanied by leptomeningeal malformations. Thus, neuromeningeal and ocular involvement is limited to cases in which the extension of the facial angioma affects the first trigeminal branch.

This disorder produces seizures, weakness, intellectual disability and increased pressure in the eye (glaucoma), it can increase the risk of stroke, if children present a characteristic birthmark, physicians suspect SSW disorder and request an imaging test to look for angiomas.

Higueros, Roe, Granell, Baselga, state that among the complementary examinations, the study of choice is the brain MRI in which the loss of volume of the hemisphere can be observed.

Sturge-Weber syndrome is a congenital disease with cerebral, spinal column and nerve (neuro) and skin (cutaneous) involvement, with an incidence of about 1 in 20,000 to 50,000 people, but it is not inherited.

Several authors specify that it is a disorder that affects the blood vessels, particularly those of the skin, the tissues lining the brain and the blood vessels in the eye. Congenital port-wine stain is caused by an overgrowth of small blood vessels (capillaries) just beneath the skin. Angiomas which are the overgrowth of capillaries located in the tissues lining the brain cause seizures and can cause weakness on one side of the body by reducing blood flow to the part of the brain below.

The cause of the gradual onset of neurological symptoms is due to the progressive nature of the brain injury. The neurological manifestations correlate well with the extent of cerebral angiomatosis, the extent of white matter involvement, and the degree of parenchymal atrophy. All these parameters are best assessed by contrast-enhanced MRI, which is considered the procedure of choice for the diagnosis of the disease.

Its diagnosis and treatment should be multidisciplinary, since processes associated with disabilities such as deficits in maturational factors, infection by various viruses, action of cytotoxic agents, association with mutations and other types of conditions should be ruled out. The objective of the treatment is to improve the survival of the patients and to treat their symptoms.

CONCLUSIONS

Sturge-Weber syndrome is a highly complex disorder of very low incidence in our country, because it is caused by a mutation of one of the genes at birth, affecting mainly the blood vessels and causing severe neurological disorders due to the lack of flow to the affected areas, thus compromising the life of the patients who suffer from it, who are mainly newborns and children, This makes its approach difficult, due to the mutation and the affection that they entail, which hinders therapeutic decisions, so it is extremely important to make a correct diagnosis based on a clinical, genetic and symptomatological analysis taking into account the condition and age of the patient, so that in this way the treatment can provide adequate survival to the patient.

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THE DUAL CHALLENGES OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND WORKING LIFE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS: A CASE STUDY IN MAYURBHANJ DISTRICT OF ODISHA

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ABSTRACT

Background/Objectives*: Today, it is highly emphasized that construction workers participation in the path of country's development is depending upon by enhancing their social and economic status. In construction activities, health is the important determinant of employment, and it is the deteriorating factors consider to workers especially in construction sector. They are simultaneously engaging in economic and non-economic activities. The aim of this paper is to investigate socio-economic conditions and special emphasis has given to identify the work related problems of building construction workers in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.*

Methods/Statistical analysis: *The study largely relays on field data. A sample size of 300 building construction respondents were selected from the district by employing simple random sampling method. The respondents were interviewed with a well-structured schedule. Simple percentage and regression analysis was used to interpret the data. A multiple regression analysis has been conducted to show the economic impact of the construction work on the construction workers. The Garret Ranking Technique is used for analysing the study of problems faced by unorganised workers in Mayurbhanj District.*

Findings: *In this multiple regression analysis saving is dependent variable whereas income, expenditure and type of work are independent variables. Income and expenditure are significant at 1 percent level and type of work is significant at 10 percent level. In the result of Garret Ranking the 'health hazards problem' got the first rank with 89.44%, followed by 'Heavy Physical Work' got the second rank with 89.11 per cent of workers. This study concluded with some suggestions for improvement of the unorganised workers socio-economic conditions.*

KEY WORDS: *Building workers, socio-economic Condition, work-site problems, Regression Analysis, Garret- Ranking Technique.*

1.INTRODUCTION

With millions of people employed, the construction sector is one of the biggest and most significant in the global economy. However, poor socioeconomic conditions, such as low pay, a lack of social security, and exposure to risky working situations, are frequently faced by construction employees. According to a research by the International Labour Organisation (*2017)*, the daily wage for construction workers in poor nations is only $2.50 on average. This implies that many construction workers struggle to make ends meet because it is well below the poverty line. According to ILO (*2019*) estimates, 1 million construction workers pass away each year as a result of illnesses or accidents at workplace. Falling, being electrocuted, and being hurt by machinery are the three leading causes of death. Due to exposure to dust and gases, construction workers are also at risk of getting respiratory conditions such silicosis and asbestosis; electrocution and machinery-related injuries.

The objective of the current study is to ascertain the socioeconomic status of building and other construction workers in the Mayurbhanj district of Odisha as well as the various work-related difficulties they encounter at their workstations. The Mayurbhanj district is one of the most backward districts in the state. Building and other construction employees in the region are in extremely low socioeconomic conditions (*Government of Odisha, Ministry of Labour and Employment 2022*). They primarily come from underrepresented groups like Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes. They are paid minimal wages and frequently labour in dangerous situations. Basic necessities like housing, healthcare, and education are not available to them. Many construction employees do not receive social security benefits like pensions or health insurance. Construction workers are subjected to a number of risky working situations, such as falls, electrical risks, and dust exposure (*National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 2018*). These dangers have the potential to cause fatal illnesses and severe injuries (*Das, Mohanty, and Dash 2021*). Many people who work in the construction

industry are employed on a temporary or casual basis, so neither their hours of work nor their benefits are guaranteed. On the basis of their race, gender, or nationality, construction workers frequently experience discrimination. Because of this, it could be challenging for individuals to obtain work and earn money to survive. Many workers in the construction business lack the educational qualifications and work experience required to obtain well-paying positions. This may reduce their chances of advancement and increase their susceptibility to abuse. As a result, they live in poverty and deprivation.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURES

Dr. Raja, V. A. J. & Vijayakumar, V. **(2017)** in their study determine and evaluate the effect of work stress on tile manufacturing workers in Kerala's Trichur district, at gender level. The author explain how stress becomes harmful when it reaches a degree that interferes with daily activities, despite the fact that it is an unavoidable component of our activities at work and at home. The body's response to what are known as stressors is actually stress. Descriptive research was used as the study's research design, and convenience sampling was used. The data gathered from 100 employees, half from male and half from female workers and the study's findings were analysed using the Henry Garrett ranking method and the Mann-Whitney test.

Kumar & Mookiah (Nov, 2019) with particular emphasis on the Tirunelveli area, the aim of this study was to identify and highlight the economic and working situations of women employees in unorganised industries. The study's objective is to ascertain the financial circumstances of women employed in Tirunelveli district's domestic, construction, and beedi industries. Both primary and secondary data were used in the investigation. Regression, ANOVA, and Garret Ranking techniques are employed in this study's sample selection, which included 441 employees. Regression, ANOVA, and Garret Ranking are also used to analyse the study's data. The study discusses government policies, marginal propensity to consume (MPC), and problems encountered by unorganised employees.

Raj, et, al. (2021) the purpose of this paper is to look at the living conditions of construction workers in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India. In a cross-sectional study, a quantile regression method has been used to identify the variables influencing quality of life. The study reveals that employment status, time spent working as a labourer, travel time to work, and salary are the main variables that affect and determine the quality of work life for construction workers. For the purpose of assessing data pertaining to quality of life, the quantile regression method may be thought of as an alternative.

Dr. Pandian & Dr. Duraisingh (2021) in their paper reveal that the workers of brick plants in Eral block, Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu are the subject of the current study. There are many new brick units, and hundreds of people are working in the brick industry. In many ways, the brick business is seen as crucial. It offers significant job possibilities to the underprivileged in Thoothukudi district's Eral block. The bricklayers in this study are not very happy with their jobs, but they are compelled to do so by family obligations and tradition. Low pay are the main issue facing bricklayers, and it is also implied that they want the government to set the minimum wage. Five general problems were faced by the brick workers are to be ranked by using Garret Ranking Technique.

Guan, et. al. (2019) According to them, occupational safety and health are becoming increasingly significant in Malaysia. The use of personal protective equipment (PPE), which can include clothing, tools, and materials, is one technique to safeguard construction workers. PPE shields users from exposure to or contact with substances that could be dangerous and result in illness, damage, or even death. PPE knowledge among building construction employees is minimal, despite its advantages. The goal of this study is to investigate how PPE is used and how PPE knowledge affects worker safety during building construction. The poll was completed by 100 individuals in the building construction sector. Self-created questionnaires were used to gather the data, which was then analysed using partial correlation and multiple regression. The collected results show that experience has a negative impact on the efficacy of PPE on construction workers whereas awareness and training have a good impact.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY
1. To study the Socio economic status of the Construction workers in Mayurbhanj District of Odisha.
2 To highlight the major problems faced by the construction workers in Mayurbhanj District.

4. HYPOTHESIS
1. **H_1:** There is a significant and positive impact of 'income' of the respondents on 'saving' of the respondents.
2. **H_2:** There is a significant and positive impact of 'expenditure' of the respondents on 'saving'.
3. **H_3:** There is a significant and positive impact of 'type of work' of the respondents on 'saving' of the respondents.

5. METHODOLOGY

The research exclusively used primary data. 300 construction workers in the Mayurbhanj District were chosen at random for the primary data collection. A well-structured questionnaire schedule was utilised to gather data on the workers' socioeconomic situation, workplace issues, and health risks. Usually around lunchtime, workers are personally greeted from their employment, and their working conditions are examined. The socioeconomic situation of construction employees was analysed using simple percentages and regression analysis; and Garrett Ranking Technique was utilized to illustrate the issues the worker was having at their workstation. Data interpretation was carried out by using regression analysis.

The primary data used in this study were obtained via a field survey and direct questionnaires given to respondents in the Mayurbhanj area. In order to locate building sites in the Mayurbhanj area, a pilot study was first conducted. 26 blocks

make up the Mayurbhanj district. But five blocks are taken for this study. For the purpose of gathering information on their socioeconomic circumstances, the factors that led to their involvement in construction work, and the issues they encountered, 300 construction employees from the chosen areas were interviewed. After the survey was finished, each individual slip was examined, and the data was processed in tabular form in accordance with the needs of the many aspects of the research.

6. ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA
6.1 Demographic Data
Table-1 presents the basic socio-economic and demographic information about 300 individuals of the study population. According to the sample; the gender distribution of the sample reveals that 62% are male, while the remaining are female. The analysis divides working age group into three category: individuals aged 40 to 60 constitute the largest portion at 64.67% followed by those between the ages of 31 to 45 (22%) and the rest 18 to 30 age group (13.33%).

Analysing the socio-economic and religious background of the study population, scheduled tribe (ST) belong to the high majority category at 79.33%, followed by SC at 14%, and OBC at 6.67%. As a result majority of the workers are from tribal communities. Regarding family types about 55% of construction employees are a part of nuclear households, while 45% are belong to joint family. Family sizes also differ within the construction workers groups.

According to the workers' educational profile approximately half of them are illiterate (49%), while 32% have completed only elementary schooling. only 2% have completed higher secondary education. Within this study, a significant proportion of 71% workers are categorized as unskilled. The remaining 29% are skilled and professional workers such as masons, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc. Notably, all female workers fall under the unskilled workers category, primarily working as helpers.

Housing statistics show that 43% of works reside in tiled houses, followed by thatched houses at 34.67%, and 21.33% of concrete houses. Approximately 76.33% of workers own their houses. About 22.33% of workers live in leased houses in government-owned landed areas, whereas, just 1.34% of migrant workers opt for rented accommodations.

The tenure of job for the studied labourers falls into three categories. That are permanent (33%), temporary (38%), or occasional (29%). The length of working hours plays an important role in the socio-economic condition of the construction workers. A considerable majority (59%) of workers reported working for 8 to 9 hours per day, excluding lunch breaks. About 33% of respondents work 8 hours, while only 8% work less than 8 hours.

In this study, a substantial proportion of workers (59%) come from families with two wage earners, usually both husband and wife. Remarkably, 57.33% of workers have officially registered themselves under the Building and Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board. This registration entitles them to various welfare benefits for themselves and their families.

Analysing the duration of engagement in this profession, it's apparent that 29% of workers have been engaged for 3 to 4 years, while 15% have 5 to 7 years of experience. Additionally, 30% of workers have been involved in this occupation for 7 to 9 years, with the remaining 26% having been employed for more than 9years.

6.2 Economic Factors of Construction Workers
Construction workers are classified as wage earners and their wage is fixed in nature. In accordance with Table 2, the income of 52.67% of workers falls within the range of Rs.4000-Rs.6000 and while 30.33 % of the workers come under the category of Rs.6000-Rs.8000. A mere 4 % of the workers' income is above Rs.8000.

The table-2 displays the spending habits of the employees and their families. It is inferred from the table that a small percent of workers had monthly expenses less than Rs.3000. Highest proportion of workers (68.67 %) spend Rs.3000 to Rs.6000 per month and 21.33% of workers make between Rs. 6000 to Rs.8000. Approxmately 6% of the workers falls into the category of earning more than Rs.8000. It is revealed that the propensity to consume is very high.

Every person should improve the saving habit in their life which allocated from income with an expectation to meet future benefit and needs. Here, we look the monthly saving habit of construction workers as indicated in Table 2. That out of 300 samples, 268 workers saved different amount of money monthly. Three-fourth (75%) number of respondent's have the saving below Rs.1000, whereas 5.67% of the workers save the amount of Rs.1000-2000 per month. 10.67% of workers have zero saving habits. Most of the workers use their salary for family expenditure. So their marginal propensity to consume is very high and marginal propensity to save almost zero.

6.2.1 Regression Analysis of Income and Saving Pattern
The dependent variable saving of workers was regresses on predicting variable of income, expenditure and type of work. The independent variables income, expenditure and type of work significantly predict the saving of the respondents, $F_{(3, 236)} = 282.445$, $P < 0.001$ which indicates that the two factors under study have a significant impact on saving of respondents. Moreover the $R^2 = 0.782$ depicts that the model explain 78.2 percent of the variance in saving.

Table-3
Model Summary of Regression Analysis

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Durbin-Watson
1	.884[a]	.782	.779	.56659	1.824
a. Predictors: (Constant), Type of Work, Expenditure, Income					
b. Dependent Variable: Saving					

Table-4 ANOVA Table

Model		Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	272.014	3	90.671	282.445	.000[b]
	Residual	75.761	236	.321		
	Total	347.775	239			
a. Dependent Variable: Saving						
b. Predictors: (Constant), Type of Work, Expenditure, Income						

Table-5 Coefficients

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	-6.738	2.416		-2.789	.006
	Income	8.440	.403	2.105	20.953	.000
	Expenditure	-7.148	.503	-1.350	-14.222	.000
	Type of Work	-.210	.115	-.079	-1.832	.068

Additionally, coefficients were further assessed to ascertain the influence of each of the factors on the criterion variable saving. H_1 evaluates whether income of the respondents significantly and positively affects saving of the respondents. The results revealed that income f the respondents has a significant and positive impact on saving (B= 8.44, t= 20.953, P= 0.00). Hence H_1 was supported. H_2 evaluates whether expenditure of the respondents has a significantly positive impact on saving of the respondents. The result show that expenditure has a significantly inverse relationship on saving of the respondents (B= -7.15, t= -14.22, P= 0.00). Consequently H_2 was supported. H_3 evaluates whether type of work has a significantly positive impact on saving. The result shows that type of work has significant at 10 percent level on saving of the respondents (B= -0.21, t=-1.832, P=0.068). Hence H_3 was supported. The results are presented on table-5.

6.3 Problem Faced by the Unorganised Workers:
A descriptive study was conducted to assess the impact of different problems of construction workers upon their work-life in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. For the purpose of measuring the problems faced in construction work, the Likert scaling technique has been adopted. For this measurement, 9 statements relating to the problems faced by the respondents at work place and their life were identified. The respondents were asked to rate them on a five-point scale, namely "highly serious," "serious," "moderately serious," and "not seriously at all," with the score values of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively.

From Table-6, it is clear that in the study region, nine different problems are identified. That is, lack of job security, inadequate social security measures, Health hazards, Insufficient Payments, Heavy Physical Work, Gender Discrimination, Traveling Problems, Long Hour of Work, No Family support have been given in the Interview schedule. Both male and female, skilled and unskilled respondents were instructed to indicate different problems faced by them at the work place and their working life. By giving rank 1 to the most important factor, rank 2 the second important factor and so on. Based on the ranks assigned by the order of importance is identified. To find the most significant factor Henry Garrett Ranking Technique is used. It is calculated as percentage score and the scale value is obtained by employing the scale conversion table given by Henry Garrett.

The Percentage Score is calculated as

$$\text{Percent position} = \frac{100\,(Rij - 0.5)}{Nj}$$

Where,
Rij = Rank given for the ith variable by jth respondents
Nj = Number of variable ranked by jth respondents

The percentage score for each rank from 1 to 5 are calculated. The percentage score thus obtained for all the five ranks are converted into scale values using Scale Conversion Table given by Henry Garrett. The scale values for first rank to fifth rank are 98.32, 84.56, 50, 15.44 and 1.68 respectively. The score value (fx) is calculated for each factor by multiplying the number of respondents (f) with respective scale values (x). The total scores are found by adding the score values (fx) of each rank for every factor. The mean score is then calculated to know the order of preference given by the respondents for the factors.

Based on the mean score, the overall ranks are assigned for each. The ranking analysis of the impact of different problems on construction workers in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha shown Henry Garrett's ranking in Table-7.

According to Garrett Ranking technique construction workers are estimated. The 'health hazards problem' got the first rank with 89.44% of the workers have this problem. It was followed by 'Heavy Physical Work' got the second rank with 89.11 per cent of workers. 'Insufficient Payment' got third rank with 88.12 per cent of population. 'In adequate Social Security Measures' got the fourth rank with 87.27 per cent of workers. 'Gender Discrimination' got the fifth rank with 87.04 per cent of workers, 'Lack of Job security' got the sixth rank with 86.77 per cent of workers, 'Long Hours of Work' got the seventh rank with 82.84 per cent, 'No Family Support' got the eight rank with 78.71 per cent and 'Travelling Problems' got the last rank i.e. ninth rank with 76.45 per cent.

7. SUGGESTIONS

Based on this study, some suggestions and recommendations are made as a part of improving and development of living standards of the construction workers in unorganised sectors.
1. Ensure equal wage for the work in the unorganised sector and renew the wages yearly
2. In the study area the wages of the construction workers are very low. In ranking technique 'Health Hazards' is in 1st rank and after that 'Heavy physical work' is in 2nd. So government different welfare measures should be properly implemented and work out so that the works get benefits from that.

3. Provide awareness about different welfare scheme to workers and need to have an adequate intervention from the government authorities required ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the construction workers.
4. Odisha government implemented OB&OCW's Welfare Board to provide immediate assistance to a beneficiary in case of different health hazard related problems and also different type of financial help to improve their socio-economic conditions.

8.CONCLUSION

The results of the current study suggest that in order to improve their family status, construction workers in unorganised industries need demonstrate a significant level of financial gain. Construction employees' socioeconomic circumstances are not great. Therefore, Mayurbhanj District has not yet paid attention to the situation of construction employees or their socioeconomic security. Builders are also dissatisfied in the government's disregard for this industry. In conclusion, we can say that there is a lot that needs to be done by the government and companies to better the situation of construction employees. In this research region, the employment, financial situation, and degree of job satisfaction for construction employees are not entirely adequate. One of India's top employers of labourers is the construction sector. The contractors are not educating the construction employees on the law, state, and federal government programmes. The government's healthcare programmes are completely unknown to the construction employees. On the majority of job sites in the Mayurbhanj District, social services like canteens and restrooms are non-existent.

TABLES
Table-1 Demographic Statistics of the Construction Workers

Variables	Category	Frequency	Percent	Variables	Category	Frequency	Percent
Gender	Male	186	62.00%	Ownership of the House	Owned	229	76.33
	Female	114	38.00%		Leased	67	22.33
Age	18-30	40	13.33%		Rented	4	1.34
	31-45	66	22%	Tenure of job	Permanent	98	33%
	46-60	194	64.67%		Temporary	115	38%
Caste	General	0			Occasional	87	29%
	OBC	20	6.67%	Duration of Working Hours	Less than 8 hours	23	8%
	SC	42	14%		8 hours	177	59%
	ST	238	79.33%		More than 8 hours	100	33%
Educational Qualification	Illiterate	147	49%	Earning member	One	81	27
	Primary	97	32%		Two	177	59
	Middle School	50	17%		Three	30	10
	Secondary	6	2%		Four	11	3.67
Family Size	Below 3	12	4%		More than Four	1	0.33
	3 to 5	152	51%	Registration as a construction	Yes	172	57.33%
	5 and above	136	45%		No	128	42.67%
Type of Work	Unskilled	213	71%	Year of experience	Less than 5 years	87	29.00%
	Skilled	87	29%		5 to 7 years	45	15.00%
Type of Living House	Concrete	64	21.33%		7 to 9 years	90	30.00%
	Tiled	129	43%		9 years and above	78	26.00%
	Thatched	104	34.67%				
	Reinforced	3	1%				

Sources: Primary Data

Table-2
Income, Expenditure and Saving Pattern of Construction Workers

Variable	Parameters	Frequency	Percentage
Income	Less than 4000	39	13%
	4000 - 6000	158	52.67%
	6000 - 8000	91	30.33%
	Above 8000	12	4%
	Total	300	100%
Expenditure	Less than Rs. 3000	12	4%
	Rs. 3001 -Rs. 6000	206	68.67%
	Rs. 6001 - Rs. 8000	64	21.33%
	More thanRs. 8000	18	6%
	Total	300	100%
Monthly Saving	Less Than Rs. 1000	225	75.00%
	Rs. 1001 - Rs. 2000	17	5.67%
	Rs. 2001 - Rs. 3000	7	2.33%
	Rs. 3001 - Rs. 4000	13	4.33%
	Above Rs. 4001	6	2.00%
	No saving	32	10.67%
	Total	300	100.00%

Sources: Primary Data

Table-6 Problem Faced in Construction Work

Statements	Highly Serious	Serious	Moderately Serious	Not Serious	Not Serious at All
Lack of job security	91 (30.3)	192 (64)	17 (5.7)	0	0
Inadequate social security measures	117 (39)	160 (53.3)	23 (7.7)	0	0
Health hazards	129 (43)	162 (54)	9 (3)	0	0
Insufficient Payment	133 (44.3)	145 (48.3)	22 (7.3)	0	0
Heavy Physical work	137 (45.7)	148 (49.3)	15 (5)	0	0
Gender discrimination	133 (44.3)	138 (46)	27 (9)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Travelling problems	110 (36.7)	96 (32)	77 (25.7)	9 (3)	8 (2.7)
Long hours of work	96 (32)	154 (51.3)	44 (14.7)	6 (2)	0
No family support	81 (27)	142 (47.3)	71 (23.7)	6 (2)	0

Sources: Primary Data

Table- 7
Calculation of Garrett Value and Ranking

	Problems	Total Score	Garrett Ranking Mean Score	Rank
1	Lack of job security	26032.64	86.77	6
2	Inadequate social security measures	26183. 04	87.27	4
3	Health Hazards	26832	89.44	1
4	Insufficient payment	26437. 76	88.12	3
5	Heavy physical work	26734. 72	89.11	2
6	Gender Discrimination	26112. 96	87.04	5
7	Travelling Problems	22935. 36	76.45	9
8	Long Hours of work	24853. 6	82.84	7
9	No support of family	23614.08	78.71	8

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MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Myelodysplastic syndrome is a pathology characterized by its hematopoietic, pluripotential ineffective process in the bone marrow, i.e. causing dysplasia in at least one of its hematopoietic lines with functional and morphological alterations, which, at some point may evolve into leukemia.

Objective: review, analyze and describe the most notable features of myelodysplastic syndromes.

Methodology: A total of 20 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 11 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant to this study. The sources of information were PubMed, SciELO, Google Scholar, Medigraphic and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: myelodysplastic syndrome, hematopoietic, anemia, leukemia.

Results: It is estimated to have an incidence of 4-12 conditions out of 100 000 patients per year, and it can reach up to 30 out of 100 000 in individuals older than 70 years of age. The occurrence of this anomaly in pediatric age and in young adults is rare and infrequent, and a certain predominance in the male sex has been reported, with a ratio of 1:5, and no relationship with race has been found. Most patients develop symptomatology related to cytopenias and anemia; isolated neutropenias and thrombocytopenias also occur, although not less frequently.

Conclusions: Myelodysplastic syndromes are highly complex disorders of low incidence. They mainly affect the production of hematopoietic stem cells, being disorders of difficult approach, due to the mutation and the affection that these disorders entail, triggering aggressive dysplastic and blood diseases such as anemias and leukemias, which makes therapeutic decisions difficult, so it is extremely important to make a correct diagnosis based on a clinical, morphological and exclusion analysis. In addition, the patient's condition and age must be taken into account, so that the treatment is effective and the patient's survival is adequate.

Keywords:MDS:Myelodysplastic syndrome.

Hematopoietic Process: The process of cell production,involving cell proliferation, differentiation, and maturation.

Leukemia: a malignant condition involving excessive production of immature or abnormal white blood cells, ultimately suppressing the production of normal blood cells and producing symptoms related to cytopenias.

Cytopenia: Lower than normal blood cell count.

Acute Myeloblastic Leukemia: Malignant transformation and uncontrolled proliferation of a myelocytic progenitor cell with abnormal differentiation and prolonged survival results in high numbers of circulating immature blood elements and replacement of normal bone marrow by malignant cells.

INTRODUCTION

Myelodysplastic syndrome is a pathology characterized by its hematopoietic, pluripotential ineffective process in the bone marrow, that is, causing dysplasia in at least one of its hematopoietic lines with functional and morphological alterations, which, at some point can evolve into leukemia thus becoming a pathology of difficult clinical approach(1).

All this causes patients diagnosed with MDS to present with frequent anemia, risk of infection and hemorrhage (depending on cytopenia), as well as a variable tendency of transformation to acute myeloblastic leukemia. Therefore, they can be classified as primary MDS; without a cause, and secondary MDS caused by exposure to chemotherapy, radiation, or toxins such as benzene and its derivatives(2,3).

Usually 80% of cases occur in elderly patients, from 60 years of age onwards, and very infrequently in young patients or young adults. The median age at diagnosis is over 65 years; data from the Spanish MDS Registry confirm that the median age at diagnosis is 75 years, with 80% of patients being over 60 years of age, with a clear predominance of males(1,2).

METHODOLOGY

A total of 20 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 11 bibliographies were used because the other articles were not relevant to this study. The sources of information were PubMed, SciELO, Google Scholar, Medigraphic and Cochrane; the terms used to search for information in Spanish, Portuguese and English were: myelodysplastic syndrome, hematopoietic, anemia, leukemia.

The choice of literature presents elements related to an overview of Myelodysplastic syndrome.

DEVELOPMENT

Previously myelodysplastic syndromes were known as pre leukemia, refractory anemia or latent leukemia. Nowadays the term "myelodysplastic syndromes" refers to a type of blood cancer caused by bone marrow failure, meaning that the bone marrow does not produce a sufficient amount of healthy blood cells, on the other hand, as soon as they are produced, the blood stem cells and bone marrow are altered, becoming abnormal and generating genetic changes or mutations.

In the population the blast cells constitute less than 5% of all bone marrow cells, they are called the immature cells of the bone marrow, so it leads to a determining factor in the severity of myelodysplastic syndrome, while the blast cells are elevated indicates that the disease has progressed even at that point, to become an acute myeloid leukemia(1,2).

It is known that there are different types of myelodysplastic syndromes, so its diagnosis must be very careful, that is to say, clinical, morphological and exclusion analysis, processes associated to reversible dysplasia must be discarded such as deficit of maturative factors, infection by diverse viruses, action of cytotoxic agents, heavy metals, association to chronic hepatopathy or to another type of neoplasia(1,2).

Considering that myelodysplastic syndrome is a progressive and severe disease, it can manifest itself with recurrent anemia, i.e. a very rapid or very slow decrease of healthy red blood cells in the blood. In addition, there are other clinical manifestations that the patient may present together with anemia. The specialist physician should classify this disease as it is of utmost importance for its clinical management(1,2).

In 1900 Leube described a patient with severe macrocytic anemia with evolution to acute leukemia, from this case arose cases with macrocytic anemia, cytopenias, maturational alterations of myeloid precursors, increased blasts and risk of evolution to leukemias. From the cases that were presented, in 1953 the term "Refractory Anemias" was applied to a well-defined group, but in 1970 Saarni and Linman, after research carried out during that period, recognized the disease as a primary bone marrow disorder caused by decreased maturation of hematopoietic precursors and bone marrow hypercellularity. In the same year an international group of pathologists called Franco-American-British (FAB) conducted an in-depth study, so that in 1976 the term Myelodysplastic Syndromes was coined with two subgroups: Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia (CMML) and Refractory Anemia with Excess Blasts (AREB).

Mora, determines that the most used chemotherapy was 5-azacitidine, followed by lenalidomide and decitabine.
In 1980 the classification was investigated in depth and later in 1982 it was published by the FAB group, based on morphologic criteria with five subgroups: refractory anemia (RA), refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts (ARSA), refractory anemia with excess blasts (AREB), refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation (AREB-t) and chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML), this classification is still valid and was the basis for the WHO 2002 classification, revised in 2008, which combines morphology, cytochemistry and cytogenetics(1,2,3).
The 2008 classification includes refractory cytopenia with unilineage dysplasia (CRDU) or with multilinear dysplasia (CRDM), depending on the blast cell count in bone marrow and peripheral blood, and 5q syndrome with anemia and thrombocytosis, which has a very good response to lenalidomide.

Since then, the WHO classification has been updated twice, once in 2008 and again in 2016(1,2,3).
Since the WHO classification is still maintained, the clinical manifestations depend on cytopenias arising from chronic marrow failure with anemic syndrome and/or hemorrhagic manifestations and/or increased infections. The most common cytopenia is anemia.

Within the laboratory tests the parameters of values that refer to cytopenias are hemoglobin less than 10, neutrophils below

1800/mm3 and platelets less than 100,000/mm, some degree of thrombocytopenia is usual; in the peripheral smear, platelets vary in size, and some appear hypogranular. Patients with refractory sideroblastic anemia may present with thrombocytosis in combination with the JAK2 V617F mutation(2).

When assessing laboratory parameters very carefully, it should be known that the leukocyte count may be normal, high or low. The granularity of the neutrophil cytoplasm is found to be low, with anisocytosis and variable numbers of granules or sometimes no granules. Eosinophils may also show abnormal granulation(2,3).

An abnormal increase in blood monocytes is characteristic of the subgroups of chronic and juvenile myelomonocytic leukemias. Immature myeloid cells may also be found, but can be seen within the features of the less differentiated subgroups. The cytogenetic pattern is usually abnormal, with one or more clonal cytogenetic abnormalities usually involving chromosomes five or seven(2,3).

In 80% of the population, in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome, a mutation can be detected with different variabilities of mutated genes that can lead to different clinical or laboratory manifestations as explained above. The 5q deletion is a unique form of myelodysplastic syndrome in women with macrocytic anemia and thrombocytosis, but, there are other genes that are usually mutated in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes: TET2, SF3B1, ASXL1, DNMT3A, SRSF2, RUNX1, TP53, U2AF1, EZH2, ZRSR2, STAG2, GBL, NRAS, JAK2, SETBP1, IDH1, IDH2 and ETV6(2).

Prognosis is determined by the percentage of blast cells in both bone marrow and peripheral blood, cytogenetics, and the number and degree of cytopenias. Cases with an increased percentage of blasts are at higher risk of progressing to AML, and therefore have a worse prognosis. Genetic analysis has shown that there are alterations that have a better evolution, such as isolated chromosome loss and isolated deletion of chromosome 5q, 20q, 12q and 11q; however, 7q deletion, trisomy 8 and complex anomalies have a worse prognosis(3,4).

With all this analysis it is known that not all MDS require immediate or equal treatment, that is to say, in those of low risk, in which an increase of apoptosis mechanisms predominates leading to refractory cytopenias, the quality of life must be improved with growth factors such as erythropoietin and granulocyte growth factor (G-CSF) trying not to induce transfusion dependence and administering transfusion support only when required(4,5,6).

If the proliferative tendency towards acute myeloid leukemia predominates, the objective of treatment is to improve survival with the administration of hypometalines such as lenalidomide, azacitidine or decitabine, trying to reduce transfusion dependence and if necessary with the administration of intensive chemotherapy, achieving remission in selected cases(5,6).

Most of the research carried out since 1900 with Leube on a case of macrocytic anemia; until 1976 when the international group of French-American-British pathologists carried out certain in-depth studies demonstrating that there are certain cases with macrocytic anemia, cytopenias, maturational alterations of myeloid precursors, increased blasts and risk of evolution to leukemias. Delgadp determines that the relationship between MDS and leukemias is still a controversy that we believe will continue until all the necessary knowledge about the genetic, molecular and biological bases has been achieved. Based on this information, the WHO has published different classifications based on the cytopenias described, the 2008 classification has refractory cytopenia with unilineage dysplasia (CRDU), or with multilinear dysplasia (CRDM).

Depending on the blast cell count in bone marrow and peripheral blood, 5q syndrome is also considered as an entity with anemia and thrombocytosis, this syndrome has a very good response to lenalidomide. The most current WHO classification is maintained since 2016(7).

Among the proposed criteria the following stand out:
Agranular myeloblasts or with presence of Auer rods in 5-30 % of a total of 400 nucleated cells.

➢ Agranular neutrophils.
➢ Ringed sideroblasts.
➢ Karyotype alterations.

The prognosis is determined by the percentage of blast cells in both bone marrow and peripheral blood, cytogenetics and the number and degree of cytopenias(7).
Based on different investigations, a classification chart of myelodysplastic syndromes has been made.

Table 1. CLASSIFICATION OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES.

CLASSIFICATION OF MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES					
Subgroup	%	Sideroblasts		Monocytes	Degree of dyshemopoiesis
	Peripheral blood	Bone marrow	%	10*9/L	
Refractory Anemia	<1	<5	<15	+	+
Refractory anemia with sideroblasts	<1	<5	>15	+	+
AREB	<5	5-20	Variable	+	++
AREB-t	>5	21-29	Variable	Variable	+++
Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia CMML	<5	0-20	Variable	+++	++

Source: Duarte, Y., Perez D (2021) Sindromes Mielodisplasicos Tratamiento y Clasificacion(8).

Camacho deduces that myelodysplastic syndromes are usually asymptomatic entities until very advanced stages, which leads to significant morbidity and mortality.

Complementary diagnostic studies
Clinical manifestations depend on cytopenias derived from chronic bone marrow failure with anemic syndrome and/or hemorrhagic manifestations and/or increased infections. The most common cytopenia is anemia.

Cytogenic
Karyotype alterations, considered clonal markers of malignancy, are present in 30-50% of primary myelodysplastic syndromes and in 80% of secondary myelodysplastic syndromes, none of these being specific to this entity.
A higher incidence of total or partial loss of a chromosome has been observed, followed by the existence of trisomies. Translocations are less frequent and affect mainly chromosomes 1,3,5,7 and 17(9).

Molecular
They have value in relation to the leukemogenic potential, since on many occasions cytogenetic alterations occur in areas where oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes exist. In patients with myelodysplastic syndromes, generally point mutations have been described. The most frequent mutations are those involving the RAS family, which have been identified in up to 40% of the patients studied(10).

Immunological
In patients with myelodysplastic syndrome a great variety of alterations affecting cellular immunity have been observed, such as absolute lymphopenia, with a decrease in the number of functionally immature NK cells, T cells with a decreased response to mitogen action and a significant deficiency in interferon production. Immunophenotyping studies have shown a significant decrease in CD 4+ cells with normal or increased CD 8+ cells(11).

Enzyme studies
Serum lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) levels are usually elevated and some authors have conferred independent prognostic value(11).
DeZerm deduces that people with myelodysplastic syndromes usually have a "cytopenia", i.e. a low level of one or more blood cell types.

RESULT
Patients affected by these syndromes are usually due to the degree of cytopenia present. The most frequent symptoms include fever, bleeding, and in those conditions with anemia, mild to moderate splenomegaly can be found, almost always related to the diagnosis of chronic myelomonocytic leukemia. The incidence is estimated to be 4-12 conditions out of 100,000 patients per year, and may reach 30 out of 100,000 in individuals over 70 years of age. The occurrence of this anomaly in the pediatric age and in young adults is rare and infrequent, and a certain predominance in the male sex has been reported, with a ratio of 1:5, and no relationship with race has been found. It is known that 20% are secondary to the use of antineoplastic drugs, among which alkylating agents, epipodophyllotoxins and anthracyclines, contact with chemical products, mainly those derived from benzene, exposure to ionizing radiation and more recently it has been suggested that smoking increases the risk of suffering from this syndrome. Most patients develop symptoms related to cytopenias and anemia; isolated neutropenias and thrombocytopenias are also present, although not less frequently.

The classification of myelodysplastic syndromes has been somewhat complex due to the clinical and morphologic heterogeneity of the cytopenias. A series of classification systems have been developed for these syndromes, the purpose of which has been to determine the risk of progression to acute myeloblastic leukemia (AML) and overall survival.

Its diagnosis implies a careful clinical, morphological and exclusion analysis, since processes associated with reversible dysplasia such as deficiency of maturation factors, infection by

various viruses, action of cytotoxic agents, association with chronic liver disease or another type of neoplasm must be ruled out. It is also based on morphologic evidence of dysplasia, altered maturation on examination of the bone marrow in the myelogram and biopsy; and information obtained from other studies such as karyotyping, flow cytometry or other molecular studies. The diagnosis of myelodysplasia is complex, the patient's history, clinical history, peripheral blood and bone marrow morphology, absolute and relative values, general biochemistry, bacteriology and virology should be evaluated, and therapy should be individualized for each patient, considering age, performance status, risk groups and comorbidities.

A fundamental element in the diagnosis is the qualitative morphologic alterations in one or more hematopoietic series that appear in both peripheral blood and bone marrow and must be present in at least 10% of the cells in each of the series.

The diagnosis of these syndromes is made by exclusion, so it is necessary to rule out the existence of a group with similar morphological characteristics before establishing the diagnosis. These include nutritional anemias due to vitamin B12, folic acid and pyridoxine deficiency, bone marrow aplasia, etc.

Over time, different studies based on clinical evidence and research studies have been carried out, suggesting different classification tables, as it has been observed that the degree of affection depends on several factors, both the result of clinical analysis and the evolution of the patient affected with the pathology.

The objective of treatment is to improve survival with the administration of hypomethylating agents such as azacitidine or decitabine, trying to reduce transfusion dependence and if necessary with the administration of intensive chemotherapy achieving remission, to seek cure with allogeneic transplantation of hematopoietic precursor cells, according to the functional state and age of the patient.

CONCLUSIONS

Myelodysplastic syndromes are highly complex disorders of low incidence. They mainly affect the production of hematopoietic stem cells, being disorders of difficult approach, due to the mutation and the affection that these disorders entail, triggering aggressive dysplastic and blood diseases such as anemias and leukemias, which makes therapeutic decisions difficult, so it is extremely important to make a correct diagnosis based on a clinical, morphological and exclusion analysis. In addition, the patient's condition and age must be taken into account, so that the treatment is effective and the patient's survival is adequate.

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AN IoT BASED AUTOMATIC WASTE SEGREGATION

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this system's development is to overcome obstacles and provide a chance for waste management and segregation system upgrades. The Automatic Waste Management and Segregation System makes use of the Internet of Things, with the suggested system being installed across cities and having an embedded system to separate and keep track of the bin's level. In order to evacuate the bins, the status of the bins is sent to the relevant authorities, and the locations of the bins are found online. This method minimizes human involvement, contact, and time and resource consumption.

KEY WORDS- Dry wet sensor, IR sensor, MQ sensor, Arduino Uno, Node MCU, Bin.

I.INTRODUCTION

The trash generated in India today presents a number of environmental difficulties, including poor waste collection, treatment, transport, and disposal. The entire challenge, from conception to disposal, is the most challenging. Our nation cannot exist under the current system, which leads to damage of the environment and public health, because of the growing urban population. garbage can be liquid or solid, and each sort of garbage has a unique way of being disposed of. Human welfare will be threatened by waste. To live a healthy lifestyle, proper waste management is essential and crucial. If the dustbins are often flooded, an unsanitary environment will be produced. Separating dry and moist trash is a crucial part of waste segregation. Waste segregation lowers the amount of waste dumped in landfills and lowers pollution of the air and water. Compared to mixed waste, it is simpler to dispose of waste that has been separated.

This program aids in the management and classification of garbage. Dustbins are positioned across the city; they are delivered with a low-cost embedded mechanism to help with rubbish bin tracking. When the trash can is fully loaded, an SMS text message is delivered to the municipal corporation. When the state of the bin is made known via the Internet, the relevant authorities will then take immediate action. The ultrasonic sensors, node MUC, and servo motor used to construct the suggested system.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The "IoT based Waste Management for Smart Cities" is introduced by Padmakshi Venkateshwara Rao and Pathan Mahammed Abdul Azeez in 2020[1] to address environmental concerns such insufficient garbage collection, treatment, and disposal. Dustbins are put across the city because flooding in them creates unsanitary conditions; The "Blynk app" is utilized to receive the quick SMS as soon as the waste bin reaches its peak value since it is delivered with a low-cost embedded technique to aid in tracking the garbage. As a result, as soon as

the status of a bin is informed via the internet, the alert authorities will take immediate action. The proposed system is created using a servo motor, an ultrasonic sensor, a node MCU, and a blynk app. Urban garbage increases as long as modern lifestyles increase, according to Nikolaos Baras and Dimitris Ziouzios's introduction of "A cloud-based smart recycling bin for in-house waste classification" in 2020[2]. The greatest approach to produce a sustainable ecosystem is through recycling, which also necessitates segregating waste, which is a laborious and time-consuming operation. It is an efficient smart recycling bin with a low cost that makes use of the cloud's power to classify waste for each household use. Smart trash cans have sensors that collect data, and artificial intelligence and neural networks can be used to classify the rubbish inside each one. And it has a classification accuracy of 93.4% for various waste categories. Sanket Salvi and Shashank Shetty, 2020[3] This presents the SAF-Sutra, which is described as "A Prototype of Remote Smart Waste Segregation and Garbage Level Monitoring System" that can be remotely monitored for a very low price. The portability and simplicity of component assembly are taken into account in the design of the proposed system as crucial implementation elements. The system's interaction with the user while using a mobile device and a web application is demonstrated in the demonstration. Dr. Elena v. Rosca, a Clude-Noel Tamakloe, introduces the Smart System and the Internet of Things (IoT) for trash management to give an effective and efficient means of disposing of waste and to enhance city waste management. The suggested system is depicted as a prototype of a small, intelligent trash can that is powered by solar energy and is monitored by server-side software. The intelligent trash can can monitor the level of interior trash, compress it, and free up 25% of space with each compacting. The bin may send all the information to a secure server side application while also detecting and monitoring the entire weight. To maintain tourist attractions, Rania Rizki Arinta and Dominikus Boli Watomakin create "Improves Smart Waste Management" in 2020[5]. The primary goal of Yogyakarta in an IoT setting is to recycle garbage because not

doing so will make the breakdown process more laborious. As a result, the dustbin and smartphone are connected, and an ultrasonic sensor is used to determine the trash can's capacity. The sensor may transfer data through the wi-fi module through smartphone when the dustbin and wi-fi module are used together. Chethan Kaushal and Anshu Singha introduce the Architecture for Garbage Monitoring Systems Using Integrated Technology in 2020[6]. They developed a revolutionary trash management architecture that makes use of the Internet of Things and digital image processing. monitor the excessive rubbish flow and inform the appropriate authorities to take the necessary measures.

III. METHODS

The two bins in this suggested system were used to store dry and wet garbage, and they can be swapped out for cleaner ones. On the dry-wet sensor, garbage is deposited. A threshold of moisture is set for the drywet sensor. This detects the amount of moisture, and the relay enables the servo motor to rotate in both clockwise and counterclockwise directions, moving waste into the appropriate bins. The IR sensors are used to inform the municipality and determine the level of waste in the bin. The MQ sensor is used to measure the concentration and smell of various gases.

The node MCU is used to send all of the sensed data from the Arduino UNO's sensors to the cloud. Embedded C would be used to code the software. As a result, users will see messages on the LCD, and the obtained status will be communicated to authorized parties using the MQTT protocol for sending bin status.

The project's flow is shown in the image below, where we first initialize the library functions, declare the pins, and assign the sensors' pre-set values.

The procedure will stop if the button is not touched, thus we must determine whether it is pressed before moving on. The device will determine the amount of moisture in the trash before classifying it as either dry or wet depending on previously defined parameters. When the trash can is full, a message notifying the department to collect the trash is sent, and the

trash can is subsequently emptied. The method repeats again if not

IV. WORKING PRINCIPLE

- There are two containers for waste storage in our suggested arrangement. The trash must first be set on the dry-wet moisture sensor.
- Using the medium's dielectric permittivity, which is a function of water content, it detects the moisture content of trash. The user may then see on the LCD whether the trash has been identified as dry or moist depending on a previously selected threshold value.
- The wastes are transferred into the appropriate bins using a servo motor and relay. Both bins include IR sensors that measure how much trash is present within.
- If the bins are full, notifications are sent to the municipality instructing it to remove the bin as soon as possible.
- The odor and combustion in wet and dry bins are checked using the MQ sensor and flame sensors, respectively.
- Based on the concentration of the gases present, the device notifies the municipality if any odor or combustible material is found.

As a result, the MQTT protocol is used to send bin status information to the cloud, where the municipality may access it.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- This project, which will be able to separate the dry and moist waste, may be utilized in daily life.
- The municipality is informed of the state of the bin by this system, which also monitors it.
- It allows for wireless data transfer and allows for anytime, anywhere access to its data. • It prevents bin overflow, which lowers environmental pollution and health risks.

The suggested approach may be applied everywhere in metropolitan areas that are pollution-free and have a welcoming environment that promotes healthy, risk-free living. By preventing the overflow of trash cans, it protects lives without endangering them.

Fig.2.Proposed system

Fig.3.,Message Displayed

VI.CONCLUSION

This study applies a "Automatic waste management and segregation system using IOT" to improve the cleanliness of smart cities. Waste disposal is a serious challenge due to urbanization and population growth.The suggested method effectively separates dry and moist garbage without the need for human interaction or interference. It offers prompt collection and elimination. The suggested method can be set up domestically in a home or extensively in public areas.

