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WORKING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF WORKING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT BETWEEN LUPIN LIMITED AND CIPLA LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the present study is to explore comparative analysis of working capital management between Lupin limited and Cipla limited. In order to explore the relationship between both companies last five years of data (2019-2023) has been taken from the published financial report of the both companies. The study is based on secondary data. the findings of the study indicates that the working capital status of Lupin limited and Cipla limited is significantly different with respect to current asses and current liabilities

INTRODUCTION

Working capital management is most important process for each and every organizations. However, it is life blood for the organizations. Which is directly related with financial performance of the organization. On the other hand management of working capital is treated as most important head in the entire financial management system. Most of the research study clearly explore that working capital management for any organization is most important part because it helps the organization to run smoothly. However, on the other hand success and failure of the organization is largely depends on the proper management of working capital. The present research study is related with comparative analysis of working capital between Lupin limited and Cipla limited. Both the selected companies are the biggest players of market in the field of pharmaceutical area. The last five year financial data has been adopted to conduct comparative analysis of working capital between the both selected companies. The study systematically compare current assets and current liabilities in order to explore the current status of working capital between Lupin and Cipla limited.

Working Capital Management

Management of working capital is also known as management of net working capital of the organization. However, it is the difference between current assets and current liabilities of the organization. Under the working capital current assets related with account receivable, dues bills, inventories of finished goods and raw material, while current liabilities related with account payable and debts. Most of the research study has been suggested that working capital of the company is related with liquidity and short-term financial position of the organization. However, working capital may be define as the difference receive after deducting the current liabilities from the current assets in a particular financial year. The working capital can be calculated by using the following steps and formula.

Working capital = Current assets - Current liabilities

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Verma (2015), conducted a research study to explore the working capital management between Tata iron and steel company limited, Indian iron and steel company and steel authority of India limited. The research study has been covered the period of 1978-1979 to 1985-1986. To measure the working capital of various selected companies. After analysis of the data by using the appropriate tools the study concluded that among all these selected companies three companies are using bank borrowing to fiancé the working capital requirement. Furthermore study conclude that the working capital of Tata steal is much better then various other companies.

Vijay Kumar et al., (2016), has been conducted a research study on working capital management of tamilnadu sugar corporation. In order to examine the working capital author has been gather financial data of the company during the year of 1885-1986 to 1993-1994 the study was based on secondary data which has been gathered from the balance sheet and other financial information of the company. The study compares current assets and current liabilities of the company for calculating working capital. Findings of the study has been clearly indicates that the Tamilnadu sugar corporation is maintaining moderate level of working capital. Furthermore the study also concludes that company using their long term funds for meeting short term and access liabilities.

Bansal (2017), has been conducted a research study on working capital management of Himanchal Pradesh aggro industries. The study was based on secondary data which was collected from the balance sheet and other financial resources of the company. The data related to working capital for the present study were taken during the year between 1985-1986 to 1994-1995. After the tabulation of data it has been analyse by using tools of statics. Furthermore the result of the study indicates that the company is not managing their working capital effectively because various financial heads such as cash inventory, receivable and production capacity of the company is not properly managing as found by the study.

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Reheman Abdul et.al.,(2018), has been conducted a research study on working capital management and its impact on liquidity and profitability of the firm in order to collect financial data for examine working capital author has been selected 94 firm in the Karachi stock exchange. Data for the present study was collected during 1999-2004 in order to examine working capital and its impact author has been used Pearson correlation and regeneration analysis. The result of the study clearly indicated that the working capital management of the selected firm have a negative and positive impact both.

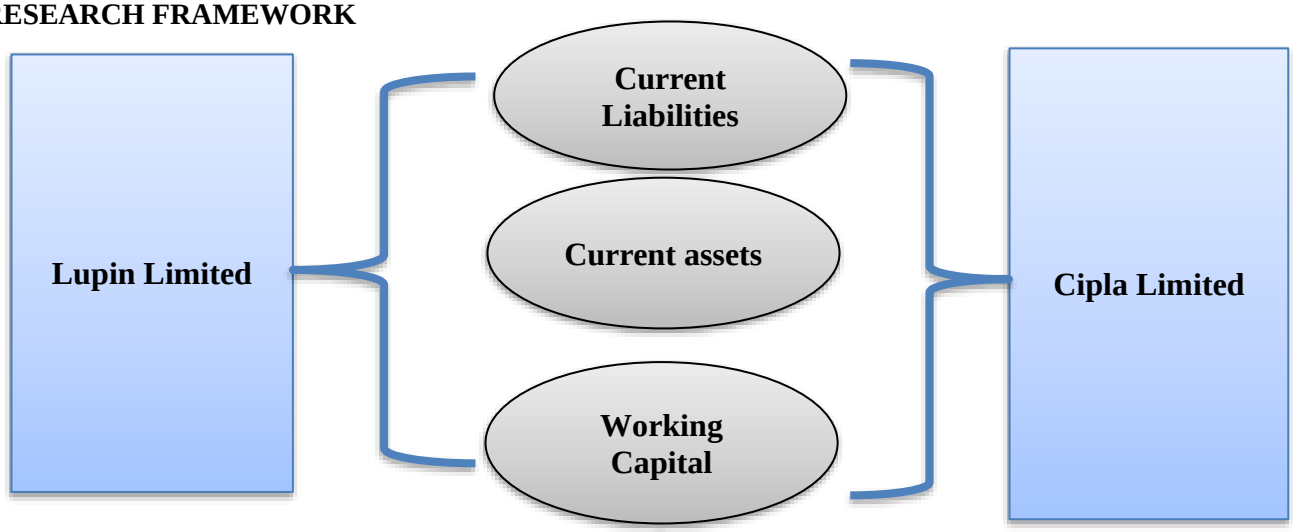
Paul (2018), has been conducted a research study to analyse working capital management of motor industry company limited the secondary data for the study were taken from the period 2001-2005 (five years of data collected). The study usage and calculated various kinds of ratio having a positive relationship with working capital management. Furthermore study concludes that management of working capital of motor industry has not found significant because it is not effectively managed.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The objectives of the present study are as under

1. To describe the relationship between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
2. To describe the relationship between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
3. To describe the relationship between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited

RESEARCH FRAMEWORK



FORMULATION OF HYPOTHESIS

The hypothesis of the study are as under

H_{01}: There is no significant and positive association between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a1}: There is a significant and positive association between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{02}: There is no significant and positive association between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a2}: There is a significant and positive association between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{03}: There is no significant and positive association between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a3}: There is a significant and positive association between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.

RESEARCH DESIGN

The present study is related with comparative analysis of working capital management between Lupin limited and Cipla limited. In this purpose the study adopted descriptive research design which has been framed by using secondary data. The last five years (2019-2023) financial data has been taken to explore the comparative analysis.

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample for the present study has been design on the basis of financial data of Lupin limited and Cipla limited related to working capital management. In the last five year study covered the period from 2019-2023

TOOLS FOR DATA ANALYSIS

In order to explore the relationship between Lupin limited and Cipla limited with respect to current assets, current liabilities and working capital, correlation analysis has been applied at 5% level of significance.

DATA ANALYSIS AND HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Data analysis and hypothesis testing for the present study has been conducted in three step such as relationship between current liabilities, current assets and working capital of Lupin and Cipla limited. The hypothesis testing of the present study can be seen in table 1, table 2 and table 3.

HYPOTHESIS FIRST

H_{01}: There is no significant and positive association between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a1}: There is a significant and positive association between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.

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Table 1
Comparative Analysis of Current liabilities between Lupin and Cipla limited

Year	Current Liabilities Lupin	Current Liabilities Cipla limited	r	P Value	Sig.
2019	**2555.79**	2619.29	0.713	0.175	0.05
2020	2585.83	2691.94			
2021	**3537.91**	2728.56			
2022	**3627.85**	2699.74			
2023	3693.94	2862.25			

Interpretation: Table 1 explore the comparative analysis of current liabilities between Lupin and Cipla limited. The correlation analysis shows that r value is 0.7136 and p value is 0.175871. However, the result is not significant because study strongly rejected the alternative hypothesis and accepted null hypothesis.

Second Hypothesis
H_{02}: There is no significant and positive association between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a2}: There is a significant and positive association between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.

Table 2:
Comparative Analysis of Current Assets between Lupin and Cipla limited

Year	Current Assets Lupin Limited	Current Assets Cipla Limited	r	P Value	Sig.
2019	10838.51	9027.26	0.654	0.230	0.05
2020	9617.37	10192.18			
2021	8437.82	12024.63			
2022	7570.92	13371.13			
2023	9287.87	14906.80			

Interpretation: Table 2 explore the comparative analysis of current assets between Lupin and Cipla limited. The correlation analysis shows that **r** value is **0.6548** and **p-value** is **0.230**. However, the result is not significant because study strongly rejected the alternative hypothesis and accepted null hypothesis.

Third Hypothesis
H_{03}: There is no significant and positive association between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.
H_{a3}: There is a significant and positive association between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited.

Table 3:
Comparative Analysis of Working Capital between Lupin and Cipla limited

Year	Working Capital of Lupin Limited	Working Capital of Cipla Limited	r	P Value	Sig.
2019	**8282.72**	**6407.97**	0.7875	0.113	0.05
2020	**7031.54**	7500.32			
2021	**4899.91**	9296.07			
2022	**3943.07**	10671.39			
2023	**5593.93**	12044.55			

Interpretation: Table 3 explore the comparative analysis of working capital between Lupin and Cipla limited. The correlation analysis shows that **r** value is **0.787** and p-value is **0.113.** However, the result is not significant because study strongly rejected the alternative hypothesis and accepted null hypothesis.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The various findings of the study are as under

1. It has been observed from the table 1 that correlation between current liabilities of Lupin limited and Cipla limited is not significant at 5% level of significant. However, study rejected the alternative hypothesis. Hence, there is no significant association between current liabilities of Lupin and Cipla limited.
2. It has been observed from the table 2 that correlation between current assets of Lupin limited and Cipla limited is not significant at 5% level of significant. However, study rejected the alternative hypothesis. Hence, there is no significant association between current assets of Lupin and Cipla limited.
3. It has been observed from the table 3 that correlation between working capital of Lupin limited and Cipla limited is not significant at 5% level of significant. However, study rejected the alternative hypothesis. Hence, there is no significant association between working capital of Lupin and Cipla limited.

CONCLUSIONS

The study explore the comparative analysis of working capital; between Lupin limited and Cipla limited. The study was based on comparative analysis of working capital with respect to current liabilities and current assets. The findings of the study have been explore that the status of working capital between

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Lupin and Cipla is not been found significant and related to each other. However, findings indicates that there is a high difference between current liabilities and current assets of both companies, which represent the significant difference in working capital status of the companies. On the other hand study conclude that working capital of Lupin and Cipla is quick different and not evidently explore the positive relationship because in every cases study rejected the alternative hypothesis and rejected the null.

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ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH DISPARITIES IN UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS: STRATEGIES FOR CULTURALLY COMPETENT NURSING CARE, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

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ABSTRACT

Mental health disparities persist among underserved populations, including racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those residing in rural communities. Culturally competent nursing care, community partnerships, and advocacy efforts are essential for addressing these disparities. This review examines strategies for delivering culturally competent mental health care, fostering community partnerships, and advocating for policy changes to reduce mental health inequities in underserved populations. Key topics include cultural competence training for nurses, collaboration with community organizations, and advocacy for equitable access to mental health services. By implementing these strategies, nurses can play a vital role in advancing mental health equity and improving outcomes for underserved populations.

KEYWORDS: *mental health disparities, underserved populations, culturally competent nursing care, community partnerships, advocacy efforts*

INTRODUCTION

Mental health disparities persist among underserved populations, including racial/ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and those residing in rural communities. These disparities are influenced by various factors, including socioeconomic status, discrimination, stigma, and limited access to mental health services. Addressing mental health disparities requires a multifaceted approach that considers the unique needs and experiences of underserved populations. In this review, we examine strategies for addressing mental health disparities through culturally competent nursing care, community partnerships, and advocacy efforts. By promoting cultural competence, fostering community collaboration, and advocating for policy changes, nurses can help reduce mental health inequities and improve outcomes for underserved populations.

Culturally Competent Nursing Care

Cultural competence is essential for providing effective mental health care to diverse populations. Nurses must understand the cultural beliefs, values, and practices that influence individuals' perceptions of mental health and help-seeking behaviors. Cultural competence training programs can enhance nurses' knowledge and skills in providing culturally sensitive care. These programs should incorporate topics such as cultural humility, communication strategies, and the impact of cultural factors on mental health outcomes. Additionally, nurses should engage in self-reflection and ongoing education to continually improve their cultural competence.

In delivering culturally competent care, nurses should adopt a holistic approach that considers the intersectionality of individuals' identities and experiences. For example, LGBTQ+ individuals may face unique mental health challenges related to

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discrimination, rejection, and identity concealment. Nurses should create affirming and inclusive environments where LGBTQ+ individuals feel safe to disclose their identities and seek support. This may involve using gender-affirming language, respecting individuals' chosen names and pronouns, and providing LGBTQ+-specific resources and referrals.

Cultural competence is the cornerstone of effective nursing care, particularly in addressing mental health disparities among underserved populations. It involves the ability of nurses to understand, respect, and effectively respond to the cultural beliefs, values, and practices of individuals and communities they serve. Culturally competent nursing care acknowledges the diversity within populations, recognizes the influence of culture on health and illness perceptions, and seeks to provide care that is respectful, responsive, and tailored to the unique needs of each individual.

One of the fundamental aspects of culturally competent nursing care is cultural humility, which involves an ongoing process of self-reflection, self-awareness, and willingness to learn from and collaborate with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. Nurses must recognize their own cultural biases, assumptions, and limitations and remain open to continually learning from their patients and colleagues. Cultural humility promotes humility, respect, and empathy in nurse-patient interactions and helps build trust and rapport with patients, particularly those from marginalized or underserved communities.

Cultural competence training programs are essential for enhancing nurses' knowledge, skills, and attitudes related to providing culturally sensitive care. These programs should incorporate a range of topics, including cultural awareness, cultural knowledge, cultural skills, and cultural encounters. Cultural awareness involves recognizing one's own cultural biases and assumptions, as well as understanding the impact of culture on health beliefs and behaviors. Cultural knowledge involves learning about the cultural norms, values, and practices of diverse populations, including common health beliefs, healing practices, and communication styles. Cultural skills involve the ability to effectively communicate, assess, and intervene in culturally sensitive ways, such as using language interpreters, adapting communication styles, and incorporating cultural rituals and customs into care. Cultural encounters involve engaging in meaningful interactions with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds and applying cultural competence principles in clinical practice.

In delivering culturally competent mental health care, nurses should adopt a holistic approach that considers the intersectionality of individuals' identities and experiences. For example, LGBTQ+ individuals may face unique mental health challenges related to discrimination, stigma, and identity concealment. Nurses should create affirming and inclusive environments where LGBTQ+ individuals feel safe to disclose their identities and seek support. This may involve using gender-affirming language, respecting individuals' chosen names and pronouns, and providing LGBTQ+-specific resources and referrals.

Moreover, nurses should be aware of cultural variations in help-seeking behaviors, coping strategies, and treatment preferences among different cultural groups. For example, some cultural groups may prioritize family involvement in decision-making and care, while others may value individual autonomy and privacy. Nurses should collaborate with patients and their families to develop care plans that are respectful of cultural preferences and values and promote shared decision-making and partnership in care.

In summary, culturally competent nursing care is essential for addressing mental health disparities in underserved populations. By promoting cultural humility, cultural competence training, and holistic care approaches, nurses can build trust, improve patient outcomes, and contribute to reducing mental health inequities among diverse communities. Culturally competent nursing care requires ongoing commitment, self-reflection, and collaboration with patients, families, and communities to ensure that care is respectful, responsive, and tailored to the unique needs of each individual.