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FUEL THEFT DETECTION IN A TWO-WHEELER VEHICLE WHEEL LOCKING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

 Now a day's automobile fuel thefts are increasing at an alarming rate all over the world. So it is important for the vehicle users to monitor their vehicle in order to escape from fuel theft of the vehicle. With the advancement of technology, vehicle user can safeguard and monitor their vehicle by using their mobile phone.
KEY WORDS-*Fuel theft,Vechicle Wheel locking*

I.INTRODUCTION

Remarkable progress in automobile industry has seen a rapid rise in the number of vehicles. With this tremendous increase in number of vehicles, there has been increase in number of crimes involving vehicle fuel theft. Many security systems are developed   related to vehicle theft detection and fuel theft detection, and most of them used techniques like finger print detection, the RFID technique and face recognition technique

Another problem faced by the two–wheeler user's is fuel theft. When the vehicles are parked fuel thefts take place. In order to overcome these security problems, in our project we aim at providing a security system to   vehicle by locking the front wheel of the vehicle Every motor vehicle comes with the simple tap with   main or reserve option for the fuel delivery mechanism. In the existing system anyone can remove the petrol from the fuel tank without any trouble as capacity of petrol tank is at least 10 litres. So in order to overcome this problem a mechanism has been developed to prevent the fuel theft from the vehicle.

Here we make use of solenoid to detect the fuel theft and also to avoid the stolen of the fuel from the vehicles.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Many systems were proposed for vehicle security.   [1][9] Working of this system is simple where vehicle parameters like speed, fuel level and location are fed to microcontroller which is transferred to server using SIM808 GSM module

In paper[2][8]   security system works on identifying user fingerprint. Fingerprint must be recognized by the system otherwise the vehicle ignition will not occur, and then an alert message is sent to owner mobile after this for every ten seconds SMS will be sent with updating of location of vehicle till proper fingerprint in given. [5] In this system they have provided

password based protection as a backup for fingerprint protection system.

Many of them have used RIFD technology which is very similar to fingerprint technology the difference is instead of giving fingerprint a unique RFID tag will be there with the user which has to be read by RFID reader in security system in order to start the ignition They have used two types of sensors like ultrasonic sensor and flow rate sensor.Ultrasonic sensor produces sound wave which when incident on obstacle produces an echo.This range will be converted into litres by writing code.

III. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The project improves the function of locking system only for disc break bike and to prevent the fuel theft from the two-wheeler vehicle. The main theme of this project is to control the vehicle ignition key in LOCK state and release the movement of vehicle when the ignition key is in ON status.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

 The block diagram in fig.1 shows the block diagram for wheel locking system with fuel theft prevention.
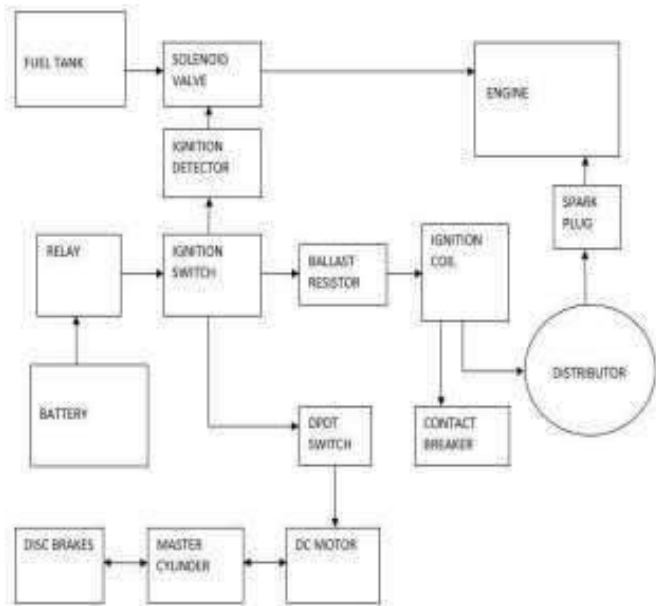
Fig.1.Block Diagram

It consists of fuel tank, solenoid valve, ignition detector, relay, ignition switch, ignition coil, battery, DPDT switch, Dc motor, master cylinder, disc brakes. As specified in above block diagram, there are two sub ,systems being integrated into a single system as two wheeler vehicle locking system with fuel theft prevention. The solenoid valve here is placed where the fuel exits the fuel tank. This sub system designed for prevention of fuel theft. The other sub system being integrated is the vehicle locking system for two wheelers. Here as shown in the diagram, the DC motor is connected to the master cylinder which controls the shaft movement in the master cylinder

Then to unlock the vehicle, the DPDT switch allows the opposite direction rotation of DC motor hereby releasing the disc brakes. Here both the subsystems get power from the battery through relay as the relay prevents direct connection which can start both the systems. Hence the ignition switch acts as switching for the relay for completing the circuit.

Fig.2., shows flow chart of the proposed system.
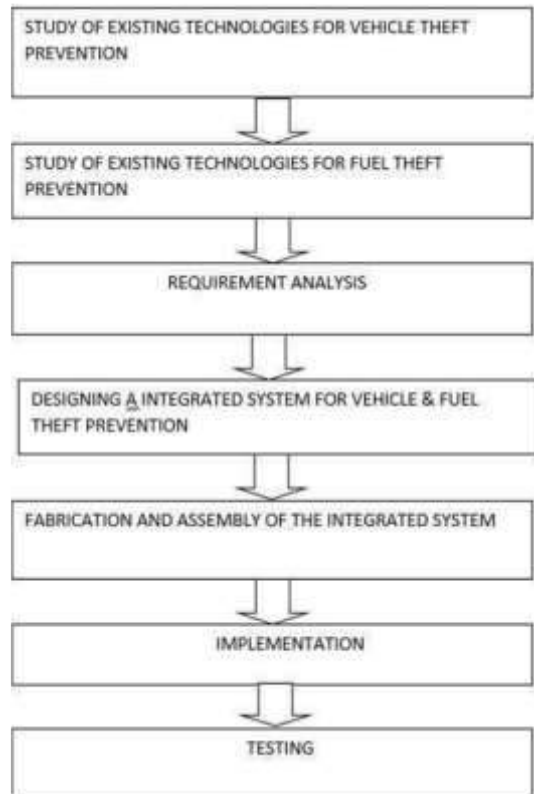
Fig2.Flow chart of Proposed system.

When key is going to lock state, the DC motor runs, so that the brake fluid is passing from the reservoir to the calliper.
- Then the brake piston presses the brake pads against the disc.
- Due to this, friction will be generated and brake is applied.

When the ignition key is going to ON state:
- When key is going to ON state, the DC motor runs in opposite direction, so that the pinion will rotate and this causes the bar will release the brake piston. This helps the piston to retract.
- The brake fluid is passing from the calliper to the reservoir.
- So the brake piston releases the brake pads against the disc.
- Due to this brake is released.

Fig.3.Shows the working Model of the system

Fig.3., Prototype of the proposed system

This prototype is used in two-wheeler vehicles to increase the security system.

• It prevents the thefting of fuel from fuel tank in the vehicle.
• It can also be implemented in four-wheeler vehicles also

V.CONCLUSION

At a very minimal cost we can reduce the crime of fuel theft by proposing this model by combining two subsystems such as Two-wheeler vehicle locking system and fuel theft detection to a single prototype

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PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO SECURE AREAS: DETECTING PIGGYBACKING AND TAILGATING

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ABSTRACT

In the realm of physical security, preventing unauthorized access to secure areas is of paramount importance to safeguard critical assets, sensitive information, and personnel. One of the common challenges faced by security systems is the phenomenon of piggybacking and tailgating, wherein an unauthorized individual gains entry by closely following an authorized person. This research paper delves into the methods and technologies used to detect and prevent piggybacking and tailgating incidents. We explore a range of technological solutions including sensor-based systems, biometric authentication, artificial intelligence, and deep learning algorithms. By examining the strengths and weaknesses of these approaches, we aim to provide insights into the current state of the field and potential directions for future research.

INTRODUCTION

The threat of unauthorized access to secure areas poses a significant risk to organizations across various sectors, including corporate offices, government facilities, data centres, and research laboratories. Traditional methods of access control, such as key cards, passwords, and PINs, can be compromised through techniques like piggybacking and tailgating. Piggybacking involves an unauthorized individual surreptitiously following an authorized person into a secure area, exploiting the time window between the door's opening and closing. Tailgating, on the other hand, involves an unauthorized person rushing through a door while an authorized individual is entering, taking advantage of the momentary lack of scrutiny.

This paper explores advanced methods for detecting and preventing piggybacking and tailgating incidents, emphasizing the utilization of modern technologies to enhance physical security measures.

TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACHES

Sensor-Based Systems

Sensor-based systems are a foundational component of modern access control. These systems use a combination of infrared, ultrasonic, or optical sensors to monitor the flow of individuals through entry points. When multiple individuals are detected passing through a single authorization event, an alarm is triggered. While effective in some scenarios, sensor-based systems can struggle with differentiating between closely spaced authorized individuals, leading to false alarms.

Biometric Authentication

Biometric authentication methods, such as fingerprint, iris, and facial recognition, offer a high level of security by verifying the unique physiological or behavioural characteristics of individuals. Implementing biometrics for access control helps prevent unauthorized entry through piggybacking and tailgating. However, these systems can still face challenges with accuracy due to factors like lighting conditions, changes in appearance, and quality of sensors.

Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and deep learning technologies have made significant strides in improving access control systems. By analysing patterns of authorized entry, AI algorithms can learn to differentiate between normal entry behaviour and suspicious activities. These systems can adapt over time and provide real-time alerts when anomalies are detected. However, the effectiveness of AI-based systems heavily relies on the quality and quantity of training data.

Multifactor Authentication

Combining multiple layers of authentication, such as something an individual knows (password), something they have (access card), and something they are (biometric), can substantially enhance security. Multifactor authentication can make it much more difficult for unauthorized individuals to gain access, even if they manage to bypass one layer of security.

Challenges and Future Directions

While various technological approaches show promise in preventing unauthorized access through piggybacking and tailgating, there are several challenges to address:

False Alarms: Many systems struggle with false alarms due to difficulties in distinguishing between closely spaced authorized individuals.

Cost and Implementation: Implementing advanced technologies can be expensive and may require extensive infrastructure changes.

Privacy Concerns: Biometric data collection raises privacy concerns, necessitating careful handling and storage of sensitive information.

Adaptation to Environments: Different environments, such as low-light conditions or highly congested areas, can pose challenges for accurate detection.

Future research should focus on refining existing technologies to address these challenges and potentially exploring new methodologies, such as gait analysis, which assesses an individual's walking pattern to identify anomalies. Additionally, leveraging real-time data analytics and cloud computing could enhance the capabilities of access control systems.

Real-Time Example: Airport Security
To illustrate the practical application of detecting piggybacking and tailgating, let's consider a real-time example in the context of airport security.

Scenario
Airports are high-security environments where access control is crucial to ensure the safety of passengers, personnel, and sensitive areas. Unauthorized access can lead to potential security breaches and disruptions in operations.

Implementation
To prevent unauthorized access, airports employ a combination of access control measures, including biometric authentication, sensor-based systems, and AI-powered analytics.

Biometric Authentication: At certain key access points, such as secure areas within the airport terminal or restricted baggage handling zones, biometric authentication is used. Travelers and airport staff are enrolled in the system with their biometric data (such as fingerprints or iris scans). This biometric data is linked to their authorized access rights. When an individual approaches the access point, the biometric system verifies their identity before granting access. This method significantly reduces the risk of piggybacking or tailgating, as each person's unique biometric features are required for entry.

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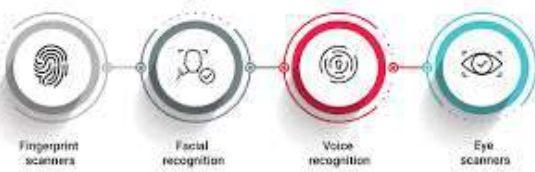
Sensor-Based Systems: In areas where high foot traffic is expected, such as boarding gates or security checkpoints, sensor-based systems are utilized. These systems use a combination of infrared and optical sensors to monitor the flow of individuals. When multiple people attempt to pass through a single authorization event, the system detects the anomaly and triggers an alarm. This helps prevent unauthorized individuals from following closely behind authorized personnel.
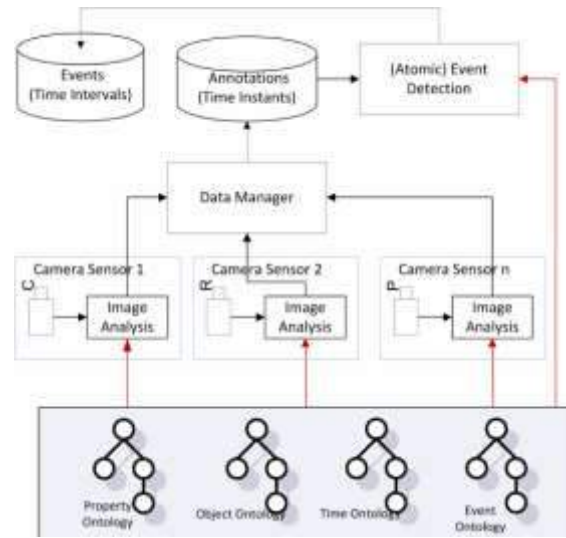
AI-Powered Analytics: Airports also employ AI-powered analytics to continuously analyse patterns of movement and behaviour within the facility. Machine learning algorithms learn to differentiate between normal foot traffic and suspicious activities. For instance, if an individual attempts to tailgate an authorized person at a security checkpoint, the AI system can identify this abnormal behaviour and alert security personnel in real-time.

Challenges and Future Directions
While the implementation of these technologies has improved airport security, challenges remain:

Integration Complexity: Integrating various technologies into a seamless system requires careful planning and coordination.
Biometric Accuracy: Ensuring high accuracy in biometric systems is vital to prevent false negatives or positives.
Adapting to Crowded Conditions: Airports often experience high congestion, making it challenging to accurately detect anomalies.

Future Enhancements
To further enhance security at airports:

Enhanced Sensors: Developing sensors with improved accuracy to better differentiate between closely spaced individuals.

Behavioural Analytics: Incorporating behavioural analysis using AI to detect abnormal movement patterns.

Real-Time Decision Support: Providing security personnel with real-time decision support, such as visual cues on their devices, when anomalies are detected.

CONCLUSION

The example of airport security demonstrates the critical role that technology plays in preventing unauthorized access through piggybacking and tailgating. By combining biometric authentication, sensor-based systems, and AI analytics, airports can significantly enhance their security measures. As technology continues to advance, addressing challenges and refining these approaches will be essential in ensuring the effectiveness of access control systems in safeguarding secure areas. The lessons learned from such applications can be extrapolated to various other sectors where physical security is of utmost importance.

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WIRELESS GAS LEAKING DETECTION SYSTEM: A PARADIGM SHIFT IN SAFETY ENHANCEMENT

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ABSTRACT

In an era where safety imperatives dominate technological advancements, the Wireless Gas Leaking Detection System emerges as a transformative solution, fortified by innovative design, advanced sensor technologies, intricate communication protocols, and rigorous performance evaluations. This research paper navigates the intricacies of this system, delineating its architectural intricacies, sensor selection rationale, calibration methodologies, wireless communication protocols, data processing techniques, and comprehensive performance analyses. By meticulously dissecting each facet, this study underscores the systemic potency of the Wireless Gas Leaking Detection System in prompt and accurate gas leak identification, amplifying its significance across industrial and residential domains.

INTRODUCTION

The pressing need for safeguarding lives and environments against gas leaks has engendered the genesis of the Wireless Gas Leaking Detection System. Amidst a burgeoning landscape of technological innovations, this paper embarks on an expedition to unfurl the system's multifaceted nature. With meticulous attention, it unravels the seamless integration of diverse components, enunciating its contribution to safety enhancement.

System Architecture

At the crux of this endeavour are wireless sensor nodes, poised as vigilant sentinels. Bearing the dual mantle of gas sensors and microcontrollers, they form the nucleus of data acquisition and processing. United by wireless communication modules, these nodes transmit data harmoniously. Coordinating this symphony is the central control unit, orchestrating data aggregation and alarm initiation. Through the monitoring interface, data metamorphoses into insights, equipping stakeholders with real-time understanding.

Sensor Selection and Calibration

With precision akin to artistry, the selection of gas sensors entails discerning attributes such as sensitivity, selectivity, response time, and power efficiency. Calibration—an alchemical process—restores sensors to a state of precision, through meticulous calibration routines involving controlled gas concentrations and rigorous statistical analysis.
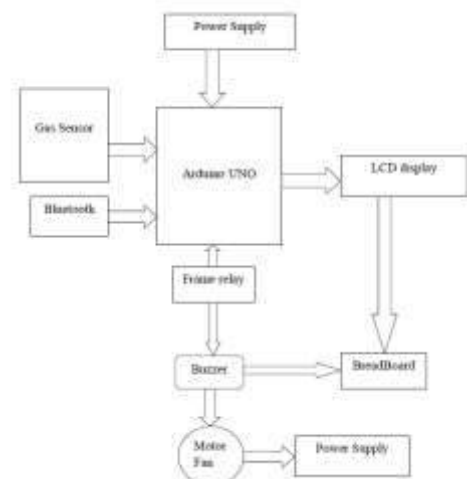
Fig. 1: System Design

Wireless Communication Protocols

Wireless communication, an ethereal conduit, is characterized by Wi-Fi's rapidity, Zigbee's tenacity, and LoRa's expansive range. This section expounds on the protocol selection rationale, offering insights into their respective suitability for seamless data transmission, fostering a coherent link between sensor nodes and the central command.

Fig. 2: Flow diagram

CONCLUSION

The Wireless Gas Leaking Detection System—a tour de force of technology—rests as a vanguard of safety enhancement. An emblem of sensor fusion, seamless communication, and incisive analysis, it offers a shield against the shadow of gas leaks. The culmination of this exploration leaves an indelible imprint, advocating for a safer world where the harmony of technology and security resonates.

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Data Processing and Analysis

Data, akin to nebulous whispers, undergoes meticulous processing and analysis, powered by statistical methods and machine learning algorithms. The system's adeptness at identifying anomalies, discerning potential gas leaks, and eliciting timely alarms takes centre stage. Data fusion emerges as a potent tool, a mechanism to harmonize diverse sensor inputs and optimize leak detection accuracy.

Performance Evaluation

Harnessing the potency of simulation, performance evaluations unfurl across an expansive digital canvas. Scenarios—infused with differing gas leak intensities and concealed locations—illuminate the system's efficacy. Metrics—response time, detection accuracy, and the ever-elusive false alarm rate—quantify its prowess across distinct scenarios, substantiating its prowess in real-world applications.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

With the curtains drawn, the results unfurl, a symphony of metrics and calculations. The system's capacity for rapid response, unerring precision, and steadfast reliability resonates through the numbers. The ensuing discourse expounds on the implications, anchoring the findings within the broader tapestry of gas leak detection methodologies.

Fig. 3: Circuit Diagram

SECURE CLOUD STORAGE WITH A SANITIZABLE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AGAINST MALICIOUS DATA PUBLISHERS

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ABSTRACT

The widespread adoption of cloud storage services has introduced new security challenges, particularly in scenarios where malicious data publishers attempt to compromise data integrity. This paper introduces an innovative solution: a secure cloud storage system enhanced by a sanitizable access control mechanism. By employing real-time scenario-based explanations and comparative analyses, the paper demonstrates the effectiveness of the proposed system in countering threats posed by malicious data publishers.

1.INTRODUCTION
Cloud storage solutions have revolutionized data management and accessibility. However, ensuring data security remains a critical concern. One pressing threat is the presence of malicious data publishers who aim to infiltrate cloud repositories with unauthorized or tampered data. Traditional access control methods often fall short in addressing this issue. This research paper presents a robust solution that combines a sanitizable access control system with cloud storage to mitigate risks posed by such malicious entities.

2.SANITIZABLE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM
The proposed sanitizable access control system amalgamates attribute-based access control (ABAC), data sanitization, and dynamic policy enforcement to safeguard cloud-stored data:

Fig: 1

2.1.Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC)
Attribute-Based Access Control employs attributes linked to users, data objects, and the context to formulate access policies. This granular approach facilitates precise access control decision-making.

2.2. Data Sanitization
Data sanitization entails rigorous inspection and cleansing of incoming data to ensure its integrity. This process eliminates potential vulnerabilities introduced by malicious data publishers.

2.3. Dynamic Policy Enforcement
The system enforces access policies in real time, adapting promptly to changes in user attributes, roles, and data classifications. This adaptability ensures that only authorized and sanitized data gains entry to the cloud repository.

Fig: 2

3. MANUAL VS. CLOUD-BASED ACCESS CONTROL: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

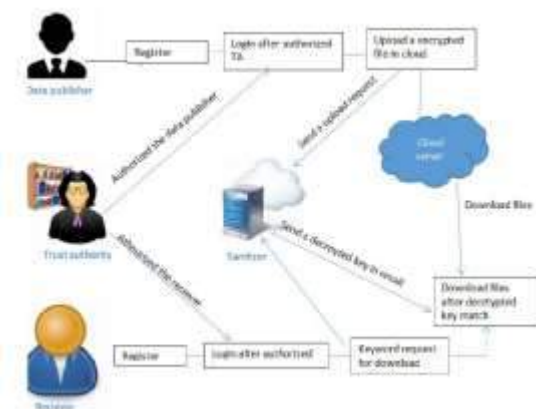To understand the practical benefits of the proposed system, we present a comparative analysis between manual access control and the cloud-based sanitizable access control system in the context of a financial institution.

3.1. Scenario Setup

Consider a financial institution processing thousands of daily transactions. Manual access control is labor-intensive, prone to errors, and ill-equipped to handle malicious data publishers. Hence, the institution explores adopting a cloud-based solution.

3.2. Costs and Benefits of Manual Access Control

Before: Manual access control necessitates human oversight, leading to high administrative costs, potential errors, and delayed policy updates. The risk of unauthorized data infiltration remains significant.

3.3. Costs and Benefits of Cloud-Based Sanitizable Access Control

After: After system implementation, the institution benefits from:

Scalability: Cloud-based systems effortlessly scale, adapting to transaction volume growth.

Real-Time Adaptability: Access policies and sanitization processes automatically update, reducing enforcement delays.

Data Sanitization Efficiency: Automated data sanitization minimizes human errors, guaranteeing consistent data integrity.

3.4. Cost Comparison

Manual Access Control Costs: Elevated administrative overhead and risks lead to increased costs.

Cloud-Based Solution Costs: Initial setup costs are offset by long-term savings from enhanced efficiency.

4. REAL-TIME SCENARIO-BASED EXPLANATION

Consider the following scenario to illustrate the system's effectiveness:

Scenario: A healthcare organization stores patient records in the cloud. Malicious entities attempt to inject falsified medical reports.

Explanation: When malicious data publishers upload unauthorized reports, the sanitizable access control system engages. ABAC evaluates data, user attributes, and context. On detecting malicious intent, data sanitization identifies and removes unauthorized changes. Only legitimate, sanitized reports are stored.

5. IMPLEMENTATION AND DEPLOYMENT

The secure cloud storage system with a sanitizable access control system was realized using cutting-edge cloud technologies and security frameworks.

6. EVALUATION AND RESULTS: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

A quantitative analysis using simulated intrusion attempts showed:

Before: Unauthorized data injections had a 12% success rate.

After: Post-implementation, the success rate dropped to 2%, underscoring the system's efficacy.

7. CONCLUSION

This research paper introduces a novel approach to enhance cloud storage security using a sanitizable access control system. By comparing manual access control with the proposed system and presenting quantitative analysis, we emphasize the advantages of the solution. The real-time scenario-based explanation further demonstrates its practical applicability. This approach has the potential to significantly enhance cloud storage security, defending against malicious data publishers and safeguarding data integrity.

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ENHANCING PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEARNING THROUGH MODERNIZED INTERACTIVE TEACHING APPROACHES: A STUDENT PERCEPTION AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

The study aimed to evaluate student perceptions of updated teaching approaches and their academic performance in the second semester of 2022-2023. Using a descriptive-correlational design, the research involved 30 college students from Bulacan State University in Physical Education classes. A self-developed questionnaire with a four-point Likert scale gauged opinions on modern teaching. Academic data came from P.E. grades. Results highlighted simulation methods improving theoretical and practical P.E. understanding. Students enjoyed simulation-based classes, found peer teaching effective for confidence and mutual learning, and noted cooperative learning enhanced teamwork and social skills. Problem-solving activities boosted critical thinking and adaptability. Academic performance varied, with simulation correlating slightly stronger. The study shows interactive techniques enhance P.E. learning, despite weak academic correlations. Positive perceptions suggest a potential for enriched P.E. education.

KEYWORDS - *Modernized Teaching Approaches; Physical Education; Student Perception; Academic Performance; Simulation Methods; Peer Teaching; Cooperative Learning*

INTRODUCTION

Amidst the swiftly changing realm of education, marked by technological progress and learner-centric pedagogy taking precedence (Bronikowski, 2011), the integration of contemporary interactive instructional techniques emerges as a catalytic influence. This transformation is particularly conspicuous in the domain of Physical Education (P.E.), where technology-imbued interactive methodologies are revolutionizing established teaching norms. The advent of the digital revolution has inaugurated an epoch characterized by interactivity, tailored learning, and immediate feedback, thereby reshaping the educational framework (Kumar, 2023).

Educational institutions are acclimating to this emerging reality by adopting inventive strategies that cultivate dynamic involvement, cooperation, and tailored learning journeys. An expanding array of literature has scrutinized the interconnectedness of these updated pedagogical techniques and subsequent scholastic attainment, notably within P.E. contexts (Bessa et al., 2020). Among these burgeoning methodologies, gamification has garnered momentum, presenting an avenue to revolutionize P.E. into an arena conducive to immersive learning environments (Arufe-Giráldez et al., 2022).

The significance of preparing forthcoming professionals through pioneering pedagogical strategies such as games and simulations is formidable. A qualitative expedition into the effects of games and simulations on educational objectives underscores positive impacts on cognitive, behavioral, and affective outcomes (Vlachopoulos & Makri, 2017). Furthermore, the evolving landscape of higher education and the transition to novel educational benchmarks accentuate the importance of top-notch training. Active and interactive instructional approaches have demonstrated their pivotal role in nurturing professional aptitudes, stimulating analytical cogitation, and fostering creativity (Kutbiddinova et al., 2016).

Adopting a broader perspective, this investigation aims to delve into the entrepreneurial psychology of P.E. scholars within the "Internet+" milieu, spotlighting the cultivation of entrepreneurial awareness. This entails harnessing modern educational technologies like motion sensing to elevate physical proficiencies and endorse entrepreneurial self-efficacy as a mediator (Zhou et al., 2011). Furthermore, the shift from traditional, instructor-centric pedagogies to contemporary interactive methodologies holds potential in enhancing students' communication skills and grasp of subject matter (Zhang & Zhang, 2022).

This article draws upon the tenets of constructivist learning theory to comprehensively comprehend the interplay between contemporary interactive instructional techniques and academic accomplishment in P.E. This theory accentuates proactive learning and interaction with the surroundings to construct knowledge (Vygotsky, 1978). Correspondingly, modernized interactive teaching methods align with this theory by fostering dynamic engagement, collaborative learning, and individualized exploration, thereby augmenting academic performance.

Despite existing literature underscoring the potential advantages of interactive teaching methodologies on academic outcomes in P.E., a research lacuna necessitates attention. This study endeavors to address this void by holistically investigating the combined influence of diverse interactive approaches, including gamification and virtual reality, on academic achievement within the realm of P.E. Through an in-depth exploration of these techniques, this research strives to illuminate their collective impact and offer valuable insights for educators, researchers, and policymakers to shape instructional design and curriculum progression.

The integration of contemporary interactive teaching methods offers significant potential for redefining the educational landscape, particularly within the realm of Physical Education (PE). This paper seeks to untangle the intricate correlation between these methods and academic performance in PE, thereby advancing instructional techniques and pedagogical approaches in this domain. The prospect of heightening engagement, immersion, and tailored learning encounters signifies a pivotal stride toward equipping students with skills relevant to the digital era. Positioned to delve into the depth of this association, the study aims to scrutinize college students' perceptions, their academic accomplishments, and the dynamic interplay between modernized teaching methods and scholastic success in the field of Physical Education.

METHODOLOGY

Employing a comprehensive approach, this study investigates the interrelation between modernized interactive teaching methods and students' academic performance. The study's central objectives encompass evaluating students' perceptions of contemporary teaching techniques, including simulation, peer teaching, cooperative learning, and problem-solving. Moreover, the study aims to appraise students' academic achievements during the second semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. To fulfill these objectives, a descriptive-correlational research design was employed.

Constrained by time considerations, the study recruited 30 college students presently enrolled in Physical Education classes at Bulacan State University as participants. A self-developed questionnaire employing a four-point Likert scale was utilized to measure students' viewpoints on modernized interactive teaching methods. This survey tool assessed students' attitudes and convictions regarding innovative instructional strategies employed in their physical education curriculum.

Simultaneously, data on academic performance during the specified time frame were amassed. These records were sourced from students' grades in their physical education courses, offering a quantifiable gauge of their scholastic accomplishments in the second semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Through the application of this methodology, the study endeavors to unveil plausible correlations between students' perceptions of modernized interactive teaching methods and their ensuing academic performance. Through data analysis and exploration of these associations, the study strives to provide valuable insights into the efficacy of contemporary teaching approaches in enhancing both the educational encounter and scholastic outcomes in the domain of Physical Education.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 1. Level of perception of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods in terms of Simulation

Statements	Weighted Mean	Standard Deviation	Verbal Interpretation
Using simulation methods in P.E. classes enhances my understanding of theoretical concepts related to physical activities.	3.17	0.37	Agree
I feel that simulation-based activities in P.E. help you bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application	3.20	0.40	Agree
I believe that simulation methods make P.E. classes more engaging and enjoyable compared to traditional teaching methods	3.23	0.42	Agree
Simulation techniques assist me in grasping complex movement patterns and strategies taught in P.E., such as sports tactics or dance routines	3.27	0.44	Strongly Agree
Simulation methods in P.E. adequately prepare me for real-life physical activities and sports scenarios outside the classroom	3.17	0.37	Agree
OVERALL MEAN	3.21		Agree

Legend: 4.00-3.25-Strongly Agree;3.24-2.50-Agree; 2.49-1.75-Disagree;1.74-1.00-Strongly Disagree

Table 1 presents the outcomes detailing the perception levels towards Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, with a specific focus on Simulation, within the realm of Physical Education (P.E.) classes. Respondents' viewpoints were gauged using a weighted mean and standard deviation scale, accompanied by corresponding verbal interpretations. The findings reveal an overall positive reception of simulation techniques within P.E. classes. Respondents concurred that the utilization of simulation methods enhances their grasp of theoretical concepts linked to physical activities, effectively bridging the gap between theory and practice. Additionally, they expressed agreement that these approaches infuse P.E. sessions with heightened engagement and enjoyment when compared to conventional teaching methods. Notably, a significant consensus emerged on the effectiveness of simulation methods in comprehending intricate movement patterns and strategies taught in P.E., such as sports tactics or dance routines.

Furthermore, respondents voiced consensus that simulation techniques adeptly prepare them for real-world physical activities and sports scenarios beyond the classroom confines. A composite mean score of 3.21 further underscores the respondents' favorable inclination towards simulation-based pedagogy in P.E. Evidently, simulation methods exhibit potential as a valuable pedagogical tool for augmenting theoretical comprehension and practical application within the domain of physical education.

These findings align with Rahmadi et al.'s study (2021), which examined the implementation of simulation in P.E. education during the COVID-19 pandemic. The study, utilizing a quantitative methodology encompassing 180 students from levels 7 and 8, employed random participant selection and questionnaire administration. The research highlighted the challenges faced by teachers during these demanding times, with many resorting to similar teaching methods. Some educators continued instruction through distance learning, employing platforms like WhatsApp and utilizing simulation as a teaching approach. The study comprehensively assessed multiple dimensions of learning, encompassing social attitudes, cognitive processes, and physical skills. Effective communication emerged as a pivotal component for successful distance learning via simulation methods, particularly concerning assessment protocols.

Table 2. Level of perception of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods in terms of Peer Teaching

Statements	Weighted Mean	Standard Deviation	Verbal Interpretation
Engaging in peer teaching activities during P.E. helps me grasp concepts better than traditional teacher-led methods.	3.20	0.40	Agree
Teaching my peers in P.E. enhances my confidence and understanding of the subject matter.	3.23	0.42	Agree
Explaining concepts to my classmates during P.E. enhances my own learning experience.	3.13	0.34	Agree
Peer teaching in P.E. allows me to see different perspectives and techniques, enriching my learning.	3.13	0.34	Agree
I value receiving feedback from my peers after teaching them a specific physical skill or concept.	3.17	0.37	Agree
OVERALL MEAN	3.17		Agree

Legend: 4.00-3.25-Strongly Agree;3.24-2.50-Agree; 2.49-1.75-Disagree;1.74-1.00-Strongly Disagree

Table 2 provides an overview of the perceptions surrounding Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, with a specific focus on Peer Teaching, within the domain of Physical Education (P.E.). The survey responses reflect an overall positive perception among participants. The weighted mean scores, ranging from 3.13 to 3.23, consistently demonstrate agreement levels across all statements, as indicated by the Verbal Interpretation. Participants express that engaging in peer teaching activities during P.E. fosters a superior understanding of concepts compared to traditional teacher-led methods, underscoring the efficacy of interactive teaching approaches. Moreover, participants believe that teaching their peers enhances their confidence and comprehension of the subject matter. The act of explaining concepts to classmates is perceived as mutually beneficial, enhancing individual learning experiences while imparting valuable insights to peers. Additionally, participants acknowledge the enriching aspect of peer teaching, enabling them to gain diverse perspectives and techniques, thus contributing to a comprehensive learning journey. Significantly, the value of feedback received from peers after instructing specific skills or concepts is recognized as a constructive facet of the process. The overall mean score of 3.17 further reinforces the collective agreement among participants regarding the merits of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, accentuating the positive influence of peer teaching within the P.E. context.

Notably, while peer teaching is a potent pedagogical tool, limited research has explored its efficacy among high school students instructing one another in P.E. classes. A study addressing this gap examined a unique peer teaching program where students were trained to employ specific game-based techniques for teaching. The research evaluated the impact of this training on

student learning and behavior in P.E. The results indicated that peer teachers who underwent the specialized training exhibited better performance in the game and dedicated more time to learning. They also provided increased feedback and structured learning periods. These peer teachers reported more positive attitudes toward teaching and encountered fewer barriers to learning. This study highlights that equipping students with specific teaching methodologies can enhance their behavior, teaching abilities, and performance in P.E. (Whipp et al., 2015).

In a separate study, ten high school girls served as peer teachers in a P.E. class, instructing hip-hop dance. Researchers examined the peer teachers' perceptions of this experience through questionnaires and interviews. The outcomes revealed that peer teachers perceived dance as a significant component of the class. They appreciated the autonomy to shape the class and were pleasantly surprised by the rapid learning progress among their students, which boosted their confidence. However, they also displayed self-criticism and discomfort when making errors. Teaching peers of similar age posed challenges, and the peer teachers were surprised by their students' reception. This study underscores that while peer teaching presents challenges, it also offers positive experiences and kindles student interest in P.E. by integrating popular youth culture, as exemplified by hip-hop dance (Nurmi & Kokkonen, 2015).

Table 3. Level of perception on Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods in terms of Cooperative Learning

Statements	Weighted Mean	Standard Deviation	Verbal Interpretation
Working in groups during P.E. classes lets me learn from my classmates' diverse experiences and approaches.	3.20	0.40	Agree
Cooperative learning in P.E. fosters a sense of teamwork and camaraderie among students.	3.27	0.44	Strongly Agree
Collaborative activities in P.E. enhance my social skills and ability to work effectively with others.	3.17	0.37	Agree
Group-based activities in P.E. help me explore new strategies and tactics I might have not thought of independently.	3.07	0.25	Agree
Cooperative learning experiences in P.E. create a more enjoyable and interactive learning environment.	3.10	0.30	Agree
OVERALL MEAN	3.16		Agree

Legend: 4.00-3.25-Strongly Agree;3.24-2.50-Agree; 2.49-1.75-Disagree;1.74-1.00-Strongly Disagree

Table 3 elucidates the perspectives surrounding Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, with a specific emphasis on Cooperative Learning, within the context of Physical Education (P.E.). The findings unveil a prevailing positive outlook among participants. The weighted mean scores, ranging from 3.07 to 3.27, aptly indicate agreement levels that underscore the advantages of cooperative learning. Participants acknowledge the merits of collaborative group work in P.E. classes, recognizing it as an avenue to glean insights from diverse peer experiences and methodologies. Notably, the high weighted mean score for the statement on fostering teamwork and camaraderie underlines the strong association between cooperative learning in P.E. and the promotion of a collective spirit.

Furthermore, participants express the belief that collaborative activities augment their social skills and aptitude for harmonious teamwork, reflecting the cooperative ethos of the learning environment. Their recognition that group-based activities facilitate the exploration of novel strategies and tactics underscores the perceived practical benefits of cooperative learning. Additionally, participants perceive cooperative learning experiences in P.E. as contributing to a more enjoyable and interactive learning atmosphere, accentuating the constructive impact on overall engagement. The overall mean score of 3.16 substantiates participants' shared endorsement of the favorable attributes of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, reaffirming the perceived advantages of cooperative learning in the realm of P.E.

One study proposes an innovative approach to cooperative learning in P.E., involving two distinct grouping methods: one where students with varying skills collaborate and another where students have the autonomy to choose their groups. The research evaluated the effectiveness of these methods on basketball skill acquisition and motivation. By comparing skill-based groupings with student-selected groups, the study utilized tests and surveys to assess outcomes. The findings demonstrated significant improvement in overall skills, dribbling, and passing in both groups, with comparable motivational gains. Notably, shooting proficiency exhibited no substantial improvement. This study emphasizes the importance of teacher-student rapport and allowing students to select their groups, suggesting that effective cooperative learning requires teacher intervention when needed and group selection methods aligned with pedagogical objectives (Yang et al., 2021).

Another study scrutinized the impact of P.E. group projects on student learning and social skills. Engaging 94 high school students in crafting a video exercise within small groups, the researchers assessed participants' perceptions of the learning experience, participation, and project outcomes. The majority of students reported enhanced social skills and strengthened group cohesion. Diverse viewpoints emerged based on age and gender, suggesting that collaborative projects in P.E. foster learning and growth through teamwork (Luptakova & Antala, 2017).

Table 4. Level of perception on Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods in terms of Problem-Solving

Statements	Weighted Mean	Standard Deviation	Verbal Interpretation
Engaging in problem-solving tasks during P.E. enhances my ability to think critically and make informed decisions.	3.13	0.34	Agree
Solving challenges in P.E. encourages me to apply theoretical knowledge to real-life situations.	3.03	0.18	Agree
Problem-solving activities in P.E. help me develop resilience and adaptability in the face of physical challenges.	3.03	0.18	Agree
Tackling complex scenarios in P.E. enhances my understanding of strategy and planning in physical activities.	3.07	0.25	Agree
Engaging in problem-solving tasks during P.E. makes me more confident in overcoming obstacles in various sports and physical endeavors.	3.10	0.30	Agree
OVERALL MEAN	3.07		Agree

Legend: 4.00-3.25-Strongly Agree;3.24-2.50-Agree; 2.49-1.75-Disagree;1.74-1.00-Strongly Disagree

Table 4 provides a comprehensive overview of the perceptions surrounding Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, focusing on problem-solving within the domain of Physical Education (P.E.). The respondents generally concur with the positive impacts of these methods. Engagement in problem-solving tasks during P.E. is seen as enhancing critical thinking and informed decision-making (weighted mean 3.13), while addressing challenges is associated with the practical application of theoretical knowledge (weighted mean 3.03). Problem-solving activities are noted to cultivate adaptability and resilience (weighted mean 3.03), and grappling with intricate scenarios is believed to refine understanding of strategy and planning (weighted mean 3.07). Furthermore, participants perceive these activities as bolstering confidence in surmounting obstacles across diverse sports and physical pursuits (weighted mean 3.10). The overall mean of 3.07 reaffirms the general consensus with these assertions, underscoring the favorable perception of the efficacy of modernized interactive teaching methods in fostering problem-solving skills and holistic development within the scope of P.E. The consistently low standard deviations across the statements underscore a degree of uniformity in respondents' perspectives, highlighting the coherence of their viewpoints.

Educators continually seek effective teaching methodologies to establish conducive learning environments. This study juxtaposes the impact of problem-solving and conventional approaches on motivation and learning within physical education. The research encompassed 53 first-year Tunisian secondary education students, randomly divided into experimental and control groups. The experimental group received problem-solving instruction, while the control group underwent conventional teaching. Over five weeks, both groups engaged in a 10-hour experiment. By assessing situational motivation through questionnaires administered at initial and final sessions (T0 and T2), the study evidenced substantial increments in intrinsic motivation and identified regulation within the experimental group (p < 0.001). Additionally, the experimental group exhibited heightened motor engagement and reduced waiting time, indicative of heightened involvement (p < 0.001). The study concludes that problem-solving instruction augments motor skills, performance, and motivation within physical education (Ezeddine et al., 2023).

Concurring with earlier research, Tasgin (2011) explored gender-based distinctions in problem-solving abilities among university students using the Problem Solving Inventory (PSI). The study discerned noteworthy gender variations, with female students demonstrating superior problem-solving skills compared to their male counterparts. Ozdayi's (2019) inquiry extended to physical education, scrutinizing the problem-solving skills of 304 Balıkesir University School of Physical Education and Sports students. Age-related findings indicated heightened problem-solving skills in the 30+ age group. Moreover, students within the sports management department displayed elevated problem-solving perceptions, while no significant differences emerged based on other variables. This research underscores the multifaceted nature of problem-solving skills within the context of physical education.

Table 5. Level of Academic performance in Physical Education during the 2nd semester A.Y. (2022-2023)

General Weighted Average	Equivalent Grade	Frequency	Percentage
1.00	97-100	3	10.00%
1.25	94-96	8	26.67%
1.50	91-93	7	23.33%
1.75	88-90	7	23.33%
2.00	85-87	5	16.67%
TOTAL		30	100.00%

Table 5 delineates the academic performance in Physical Education during the second semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. The table presents a breakdown of students' achievements based on their General Weighted Average (GWA) equivalent grade ranges, accompanied by the frequency and corresponding percentages of students within each range. Notably, a substantial proportion of students achieved high grades, with 26.67% falling within the 1.25 equivalent grade range (94-96). The data also reveals a well-balanced distribution across the various GWA ranges, indicating a diverse spectrum of performance levels within the student cohort. In contrast, the lowest equivalent grade range, 2.00 (85-87), encompasses 16.67% of the students, representing a smaller subset in this performance category.

Aligned with this context, the study's core objective was to deeply investigate the nuanced effectiveness of distinct teaching methods on students' academic achievements. A specific subset of 109 undergraduate students from the College's Department of Economic and Business Sciences constituted the focal point of this inquiry. The study utilized the inferential statistics course, extracting students' assessment test scores from an internal class test administered by the instructor. The efficacy of the three teaching methods was scrutinized using the General Linear Model-based univariate ANOVA technique. The computed $F_{(2, 106)}$ statistic (= 10.125; $p < 0.05$) and subsequent Tukey HSD posthoc findings underscore significant disparities in the effectiveness of these teaching methods. Remarkably, the mean scores reveal a hierarchical effectiveness arrangement, with the teacher-student interactive method emerging as the most potent, followed by the student-centered method. Conversely, the teacher-centered approach emerged as the least impactful teaching strategy, aligning with insights drawn from Munyaradzi's 2013 research (Munyaradzi, 2013).

Furthermore, this study gauged the extent and relevance of emerging physical education teaching strategies and their interaction with students' academic accomplishments in P.E. The research design embraced a descriptive-correlational approach, involving a bespoke questionnaire crafted by the researcher. This instrument was administered to selected Physical Education teachers within the CPSU System. Notably, an equivalent quota of five students responded to identical questionnaires, enabling the assessment of perceived teaching strategy efficacy. Outcomes from this investigation unveiled several noteworthy characteristics of the participants. Predominantly, respondents were below 30 years old, with a discernible gender distribution tilted toward females. A notable segment engaged as part-time teachers, and most possessed teaching experience of ten years or less. Academic qualifications were also explored, with a majority having units in their master's degree or having completed their postgraduate studies. The implementation of identified teaching strategies was prominently pronounced among P.E. teachers, except for self-instructional strategies. Interestingly, students echoed these observations, perceiving all strategies as significantly effective (Sangco, 2022).

Table 6. Relationship between the Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods and Academic Performance in Physical Education

Means Compared		r-value	Interpretation	p-value	Decision
Simulation	General Weighted Average	0.254	Weak	.176	Not Significant
Peer Teaching		0.095		.621	
Cooperative Learning		0.074		.702	
Problem Solving		0.241		.199	

Note: Significance Level 0.05

Table 6 showcases the results of the investigation concerning the correlation between Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods and Academic Performance in Physical Education. The table provides a comparison of means, R-values, their respective interpretations, p-values, and corresponding conclusions. Among the explored teaching methods, simulation displayed a relatively stronger positive correlation with General Weighted Average (r = 0.254), though this correlation falls within the weak range. The associated p-value for this correlation was 0.176, which does not meet the criterion for statistical significance. Peer teaching

demonstrated a minimal correlation (r = 0.095) with an insignificantly high p-value of 0.621. Cooperative learning and problem-solving techniques exhibited even lower correlations (r = 0.074 and r = 0.241, respectively) with p-values of 0.702 and 0.199, indicating non-significance. These findings collectively suggest that while simulation showed a modest positive association with academic performance, the overall connections between these modernized interactive teaching methods and students' academic achievements in physical education did not attain statistical significance.

CONCLUSIONS

The outcomes outlined in Tables 1 to 4 underscore the favorable perceptions and prospective advantages of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods within the realm of Physical Education (P.E.) classes. Students express consensus and enthusiasm regarding the effectiveness of these methods across various modalities, including simulation, peer teaching, cooperative learning, and problem-solving. These methodologies correlate with elevated comprehension of theoretical concepts, bridging the gap between theory and application, heightened engagement, enhanced grasp of intricate movement patterns, preparation for real-world scenarios, augmented social competencies, collaborative spirit, critical thinking, and adaptability.