Community Partnerships

Collaboration with community organizations is essential for reaching underserved populations and addressing their mental health needs. Nurses can partner with community-based organizations, faith-based groups, cultural centers, and social service agencies to provide culturally tailored mental health services and support programs. By leveraging existing community resources and networks, nurses can increase access to care and promote mental health awareness and education.

Community partnerships also enable nurses to engage in outreach and prevention efforts that target specific populations at risk for mental health disparities. For example, in rural communities with limited access to mental health services, nurses can collaborate with local healthcare providers, schools, and community centers to offer mental health screenings, workshops, and support groups. By bringing services directly to underserved communities, nurses can reduce barriers to care and promote early intervention and prevention.

Community partnerships are vital for addressing mental health disparities in underserved populations. Collaborating with community-based organizations, faith-based groups, cultural centers, and social service agencies allows nurses to reach individuals who may face barriers to accessing traditional mental health services. By leveraging existing community resources and networks, nurses can increase access to care, promote mental health awareness, and deliver culturally tailored support programs.

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One key aspect of community partnerships is building trust and rapport with community members and organizations. Nurses should take a participatory approach, engaging community members in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of mental health initiatives. This involves actively listening to community needs and priorities, valuing community expertise and assets, and fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment among community members.

Collaborating with community organizations also enables nurses to provide culturally responsive mental health services that meet the unique needs of diverse populations. For example, in partnership with local cultural centers or faith-based groups, nurses can develop mental health education programs, support groups, and outreach activities that are tailored to the cultural beliefs, values, and preferences of specific communities. This may involve incorporating cultural rituals, traditions, and languages into program materials and activities to ensure relevance and accessibility.

In addition to delivering direct services, community partnerships allow nurses to engage in outreach and prevention efforts that target specific populations at risk for mental health disparities. For example, in rural communities with limited access to mental health services, nurses can collaborate with local healthcare providers, schools, and community centers to offer mental health screenings, workshops, and support groups. By bringing services directly to underserved communities, nurses can reduce barriers to care, promote early intervention, and prevent the escalation of mental health problems.

Furthermore, community partnerships provide opportunities for nurses to address social determinants of mental health and promote holistic well-being. For example, nurses can collaborate with housing agencies, food banks, and employment services to address basic needs and social inequalities that contribute to mental health disparities. By advocating for affordable housing, nutritious food access, and economic opportunities, nurses can address root causes of mental health problems and support individuals in achieving better mental health outcomes.

Effective community partnerships require clear communication, collaboration, and shared goals among stakeholders. Nurses should establish formal partnerships with community organizations through memoranda of understanding or partnership agreements that outline roles, responsibilities, and expectations. Regular communication and collaboration meetings should be held to review progress, address challenges, and adapt strategies as needed. By fostering strong, collaborative relationships with community partners, nurses can maximize the impact of their efforts and promote sustainable change in addressing mental health disparities.

In summary, community partnerships are essential for addressing mental health disparities in underserved populations. By collaborating with community organizations, nurses can increase access to culturally responsive mental health services, engage in outreach and prevention efforts, address social determinants of mental health, and promote holistic well-being. Effective community partnerships require building trust, valuing community expertise, and fostering collaborative relationships that prioritize the needs and priorities of diverse communities. Through community partnerships, nurses can play a pivotal role in advancing mental health equity and improving outcomes for underserved populations.

Advocacy Efforts

Advocacy plays a crucial role in addressing systemic barriers to mental health care access and equity. Nurses can advocate for policy changes at the local, state, and national levels to improve mental health services and eliminate disparities. This may involve advocating for increased funding for mental health programs, expansion of insurance coverage for mental health services, and implementation of culturally responsive care standards.

Nurses can also advocate for the inclusion of mental health education in school curricula, workplace wellness programs, and community outreach initiatives. By raising awareness about mental health issues and promoting destigmatization, nurses can help reduce barriers to care and encourage help-seeking behaviors among underserved populations.

Furthermore, nurses can advocate for culturally competent care within healthcare organizations by promoting diversity and inclusion initiatives, advocating for the recruitment and retention of diverse healthcare providers, and participating in cultural competence training programs for staff. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity, healthcare organizations can better meet the needs of underserved populations and improve mental health outcomes.

Advocacy is a powerful tool for addressing systemic barriers to mental health care access and equity. Nurses, as frontline healthcare providers, are uniquely positioned to advocate for policy changes at the local, state, and national levels to improve mental health services and eliminate disparities. Advocacy efforts can encompass a range of activities, including raising awareness, promoting policy change, and mobilizing stakeholders to support mental health equity initiatives.

One key area of advocacy is promoting increased funding for mental health programs and services. Nurses can advocate for increased government funding for mental health initiatives, including community mental health centers, school-based mental health programs, and crisis intervention services. By highlighting the importance of mental health services and the impact of underfunding on underserved populations, nurses can urge policymakers to prioritize mental health funding in budget allocations and appropriations.

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Advocacy efforts can also focus on expanding insurance coverage for mental health services and improving reimbursement rates for mental health providers. Nurses can advocate for policies that ensure equitable access to mental health care, including parity laws that require insurance plans to cover mental health services at the same level as physical health services. Additionally, nurses can advocate for reimbursement policies that adequately compensate mental health providers, particularly those serving underserved populations, to ensure financial sustainability and workforce retention.

Furthermore, nurses can advocate for the inclusion of mental health education in school curricula, workplace wellness programs, and community outreach initiatives. By raising awareness about mental health issues and promoting destigmatization, nurses can help reduce barriers to care and encourage help-seeking behaviors among underserved populations. Advocacy efforts may involve collaborating with schools, employers, and community organizations to develop and implement mental health education programs that address the unique needs and preferences of diverse communities.

Advocacy efforts also play a crucial role in promoting cultural competence within healthcare organizations. Nurses can advocate for diversity and inclusion initiatives that promote the recruitment and retention of diverse healthcare providers, cultural competence training programs for staff, and policies that ensure equitable access to care for all patients. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity within healthcare organizations, nurses can help create environments where all individuals feel respected, valued, and empowered to seek care.

Moreover, nurses can engage in legislative advocacy to support policies that advance mental health equity and address social determinants of mental health. This may involve participating in advocacy campaigns, contacting elected officials, and testifying at legislative hearings to advocate for specific policy proposals. Nurses can also join professional organizations and coalitions that advocate for mental health policy change at the local, state, and national levels, amplifying their voices and leveraging collective action to effect change.

In summary, advocacy efforts are essential for addressing mental health disparities and promoting mental health equity in underserved populations. Nurses can advocate for increased funding for mental health programs, expanded insurance coverage, inclusion of mental health education, cultural competence within healthcare organizations, and legislative policies that support mental health equity initiatives. Through advocacy, nurses can leverage their expertise, influence, and passion to create positive change and improve mental health outcomes for all individuals and communities.

CONCLUSION

Addressing mental health disparities in underserved populations requires a comprehensive approach that incorporates culturally competent nursing care, community partnerships, and advocacy efforts. By promoting cultural competence, fostering community collaboration, and advocating for policy changes, nurses can play a vital role in reducing mental health inequities and improving outcomes for underserved populations. Moving forward, it is essential to continue investing in education, training, and resources that support nurses in delivering equitable and inclusive mental health care.

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IMPACT OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ON THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF 4 MAJOR PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT
As we know India is the fastest-growing economy but socio-economic problems like illiteracy, Poverty, and lack of health care are still Ubiquitous and the government has limited resources to tackle these challenges. It is only possible through donations and charity events etc. As one of the important shloka (quote) from the Rigveda says "A businessman should benefit from the business like a honey-bee which suckles honey from the flower without affecting its charm and beauty". Many Corporations in India are involved in CSR programs in diverse areas. Through this research, we try to find the relationship between Corporate Social Responsibility and the Financial Performance of Public Sector Banks. Financial Performance means various Financial Parameters such as EPS, ROA, ROE, etc. In this research, we also endeavour to express the CSR score card which shows the comparative analysis of the sectoral contribution of CSR funds but we took only 4 Public Sector Banks out of 12 for comprehensible research.

KEYWORDS: *CSR, RBI, SBI, PNB, ROE, ROA, EPS.*

HISTORY
The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility is not new in India. It emerged from Vedic Period when history was not properly recorded but the king had an obligation towards the society by building places of Worship, Education, wells, and Inns. Similarly, Islam had a law called Zakat which means a Portion of earnings must be shared with the poor in the form of a donation. However, in Sikhism Dasvandh term is used where one-tenth or 10% of Income is to be donated in the form of seva. In the 19th Century Industrial Families such as Tata, Godrej, Singhania, Bajaj, Modi, and Birla were strongly inclined towards economic as well as social considerations. Thereafter the idea of trusteeship was popularised by Mahatma Gandhi where the wealthy people would be the trustee of the trust that looked after the welfare of the people in general. In the last twenty years, we can see the triangular relationship between companies, the state, and the society.

INTRODUCTION OF CSR
Corporate Social Responsibility is defined as the ethical behaviour of the company towards society. Today no firm can act independently regardless interest of the general Public. According to the **World Business Council for Sustainable Development**, "Corporate Social Responsibility is the continuing commitment by business to behave ethically and contribute to economic development while improving the quality of life of the workforce and their families as well as of the local community and the society at large". India is the first country to have CSR as a mandate wherein the companies qualifying specific criteria are required to spend 2% of their average net profits of the last three preceding financial years. These specific criteria are mentioned under section 135 of the Companies Act 2013. Which is applicable to all Companies during the Immediately Preceding Financial Year.

Table-1: Legal Conditions for Corporate Social Responsibility in India

Companies having Turn Over of	1000 Crore or More
Net Profit	5 Crore or More
Net Worth	500 Crore or More

(Source: Companies Act 2013)

LITERATURE REVIEW
(Garg, Nidhi 2021) Those who suggested a negative relationship said that Spending on Society leads to an additional economic burden on firms on the other hand spending on social welfare leads to enhanced goodwill, provides superiority among competitors, increases customer involvement, and improves productivity and quality, etc **Rajput, N., Batra, G., & Pathak, R. (2012)** In their study tried to understand the relationship between CSR and financial performance in the Indian context. CSR indexes (www.karmayog.org) and financial performance (annual reports) measures were taken to allow the estimation of regression analysis conducted to examine the relationship between CSR and financial performance. **Bedi, H.S. (2009)** in the paper "Financial Performance and Social Responsibility: Indian Scenario" examined 37 Indian firms. The correlation between financial performance and corporate social expenditure showed a strong

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positive relationship between the two. **Iqbal, N. et.al (2012)** investigated the impact of CSR on the financial performance of several firms in Pakistan. For this purpose, 156 Karachi Stock Exchange-listed companies were chosen for two years, 2010 and 2011. The financial performance indicators were debt-equity ratio, ROA, ROE, etc.

Batra and Bahri (2018) conducted a study on 20 BSE-listed banks to study the impact of financial indicators on their CSR expenditure using correlation and multiple regressions and found that Profit after taxes (PAT) positively affects CSR. This implies that the increase in profits leads to a simultaneous rise in CSR too. It was concluded that the Indian banks perceive CSR to be a medium for not only promoting the goodwill of the banks but also helping in fetching increased customer satisfaction, and loyalty on the part of investors and fostering financial growth. **Akanbi and Ofoegbu (2012)** examined the influence of CSR on the organizational performance of the United Bank for Africa in Lagos. They used t-test, regression, Pearson correlation, and ANOVA to conduct the particular study. The study revealed that there was a positive relationship between various dimensions of CSR and organizational performance.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

(a) To analyse the impact of CSR expenditure on the financial performance of 4 Major public sector banks in India.
(b) To compute the CSR score for the Analysis.

CSR INDIAN BANK'S PERSPECTIVE

A Large Portion of the Country's GDP growth is contributed by the Banks. They are playing a crucial role to caters the need of the middle class, focusing on rural areas and contributing to the country's Infrastructure Building. Section 135 of the Companies Act 2013 applies to all companies which are registered under this act but it is not applicable to banks because they follow the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. In the year 2007 Reserve Bank of India directed the banks to Involve in Social activities and help our country to achieve sustainable development by contributing 1% of the published net profit for the previous year. In the case of loss-making Banks, they can make donations Totalling 5 Lakh rupees in the financial year. Such spending on donations by banks is voluntary in nature subject to Board approval. The study found that Public, Private, and Foreign Banks are actively part of CSR but some banks are not disclosed their spending amount in reports. Where the highest contribution is made by the public sector banks and the lowest by foreign banks.

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Several studies have been made in the past to study the relationship between the two variables, but the results are still confusing. Some studies are showing positive relationships whereas some were showing negative relationships. Some other studies revealed an inconclusive relationship between the two variables. Although every relationship has a strong base.

Table-2: Net Profit / Net Loss (In Crore.)

S.no	Name of Banks	F.Y 2019-20	F.Y 2020-21	F.Y 2021-22
1.	State Bank of India	14488	20410	31676
2.	Punjab National Bank	336	2022	3457
3.	Canara Bank	(2236)	2558	5678
4.	Indian Bank	3944.82	3005	753

(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

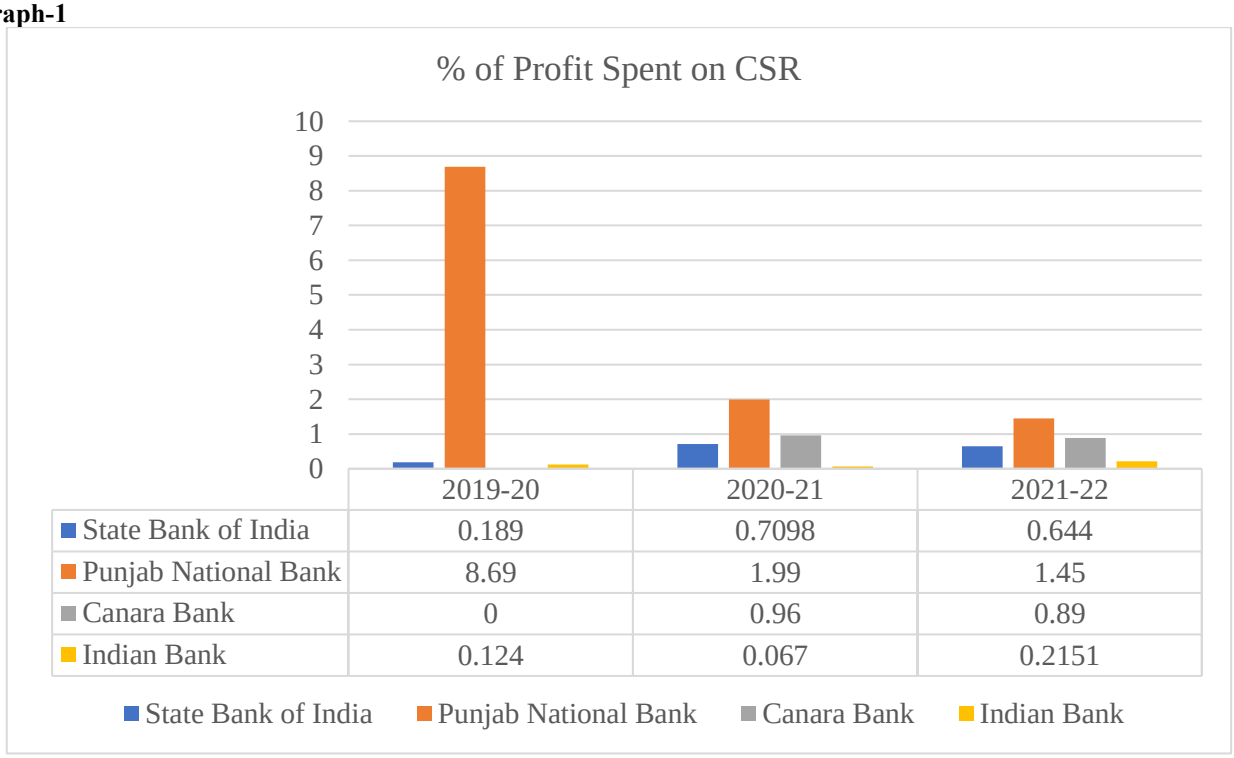
Table-3: Bank Wise Funds Allocated to CSR (In Crore.)