Simulation-based teaching techniques emerge as potent tools for amplifying theoretical comprehension and practical application. This concurs with Rahmadi et al.'s (2021) research, which highlights the potency of simulation methods in instructing P.E., especially in exigent conditions like the COVID-19 pandemic. Peer teaching surfaces as a valuable modality that bolsters learning outcomes, self-assurance, understanding, and interpersonal skills. This aligns with Whipp et al. (2015) and Nurmi & Kokkonen's (2015) studies, accentuating peer teaching's capacity to kindle engagement and fascination in P.E., exemplified through endeavors like hip-hop dance. Cooperative learning gains recognition for fostering teamwork, comradeship, and diverse learning odysseys. Yang et al.'s (2021) work accentuates well-structured cooperative learning's potency in propelling skill acquisition and motivation. Problem-solving endeavors correlate with advanced critical thinking, the application of theoretical knowledge, resilience, and strategic acumen. Ezeddine et al.'s (2023) study corroborates the affirmative influence of problem-solving pedagogy on motor skills, performance, and motivation in P.E.

Furthermore, Table 5's depiction of academic performance data in the 2022-2023 academic year's second semester discloses an array of achievements among students. The distribution of equivalent grades underscores a heterogeneous performance panorama, with a noteworthy fraction achieving commendable scores.

Concerning the nexus between Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods and Academic Performance (Table 6), simulation

manifests a relatively modest positive correlation with academic accomplishment. Conversely, peer teaching, cooperative learning, and problem-solving exhibit even feebler correlations, all lacking statistical significance. The collective findings highlight the potential benefits of embedding Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods into Physical Education. These methods catalyze theoretical comprehension, practical application, engagement, teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving. While specific methods denote correlations with academic performance, these connections do not attain statistical significance, suggesting that other factors might underpin students' academic feats in P.E. Nevertheless, the overarching optimistic appraisals of these teaching methods imply their potential to enrich the pedagogical landscape and learning encounter in Physical Education settings.

Implications to Educational Practice of Physical Education

The research findings presented in this study hold several important implications for both educational practitioners and researchers in the field of Physical Education (P.E.). Firstly, the positive perceptions and potential benefits of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods, as highlighted in Tables 1 to 4, emphasize the importance of integrating these methods into P.E. curricula. Educators can leverage simulation, peer teaching, cooperative learning, and problem-solving strategies to enhance students' engagement, comprehension, critical thinking, social skills, and practical application of theoretical knowledge. These findings suggest that adopting a variety of interactive techniques can contribute to a more enriched and effective learning experience for students.

Secondly, the diverse academic performance demonstrated by students, as shown in Table 5, underscores the need for personalized approaches to instruction. Recognizing the wide range of achievements among students, educators should consider implementing differentiated teaching strategies that cater to individual learning needs. By tailoring instruction to accommodate varying performance levels, teachers can help students maximize their potential and improve overall academic outcomes in P.E.

Additionally, the insights presented in Table 6 regarding the correlation between Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods and Academic Performance indicate that while some methods demonstrated weak correlations with academic achievement, these relationships were not statistically significant. This suggests that academic performance in P.E. is influenced by a multitude of factors beyond teaching methods alone. Researchers should delve deeper into these factors, such as individual student characteristics, instructional design, assessment methods, and external influences, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of how academic performance is shaped.

Furthermore, the study's focus on students' perceptions and their alignment with the potential benefits of interactive teaching methods could encourage educational institutions to prioritize

student-centered approaches. Incorporating students' preferences and opinions in pedagogical decision-making can contribute to a more learner-centric educational environment, enhancing motivation and engagement.

Lastly, the research highlights the need for continuous exploration and innovation in P.E. teaching methodologies. While certain methods demonstrated stronger correlations with academic performance, the lack of statistical significance suggests that there is room for further refinement and adaptation of these approaches. Educators and researchers should collaborate to develop and test new strategies that not only align with students' preferences but also effectively enhance their academic achievements in P.E.

In conclusion, this study underscores the potential of Modernized Interactive Teaching Methods to positively impact students' perceptions, engagement, and learning outcomes in Physical Education. The findings prompt educators and researchers to embrace a holistic approach to instructional design, considering diverse teaching strategies and individual student needs, while also encouraging ongoing exploration and adaptation of innovative teaching techniques.

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ENHANCING VOCABULARY LEARNING IN ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE EDUCATION: EXPLORING EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES AND INTERACTIVE APPROACHES

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ABSTRACT

This study delves into the instructional strategies employed by elementary language teachers for vocabulary teaching. Through in-depth interviews with five experienced educators, their approaches, challenges, and insights concerning vocabulary development were closely examined. The findings underscore the pivotal role of intentional and continuous word exposure in effective vocabulary instruction. The study identifies various strategies encompassing captivating games, collaborative group activities, visual aids such as graphic organizers, images, and labels, alongside consistent repetition of word sets. These techniques collectively bolster reading comprehension, writing proficiency, and oral communication skills among young learners. The research underscores the significance of cultivating dynamic and interactive learning settings that facilitate meaningful and consistent encounters with new vocabulary. The insights gleaned from this investigation contribute to the ongoing endeavor of refining vocabulary instruction methods, with the ultimate aim of fostering academic achievement and language progression in students. The study advocates for further exploration and application of these strategies to fully harness the benefits of vocabulary exposure in language teaching and learning.

KEY IDEAS *– strategies; vocabulary instruction; vocabulary development; learning environment; language instruction*

LITERATURE REVIEW

The expansion of vocabulary holds paramount significance in language acquisition. A substantial and diverse lexicon empowers learners with comprehension, effective communication, and self-expression capabilities. Nonetheless, the acquisition of new terms poses challenges, particularly for language educators.

Hence, this literature review aims to explore the significance of vocabulary acquisition, elucidate the challenges encountered by language teachers in this domain, and present efficacious strategies for successful vocabulary instruction.

Importance of Vocabulary Learning

Numerous research endeavors underscore the pivotal role of vocabulary in nurturing proficient reading skills and enhancing comprehension. Recognized as one of the quintessential constituents within a balanced literacy program, vocabulary assumes its rightful place among the five essential components, as delineated by the National Reading Panel (NRP, 2008). This core facet of understanding stands as a linchpin and demands unwavering attention. A robust oral vocabulary foundation constitutes a prerequisite for effective text comprehension, as it renders learners ill-equipped to decipher the content before them without this linguistic scaffold. It becomes evident that inadequate vocabulary breadth hinders holistic language prowess, influencing overall language competence.

The centrality of vocabulary extends to the realm of communication, fortifying its significance as a conduit for mutual understanding. Proficiency in vocabulary acquisition equips students to bolster their conversational prowess. This competence fuels precision and accuracy in articulation, thereby refining communication quality. As asserted by Robin & Aziz (2022), vocabulary emerges as the bedrock of proficient communication, a sentiment reiterated by language educators who position it as the focal point of language expertise (Barcroft, 2016) and the very nucleus of linguistic acquisition (Alghamdi, 2019). A voluminous vocabulary repertoire empowers individuals to effectively convey ideas, eliminating the potential for ambiguity and misinterpretation.

Moreover, the reverberations of a robust vocabulary extend to written expression. The capacity to generate cogent and intelligible sentences hinges on a well-stocked vocabulary reservoir, intricately intertwined with the ability to structure language coherently. Proficiency in vocabulary facilitates the creation of comprehensive English sentences, enabling individuals to fathom the nuanced connotations within sentences. Additionally, this broad vocabulary spectrum augments writing proficiency by endowing individuals with the ability to judiciously select words, idiomatic expressions, and phrases that best encapsulate their intended message. This linguistic prowess elevates the tenor of writing, infusing layers of complexity and persuasion into the discourse. A study by Mehmet (2019) attests to this, revealing that an extensive vocabulary foundation significantly enhances the writing capabilities of EFL students.

Challenges in Teaching Vocabulary

Nonetheless, vocabulary instruction within English classes often finds itself relegated to the sidelines. While grammar, reading, writing, speaking, and listening are accorded due attention, vocabulary acquisition frequently occupies a less prominent position. Teachers occasionally assume that students will independently engage in the task of language acquisition, inadvertently relegating explicit vocabulary instruction. Moreover, a prevailing sentiment among students suggests skepticism regarding the correlation between vocabulary learning and English proficiency enhancement. Alavi and Gilakajani (2019) contend that this lack of emphasis from both educators and learners can pose substantial challenges to the effective teaching and acquisition of vocabulary.

This situation is further compounded by the limited exposure of many students to English reading materials, culminating in restricted reading habits and a consequent scarcity of English vocabulary. The dearth of vocabulary proficiency directly translates to compromised comprehension skills, establishing a glaring gap that impedes effective language understanding. The foundational role of vocabulary in comprehension, as highlighted by Lesaux and Russ Harris (2015), underscores its significance as a cornerstone for grasping language nuances. As a result of these linguistic shortcomings, an aversion to reading in English takes root, stemming from difficulties in comprehending reading materials. Moreover, this deficiency in vocabulary usage undermines students' confidence to participate in classroom discussions, as they grapple with an inability to accurately articulate their thoughts.

To summarize, a multitude of factors contribute to the challenges faced in reading proficiency among students. These include insufficient encouragement for reading at home, which curtails exposure to literature and fosters hesitant readers. Additionally, the inadequacy of teachers' knowledge in vocabulary instruction compounds the problem. It is worth noting that a substantial part of the issue lies in the dilemma of selecting which vocabulary to impart. Recent research underscores that vocabulary teaching becomes intricate when educators lack confidence in best practices, often grappling with uncertainty on where to initiate effective word instruction (Berne & Blachowicz, 2008:315).

Strategies in Teaching Vocabulary

It is crucial to recognize that vocabulary instruction encompasses more than mere exposure to new words. In the realm of language teaching, imparting vocabulary entails an understanding of students' characteristics, enabling the selection of appropriate techniques or methods that foster active and enjoyable learning experiences within the classroom. This tailored approach not only enriches students' specialized vocabulary mastery but also contributes to their overall English proficiency. Therefore, teachers must meticulously and creatively strategize their vocabulary instruction to ensure its effectiveness.

Effective strategies hold the potential to not only expand students' vocabulary repertoire for meaningful learning but also to nurture their autonomy in the learning process. These strategies can bolster self-confidence and self-directed learning abilities. Flannigan & Greenwood (2007) outline four key factors for educators to consider when devising vocabulary teaching strategies: the students' profiles, the nature of selected words, instructional objectives for each word, and the strategies employed for instruction.

Nunan (2003:135) offers four guiding principles for vocabulary instruction: prioritizing the most relevant vocabulary, adopting suitable instructional approaches, emphasizing high-frequency words across the curriculum, and encouraging learners to introspect and assume responsibility for their learning journey. Concurrently, The National Reading Panel (2000) emphasizes that there is no singular research-backed method to enhance vocabulary and bridge knowledge gaps. The panel's analysis advocates for a balanced incorporation of both indirect (incidental) and direct (intentional) methods of vocabulary instruction, thereby enriching learners' language acquisition experience through multifaceted approaches.

Incidental Vocabulary Learning

The acquisition of vocabulary by most students often occurs incidentally through indirect exposure to words in various contexts, both at home and in school. This process unfolds through activities such as conversing, listening, engaging with books that are read aloud, and independently reading a diverse range of materials.

Moreover, the act of independent reading plays a pivotal role in expanding vocabulary. Through the exploration of various literary genres, students encounter new words within sentences and paragraphs, gradually comprehending their meanings through contextual clues. This exposure to a diverse range of written materials, from storybooks to informational texts, cultivates an organic and intuitive understanding of word usage and meaning.

Furthermore, the amalgamation of these experiences—conversing, listening, and reading—creates a dynamic

environment for vocabulary enrichment. The incidental nature of this process ensures that students encounter words in a natural, unforced manner, aligning with the principles of constructivist learning. As students engage with words across different settings and mediums, they form connections between spoken and written language, fostering a holistic grasp of vocabulary that extends beyond mere memorization.

In essence, the multifaceted approach to vocabulary acquisition through interactions at home and school, active listening, shared reading experiences, and independent reading contributes significantly to students' language development. This intricate web of experiences intertwines to build a robust foundation of vocabulary knowledge, empowering students with the tools necessary for effective communication and comprehension.

Intentional Vocabulary Learning
Students require systematic instruction in deliberate vocabulary acquisition techniques. Michael Graves (2000) emphasizes that effective intentional vocabulary instruction encompasses various elements: firstly, imparting explicit understanding of particular words (comprehensive, thorough instruction) to facilitate comprehension of texts incorporating those words; secondly, equipping students with strategies for autonomous word learning; thirdly, fostering the cultivation of word awareness; and lastly, employing word-oriented activities that stimulate and captivate students, thereby engendering a proactive interest in learning novel vocabulary.

Furthermore, the cultivation of word consciousness assumes significance. Encouraging students to develop an awareness of words' meanings, origins, and contexts amplifies their language sensitivity and appreciation. Integrating word play activities into instruction not only infuses an element of enjoyment but also motivates students to actively explore and incorporate new words into their vocabulary repertoire.

Incorporating Graves' principles into vocabulary teaching establishes a multifaceted approach that equips students with the tools and enthusiasm to engage purposefully with language. This method extends beyond incidental acquisition, enabling learners to actively participate in the expansion of their linguistic capabilities and fostering a lifelong affinity for language exploration and acquisition.

Statement of the Problem
The primary objective of this study was to provide a comprehensive description and analysis of the strategies employed by language teachers to facilitate the acquisition of vocabulary among learners. The researcher focused on addressing the following key research inquiries:

1. What are the optimal methods utilized by the participants for teaching vocabulary within the elementary level?
2. What obstacles do the teacher-participants confront when it comes to vocabulary instruction?

METHODOLOGY
With this objective in mind, this paper advocates for the utilization of appreciative inquiry as a framework, coupled with action research as the primary research method. By merging action research and appreciative inquiry, the present study aims to comprehensively explore the strategies and challenges intrinsic to vocabulary instruction within the purview of elementary language teachers.

For this investigation, five elementary language teachers with substantial experience were deliberately chosen. The researcher's deliberate selection of participants is grounded in the belief that their accumulated teaching experience of five years each contributes to the collection of profound and authentic insights, thereby enhancing the precision and depth of research findings. The composition of teacher-respondents includes one Grade 2 English teacher, two Grade 4 English teachers, one Grade 5 English teacher, and one Grade 6 English teacher. These five teacher-participants will be denoted as T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5, respectively (as shown in Table 1).

Table 1. Teacher-participants, including the grade level they are currently teaching English to, and number of years they have been teaching the subject

Teacher	Grade level being taught	Number of years in teaching English subject
Teacher 1 (T1)	Grade 2	12
Teacher 2 (T2)	Grade 4	5
Teacher 3 (T3)	Grade 4	7
Teacher 4 (T4)	Grade 5	8
Teacher 5 (T5)	Grade 6	26

A series of individual semi-structured interviews were conducted with each participant. These interviews were designed to delve into the participants' vocabulary instruction strategies and the obstacles they encounter. Employing the semi-structured interview format offers a significant advantage, as it enables the researcher to follow up on responses and allows the interviewees to elaborate on their answers. To explore successful teaching experiences and positive facets of their instructional methods, the study adopted the appreciative inquiry approach.

Prior to the interviews, the participants were provided with comprehensive information regarding the research objectives, procedures, and their rights as voluntary participants, including the right to withdraw. Notably, some respondents opted for online interviews due to scheduling conflicts stemming from the implementation of the alternative delivery mode within their respective institutions.

The verbatim transcription of the interview data served as the foundation for analysis, which was conducted through thematic analysis. The themes that emerged were rooted in the teachers' strategies and challenges related to vocabulary instruction.

Furthermore, the positive aspects that emerged during the interviews underwent a deeper analysis utilizing appreciative inquiry principles, allowing for the identification of strengths, values, and effective approaches.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the findings and discussion that align with the primary objective of the study, which is to comprehensively describe and analyze the strategies employed by the participants in the context of teaching vocabulary. Additionally, this section aims to uncover the participants' viewpoints concerning the significance of vocabulary development and their encountered challenges while instructing vocabulary to elementary learners.

Strategies used by the teachers in teaching vocabulary

As discovered from the interviews conducted, the teacher-participants employ diverse strategies tailored to their respective grade levels for effective vocabulary instruction. Teacher 1 (T1), an instructor for Grade 2, adopts an explicit approach by introducing vocabulary words through tongue twisters, a method she employs before commencing a lesson. During reading sessions, contextual clues are utilized to decipher word meanings, focusing on words within the learners' comprehension level. Further, the teacher employs labeling objects in the classroom, ensuring constant exposure to the vocabulary, and incorporates basic sight words with accompanying visuals for enhanced understanding.

Teacher 2 (T2), who teaches Grade 4, incorporates graphic organizers such as the Frayer Model for vocabulary instruction. This model engages students in exploring various aspects of a word, including its definition, characteristics, examples, and non-examples. Visual aids, such as pictures and images, are seamlessly integrated to facilitate comprehension. Repetition is emphasized as an integral aspect of vocabulary retention, aligning with Biemiller and Boote's findings (2006) indicating that increased exposure to targeted words enhances children's understanding and usage.

Similarly, Teacher 3 (T3), also a Grade 4 educator, employs engaging activities like group work, board activities, and a range of games such as "word-in-words" and "head-and-tail." Group activities involve deciphering unfamiliar words within a given context and utilizing them in sentences. Vocabulary retention is assessed through spelling races and creative word formations. Such gamified approaches in language learning align with the findings of Huyen and Nga (2013), who stress the effectiveness of games in enhancing vocabulary classes.

In the case of Teacher 4 (T4), guiding Grade 5 students, a weekly routine is established where two vocabulary words are introduced during Friday reading sessions. These words are consistently integrated into class discussions and assignments throughout the week, ensuring active usage and comprehension. Furthermore, spelling activities serve to measure the students' retention of the words presented over the course of a month.

Teacher 5 (T5), instructing in Grade 6, implements a student-involved strategy using graphic organizers for vocabulary explanation. The teacher introduces the "4-in-1" activity, encouraging students to deduce the part of speech, definition, and usage in sentences through interactive charades. The engagement and retention are augmented as the learners enact the words, reinforcing memory through physical action.

These strategies collectively underscore the educators' dedication to cultivating effective vocabulary acquisition methods tailored to their learners' needs. The varied approaches encompass explicit instruction, contextual usage, engaging activities, and the integration of visuals and repetition. By adopting such versatile methods, these educators enhance students' vocabulary comprehension and retention, fostering a more engaging and effective learning environment.

In summarizing the common strategies employed by the participants for teaching vocabulary, the following recurrent themes emerged:
- Encouraging learners to use new words in sentences
- Repeatedly presenting the same set of words for reinforcement
- Incorporating pictures or images as visual aids
- Utilizing engaging activities, including games
- Implementing graphic organizers

When inquired about the effectiveness of these strategies, all participants exhibited a sense of pride and confidence in their approach. T4 highlighted the lasting impact of these strategies, noting that students continued to use the learned vocabulary even after advancing to higher grade levels. T4 shared, "They would come to me actually and tell me that they have used a vocabulary they learned from my class." This sentiment was echoed by T5, who emphasized the efficacy of the "4-in-1" activity due to the memorable charade component that remains etched in students' minds.

T2 and T3 underscored the broader benefits of these strategies, noting improvements in students' writing and speaking skills. The integration of new words into writing assignments and recitations allowed learners to express themselves more effectively. T4 further emphasized the importance of word choice, stating that a diverse vocabulary provides students with a range of options to articulate their thoughts. The correlation between an extensive vocabulary and improved writing and speaking skills was evident, fostering a more comprehensive understanding and expression of ideas.

T1 emphasized the enhancement of pronunciation skills attributed to the daily use of tongue twisters. Additionally, T1 noted a positive outcome in the form of an improved Mean Percentage Score (MPS) for the English subject during the current academic quarter.

Collectively, the participants' consensus on the efficacy of these strategies showcases the impact of their thoughtful and creative approaches to vocabulary instruction. The participants' shared experiences affirm that the strategies not only contribute to enhanced vocabulary acquisition but also nurture overall language skills and expression.

Challenges encountered by the teachers in teaching vocabulary

Two prominent challenges were identified by the language teachers in their efforts to teach vocabulary at the elementary level. These challenges are as follows:

Limited Availability of Reading Materials: A significant concern raised by the teachers is the scarcity of reading materials within the books or modules they utilize. This shortage hinders learners' exposure to a diverse range of reading materials, which is essential for vocabulary expansion. The respondents collectively shared that the existing texts often lack appeal and fail to captivate learners' interest. In response, teachers actively seek out relatable and engaging stories or texts that align with the learners' comprehension level. This practice aims to compensate for the inadequate reading resources and maintain the students' engagement in vocabulary acquisition.

Insufficient Emphasis on Vocabulary Lessons: A recurrent challenge highlighted by the teachers is the limited presence of vocabulary-related lessons within the Most Essential Learning Competencies (MELC). The curriculum's structure poses constraints, as it allocates few lessons specifically dedicated to vocabulary instruction. Respondents expressed that the reduced focus on vocabulary within the prescribed curriculum poses a hindrance to comprehensive language development. Despite these limitations, some teachers, such as T4, proactively address this gap by integrating lessons on vocabulary that are not explicitly outlined in the MELC. This includes teaching concepts like synonyms, antonyms, and dictionary usage, which are deemed crucial for learners' language acquisition journey.

The unanimous consensus among the respondents underscores the need for enriched reading materials and a more comprehensive inclusion of vocabulary-related lessons within the curriculum. These challenges highlight the critical importance of addressing gaps in materials and curricular content to create a more conducive environment for effective vocabulary instruction.

Reflections and Insights

It is essential to recognize that teaching vocabulary goes beyond the mere introduction and memorization of words; it encompasses the aptitude to employ vocabulary accurately. Hence, adopting appropriate and effective vocabulary learning strategies holds great significance for students. Moreover, it constitutes a pivotal component of language teaching, implying that educators must select techniques and methods that cultivate student engagement and enthusiasm towards vocabulary acquisition within the classroom.

As evidenced, elementary language teachers employ a diverse array of strategies and techniques to teach vocabulary. Integrating interactive vocabulary activities such as vocabulary charades, games, and spelling races undoubtedly injects an element of enjoyment and appeal into the learning process. Group activities foster peer collaboration, wherein students participate in group games and competitions to reinforce and apply their acquired vocabulary knowledge.

Utilizing visual aids, including pictures, flashcards, posters, and imagery, serves as a valuable tool to illustrate and reinforce new vocabulary words. Augmenting these visuals with real-world instances further bolsters students' grasp and memory of the vocabulary. Encouraging learners to generate their own visual representations of vocabulary words via graphic organizers, drawings, collages, or multimedia projects deepens their connection with and comprehension of the words, as they actively engage in the process.

Additionally, the effectiveness of exposing students to similar vocabulary words for consecutive days is evident in improved retention and understanding. Designing activities that encompass multiple contexts, such as reading passages, writing prompts, role-playing, and discussions, enables students to encounter and utilize vocabulary words in diverse scenarios. Repetitive exposure to vocabulary words through review exercises, daily usage tasks, or consistent practice sessions further aids retention.

Employing these strategies fosters a dynamic and interactive learning environment that facilitates vocabulary acquisition and retention among students. Thus, continuous evaluation of the effectiveness of these strategies, tailored to students' specific requirements and preferences, is crucial. Active communication and collaboration among teachers can also enhance vocabulary instruction practices by facilitating the exchange of successful approaches.

It's vital to acknowledge that vocabulary learning is a gradual process, not achievable overnight. Furthermore, there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for teaching vocabulary; rather, an amalgamation of different approaches is key. Ultimately, educators bear the pivotal responsibility of instilling in their learners the significance of cultivating a broad and rich vocabulary, which significantly contributes to effective communication and comprehension.

Implications

The implications stemming from the discussed vocabulary teaching strategies hold significant importance for both educators and students. By integrating diverse and captivating approaches, instructors have the potential to establish dynamic learning environments that not only bolster vocabulary acquisition but also foster holistic language skill enhancement. These approaches accentuate the significance of grasping context, active involvement, and motivational aspects, thereby cultivating more effective channels for communication and self-expression.

Educators are encouraged to tailor these methodologies to address the unique requirements and skill levels of each student, facilitating personalized and tailored learning journeys. Consistent self-evaluation and assessment of the efficacy of these techniques ensure a continual evolution of vocabulary instruction. Furthermore, these strategies underscore the incremental nature of vocabulary assimilation and highlight the value of collaborative efforts among educators to disseminate successful practices. Ultimately, the implementation of these strategies has the potential to result in heightened language proficiency, elevated engagement levels, and a more robust groundwork for enduring vocabulary development.

CONCLUSIONS

The strategies employed by teachers to introduce students to new vocabulary terms offer valuable insights into effective approaches for teaching vocabulary. The key to enhancing vocabulary acquisition and retention lies in creating engaging learning environments, integrating relevant contexts, and providing consistent exposure. By utilizing these techniques, educators can stimulate students' curiosity, expand their vocabulary repertoire, enhance their comprehension, strengthen their oral and written communication skills, and foster overall language development.

Adapting and tailoring strategies to align with the unique needs and academic levels of individual students is of utmost importance. Employing practices such as regular reflection, assessment, and soliciting learner feedback contributes to the refinement of these methods. Through continuous efforts to enhance vocabulary instruction, teachers can lay a robust foundation for their young learners, facilitating comprehensive language development.

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POTENTIAL TEST OF TURMERIC ETHANOL EXTRACT CREAM FOR WOUND HEALING IN WISTAR RATS

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ABSTRACT

The shape of the wound is different depending on the cause; some are open and closed, and the healing consists of several phases, namely the inflammatory phase, proliferative phase, and maturation phase. Several sources state that turmeric rhizome extract is effective in wound healing. This study aimed to test the potential of turmeric rhizome extract to be effective in wound healing. This type of research is experimental with a Pre-test and Post-test group-control design approach, conducted from November to December 2020. The samples used were turmeric rhizomes (Curcuma Longa) and male white rats. Determination of sample size according to Frederer's formula, so the number of pieces was 25 rats, the division of 4 treatment groups and one control group. The data will be analyzed for normality and continued with the ANOVA test. The results of turmeric extract contain chemical compounds of alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, and tannins. The results of the Fcount value of 8.442 ≥ Ftable of 2.67, with a p-value of 0.004 ≤ 0.05, state that turmeric extract administration significantly affects wound healing in rats. The optimum concentration of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) that can heal cut wounds in white rats is 6%. The highest percentage of healing on day k-14 was in positive control (Bioplacenton®), which was 95%, followed by 6% v/v extract. The cream preparation of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) has an ability that is close to Bioplacenton® in healing cut wounds in rats.
KEYWORDS: *Turmeric Rhizome, Cream, Wound Healing*

INTRODUCTION

Wounds take different forms depending on the cause; some are open, and some are closed. One example of an open wound is an incision with a linear tear in the skin and underlying tissue. Wounds are a typical cause of injury experienced by every human being. A wound is losing or damaging some body tissue (1) due to a factor that disrupts the body's protective system. Some factors that cause wounds include bites, accidents, sharp objects, bullets, and metal objects (2). The wound healing phase is divided into several stages: inflammatory, proliferative, and maturation. The inflammatory phase is characterized by hemostasis, chemotaxis, and increased vascular permeability that limit further damage, seal the wound, remove cellular and bacterial debris, and promote cellular migration. The duration of the inflammatory stage usually lasts a few days (3). The proliferative phase is characterized by granulation tissue formation, re-epithelialization, and neovascularization. This phase may last several weeks. The maturation and remodeling phase is where the wound reaches maximum strength at maturity (4), (5), (6). Wound healing is the body's attempt to restore its structural integrity and normal function following tissue disruption (7). The wound healing process can be divided into three main phases, namely, the inflammatory phase, the proliferation phase, and the remodeling phase (8).

Turmeric (Curcuma longa Linn or Curcuma domestica Val) belongs to the Zingiberaceae family. The public has long known it as a plant with many benefits, such as anti-inflammatory, anticancer, antioxidant, antiulcer, and antibacterial (9). According to research by Wientarsih et al. (2012), it is known that turmeric rhizome extract is effective in wound healing (10). Supported by research by Yunianto et al. (2017), from the results of a study on the activity test of ointments with turmeric active ingredients in vitro and in vivo, turmeric is an antimicrobial that can kill and inhibit the growth of several types of fungi, bacteria, and viruses (11). This study aims to test the potential of turmeric rhizome extract to be effective in wound healing.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This type of research is experimental with a Pre-test and Post-test group control design approach, conducted in March 2023. The samples used were turmeric rhizomes (Curcuma Longa) and male white rats. Determination of sample size according to Frederer's formula, so the number of pieces was 25 rats, the division of 4 treatment groups and one control group. The materials used are alcohol, aluminum foil, distilled water, turmeric (Curcuma Longa), 96% ethanol, rat test animals (Mus musculus), sterile gauze, Whatman filter paper, methylparaben, petroleum ether, plaster, propylene glycol, gloves, triethanolamine. The tools used included glassware (pyrex®), an autoclave, a maceration vessel, a blender (Maspion®), a porcelain cup, a caliper (Tricle brand®), an oven, tweezers, rotavapor (Heidolf®), iron spoon, analytical balance (Precisa®), and water bath.
The turmeric (Curcuma Longa) that has been identified is washed thoroughly with running water, then drained and

spread on morning paper until the water is absorbed, after which the turmeric (Curcuma Longa) sample is weighed. Then, the material was dried, pulverized into powder, and formed simplisia (12). A total of 25 rats were divided into five groups; each group consisted of a group. I was given standard feed and a cream preparation of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) 2% as much as 1g applied once every 24 hours. Group II was given standard feed and a cream preparation of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) 4% as much as 1 g applied once every 24 hours. Group III was given standard feed and a cream preparation of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) 6% as much as 1g applied once every 24 hours. Group IV was given standard feed and

8% turmeric ethanol extract cream (Curcuma Longa) as much as 1g used once every 24 hours. Group V positive control, given standard feed and used 1 g of Bioplacenton® once every 24 hours. Inclusion criteria included white rats, male sex, 6 - 8 weeks of age, body weight 150 - 200 g, and healthy if the rats were given an incision wound on the back area of 2 cm extended. Exclusion criteria include sick rats during the adaptation period, unhappy during treatment, and death during treatment. Data processing techniques were carried out from observations regarding changes that occurred in the wound and changes in the size of the damage in the area that had been treated. Then, I analyzed the normality of the data and continued with the ANOVA test.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1. Phytochemical Screening of Turmeric (Curcuma Longa)

Test	Results	Description
Alkaloid	Red brown precipitate	(+)
	White precipitate	(+)
	Brown precipitate	(+)
Flavonoid	Red color in amyl alcohol layer	(+)
Saponin	Permanent foam	(+)
Tanin	Blackish green color	(+)

Table 1 shows that turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa) contains alkaloid, flavonoid, saponin, and tannin chemical compounds (13). Tannin compounds can act as astringents in wounds, while saponins work to increase the speed of epithelialization. Flavonoid compounds also play a role in damage healing by

stopping bleeding, namely through the mechanism of vasoconstriction in blood vessels, accessible radical antidotes, inhibitors of enzyme hydrolysis and oxidation, and anti-inflammatory (14).

Table 2. Data on the percentage inhibition of turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa) against DPPH

Extract Concentration (ppm)	Absorbance Extract	Absorbance Control	Inhibition (%)
3	0.236	0,545	56.51
5	0.228	0,545	57.68
7	0.219	0,545	57.74
9	0.178	0,545	63.44

Based on Table 2, it can be seen that the absorbance of DPPH by turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa) decreases as the extract's concentration increases. The inhibition value of the section also increases with the increase in extract concentration, with the most significant inhibition value being 63.44% at a

concentration of 9 ppm. The results of research by Suhendra, 2017, show turmeric extract has a yield of 7.82%, a total amount of phenol of 2.82%, the ability of DPPH antiradical activity of 1.14%, and high activity in inhibiting the fat oxidation process (15).

Table 3.Changes in wound length with various extract concentrations

Days	Change in Wound Length (cm)				
	Concentration 2%	Concentration 4%	Concentration 6%	Concentration 8%	Bioplacenton
1	3	3	3	3	3
3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.7
9	1.2	0.8	0.8	1	0.7
11	1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6
14	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2

Based on Table 3, it can be seen that Bioplacenton®, as the positive control, experienced faster wound healing. On day 3, the wound length was already reduced, and on day 14, the

incision wound treated with Bioplacenton® had the highest percentage of recovery. This is because the composition of Bioplacenton® has active ingredients of placenta extract and

neomycin sulfate, which are effective in triggering new tissue formation and preventing infection in the wound area (16). Turmeric (Curcuma longa) can heal wounds, although the healing speed is not as fast as Bioplacenton® when seen from the reduction in wound length from day to day. This wound-healing ability may be influenced by the compounds in the extract, such as flavonoids, alkaloids, saponins, and tannins.

Bioplacenton had the highest percentage of wound healing at 95%, with the remaining wound length on day 14 being 0.2 cm out of 3 cm. Followed by a concentration of 6% v/v turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa), then with a concentration of 4% v/v turmeric extract, and so on. According to Indah's research (2019), turmeric rhizome extract ointment at a dose of 8% can be used as a cut wound medicine but is less effective when compared to povidone-iodine (17). The inflammatory phase lasts from the onset of the wound until approximately day 3 (18). The first thing that happens after an injury is platelet activation. Blood vessels damaged during an injury will cause bleeding, and the body will stop it with vasoconstriction, constriction of the ends of the damaged blood vessels, and hemostasis reactions (19).

The following healing phase is the destructive phase, which is the clearance of dead tissue and bacteria by polymorphs and macrophages. This phase occurs around day 2 to day five after the wound occurs (20). These cells cannot only destroy bacteria and remove devitalized tissue and excessive fibrin but can stimulate the formation of fibroblasts that synthesize collagen protein structures and produce a factor that can stimulate angiogenesis. Healing stops when macrophages deactivate, but the healing process continues despite reducing large amounts of polymorphs (20).

The next phase of wound healing is the proliferation phase, also known as the fibroplasia phase, because in this phase, the proliferation of fibroblast cells is very prominent (19,20). The wound is filled with inflammatory cells, fibroblasts, and collagen during the proliferation phase. In this phase, the formation of new blood vessels (angiogenesis) also occurs, forming a reddish-colored tissue with a smooth, bumpy

surface called granulation tissue (18). The wound edge epithelium consisting of basal cells detaches from its base and moves to fill the wound surface, while its place is filled by new cells formed from the mitotic process. The process of fibroplasia and granulation tissue formation stops when all epithelia touch each other and cover the wound surface, after which the maturation process begins in the maturation or remodeling phase (5).

The final phase of wound healing is the maturation phase. Epithelialization, contraction, and reorganization of connective tissue occur in this phase. The maturation phase takes place after the proliferation phase ends, around day 14, and can be up to 365 days after the wound occurs and is declared over when all signs of inflammation have disappeared (21). In this phase, the body tries restoring everything that became abnormal during the wound-healing process. Edema and inflammatory cells are absorbed, young cells mature, new capillaries close and are reabsorbed, excess collagen is absorbed, and the rest shrinks according to the amount of strain (10). This process produces pale, thin, pliable, easily movable scar tissue from its base. There is maximum shrinkage of the wound, and at the end of this phase, the wound bed can withstand up to 80% of the strain of normal skin.

The normality test results in Table 4 using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov method show an Absolute value of 0.090. The Kolmogorov table value for a sample size of 140 is 0.115, then 0.90<0.115, or the calculated Kolmogorov value is less than the Kolmogorov table value. This means that the wound healing data for the extract is usually distributed. This is also evidenced by the results of the probability test on SPSS, namely, see the Asymp. Sig. (2 tailed) value is 0.207, where > 0.05 means the data is usually distributed. For the favorable control treatment (Bioplacenton®), the calculated Kolmogorov value is 0.108 with N = 25. Table data with N = 25 is 0.224, then 0.109 < 0.224. Data Asymp. Sig. (2 tailed) data shows a value of 0.800, which means that the data for wound healing using Bioplacenton® is usually distributed, which means that the overall data is usually spread.

Table 4. Test Results of the Effect of Extract Administration on Wound Healing

ANOVA		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Turmeric Extract	Between Groups	7.822	3	2.577	8.442	.004
	Within Groups	37.328	136	.382		
	Total	46.178	139			

Table 4. shows the F-count value of 8.442. To find the value in the F-Value Table for df = 3/136 with a probability (α) of 0.05, the F-table value is 2.67. So, the importance of F-count > F-table means that overall, the administration of turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa) has a natural effect on wound healing. To emphasize this hypothesis test, it can be seen in

the Sig. Calculated value of 0.004 while the Sig (α) value is 0.05, which means the Sig. Calculated value < Sig (α). This means that the administration of turmeric extract (Curcuma Longa) has a natural effect on wound healing in rats.

Table 5. Test Results of the Effect of Bioplacenton® (positive control) on Wound Length.

ANOVA

	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	11.927	6	1.987	33.422	.002
Within Groups	1.704	28	.061		
Total	13.631	34			

Based on table 5. It can be seen that the Fcount value is 33.422 while the F-table value is 2.45, which means F-count> F-table. When viewed at the significance value, the calculated significance value is 0.002, smaller than the alpha value of 0.05 or $p < 0.05$. From this data, it can be concluded that there is a significant effect of the administration of Bioplacenton® on wound healing. The wound-healing process requires proper management and treatment so that the wound area does not become infected, eventually leading to chronic wounds (22). Wound healing is a complex biological process that results in the restoration of tissue integrity. Physiologically, the wound healing process can be divided into four stages: hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and tissue remodeling. Many factors slow wound healing, including poor nutrition, hypoxia, immunosuppression, chronic disease, and post-surgical conditions (23); (24).

CONCLUSION
Based on the results of research and data analysis on the effectiveness of the administration of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) and Bioplacenton® on wound healing in white rats, it can be concluded that turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) has several bioactive compounds such as alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, and tannins that play a role in wound healing. The optimum concentration of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) that can heal cut wounds in white rats is 6%. The highest percentage of healing on day k-14 was in the positive control (Bioplacenton®) which was 95% and followed by 6% v/v extract. The cream preparation of turmeric ethanol extract (Curcuma Longa) has an ability that is close to Bioplacenton® in healing cut wounds in rats.

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THE NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVERY VOLUNTEERS DEVELOP THE PERSONALITY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES

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ABSTRACT

The National Service Scheme (NSS) operates under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. NSS was started in 1969 by the then Union Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao in 37 universities with the strength of 40,000 volunteers on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth centenary. The main objectives of NSS are personality and self-development through experiential learning by serving the society with the motto "Not Me, But You". NSS volunteers work in rural areas, working to serve the community through adoption village and school surveys, education and health awareness programs. NSS volunteers benefit from NSS activities, including employment opportunities, self-confidence, and leadership skills. Engaging youth in colleges and universities in community service on a voluntary basis for rural development and inculcating the idea of social welfare among students is a major initiative. Graduate students pursuing a three-year degree with their participation status in the National Service Scheme will have more input and responsiveness to society than graduate students pursuing a three-year degree without participation in the National Service Scheme. This study involves identifying the importance, aims and objectives of NSS in higher education to inculcate social responsibility in students.

KEYWORDS: *NSS, Personality Development, Volunteers, Community, Social responsibility*

INTRODUCTION

National Service Scheme, also known as NSS, is a major youth activity aimed at involving college and university students in voluntary community service. The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a public service program of the Government of India administered by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.[1] The ultimate goal of national service is educational. NSS provides opportunities for intermediate, technical education, graduate and post-graduate students from colleges and universities in India to participate in community development activities.[2]

During the period from 1950 to 1969, the then Chairman of the University Commission Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Union Minister Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, Education Committee Chairman Dr. Daulat Singh Kothari, Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao, Vice-Chancellors Indian universities and student representatives exchanged views. National service could prove to be a "powerful tool" for national integration, urban students would be exposed to rural life.[3] It was appropriate to start this program during the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi as it was Gandhiji who inspired the Indian youth to participate in the Indian freedom movement and for the social upliftment of the Dalit masses in our country. On 24

September 1969, the National Service Scheme was launched on an experimental basis for two years for undergraduate college students in 37 universities in all states of India. 24th September is celebrated as NSS Foundation Day.[4]

In the first year, 37 universities and 40,000 students across India started the scheme[5] and it has grown over the years and today 402 universities, 16330 colleges and 19994 higher secondary schools are participating in it. Taking advantage of this scheme, students have developed themselves and represented the society as ideal citizens.[3]

"Not Me, But You" is the National Service Scheme's motto. The motto represents selfless service which means putting the needs of others and society first before ourselves. Aiming to develop personality of students through community service.[5] The National Service Scheme is a Nobel experiment in educational expansion. It develops a spirit of volunteerism among students and teachers through sustained community interaction. It brings our educational institutions closer to society. It shows how to combine knowledge and action to achieve results, which are desirable for the development of society.[6]

The NSS symbol is based on the giant Rath Wheel of the world famous Konark Sun Temple (The Black Pagoda) in Odisha, India. The wheel depicts the cycle of creation, preservation and release. It represents the movement of life across time and space, thus symbolizing continuity as well as change and signifies NSS continuous efforts for social change.[7] The 24 hours of the day are symbolized by the wheel's eight spokes. The red color indicates that the volunteer is full of young blood who is lively, active, energetic and full of vigor. The navy-blue color represents the cosmos, a small part of which NSS is ready to contribute to the well-being of mankind.[8]

NSS has successfully crossed half a century in the field of youth development. During this period thousands of volunteers made their living through NSS in higher education institutions.[9] The basic rule of the NSS program is that it is designed by the students themselves and both students and teachers gain the wisdom to participate in nation building through their collective participation in community service.[10]

The main objective of the NSS program is to inculcate the idea of social welfare among the students. Also serving the society. NSS volunteers work to guarantee that the destitute get assistance to make strides their standard of living and lead a stately life. NSS provides food, clothing and first aid to disaster victims to prevent man-made disasters. It is a social initiative organized by student and staff volunteers of various colleges and it is mainly organized for rural development through various initiatives.[11]

The NSS unit of the organization is headed by a teacher called "Program Officer (PO)" who plays a key role as teacher, leader, manager, planner, supervisor, administrator and public relations person for the NSS unit under him.[12] NSS consists of two types of programmes, namely (a) regular programs and (b) special programs for camping. They are working for various programmes, mainly in health, child care, environmental management, water conservation, organizing health camps and blood donation camps to create awareness in selected areas, but are also committed to personal personality development.[13]

The duration of this service is 120 hours, i.e., 20 hours for orientation of NSS volunteers, 30 hours for campus work and 70 hours for community service. Regular NSS programs involve students doing various weekend activities in college campuses, adopted villages, cities and slums. Adoption of a village or area is a meaningful program in NSS.[14]

IMPORTANCE OF NSS
The National Service Scheme (NSS) plays an imperative part in advancing social duty and community association among students in India. Here are a few reasons why NSS is imperative:
1. **Community Service**: NSS offers students an opportunity to do community service and make a positive impact on society.[15] The program allows students to understand community needs and contribute to addressing them.

2. **Personal Development**: NSS offers a platform for personal development and leadership training. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for planning and implementing social service projects, which helps them develop their organizational and leadership skills.[16]

3. **Social Awareness**: NSS activities such as awareness campaigns and community service projects in rural areas help students develop social awareness and sensitivity towards various social issues. NSS activities help students develop empathy and concern for the welfare of others.[17]

4. **Civic Engagement**: NSS helps students become active citizens by providing opportunities to participate in civic activities. NSS activities involve students in activities like voter registration drives and environmental drives, which help them develop a sense of civic responsibility.[18]

5. **Employability**: NSS experience can be an added advantage for students applying for jobs. Employers value candidates who are committed to social responsibility and community service.[19]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NSS
The objective of National Service Scheme is "Development of personality of students through community service". Efforts are made to achieve this objective by enabling students to function in society. The objective of this program is to create a sense of social welfare among the students and to serve the society without bias. NSS volunteers work to guarantee that the destitute get assistance to make strides their standard of living and lead a stately life.[14]

The Main Objectives of National Service Scheme (NSS) are
1. To understand the community in which they work;
2. To understand themselves in relation to their community;
3. To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving process.
4. To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
5. To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems;
6. To develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities:
7. To gain skills in mobilizing community participation;
8. To acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude;
9. To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters; and
10. To practice national integration and social harmony

NSS PROGRAMMES AND SOCIAL SERVICES
A national service plan was launched to establish meaningful connections between the campus and the community. The NSS program should provide a variety of learning experiences that foster volunteer engagement, service, and success. National Reconstruction and National Revival was deemed appropriate that students and teachers should be properly sensitized and used to strengthen the entire Indian society with special emphasis on the rural community. Therefore, the three main components of the

national service system are considered as students, teachers and society.
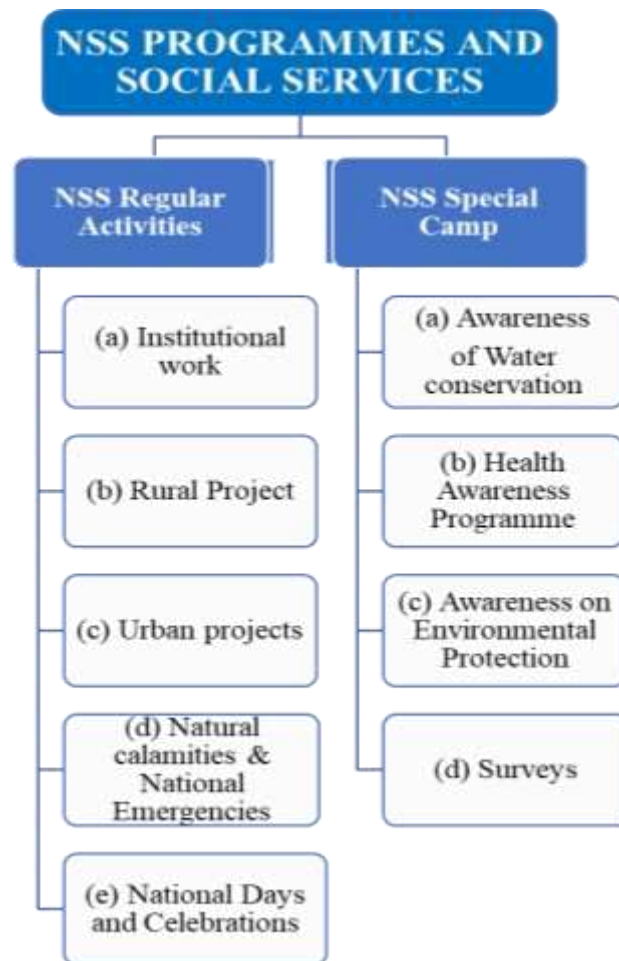
Fig. NSS Programmes and Social Services

A) NSS Regular Activities
Under these students undertake various community service programs in adopted villages and slums, college campuses on weekends or after college hours. This service takes 120 hours to complete, which is divided into 20 hours for NSS volunteer orientation, 30 hours for campus work and 70 hours for community service.[20] NSS units organize regular activities:
(a) Organizational Work: Students can be placed outside the campus with selected NGOs working for the welfare of women, children, the elderly and the disabled.
(b) Rural Projects: Rural projects generally include work on illiteracy eradication, watershed management and wasteland development, agricultural work, health, nutrition, sanitation, hygiene, mother and child care, family life education, gender justice, development of rural cooperative societies, savings campaign, construction of rural roads, campaign against social evils etc. work of NSS volunteers in adopted villages.[21]
(c) Urban projects: Urban projects: Other than rural projects, include adult education, slum dwellers' welfare, civil defense training, traffic control, setting up of first aid posts, hospitals, orphanages, destitute homes, environment, population education,

medicine, AIDS awareness, and income generation projects etc.[22] Professional and technical organizations with NSS have to create programs suitable for the community based on needs.
(d) Natural calamities & National Emergencies: During natural disasters and other national emergencies, NSS units are supposed to use NSS volunteers' services to rally the public's support and give authorities the help they need for rescue, relief, and recovery. In such emergencies and calamities, the program officers are expected to take the initiative and provide the services of the NSS unit and its volunteers to assist the administration.[23]
(e) National Days and Celebrations: National Service Scheme programs also include celebrating National Day. Important days observed by volunteers through NSS are World Environment Day, International Women's Day, Elderly Day, International Yoga Day, International Human Rights Day, Indian Constitution Day, Literacy Day, Unity Day, World AIDS Day, Youth Day, Independence Day and Republic Day. Colleges and universities organize various activities on this day based on funding and other sources.[24]

B) NSS Special Camp

Each NSS unit should adopt a nearby village or slum to organize programs as per the need for the benefit of the students and the society in general. Special camps of 07 days duration in adopted villages or urban slums should be organized during vacations with specific projects involving local communities.[25] 50% NSS volunteers are expected to participate in these camps.

An adopted village should not be changed frequently without tangible development. This may take three to four years or even more. The majority of colleges and universities are situated in cities. About 10 km. Distances between college campuses and villages can make visits to adopted villages by NSS volunteers expensive and time-consuming. In view of this, it is especially desirable for colleges located in urban areas to adopt slums.[26]

A slum can be adopted by the NSS unit for the purpose of slum improvement and check its prevalence. Under this water, water storage, sanitation, electricity, organization of recreational programs, socio-economic survey of various aspects of rural life, tree plantation, cleaning of drains, lakes, ponds etc. which contribute to village health. These activities are expected to be implemented in winter camps.[27]

ROLE OF NSS VOLUNTEERS IN SLUM

Considering the living condition and status of the slum dwellers, only highly motivated, mature and skilled students should be selected for slum development.

The activities that students can do in slum areas are as follows:[28]

a) As a Community Investigator: They can prepare a brief community profile of various slums in a city or town including various amenities, services and living conditions etc.

b) As Community Activists: They can identify local leaders and discuss local issues with them on which cooperative action can be initiated.[29]

c) As a Program Assistant: Students can help local communities start many programs like free milk distribution centers, sanitation drives, recreation, adult primary education, immunization, first aid centers, child care, free legal aid centers, nutrition classes and health projects. They can help form youth clubs, children's groups, women's circles.[30]

d) As Community Organizers: NSS students can form community organizations to solve local problems by relying on local resources, self-help and mutual aid, and some minimal external assistance, after establishing rapport with slum dwellers.

FUTURE OF NSS

The National Service Scheme has the potential to play a significant role in the development of the youth of India and in promoting national development and social harmony. To ensure its continued success, the NSS must address the challenges it faces and take steps to reach out to other segments of the population. One way to expand NSS is to introduce it in schools. This will help inculcate the values of social responsibility and national integration in students at an early age and give them opportunities to participate in community service and national development.

Another way to increase the effectiveness of the NSS is to provide it with adequate resources such as funds, equipment and manpower. This will enable NSS units to carry out their activities more effectively and make a meaningful impact in their communities. Finally, the National Service Scheme is a valuable program that has played a significant role in the development of the youth of India. With the right support and resources, it has the potential to make an even bigger impact in the future and promote national development and social harmony.

CONCLUSION

NSS is not just a service scheme; It is a platform for youth to contribute their efforts, skills and talents for the betterment of rural society. It is providing opportunities to students in colleges and universities to develop their personality through community services. NSS volunteering has helped in their personality development in terms of general awareness and knowledge, building confidence and courage, improving communication and presentation skills, developing decision making skills, adapting to people and situations, creativity and innovation, optimistic development, resilience, etc.

Participation of students in various activities of N.S.S reflects the process of value inculcation and equips them with social, humane, national, universal and democratic values as well as leadership qualities. It will not only help the students to develop a well-rounded personality but also help nurture an army of dedicated citizens for the country. N.S.S camp programs will definitely improve the values of volunteer leadership, team spirit, constructive activities and communication skills in the community. The NSS supported both male and female volunteers in their personality and professional/career development.

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THE SOCIAL STATE AS A TOOL FOR ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE

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ABSTRACT

This paper deals with the problems of the social state, its essence, history and current situation in Uzbekistan. Furthermore, the reforms in establishing and strengthening the social state in Uzbekistan, its conditions are explained and discussed.

KEY WORDS: *social state, justice, development of law, constitution*

INTRODUCTION

President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, at a meeting with the members of the constitutional commission on June 20, 2022, put forward the idea of strengthening the principle that "Uzbekistan is a social state" in our Constitution [1]. In the address of the head of our state to the Oliy Majlis and the people of Uzbekistan, this idea was further strengthened and priority directions for building a social state were defined. The head of our state focused on this issue and said, "We aim to build New Uzbekistan on the basis of the principle of a "social state". We need to strengthen this in the Constitution.

The concept of "social state" is closely related to the concept of "human dignity", and at the root of this idea, first of all, the noble goal of glorifying human dignity and serving the population is embodied. The social state creates decent living conditions for every person based on the principles of social equality and justice. It is a model of the state that conducts an effective policy to reduce social differences and help the needy.

Also, the social state provides housing and the minimum amount of consumer goods necessary for living for the needy. For the person and his family to live a decent life, it requires sufficient wages, employment, creating safe working conditions, and reducing poverty.

In our country, in the following years, we will improve the standard of living of the population, ensure employment, provide guaranteed quality education, qualified medical care, create equal opportunities for all, provide comprehensive support to families, children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. At the core of the reforms is such a noble goal.

The draft of the Constitutional Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Amendments and Additions to the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan" contains a number of norms aimed at protecting the interests of the population in need of social protection. In particular, amendments were made to Article 37 of the current Constitution: "Everyone has the right to work decently, freely choose a profession, work in comfortable working conditions that meet the requirements of safety and hygiene, without any discrimination for his work and less than the minimum wage it is determined that he has the right to receive a fair wage, as well as to be protected from unemployment in accordance with the law" [2].

LITERATURE REVIEW

What is the essence of the social state? If we look at history, the concept of "social state" was first used in 1850 by Lawrence von Stein [3]. He believed that the task of the state is to establish social equality and personal freedom, to raise the lower and poor classes to the level of the rich and powerful. As a result of the analysis of the social policy of foreign countries by experts, three models of the social state are distinguished: Scandinavian, Continental, American-Great Britain models.

Firstly, the countries of Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway represent the Scandinavian model. In these countries, the state takes over a large part of the social expenses through the redistribution of the budget. These countries are responsible for the social welfare of their citizens, education, health care, social services for children and youth, and the elderly. This activity is financed by the state budget and social insurance funds. The organization and coordination of these works is mainly carried out by municipalities, that is, local governing bodies.

Secondly, the continental model of the social state is highly developed in Germany, Austria, Belgium and France. In these countries, the state is mainly responsible for giving social assistance money to the needy part of the population. But the state does not provide social services to the population. Social expenses are covered by state and private social insurance funds. That is, social security is provided from funds allocated from the budget and insurance contributions of employers and employees.

Thus, first of all, in social states and liberal states according to the Scandinavian, Continental, American-British models, minimum funds are allocated for social expenses by the state, and at the same time, those who need social assistance are thoroughly studied. Fully guaranteed income obtained as a

result of work and doing business is the main source of ensuring social well-being of citizens.

Secondly, the social-democratic type of social state corresponds to the Scandinavian type. Here, there is a superiority of the state in the redistribution of material goods among the population and necessary expenses for social needs.

Thirdly, this process is monitored on the basis of strong public control by state organizations, public organizations, mass media, and non-governmental non-profit organizations. Also, an independent system of systematic monitoring and analysis has been established to determine the progress of the process, to determine its effectiveness, to identify emerging problems in time, and to make necessary decisions.

Fourthly, the social state is also developing in Asian countries - Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan.

When we study the history of our national statehood, we see that the concept of "social state" appears many times under similar names. For example, the ideas expressed about the virtuous city in the work "City of Virtuous People" by Abu Nasr Farabi, who lived and created in the 9th-10th centuries, are the essence of the principle of "social state" [4]. Similar thoughts can be found in the works of our great ancestors such as Nizami Ganjavi, Saadi Shirazi, Alisher Navoi, Ahmad Donish.

Explaining this concept, the President defined that "Social state means, first of all, equal opportunities for the realization of human potential, creation of necessary conditions for people to live a decent life, reduction of poverty." In our opinion, the "virtuous city" that our great grandfathers dreamed of and mentioned in their works is exactly this "social state".

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Social state characteristics, functions and international experience. In the period of rapid development of the globalization process and the market economy, scientists emphasize that there are specific characteristics of the social state and, unlike Lawrence von Stein, include the following in these aspects:

— a high level of economic development of the country, which allows redistribution of income and wealth of the population without affecting the big owners;

— socially oriented market economy;

— multi-sectoral and mixed economy;

— formation of civil society;

— development of various social programs by the state;

— confirmation of the goals of the state to ensure decent living conditions for every person, social security and equal initial conditions for self-realization as a person;

— social responsibility to citizens;

— a developed system of insurance social payments and a high level of taxes that make up the budget, a high amount of payments to the social sector;

— a developed system of services and social services for all groups of the population;

— availability of budget social payments;

— existence of state systems of social protection, social security and employment;

— existence of a social support system for all needy members of society without exception;

— the state assumes responsibility for the level of well-being of citizens.

According to the current experience, the idea of a social state in European countries has been strengthened by various regulatory legal documents. In particular, in Germany, it is defined as a social state at the level of the Constitution. There are also Scandinavian and continental models of the welfare state, where states are responsible for the social welfare of their citizens, providing social services for their citizens in the areas of education, health, children and youth, and the elderly.

In the narrow sense, the welfare state provides benefits to the population, provides services to society, and resolves issues related to housing. In a broad sense, it implements a significant number of programs aimed not only at direct support of the population, but also measures aimed at managing and organizing the economy, including employment and related issues, and comprehensive macroeconomic management.

There are specific functions of the social state, and most scientists indicate the following as their main ones:

— to support the segments of the population in need of social protection;

- fight against corruption, poverty and unemployment;

— assistance to young entrepreneurs;

— to ensure continuous growth of employment and income of the population;

— providing all members of society with social insurance;

— to ensure the convenience of education, health care and spiritual and cultural development;

— material support and social protection of needy persons;

— to reduce social and economic inequality in society, to create decent living conditions by redistributing benefits;

— provision of social services.

In general, the social state provides employment to every person capable of working. Sufficient wages are determined for him to live a decent life, safe working conditions are created for the worker, the rights to unemployment protection, quality education, and qualified medical services are realistically implemented. Children, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, migrants and their family members are supported in every way.

The need to further strengthen and ensure the sustainability of the above-mentioned large-scale reforms requires that the principle of "social state" be reflected in the Constitution. For this reason, most of the proposals and comments in the public discussion were directed to the social sphere. Amendments and additions to the draft constitutional law are mainly aimed at strengthening the principle of "social state". At this point, we would not be wrong to say that strengthening the social state of our country in our Basic Law corresponds to the essence and form of New Uzbekistan.

Social state issues in the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan. The Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026 is a logical continuation of the ongoing comprehensive reforms. For example, in its fourth priority direction entitled "Conducting a fair social policy, development of human capital", special attention is paid to the issues that form the basis of the social state. In particular, the 43rd goal is directly aimed at creating decent conditions for every person and regularly improving the standard of living.

It must be recognized that in achieving the goals of the Development Strategy, the President emphasized that the main attention should be focused on the development of education, which is considered the biggest investment for New Uzbekistan. In particular, it is no coincidence that 70 new schools will be built this year, 460 schools will be expanded, 100 schools will be built with the participation of private investments, and their number will increase to a thousand in the next five years.

Now, in our country, great attention is being paid not only to the construction of schools and quality education, but also to "healthy lifestyle and provision of healthy and quality food", which creates the basis of quality education. This experiment was launched in Karakalpakstan and Khorezm from 2022, and free meals were provided for 285,000 primary school students. This year, this practice was introduced in the schools of other regions and the city of Tashkent, and sufficient funds were allocated from the state budget for this.

It is known that the issue of vocational training of school graduates is considered one of the priority solutions for ensuring youth employment. The goal is to make young people both educated and professional and, as a result, provide them with work. In this direction, a clear systematic mechanism was developed, that is, starting from this year, a new program will be implemented, according to which it is planned to introduce European vocational education standards in 1 technical school in each region.

In order to support young people studying in higher education institutions, which are part of continuous education, resources for preferential educational loans have been doubled this year, amounting to 1.7 trillion soums, science and 1.8 trillion soums are allocated for innovations.

CONCLUSION

The social state is an independent type of legal state that ensures the establishment of optimal relationships between the individual, the collective and the state, and also creates the necessary conditions and opportunities for the most complete realization of inalienable human rights and freedoms, including the right of every person to a decent life. These conditions include: a high standard of living, employment of the population, social security, the real exercise of the rights and freedoms of citizens, the creation of modern and accessible to all citizens systems of education, healthcare, culture, social security and services, support for the poor and the poor.

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ANALYSIS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARTNERSHIP RELATIONS IN THE FIELD OF LEASING SERVICES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KARAKALPAKSTAN

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As in all sectors, the main component of the actions of small businesses and private entrepreneurs in the service sector is the provision of an economic and legal form of concluding contracts for the implementation of certain operations between partners. A partnership agreement is concluded only when certain rights and obligations acceptable to each of the parties are clearly defined and signed. Also, the legal consequences of the concluded contract begin as soon as the contract is signed, and according to it, each of the parties voluntarily undertakes certain obligations (providing products, providing services, paying for equipment, providing other services, etc.). Whether it is a state partner or a non-state private partner, the non-fulfillment or insufficient fulfillment of these obligations by any party, from the point of view of contractual and economic law, creates the need to apply certain measures in favor of the other party against the party that did not provide the performance.

Before talking about the specific forms of cooperation between business partners, we note that all their diversity, as we mentioned above, are combined into six main areas of business activity, which have their own characteristics in the formation of partnership relations.

Before talking about any specific forms of partnership in business, it should be noted that partnership within the framework of business activity is divided into four main directions:

1. Cooperation in the field of production;
2. Cooperation in the field of commodity exchange;
3. Cooperation in the field of trade;
4. Cooperation in the field of financial relations.

An agreement is concluded when certain rights and obligations are assigned to each of the parties participating in it. The legal consequences of the concluded agreement (rights and obligations of the parties) begin after the date of signing the agreement, in which each party voluntarily undertakes certain obligations (delivery of goods, delivery payment of expenses, etc.). Failure to fulfill or improper fulfillment of these obligations creates the need for fine sanctions to be applied in favor of the partner of the guilty party. The form of the agreement and its content depend on the specific directions of cooperation between entrepreneurs (for example, a trade agreement is definitely different from a cooperation agreement in the field of production, etc.), thus a logical chain arises: first, the entrepreneur-initiator identifies a future partner within the framework of cooperation, then looks for a specific form of cooperation, and then offers to conclude a contract.

Production cooperation means a form of cooperation in which each partner performs his work within the framework of a single production process, and the income from the production cycle and the sale of manufactured goods is divided multiple times depending on the size of the work. For example, let's consider a single production cycle - furniture production. Two partners participate in this cycle. Each of them performs its share of work (Fig. 1).
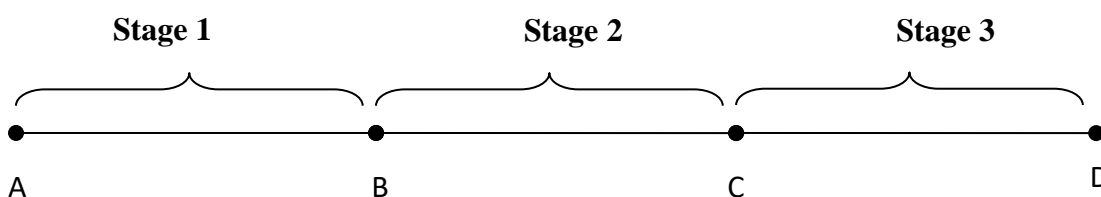
Figure 1. Single production cycle (furniture production)

Each cross-section represents a single manufacturing process;

1st stage - production of semi-finished products for furniture (partner A);

2nd stage - production of furniture from semi-finished products (partner B);

3rd stage - organization of sale of finished furniture (partner C).

The main component of this form of relationship is not the sale of semi-finished products from partner A to partner B at point B, but the bringing of these semi-finished products into a condition suitable for further processing and consumption

(since it is not a sale at point B, but a simple transfer, the settlements between partners C are the goods of partner C after organizing the sale, it is carried out at point D. In order to avoid disputes, the partners determine in advance the amount of the share of each party related to the production of goods based on the total amount of work, and this is the subject of the contract. However, it is not possible to determine the share of each party based on the total amount of work. These indicators are mainly conditional on the basis of the agreement and are based on objective factors. The minimum share of each partner in the volume of work is determined on the basis of business calculations. Therefore, according to the agreement, the profit

received after the sale of goods by partner C is distributed among the partners.

So, you and your partner have come to manufacture furniture (in cooperation). In this case, your task is to process the raw materials to produce a semi-finished product, and your partner's task is to produce furniture from the semi-finished product (that is, ready-to-consume goods). In this case, your work volume and share is 40%, and your partner's is 60%. In that case, the partner will produce ready-to-consume goods and sell them on the market, and he will share 40 percent of the income with you and 60 percent with him (Figure 2).
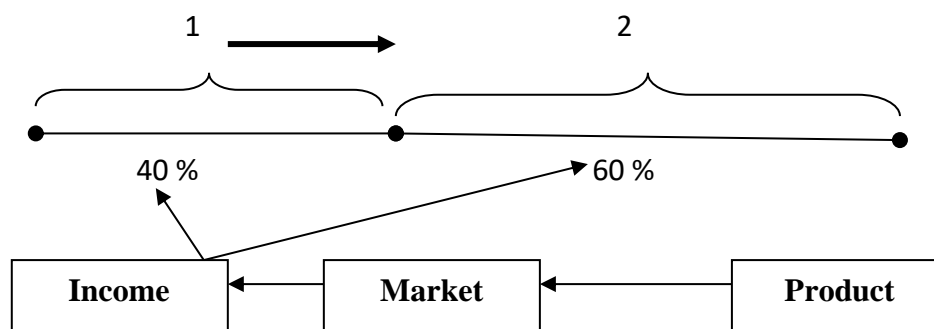
Figure 2. Distribution of income depending on the share of partners in the total volume of work.
1 – share of partner A (40%); 2 – Share of partner B (60 %):

Such a system of partnership relationships is characterized by high efficiency, because the economic interests of the partners are fully aligned. Based on this, each partner understands that 40 or 60 percent of 20,000,000 soums is more than 40 or 60 percent of 10,000,000 soums. Therefore, partners strive to sell this product at a higher price and gain an important position in the market. Because the higher the income, the higher the share they get.

Leasing is a form of rent in which technology, tools and equipment are placed on the market as long-term rental objects.

Using a lease has great advantages. When setting up production (or restructuring it), large investments are not necessary if you have leased the equipment. In addition, lease payments can be made with goods (with goods produced on the basis of the leased equipment). This is an example of a classic lease. There are also many forms of modern leasing where the rent is paid in cash (rather than goods). In this case, the form of relationship between the partners is different, that is, it is called by a common name - financial lease.

Leasing should be distinguished from similar forms of financing in other forms. Leasing is not only an opportunity to use borrowed funds, but also a special ownership relationship. Thus, leasing is a special form of ownership relationship, which involves not only renting the equipment, but also selling the equipment to the consumer after the end of the contract for the use of this equipment. It should be noted that ownership of the leased equipment is transferred from the lessor to the second lessee upon full payment of the leased equipment. It is this condition that is the main aspect in the development of leasing relations.

Structural changes in the economy of Uzbekistan, the deepening of economic reforms and the development of entrepreneurship require the search for additional financial resources for the renewal of the main capital. The limited internal financial resources of the national economy in general, and newly formed business structures in particular, make it necessary to look for non-traditional sources and methods of investment financing. In particular, it is appropriate to give an example of the establishment and development of leasing relations based on the attraction of foreign credit lines and interstate loans. For example, the practice of taking new technology and equipment for use on the basis of leasing is a proof of this.

Leasing is a type of economic activity that can fully meet the requirements of scientific and technical development and the harmonious integration of private, group and social interests. In the face of financial difficulties, leasing allows entrepreneurs to enjoy the latest technology and modern equipment.
The term "leasing" is derived from the English verb "1ease", which means to give or transfer property for temporary use. Some sources claim that leasing should be understood as long-term renting of machines, equipment, vehicles and other movable property of production importance [8, 10, 15, 20].

In the economic literature, there are supporters of the idea that "leasing is just an extended contract for rent" or "leasing is a special type of rental relationship..." or "a rental contract in which the lessee's ownership rights are preserved throughout the lease period" [5, 14, 20] .

There are other definitions of leasing in our country and foreign literature [18, 11, 12, 21, 22]. In particular, some economists interpret that "leasing is a type of professional lending that

provides an opportunity to sell movable and immovable equipment to the lessee and includes a lease agreement" [11].

In the scientific literature, some authors consider leasing as a long-term lease and emphasize legal relations such as the option to purchase the leased property of the lessee [6, 18].

In the works of thinkers and laws of the ancient countries of the East, there is also talk about the relations of rent and leasing, which are characteristic of that time. For example, 293 oyats of the "Holy Qur'an", which is the main source of Islam, are directly devoted to economic thinking, or in the 188th oyat of Surah "Baqara" and in "Nisa", "Nahl", "Sajda", "Yasin", "Ankabut", "Sad" suras, the issues of property and property relations were clarified [19], in paragraphs 82-85 of the book "Mukhtasar" on Sharia laws, rent and its types, renting and giving, the procedure for canceling it, about tenant partners [16], 54th chapter of "Hadiths" on market relations, chapter 56 on the nature of honest trade, chapter 8 on bonak [13], the holy book of Zoroastrianism "Avesta" also talks about virtue and economic unity, property-credit relations, creativity [4].

In many works by Farabi [1], Ibn Sina [24], Beruni [7], Yusuf Khos Hajib [25], Nizamulmulk [17], Amir Temur [3], Ulughbek [23], Navoi [2] and Babur [9], Islamic economic ideas, direct property and property relations, rent and leasing relations characteristic of this time, although primitive, are highlighted.

The following types of leasing are distinguished in the economic literature:
A finance lease is a rental relationship in which the lessor purchases the equipment for later transfer to the lessee. The price of such equipment shall be paid to the lessor by the lessee in installments, plus interest.

A leaseback is a type of finance lease in which the owner of the equipment sells the equipment to a leasing company, which, as the lessee, enters into a lease agreement for the equipment. This form is implemented like a mortgage loan. In addition, a refundable lease is an alternative to a foreclosure transaction here. At the same time, the seller of the property receives the agreed amount from the buyer (leasing company or bank) who leased it, takes possession, and then the buyer appears as a tenant. After that, the company that previously owned this equipment becomes a lessee and continues to lease its previous property under new, different conditions.

Operating or service leasing is a short-term equipment lease, in which a number of lessees rent the equipment in a row, computers, photocopiers, faxes and other complex information communication technologies, airplanes and cars are used as objects of operational leasing.

A fully reimbursed lease is a long-term partner relationship in which the lessee gradually pays back the full cost of the equipment and a portion of the lessor's profits.

Partial lease is a type of lease in which the lessor receives back a certain part of the price of the equipment and receives a certain profit for the services rendered. He makes several such agreements to achieve the desired amount of profit.

Liveridge leasing is a relationship in which several companies, firms, organizations act as lessors. This type of leasing is used in the implementation of large projects.

A lease with additional obligations is a rental relationship in which the lessor assumes additional obligations (for example, maintenance, equipment repair, insurance, etc.).

A pure lease is a form of relationship in which the lessor only leases the equipment, and all other problems related to the use of the equipment are borne by the lessee.

Other forms of relationships can be used when concluding contracts for renting cars and equipment:
• Renting - short-term rental of equipment and machines;
• Hiring - medium-term rental of equipment and machines;
• Leasing – long-term rental of equipment and machinery.

Today, there is a generally accepted opinion in the world that leasing operations (compared to other operations) is a new promising field. Leasing forms based on spiritual (not physical) wear and tear of equipment play a key role in relations between entrepreneurs and foreign partners in Uzbekistan.

If in 2010 there were only 2 lessors in the market of leasing services of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, in 2022 their number increased to 12 (Table 1).

When analyzing the information of the Association of Lessors of Uzbekistan (ALU), the market share of the lessors operating in the market, the dynamics of their change are of particular importance (see Table 2).

Table 1
Dynamics of the number of lessors operating in ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan in 2010-2022[1]

Years	2010	2015	2020	2022	2022 compared to 2005, times
Number of lessors	2	3	5	12	6,0 t

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[1] Author's calculations based on information from the Association of Lessors of Uzbekistan

Table 2
Dynamics of the share of participants in the ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan in 2010-2022 [2]

Years	2010	2015	2020	2022
Leasing companies				
Property value, mln. US dollars	630,8	963,8	1668,6	1228,9
Share, in %	54,1%	53,4%	72,2%	68,5%
Banks				
Property value, mln. US dollars	342,3	589,8	184,1	40,0
Share, in %	29,3%	32,7%	7,9%	2,2%
Others				
Property value, mln. US dollars	192,3	249,2	457,8	524,8
Share, in %	16,5%	13,8%	19,8%	29,2%
TOTAL:	1165,4	1802,8	2310,5	1793,7

In 2022, an increase in the share of leasing companies was observed in the ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan. If in 2010 54.1% of ALU belonged to leasing companies, by 2022 this figure will reach 68.5%. In Table 3, we can see the dynamics of leasing contracts in 2010-2022 in the ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

From Table 3, we can see that in 2022, compared to 2010, the number of transactions concluded in ALU increased by 2.4 times, and the value of transactions increased by 8.7 times. In 2010-2022, we can see that the number of valid contracts in the Republic of Karkalpakstan ALU has increased by 2.0 times, and the value of contracts has increased by 8.3 times.

In table 4 below, in the study of ALU in Karakalpakstan, if we analyze its structural structure by sectors, the structure of leased assets by sectors, in 2010-2022, the most growth rates of leasing transactions in Karakalpakstan ALU are agricultural machinery (28.6 percent), freight transport (18.6 percent), corresponds to the share of computer and ICT (12.6 percent).

Table 3
The dynamics of the portfolio of leasing transactions in ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan in 2010-2022

Years	2010	2015	2020	2022	2022 compared to 2010, times
New transactions for the year					
Number of transactions	**1938**	**3814**	**5875**	**4756**	2,4 м
Value of transactions. In bln. soums	8,3	19,4	54,7	72,6	8,7 м
Leasing portfolio at the end of the year					
Number of active transactions	13068	17693	21012	23830	2,0 м
Value in bln. soums	149	245	336,6	818	8,3 м

Table 4
Dynamics of types of property leased in ALU of the Republic of Karakalpakstan in 2010-2022 [3]

Fields, equipment, types of property	2010		2015		2020		2022	
	Number of transactions	Value of transactions, mln, US dollars	Number of transactions	Value of transactions, mln, US dollars	Number of transactions	Value of transactions, mln, US dollars	Number of transactions	Value of transactions, mln, US dollars
Light industry	87	0,034	172	0,0795	265	0,2243	215	0,2977
Food production	44	0,017	86	0,0399	132	0,1124	107	0,1492
Polygraphy	5	0,0018	10	0,0044	15	0,0124	12	0,0165
Production of construction and building materials	142	0,0551	278	0,1289	429	0,3635	348	0,4825
Other production equipment	277	0,10782	545	0,252	839	0,7106	679	0,9431
Trade	4	0,00135	7	0,0032	12	0,009	9	0,0119
Medicine	10	0,00392	20	0,0092	30	0,0259	25	0,0343

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[2] Author's calculations based on information from the Association of Lessors of Uzbekistan

[3] Information from the Association of Lessors of Uzbekistan

Computers and ICT	245	0,0956	483	0,2236	745	0,6305	603	0,8369
Agricultural machinery	755	0,2939	1486	0,6871	2289	1,9374	1853	2,5714
Truck transport	277	0,1078	545	0,252	839	0,7106	679	0,9431
Passenger transport	14	0,00528	27	0,0123	42	0,0348	34	0,0462
Real estate, property complex	41	0,01622	82	0,0379	126	0,1069	102	0,1419
Others	37	0,01433	73	0,0335	112	0,0945	90	0,1254
Total	**1938**	**0,754**	**3814**	**1,743**	**5875**	**4,972**	**4756**	**6,6**

Also, according to the data of the table, in the next 12 years in Karakalpakstan, the share of property in all directions in the market of leasing services is increasing in terms of absolute number. In particular, the number of leasing transactions for light and food industry, medicine, passenger transport equipment and technologies increased by 2.5 times on average. In addition, it should be noted that leasing of agricultural machinery is still leading in terms of transaction value. This is mainly explained by the high price and demand for equipment (Table 4).

Figure 3 below shows the structural analysis of equipment leased in the Republic of Karakalpakstan in the next 10 years, according to which 24 percent of the total leasing contracts issued in the "Kishlakkhujalikmashlizing" system are cultivators of various models, about 35 percent are tractors of 3 different models, and 10 percent are cotton drug spraying devices.
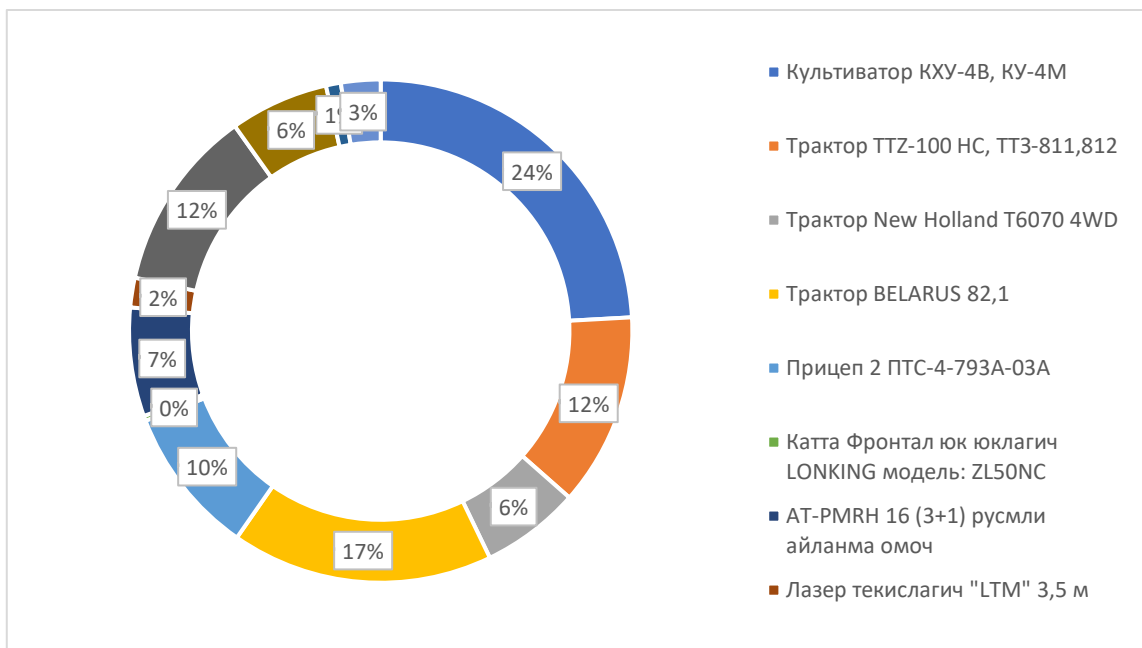
Figure 3. The structural share of the agricultural machinery leasing services market in the Republic of Karakalpakstan[4], in %

According to our analysis, 289 units under 11 names leased in Karakalpakstan cost 114.6 billion. In terms of organizational and legal form, the main lessees of agricultural machinery are 6 types of organizations, such as clusters, farms, JSC "Ozagroservis", JSC "Uzkimyohimoya", JSC "Uzpakhta sanoat" JSC "Uzdonmahsulot" JSC and other organizations.

Also, as of the first quarter of 2023, lessees in Karakalpakstan will receive nearly 10 billion from lessors. there is an overdue debt of more than soums, the share of clusters is 4.98 billion

soums, the farmers' council is 4.3 billion soums, and the debt of other organizations is 852 million soums.

In conclusion, it is appropriate to take the following measures for the further development of partnership relations in the field of leasing services in Karakalpakstan:

firstly, critical in-depth analysis and optimization of the portfolio of services provided by leasing organizations across the republic by types and forms;

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[4]Accounts of the author based on the information of the Karakalpakstan branch of Uzqishlokhhojalikmashlizing

secondly, to develop mechanisms for liquidation of existing debts for agricultural leasing services provided in the region of Karakalpakstan;

thirdly, to strengthen information and consulting activities to increase the share of modern, innovative leasing services in the composition of leasing services;

fourth, the wider development of services such as industrial production, ICT, architecture and design, 3D modeling, leasing of modern machinery and technologies in non-agricultural fields.

We believe that the implementation of the listed proposals and recommendations will lead to further improvement of leasing services in Karakalpakstan in terms of quantity and quality.

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HUMANISTIC IDEAS OF ABULHASAN MOVARDIY

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ABSTRACT

This article analyzes Al-Movardiy's humanistic views, issues such as the formation of support and solidarity between people, the occurrence of abundance and economic development.

KEYWORDS: *Scarcity, abundance, lightness, healing and order, hunger and scarcity, conspiracy, justice, world without problems, perfect happiness, spiritual world, individual and social life.*

Certain legal, economic, and political conditions must be met in order to create an atmosphere of trust and order in societies where people live. One of the factors that greatly contribute to brotherhood and harmony among people in social life is abundance, fertility and prosperity in the country where life continues. It is a socio-economic fact that social problems are less common in areas where wealth is high, widespread and fairly distributed. As a result, peace reigns in the regions. In such societies, the love, respect and loyalty between the ruler and the people will grow stronger. Abundance and a high level of prosperity are among the concepts that significantly contribute to the strengthening of this connection between rulers. Abundance, spaciousness, goodness and happiness, which are tried to be achieved through prayers, rituals in various religions, acquire a specific meaning.

Abundance is the continuation of what is good and acceptable in the sense of "a camel crouching in one place, staying there and waiting". The meaning given to this concept and belief takes its place as a god or goddess of fertility in both non-theistic and theistic religions. The concept of abundance and fertility is a phenomenon found in every culture since the earliest centuries of history. If the stable and inexhaustible thing is material, abundance, and if the spiritual thing is the continuation and inexhaustibility, then this state is represented by the concept of happiness. According to Islamic ethics, especially Al-Movardiy, in a country with abundance, fertility and prosperity, people will live comfortably, the gap between the rich and the poor will disappear, envy will decrease, and enmity will disappear. In this way, help and solidarity are formed between people, abundance occurs. These are the most powerful elements for world healing and human order. Because abundance and prosperity are wealth, wealth brings happiness[1].

The thinker emphasizes that wealth and piety are necessary for a good life in the world and the hereafter, and he believes that sin and poverty lead to a restless and unwanted life in the world and the hereafter. According to the thinker, just as abundance and economic development lead to people's well-being, scarcity also leads to people's corruption. That is, just as the relief, healing, and order provided by abundance are common, so is the mischief caused by hunger and scarcity. It is very reasonable to consider the thing whose presence causes general happiness and whose disappearance causes general strife to be one of the rules of healing and order of the world, one of the reasons for guidance. Movardiy, who considers abundance to be a plurality of income and necessity in two ways, evaluates the abundance of income as a part of the abundance of needs and an element of the results of the environment of trust. He believes that abundance of needs is a part of divine grace, given as a result of an atmosphere of justice.

Depth of horizon (broad perspective) - wide and long vision. When people gathered together, a leader and manager were sought to maintain order. What is expected of appointed or elected leaders is that they succeed. One of the tasks that a person who takes on the task of management should do is to identify the problems in the society in which he lives and develop the necessary plans and programs to solve them. In every period of history, there are certain behaviors that individuals or social groups expect from the leaders who govern the state and society. In order for the ruler to bring them into society, he must demonstrate effective and successful governance. It can be noted that a person who aspires to manage a society or a state must have a number of basic qualities. These skills include information about his physical aspect and management area, which we can consider by classifying them as knowledge and experience. It is necessary for a person to be a leader to have full and healthy body parts. This is a desirable condition. It also has the qualities of mental health, having a strong memory, producing practical solutions, having a good knowledge of the political problems and solutions of past nations, openness to innovation, being aware of new developments and innovations, as well as to be able to make quick decisions in solving the social, political and economic problems.

According to Movardiy, one of the important characteristics that a leader should have is a broad outlook and hope that

supports it. According to the characteristics of people, in general, it is possible to deal with three parts. They are farsighted, weak and have deep horizons. This classification can also be done for administrators. Several types of leaders can be noted.

1-Forward-thinking people who can calmly solve problems or problems they face.

2- Those who are unable to develop methods and techniques that can solve crises and conflicts and fail due to indecision.

3- Leaders who have deep horizons and a wide perspective, who actively try to see the possibility of crisis, conflict and problems and take the necessary steps when a crisis occurs [2].

Thus, Movardiy tried to solve the political, legal and moral problems he observed during his life, and shared the information he received with the authorities and the people. Religion promoted the idea of a broad-minded leader and people fully following the commands, prohibitions and moral recommendations of the religion, the concept of fairness-based justice, general security, strong-willed political power, high level of prosperity. When we evaluate the principles that Movardiy defined and considered necessary to ensure a happy life to the rules that he considers necessary to improve the world order, we are sure that there are the main dynamics that bring material, spiritual progress and worldly happiness to the person, society, and humanity in general of the century he lived in. Movardiy stated that man is inclined to both good and evil by his nature, he emphasizes that religion fulfills a kind of self-control duty over people through the principles it contains. Thus, religion deters people from bad feelings and thoughts, but also deters them from negative behavior. Seeing that there is a strong political power in order to improve the world order and preserve religion, Movardiy also emphasizes that the leader and the people must be far-sighted.

He explains the arrogance and conceit of some leaders as follows: "Arrogance and conceit deprives the virtues and brings out evils. He who has arrogance and conceit does not listen to advice and does not want to learn manners. Because arrogance comes from rank and conceit from virtue. An arrogant person thinks that he is above the level of learners. A person who is given to modesty considers his virtue more than those who learn manners. Therefore, it is necessary to talk about these two evils and vices that cause arrogance and conceit" [3]. You know that there are manners of speech, and if the speaker does not follow them, his words will be lost and the meaning of his speech will fade. People are busy mistaking his beautiful qualities for bad manners and spreading his faults and faults instead of his praiseworthy qualities [3].

Movardiy says that a person may want to write someone he sees as an enemy due to his own qualities, and may take what he loves from someone else. He said that after these determinations, only a strong, far-sighted leader can prevent these negative feelings in people. Emphasizing the principle of justice, Movardiy says that justice brings security and peace to both the individual and the social structure. It attaches great importance to the initiative of political power in issues such as

justice, general security, increasing the level of well-being, living and preserving religious values. We can say that these rules, which Movardiy took care of the world order, still retain their importance for the political, social, economic, legal and moral evolution of societies. Failure to implement it can lead to individual and social problems. This means political, economic and spiritual decline. Not to mention peace and happiness in unattainable situations where social unity, solidarity, cooperation and sharing are minimal. Movardi illuminates today by pointing to the main qualities that ensure this unity. Ignoring or completely abandoning these rules proposed by the thinker for a peaceful and prosperous governance approach can be the cause of personal, national and universal problems [4].

These values proposed by Movardiy to regulate the relationship between the ruler and the people include features that affect various aspects of social life. Rules such as fairness and safety affect law, politics, and commerce as much as they apply to ethics. If we consider the influence of religion on the spiritual world, its interactions in practical life, individual and social life, we will see that religion, whose laws and rules are properly followed, is the main subject of social integrity.

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REFLECTION OF LINGVOCULTUROLOGICAL FEATURES OF ARCHAISMS IN TRANSLATION

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ABSTRACT
This article discusses the problems that arise in the translation of archaisms, as well as the issues of ensuring the representation of the archaic lexicon in translation.
KEY WORDS: *archaism, archaization, modernization, neutralization*

INTRODUCTION

In spite of the fact that the lingvoculturological studies are enlarging their scope, there always be a need for additional researches in the field owing to its multifaceted structure. Following this traditions, in this paper we aim to talk about the translation of archaisms in terms of linguoculturological features. Archaisms are linguistic units belonging to a special layer of the language, which naturally have their own linguistic and cultural characteristics. The use of archaisms in works of art not only reflects the historical color in the reader's mind, but also serves to awaken the national, cultural, and ethnic worldview characteristic of a particular nation and culture. It is precisely the correct translation of such national-cultural archaisms that is expressed through them and serves to effectively express the people's psyche, national color, culture, mentality and worldview in the target language. The implementation of this task requires the joint application of knowledge of translation studies, linguo-cultural studies, and linguistics in the translation process. Because, without analyzing the national-cultural characteristics of archaisms, it is impossible to achieve adequacy in their translation. At this point, it is appropriate to dwell on linguocultural science, which is one of the leading fields in the research of world and Uzbek linguistics in the following years.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two independent fields called "Cultural Linguistics" in European and American linguistics, and "Lingvoculturology" in Russian linguistics emerged. The increased interest in the study of the relationship between language and culture served as the foundation stone for the emergence of the science of cultural linguistics, and as a result, in world linguistics W. von Humboldt, Franz Boas, Edward Sepir, Benjamin Whorf, in Russian linguistics A.A. Potebnya[1], B. de Courtenay, A. Vejbitskaya[2], V.V. Vorobyov[3], V.A. Maslova[4], N.D. Artyunova[5], Y.S. Stepanov[6], V.N. Teliya[7], N.F. Alefirenko[8] and others have created works that researched the close relationship between language, thought and culture. In Uzbek linguistics, D. Ashurova, M. Galiyeva, Sh. Safarov, A. Mamatov, O. Yusupov, J. Yaqubov, A. Ziyayev, D. Khudoyberganova, D. Djumanova, N. Djusupov, S. Isamuhamedova, D. Tosheva's researches are the main works aimed at linguistic and cultural studies[9].

RESULTS

Linguoculturology and translation

Adequate perception of the events in the translated literary work requires perfect knowledge of the linguistic landscape of the world belonging to that nation, because translation is a cultural phenomenon, a means of intercultural communication. After all, as N.A.Tukhtakhodjayeva noted, "transmission of the landscape of the world in one language to another depends on the quality and effectiveness of the translation. After all, when a work in one language is translated into another language, not only its meaning is expressed, but also the social origin, history, culture, and outlook of that nation are promoted[10]". Therefore, the development and study of effective ways of expressing national-cultural peculiarities in the language and its alternative

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expression in translation remains one of the urgent problems of modern translation studies.

"When works of art are translated into another language, they carry with them the history, culture, lifestyle and many other concepts of the nation. Therefore, in order to adequately express the national and cultural characteristics, it is important to correctly understand the linguistic landscape of the native people[11]". Such national-cultural peculiarities include linguoculturemas, lacunas, realias and other cultural terms. Linguoculturemas show the linguistic and cultural conditions related to the ethnos of certain social groups, such changes in a certain period, purely national characteristics of countries in different interactions, and lexical units belonging to each nation.

In literatures, a number of studies were conducted on the representation of linguoculturological features in translation. In particular, according to U.R.Yuldoshev, in the translation of national-cultural lexical units, transformations such as figurative translation and explanation of the meaning, transliteration, word acquisition, cultural equivalence, pictorial equivalence, interpretation, notes, creating a new word that reflects the meaning of the national-cultural lexical unit, functional equivalence can be used. According to the scientist, in the cases where the word to'n (chopon) is translated as "robe, cloak, blanket", the nationality is lost in the translation. When translating the historicism "mingboshi", the author considers it correct to translate it in the form of "sheriff" using functional equivalence transformation[12]. In our opinion, the words expressing the socio-political concepts of the Uzbek society belonging to the Khanate period, including the military-administrative titles such as *mingboshi, tumanboshi, ponsadboshi, yuzboshi, ellikboshi, o'nboshi*, belong to the non-equivalent lexicon. Although the term "sheriff" expresses concepts such as "management, leadership, military" characteristic of "mingboshi", it cannot express the national meaning of leading a thousand soldiers. Based only on the above three general aspects, if it is expressed in the form of "sheriff", the difference between mingboshi (chief of a thousand soldiers), tumanboshi (chief of ten thousand soldiers), ponsadboshi (chief of five hundred soldiers), yuzboshi, ellikboshi, o'nboshi. For this reason, when expressing such units in translation, transliteration or transcription, as well as descriptive annotation methods are effective.