S.no	Name of Banks	F.Y 2019-20	F.Y 2020-21	F.Y 2021-22
1.	State Bank of India	27.47	144.88	204.10
2.	Punjab National Bank	29.21	40.38	50.19
3.	Canara Bank	20.49	24.70	50.96
4.	Indian Bank	4.93	2.02	1.62

(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

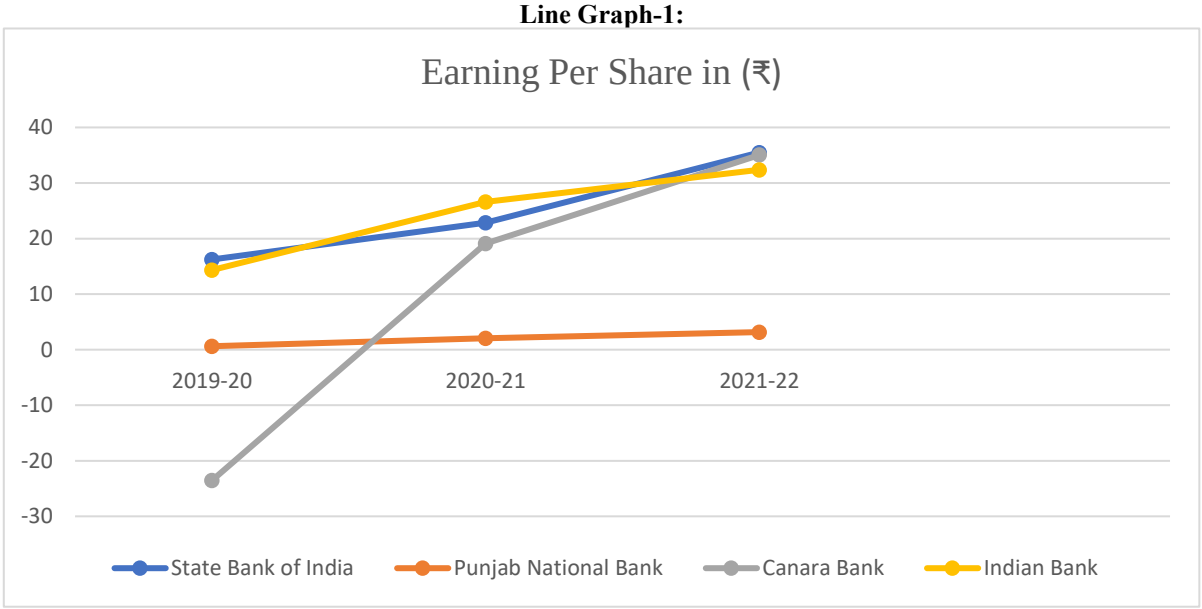
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Bar Graph-1



(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

Line Graph-1:



(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

Table-4: Return on Asset & Return on Equity of 4 Major Public Sector Banks in (%)

S.no	Name of Banks	F.Y 2019-20		F.Y 2020-21		F.Y 2021-22	
		Return on Asset	Return on Equity	Return on Asset	Return on Equity	Return on Asset	Return on Equity
1.	State Bank of India	0.38	7.74	0.48	9.94	0.67	13.92
2.	Punjab National Bank	0.04	0.58	0.15	3.88	0.26	5.96
3.	Canara Bank	(0.32)	(8.05)	0.23	6.71	0.48	12.82
4.	Indian Bank	0.26	3.94	0.50	10.63	0.63	12.13

(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

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DATA ANALYSIS

Table -2 represents the net profit & loss of 4 different public sector banks during the financial year 2019-20 to 2021-22 and Table-3 describes bank-wise funds allocated to CSR. As we can see in the financial year 2019-20 the net profit after tax of the state bank of India was 14488 crore and this bank contribute 27.47 crore to CSR in the same financial year which was almost 0.189% of the net profit. But as per the RBI, the standard norm is almost 1% of net profit after tax and it is purely on a voluntary basis so it is rarely followed. In the next financial year 2020-21, the profit of the state bank of India was 20410 crore and it increased by 40.87% In this year this bank contributes towards CSR 144.88 crore which is equivalent to 0.7098% of net profit, and having an EPS of 22.87 ₹ which was increased by 6.64 ₹ which was around 40.91% increment or Return on Asset and Return on Equity was 0.48% and 9.94% which was better than the previous year 2019-20 because of more contribution in CSR leads to more positive results. in the financial year 2021-22, the net profit of the state bank of India rose to 31676 crore which was a jump of 55.19%, and CSR contribution in this year was 204.10 crore which was 0.644% of the net profit after tax and EPS, ROA, and ROE were 35.49 ₹, 0.67%, and 13.92% all three financial parameters provide positive results and had a big jump as compared to the previous year, which shows due to an increase in the contribution of CSR leads to improve the financial performance of the Financial Institution. Now we can see the net profit after tax of the Punjab National Bank in the financial year 2019-20 was just 336 crore which was quite lower as compared to other banks but this bank contributes to CSR 29.21 crore which was 8.69% of the net profit after tax which was too higher and it was also above the standard norms set by RBI. In the next financial year, 2020-21 the net profit of the Punjab National Bank was 2022 crore which rose by 501.78% and this bank donated 40.38 crore to CSR which was approx. 1.99% of the net profit after tax and have and have an EPS of 2.08 ₹ which was increased by nearly 200% from the previous year or return on asset and return on equity were 0.15% and 3.88% means ROA was around 4 times higher and ROE was nearly 7 times higher than the last year. In the next financial year 2021-22, the net profit of this bank was 3457 crore which was expanded by 70.96% and this bank contributes 50.19 crore towards CSR which was almost equal to 1.45% of net profit after tax and EPS, ROA, and ROE were 3.16 ₹, 0.26%, 5.96% all three parameters gave the positive result as compared to the earlier year because due to more contribution in CSR leads to more positive impact on the financial performance. In the financial year 2019-20, Canara Bank was facing a loss of 2236 crore but still, this bank contributed 20.49 crore toward CSR. In the next financial year 2020-21, the net profit after tax of this bank was 2558 crore and the contribution to CSR was 24.70 crore which was nearly 0.96%. and EPS was 19.11 ₹ but in the previous year, there was a loss per share of (23.55) ₹ This year Canara Bank ROA and ROE were 0.23% and 6.71% which were also positive to the previous loss year. In the financial year 2021-22, the net profit after tax of Canara Bank was 5678 crore which was around a 121.97% increment since last year's net profit, and this year Canara Bank contribute 50.96 crores towards CSR and this was 0.89% of the net profit after tax and EPS, ROA, and ROE were 35.04 ₹, 0.48%, 12.82% these three parameters were nearly twice than the previous financial year. Now we can see the results of Indian Bank The net profit after tax in the financial year 2019-20 was 3944.82 crore and the contribution towards CSR was 4.93 crore which was around 0.124% of net profit after tax. In the next financial year 2020-21, the net profit of the Indian Bank was 3005 crore which declined by 23.82% from last year and this bank contributes 2.02 crore to CSR which was 0.067% of the net profit after tax and EPS was 26.61 ₹ which was almost 85.6% higher than the last year or ROA, ROE were 0.50%, 10.63% which were increased by approx. 92.30% and 169% in comparison to the previous year. In the financial year 2021-22, the net profit of the Indian Bank reached 753 crore which means it was diminished by 74.94% from last year but still this bank contributes 1.62 crore to CSR funds and this was nearly a 0.2151% of net profit after tax and EPS, ROA, and ROE were 32.38 ₹, 0.63%, 12.13% This is the only bank where we can see due to fall in net profit contribution towards CSR decreased but still financial parameters such as EPS, ROA, ROE were in a booming trend.

Table-5: CSR Score Card Based on the Areas of Spending by Top CSR Contributor Public Sector Banks During F.Y 2021-22.