Archaisms in translation
Research on the translation of archaic texts has identified two factors that play an important role in developing a translation strategy for archaisms: Is the text outdated over time, or is it designed to be perceived as archaic by the reader? Accordingly, S. Vlakhov and S. Florin state that the translator encounters

historical-archaic lexicon in the process of translating works related to two main sources:
a) in the works of writers who lived in history;
b) in the works of modern artists who write historical works[13].
Since the language and source of the historical text greatly influence the translation process, it is natural that the translation strategies of works belonging to this category are different.

In the first case, the language of the text and the world described in it were considered modern for the readers of the time when the text was created, but by now it is outdated, and therefore, understanding and understanding its meaning requires additional knowledge from the reader. For example, Alisher Navoi's "Khamsa" or Babur's "Baburnoma" were written in modern language for the readers of their time, but with the passing of centuries, their language became obsolete.

In the second case, the author deliberately writes it in historical language so that the world depicted in the text has a historical appearance. For example, the language of works such as "Old World" by Odil Yaqubov, "Starry Nights" by Pirimkul Kadyrov, "Avlodlar Dovani", "Sahibqiron" by Abdulla Oripov are intended for modern readers, and the historical-archaic lexicon in them has its own function. It is natural for modern writers to use the historical-archaic lexicon while writing a historical work for some purpose, in particular, the historical-archaic lexicon to give the work a historical color, to reveal irony, humor, satire, to perform the function of a national-cultural symbol, in poetry, and plays an important role in the alternative formation of rhyme and rhythm.

As for the translation of archaisms, A.V. Fedorov mentioned the following different stylistic directions and principles of translation of works created in a certain historical period[14]:
- the first method is archaization, i.e., translation of the text by using language archaization tools. In this case, the translator translates the text based on the principle of historicality in order to preserve the historical color. However, this method is not always effective. As we mentioned above, preserving too much historical reality (transcription) in the translation of historical (classical) works leads to a deviation from the general tone of the work, and the depicted event remains fragmentary. - the second method is modernization (modernization), i.e. giving a modern color to the text or its individual parts. "Modernization of classic works in the process of translation leads to the loss of the value of the work. Something is needed to make them realize that they are a relic of the past. Those are ancient words and expressions, and it is necessary to use them in moderation in the translation. At the same time, in the speech of the author and the hero, it is necessary to be careful not to use words that do not correspond

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to that time. The use of not only modern, but also the words and concepts that appeared in the next period causes the distortion of historical truth" [15].

- the third method is neutralization (neutralization), that is, the neutralization of the historical color, the reduction of features related to the original copy's correspondence to the language of the period in which it was created.

- the fourth method is a combination method, that is, a combination of one or another of the above trends[16].

DISCUSSION
Linguoculturological features archaisms in translation
Analyzing the archaisms used in the novel "Night and Day" by Cholpon, we can see majority of archaisms are national-cultural peculiarities. Let's analyze the following example:

Qizlar kuldilar. Kampir qizlarning kulishini eshitganidan keyin mehmonlarning kimligini angladi:

-Ha-a-a, Saltanatxonlardir? – dedi u.

Shu so'z bilan birga kichkinagina zanjirining shiriqlab tushgani va eshikning g'ichirlab ochilgani eshitildi. Kampircha eshikni ochar-ochmas **sevinchilamoq** *uchun ichkariga yugurgan edi. (p.28)*

The lexeme "sevinchilamoq" given in this example is an archaic unit, which in modern Uzbek language means to ask for a reward for delivering good news, to ask for encouragement. In modern Uzbek, it is possible to quote the verb "suyunchilamaq" made from the noun "suyunchi" with the verb forming affix "-la". Although this form has preserved its activity to a certain extent in some dialects, it has already acquired the color of antiquity for the Uzbek literary language. As a proof of our opinion, we can cite that in the explanatory dictionaries of the Uzbek language published in later periods, we do not find words in the form of "suyuchilamoq" or "sevinchilamoq". Only the lexemes "sevinchi" and "suyunchi", which are the noun forms of these words, are explained as follows:

SEVINCHI. A gift given for a good news, present, suyunchi.

SUYUNCHI. A gift, reward given to the bearer of good news about a happy event, suyunchi (page 79)

However, in the novel "Night and Day" and "Otkan Kunlar" we find the verb form of these words. This justifies our opinion that this word is archaic.

In the translation of the work by O.Muminov and A.Khamidov, unfortunately, we can see that this national-cultural concept has been lost:

Girls have laughed for such talking. After hearing girls' laugh the old woman understood who guests were really.

-Well, it is Saltanatkhan, - said she.

Together with word the chain in door was taken out and the door opened sounding[17].

K. Fort translates this archaism as follows:

The girls laughed. When the old woman heard their giggling she suddenly understood who was asking.

"Ah, Saltanat, is that you?" she asked.

With the other girls heard the rustling of the small chain as it fell and the creaking of the door. Leaving the door half open, the old woman ran into the ichkari for suyunchi[18].

In his translation, Fort expresses the lexeme "sevinchilamoq" by giving the noun form of this word and preserves the linguoculturema itself in the text as "suyunchi". In our opinion, it would be better to give the linguocultureme with explanation:

....Leaving the door half open, the old woman ran inside in order to be the first to deliver the good news of and hoping for a gift given in honor of this.

In this part we tried to include the meaning of the linguocultureme in the translated text by adding the specific features, such as "to be the first to deliver a message" and "hoping for the gift".

CONCLUSION
We can conclude that when translating archaisms, it is necessary to pay attention to the genre characteristics of the artistic work, the functional-semantic aspects of archaisms. In the translation of archaisms, archaization, modernization, neutralization and combinatorial methods can be used.

All in all, in representing the linguculturological features in translation, it is important to try to give the whole meaning of the word in the text for that the readers can easily get the cultural concepts and avoiding the cultural dissonance.

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MECHANISMS OF STRENGTHENING AND MAINTAINING THE HEALTH OF YOUNG PEOPLE, RAISING THEIR SPIRITUAL AND MORAL LEVEL

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ABSTRACT
Health is an invaluable asset not only of each person, but of the entire society. When we meet and say goodbye to close and dear people, we wish them good health, because this is the main condition and guarantee of a full and happy life. Health is not only the absence of disease or physical infirmity, but also complete physical, mental and social well-being. This article deals with the problems of strengthening and maintaining the health of young people, raising their spiritual and morel level.
KEY WORDS: *Health, blood pressure, spirituality, overall state of health*

One of the important resources of any society is its physically fit and mentally healthy population. Throughout the history of human development, health has been defined as the main life value. A healthy lifestyle is defined as a factor aimed at ensuring a person's full longevity and well-being. In this regard, the issues of introducing citizens to a healthy lifestyle are being considered at the republic level. Accordingly, national and federal projects such as "Formation of a healthy lifestyle", "Strengthening the health of the population", "Sports - the standard of life" are being developed and implemented in our country. These projects are aimed at increasing the number of citizens who are responsible for their own health and lead a healthy lifestyle, including physical education and sports [1].

The main reason for the deterioration of the health of young people is the lack of hygiene culture, non-observance of simple hygiene skills, irresponsibility for health. Teaching children about health helps to maintain the health of the younger generation and prevent diseases. Since the basis of a healthy lifestyle is formed from childhood - during school education and upbringing, it is undoubtedly necessary to inculcate the need to observe health norms and rules from school age. A person's need to observe moral, spiritual, honest skills and habits, to take care of his health should be formed at school age. For this reason, it is important to "... comprehensively support young people and establish a healthy lifestyle among the population, increase the well-being of our people by achieving high economic growth, and solve problems in their daily life" [2].

Teaching young people a healthy lifestyle should start with the family. From childhood, young people should be taught the rules of personal hygiene, regular physical education skills, swimming in water, maintaining a sleep pattern, and getting used to walking in the fresh air. It is known that preschool and primary school period is a period of rapid formation, maturation and development of all the child's physical, nervous and mental systems. In the process of health education, hygiene skills are

formed, which are the basis for various life situations firmly established in everyday life. This allows to strengthen and maintain children's health and prevent many diseases. That is why Abdurauf Fitrat writes in his work "Family": "The happiness and honor of every nation depends on its internal discipline and harmony. Peace and harmony rest on the discipline of the families of this nation. Where the family relationship is based on strong discipline, the country and the nation will be strong and great" [3].

To strengthen and preserve the health of young people, to increase their spiritual and moral level, to form a healthy lifestyle in them, to achieve good achievements and results in life, to approach their health with a certain degree of responsibility, teaches the development of medical-hygienic knowledge, prevention of diseases, protection of the body from injury, poisoning, sensory organ dysfunction, and various infectious diseases. It is better to start forming the rules of a healthy lifestyle and hygiene skills in a child from the family. That is, for the proper development of his body and nervous system, he should be reminded of the rules of health and hygiene as much as possible. Parents play a big role in health education, because they help to strengthen acquired knowledge and skills in everyday life, and to use them correctly.

There are many studies aimed at improving the physical activity and health of students of higher education institutions, including A.Sischella, Y.Vesenan, S.Uska on the dependence of the healthy lifestyle of students on demographic, national, ethnic and student personality [4], C.Aseyjas, S.Waldhaus, N.Lambert, S.Kassar, R.Bello-Korassa on determinants of healthy lifestyle of young students [5], S.Chalishkan, K.Aberk, S.Oner on higher education aimed at forming healthy lifestyle behaviors of students of lim institutions [6]. H. Sena, D. Porri, R.de Giuseppe, A. Kalmportzidou, F. Salvator, M. Gox on experimental research aimed to determine the extent to which healthy lifestyle habits are formed in higher education students [7], A. Memon, S.Gupta, M.Krovzer, S.Ferguson, G.Tuckwell,

G.Vincents on the role of sleep and physical activity in the healthy life of students [8], M.Nelson, M.Story, N.Larson, D.Newmark, and L. Lyte [9] studied problems related to weight gain in students. Summarizing the analysis of the literature, the following can be indicated as the main methodological guidelines for healthy lifestyle education in students. Each lesson includes a summary of theoretical information, exercises that develop memory, attention, thinking, tests related to physical health, additional methods and methods aimed at confirming the knowledge gained in the lesson. To increase students' interest in health science, it is necessary to create a safe environment where they can share their thoughts without fear and ask lots of interesting questions. Based on this need, it is appropriate to define the goal of healthy education as forming the concept of health in students, introducing them to the main methods and methods of maintaining health, and forming the motive (motivation) for maintaining health.

The implementation of this goal requires solving a number of tasks, including:

- introducing students to the concepts of health, healthy lifestyle;
- to provide students with preliminary information about the structure of the human body;
- familiarizing students with health-preserving factors;
- providing information to students about factors that harm health;
- informing students about the basic rules of hygiene;
- making a daily schedule and teaching to follow it;
- development of students' attention to nature and environment.

In conclusion, we can say that the direction of a healthy lifestyle is the basis of our educational work, because our main task is to keep the health of students in the main focus.

Health is the first and most important need that determines a person's ability to work and ensures the full development of a person, it is an important condition for knowing the world, self-awareness and happiness. Active longevity is an important component of the happy human factor, and every ordinary person strives to live a happy life. But if we analyze "every step" of our usual day, then everything can turn out differently. He hardly gets out of bed in the morning to go to work or study, is restless during the day, eats poorly, quarrels with loved ones, is jealous of acquaintances and colleagues, spends everything on buying materialistic things, comes late from work, watches TV in the evening watching, relaxing on the couch, and spending the weekend barbecuing or shopping. As a result of many people spending their days in this way, physiological diseases, nervous diseases and problems in work and family arise.

A healthy lifestyle includes the optimal regime of work and rest, proper nutrition, sufficient mobility, strengthening of personal hygiene, elimination of bad habits, love for loved ones, positive acceptance of life. This allows you to maintain moral, mental and physical health until old age. After all, "... health cannot exist without mental health" [10].

Based on observations and experiments, researchers divide the

factors affecting human health into biological and social factors. Such a separation was formed as a result of understanding a person as a biosocial being, and if social factors include housing conditions, financial support and level of education, family structure, etc., biological factors include the age of the mother at the time of the child's birth, the age of the father at the time of the child'' birth, characteristics of pregnancy and childbirth, physical characteristics of the child at birth are distinguished. Psychological factors are also considered under the influence of biological and social factors.

Health is an invaluable asset not only of each person, but of the entire society. When we meet and say goodbye to close and dear people, we wish them good health, because this is the main condition and guarantee of a full and happy life. Health is not only the absence of disease or physical infirmity, but also complete physical, mental and social well-being.

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REVOLUTIONIZING DEEP MINING SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY WITH ARDUINO-BASED SMART HELMETS

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ABSTRACT

In the realm of deep mining, where perilous conditions and intricate challenges abound, ensuring miner safety and operational efficiency is of paramount significance. This research paper introduces an innovative solution to this pressing concern: the development and deployment of Smart Helmets empowered by Arduino technology. This ingenious integration of cutting-edge sensors and communication modules endeavours to elevate miner safety, proactively monitor environmental conditions, and augment overall operational efficiency. The paper provides an intricate exploration of the smart helmet's design architecture, its intricate components, and the intricate symphony by which it functions, all the while illuminating the transformative impact it could wield upon the domain of deep mining. A captivating real-time scenario paints a vivid picture of this technology in action, navigating the labyrinthine recesses of a hazardous underground mine. In a mélange of creativity and pragmatism, the paper postulates that the marriage of technology and mining could forge a new era of safety and productivity in the subterranean world.

1. INTRODUCTION

Delving into the Earth's depths to extract its hidden treasures presents a tapestry woven with complexities and risks. The Smart Helmet conceived in this research endeavours to reframe this narrative. By harnessing the prowess of Arduino technology, it aspires to revolutionize miner safety and operational fluidity in the heart of these challenging environments.

2. DESIGN AND COMPONENTS

The nucleus of the Smart Helmet resides in the harmonious symphony of its components:

- **Sentinels of Gases**: Sensors meticulously attuned to the presence of toxic gases stand sentinel, promptly relaying alerts about methane and carbon monoxide levels to both miners and supervisors.
- **Climate Custodians**: Temperature and humidity sensors meticulously monitor the microclimate, thus ensuring that the crucible of the mine remains a haven rather than a hazard.
- **Guardian of Movement**: The Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU), much like an astute guardian, chronicles every miner's movement, identifying the ballet of a stumble or the cadence of a fall. It stands vigilant to trigger notifications and evoke assistance.
- **Threads of Communication**: A marriage of Zigbee or Bluetooth modules formulates seamless threads of communication between the depths of the mine and the world above.
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- **Luminary Annunciations**: The helmet adorns itself with an LED display, an oracle of illumination, imparting critical insights such as gas concentrations or exigent alarms.

3. WORKING PRINCIPLE

The sensors, orchestras of data, serenade their findings in real-time. This melody is conducted by the Arduino microcontroller, which, in response to the crescendos of peril, orchestrates a harmonious symphony of alerts. A spike in gas concentrations or the scalding touch of abnormal temperatures prompt the helmet's cadence of alarms. If misfortune bestows a fall or an accident, the helmet, imbued with the grace of an accelerometer, senses the choreography of abrupt movements, promptly summoning the ensemble of emergency alerts. Through the serenade of wireless communication, miners and surface operators exchange arias of information, thus orchestrating a ballet of responses.
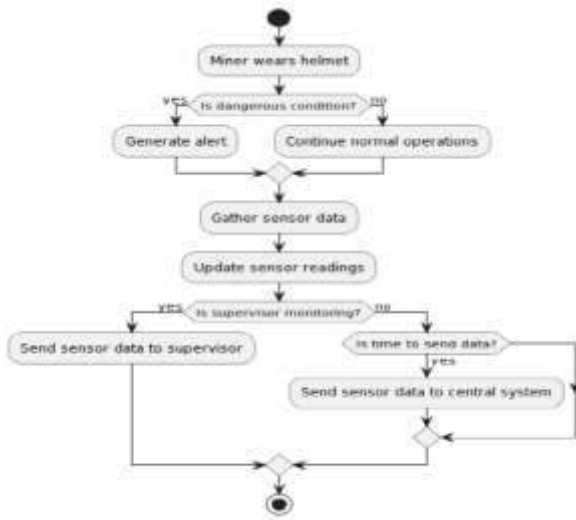
Fig. 1

4. POTENTIAL IMPACT

The Smart Helmet transcends the realm of concept, heralding a pantheon of potential impacts:

- **Aegis of Safety**: Miners, cloaked in real-time alerts, traverse their perilous odyssey with a guardian at their side, evacuating hazardous locales with promptitude.
- **Efficiency's Echelons**: The ballet of sensors and data fashions an overture of operational efficiency. Environmental parameters are optimized, and halts are averted.
- **Data's Transformative Sonata**: The data, a virtuoso in its own right, can be studied to discern patterns, ushering in a tableau of evolution in mining practices.
- **Downtime's Obituary**: Accidents summon forth a symphony of swift responses, hence eulogizing downtime and inciting the crescendo of productivity.
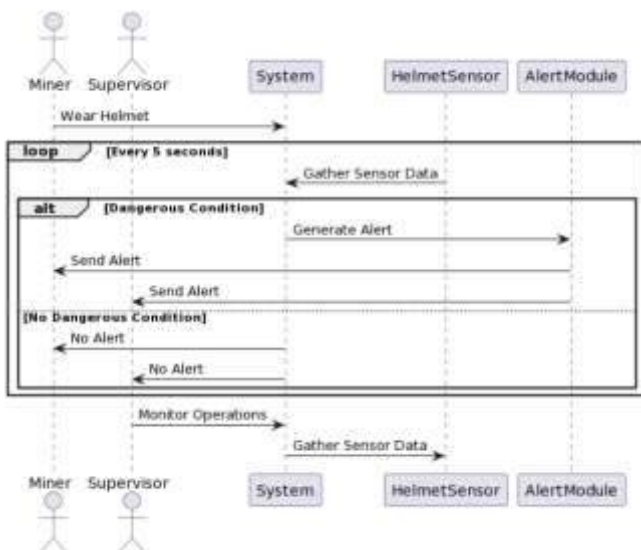
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5. REAL-TIME SCENARIO: A SUBTERRANEAN BALLET

Descend into an underground coal mine, where the visage of miners adorned with Smart Helmets emerges. In an ephemeral heartbeat, one miner breaches a cocoon of methane gas during drilling. Swift and sure, the gas sensors crescendo into a tumultuous alert, dispatched to miner and control centre alike. The miner's gaze alights upon the LED display, and with the grace of a balletic pirouette, he vacates the danger. In synchronous accord, the control centre burgeons into action, orchestrating a counterpoint of emergency procedures. A tragedy's cadence is thwarted, an aria of potential disaster silenced.

6. CONCLUSION

The fusion of Arduino technology with the crucible of deep mining births a phoenix of safety and efficacy. In the symphony of sensors and communication modules, a crescendo of miner protection and operational optimization resonates. As the curtain falls, the realm of deep mining, once fraught with shadows, is illuminated by the promise of the Smart Helmet—a vanguard that may herald a new age beneath the Earth's embrace.

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USE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS ON THE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

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ABSRTACT
Education is the most important things in life. Education is the best policy. in Secondary level the students learn basic concept and important things. Teacher teach for students for the use of different instructional tools .student get good scoring and their academic achievement also very effective.in present study experimental method was used. two group were selected one controlled group and second experimental group.20 - 20 students were selected. finally concluded that instructional tools are effective for the achievement of secondary school students.

INTRODUCTION

In twenty-first century belongs to science and other subjects. Innovation is gaining momentum in all areas. The field of education is no exception to this. Teaching can be made more effective through educational technology. Through this the academic achievement of the students was better.

Therefore, it is necessary for the teacher to increase the academic achievement of the students by making the teaching process more efficient and effective by using the educational tool in teaching.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Use of instructional tools on the academic achievement of secondary school students

IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH

The main purpose of education is to change behaviour in the desired direction. Considering the huge revolution in the field of education in today's fast paced era. With the use of the tool. It is important to check the effect on the edit. For the use of educational materials, the student becomes very active and affects his / her academic performance. So this research is going to be important for the teaching class.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1)To examine the effect of the use of instructional tools on secondary school students on
their academic achievement .
2) To check the need for use of instructional tools on secondary school students.

RESEARCH HYPOTHESES

1) The use of educational tools has an effect on the academic performance of students at the secondary level.
2) There is a significant difference in the effect of the use of instructional tools on the academic achievement among the students at the secondary level.

RESEARCH METHODS

In the present Research Experimental method was used.

Experimental Design: - This research has been done experimentally. The design is of special importance in the experimental method. Equivalent Parallel Groups were selected for this experimental design.
Sample : -two group were selected randomly one controlled group and second experimented group 20 -20 students were selected in controlled and experimental group.

Tools: In the present research, the following tools were used to check the effectiveness of the use of instructional tools. Multiple Intelligence Test - Questionnaire - Demonstration - Editing Test -

Testing Of Hypothesis

Table :-1

	N	Mean	SD	t Value	Significance at 0.05 level
Controlled Group	20	92.50	4.04	3.86	significant
Experimental Group	20	95.54	6.18		

Table 1 results that the experimental group achieved greater mean score (92.50) than that of the control group (94.54) ofter the intervention given. In other word, the experimental group outperformed the control group in science. Test was applied the value of t 3.86 is found to be statistically significant at both 0.05 and 0.01 levels indicating The use of educational tools has an effect on the academic performance of students at the secondary level.

Table :- 2

	N	Mean	SD	t Value	Significance at 0.05 level
Experimental Group	20	33 6	8.26	9.97	significant
Controlled Group	20	19.28	9.08		

Table 2 results that the experimental group achieved greater mean score (33.6) than that of the control group (19.28) ofter the intervention given. In other word, the experimental group outperformed the control group in science. Test was applied the value of t 9.97 is found to be statistically significant at both 0.05 and 0.01 levels indicating thereby a significant difference in the effect of the use of instructional tools on the academic achievement among the students at the secondary level.

CONCLUSIONS
  The following conclusions were drawn from the analysis and explanation of the hypotheses of this research.
1) There is a Significant difference between both groups based on the performance. experiment group are good scoring than the controlled group.
2) There is a difference in the impact of students' use of instructional tools on their academic achievement.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
1) The method of teaching through educational means is an effective method. Therefore, the   government should prepare good quality educational tools for each subject from expert teachers and provide them to the schools.
2) As this method is very useful mainly for Mathematics, Science, History, Geography subjects,   educational tools on this subject should be provided to the schools.
3) Due to the increasing number of students, they are not given personal attention and students are neglected in their studies, so only 25 to 30 students should be kept in class.
4) As there is a huge explosion of knowledge, arrangements should be made to impart   knowledge of new subjects to the students through educational means.
5) Due to increasing education, the government should increase the number of schools and supply trained teachers.
6) Teachers should be trained to create new educational tools and encourage them to teach in the classroom by providing materials.
7) Teachers should not be appointed on the basis of academic qualifications but on the basis of skill test for teachers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH
    1) Research can be done on the availability of educational materials in secondary schools.
    2) There is a lot of scope for research on the depression in the teaching of teachers about the   use of instructional tools

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A TEMPORAL ANALYSIS OF PREVALENCE, PATTERN AND PERCEPTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG HIGHER SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN ERNAKULAM DISTRICT, KERALA

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ABSTRACT

Substance abuse can degenerate the very fabric of a nation by destroying its youth and is detrimental to the development prospects of its economy. The present study makes a temporal analysis of the prevalence, pattern and perception of substance abuse among Higher Secondary and Higher Education Students of Ernakulam District, Kerala. The data was collected both in years 2022 and 2023 and the study constructed three scale variables such as Risk Perception of students towards Substance abuse, Disapproval Rate Score and Perception of Drug Accessibility in order to compare Higher Secondary and Higher Education Students over years 2022 and 2023.The study makes use of Independent Sample t-tests and Two way between-group ANOVA to analyse the data. The study recommends a multipronged approach which on the one hand, cuts the sources of drug, curb the drug peddlers and enforce stringent measures on drug abuse, on the other hand promote awareness among students on the perils of drug abuse and provide counseling and rehabilitation.

KEYWORDS: *Substance Abuse, Risk Perception, Disapproval Rate, Perception of Drug Accessibility*

1.INTRODUCTION

Rampant and reckless substance abuse among youth in Kerala especially in college campuses is a burning but much neglected issue, which if left alone can do havocs in the social settings of the state. It's a fact that the perception of drug abuse among youth can vary depending on the cultural and social context. In some cultures, drug abuse may be seen as a sign of rebellion or a rite of passage into adulthood, while in others it is viewed as a serious problem that needs to be addressed. Kerala, which is acclaimed to be the most literate state in India unfortunately, seems to be displaying first mentioned cultural traits.

The most commonly abused drugs among youth in Kerala include alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, prescription drugs such as benzodiazepines and opioids. In recent times, party drugs such as MDMA and cocaine are getting popular among the youth. Young males tend to engage more in drug abuse than females and the age of initiation into drug use has been decreasing. There is a perception among many young people in Kerala that drug use is a way to relieve stress and cope with academic, peer, social pressures and boredom, assisted by curiosity and easy availability of drugs.

The Kerala police registered 24,701 cases related to drug abuse under the Narcotic, Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPS) Act till November 2022-23 calendar year, which was 333 percent higher than 5695 cases registered in the same month 2021. The

Excise department registered 6116 NDPS cases in November 2022 as against 3992 in the same month 2021 registering a spike of 55 percent. In 2016, the Excise department conducted 1,39,366 raids and in 2022 it has risen to 1,44,200 raids registering a rise of 3.46 percent. There was an 87 per cent increase in the arrests under NDPS during the same period. Over the period, MDMA emerged as the most sought after drug among the youth. Bengaluru and Goa are alleged to be the main drug source of Kerala. (*The Indian Express*, 2023)

Ganja/Cannabis is growing popular among the youth. The worrying fact is that there is a growing percent of girl students' start experimenting with the drugs out of curiosity and peer pressure from boy compatriots. The easy accessibility and inefficacy of the enforcement system in the prevention of drug abuse though registered cases spiked, ever growing presence of drug peddlers have led to an alarming spurt in the substance abuse and can potentially endanger the fragile social equilibrium of Kerala state in not so near future.

However, there is also growing awareness of the negative consequences of drug abuse, including health problems, addiction, and social and economic problems. Government and non-governmental organizations in Kerala are initiating various steps to address the issue of youth drug addiction through education, prevention, and treatment programs. This includes increasing access to addiction treatment services and launching

awareness campaigns to educate young people about the dangers of drug abuse.

The present study is structured in the following ways. Section two delineates the objectives and hypotheses of the study. Section three briefly depicts the methodologies used in the study. Section four gives a brief review of the literature. Section five elaborates the results and its discussions. Section six summarizes the important findings of the study.

2.OBJECTIVES AND HYPOTHESES

The primary objective of the study was to make a temporal analysis of the prevalence, pattern and perception of Higher Secondary and Higher Education students in Ernakulam district of Kerala for the years 2022 and 2023. The following hypotheses were formulated for meeting these objectives.

H_{01}: There is no significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on risk perception towards drug abuse.

H_{02}: There is no significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on disapproval rate scores towards drug abuse.

H_{03}: There is significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on perception of drug access scores.

H_{04}: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Risk Perception score of drug abuse.

H_{05}: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Disapproval rate score of drug abuse.

H_{06}: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Perception of drug access score.

3.RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted among Higher Secondary and Higher Education students of Ernakulam district and data was collected in two phases- March 2022 and March 2023 in order to make a temporal comparison of prevalence, pattern and perception of substance abuse among students.

The sample of the study was composed of 75 students belonging to year 2022 and 80 students belonging to year 2023. A well-structured questionnaire was constructed and data were collected by face-to-face interaction after getting the consent of respondent by educating them the research purpose of the study. The study ensured the confidentiality of the respondents. The study made use of graphs, frequency analysis, Independent Sample t test and Two way-Between Group ANOVA to analyse data and reach the research conclusions.

4. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

There are a number of International, national and regional studies on the substance abuse among youth and students. A study on the prevalence and determinants of substance abuse among youth in central Kerala found alarming trend of substance abuse among the youth and recommended school based programmes to generate awareness regarding the potential health hazards.(Raphael et al., 2017) Another study on substance abuse among dental students of Kantipur Dental College found that 74 percent of the respondents never smoked at the same time only 43 percent of the respondents never used alcohol drink and 35 percent of the respondents used cannabis. The study recommended proper counseling for the students to discourage substance abuse.(Bhatta et al., 2018) A large sample study (1200 undergraduate students) of substance abuse among undergraduate students in Osun State, Nigeria analysed the factors influencing substance abuse and identified peer influence as the major factor. The study recommended counseling for healthy living of students.(Yusuf, 2011) A Malaysian study on substance abuse among secondary school students found that 30 percent of the students felt their parents did not view glue sniffing, consuming alcohol or smoking as an offence and study recommended state intervention in awareness campaign to curb this abuse tendency.(Chan et al., 2016) A cross sectional study on psychological wellbeing and substance abuse among adolescents collected and analysed a sample of 300 secondary and higher secondary students and found better psychological well being among students who didn't use substance in their life.(Aiyappan et al., 2018) A research gap could be identified in a temporal analysis of substance abuse among Higher secondary and Higher Education students and the present study attempts to fill this research gap.

5.RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section is classified into segments

1) Demographic Profile of the respondents
2) Year wise Pattern of Drug Abuse among students
3) Reliability Test
4) Independent Sample t Test
5) Two-way between- groups ANOVA

5.1) Demographic Profile

Table1: Demographic Profile of the respondents					
		2022		2023	
Variable	Characteristics	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	40	47	52	35
	Female	35	53	28	65
Education	Higher Secondary Education	39	52	16	20
	Higher Education	36	48	64	80
Religion	Hindu	32	43	42	53
	Christian	28	37	31	38
	Muslim	13	17	7	9
	Others	2	3	0	0
Education of Father	Uneducated	1	1	0	1
	Primary Education	5	7	2	3
	Secondary Education	16	21	12	15
	Higher Secondary Education	22	29	21	26
	Higher Education	31	42	45	56
Education of Mother	Uneducated	1	1	0	0
	Primary Education	5	7	2	3
	Secondary Education	16	21	12	15
	Higher Secondary Education	22	30	21	26
	Higher Education	31	41	45	56

5.2) Year wise Pattern of Drug Abuse among students
5.2.1 Year wise Frequency of Cigarettes use in Last 30 days

Table 2: Frequency of Cigarettes use in Last 30 days			
		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	59	78.7
	1-2 times	3	4.0
	3-5 times	2	2.7
	6-9 times	6	8.0
	10-19 times	3	4.0
	20-39 times	2	2.7
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	60	75.0
	1-2 times	3	3.8
	3-5 times	2	2.5
	6-9 times	5	6.3
	10-19 times	5	6.3
	20-39 times	3	3.8
	40 or more times	2	2.5
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.2 Year wise Frequency of Alcohol usage in last 30 days

Table 3: Frequency of Alcohol usage in last 30 days			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	49	65.3
	1-2 times	9	12.0
	3-5 times	4	5.3
	6-9 times	6	8.0
	10-19 times	7	9.3
	Total	75	100.0

2023	Never	52	65.0
	1-2 times	16	20.0
	3-5 times	6	7.5
	6-9 times	2	2.5
	10-19 times	2	2.5
	20-39 times	1	1.3
	40 or more times	1	1.3
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.3 Year wise Frequency of Cannabis / Ganja/ Kanjavu Usage in lifetime

Table 4: Frequency of Cannabis / Ganja/ Kanjavu Usage in lifetime			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	57	76.0
	1-2 times	6	8.0
	3-5 times	2	2.7
	6-9 times	4	5.3
	10-19 times	5	6.7
	40 or more times	1	1.3
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	70	87.5
	1-2 times	2	2.5
	3-5 times	2	2.5
	6-9 times	1	1.3
	10-19 times	1	1.3
	20-39 times	1	1.3
	40 or more times	3	3.8
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.4 Year wise frequency of age of first Consumption of Beer (at least one glass)

Table 5: Age of first Consumption of Beer (at least one glass)			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	35	46.7
	11 years old or less	2	2.7
	12 years old	3	4.0
	13 years old	4	5.3
	14 years old	2	2.7
	15 years old	5	6.7
	16 years old	2	2.7
	17 years old	5	6.7
	18 years old or above	17	22.7
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	29	36.3
	11 years old or less	4	5.0
	12 years old	2	2.5
	14 years old	1	1.3
	15 years old	1	1.3
	16 years old	7	8.8
	17 years old	3	3.8
	18 years old or above	33	41.3
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.5 Year wise frequency of age of first Consumption of Wine (at least one glass)

Table 6: Age of first Consumption of Wine (at least one glass)			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	14	18.7
	11 years old or less	15	20.0
	12 years old	8	10.7
	13 years old	7	9.3
	14 years old	2	2.7
	15 years old	10	13.3
	16 years old	6	8.0
	17 years old	4	5.3
	18 years old or above	9	12.0
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	22	27.5
	11 years old or less	20	25.0
	13 years old	6	7.5
	14 years old	2	2.5
	15 years old	8	10.0
	16 years old	5	6.3
	17 years old	4	5.0
	18 years old or above	13	16.3
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.6 Year wise frequency of age of first Smoking of a Cigarette

Table 7: Age of first Smoking of a Cigarette			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	46	61.3
	11 years old or less	1	1.3
	12 years old	1	1.3
	13 years old	3	4.0
	15 years old	4	5.3
	16 years old	5	6.7
	17 years old	6	8.0
	18 years old or above	9	12.0
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	53	66.3
	11 years old or less	1	1.3
	12 years old	2	2.5
	15 years old	3	3.8
	16 years old	3	3.8
	17 years old	2	2.5
	18 years old or above	16	20.0
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.7 Year wise frequency of age of first Consumption of Alcohol (at least one glass)

Table 8: Age of first Consumption of Alcohol (at least one glass)			
Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	44	58.7
	11 years old or less	2	2.7
	12 years old	2	2.7
	13 years old	2	2.7
	15 years old	4	5.3
	16 years old	2	2.7

	17 years old	1	1.3
	18 years old or above	18	24.0
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	38	47.5
	11 years old or less	3	3.8
	15 years old	1	1.3
	16 years old	1	1.3
	17 years old	6	7.5
	18 years old or above	31	38.8
	Total	80	100.0

5.2.8 Year wise frequency of age of first of first Usage of Drugs

Table 9: Age of first Usage of Drugs

Year		Frequency	Percent
2022	Never	56	74.7
	11 years old or less	1	1.3
	12 years old	1	1.3
	14 years old	1	1.3
	16 years old	2	2.7
	17 years old	3	4.0
	18 years old or above	11	14.7
	Total	75	100.0
2023	Never	64	80.0
	11 years old or less	2	2.5
	12 years old	1	1.3
	13 years old	1	1.3
	17 years old	1	1.3
	18 years old or above	11	13.8
	Total	80	100.0

5.3) Reliability Test

Three scale variables such as Risk Perception Score of drug usage, Disapproval Rate Score of drug usage and Perception of Drug Accessibility Score were constructed using likert scale questionnaire and their reliability is tested by Cronbach's alpha coefficient.

Table 10: Reliability Statistics

Scale Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
Risk Perception	.877	8
Disapproval Rate	.921	4
Perception of Drug Access	.896	3

All scale variables have good internal consistency with Cronbach's Alpha coefficients reported more than 0.85 and be used for further analysis.

5.4) Independent Sample t Test
5.4.1) Testing of the first Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on risk perception towards drug abuse.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is a significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on risk perception towards drug abuse.

Table 11: Group Statistics					
	Year	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Risk Perception	2022	75	24.87	6.143	.709
	2023	80	26.25	5.369	.600

Table 12: Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Risk Perception	Equal variances assumed	1.764	.186	-1.495	153	.137	-1.383	.925	-3.211	.444

An Independent sample t test was conducted to compare the risk perception scores for students belonging to year 2022 and 2023. There was on significant difference in the scores for 2022-year students (M = 24.87, SD = 6.14) and 2023-year students (M = 26.25, SD = 5.37; t (153) = -1.49, p = 0.137, two tailed). The magnitude of difference in the means (mean difference = -1.38, 95% CI: -3.2 to 0.44) was small (eta squared =0.014).
Though non-significant, it is intriguing to observe a slight increase in the risk perception of drug abuse among students from 2022 to 2023.

5.4.2) Testing of the second hypothesis
Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on disapproval rate scores towards drug abuse.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on disapproval rate scores towards drug abuse.

Table 13: Group Statistics					
	Year	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Disapproval Rate	2022	75	8.72	2.754	.318
	2023	80	9.05	2.643	.295

Table 14: Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Disapproval Rate	Equal variances assumed	.563	.454	-.761	153	.448	-.330	.433	-1.186	.526

An Independent sample t test was conducted to compare the disapproval rate scores for students belonging to year 2022 and 2023. There was on significant difference in the scores for 2022-year students (M = 8.72, SD = 2.75) and 2023-year students (M = 9.05, SD = 2.64; t (153) = -0.76, p = 0.45, two tailed). The magnitude of difference in the means (mean difference = -0.33, 95% CI: -1.2 to 0.57) was small (eta squared =0.004).

Though non-significant, it is intriguing to observe a slight increase in the disapproval rate score of drug abuse among students from 2022 to 2023.

5.4.3) Testing of the third hypothesis
Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on perception of drug access scores.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the mean scores of students belonging to Year 2022 and 2023 on perception of drug access scores.

Table 15: Group Statistics					
	Year	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Perception of Drug Access	2022	75	9.37	4.426	.511
	2023	80	9.06	4.073	.455

Table 16: Independent Samples Test										
		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Perception of Drug Access	Equal variances assumed	2.896	.091	.455	153	.650	.311	.683	-1.038	1.660

An Independent sample t test was conducted to compare the perception of drug access scores for students belonging to year 2022 and 2023. There was on significant difference in the scores for 2022-year students (M = 9.37, SD = 4.43) and 2023-year students (M = 9.06, SD = 4.07; t (153) = 0.46, p = 0.65, two tailed). The magnitude of difference in the means (mean difference = 0.31, 95% CI: -1.04 to 1.67) was small (eta squared =0.001).

Though non-significant, it is intriguing to observe a slight decrease in the perception of drug access score among students from 2022 to 2023.

5.5) Two-way between- groups ANOVA
5.5.1) Testing of the fourth hypothesis
Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Risk Perception score of drug abuse.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are not due to chance. There is interaction effect between Year and Gender and main effect for Year and Gender on Risk Perception score of drug abuse.

Table17: Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances			
Dependent Variable: Risk Perception			
F	df1	df2	Sig.
2.472	3	151	.064

The null hypothesis of homogeneity of variance is not violated since p = (0.064) is greater than 0.05.

Table 18:Tests of Between-Subjects Effects						
Dependent Variable: Risk Perception						
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial Eta Squared
Corrected Model	306.861[a]	3	102.287	3.193	.025	.060
Intercept	97446.602	1	97446.602	3042.134	.000	.953
Year	78.871	1	78.871	2.462	.119	.016
Gender	192.232	1	192.232	6.001	.015	.038
Year * Gender	38.344	1	38.344	1.197	.276	.008
Error	4836.880	151	32.032			
Total	106571.000	155				
Corrected Total	5143.742	154				
a. R Squared = .060 (Adjusted R Squared = .041)						
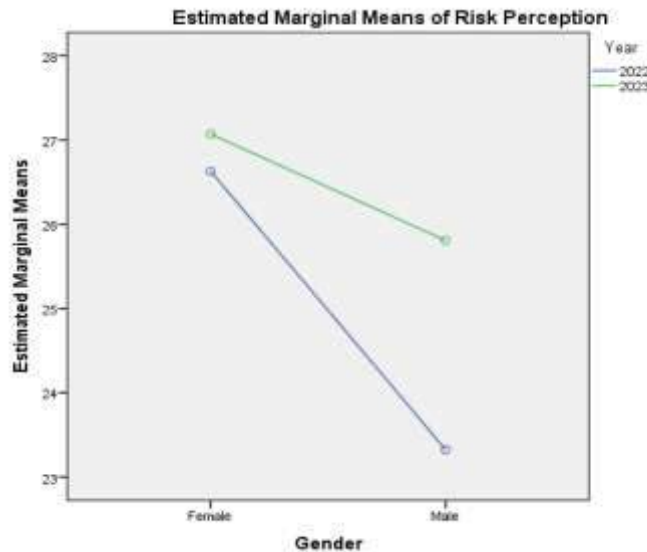
A two way between groups analysis of variance was conducted to explore the impact of gender and year on risk perception towards drug substance abuse. Youth were divided according to their gender and the year of study. (Gender: Male and Female, Year of study: 2022 and 2023). The interaction between gender and year of study was not statistically significant, $F(1,155) = 1.197$, $p = 0.276$. There was statistically significant main effect of Gender on Risk perception, $F(1,155) = 6.001$, $p = 0.015$. However the effect size is small as per partial eta squared = 0.038. The main effect of year of study, $F(1,151) = 2.462$, $p = 0.119$ is not statistically significant. Female have a high-risk perception both in 2022 and in 2023 (M=26.63 and M=27.07) respectively. Risk perception of Male and Female students is a bit higher in 2023.

5.5.2) Testing of the fifth hypothesis
Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Disapproval rate score of drug abuse.

Alternative Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are not due to chance. There is interaction effect between Year and Gender and main effect for Year and Gender on Disapproval rate score of drug abuse.

Table 19: Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances

Dependent Variable: Disapproval Rate Score			
F	df1	df2	Sig.
1.636	3	151	.183

The null hypothesis of homogeneity of variance is not violated since p = (0.183) is greater than 0.05.

Table 20: Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: Disapproval Rate Score						
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial Eta Squared
Corrected Model	29.093[a]	3	9.698	1.346	.262	.026
Intercept	11571.420	1	11571.420	1605.897	.000	.914
Year	1.637	1	1.637	.227	.634	.002
Gender	1.749	1	1.749	.243	.623	.002
Year * Gender	22.963	1	22.963	3.187	.076	.021
Error	1088.043	151	7.206			
Total	13368.000	155				
Corrected Total	1117.135	154				
a. R Squared = .026 (Adjusted R Squared = .007)						
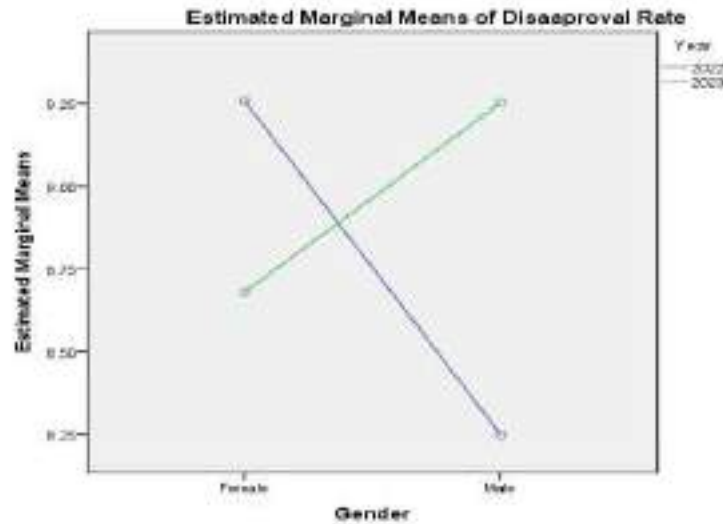
Estimated Marginal Means of Disaaproval Rate

A two way between groups analysis of variance was conducted to explore the impact of gender and year on disapproval rate score towards drug substance abuse. Youth were divided according to their gender and the year of study. (Gender: Male and Female, Year of study: 2022 and 2023). The interaction between gender and year of study was not statistically significant, $F_{(1,155)} = 3.187$, $p = .076$. There was no statistically significant main effect of Gender on Disapproval Rate Score, $F_{(1,155)} = .243$, $p = .623$. The main effect of year of study, $F_{(1,151)} = .227$, $p = .634$ is not statistically significant. Female have more disapproval rate in 2022 than 2023 (M = 9.26 and M = 8.68). Male have more disapproval rate in 2023 than in 2022 (M = 8.25 and M = 9.25).

5.5.3) Testing of the sixth hypothesis
Null Hypothesis: There is no significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are due to chance. There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender and no main effect for Year and Gender on Perception of drug access score.
Alternative Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the means of the groups such as Year and Gender and any difference observed are not due to chance. There is interaction effect between Year and Gender and main effect for Year and Gender on Perception of drug access score.

Table 21: Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances			
Dependent Variable: Perception of Drug Access Score			
F	df1	df2	Sig.
.907	3	151	.439

The null hypothesis of homogeneity of variance is not violated since p = (0.439) is greater than 0.05.

Table 22: Tests of Between-Subjects Effects						
Dependent Variable: Perception of Drug Access						
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial Eta Squared
Corrected Model	163.944ᵃ	3	54.648	3.174	.026	.059
Intercept	12126.411	1	12126.411	704.256	.000	.823
Year	7.047	1	7.047	.409	.523	.003
Gender	146.695	1	146.695	8.519	.004	.053
Year * Gender	12.403	1	12.403	.720	.397	.005
Error	2600.030	151	17.219			
Total	15920.000	155				
Corrected Total	2763.974	154				
a. R Squared = .059 (Adjusted R Squared = .041)						
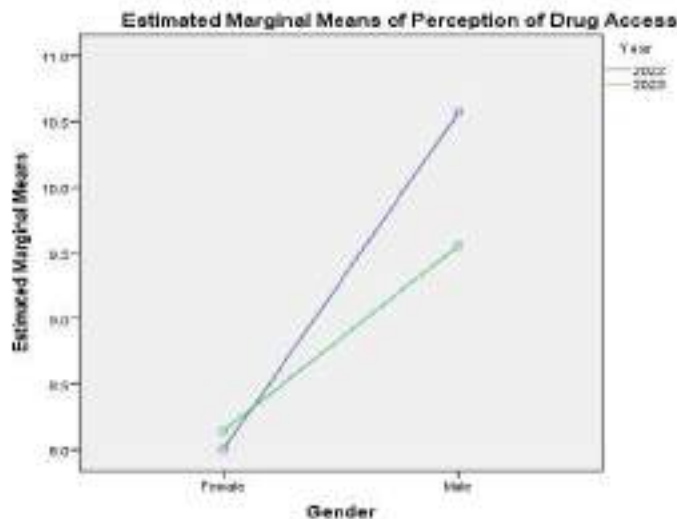
Estimated Marginal Means of Perception of Drug Access

A two way between groups analysis of variance was conducted to explore the impact of gender and year on Perception of Drug Access. Youth were divided according to their gender and the year of study. (Gender: Male and Female, Year of study: 2022 and 2023). The interaction between gender and year of study was not statistically significant, $F(1,155) = .720$, $p = 0.397$. There was statistically significant main effect of Gender on Perception of Drug Access, $F(1,155) = 8.519$, $p = .004$. However the effect size is small as per partial eta squared $= 0.053$. The main effect of year of study, $F(1,151) = .409$, $p = 0.523$ is not statistically significant. Female have almost similar Perception of Drug Access both in 2022 and in 2023 (M=8.00 and M=8.14) respectively. Male students have more Perception of Drug Access in 2022 than 2023 (M=10.58 and M=9.56). Perception of Drug Access of Male students is higher than female students.

6. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The study constructed three scale variables such as Risk Perception of students towards Substance abuse, Disapproval Rate Score and Perception of Drug Accessibility in order to compare Higher Secondary and Higher Education Students over years 2022 and 2023.The major findings of the study can be summarised as follows

- The percentage of students who never tasted a beer in their lifetime was 47 percent in 2022 and it was 36 percent in 2023.
- The percentage of students who never consumed alcohol in their lifetime was 59 percent in 2022 and it was 47 percent in 2023. These two findings show the increasing trend in substance abuse.
- The percentage of students who never smoked in their lifetime was 61 percent in 2022 and it was 66 percent in 2023.
- The percentage of students who never used drugs in their lifetime was 75 percent in 2022 and it was 80 percent in 2023.
- There is no significant difference in the risk perception towards drug abuse among students both in years 2022

and 2023. Even though non significant, risk perception has increased slightly in the year 2023.
- There is no significant difference in the disapproval rate score towards drug abuse among students both in years 2022 and 2023. Even though non significant, disapproval rate has increased slightly in the year 2023.
- There is no significant difference in the perception of drug access among students both in years 2022 and 2023. Even though non significant, the perception of drug access has decreased slightly in the year 2023 which implies that students think it is more difficult to access drugs.
- There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender on Risk Perception score towards drug abuse.
- There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender on Disapproval rate score of drug abuse.
- There is no interaction effect between Year and Gender on perception of drug accessibility.

Despite various efforts from Government of Kerala, Non Governmental Agencies, School and College authorities to educate students of the hazardous and detrimental effects of substance abuse on a healthy and prosperous life, the trend is not reversed though slight decline in the usages are visible. The growing presence of drug peddlers through social media, the peer pressure, the cultural traits and the glorification of drugs through popular medium such as cinema, have aggravated the already worse scenario. A predominant importance needs to be given to curb this malice through consistent and follow up awareness programs, counseling programs and provision of deaddiction and rehabilitation centres. Government needs to come up with multipronged approach which on the one hand cut the sources of drug, curb the drug peddlers and enforce a stringent measures on drug abuse on the other hand promote awareness among students on the perils of drug abuse and provide counseling and rehabilitation.

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MUTUAL FUND PERFORMANCE: A STUDY WITH SELECT SCHEMES OF HDFC AND ICICI PRUDENTIAL

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ABSTRACT

This article presents a comprehensive analysis of mutual fund scheme performance of HDFC and ICICI Prudential. The study evaluates the returns and risk profiles of various mutual fund schemes, focusing on their growth-oriented characteristics. Using monthly closing Net Asset Values (NAV) data, the study calculates the returns of different schemes during the specified period. The performance of the schemes is benchmarked against relevant market indices to assess their relative success. The evaluation employs widely recognized metrics, including Mean, Standard Deviation and ANOVA to provide a holistic view of each scheme's performance. The results shed light on the schemes that outperformed the market, those that faced diversification challenges, and the overall ability of mutual funds to generate positive returns. This analysis is of significant interest to investors, financial professionals and industry stakeholders as it offers insight that can inform better investment decisions and strategy development for navigation the complex financial landscape from 2016-2017 to 2022-2023.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, Mutual Funds have emerged as a highly favoured and efficient avenue for investors to participate in the financial markets. This investment vehicle offers an easy and cost-effective way to engage in various securities, mitigation risk through diversification. As a key component of individual investment strategies, mutual funds provide the potential for both capital growth and income, delivered through investment performance, dividends, and distributions, all expertly managed by portfolio managers on behalf of unit holders. Over the past decade, mutual funds have witnessed a significant surge in popularity, becoming the preferred choice for long-term investments. With this increasing prominence, it becomes crucial to analyse and evaluate the performance of mutual funds. The interplay between risk and return serves as the foundation for measuring a mutual fund's performance. As risk is inherently connected to potential returns, identifying funds that deliver maximum returns within acceptable risk level is essential to distinguish top-performing funds from underperformance. In India, numerous asset management companies operate, making it imperative to assess their performance. Such analyses not only benefit investors but also empower them to make informed decisions in selecting the right mutual funds for their financial goals and risk tolerance. In this context, studying the performance of mutual funds assumes great significance, providing valuable insights and aiding investors in navigating the complex world of investments.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Chellasamy P, Bala Nimoshini Supraja and Deepakarunya (2023) focuses on evaluating the optimization of risk and return for companies listed in thematic indices of National Stock Exchange (NSE). The article utilized the single index model to assess the optimization and return. The study of risk and return analyse financial markets interest for investors, economists, and financial analysts.

Tripathi and Japee (2020) conducted an in-depth "Analysis of mutual fund performance in India" with a specific focus on determining whether these funds can yield rewards in times of changeability and unpredictability in the market. The study employed various statistical tools such as standard deviation, beta, Sharpe ratio, Jenson's alpha. After examining 15 selected schemes, the study found that the majority of funds performed well in high-volatile market conditions, with the exception of SBI blue chip fund, Nippon India large cap fund, Nippon Indian growth fund, Nipon Inian small cap fund, DSP small cap fund.

Suneetha and Latha (2020) conducted a comprehensive investigation on the "Performance of selected balanced funds in India". Their study aimed to assess the risk-return relationship and market volatility of these mutual funds, while also comparing their performance with BSE index. The researchers utilized various financial tests, including rate of return, standard deviation, beta, Sharpe ratio, and Treynor ratio. Data for the analysis was collected from multiple websites of mutual fund schemes and AMFI India. The findings indicated that a significant proportion of the funds selected for the study

demonstrated superior performance, particularly under the Sharpe ratio metric.

Sridevi.O.V.A.M. (2018) "Performance of mutual fund-A study on selected mid cap and small cap fund" In order to research the current state of mutual funds in India, to assess the risk-reward relationship and market volatility of the mutual funds chosen. To assess the performance of various strategies. To quantify performance, samples of mid cap and small cap funds were collected, and several methods like as Sharpe, Treynor, and Jensen wee employed. The study's findings revealed that both schemes of mid cap and small cap funds outperformed the benchmark return. Not all of the funds showed positive values. The performance of the Axis balanced fund in the mid cap fund in negligible, however it is significant in the small cap fund.

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Yashasvi and Rajpara. R (2017) "A study on the performance evaluation of selected debt mutual funds in India." To learn which programmes in India provide the maximum return. To investigate the risk and return components of these mutual funds. To assess and compare the performance of chosen companies' debt mutual fund schemes. Secondary data from the top five asset management firms was analysed. To compare various schemes, NAVs, ranking, and returns were employed. The researcher discovered which scheme performed better. He also came to the conclusion that consumers are becoming more interested in investing in debt mutual funds. He also determined that reasonable investors prefer debt funds to other types of funds.

Poonam Devi (2017) "Performance and analytical study of various mutual funds." Understanding investor perceptions of mutual funds, as well as people's expectations for mutual fund returns. Several data interpretation and presentation strategies were used. The researcher mostly relied on primary data. The majority of investors prefer to invest in mutual funds. Most people prefer to invest their money for one to three years in order to maximize their returns. People invest in mutual funds to maximize their returns and reduce their tax liability.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM
In the Indian financial market, the market fund sector is one that is expanding quickly. Despite the fact that there are several investment possibilities, diversifying one's money through mutual fund investing allows investors to participate in the capital market with little risk and a high rate of return. Investors have a variety of investment options at their disposal. The investors must be well-versed in the risks and potential returns of the money they are investing. As a result, this study aids in the analysis of the investment performance of the chosen mutual fund scheme.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY
To evaluate the performance of mutual fund schemes of select companies HDFC and ICICI Prudential.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
This research article adopts a quantitative approach, utilizing secondary data as the basis of analysis. The sample includes the top two asset management companies based on AUM as of June 30th 2023, namely HDFC and ICICI Prudential. From each of these selected AMCs, seven mutual fund schemes are randomly chosen for evaluation. To assess the performance of the selected schemes, monthly data on their closing Net Asset Values (NAV) is collected from reputable websites such as www. Investing.com. The reference period for the data collection spans from April 2016 to March 2023, enabling a seven-year analysis of the selected mutual fund schemes performance. All calculations and data analysis are performed using SPSS, providing a robust and reliable framework for evaluating the performance and investment strategies of the chosen mutual fund schemes during the specified period.

ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

TABLE 1
DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR HDFC SCHEMES

Scheme Name	Mean (NAV)	Standard Deviation
HDFC		
HDFC Flexi Cap Fund -direct Plan Payout Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl Option	56.29	8.51
HDFC Small Cap Fud	48.16	16.68
HDFC Balanced Advantage Fund Growth	210.55	55.52
HDFC Hybrid Debt Fund	48.84	7.76
HDFC Corporate Bond Fund -Direct Plan - Growth Option	23.26	2.93

Table 1 shows the highest NAV value is of HDFC balanced advantage fund growth is 210.55, and the standard deviation is 55.52 and the lowest value is HDFC corporate bond fund-direct plan-growth option, NAV value is 23.26 and the standard deviation is 2.93 during 2016-2017 to 2022-2023.

TABLE 2
DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR ICICI PRUDENTIAL SCHEMES

Scheme Name	Mean (NAV)	Standard Deviation
ICICI PRUDENTIAL		
ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund Growth	281.51	31.08
ICICI Prudential Bluechip Fund Direct Plan Growth	49.36	14.02
ICICI Prudential Equity & Debt Fund Direct Plan Monthly Payout Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl	33.24	6.77
ICICI Prudential Banking and Financial Services Fund Payout of Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl	33.04	4.61
ICICI prudential balanced advantage fund direct plan growth	41.40	9.30

Table 2 shows the highest NAV value is of ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund Growth is 281.51 and the standard deviation is 31.08 and the lowest value is ICICI Prudential Banking and Financial Services Fund Payout Of Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl, NAV value is 33.04 and the standard deviation is 4.61 during 2016-2017 to 2022-2023.

TABLE 3
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR HDFC

Scheme Name		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Hdfc Flexi Cap Fund -direct Plan Payout Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl Opt	Between Groups	279.411	6	46.569		0.02
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	279.411	6			
Hdfc Small Cap Fund Growth	Between Groups	1755.460	6	292.577		0.03
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	1755.460	6			
Hdfc Balanced Advantage Fund Growth	Between Groups	20436.475	6	3406.079		0.04
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	20436.475	6			
Hdfc Hybrid Debt Fund Growth	Between Groups	396.275	6	66.046		0.03
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	396.275	6			
Hdfc Corporate Bond Fund -direct Plan - Growth Option	Between Groups	73.010	6	12.168		0.00
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	73.010	6			

Table 3 shows, p-value is less than 0.05 based on the analysis. Hence the null hypothesis that the group means are rejected. In this analysis, the fund groupings differ in a statistically meaningful way.

H0: There would be no significant difference in performance of selected mutual fund scheme.

TABLE 4
ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR ICICI PRUDENTIAL

Scheme Name		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Icici Prudential Liquid Fund Growth	Between Groups	6278.812	6	1046.469		0.04
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	6278.812	6			
Icici Prudential Bluechip Fund Direct Plan Growth	Between Groups	1262.598	6	210.433		0.03
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	1262.598	6			
Icici Prudential Equity & Debt Fund Direct Plan Monthly Payout Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl	Between Groups	285.938	6	47.656		0.01
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	285.938	6			
Icici Prudential Banking and Financial Services Fund Payout of Inc Dist Cum Cap Wdrl	Between Groups	78.817	6	13.136		000
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	78.817	6			
icici prudential balanced advantage fund direct plan growth	Between Groups	567.530	6	94.588		0.02
	Within Groups	.000	0			
	Total	567.530	6			

Table 4 shows p-value is less than 0.05 based on the analysis. Hence the null hypothesis that the group means are rejected. In this analysis, the fund groupings differ in a statistically meaningful way.

H_1: There would be no significant difference in performance of selected mutual fund scheme.

FINDINGS

- The HDFC balanced advantage fund growth has a relatively high mean value, indicating a generally positive performance during the analysing period. The restively high standard deviation suggests some degree of in its return.
- HDFC corporate bond fund-direct plan-growth option has relatively low mean indicating more stable returns. The low standard deviation further supports the fund's stability, suggesting it may be less than some other funds.
- The ICICI Prudential banking and financial services fund payout of Inc dist cum cap wdrl has high mean indicating a stable and consistent performance with relatively.
- The ICICI Prudential banking financial services fund has moderate mean value. The low standard deviation suggests that the fund's returns have been relatively stable, with ower compared to other fund.

SUGGESTION

- For investors looking for stability, HDFC corporate bond find-direct plan-growth option, might be a suitable choice due to its low mean, median and standard deviation values.
- ICICI Prudential liquid fund growth could be a good option fund, those who prioritized liquidity and want to minimize risk. Its consistent performance and low volatility make it suitable for short-term investment or an emergency fund.
- While ICICI Prudential banking and financial services fund payout of Inc dist cum cap wdrl has moderate return, investors should consider its sectoral exposure. Their dependence on the performance of a specific industry, in this case, banking and financial services.
- Before making any investment decision, it's recommended to consult with a financial advisor. They can provide personalized guidance based on individual financial situation and goals.

CONCLUSION

The analysis highlights the diverse nature of mutual fund schemes offered by HDFC and ICICI Prudential. Each fund category has its own set of characteristics and return profiles. The choice of funds should be guided by a comprehensive understanding of financial goal, risk tolerance and investment horizon. While some funds demonstrated strong performance, it's essential to remember the past performance is guarantee of future results. Through careful consideration, diversification

and professional guidance, investors can make informed decision to achieve their financial aspiration.

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REVIEW ON CURRENT STATUS OF AVOCADO PRODUCTION IN ETHIOPIA

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ABSTRACT

The study discusses the global significance of avocado as a nutritious fruit and economically important crop. It focuses on the increasing demand for avocados and the potential for their cultivation in Ethiopia's diverse agro-ecological zones. The review article examines a wide range of peer-reviewed studies, reports, and literature up to September 2022, using various sources including electronic databases and academic repositories. Grey literature and agricultural organization reports were also considered. The review findings show that avocado production in Ethiopia has been rapidly growing. In 2021, the country produced 245,336 metric tons of avocados across 30,585.70 hectares, with a yield of 80.2 quintals per hectare. Ethiopia exported 604.5 quintals of avocados in the same year. The favourable agro-ecological diversity of Ethiopia, spanning from lowlands to highlands, supports avocado cultivation. However, the industry is still young and faces challenges such as limited access to quality seeds, insufficient irrigation systems, and transportation issues. The post-harvest phase, processing, and marketing of avocados also present difficulties, leading to lower product quality and constrained market reach. The review covers global and local avocado production trends, avocado production and management practices, constraint of avocado production and future direction have been discussed.

KEYWORDS: *Avocado Production, Production Constraints, Post-harvest losses*

1. INTRODUCTION

Tropical and subtropical fruits can make a significant direct contribution to smallholder farmers' livelihoods by providing locally produced nutritious foods that are often available when other agricultural crops have not yet been harvested. The fruit is a universal product that can be eaten at home or sold as needed. The marketing of fresh produce and fruit generates revenue that can serve as an economic buffer and seasonal safety net for poor farmers. Diversification in fruit production can create jobs and allow small farmers to engage in a range of production, processing and marketing activities to complement existing income-generating businesses (Faris, 2016)

According to Asfaw et al.(2020) Ethiopia has the right agro-ecology to grow temperate and tropical fruits. Fruit growing plays an important role in the local economy, providing livelihoods for nearly five million farmers, creating jobs and generating foreign exchange earnings in Ethiopia (FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), 2019). As a result, in its second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) covering the period 2015-2020, the Ethiopian government has placed greater emphasis on increasing the production of fruit crops by almost 50% of the existing ones (National Planning Commission (NPC), 2016) Among the fruits, banana, mango, orange, avocado and papaya are the main fruits grown in the country of great importance.

According to the data from (FAO, 2022) the global fruit production was about 8,685,672 metric tons in 2021 and total avocado harvested area was 858,152 hectares. According to FAO, (2022) avocado production in Ethiopia reached 245,336 metric tons in 2021 and total harvested area was 30585.70 hectares. Ethiopia exported 604.5Qt of avocados in 2021. The main avocado destinations in Ethiopia are the United Kingdom (UK), United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore, France, Saudi Arabia and Djibouti. Avocados are second only to bananas in total production volume in Ethiopia. Bananas, Mangoes, Avocados, Papayas, and Oranges took up 63.30%, 12.49%, 12.39%, 6.16% and 3.52% of the fruit production, respectively.

In most parts of the country, individual land holdings are extremely small (<0.25 ha) as a result of high population pressure and the land is fragmented and degraded, making commercial fruit production very difficult in terms of farm mechanization and marketing of the fruit produce. Promoting production of highly productive crops per unit area particularly, manipulation of the potential of the fruit crops remains critically essential to ensure food and nutrient security of an alarmingly increasing population of the country. Absence of improved varieties, avocado production is exclusively based on distribution of mixed materials; consequently the local seed system has come out as best-bet arena and is now a common route for seedling dissemination (Faris, 2016).

According to Faris (2016) the main obstacles in Ethiopian agricultural markets are the limited number of traders who have

little capital, as well as the large number of farmers, which gives farmers little bargaining power. In addition, limited information systems, poor transportation, high service costs and an underdeveloped industry are other constraints of the market. Although the avocado plays an important economic and social role, its production is subject to a number of constraints; - is the degeneration of the fruit, the problem of diseases and the lack of agronomic practices. In Ethiopia, there is no value-adding activity at the farmer, intermediary or wholesaler level in the supply chains and the products are sold unprocessed. The value of fruit increases when the product reaches high-demand markets. Therefore this review is aimed to review the current status of avocado production in the country to incite it for future policy implication.

2. OBJECTIVES
- To review current status of avocado production and management practices.
- To review avocado production constraints and avocado post-harvest losses.

3. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE
3.1 Production status of avocado fruit crops in the World

The recent (FAOSTAT, 2022) data revealed that avocado is produced globally on 858, 152 ha and production of 8,685,672 million tons showing about the productivity of 7 tons per ha. Besides this, the last ten years data shows avocado production and area coverage worldwide is increasing linearly (Fig 1). About 70% of production comes from Latin American countries followed by Africa (12%), Asia (14%), Europe (1.7%) and Oceania (1.4%) (Fig 1) (FAOSTAT, 2022). This indicates globally the production of avocado is increasing.

Moreover, the (FAOSTAT, 2022) data indicated that the world 10 top largest producers of avocado include Mexico followed by Colombia, Peru, Indonesia, Dominican Republic Kenya, Brazil, Haiti, Vietnam and Chile (Table 3.1). The area coverage and production in Mexico is significantly higher than the other producing countries.

Table 3.1: Top ten Avocado production countries in the world

No	Country	Harvested area	Proportion of global planted area	Production	Proportion of world production	Rank
1	Mexico	226,534	26%	2,442,945	28%	1
2	Columbia	94,111	11%	979,618	11%	2
3	Peru	51,800	6%	777,096	9%	3
4	Indonesia	50,510	6%	669,260	8%	4
5	Dominica Republic	37,468	4%	634,368	7%	5
6	Kenya	26,000	3%	416,803	5%	6
7	Brazil	18,106	2%	300,894	3%	7
8	Haiti	42,723	5%	248,135	3%	8
9	Viet Nam	16,538	2%	212,977	2%	9
10	Chile	32,363	4%	169,031	2%	10

Source :FAO STAT, 2022

Fig 3.1 Worlds avocado production and harvested area in 2021
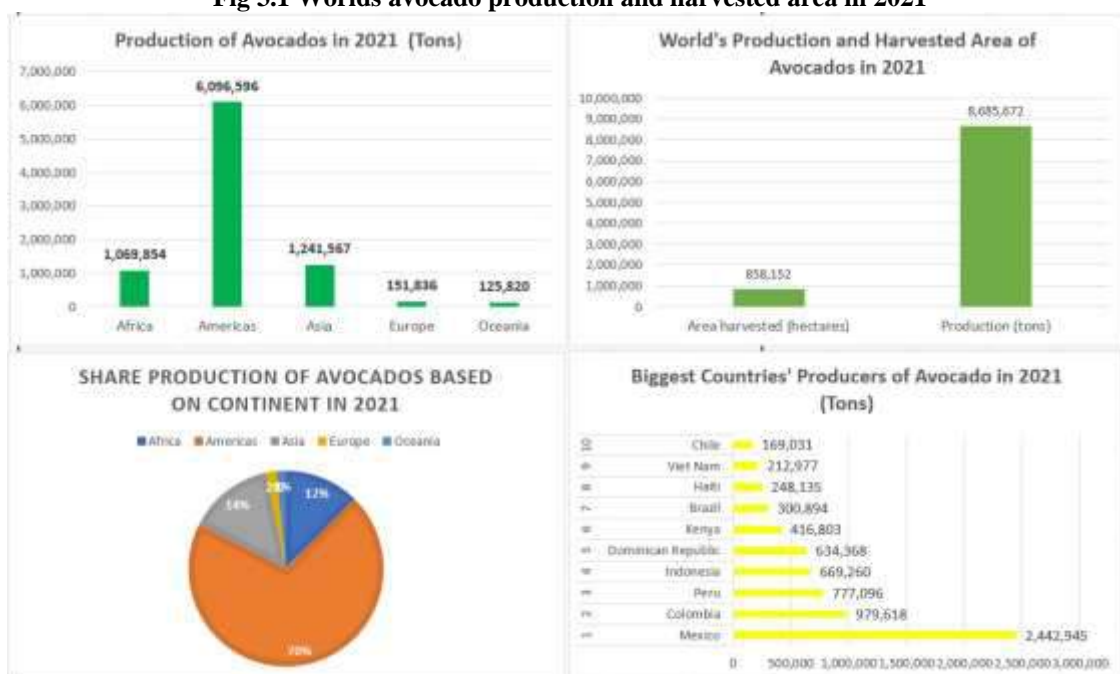
Source: FAOSTAT, 2022

3.2 Production status of avocado fruit crops in Ethiopia

The avocado production in Ethiopia is largely limited to the domestic market characterized by low farm gate prices, which has together with a lack of technical production competences, hampered investments in seedling and fruit productions. Based on CSA,2021 meher season data the area coverage and total production of avocado during the last five years showed in (table 3.2) increment trend. In the 2016/2017 production year, 649,821 quintals of avocado was produced in the country and in the 2020/2021 production year, 2,453,356.30 quintals of avocado was produced in the country. The production increments for avocado were 20%, 25.3%, 4.12%, 23.2%, 134% in 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, respectively in Ethiopia.

According to (FAO, 2022), Ethiopia has produced 245,336 metric tons of avocados from an estimated area of 30,587.70 hectares, with a yield of 80.2Qt/ha in 2021. Therefore, the current avocado acreage, production status and productivity are very low compared to the country's existing production potential. Overall, the data shows a large yield gap versus the global average, requiring improvements across all dimensions. Existing land race varieties produced in Ethiopia have low yield potential, poor quality and fail to meet consumer demand in the local and global market. This requires the replacement of land races with improved varieties with high yield and quality potential.

Table 3.2, Avocado area coverage, production (Qt), Yield (Qt/Ha), HH Consumption(Qt), Domestic sale (Qt) and Export (Qt) in Ethiopia.

Year	Area coverage in Ha	Production (Qt)	Yield (QT/Ha)	HH Consumption(Qt)	Sale (Qt)	Export (Qt)
2016/17	17,834.60	649,821.00	36.4	347,004.40	285,401.4	940
2017/18	18,021.13	814,318.00	45.2	434,438.70	362,127.20	513
2018/19	19,758.75	847,936.48	42.9	457,885.70	373,092.10	200
2019/20	20,875.80	1,044,919.20	50.1	475,542.70	529,251.60	840
2020/21	30,587.70	2,453,356.30	80.2	1,118,485.10	1,211,958.00	604.5

Source:CSA,2016/17to2020/21,FAO,2022

3.3 Avocado Production and Management Practices in Ethiopia

Choosing the right place is of great importance. Avocados are extremely susceptible to root rot. No avocado rootstock is completely immune to this disease. Trees of most avocado varieties grow quite tall if the canopy is not properly maintained. If there is enough soil, a larger distance is preferable. Plant spacing is a hotly debated topic. Higher planting densities result in higher yields in the early years of planting, but can also lead to more canopy management problems in later years. (Dirou, 2003) Ethiopian farmers usually did not pay attention to the distances. The growing orchards are not sufficiently spaced, some orchards are closer together and others are very far apart depending on the age of the trees. Most farmers were not aware of the distances. Space plays an important role in all activities, the lack of adequate spacing creates difficulties in production (Seid and Zeru, 2013). (Zekaria, 2010) has pointed out in his research that the difference in distance is related to the different size and type of distribution of the cultivars used. In this agricultural practice, farmers follow local practices from seed propagation to harvest. According to Orva et al. (2009), planting spacing depends on soil type and fertility, current technology, and economic factors. In commercial coppice, trees are planted every 5–7 m in rows and 7–9 m between rows. Pruning in the first 2 years encourages lateral growth and multiple branching. (Ayelech, 2011) emphasized that agricultural manure is transported from farm to field and distributed in a circular fashion at the base of each tree, mainly during the dry season. The use of chemicals was completely avoided in both fertilization and pest control. Therefore, the dose of garden fertilizer only minimally improves soil fertility, but has a positive effect on the environment, i.e. H. soil pollution as well as air and water

pollution are reduced. The same study showed that small farmers in the region were early growing avocados with corn, taro, ginger, chutney, cabbage and bananas. Another study by Gilliard and Godfroy (1995) examined inter-harvested avocados with short-lived yields; This is very common in sub-Saharan Africa, using mostly empty space for the first few years.

3.3.1 Input Sources

Agricultural inputs are important elements for production and productivity. As a result the typical inputs utilized for production of the Avocado were seed/seedling, labor, land, and compost/manure. The major sources of inputs for Avocado production in Ethiopia are farmers by, own endeavours, agricultural offices and markets. In general the sources of inputs for Avocado production are agricultural development offices, markets, agricultural research institutes, own stocks, IPMS, and other farmers (Ayelech, 2011). Woreda Agricultural offices, local planting materials purchased from unknown market sources. The Agricultural research center and self-production by farmers and sources of avocado planting materials Local seed production is the major source of seedlings for distribution ((Berhanu & Dawit, 2016). in addition Avocado production is characterized by low inputs with Farm Yard Manure (FYM) the major amendment made to soil to boost productivity and chemical inputs are not used for fertilization or pest treatment.

3.4 Constraints of Avocado Production in Ethiopia

The fruit sector promises high potential, but yet it is characterized by low yields and income for farmers. The fruit sector in Ethiopia has high value products as compared to other crops and promises high returns on relatively small investments

(Timoteos and Tigist,2012). According to Bezabih and Hadera ,(2007) horticulture production is based on tradition, which is poorly supported by scientific recommendations. Although one can associate this constraint to institutional factors, it is apparent that inadequate farmer skills and knowledge of production and product management affects the supply. Farmers attempt to select varieties and practice traditional crop management Farmers' know-how of product sorting, grading, packing and transporting is traditional, which severely affects the quality of horticultural products supplied to the market. According to Berhanu & Dawit, (2013) Constraints hindering the development of avocados are found in all stages of the production chain. At the farm level, lack of clean disease-free seedlings and grafted seedlings has compelled farmers to use inferior and low yielding varieties. Storage facilities are scarce all along the chain and absence of collective bargaining power has forced individual farmers to accept unfavourable deals.

According to Zekarias (2010) Major productions constraints are:-Vegetative growth: Most of the farmers reported that their avocado trees show only vegetative growth rather than giving yield at their fruit bearing stage Falling down of fruits before they are mature, Pest problem There are no improved agronomic practices Longevity: Farmers are very much disappointed by the longer time avocado takes to bear fruit and Inadequate extension activities undertaken on avocado. Garedew & Tsegaye (2011) also indicated that even though avocado has economically and socially play a significant role its production is confronted by a number of constraints ;- this are Degeneration of fruits ,Disease problem and absence of good agronomic practices.

3.4.1 Avocado Picking
According to Berhanu & Dawit (2013) fruit picking usually starts with fruit droppings, the main indicator of ripeness used by farmers, and fruit picking is mostly performed by children using picking hooks that shake trees and turn fruit. However, subsequent practice can lead to physical injury. Harvesting is largely done by children climbing the tree. But also the use of hooks, the shaking of trees and the dropping of fruit with wooden sticks is practiced. Subsequent practices result in fruit excretion, which can result in bodily harm at any time (Ayelech, 2011). An FAO study (2005) found that cuts, punctures and bruises on avocados increase ethylene production and accelerate fruit softening and eventual rotting. In other words, in order to decide when to harvest an avocado, it is important to determine the minimum ripeness.

3.4.2 Avocado Post-Harvest Losses
Post-harvest operations must be focused on the extended range of fruit storage by slowing down the process of senescence and also control the ripening of fruit when it is harvested at a mature stage or in the unripe stage. All the harvesting, handling, and transportation to the packing houses and all other operations are needed to be done carefully i.e. no chance of mechanical loss. Damages or injuries can accelerate the ripening of fruit and can affect negatively the appearance of fruit peeling cause browning and blemishes after and before storage. Normally, avocados are very susceptible to spoilage when tenderized (Arpaia et al. 1987), so they must be transported carefully to be

displayed in markets. The quality can also decrease during softening; It is therefore important to regularly check the ripeness of the avocados and eat the ripe fruit first. If possible, all ripe or nearly ripe harvested fruit should be stored 1-6°C cooler to avoid rot.When displaying avocados in the market, avoid sprinkling and pouring ice cream (Young RE and Kosiyachinda S., 1976).

According to FAO (2014), post-harvest losses in developing countries can range from 15 to 50%. Average post-harvest avocado loss at grower level was estimated at 24.1%, of which 5.7% was due to poor harvesting practices and 4.9% to poor storage practices. Avocados and mangoes are perishable and therefore delicate and cause greater losses than perennial crops. Waste is generated from all post-harvest activities such as handling, storage, processing, packaging, transport and marketing. Losses occur throughout the supply chain due to limited resources such as infrastructure, knowledge and access to post-harvest technologies. One way to reduce post-harvest losses can be through effective supply chain management. Post-harvest losses can be measured in qualitative and quantitative losses. Losses can occur at any stage of the supply chain in activities such as harvesting, transportation, packaging and markets (Hodges et al., 2011; Squad, 2009). According to Humble and Reneby (2014), the largest avocado losses in Ethiopia occur at: - Harvesting, mainly due to inadequate harvesting techniques during transport; mainly due to loading, unloading and storage; mainly due to over ripeness.

4. DISCUSSIONS
The production of avocados in Ethiopia has been a topic of growing interest in recent years, as the country has emerged as a significant player in the global avocado market. In this systematic article review, we have explored various studies and research papers to gain insights into the current status of the avocado production in Ethiopia. The review covered aspects such as production, production and management practices, and avocado production constraints.

Production and Farming Practices: The review indicates that avocado production in Ethiopia has been steadily increasing due to favorable agro climatic conditions in certain regions. Smallholder farmers play a vital role in avocado cultivation, and efforts have been made to introduce modern farming practices and technologies to improve productivity and quality. However, challenges remain, including limited access to improved seed, agricultural inputs, irrigation facilities, and technical know-how.

Post-Harvest Handling and Processing: Post-harvest losses have been a major concern in the avocado value chain in Ethiopia. Inadequate handling, lack of proper storage facilities, and limited cold chain infrastructure contribute to significant losses. There is a need for investment in cold storage and processing facilities to prolong the shelf life of avocados and increase their value. Estimated fruit and vegetable losses after harvest are between 20 and 40% (Wiersinga and de Jager, 2009). Higher profits for producers can be achieved through good post-harvest management (Wiersinga and de Jager, 2009). An increase in horticultural production can help

commercialize the rural economy and create many jobs. However, the intensification of horticultural production is often hampered by lack of market access, lack of market information and many biological factors (Abay, 2007). Bezabih and Hadera (2007) also argue that seasonal production is inversely proportional to price. Information should be collected about prices, supply and demand for products, the market, buyers and sellers.

5. CONCLUSION AND FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The review article on the current status of the avocado production in Ethiopia sheds light on the significant developments and challenges faced by the industry. Avocado production in Ethiopia has witnessed remarkable growth in recent years, with an increasing number of farmers embracing avocado cultivation and investing in modern farming practices. The country's conducive climate and suitable agro-ecological zones offer substantial potential for further expansion of avocado production.

The study highlights the current status of avocado production, avocado production and management practices, avocado production constraints and post-harvest losses. Despite the progress made, there are several constraints and bottlenecks that need to be addressed to unlock the full potential of the avocado sector in Ethiopia. Some of the major challenges include limited access to improved technologies, lack of proper infrastructure for transportation and storage, insufficient market linkages, and inadequate value addition initiatives. For better achievement in promotion and sustainable improvement of production and productivity of avocado, consideration of the following points would be important:-

I. Establishment of New Nursery cites: Establishment of more nurseries and strengthening collaboration work with other organizations for easy and quick multiplication and dissemination of the improved avocado seedlings.

II. Technology and Research Investment: Investing in research and development is crucial to improving avocado production practices. The government and relevant stakeholders should collaborate to develop and disseminate advanced agricultural technologies, disease-resistant avocado varieties, and efficient irrigation methods tailored to the local conditions.

III. Infrastructure Development: Improving transportation and storage infrastructure is essential to reduce post-harvest losses and ensure the timely delivery of avocados to markets. Building cold storage facilities and improving rural roads will enhance the quality and value of the avocados.

IV. Training and Capacity Building: Providing training and extension services to farmers on modern agricultural practices, post-harvest handling, and marketing will enhance their skills and knowledge, leading to increased productivity and income.

V. Public-Private Partnerships: Strengthening collaboration between the government, private sector, and development partners can foster a conducive environment for the avocado industry's growth. This includes creating an enabling policy framework, facilitating access to finance for farmers and agribusinesses, and coordinating efforts for sustainable development.

VI. Sustainability and Environmental Concerns: Promote sustainable avocado farming practices to safeguard natural resources, prevent deforestation, and minimize environmental impacts. Encouraging organic farming and responsible water management will contribute to the industry's long-term viability.

In conclusion, the avocado production in Ethiopia has significant potential for growth and development. By addressing the challenges and implementing the recommended strategies, the country can capitalize on its favorable agro-climatic conditions to become a major player in the global avocado market while simultaneously improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and fostering sustainable agricultural practices.

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INFLUENCE OF PROVISION OF INCENTIVES BY HEAD TEACHERS ON TEACHERS' WORK PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN NAKURU COUNTY, KENYA

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ABSTRACT

Recent reports on education in Kenya underscore the importance of head teachers adopting effective instructional leadership practices and teachers enhancing their pedagogical knowledge and skills in order to guarantee high-quality education and academic achievement within the country's school systems. Giving teachers incentives is one of the instructional leadership strategies that headteachers can use. This study's goal was to ascertain how the head teachers' incentives affected teachers' work performance in Kenya's Nakuru County public elementary schools. The study was informed by the Hallinger and Murphy (1985) Model of Instructional Leadership and the Campbell et al. (1993) Theory of Job Performance. The study employed a convergent parallel design and a mixed methods research methodology. In order to gather and analyze data from a target population of 57,800 students, 7,741 teachers, 680 head teachers from 680 schools, and 11 Quality Assurance and Standards Officers (QASOs), the study simultaneously used quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Cluster sampling was used to choose a sample of 68 elementary schools for the investigation. Through simple random sampling, 60 students and 329 teachers were chosen from these sampled schools. Additionally, 68 head teachers and 9 QASOs were chosen through the use of a purposeful sample. A focus group discussion guide, questionnaire, interview schedule, and document analysis checklist were the research tools employed. A pilot research with a sample size of 35 teachers was carried out in 7 public elementary schools in Baringo County. The quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics, notably frequency counts, percentages, Spearman rank correlation, and regression analysis. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 25 was used to test the hypothesis at a significance level of 0.05. Tables were used to depict the results as frequencies and percentages. Thematic analysis and story presentations were used to display qualitative data. According to the study, head teachers' incentives had a statistically significant positive effect on teachers' job performance in Nakuru County's public elementary schools. The study emphasizes the value of teachers' work performance for overall school outcomes, giving head teachers and other education stakeholders important information to consider while focusing on efforts for providing incentives for teachers and legislation that support such programs. This would foster an environment where teachers may work as efficiently and effectively as possible, enhancing student achievement in KCPE examinations in public primary schools.

KEY WORDS: *Provision of Incentives, Teachers' Work Performance, Instructional Leadership, Public Primary Schools*

INTRODUCTION

The effectiveness of an education system relies on teachers' work performance, as they are crucial in delivering quality education (OECD, 2018). Teachers play a significant role in enhancing proficiency and numeracy skills in primary schools, which serve as the foundation for secondary schools, tertiary institutions, and future job prospects. To support teachers in creating an environment conducive to learners' achievement, head teachers should provide curriculum and instruction leadership that engages learners in problem-solving and critical thinking; and also assists teachers in delivering effective instruction and improving their

work performance (Usop et al., 2013; Kagwiria & Amukowa, 2013).

Instructional leadership pertains to the responsibilities assumed by educational administrators, such as principals or head teachers, in providing guidance and assistance to enhance the quality of teaching and learning within an educational establishment. The aforementioned leaders bear the responsibility of cultivating a conducive and efficient learning milieu for both students and educators (Enueme & Egwunyenga, 2017). The role of instructional leadership is of paramount importance in enhancing teaching and learning outcomes through the provision of support

to teachers, allocation of resources, cultivation of a culture of change, and facilitation of professional growth (Day & Sammons, 2014). Head teachers act as instructional leaders, guiding teachers in effective practices and creating conducive learning environments (Glanz & Zepeda, 2016).

Numerous studies conducted in diverse nations underscore the notable influence of instructional leadership on both the professional performance of teachers and the academic accomplishments of pupils. In order to optimize instructional leadership, school administrators have implemented several strategies, including but not limited to instructional resource allocation, instructional supervision, provision of professional development opportunities, and supply of incentives. Providing incentives and support by school leaders, such as award of certificates, praises and gifts and recognition for outstanding practices, is essential (Buregeya, 2011; World Bank, 2010). Through the allocation of resources towards the cultivation and augmentation of instructional leadership, educational institutions have the potential to establish conducive learning environments that result in enhanced teacher efficacy and heightened student academic outcomes.

The provision of incentives can also have a significant influence on teachers' work performance (Hooper et al., 2020). Incentives are rewards or benefits offered to teachers in exchange for improved performance, increased motivation, or achieving specific goals. These incentives can take various forms, such as financial bonuses, promotions, recognition, professional development opportunities, and improved working conditions (Warrah et al., 2018). The impact of incentives on teachers' work performance can be observed in the following ways: increased motivation, improved job satisfaction, enhanced productivity, and fostering a positive work culture (Wei et al., 2021).

Monetary and non-monetary rewards, such as social approval, verbal praises, recognition, appreciation letters, and gifts, effectively enhance motivation and create an enabling work environment (Armstrong, 2014). Peer recognition programs has been found to improve teacher motivation, job satisfaction, and performance, while praising teachers in front of their peers leads to higher student achievement scores, increased motivation, job satisfaction, and commitment to the teaching profession (Abdullah & Wan, 2013). The impact of financial incentives may vary, with instances of improved student learning in certain contexts. Recognizing and appreciating teachers' achievements positively influences productivity and performance (World Development Report, 2018).

In Kenya, incentives such as salary increment, promotions, and training opportunities have been shown to motivate teachers to work harder and improve their teaching quality (Kiprop, 2018; Kainga, 2021). Research reveals that certificates, praises and gifts contribute in the way teachers perform in school. However, the extent to which these incentives influence teachers' work performance varies from school to school and from region to region (Wanjohi, 2020). Investigating this influence is therefore crucial for establishing a high-quality education system aligned with Kenya Vision 2030's goals of global competitiveness and development.

Statement of the Problem
In the Kenyan educational system, there exists an imperative need for comprehensive research that delves into the intricate interplay between provision of incentives and teachers' work performance. Despite concerted efforts to tackle prevailing challenges in the education sector, such as teacher absenteeism, subject content mastery, and inadequate pedagogical skills, a significant void remains in understanding how the strategic utilization of incentives can effectively enhance teachers' work performance (Buregeya, 2011; World Bank, 2010; Muema et al., 2018; Musyoka, 2018; Wasanga et al., 2012). Even though strides have been undertaken to implement instructional leadership practices such as provision of professional development opportunities, the pivotal impact of incentives on elevating teachers' work performance necessitates further exploration. The significance of this research was underscored by the quest to assess appropriate motivational incentives that can enhance teachers' work performance; thus propelling the Kenyan education system towards the attainment of its ambitions, as outlined in Kenya Vision 2030. This is because the intricate dynamics linking incentive provision and teachers' work performance have yet to be comprehensively investigated. Thus, this study was an assessment of how the provision of incentives by head teachers influence teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County, Kenya.

Objective of the Study
The objective of the study was to assess the influence of provision of incentives by head teachers on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County, Kenya.

Research Question
What is the influence of provision of incentives by head teachers on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County, Kenya?

Study Hypothesis
Ho_1: Provision of incentives by head teachers has no statistically significant influence on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County, Kenya.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Teachers' Work Performance
Teachers have a significant role in the holistic development of children, and their effectiveness is crucial in facilitating the acquisition of high-quality education by young learners. According to Asira (2011), the transmission of information, skills, and attitudes from teachers to students plays a crucial role

in fostering human growth. Furthermore, the work performance of instructors is characterized by their behavior and actions during instructional sessions, and is closely associated with their efficacy as educators (Selamat et al., 2013). The job performance of teachers include their actions and behaviors that align with the objectives of educational institutions. This performance is assessed based on their skill in teaching, which can be measured either objectively, such as through student test scores, or subjectively, such as through in-class teacher evaluations. The criteria used to assess teacher evaluations encompass several factors, such as adherence to punctuality and attendance policies, students' academic performance, proficiency in instructional planning, demonstration of content and curriculum mastery, effective facilitation of learning experiences and classroom management, cultivation of a positive and conducive learning atmosphere, and consideration for the needs and sensitivities of learners (Muchelule, 2015). In order to achieve a high standard of instruction, it is necessary to evaluate the performance of teachers. This evaluation serves to enhance student learning and progress, as well as improve the quality of instruction by ensuring accountability for classroom performance and teacher efficiency. Additionally, it contributes to the successful achievement of the goals and objectives outlined in the school's vision and mission. Furthermore, it provides a foundation for instructional improvement through effective teacher performance appraisal and professional growth (Stronge, 2012).

Influence of Provision of Incentives on Teachers' Work Performance

Teacher incentives can be defined as various methods, actions, or rewards that are provided to teachers with the purpose of stimulating or acknowledging their effectiveness within the professional setting (Armstrong, 2014). Furthermore, the enhancement of the packages provided in teacher welfare services might also be perceived as incentives for teachers (Warrah et al., 2018). Incentives can encompass both monetary and non-monetary forms. Non-monetary incentives are commonly perceived as non-financial rewards bestowed to recognize exceptional achievements or outstanding performance. Incentives within this particular category encompass several forms of positive reinforcement, such as social approbation, verbal commendations, public acknowledgment, letters expressing gratitude, the provision of presents, complimentary tea and lunches, as well as opportunities for travel. According to Abdullah and Wan (2013), these incentives are beneficial in both improving employee engagement and ensuring effectiveness in service delivery. Additionally, they play a crucial role in building a conducive work atmosphere.

Hooper et al. (2020) did a study examining the relationship between peer recognition and teacher performance inside the United States of America. The research encompassed a cohort of 47 educators hailing from three distinct educational institutions within the United States. The study employed a mixed-methods methodology, incorporating both surveys and focus group interviews, to investigate the impact of peer recognition on teacher motivation and performance. The findings of the research indicated that the implementation of the peer recognition program yielded favorable outcomes in terms of enhancing teacher motivation and job satisfaction, thereby resulting in enhanced performance. Educators expressed a heightened sense of appreciation and assistance from their peers, resulting in an increased feeling of inclusion and dedication to the educational institution.

The findings of Wei et al. (2021) 's study indicate that the act of complimenting instructors in the presence of their colleagues yielded beneficial outcomes in terms of their performance and job satisfaction. The study involved 154 teachers from four schools in the US and showed that teachers who received praise had higher student achievement scores and reported higher motivation, satisfaction, and commitment. The World Development Report (2018) also supports the idea that providing incentives, such as financial rewards, can inspire teachers and improve student performance, although the effectiveness may vary across different contexts.

According to Wills (2016), teacher incentives in South Africa should not be solely based on students' test scores, but should also consider teachers' innovation, organization, and contribution to improving the learning environment. Spaull (2015) suggests that policy implementation on teacher incentives may impact teachers' performance, although a causal relationship is not explicitly established. Leteane and Moakofi (2015) found that the lack of teacher incentives in Botswana discourages primary school teachers from effectively using ICT during lessons, while Enwereji et al. (2017) highlight the low motivation among primary school teachers in Botswana, resulting in poor performance among students. These studies underscore the need for further research on the impact of incentives on teachers' work performance.

A study conducted in Tharaka Nithi County (Muguongo et al., 2015) found that inadequate compensation and poor working conditions negatively affect job satisfaction and the performance of secondary school teachers. Similarly, a study in Kongoni division, Naivasha (Karega, 2013) revealed that primary school teachers were motivated by head teachers who evaluated their performance and provided incentives such as meals, gifts, and certificates. Moreover, a study in Kakamega County (Muchelule, 2015) showed that motivational strategies by the Board of Management, including organizing trips for bonding and celebrating achievements, positively influenced teachers' work performance in secondary schools. The influence of such motivational factors on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County remains largely unexplored, creating a research gap that necessitated similar research for public primary schools in Nakuru County.

Theoretical Literature of the Study

This section presents the theoretical review of the study: The Hallinger and Murphy's (1985) Model of Instructional Leadership and Campbell, et al.'s (1993) Theory of Job Performance.