Parameters	Punjab National Bank	State Bank of India	Canara Bank	Indian Bank
Health	✓	✓	✓	✓
Education & Skill Development	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports	✓	✓	✓	✓
Financial Literacy	✓		✓	✓
Livelihood/Finance	✓			
Rural Development	✓	✓	✓	
Disaster Management	✓			
Women Empowerment		✓	✓	✓
Environment		✓	✓	✓
Animal Welfare		✓		
Total Score	**7**	**7**	**7**	**6**

(Source: Annual Reports of Public Sector Banks)

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TABLE ANALYSIS

This Score Card represents the Punjab National Bank contribution in almost all areas except Women Empowerment, Environment, and Animal Welfare and getting a 7 score which means 7 core areas where the P.N.B participated. State Bank of India made the highest contribution in the year 2021-22 and got 7 CSR Scores This bank participates in different areas but spends the highest amount on rural development and the health sector. This Bank also participates in Environment and animal welfare areas but does not contribute to disaster management, financial literacy, and livelihood finance. Canara Bank is also a major CSR contributor public sector bank which got a 7 CSR Score and serves in almost every area except Disaster Management, Livelihood Finance, and Animal Welfare. Indian Bank achieved a 6 CSR Score by an endowment in various sectors.

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

1. There are a total of 12 Public Sector Banks in India but we Studied only 4 Major Public Sector Banks.
2. This Study is limited to Three Financial Years started from 2019-20 and ends on 2021-22.

CONCLUSION

The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility has collected prominence from all avenues. Banking Institutions must realize that government alone will not be able to get success in its endeavor to uplift the downtrodden of society. Thus, from the above collected and tabulated data, we can see there is a positive relationship between CSR and the Financial performance of Public Sector Banks because due to the increase in contribution towards CSR their EPS, ROA, and ROE enhanced positively, and other qualitative factors such as goodwill, customer loyalty, Employees satisfaction, quality improvement will also increase. As we know India is the fastest-growing economy and is booming with national and multinational firms at the same time, India also faces social challenges like poverty, population growth, illiteracy, etc. so it can be irradicated by CSR and this will act as double edge sword, one edge provides the benefit to society and another edge will help to the company from all prospective either Financially or Non-Financially.

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CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CRISIS INTERVENTION SECTION (CIS) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT REGION 4A IN RELATION TO SITUATION AND PERFORMANCE IN A DISASTER RESPONSE

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this study was to determine the level of personal and professional challenges of Social Workers in Crisis Intervention Section of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 4A in relation to situation and performance in a disaster response. The descriptive design was used in gathering the information, Pearson Product Movement Correlation Coefficient (r) is used in determining the significant relationship between the level of Social Workers' challenges in terms of personal and professional and their level of activity in terms of situation and performance. Chi-squared test was used to test the significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of challenges in terms of personal and professional; significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of activity in terms of situation and performance. The mean and standard deviation was utilized to determine the level of challenges of the Social Workers in term of Personal such as Emotional and Psychological Challenges, Physical Challenges, and Safety and Security; on the other hand, Professional such as Work-Life Balance, Support and Resources, Guilt, Shame and Burnout and training and experiences of the respondents. Also, mean and standard deviation was utilized to determine the level of activity of the Social Workers in term of Situation such as Severity of disaster, Resources available, support from colleagues and supervisors and types of disaster; on the other hand, Performance such as Effectiveness, Efficiency, Quality and Safety of the respondents. The data acquired were treated and examined using frequency and percentage distribution to determine the demographic profile of the Social Workers in term of, age, sex, civil status, employment status, family income, and number of years in service. Result shows that there is no statistically significant relationship using the above mentioned statistical tests was detected between the level of challenges in terms of personal and professional, social worker's level of activity in terms of situation and performance and social workers' challenges and their level of activity. Furthermore, the study concludes that the personal and professional challenges of social workers under Crisis Intervention Section of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 4A in Relation to Situation and Performance in a Disaster Response as perceived by the respondents, social workers are bounded to what they ought to do and the unwritten duties and obligation that are expected which includes the duty to the profession that requires a professional social worker to maintain with high standard of commitment with positive attitude to take responsibilities. Thus, it is recommended that the social workers under crisis intervention release the importance of job tenure for their security. That the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A request for more creation of permanent or contractual positions especially for those staffs that give and rendered their time, skills, commitment and collaborative efforts that contributed for a successful program implementation, That the national government specifically the legislature department must enact and amend the Magna Carta for Social workers that compensate social workers regardless on their employment status when it comes to disaster response. Lastly, that the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A invest for capacity building activities for the social workers and other support staffs in relation to disaster response. It is important that front liners during disaster response possess strong set of skills and properly trained.

KEYWORDS: *Social Worker, Crisis Intervention Section, Department of Social Welfare and Development Region IV-A, Personal and Professional Challenges, Disaster Response*

INTRODUCTION

Social Work is a helping profession in which trained professionals are devoted to help. Its primary mission is to enhance human beings and meet basic and complex needs of individuals, families in crisis or difficult situations, marginalized and vulnerable or disaster affected communities. Due to its wider scope, social workers are seen as frontline workers during natural disasters. "Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Professional social workers aim to create change and encourage the resilience of individuals, families, and communities. This career can be fulfilling for those who enjoy giving back to the community and making a difference in society. Therefore, there is no question that Social Workers are hugely important in society. On the other hand, disasters can be human-induced or natural, which are very becoming increasingly frequent, expensive, and devastating globally. They also jeopardize society, economic performance-built environment, and other socioeconomic and physical determinants. Calamities cannot be eliminated or prevented but disaster-resistant built environments are those where disasters are effectively managed. Therefore, it is very important to measure the behavior, capacity, competency, performance, and approaches of those who help to build resilient environments and communities. An important point is the number of fatalities caused by disasters in

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underdeveloped countries, which is about 43 times that of developed countries. The International Federation of Red Cross data shows five global crises in the world between the years 2005 and 2014, which are, respectively, floods, storms, waves, heat waves, and droughts. In Asia, 48% of these catastrophic disasters occurred. The world's governments place a high priority on flexibility and the reduction of natural disaster losses, both of which call for both government and people investment. However, during disaster response, Social Workers may become both victim and respondent.

Having this scenario, this study seeks to determine the level of challenges of social workers in Crisis Intervention Section (CIS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 4A in relation to situation and performance in a disaster response.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

In this study, the researcher used quantitative descriptive research design with correlational analysis to determine the level of challenges of the Social Workers in terms of personal and professional challenges and explore the Social Workers of Crisis Intervention Section of the DSWD 4A experiences in relation to situation and performance in disaster response. The descriptive research is used to determine the relationship between the profiles of the social workers in the Crisis Intervention Section of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region 4A and the level of challenges and activity in terms of personal, professional, situation and performance in relation to disaster response. Another characteristic of descriptive research design is a theory-based research method describing the research's primary subject matter. To gather information for this kind of research design, methods like questionnaires, case studies, and natural observation are used. Many scientific disciplines, especially social science and psychology, employ this method to obtain a general overview of the subject. This type of research design provides insight into the why and how of research.

The study is conducted among the 63 selected respondents who are social workers who conducted and participated in a disaster response. Probability Sampling and Criterion Sampling would use in the study, which 80% Social Worker in the Crisis Intervention Section and Social Welfare Action Desk can be included and a phenomenological criterion sampling which respondents can deploy and experience common functions and responsibility in disaster response.

A self-constructed questionnaire was used as the main instrument to gather adequate data and information in this study. To ensure the reliability and validity of the research instrument, variables intended to measure would be defined; experts review the items to ensure they adequately represent the construct and administer the instrument to the selected respondents. The mean and standard deviation were utilized to determine the level of challenges of the Social Workers in terms of Personal such as Emotional and Psychological Challenges, Physical Challenges, and Safety and Security; on the other hand, Professional such as Work-Life Balance, Support and Resources, Guilt, Shame and Burnout and training and experiences of the respondents. Also, mean and standard deviation were utilized to determine the level of activity of the Social Workers in terms of Situation such as Severity of disaster, Resources available, support from colleagues and supervisors, and types of disaster; on the other hand, Performance such as Effectiveness, Efficiency, Quality and Safety of the respondents. The chi-square test was used to test the significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of challenges in terms of personal and professional; the significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of activity in terms of situation and performance. Lastly, the Pearson Product Movement Correlation Coefficient (r) was utilized to determine the significant relationship between the level of Social Workers' challenges in terms of personal and professional and their level of activity in terms of situation and performance.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Demographic profile of Respondents in Terms of Age

The demographic profile of respondents according to age shows that majority of the respondents, 16 or 61.54% out of 26 are age 21-30 years old. 7 or 26.92% are age 31-40 years old while 3 or 11.54% are age 41-60 years old. However, none of them are age 61 and above.

Demographic profile of Respondents in Terms of Sex

In terms of sex, it shows that majority of the respondents, 22 or 84.62% out of 26 are female while only 4 or 15.38% are male.

Demographic profile of Respondents in Terms of Civil Status

In accordance with civil status, it shows that most of the respondents, 13 or 50% out of 26 are single while 12 or 46.15% are married. There is only 1 or 3.85% who are separated and glad that none of the respondents prefer not to say their status and actively participate in the conduct of the research study.

Demographic Profile of the Social Workers in terms of Employment Status

In terms of employment status, *it* shows that most of the respondents, 19 or 73.08% out of 26 are Cost of Service while 7, or 26.92% are permanent. However, none of the respondents are Job Order even Contractual.

Demographic Profile of the Social Workers in terms of Family Income

In accordance with family income, it shows that most of the respondents, 20 or 76.92% out of 26 have an income of 30,001-40,000 per month. 3 or 11. 54% of them have an income of 20,000-30,000 per month. Also, 3 or 11. 54% of them have an income of 60,001 and above per month. However, none of the respondents have an income of 40,001-60,000 per month.

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Demographic Profile of the Social Workers in terms of Years in Service

In terms of years in service, it shows that most of the respondents, 11 or 42.31% out of 26 are 6 years and above in service. 7 or 26.92% of them are 2-3 years in service. 4 or 15.38% are 4-5 years in service, 3 or 11.54% are 4months – 1 years in service while only 1 or 3.85% of them are less than 3 months in service.

Level of Social Workers' Personal Challenges

Table 1. Level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Emotional and Psychological

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have been experiencing difficulty coping with stress during disaster response.	2.81	0.96	Moderately Challenged
2. I've been feeling anxious and fearful during disaster response.	2.50	1.05	Slightly Challenged
3. I've been feeling frustrated and resentful in disaster response.	2.38	0.79	Slightly Challenged
4. I've been feeling irritable and short-tempered in disaster response.	2.19	0.68	Slightly Challenged
5. I've been feeling traumatized in disaster response.	1.77	0.85	Not Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.33***		
SD	***0.86***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20 Challenged, 2.61-3.40 Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80 Not Challenged

Table 1 presents the Level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Emotional and Psychological. The average weighted mean value of 2.33 with a standard deviation of 0.86 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Emotional and Psychological was interpreted "Low".

Table 2. Level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Physical

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I've been feeling fatigue and exhaustion in disaster response.	2.88	0.97	Moderately Challenged
2. I have been exposed to hazardous conditions (downed power lines, leaking gas lines, and unstable structures.	2.19	1.14	Slightly Challenged
3. I've been exposed to extreme weather conditions (high winds, heavy rains, and heat waves, etc.).	2.73	1.37	Moderately Challenged
4. I've been exposed to high-risk conditions that cause physical injury.	1.92	0.96	Slightly Challenged
5. I've been exposed to hazardous physical activity such as providing mass care and emergency rescue operation.	3.12	1.45	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.57***		
SD	***1.18***		

Table 2 presents the level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Physical. The average weighted mean value of 2.57 with a standard deviation of 1.18 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Physical was interpreted as **"Low".**

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Table 3. Level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Safety and Security

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I've been experiencing safety and security issues in disaster response.	2.42	0.88	Slightly Challenged
2. Safety and security challenges have a great impact on disaster response.	2.73	1.23	Moderately Challenged
3. I have enough knowledge and skills to ensure my safety and security during disaster response.	2.27	0.90	Slightly Challenged
4. I've been exposed to disastrously physical hazards such as debris, hazardous materials, and electrical hazards.	1.27	1.26	Not Challenged
5. I have been exposed to disastrously diseases (hepatitis A, leptospirosis, and typhoid fever.	2.19	1.64	Slightly Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.38***		
SD	***1.18***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20 Challenged, 2.61-3.40 Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80 Not Challenged

Table 3 presents the level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Safety and Security.

The average weighted mean value of 2.38 with a standard deviation of 1.18 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Personal challenges in terms of Safety and Security was interpreted as **"Low".**

Level of Social Workers' Professional Challenges

Table 4. Level of Social Workers' Professional Challenges in terms of Work-life Balance

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I establish a balance between work and personal life by fulfilling my needs, expectations, and responsibilities.	2.88	0.75	Moderately Challenged
2. I am equally engage in and satisfied with my work role and family role.	2.58	1.01	Slightly Challenged
3. I establish a balance between the work life and personal life to achieving the desired outcomes during disaster response.	2.46	0.69	Slightly Challenged
4. Maintaining a balance between work and personal life is not easy during disaster response.	2.77	1.09	Moderately Challenged
5. By creating balance I simple stop to take a few deep breaths every couple of hours or using breaks as a time to engage in work-life balance during disaster response.	2.23	1.01	Slightly Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.58***		
SD	***0.91***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20 Challenged, 2.61-3.40Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80 Not Challenged

The average weighted mean value of 2.58 with a standard deviation of 0.91 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Work-life balance was interpreted as **"Low".**

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Table 5. Level of Social Workers' Professional Challenges in terms of Support and Resources

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have received regular supervision during disaster response.	2.54	1.01	Slightly Challenged
2. During disaster response, the department provided basic needs (food, lodging, and vehicle).	2.58	1.08	Slightly Challenged
3. I have the level of skills and commitment needed in relation to disaster response.	2.81	0.92	Moderately Challenged
4. During disaster response the local government unit and the national government provide enough support and resources for effective response.	3.23	0.85	Moderately Challenged
5. The Department provide stress debriefing to staff who conducted disaster response.	3.73	1.19	Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.98***		
SD	***1.01***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20 Challenged, 2.61-3.40Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80 Not Challenged

Table 5 presents the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Support and Resources.The average weighted mean value of 2.98 with a standard deviation of 1.01 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Support and Resources was interpreted **"Moderate".**

Table 6. Level of Social Workers' Professional Challenges in terms of Guilt, Shame, and Burnout

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. In disaster response, I feel guilt, shame, and Burnout.	2.54	0.80	Moderately Challenged
2. I have specialized training in disaster response, and I more effective in reducing the stress and anxiety of disaster survivors.	3.73	1.37	Challenged
3. I have been feeling irritable and short-tempered during disaster response.	2.15	0.72	Slightly Challenged
4. I've been feeling traumatized in disaster response.	2.08	0.92	Slightly Challenged
5. I've been feeling difficulty coping with stress in disaster response.	1.96	0.81	Slightly Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.49***		
SD	***0.92***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20 Challenged, 2.61-3.40Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80 Not Challenged

Table 6 presents the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Guilt, Shame, and Burnout.
The average weighted mean value of 2.49 with a standard deviation of 0.92 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Guilt, Shame, and Burnout was interpreted as **"Low".**

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Table 7. Level of Social Workers' Professional Challenges in terms of Training and Experiences

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I know my role in disaster response.	3.23	1.05	Moderately Challenged
2. I have participated in training related to disaster response management before.	3.04	1.51	Moderately Challenged
3. I considered myself prepared for disaster management.	3.19	0.96	Moderately Challenged
4. I have the level of skills and commitment needed in relation to disaster response.	2.81	0.88	Moderately Challenged
5. I am equipped and well-trained in disaster operations.	3.46	1.31	Challenged
Weighted Mean	***3.15***		
SD	***1.14***		

Table 7, presents the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Training and Experiences.