Hallinger and Murphy's (1985) Model of Instructional Leadership

The instructional leadership model developed by Hallinger and Murphy (1985) was constructed through a comprehensive examination of existing literature and an analysis of instructional behaviors exhibited by primary school head teachers. This model encompasses three key domains, namely articulating the school's mission, designing the instructional program, and fostering a supportive school climate. Although certain scholars have raised concerns about its initial emphasis on control, recent research indicates that leadership that prioritizes the development of teacher capacity through professional learning, networking, and coaching may yield superior outcomes. The model's relevance in modern education systems is substantiated by empirical testing, which offers a structure for enhancing teacher performance (Hallinger, 2009; Leithwood et al., 2004, 2006; Marks & Printy, 2003; Southworth, 2002).

The aforementioned model offers a relevant theoretical framework for analyzing the impact of incentive provision by head teachers on the work performance of teachers in public primary schools within Nakuru County. The model provides valuable insights on the instructional leadership practices of head teachers, specifically in relation to the provision of incentives like as prizes and recognition. These activities have the potential to effectively motivate teachers and encourage them to improve their work performance. This model emphasizes the potential relationship between instructional leadership practices and incentives, highlighting the alignment of teachers' efforts with the goal of enhancing student learning. It offers a framework for examining how these practices collectively impact teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County.

Campbell et al.'s (1993) Theory of Job Performance

Campbell et al.'s (1993) Theory of Job Performance provides a relevant lens through which to examine the influence of the provision of incentives by head teachers on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County. The theory posits that job performance is a result of a combination of various factors, including individual attributes, job-related competencies, and motivational factors. In the context of the study, this theory implies that teachers' work performance is influenced not only by their intrinsic qualities and professional skills but also by external motivators, such as the incentives offered by head teachers. By integrating this theory, the study can analyze how the provision of incentives aligns with teachers' motivations and perceptions of their roles, impacting their overall job performance. It allows for a comprehensive exploration of the interplay between individual attributes, instructional leadership practices, and the extrinsic motivation provided by incentives, contributing to a nuanced understanding of the multifaceted factors influencing teachers' work performance in Nakuru County's public primary schools.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research utilized a combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies in order to gather and analyze data. The study employed a convergent parallel mixed-approaches design, wherein qualitative and quantitative methods were employed concurrently and given equal weight. The study encompassed a total of 680 public primary schools located in Nakuru County. This target population consisted of 57,800 kids, 680 head teachers, 7,741 staff, and 11 Quality Assurance and Standards Officers (QASOs). The researchers employed a cluster sampling technique to ascertain a sample of 68 schools, wherein 10% of schools were selected from each of the 9 clusters. The study employed a simple random sample technique to pick kids, while head teachers and Quality Assurance and Standards Officers (QASOs) were recruited using purposive sampling. Teachers, on the other hand, were selected through a simple random sampling method.

The data gathering instruments employed in this study encompassed questionnaires, interview schedules, focus group discussion guides, and document analysis checklists. The questionnaires and interview schedules included closed-ended and open-ended questions, respectively, in order to collect structured and qualitative data. The research utilized thematic analysis as a method for analyzing qualitative data, which involved the process of categorizing and identifying recurring patterns and themes. The quantitative data was organized, categorized, and examined using descriptive statistics and inferential tests, namely multiple regression analysis. This investigation aimed to investigate the impact of incentives provided by head teachers on the work performance of teachers.

RESEARCH FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

The study analyzed the overall characteristics of the participants, encompassing variables such as age, highest educational attainment, and tenure in their current educational institution. The analysis of the respondents' age distribution revealed that the largest proportion, accounting for 44.8% of the total sample, belonged to the age bracket of 36-45 years. This was followed by the age bracket of 46-55 years, which constituted 28.3% of the respondents. Conversely, the age bracket below 25 years had the smallest representation, including just 3.1% of the respondents. In relation to the greatest level of educational attainment, a significant proportion of participants (56.6%) possessed a degree, while a smaller percentage held a diploma (22%), a master's degree (10.8%), or a certificate (10.5%). The respondents' duration of service in their current school was analyzed, revealing that the majority (42%) had been employed for a period of 4-6

years. This was followed by a group of respondents who had served for 7-9 years (27.3%), and another group who had been working for over 9 years (16.4%). These demographics provide insights into the characteristics of the respondents and suggest that the majority of participants are experienced teachers with higher education qualifications.

Awarding Certificates of Merit to Teachers who meet Targets

The frequencies for the replies were determined based on a sample size of 286. Out of the total sample size of 286 respondents, it was found that a small proportion of 22 respondents (7.7%) agreed that the head teacher at their respective school provides certificates of merit to teachers who successfully achieve their aims. Furthermore, a slightly higher number of 13 respondents (4.5%) strongly agreed with this statement. On the other hand, a significant majority of 127 respondents (44.4%) strongly disagreed with the notion, while 87 respondents (30.4%) just disagreed. Lastly, a minority of 8 respondents (2.9%) expressed uncertainty on this matter. Hence, a significant proportion of educators (214), accounting for 74.8% of the sample, expressed dissent on the claim that the principal in their educational institution awards commendation certificates to instructors who achieve their performance objectives. The results indicate that a majority of schools did not award instructors with certificates of merit as per the discretion of their respective head teachers. According to a study conducted by Karega (2013), the provision of certificates of merit was found to have a detrimental effect on instructors' work performance.

Encouraging Teachers' Participation in the Teacher of the Year Award

Based on a sample size of 286 participants, the findings reveal that a significant proportion of respondents, specifically 105 individuals (36.7%), expressed uncertainty regarding the extent to which the head teacher in their educational institution encourages teachers to partake in the teacher of the year award. Furthermore, 92 respondents (32.2%) strongly disagreed with this notion, while 38 respondents (13.3%) agreed and 12 respondents (4.2%) strongly agreed. Hence, a significant proportion of the educators (131 participants, accounting for 45.8%) expressed disagreement with the level of encouragement provided by the head teacher in their respective schools for instructors to partake in the teacher of the year accolade. The results of this study are contradictory to the findings of Warrah et al. (2018), who found that head teachers actively promoted teacher participation in award programs. The presence of teacher rewards was discovered to have a significant impact on the work performance of teachers.

Praising Teachers in front of their Peers for Outstanding Performance

The findings indicate that the proportion of respondents who strongly agreed was 34.3% (n=98), those who agreed was 16.1% (n=46), those who disagreed was 25.5% (n=73), those who

strongly disagreed was 16.8% (n=48), and those who were unsure was 7.3% (n=21). In general, the findings indicate that a significant proportion (144, or 50.4%) of the participants expressed agreement with the notion that their head teacher publicly commends instructors for exemplary execution of their responsibilities in the presence of their colleagues. The results of the study indicate that a majority of schools implemented a practice of publicly acknowledging teachers' achievements in the presence of their colleagues, which positively influenced their job performance. The results align with the findings reported in a study conducted by Wei et al. (2021), which demonstrated that commending instructors in the presence of their colleagues not only served as a catalyst for growth and ongoing professional advancement but also enhanced teachers' performance.

Praising Teachers in Public for Exemplary Performance in Pupils' Academic Performance

The results of the study reveal the frequencies and percentages of participants' agreement with the assertion "the principal publicly commends teachers for outstanding performance in students' academic achievements." These findings were derived from a sample of N = 286 individuals. The majority of participants, comprising 86 individuals (30.1%), expressed strong agreement, while 37 individuals (12.9%) indicated agreement. On the other hand, 52 individuals (18.2%) strongly disagreed, 66 individuals (23.1%) disagreed, and 45 individuals (15.7%) were uncertain about their stance. Furthermore, the findings indicate that a total of 118 teachers, accounting for 41.3% of the sample, expressed disagreement with the notion that the head teacher in their respective schools publicly acknowledges and commends teachers for their outstanding contributions to students' academic achievements. The results of this study are inconsistent with the findings of Valenzuela (2022)'s research, which shown that administrators publicly commended teachers for their exemplary work. This practice was found to enhance teachers' self-assurance and job performance.

Ensuring Timely Awards for Teachers' Achievement of Targets

According to the findings, a total of 20 respondents, constituting 7% of the sample, expressed agreement with the notion of the head teacher ensuring timely rewards for target success. Additionally, 28 respondents, accounting for 9.8% of the sample, strongly agreed with this statement. On the other hand, 68 respondents, representing 23.8% of the sample, disagreed with the statement, while a majority of 147 respondents, comprising 51.4% of the sample, strongly disagreed. Furthermore, 23 respondents, constituting 8% of the sample, expressed uncertainty regarding the head teacher's role in ensuring timely rewards for target achievement. A significant proportion of the educators, comprising 147 individuals (51.4%), expressed strong disagreement, while 68 individuals (23.8%) held a dissenting viewpoint regarding the head teacher's ability to promptly confer accolades for the attainment of predetermined objectives. The

results of this study differ from those reported by Warrah et al. (2018), who observed that school administrators used measures to ensure that teachers received timely awards for meeting performance targets, leading to better teacher work performance.

Organizing Tours for Teachers to Celebrate Achievements

The findings show that 20 (7%) respondents agreed, 28 (9.8%) strongly agreed, 68 (23.8%) disagreed, 147 (51.4%) disagreed, and 23 (8%) were unsure about the head teacher's obligation to ensure that rewards are given in a timely manner for reaching goals. 147 (51.4%) instructors strongly disagreed, and 68 (23.8%) disputed that the head teacher made sure that rewards were given out on time for achieving goals. The results differ from those of a study by Warrah et al. (2018), which revealed that school managers ensured that instructors received timely rewards for achieving the goal they were assigned, which enhanced their work performance.

The head teachers were asked to indicate what incentives are given to teachers who meet set targets in their school. One of the head teachers responded as follows: *I have an incentive programme in place where teachers who meet their targets are given a cash award at the end of the year.* Source: Head Teacher 28

Another respondent said: *There is no incentive programme in the school but we praise teachers in front of their peers and during parents' meetings*. Source: Head Teacher 6

Kihoro, Kariuki, and Gitonga's (2021) study revealed that incentive programs, including cash awards, certificates, gifts, and peer review, significantly improve teachers' job performance and satisfaction. Schools without formal programs rely on verbal recognition and praise, while gifts and certificates motivate teachers and foster competition, leading to increased productivity.

The QASO were asked to give their opinion on how provision of incentives to teachers influence their work performance. The following results emerged from one of the respondents:
Providing incentives to teachers improves work performance and fosters a culture of excellence and healthy competition. Source: QASO 1. According to yet another respondent: *It boosts morale and motivation of the teachers and promotes accountability.* Source: QASO 4

These results are in line with earlier research done in Kenya. According to a study by Chepkonga and Sang (2019), incentives like financial prizes, recognition, and chances for professional progression helped teachers in Kenya's public secondary schools perform better at their jobs. Additionally, the study by Chepkonga and Sang (2019) discovered that offering incentives raised teacher retention rates, decreased absenteeism, and improved engagement and satisfaction among teachers. These results are in line with the QASOs' responses, which claim that providing incentives builds a culture of excellence and high performance among instructors and fosters a sense of recognition and appreciation among them.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for Provision of Incentives

	N	Mean	Std. Dev	Skewness		Kurtosis	
				Stat	Std. Error	Stat	Std. Error
Gives certificates of merit to teachers who meet targets	286	1.97	1.11	1.193	0.144	0.748	0.287
Encourages teachers to participate in the TOYA	286	2.39	1.20	0.346	0.144	-0.902	0.287
Praises teachers in front of their peers for outstanding performance of duties	286	3.07	1.54	0.115	0.144	-1.58	0.287
Praises teachers in public for exemplary performance in pupils' academic performance	286	3.05	1.51	0.114	0.144	-1.478	0.287
Ensures teachers get timely awards for achievement of targets set	286	2.00	1.34	1.243	0.144	0.231	0.287
Organizes tours for teachers to celebrate achievements	286	1.69	1.17	1.667	0.144	1.609	0.287
Valid N (listwise)	286						

Source: Researcher (2023)

The statement that described the giving of incentives had mean scores that ranged from 1.97 to 3.07. These results, when rounded off, fall in the range of "Not Sure" to "Disagree," which is 3.0 or lower on the scale. The findings point to instructor discontent

with the rewards offered. The mild positive skewness of each statement ranged from -0.5 to 1. The negative kurtosis's range of values ranges from -2 to +2, therefore it was likewise within the expected bounds. The findings consequently imply that the head

teachers' provision of incentives was unfavorable to the instructors, who thought that more incentives were required. The results are consistent with those of a study by Enwereji et al. (2017), which discovered that elementary school instructors lacked incentives, which led to substandard work performance.

Association between Provision of Incentives and Teachers' Work Performance

To determine the relationship between the provision of incentives and teachers' work performance, Spearman rank correlation was calculated. The results are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Association between Provision of Incentives and Teachers' Work Performance

		Provision of Incentives	Rating of Teachers' Work Performance
Provision of Incentives	Pearson Correlation	1	.122[*]
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.040
	N	286	286
Rating of Teachers' Work Performance	Pearson Correlation	.122[*]	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.040	
	N	286	286

*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).
Source: Researcher (2023)

The results indicate a significant and favorable correlation between the implementation of incentives and the performance of teachers ($r_s = 0.122$, p = 0.040). There is a positive relationship between the rise in the availability of incentives and the corresponding increase in teachers' work performance, with a coefficient of 0.122. This finding suggests that the implementation of incentives has a positive impact on enhancing instructors' job performance. The aforementioned results are consistent with the findings of a study conducted by Warrah et al. (2018), which similarly observed that the provision of incentives resulted in enhanced teacher performance.

A correlation analysis was conducted to investigate the relationship between the provision of incentives and the work performance of teachers across various levels of KCPE marks. The findings, as presented in Table 3, demonstrate a statistically

significant positive association between incentives and work performance at schools where the average scores fall within the range of 201 to 250 marks ($r_s = 0.129$; p = 0.035). The observed association exhibited statistical significance, as the p-value was found to be less than 0.05. In a similar vein, educational institutions that obtained scores within the range of 251 to 300 marks had a statistically significant positive connection (r = 0.598; p = 0.040). A statistically significant link was detected in schools with scores ranging from 301 to 500 marks, showing a strong positive correlation (r = 0.877, p = 0.022). The results of this study indicate that there is a more pronounced association between incentives and teachers' work performance in higher-performing schools as opposed to lower-performing schools. The findings are consistent with a study conducted by Warrah et al. (2018), which discovered a favorable impact of incentives on the work performance of teachers.

Table 3: Association between Provision of Incentives and Teachers' Work Performance by Performance in KCPE examinations

Average KCPE marks				Teachers' Work Performance
Average (201-250 marks)	r_s	Provision of Incentives	Correlation Coefficient	.129[*]
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.035
			N	268
		Teachers' Work Performance	Correlation Coefficient	1.000
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.
			N	268
Good (251-300 marks)	r_s	Provision of Incentives	Correlation Coefficient	.598[*]
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.040
			N	12
		Teachers' Work Performance	Correlation Coefficient	1.000
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.
			N	12
Very Good (301– 500 marks)	r_s	Provision of Incentives	Correlation Coefficient	.877[*]
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.022
			N	6
		Teachers' Work Performance	Correlation Coefficient	1.000
			Sig. (2-tailed)	.
			N	6

Source: Researcher (2023)

Test of Hypothesis for the Study

The hypothesis stated that *"Ho₁: Provision of incentives by the head teachers has no statistically significant influence on teachers' work performance in public primary schools in Nakuru County, Kenya."* Since the p-value associated with the provision of incentives was between 0.022 and 0.040 (Table 3), the null hypothesis is rejected and thus, it is concluded that provision of incentives by the head teachers has a statistically significant influence on teachers' work performance in public primary schools.

Conclusions

The research findings indicate that the use of incentives by school administrators has a statistically significant impact on the work performance of teachers in public primary schools. Nevertheless, it has been seen that in several educational institutions, the principal has refrained from awarding certificates of merit to teachers who successfully achieve their predetermined objectives. In contrast to other educational institutions, the principal at these schools did not actively promote teacher engagement in the prestigious Teacher of the Year accolade. Similarly, it is observed that in numerous educational institutions, the principal refrained from commending instructors in the presence of their colleagues for their exceptional fulfillment of responsibilities. Additionally, in certain schools, teachers were not publicly acknowledged for their great contributions towards students' academic accomplishments. Furthermore, it has been observed that in certain educational institutions, the principal has failed to ensure the prompt recognition of teachers' accomplishments in meeting established objectives. Similarly, in other schools, the head teachers have neglected to arrange excursions or other celebratory events to acknowledge teachers' achievements.

Recommendations

Based on the study objective and the findings of this study, the following recommendations are made:

1. Head teachers should present instructors who achieve their goals with certificates of distinction, encourage them to compete for the teacher of the year award, and recognize them in front of their peers for exceptional job performance and exceptional academic achievement of their students. Awards should be given promptly when goals are met, such as by organizing celebration trips for instructors, as this may encourage them to carry out their tasks as effectively as possible.

2. The school's Board of Management (BOM) and Parents' Associations (PA) ought to think about improving the caliber of rewards given to instructors who fulfill goals. The BOM and the PA must assist the head teachers in their role as instructional leaders in fostering an atmosphere that will maximize teachers' performance and efficiency in the classroom.

Suggestion for Further Research

There is need for an exploration of alternative forms of incentives that may have a stronger influence on teachers' work performance. Future research can explore alternative forms of incentives that may be more effective in motivating teachers.

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NOUVELLE CUISINE AND THE CULINARY DELIGHT; A GLANCE INTO DARK DINING AND DEAF AND MUTE FRIENDLY DINING

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The culinary experience of this new epoch is altogether mesmerising and eye opening. Relishing Italian food in an Indian restaurant and Indian delicacies in a Canadian eatery have become indisputably common. While owners of food courts are waging a battle to bring home the bacon, a few exceptional ones are setting an example to the food culture of the modern times. In an era where one feeds their phones before their tummies, food served in some unique restaurants have a different narrative to share.

Food has become the prime ingredient of optimism in the lives of the blind, the deaf and mute and the incarcerated. Albeit being cut off from the society, a few eateries and its owners are in a rush to uplift the disabled community through food. It has been rightly stated that "The emotions that come from sharing food are universal. Food connects every human from the stomach, and it conquers all, from language barriers to cultural differences" (Birtles). Additionally, food also connects communities. It offers a space to apprehend and acknowledge the blessings that one simply takes advantage of. The paper aims to apprehend the modern-day culinary experiences and to study in detail the inclusion of all the members of the society into the current food culture.

In an era where umpteen restaurants and dining houses are being established on a daily basis, a few eateries have significantly given attention to the communities that remain ignored in the popular food culture. One among the few is the novel concept of dark dining. Dark dining restaurants have popped up globally, offering a different gastronomical experience to the customers who are served food in complete darkness. While removing vision from their culinary experience, the initiators of this concept have born in mind the everyday adventures in the lives of the blind. On one hand, dark dining is an eye-opening experience to the blindfolded diners and on the other hand, an opportunity for the blind to become employed as waiters serving food. Through the concept of dark dining, food became the sole ingredient that helped to understand the experience of the blind.

Candle light dinners are preferred by romantic diners who wish to spend a date with their beloved. But what if the dining room is pitch black or completely dark? What if food can help one to step into the shoes of the other? What if food can unite communities? What if the food served on the table is relished blindfolded? These questions seem to be triggering as one may wonder how a person can savour the food on the table without apprehending it visually. When the vision is off, people tend to sharpen their other senses, thereby gaining a little understanding on the life of the blind. An insight into the culinary experience of the people who are blind help shed light on their table experiences. "Once in a while, it's good to move out of your comfort zone. Dark dining allows you to do so, but it has a lot more to offer. It makes you appreciate the sense of sight, which so many in this world take for granted" (*Dark Dining Projects*). Dark Dining restaurants originated in Paris and was initiated by Michel Reilhac. With the establishment of *Blindekuh* in the year 1999, the concept of dark dining spread to various parts of Europe, North America and Asia.

India is now in the spotlight for introducing such concepts in its dining culture. Meal houses in India are also embracing the modern-day food culture and dark dining restaurants are not alien to its people. Hyderabad, Delhi, Chennai and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh have widened their dining experience by opening up dark dining restaurants which help understand sensory deprivation and its impact on the everyday lives of the blind. A diner who goes in to a dark dining restaurant to relish his food, comes out with an immense relief of not being deprived of sight. As Kawai has remarked after her dark dining experience:

> I cannot imagine my life without my sight and yet some individuals who lost their sight have to deal with it every day and have the mental strength to continue on. These are not people we generally term as brave, but rather the unfortunate, disabled or handicapped. We usually show sympathy instead of admiration for their strength—but I think we can change our perspective on that. (*Delishably*)

Another significant restaurant idea that took birth in Toronto has uplifted culinary experience to an educational level. *Signs* restaurant in Toronto offers a new dimension for learning the American Sign Language as the customers entering this restaurant interact with deaf waiters. Just like dark dining, deaf and mute friendly dining also opens new platforms to the physically disabled people. It not just offers diners a space to apprehend the culinary habits of people who are deprived of a sensory experience but also provides them employment opportunities. The waiters in these restaurants are deaf or mute

and this could be categorised as a strategy to bring them forward.

Similar to the dark dining restaurants, there are several cafes and eateries that have opened up in Indian cities like Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune and Delhi that are deaf and mute friendly. The waiters here are deaf and mute and the eatery is a space for them to interact and serve the outer world. As it is remarked, "Flashcards, sign languages at the entrance and customer-friendly ways to communicate with the staff truly bring together a unique dining experience and some food for thought!" (Pandey).

Apart from the aforementioned, restaurants of the present era are also uplifting jail inmates by including them in the food making and serving process. Restaurant ideas like dining behind bars or 'kaidi kitchen' give customers an experience of the life of inmates confined to a jail and their culinary experience. Food culture today has taken a positive shape by being inclusive and friendly to the different sections of the society. The restaurants that are coming up in the modern times are embracing new concepts that are beneficial to all the communities. Meals houses of the present era provide a space for sharing food, experience and thoughts.

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IN-SITU TRANSESTERIFICATION OF *SALICORNIA BIGELOVII* PLANT SEEDS OIL FOR BIODIESEL PRODUCTION VIA ULTRASONIC TECHNIQUE

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ABSTRACT
The research looks at the potential of Salicornia plant oil as a biodiesel source, which is important for lowering harmful and greenhouse gas emissions while also supporting sustainability and biodiversity. The study looks at how different cultivation and fertilisation techniques affect the proportion of seed oil converted into biodiesel through ultrasonic technique. The produced biodiesel samples comprise more than 35% saturated Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAME) and more than 50% unsaturated FAME, with a tiny proportion of non-FAME. GC analysis indicated that the seed oil conversion percentage ranged from 55-96%, with good purity and varying levels of alkyl ester content (52-95-5%). The iodine value, saponification value, cetane number, high heating value, density, and kinematic viscosity of the biodiesel samples were also investigated. Sample (16) satisfied the quality standards for good biodiesel fuel, and additional testing verified that it is the best biodiesel. Salicornia Bigelovii biodiesel satisfies the recommendations of American and European biodiesel standards, proving its potential as a diesel substitute for compression-ignition engines.

HIGHLIGHTS
- *Salicornia bigelovii has great potential as a renewable and sustainable source of biodiesel.*
- *In-situ transesterification process depends on cultivation and fertilization techniques used.*
- *Salicornia biodiesel, from irrigated seeds with 25% seawater, met fuel standards.*
- *Biodiesel had >35% saturated FAME and >50% unsaturated FAME content.*
- *Optimal biodiesel yield from seeds of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizers; and highest purity with nitrogen and potassium fertilizers*

Salicornia biodiesel meets quality criteria: high CN, low sulfur, viscosity, pour/cloud points, and HHV.
KEYWORDS: *Salicornia bigelovii, Biodiesel, Fatty acids, In situ transesterification, Ultrasonication.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Salicornia bigelovii is a salt-tolerant plant that has been identified as one of the most salt-tolerant species among 1560 halophytes. It has been demonstrated that it can sustain normal development even when the soil NaCl concentration surpasses 1.3 M, which is double the salinity of full-strength saltwater (500 mm NaCl) [1,2].

Salicornia bigelovii Torr., a salt-tolerant halophyte, shows significant potential as an oilseed crop in arid coastal regions and wastelands. Its ability to be irrigated with seawater makes it an appealing choice in areas where freshwater resources are limited. Promising results have been obtained from testing Salicornia bigelovii as an oilseed crop along Mexico's arid coast. The Indian Ocean, Gulf of California, Red Sea, and Arabian Gulf coasts have the ability to develop halophytic plant species as oilseed crops. The seeds of this halophyte contain a substantial amount of oil (30%) and a low concentration of salt (less than 3%), making it a highly attractive oilseed halophyte crop for future cultivation. Its oil is of excellent quality, with a high concentration of linoleic acid (75%), an unsaturated fatty acid required for the human diet, and linolenic acid (2%), an omega-3 fatty acid that aids in the prevention of coronary heart disease. Salicornia bigelovii Torr. meal is a good source of protein, having 42-45% protein. This makes it an excellent choice for use as animal feed. Salicornia bigelovii Torr. is a salt-tolerant plant that can be cultivated in dry and coastal environments, making it a viable source of animal feed in these environments. Eritrea and the United States of America have begun. Furthermore, the oil obtained from Salicornia may be used to make biodiesel [3,4]. The experiments discovered that Salicornia may produce substantial biodiesel yields even when cultivated on salty soils. Salicornia is a fast-growing plant that may be picked several times each year. In view of the growing gap between supply and demand for petroleum, as well as expanding environmental laws, the industry is aggressively looking into alternative fuel sources that might improve fuel efficiency. Biofuels are being researched as possible replacements or complements to traditional distilled petroleum fuels. Crops with the ability to generate renewable energy from

biological sources are referred to as bioenergy crops. This category encompasses a wide range of perennial and annual crops, including those that produce oil and those that serve as sources of lignocellulose. Significant progress has been achieved in the practical viability of cultivating energy crops since 1978, resulting in the launch of numerous bioenergy projects. Nonetheless, a limitation of conventional biofuel crops is their demand for agricultural land, pastures, and rangelands, which can divert resources from food production to fuel production. Bioenergy crops are a potential source of renewable energy, but they can also compete with food production for land. Saline agriculture is a new approach to growing crops in salty soil, which could help to reduce this competition. By using saline land for agriculture, we can produce food and fuel without taking away from arable land. This is why saline agriculture is a promising new technology [5].

Oilseed halophytes are gaining popularity as bioenergy crops for the generation of liquid biofuels in the burgeoning field of saline agriculture. The potential environmental advantages and the fact that energy crops are a renewable source of energy are driving the attention. Biofuels from halophyte crops are a potential option since they may be grown on ground that is unsuitable for regular agriculture. Many technologies for converting vegetable oil into a form appropriate for use as fuel have recently been developed as a consequence of recent efforts. Furthermore, oil-producing crop plants are a significant component of agricultural economic growth. Because of their potential use as biofuels, oilseeds containing atypical fatty acids are industrially significant [6]. One promising approach to developing biofuels from halophytes is to produce multiple products from a single species or farming operation. For example, the oil from Salicornia bigelovii can be used to produce biodiesel or Bio-SPK (Bio-Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene). Studies have also shown that the seed meal from *S. bigelovii* and *S. brachiata* plants can be used as a source of animal feed [7, 8, 9, 10]. Oils obtained from halophytic plants, such as Salicornia bigelovii, have been studied as a replacement for diesel fuel in compression ignition engines. Salicornia bigelovii seeds are a feedstock for biofuel production, however, the energy demand and amount of biomass available for conversion must be taken into account [11,12,13]. The oil content of Salicornia seeds was found to be rather high, often surpassing 30% of the seed biomass. This is consistent with earlier observations on the oil content of Salicornia europaea and other species such as Salicornia bigelovii, although it is about double the value reported in other studies for S. europaea. Surprisingly, the oil content of the seeds increased in response to greater saline levels. While the greatest oil values were reported in our study when the seeds were watered with brackish water, previous research has revealed that optimum oil content in seeds may be attained at salinity levels of about 600 mM NaCl, which is equal to values observed in saltwater [14,15,16]. Biodiesel is generated through a transesterification process that combines vegetable oil, animal fat, or waste cooking oil with alcohol and a catalyst [17]. Ultrasound is utilized in this process to enhance the reaction by facilitating improved agitation between the immiscible reactants. By generating microbubbles near the boundary between the alcohol and oil phases, ultrasound promotes the formation of micro-turbulence and disrupts the phase boundary, resulting in the emulsification process [18, 19, 20]. Employing ultrasound in the transesterification process enhances the interfacial area and mass transfer between the alcohol and oil phases, thereby accelerating the reaction kinetics [21, 22]. Furthermore, ultrasonography may be used to boost the standard mechanical extraction technique for extracting oil from seeds [23, 24]. The extraction efficiency is affected by the sonication settings as well as the paste's physicochemical qualities. Several investigations have indicated that sonication is a more efficient approach than mechanical stirring for the alkaline transesterification of soybean oil. Sonication results in better biodiesel yields with quicker reaction times. Other research has demonstrated that both mechanical stirring and sonication may produce the same biodiesel yields, although sonication needs far shorter response times [25, 26]. In-situ transesterification refers to conducting the transesterification reaction directly within the same reaction vessel as the raw materials, eliminating the need for an intermediate separation step. In contrast, conventional transesterification involves a two-step process where triglycerides are first extracted from the raw material and then reacted with alcohol and a catalyst to produce esters. The choice between in-situ and conventional transesterification depends on various factors, including the type of feedstock, reaction conditions, and the intended application of the final product. For instance, in-situ transesterification may be more suitable for feedstocks that are challenging to separate, such as waste cooking oil. It can also be preferable for reactions requiring precise control of reaction conditions, particularly for the production of high-quality biodiesel [25].

The main objective of the present work was to apply modern technology for biodiesel production via in-situ transesterification using an ultrasonic technique. Consequently, investigate the effect of different cultivation and fertilization treatments on the percentage of seed oil conversion into biodiesel, its purity % and the percentage of alkyl ester content. Some of the physical and chemical properties of producing biodiesel will be examined to evaluate the quality and performance of the resulting biodiesel.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS
2.1. Salicornia Plant Characteristics
Field studies were carried out in the King Marriott neighbourhood of Alexandria, Egypt, throughout the 2018/2019 season on homogenous chosen plots (1 m2 / plot) of naturally growing Salicornia bigelovii plants. The research sought to identify the best irrigation and fertilisation practices for generating high-quality seeds and oil appropriate for biofuel production. Sixteen different combined irrigation and fertilization treatments were tested, including four irrigation treatments using diluted seawater (100% well water, 100% seawater, 50% sea and 50% well water, and 25% seawater + 75% well water) and four fertilization treatments using NPK (20-20-20), NPK + Micronutrients (3% of each of Fe, Mn, Zn, and 0.5% Cu in chelated form), Algae Amphora extract (20% amino acids, macro- and micronutrients, and some growth regulators) as a

biofertilizer, and NPK + Micro + Algae as an integrated fertilizer. A control sample was also included, which was left untreated without irrigation or fertilization. High-purity analytical-grade chemicals were used for all laboratory tests. Following the treatments, seeds were harvested from the *Salicornia bigelovii* plants, and the oil percentages were recorded for all samples (1-17) under different cultivation conditions in a previous study [27]. The humidity percentage will be calculated for each sample by weight W_0 g. of *S. bigelovii* seeds and dry at 85 °C until constant weight W_0. After cooling, the percentage of humidity is calculated by the following equation.

Humidity % = $(W_0 - W_1) / 100$………………... (1)
Where: W_0 is the initial weight and W_1 is the final weight.

2.2. In-Situ Transesterification Using Ultrasonic Probe:
For the transesterification reaction, methanol was used in a ratio of 6:1 v/w of alcohol to oil, based on the amount of oil in each sample from a previous study [27]. The catalyst used was KOH, in a ratio of 1% w/w of catalyst to oil, which was dissolved in a calculated amount of methanol before adding to the reaction mixture. Dried seeds (10g), methanol (6:1 v/w of oil) , and KOH solution (1% w/w) were combined in a glass reactor and subjected to an ultrasonic generator probe (Model Sollics Vibra Cell V500) at room temperature for 15 minutes, with a pulse of 45 seconds on and 30 seconds off. At the end of the reaction time, the catalyst was neutralized using glacial acetic acid to stop the reaction. The reaction mixture was then filtered, and excess methanol was removed by evaporation using a rotary evaporator. The resulting filtrate was transferred into a separating funnel by adding a small amount of n-hexane to separate the two layers, with the upper layer containing the fatty acid methyl ester dissolved in n-hexane and the lower layer containing glycerol and unreacted catalyst Figure (1). After settling for 6-8 hours, the layers were separated. All experiments were conducted in duplicate. The conversion percentage to biodiesel was calculated according to the total weight of oil in the seeds [28] from the following equation:

Conversion % = $(Mass\ of\ ester\ layer /\ Mass\ of\ reactant\ oil) \times 100$……………. (2)

Fatty Acid Methyl Ester

+

n-Hexane

Glycerol
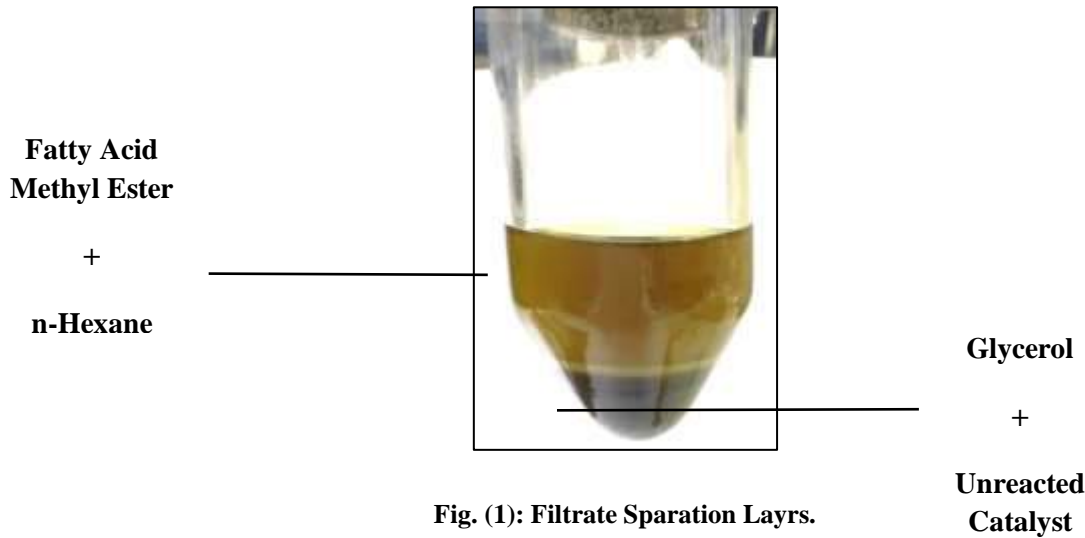
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Unreacted Catalyst

Fig. (1): Filtrate Sparation Layrs.

2.3. EVALUATION OF THE FUEL PROPERTIES
2.3.1. Fatty Acid Profile of Produced Biodiesel
The qualitative analysis of Fatty Acid Methyl Ester (FAME) was performed using a Hewlett-Packard Model 6890 Chromatograph (United States). The analysis utilized a flame ionization detector with a split automatic injector and a silica capillary column (DB-5) measuring 30 m × 0.25 mm × 0.25 µm. Helium was used as a carrier gas at a flow rate of 1 mL/min. The column was maintained at 150°C for 1 minute and then ramped to 240°C at a rate of 30°C/min, where it was held for 30 minutes. The FAsME were identified by comparison of the retention time of the sample with that of a standard (FAME mix Supelco-37, Supelco United States).

The purity is a fraction of esters in the biodiesel layer obtained by GC analysis according to the method SRPS EN 14103. The condition of GC analysis was as mentioned above. Methyl heptadecanoate (above 99%, Fluka) was used as an internal standard (IS) for quantification of the content of the individual fatty acid [29]. The percentage of purity of biodiesel was determined from the following equation:

$$Purity\ \% = \frac{Total\ peak\ areas\ of\ FAME - Peak\ area\ of\ IS}{Total\ peak\ areas\ of\ FAME} \times 100$$ …………………... (3)

The Alkyl ester percentage is calculated according to the following equation:

Alkyl ester % = $(Mass\ of\ ester\ layer /Total\ mass\ of\ reactants) \times Purity$ ……… (4)

2.3.2 The Saponification Value (SV):

As the saponification is a chemical reaction that converts an ester into a salt of a fatty acid Figure (2), the saponification value is a useful tool for assessing the quality of fats and oils. It can be used to determine the purity of a fat or oil and to assess its suitability for different applications.
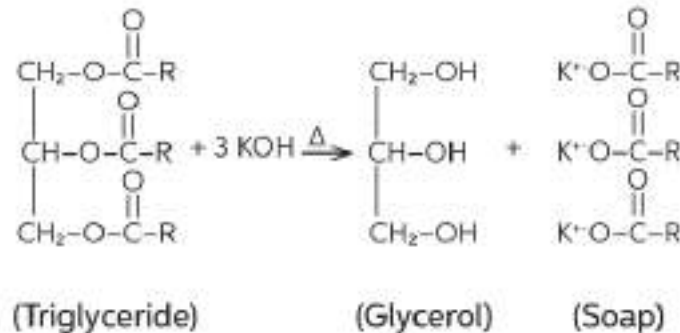

Fig. (2): Saponification Reaction Mechanism

Saponification value (SV) represents the number of milligrams of hydroxide required to saponify one gram of fat. As the saponification value increases, the average molecular weight of triglycerides decreases. The saponification value of pure fatty acid methyl ester mixture of biodiesel can be calculated according to the following equation [30,31]

$$\text{Saponification value (SV)} = \sum \frac{560 \times Ai}{MWi} \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (5)$$

Where Ai is the mass fraction percentage of a methyl ester and MWi is the molecular weight of a methyl ester.

2.3.3. Iodine Value (IV)

It is referred to the degree of unsaturation of biodiesel fatty acid methyl ester, which has effects on the oxidation stability of the fuel. It can be calculated from the following equation: [30]

$$\text{Iodine value (IV)} = \sum \frac{(254 \times D \times Ai)}{MWi} \quad \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (6)$$

Where D is the number of double bonds in a methyl ester, Ai is the mass fraction percentage of a methyl and MWi is the molecular weight of a methyl ester.

2.3.4. The Cetane Number (CN)

It specifies the fuel ignition quality related to the ignition delay time. Cetane numbers are calculated using the following equation [32]:

$$\textbf{CN} = \Sigma \ \textbf{X}_{ME} \ \textbf{(wt. \%) CN}_{ME} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (7)$$

Where CN, is the cetane number of the biodiesel, X_{ME} is the mass fraction of a methyl ester, and CN_{ME} is a cetane number of individual methyl esters.

2.3.5. Density

The performance of the engine is fuel density affected and can be estimated through the equation [33]:

$$\boldsymbol{\rho} = \sum \textbf{Ai} \ \boldsymbol{\rho i} \ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (9)$$

Where, $\boldsymbol{\rho}$ is the density of the fuel, Ai is the mass fraction percentage of a methyl ester and, $\boldsymbol{\rho i}$ is the density of a methyl ester.

2.3.6. High Heating Value (HHV)

It is the number of heat units (MJ OR KJ) for the complete combustion of 1Kg fuel.
The relation between **(IV), (SV),** and **(HHV)** was proven by Demibras [34]. So, the HHV can be calculated by equation (8)

$$\text{HHV (MJ/Kg)} = 49.43 - 0.041 \ (SV) - 0.015(IV)\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots\ldots (8)$$

2.3.7. Kinematic Viscosity
The capillary viscometer (manufactured by Cannon Company, USA) equipped with a refrigerated/heated circulating bath (RW-0540G, Jeio Tech, South Korea) was used to measure the kinematic viscosity of *S. bigelovii* biodiesel. The measurements were taken at a temperature of 40 ∘C [35].

2.3.8. Pour Point
The pour point is an indication of the lowest temperature at which a liquid can be pumped. Sample vol. of 40 ml was tested in SETA apparatus, according to ASTM D97 standards where the temperature at which the biodiesel becomes semi-solid was noted as the pour point of biodiesel [36].

2.3.9. Cloud Point
The cloud point, determined by the ASTM D6751 standard using the SETA apparatus, indicates the temperature at which wax crystals form and can potentially clog engine filters. It is the temperature at which the biodiesel starts solidifying and becomes cloudy.

2.3.10. Flash point
The flash point of biodiesel was determined according to ASTM D6751-2 standard. This standard specifies the procedure for determining the flash point of liquids using the Pensky-Martens closed cup apparatus. The standard also specifies the minimum flash point for biodiesel, which is 64°C (147.2°F). The flash point of biodiesel is an important property that should be considered when using or storing this fuel [36].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
3.1. Biodiesel Fatty Acids Compositions
The corresponding data of gas chromatography spectra of pure *S. bigelovii* biodiesel samples are shown in Table (1), as fatty acids profile. The biodiesel samples are composed of 5 -6 different FAME with more than 35 wt. % of saturated and more than 50wt %of unsaturated FAME. They contained a small percentage of non-FAME. In general, there is a balanced mixture of saturated and unsaturated fatty acid methyl ester which is necessary for high-quality biodiesel. Saturated FA is provided stability and resistance to oxidation while unsaturated fatty acids provide better cold flow properties and improved fluidity according to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) [36-37].

Table (1): Fatty Acids Profile of S. Bigelovii   Biodiesel

Sample \ Fatty A.	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15	S16	S17
Myristic C14	0.5	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.3		1.9	1.6	1.4	0.8		1.3	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Palmitic C16	17.2	22.9	25	15.8	23.1	23.9	19.1	15.9	23.6	23.3	13.6	20.7	24.1	23.5	19	21.0	22.9
Steric C18	20.5	19.0	18	19.2	19.1	21.4	18.4	19.1	19.3	15.7	23.3	20.6	17.9	20.1	20.4	13.1	21.8
SFAME	38.2	43.2	43	36.4	43.5	45.3	39.4	36.6	44.3	39.8	36.9	42.6	43.5	44.8	40.5	35.3	43.9
Oleic C18-1	47.3	35.3	35	32.0	29.5	43.4	33.7	26.7	29.6	31	41.2	30.5	30.7	30.7	31.1	50.9	35.5
Linoleic C18-2	9.0	19.1	20.6	22.6	22.5	11.3	24	33	22.1	31.0	18.3	21.5	21.8	20.2	25.6	13.8	13.3
Linolenic C18-3	1.6	-	-	2.5	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.2	-	1.6	-	2.4	2.3	-	1.9
USFAME	57.9	54.4	55.6	57.1	52.0	54.7	57.7	59.7	53.2	63.2	59.5	53.6	52.5	53.3	59.0	65.7	52.7
TFA	96.1	97.6	98.6	93.5	95.5	100	97.1	96.3	97.5	100	96.4	86.2	95.0	98.1	99.5	100	95.6

- S_n: Sample number
- SFAME: Saturated Free Fatty Acid
- USFAME: Unsaturated Free Fatty Acid

3.2. The Percentage of Conversion, Purity, And Alkyl Ester
The percentage of S. Bigelovii samples oil conversion through the in-situ transesterification process is calculated by Equation (2). Samples 14&16 have a higher conversion percentage (92.3,96.0 respectively), these samples differed in fertilization with the same irrigation treatments. Sample 2&4 had the lower conversion (< 60%). The conversion of other samples ranged between 75-90%, as shown in Figure (3). The purity % of obtained biodiesel was calculated by equation (3), these results

were represented in Figure (3) where the purity percentage of all samples was higher than 90% except sample no. 3 its purity was 84.8%, its fertilization of algae with irrigation 100% well water may be decreased its purity more than the other samples. The biodiesel samples have different percentages of alkyl ester.

As shown in Figure (3) and calculated by Equation (4), the biodiesel samples (14) & (16) has alkyl ester content higher than 90%. These samples were subject to the same condition of irrigation and differed in fertilization. The alkyl ester content of samples 8,10 &13 which differ in their irrigation and

fertilization treatments, were higher than 85%, while samples 7,9&12 were more than 70%. The other samples have alkyl ester less than 70% excluding 2,4&15 samples lower than 60%.

The high value of conversion with high purity and high alkyl ester content refers to the high efficiency of the produced biodiesel [37], characteristic of the sample (16) which was irrigated by 25% seawater + 75% well water, fertilized by NPK and microalgae.
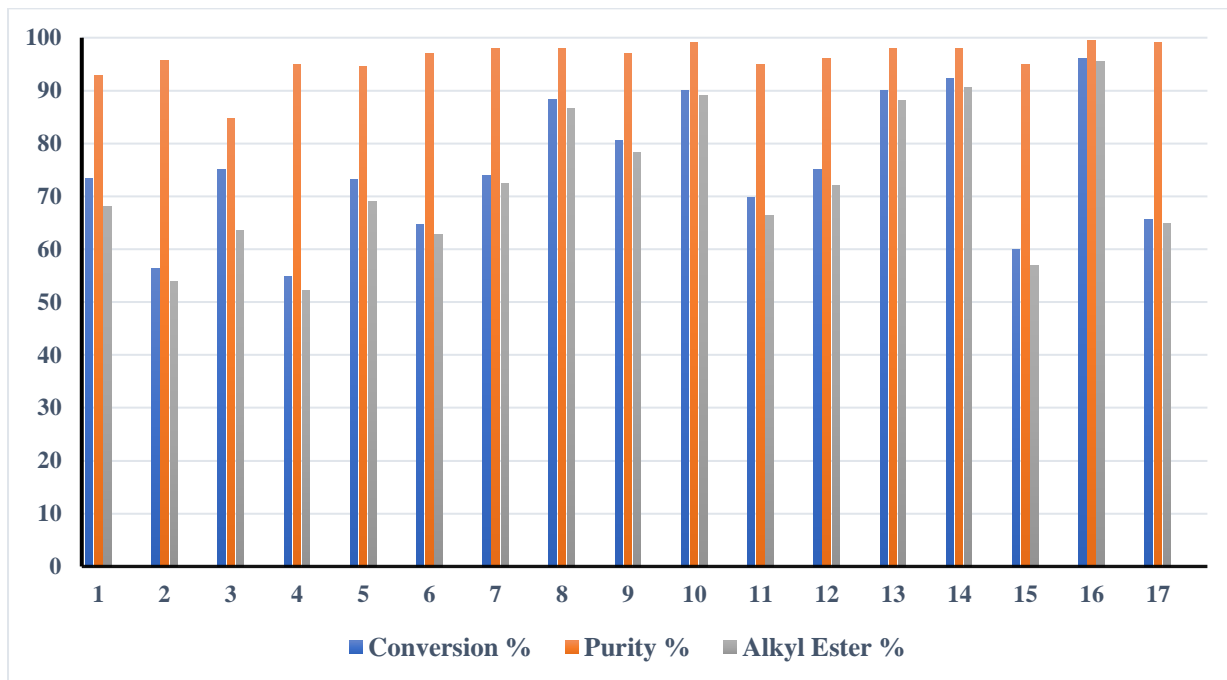
Fig. (3): The Percentage of Conversion, Purity, and Alkyl Ester Content.

3.3. 0 The Saponification Value
The saponification value range of biodiesel can vary depending on the specific feedstock and production process used. However, in general, the saponification value range of biodiesel is typically between 170 and 200 KOH/g (potassium hydroxide per gram of biodiesel) [6]. The saponification value is a measure of the amount of potassium hydroxide required to saponify a specific amount of the fuel and is related to the fuel's fatty acid profile and molecular weight.

It is an important parameter for assessing the quality and performance of biodiesel, as it can provide information about the fuel's purity, composition, and potential for use in various applications. The results showed that the saponification values of the samples ranged between 163 to 183 KOH/g as illustrated in Figure (3), which are considered in the acceptable range [7]. Accurate testing using appropriate standards and protocols is necessary to determine the specific saponification value of a biodiesel sample, and to evaluate its suitability for different applications.

3.4. The Iodine Value
The iodine value (IV) of biodiesel varies depending on the type of feedstock used to produce the biodiesel. It is a measure of the degree of unsaturation and is just one of many properties used to characterize biodiesel, and it doesn't necessarily indicate the quality or performance of the fuel.

There is no specific iodine value range that defines high-quality biodiesel. However, a lower iodine value generally indicates a higher quality biodiesel.

Biodiesel with an iodine value below 120 is considered to have good oxidative stability and low susceptibility to polymerization, which can lead to deposits and filter plugging in the fuel system [7]. However, biodiesel with higher iodine values can still be of good quality if it meets other performance criteria. The iodine value of all samples that were subjected to different treatments of irrigation and fertilization ranged between 47.5 to 77.7, using equation 7 and represented in Figure (4). Biodiesel which was produced from these samples has a high efficiency.
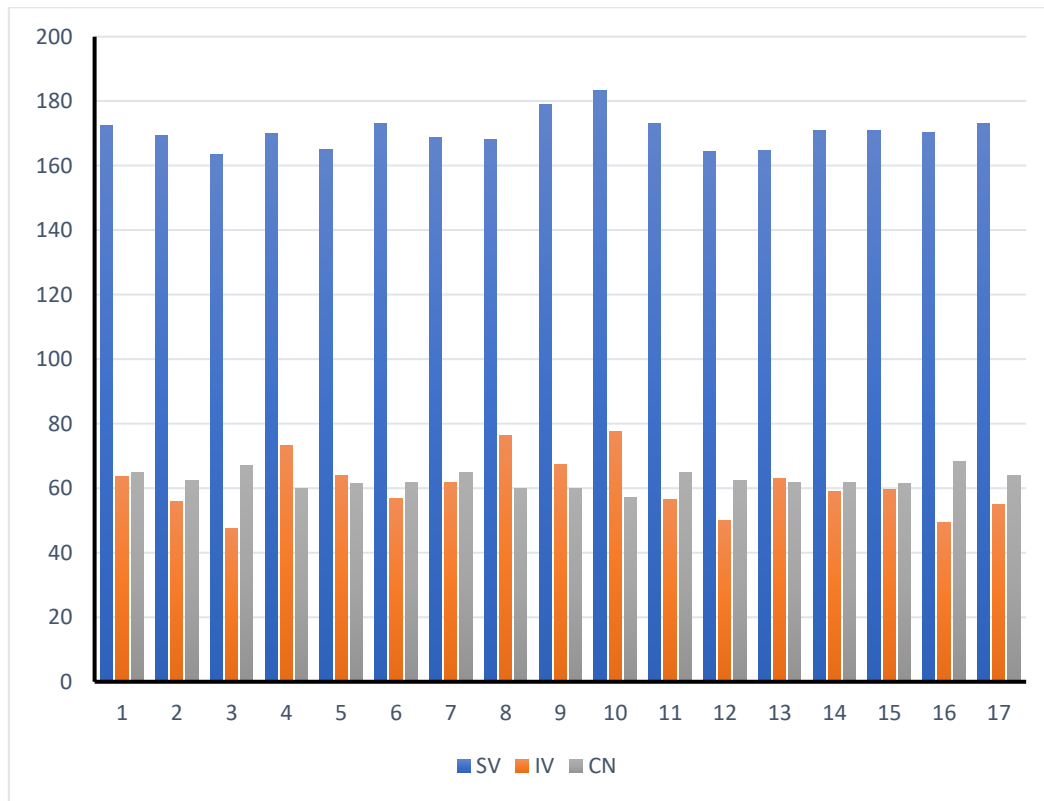
Fig. (4): The Saponification Value, Iodine Value And, Cetane Number.

3.5. The Cetane Number (CN):

Biodiesel is typically characterized by its cetane number, which is a measure of its ignition quality. The accepted minimum cetane number value of biodiesel according to ASTM D6751 and EN 14214 standards is typically between 49 and 55 [7]. However, some biodiesel producers strive to produce biodiesel with a cetane number higher than 55, as a higher cetane number can improve combustion efficiency and reduce emissions. Biodiesel with a higher cetane number can result in improved engine performance, such as reduced engine noise, faster cold starts, and lower emissions. This is because a higher cetane number means that the fuel ignites more quickly and completely, leading to a more efficient combustion process [38] while a higher cetane number can be beneficial for biodiesel efficiency, it is just one of several factors that contribute to the fuel's performance in a diesel engine [39]. CN was calculated by equation 8 and as shown in Figure (4), All samples of biodiesel produced showed a high value of CN > 55 which suggests the high quality of the biodiesel formed.

3.6. Density

The density of biodiesel can vary depending on the feedstock and the production process, but it typically ranges between 0.86 and 0.90 (g/mL) at 15°C. For comparison, the density of petroleum diesel is around 0.83 to 0.87 g/mL at the same temperature. Lower density biodiesel may also have different properties that could affect its performance, such as flash point, pour point, and cetane number. The results showed that there were samples 1,2,6,9,10,14,15,16, and 17 had acceptable density values within the typical range for biodiesel density values, while the rest of the samples had low values of density < 0.86 g/ML, Figure (5).

It's important to note that the density of biodiesel can affect its properties and performance, such as its energy content and viscosity. Therefore, it's necessary to consider the density when formulating and using biodiesel as a fuel. If the biodiesel meets the relevant specifications and requirements for its application, including density, then it could be considered acceptable [40].
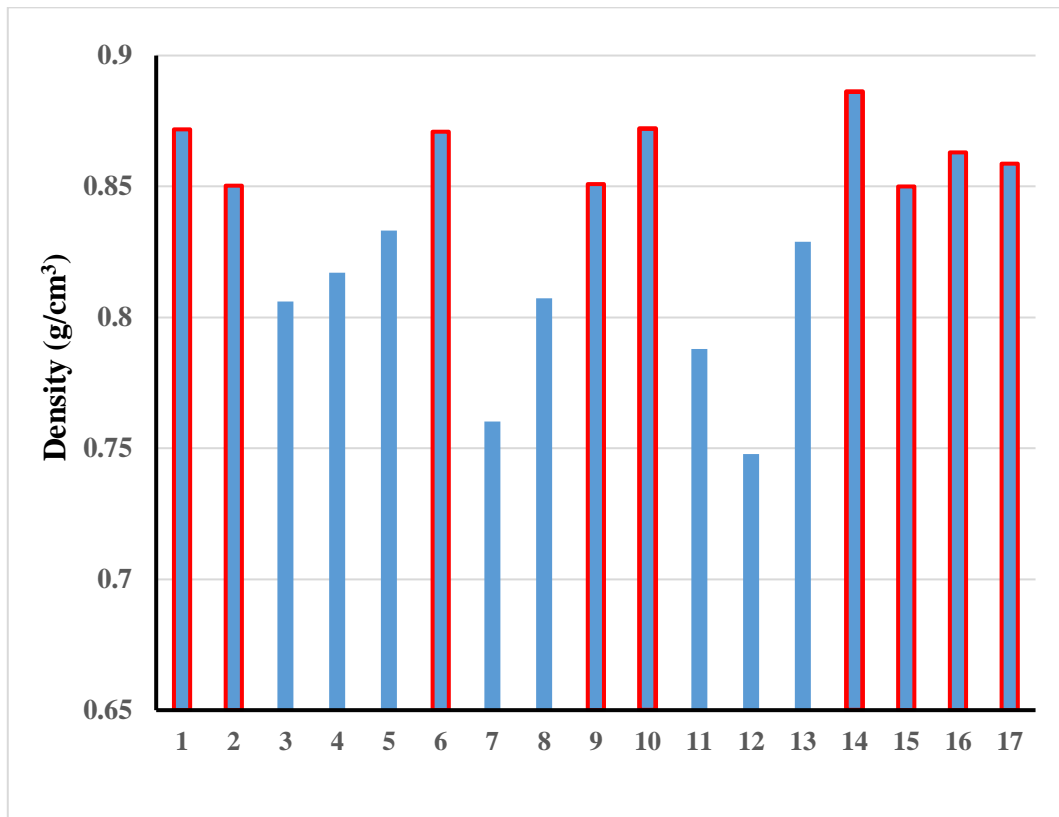
Fig. (5): The Density Values

3.7. High Heating Value (HHV):

The high heating value (HHV) of biodiesel represents the maximum amount of energy that can be released from the fuel, and it includes the energy contained in the fuel itself as well as the energy released from the combustion process. It's worth noting that the HHV of biodiesel can be affected by various factors, such as the feedstock used to produce the fuel, the production process employed, and the presence of impurities. For example, biodiesel produced from feedstocks with a higher lipid content can have a higher HHV than biodiesel produced from feedstocks with a lower lipid content. Additionally, impurities such as water and free fatty acids can lower the HHV of biodiesel. The HHVs of biodiesel (39 to 43.33 MJ/kg) are slightly lower than that of diesel (49.65 MJ/kg) due to its lower energy density, which is related to its lower carbon-to-hydrogen ratio and higher oxygen content [41]. However, biodiesel can still provide a significant amount of energy per unit volume, and it can be used as a viable alternative to petroleum diesel in many applications.

Figure (6) demonstrates that all samples evaluated for HHV had a value exceeding 40 MJ/Kg, with samples 7 and 16 having the highest HHV values of 43.6 MJ/Kg each.

The HHV of biodiesel is an important consideration in its use as a fuel, as it can affect the fuel's performance and efficiency. In general, higher heating values can result in better fuel efficiency and improved performance in engines. Therefore, it's necessary to consider the HHV when formulating and using biodiesel as a fuel.
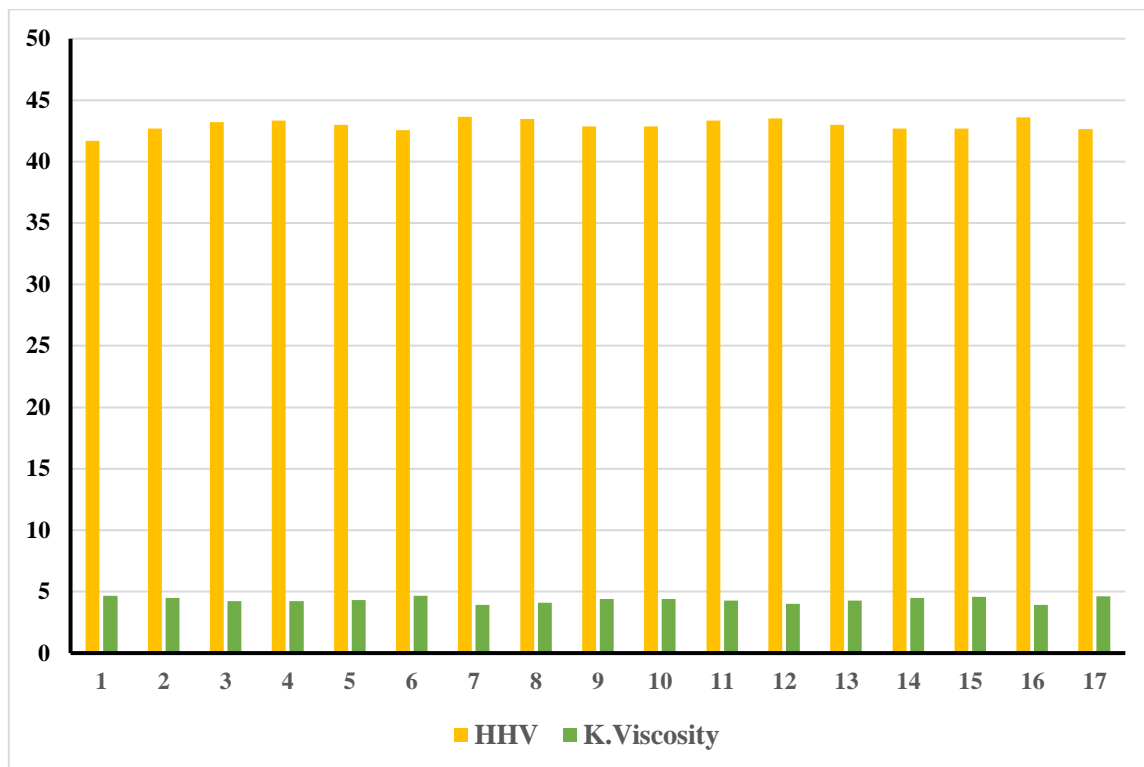
Fig. (6): The High Hating Value, and Kinematic Viscosity

3.8. Kinematic Viscosity

The kinematic viscosity KVI of biodiesel is a measure of its resistance to flow, and it can vary depending on factors such as the feedstock used, the production process employed, and the temperature at which it is measured. In general, biodiesel has a higher viscosity than petroleum diesel, which can impact its performance in engines.

The kinematic viscosity of biodiesel is typically measured in centistokes (cSt) at a specific temperature, such as 40°C or 60°C. The KVI value of biodiesel is typically lower than that of petroleum diesel, indicating that biodiesel is less sensitive to changes in temperature. The typical values for the kinematic viscosity of biodiesel at 40°C are in the range of 3.2-5.0 centistokes (cSt), while values for petroleum diesel are in the range of 2.0-4.5 cSt at the same temperature [42]. The kinematic viscosity of biodiesel can be affected by various factors, such as the degree of unsaturation of the fatty acids in the fuel, the presence of impurities, and the specific production process used. For example, biodiesel produced from feedstocks with a higher degree of unsaturation can have a higher viscosity than biodiesel produced from feedstocks with a lower degree of unsaturation. The viscosity of biodiesel can impact its performance in engines, particularly in terms of fuel flow and atomization. Biodiesel with higher viscosity can have reduced fuel flow rates and may require modifications to the fuel system to ensure proper performance. Additionally, biodiesel with a higher viscosity may have reduced fuel atomization, which can lead to incomplete combustion and increased emissions.

The results show that the viscosity values for all samples were within the range of biodiesel, where the values range between 3.93 and 4.66 cSt, Figure (6).

The results of iodine value, saponification value, cetane number, high heating value, density, and kinematic viscosity showed that sample 16 is the most one that met the quality criteria as good biodiesel fuel. The criteria were as follows:
1. The iodine value was within acceptable limits (49.4 g iodine /100g) of biodiesel, indicating low unsaturation and good oxidative stability.
2. The saponification value was 170.7 mg of KOH/g of biodiesel, which means it is within the acceptable limits, indicating the appropriate ester content and low free fatty acid content.
3. Cetane number (68.4) within acceptable limits, which indicates good ignition quality and engine performance.
4. The high heating value was 43.6 MJ/kg (> 36 MJ/kg), which ensures good energy content and efficient fuel use.
5. The density was 0.863, ensuring proper fuel flow and accurate volume measurements.
6. The value of the kinematic viscosity was 3.91cSt, which indicates the appropriate flow of fuel and its atomization in the engine.

To ensure the safe and efficient operation of engines, biodiesel samples must meet the quality criteria outlined above.

To further assess the quality and performance of sample (16), which was deemed to be the most favourable sample, we conducted additional biodiesel tests. These tests involved examining the fuel's flash point, pour point, and cloud point, as

listed in Table (2). The results of these tests can offer valuable insights into the fuel's characteristics and its appropriateness as biodiesel.

Table (2): Physical Properties of The Best Sample (Sample 16):

Property	Result Value	Limits
Flash Point (ºC)	123	100-170 [42]
Pour Point (ºC)	-9	-15 – 16 [42]
Cloud Point (ºC)	3	0-10 [42]
Saponification Value (KOH/g)	160.2	170-200 [6]
Iodine Value (g I_2 /100g)	49.4	< 120 [7]
Cetane Number (MJ/Kg)	68.4	49-55 [37]
Density (g/mL^3) at 15°C	0.863	0.86 - 0.90 [38]
High Heating Value (MJ/kg)	43.6	39 - 43.33 [39]
Kinematic Viscosity (cSt)	3.91	3.2-5.0 [40]

4. CONCLUSION

Salicornia bigelovii has great potential as a renewable and sustainable source of biodiesel. The in-situ transesterification process of *Salicornia bigelovii* depends on the specific cultivation and fertilization techniques employed. The biodiesel produced from *Salicornia bigelovii* seeds irrigated with a mixture of 25% seawater and 75% well water and fertilized with nitrogen and microalgae exhibited excellent fuel properties, meeting the recommendations of US and European biodiesel standards. The produced biodiesel contained more than 35 wt. % of saturated fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) and over 50 wt. % of unsaturated FAME. Overall, the study demonstrates the potential of Salicornia plant oil as a vital source of renewable and clean energy that can help reduce toxic gas emissions and greenhouse gas emissions, enhance sustainability and biodiversity, and act as a diesel alternative to compression ignition engines. More research is needed to improve the cultivation and fertilization methods of Salicornia to increase oil yield and improve biodiesel production efficiency.

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ATTITUDE OF TAX RETURN AMONG THE INVESTORS OF NATIONAL SAVING CERTIFICATE IN BANGLADESH

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ABSTRACT

Taxation plays a vital role in redistributing benefits and is crucial for economic development. Bangladesh is committed to enhancing revenue generation and maintaining fiscal discipline to achieve self-sufficiency. However, compared to other countries at similar stages of development, Bangladesh has one of the lowest tax-to-GDP ratios among SAARC nations. Despite some progress, there is still a need for improvement in performance. Enhancing tax compliance is pivotal in addressing this situation, and authorities have made tax returns mandatory for various categories, including individuals holding TIN certificates. Notably, individuals investing over Tk. Two lac in national savings certificates are required to submit a TIN certificate, making tax returns mandatory for them. This study aims to examine the influence of factors such as educational attainment, understanding of tax laws, tax office notices, and income level on the willingness of NSC investors to file tax returns. The research findings indicate that the attitude towards tax returns is influenced by those factors, which have been taken into account for the study.

KEYWORDS: *Taxation, Tax Return, Tax Authority, individual assessee, TIN, NSC, Bangladesh*

1. INTRODUCTION

Inadequate collection of public revenue poses a significant challenge for the majority of emerging and transitional nations within the present economic environment. The level of tax effort in Bangladesh is quite disappointing. The number of individuals submitting income tax returns is exceedingly low that represents less then 1% among the population. According to a study conducted across multiple countries by Fenochietto and Pessino (2013) showed that the Bangladeshi economy only taxes 43% of its potential taxable revenue, which is one of the lowest effort ratios in the world. In Bangladesh's economy, there is significant variability in income earnings, and the consequences of tax evasion penalties can vary for individuals with high and low incomes, particularly if the penalties are based on the act of evasion rather than the amount of taxable revenue. (Daily Star ,2022). Due to geographical disparities in public infrastructure, people living in rural areas find it challenging to receive information on tax declarations, filings, and returns. Low e-literacy rate makes the issue even more complicated, as the government has adopted an strategy to digitize the tax disclosure system; On the other hand, low literacy rates among adult taxpayers would further limit compliance. Bangladesh is a developing nation with a high population density that possesses a middle-income status. Income tax as the main source of direct taxation in Bangladesh and more than one-third of income tax comes from individuals (Hyman, 2010). According to the record of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) there are 46 lac Tax Payer's Identification Number (TIN) holders in Bangladesh who are required to submit tax return.

The number of taxpayers who are currently submitting the tax returns is around 20-22 lakhs, indicating the need for proactive measures to curb tax evasion and ensure that the remaining eligible taxpayers are included within the tax system. (GOB, 2020 p. 12). However, more than 50 per cent of TIN holder does not submit their tax return in the assessment year 2019-2020 (Hossain, 2019) which is a significant concern and the National Board of Revenue (NBR) decides to issue notice against about 23.5 lac default TIN holders ("NBR," 2019). The overall budget deficit is 6.0 per cent of GDP in the FY 2020-2021 which was 5.0 per cent in the last fiscal year in Bangladesh (GOB, 2020 p. 12). Implementation of the budget is a great challenge due to about one-third (33.45 per cent) of the budget is a deficit in the FY 2020-2021 which was more than one- fourth (27.79 per cent) in FY 2019-2020 in Bangladesh. The national savings initiatives in Bangladesh work as a means of savings for the general population, simultaneously performing as a crucial domestic source to address budget deficits. According to the recent tax policy, individuals who invest more than Tk. 2 lac in national savings certificates must file tax returns. This paper aims to explore the attitude of investors towards tax returns on National Saving Certificates in Bangladesh, shedding light on their motivations, perceptions, and decision-making processes when it comes to investing in this government-backed scheme.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW
2.1 Non-compliance
The issue of not following to income tax regulations is a significant concern for Bangladesh, as stated by Sarkar et al. (2015). Considering individual perspectives, Jackson and Milliron (1986) identified 14 significant factors associated with tax evasion. They found that beliefs, personal standards, and perceived behavioural regulation are the primary factors

affecting compliance issues in the informal sector. In contrast, in a cross-country investigation of tax evasion, Riahi-Belkaoui (2004) concentrated on criteria other than an individual's level. Richardson (2006) integrated the parameters proposed by Jackson and Milliron (1986) at the individual level with the cross-country framework developed by Riahi-Belkaoui (2004) to further explain the idea of tax evasion. The result demonstrated that the level of avoidance of taxes across countries reduces with lower levels of complexity and higher levels of general education, services income source, fairness, and tax morale. According to Burton, Karlinsky, and Blanthorne (2005), people perceive tax evasion as a lesser-level crime than other criminal behaviors, which complicates the scenario of income tax non-compliance behaviour. Therefore, Kasipillai and Jabbar (2006) suggest that tax compliance relies on taxpayers' societal views and behavioural traits; occasionally, a complex confluence of occurrences may also act as a catalyst. There was controversy among the definitions of non-compliance since different scholars used various criteria to define it. According to McBarnet (2001), non-compliance is the intentional or involuntary failure to submit a return.

James and Alley (2002), on the other hand, stressed the significance of putting restrictions on the consistency and specificity of the definition. They suggested defining tax non-compliance as the failure to meet tax responsibilities, which would cover both actions that break the law and those that do not, rather than merely defining it as the failure to pay taxes. Different nations have various degrees of tax compliance because tax morale varies depending on culture (Alm & Torgler, 2006).

2.2 Income Level and Income Tax Non-compliance
The study conducted by Muibi & Sinbo (2013) suggests that higher earners have a better track record of paying their taxes than those with lower incomes. When compared to middle-class earners, Kong and Wang's (2014) experiment showed that high- and low-class earners were more inclined to be in non-compliance with tax laws. The research result of Witte and Woodbury (1985) suggests that people belong to middle income level are more respectful toward compliant of the tax law. Although people's non-compliance attitude is influenced by their financial level, it is unclear to what extent.

2.3 Role of Tax Knowledge and Tax Morale on Income Tax Non-compliance
Research has shown that a person's level of income tax compliance increases with their level of knowledge about taxes. (Obid, 2004). According to a study conducted by Fallan(1999) revealed that while men and women had varied levels of tax knowledge, men made their own decisions about compliance, while women considered others' attitude to show compliance behaviour (Fallan, 1999). In contrast, having a deep understanding of taxes can occasionally result in very poor tax compliance by exposing opportunities for tax evasion (Groenland & van Veldhoven, 1983). Tax morale is a reflection of a person's mindset as well as their actions. (Torgler, 2003). Moral obligation plays an important part in terms of non-compliance attitude (Bobek & Hatfield,

2003). Although Asian nations are well-known for having moral tax policies (e.g., Japan, China, India and Bangladesh), Non-compliance conduct continues to be a serious problem. (Torgler, 2004).However, more non-compliant behaviour is seen among people when they possess poor tax morale (Witte & Woodbury, 1985).

2.4 Tax Return for Individual Tax Payer
As per the guidelines outlined by the Income Tax Guidelines for individual taxpayers, individuals holding a Tax Identification Number (TIN) are required to fulfil their obligation by filing tax returns (NBR, 2021). However, individuals who possess a TIN solely for purposes such as obtaining a credit card or selling land, and currently have no income, are exempted from submitting tax returns (Daily Star, 2021). The National Board of Revenue (NBR), the tax authority, has made it obligatory for individuals in 22 specific areas, including those with 12-digit TINs, to file tax returns. Additionally, individuals employed in the public sector with a basic salary of Tk.16,000 or higher are also required to submit their tax returns. This requirement extends to individuals who hold positions as partners, shareholding directors, or shareholding employees in a business. Moreover, individuals who own cars, possess trade licenses issued by local government authorities, or work in various professions are also expected to comply with these regulations. Furthermore, individuals wishing to open savings accounts with the Post Office exceeding Tk. two lakh are obligated to file tax returns (NBR, 2021). Lastly, individuals who have purchased national savings certificates worth more than Tk. two lakh are also required to submit their tax returns.

3. RESEARCH FRAMEWORK
In this study, the researcher has pursued multiple objectives in order to accomplish the research aim. The study has incorporated a theoretical framework and an analytical model to guide the research process. The specific research objectives were as follows:

a) To explore the relationship between the education level and the tax returns attitude of the NSC investors.
b) To examine the connection between income tax awareness and the tax returns attitude of the NSC investors.
c) To explore the association between the notification from tax office and the tax returns attitude of the NSC investors.
d) To investigate the link between annual income and the tax return attitude of the NSC investors.

To fulfil the research objectives the following hypotheses were developed.

H1: There is significant relationship between exist between education level and the tax returns attitude of the NSC investors.

H2: There is positive relationship between the level of income tax knowledge and the tax returns attitude of NSC depositors

H3:There is a significant relationship between the notification from tax office and the tax returns attitude of the NSC investors.

H4: There is strong positive relationship between annual income and the tax return attitude of the NSC savers.

Figure:'Theoretical'Framework
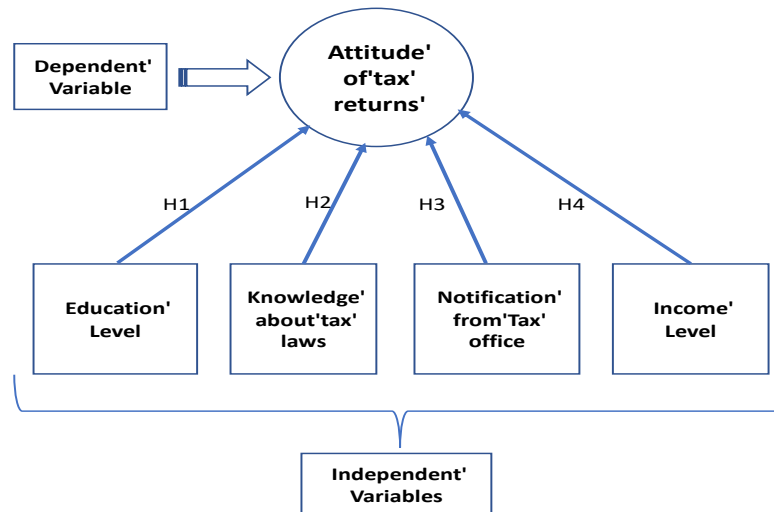
4. RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHOD

This research is characterized as descriptive research, employing a survey questionnaire to gather quantitative data aiming to investigate the factors influencing individuals' attitudes towards tax returns. The research employs a combination of primary and secondary data sources. The primary data was collected during the income year 2021-22 through interviews conducted with a total of 300 NSC investors selected randomly from Tangail, Gazipur, and Dhaka districts in Bangladesh. The original data obtained from this process provided valuable insights into people's understanding of tax laws, attitudes, and behaviours pertaining to the tax system in Bangladesh.

5. DATA ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

For the purpose of data analysis, the researcher employed both graphical and descriptive approaches using SPSS version 25.0 and EXCEL. The graphical approach was utilized to visually represent various parameters that provide insights into the behaviours and perspectives of investors regarding tax returns. Additionally, descriptive analysis techniques were employed to further analyse and summarize the data collected. Throughout the research process, a commitment to impartiality and objectivity was maintained in analysing the gathered data in order to draw meaningful conclusions. The information was obtained through conducting personal interviews with the investors, and visits were made to the offices of the Bangladesh National Savings Bureau to collect the necessary data.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The participants for the study were selected on random basis that represent 64% of male and 36% of female participants. It has been observed that the tendency to submit tax return is higher among men compare to their counterparts.

Figure: Proportion of the male and female participants
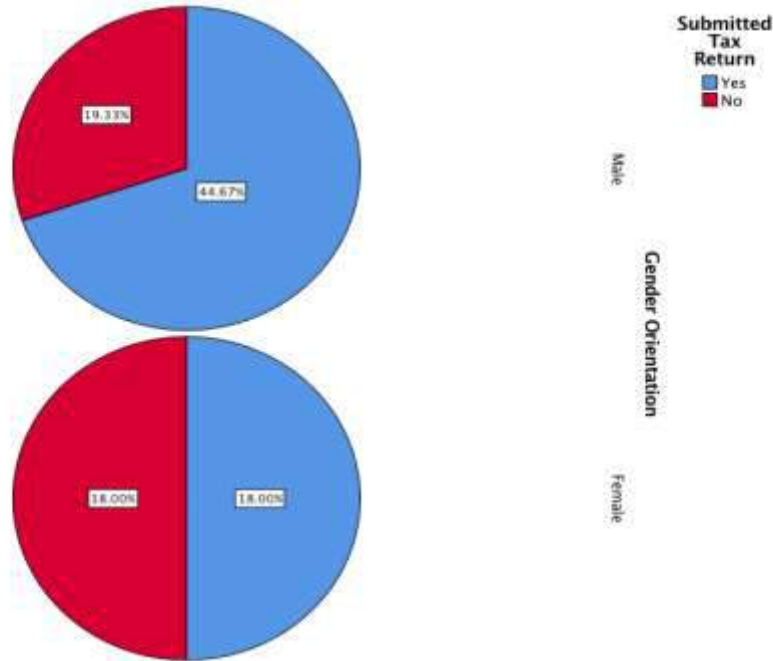
From the data collected for the study show that about 71% of male investors of NSC has submitted their tax returns where 29% of them have not submitted tax returns. On the other hand, about 50% of the female investors submitted their tax returns in the income year where other half of them have not submitted their tax returns.
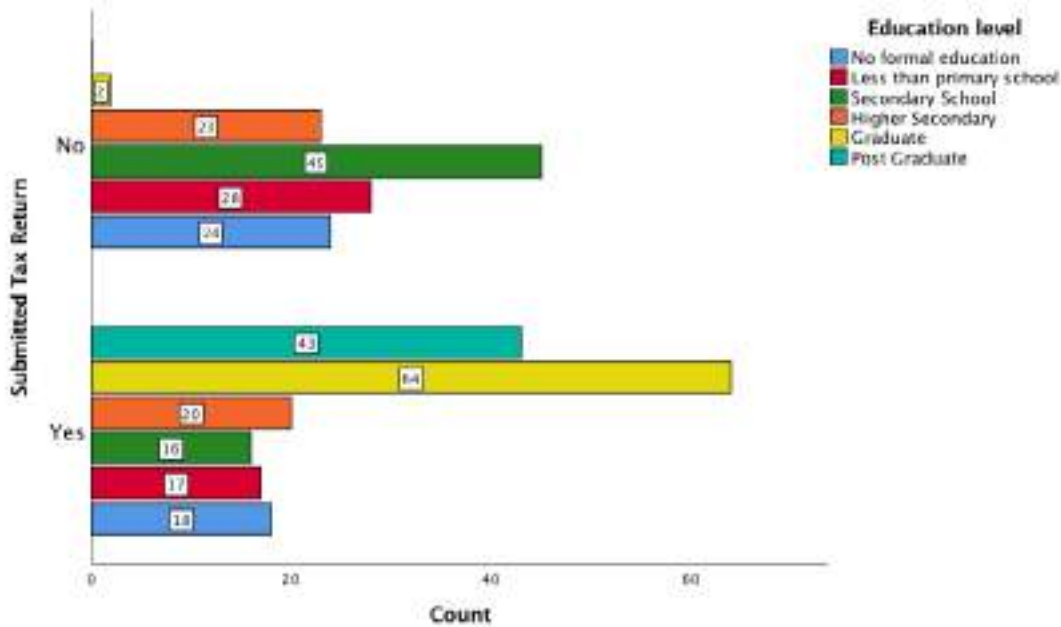

Figure: Relationship between the educational level and the tax submission rate

Our analysis indicates that level of education has influence on the tax submission rate. It is obvious that higher educated people are much more aware about the tax returns. 68% of graduate degree holders submitted their tax return and 43% of the post graduated people submitted their tax return. The tendency to submit tax return is below 20% among the people who have educational qualification below graduation degree. On the other hand, people who have educational qualification up to higher secondary level or no formal education tend not to submit tax returns.
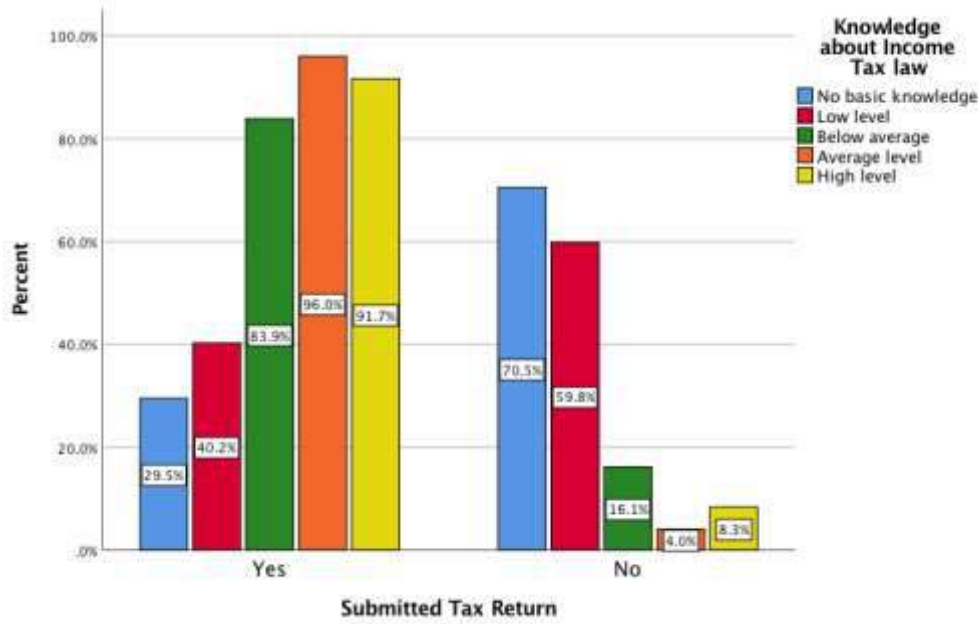
Figure: Relationship between the knowledge about income tax law and tax returns attitude

The finding from the alanyls of the data suggests that people with higher tax knowledge comply more with the tax law. This study shows that above 90% investors have submitted tax returns who have knowledge about income tax law in higher or above average level. Among the investors who have submitted tax returns, about 83% of people having below average level of knowledge about tax law and less then 40% of people have tax knowledge either low level or no basic knowledge. In contrast,

it has been noticed that people who don't have even basic level of knowledge about income tax law are reluctant to submit tax returns. People who have not submitted tax returns, represent 70% of them don't have basic knowledge and about 60% of the investors have low level of knowledge about Income tax law. Few people with average or higher level of tax knowledge have not submitted tax returns.
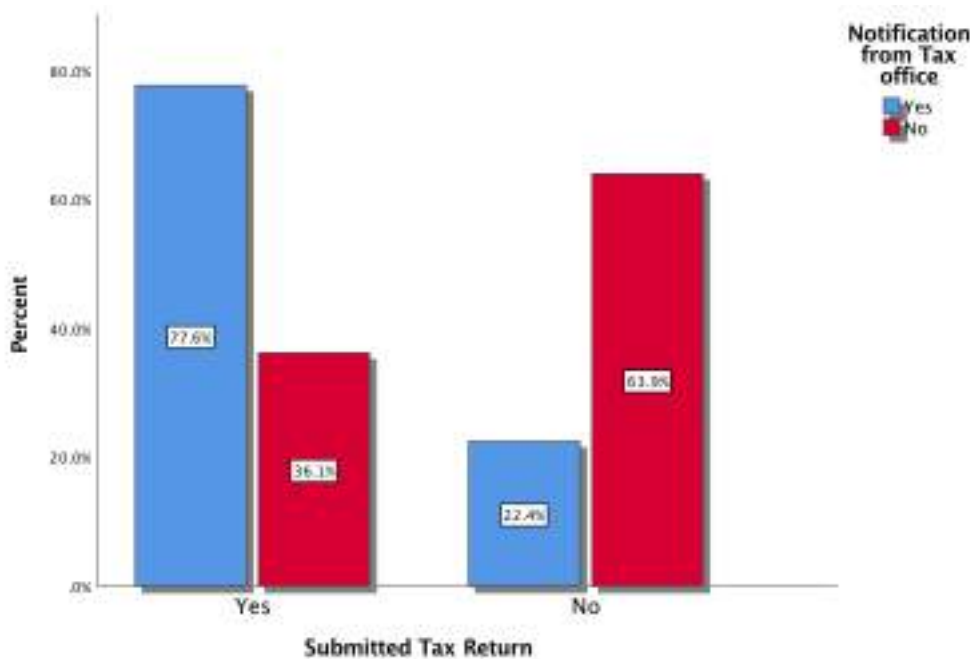

Figure: Relationship between the notification from the tax office and the tax returns attitude

It has been observed that notification from the tax office has positive impact on the tax returns. About 77% of people submitted tax returns who received notification from the tax office where about 36% of investors have not submitted tax return in spite of receiving notification from the tax office.

However, among the people who have not received any notification , above 63% of them have not submitted tax returns. However, about 22% of investors have not submitted tax returns despite of receiving the notice from the tax office.
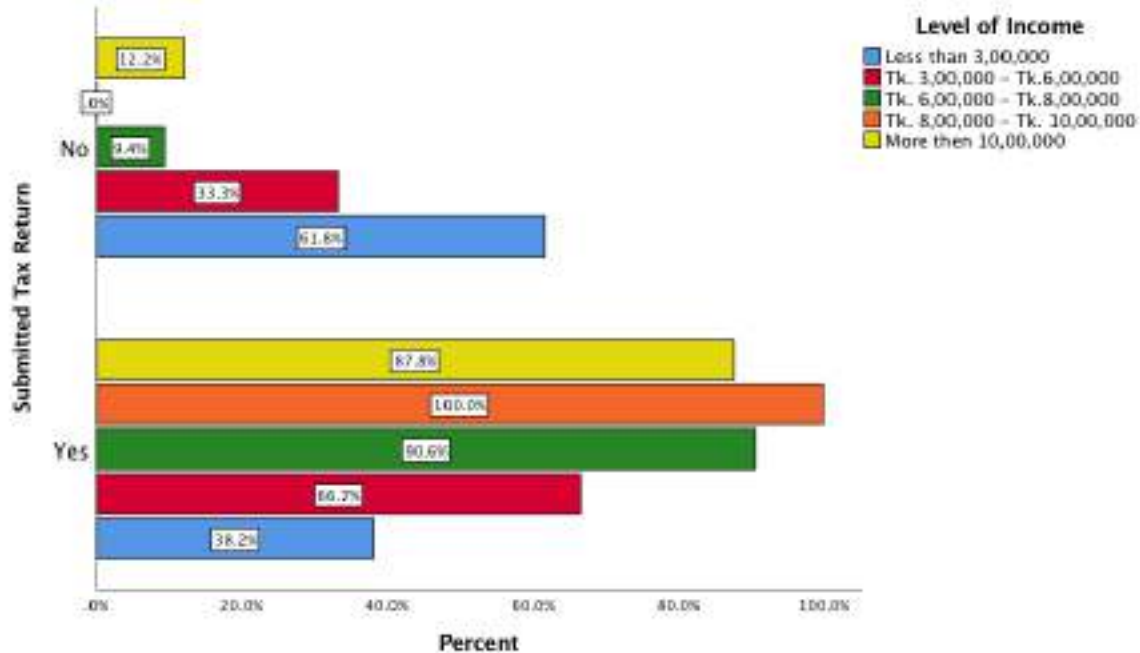

Figure: Association between the income level and the tax returns attitude

It has been found that people with higher income level tend to submit tax returns. If an individual's taxable income falls below the threshold limit, they are not required to prepare a tax file. However, if someone obtains a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), they are legally required to submit a tax return, regardless of their income being below the threshold limit. Around 90% of investors with the annual income level more than Tk.8,00,000 have submitted tax returns. On the other hand,

about 61% of the investors have not submitted tax returns who have annual income level less the Tk. 3,00,000.

To evaluate the hypothesis of the research , Pearson correlation test has been performed using SPSS software. Overall, it is witnessed that all the factors selected for the study have positive impact on the tax returns behaviour of the investors of NSCs.

	Submitted Tax Return	Education level	Knowledge about Income Tax law	Notification from Tax office
Submitted Tax Return	1			
Education level	.798**	1		
Knowledge about Income Tax law	.803**	.336**	1	
Notification from Tax office	.369**	.110	.222**	1
Level of Income	.453**	.565**	.397**	.243**

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

Finding of H1: The study observed a robust and statistically significant positive correlation ($r = .798$, $p < 0.001$) between the attitude towards tax returns and education level.

Consequently, hypothesis H1 is supported, suggesting that an elevated level of education is associated with a greater likelihood of engaging in tax return behaviour. Finding of H2:

The analysis revealed a substantial and statistically significant positive correlation (r = .803, p < 0.001) between the attitude towards tax returns and tax knowledge among taxpayers. Consequently, hypothesis H2 receives support, suggesting that an enhancement in the foundational understanding of tax law among NSC investors is associated with an increased likelihood of engaging in tax return behaviour. Finding of H3: The study uncovered a statistically significant positive correlation (r = .369, p < 0.001) between the attitude towards tax returns and the notifications received from the tax office. Therefore, hypothesis H3 is supported, indicating that an increased level of notifications from the tax office may act as an encouragement for taxpayers to submit their tax returns. Finding of H4: The analysis revealed a statistically significant moderate positive correlation (r = .453, p < 0.001) between the attitude towards tax returns and the annual taxable income of NSC investors. As a result, hypothesis H4 is supported, indicating that individuals with a higher income level are more likely to be motivated to submit their tax returns.

7. CONCLUSION

Taxes serve as a crucial source of government revenue in modern economies. The primary objective of taxation is to generate resources for the government to facilitate the provision of essential public services. In Bangladesh, the assessment of an individual's income tax relies on several legal frameworks, including The Income Tax Ordinance 1984, Income Tax Rule 1984, the Finance Act of each fiscal year, and Statutory Regulatory Orders (SRO). The National Board of Revenue (NBR), being the apex body, holds the authority to establish rules for implementing the provisions of this ordinance. As per the NBR, all individuals possessing a 12-digit e-TIN are required to annually submit a return detailing their income and expenses, irrespective of their actual taxable income.

In this study, I have attempted to investigate the factors that affect the tax returns behaviour of the investors of NSCs. This study suggests that there is positive correlation between tax return attitude of the investors and the factors such as educational qualification, knowledge about tax law, interaction from the tax office and income level , that indicate that tax returns would increase with the improvement of the associates factors. The following are recommended to improve the associated factors that contribute to uplift the amount of tax returns :

- To promote tax return compliance, it is advisable for the government to initiate additional awareness programs. These programs would aim to educate and inform individuals about the importance of filing tax returns. Furthermore, implementing a digitized process for tax return submission would be ideal, as it would streamline and simplify the entire procedure, making it more convenient for taxpayers

- Effective revenue mobilization requires a collaborative effort between the government and individuals. It is crucial for taxpayers to be aware of their civic duty in contributing to the revenue generation process. Taking personal responsibility and maintaining a responsible attitude towards tax compliance is of utmost importance. In the medium term, enhancing individuals' understanding of the significance of systemic tax compliance for the overall economy can be achieved through educational initiatives at the school level, supported by government efforts. Such measures have the potential to enhance tax compliance levels.

- Tax offices should strive to enhance their professionalism to better meet the needs of the public. The existence of corruption within the taxation system can create a perception that discourages individuals from actively participating, despite their belief in fulfilling their civic duty. Therefore, it is essential to establish tax offices as institutions that are free from corruption. This can help build trust and confidence among taxpayers, encouraging their active engagement and compliance.

- Simplifying the process of submitting tax returns for lower-income groups can have positive effects on encouraging self-assessment. By making the return submission process more user-friendly and accessible for individuals in this category, it becomes easier for them to fulfil their tax obligations. Additionally, considering the provision of incentives to lower-income households to become taxpayers can be an effective approach. By offering benefits or rewards, such as tax credits or exemptions, these households may be motivated to actively participate in the tax system.

- The existing arrangement of having tax offices solely at the district level has created challenges for rural residents to access tax services and instruments. The observed low level of tax compliance in rural regions of Bangladesh may be a reflection of this issue. Therefore, a significant recommendation is to allocate resources in the budget for the recruitment of tax officials in rural areas and establish tax offices at the sub-district level. It is crucial to ensure the proper implementation and monitoring of these offices to minimize the potential for corruption. This step is strongly advised to enhance tax compliance and accessibility in rural areas.

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