The average weighted mean value of 3.15 with a standard deviation of 1.14 revealed that the level of Social Workers' Professional challenges in terms of Training and Experiences was interpreted as **"Moderate".**

Level of Social Workers' Activity Situation

Table 8. Level of Social Workers' Activity Situation in terms of Severity of Disaster

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have been deployed to disaster areas and work longer hours.	2.92	1.11	Moderately Challenged
2. I've been deployed to provide a wider range of services to disaster survivors in response to more severe disasters.	2.73	1.46	Moderately Challenged
3. I have been deployed and am more likely to experience burnout and compassion fatigue in response to more severe disasters.	2.19	0.79	Slightly Challenged
4. I have been exposed to more trauma and difficult cases in response to these disasters.	1.96	0.85	Slightly Challenged
5. I received support from colleagues, supervisors, and mental health professionals in response to these disasters.	2.85	1.20	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.53***		
SD	***1.08***		

The average weighted mean value of 2.53 with a standard deviation of 1.08 revealed that the level of Social Workers' activity situation in terms of Severity of disaster was interpreted as **"Low".**

Table 9. Level of Social Workers' Activity Situation in terms of Resources Availability

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have been more active in disaster response when I had access to adequate resources, (funding, staffing, and equipment.	3.38	1.39	Moderately Challenged
2. I have been more satisfied in disaster response when I had access to adequate resources, (funding, staffing, and equipment).	3.35	1.27	Moderately Challenged
3. I have been more satisfied in disaster response when I had access to these resources, (funding, staffing, and equipment).	3.35	1.33	Moderately Challenged
4. I have enough resources that empowers me during disaster response and also the survivors.	2.58	1.01	Slightly Challenged

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5. I have enough resources as social worker that underscores the importance of developing comprehensive policies, training programs, and workplace intervention.	2.62	0.79	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***3.05***		
SD	***1.16***		

Table 9 presents the level of social workers' activity situation in terms of Resources Availability.

The average weighted mean value of 3.05 with a standard deviation of 1.16 revealed that the level of social workers' activity situation in terms of Resources Availability was interpreted as **"Moderate".**

Table 10. Level of Social Workers' Activity Situation in terms of Support from Colleagues and Supervisors

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I've worked in supportive environments and am more likely to be active in disaster response.	3.27	0.98	Moderately Challenged
2. I have received supportive supervision and am more likely to provide effective interventions to disaster survivors.	3.19	0.96	Moderately Challenged
3. I have received peer support and am less likely to experience burnout and compassion fatigue.	3.15	0.86	Moderately Challenged
4. I have enough social support emerges as a vital coping mechanism crucial in mitigating job stress and enhancing overall well-being within the profession.	3.15	1.06	Moderately Challenged
5. I have enough support is conceptualized as a reservoir of emotional and material resources individuals can tap into during adversities, underscoring its indispensable role in fostering adaptive coping strategies and bolstering well-being.	2.96	0.85	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***3.15***		
SD	***0.94***		

Table 11 presents the level of social workers' activity situation in terms of Support from Colleagues and Supervisors.

The average weighted mean value of 3.15 with a standard deviation of 0.94 revealed that the level of social workers' activity situation in terms of Support from Colleagues and Supervisors was interpreted as **"Moderate".**

Level of Social Workers' Performance Situation

Table 12. Level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Effectiveness

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have specialized training in disaster response, and I am more likely to report feeling prepared and confident in my ability to respond to a disaster.	1.92	1.03	Slightly Challenged
2. I have specialized training in disaster response, I am more likely to provide a wide range of services to disaster survivors.	2.35	0.87	Slightly Challenged
3. I have specialized training in disaster response, and I more effective in reducing the stress and anxiety of disaster survivors.	2.27	0.98	Slightly Challenged
4. I have specialized training in disaster response, and I more likely to provide disaster survivors with emotional support, practical assistance, and advocacy services.	2.38	1.04	Slightly Challenged
5. I have specialized training, I more likely to be aware of the unique needs of disaster survivors and to be able to provide them with effective services.	2.50	0.97	Slightly Challenged

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Weighted Mean	***2.28***
SD	***0.98***

Table 12 presents the level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Effectiveness.

The average weighted mean value of 2.28 with a standard deviation of 0.98 revealed that the level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Effectiveness was interpreted as **"Low".**

Table 13. Level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Efficiency

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have specialized training in disaster response, as I am more likely to perform efficiently.	2.54	1.15	Slightly Challenged
2. I have trained in disaster response, and I more likely to be aware of a unique challenge.	2.54	1.22	Slightly Challenged
3. I have smaller caseload and I more likely to perform efficiently and effectively in disaster response.	2.31	0.91	Slightly Challenged
4. I have adequate resources provided by the Department for disaster response, so I can work efficiently.	2.46	0.84	Slightly Challenged
5. I have a supportive work environment where social workers feel comfortable asking for help when needed.	3.27	1.26	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.62***		
SD	***1.08***		

The average weighted mean value of 2.62 with a standard deviation of 1.08 revealed that the level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Efficiency was interpreted as **"Moderate".**

Table 14. Level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Quality

Statements	Mean	SD	Remarks
1. I have had specialized training and experience in disaster response.	2.04	1.13	Slightly Challenged
2. I had received regular supervision in disaster response.	2.88	1.01	Slightly Challenged
3. I have clear roles and responsibilities.	2.50	0.97	Slightly Challenged
4. I reflect on the needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable, so I can perform the best quality of work in disaster response.	3.00	1.07	Slightly Challenged
5. I provide effective and timely response.	3.12	1.01	Moderately Challenged
Weighted Mean	***2.71***		
SD	***1.04***		

Note: *N=100. The mean is interpreted as follows:* 4.21-5.00 severely challenged, 3.41-4.20Challenged, 2.61-3.40Moderately Challenged, 1.81-2.60 Slightly Challenged and 1.00-1.80Not Challenged

Table 14 presents the level of Social Workers' performance situation in terms of Quality

The average weighted mean value of 2.71 with a standard deviation of 1.04 revealed that the level of Social Workers'

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Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of The Respondent and their Level of Challenges

Table 15. Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of The Respondents and their Level of Challenges in terms of Personal

Profile	Df	Critical Value α = .05	Computed Chi-square value	Remarks
Age	12	21.03	3.86	*Not Significant*
Sex	4	9.49	1.89	*Not Significant*
Civil Status	12	21.03	3.92	*Not Significant*
Employment Status	12	21.03	1.68	*Not Significant*
Family Income	12	21.03	3.63	*Not Significant*
Years in Service	16	26.30	10.96	*Not Significant*

Since the computed chi-square values 3.86, 1.89, 3.92, 1.68, 3.63 and 10.96 are less than the critical values 21.03, 9.49, 21.03, 21.03, 21.03, 26.30 respectively at α = .05, the null hypothesis was accepted. It can be concluded that there is no statistically significant relationship using he above-mentioned statistical tests was detected between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of challenges in terms of personal.

Table 16. Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of The Respondents and their Level of Challenges in terms of Professional

Profile	Df	Critical Value α = .05	Computed Chi-square value	Remarks
Age	12	21.03	3.05	*Not Significant*
Sex	4	9.49	1.44	*Not Significant*
Civil Status	12	21.03	6.61	*Not Significant*
Employment Status	12	21.03	6.10	*Not Significant*
Family Income	12	21.03	6.02	*Not Significant*
Years in Service	16	26.30	11.52	*Not Significant*

Table 16, presents the significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of challenges in terms of professionalism.

Since the computed chi-square values 3.05, 1.44, 6.61, 6.10, 6.02 and 11.52 are less than the critical values 21.03, 9.49, 21.03, 21.03, 21.03, 26.30 respectively at α = .05, the null hypothesis was accepted. It can be concluded that there is no statistically significant relationship using the above-mentioned statistical tests was detected between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of challenges in terms of professionalism.

Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of the Respondents and their Level of Challenges

Table 17. Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of The Respondents and their Level of Activity in terms of Situation

Profile	Df	Critical Value α = .05	Computed Chi-square value	Remarks
Age	12	21.03	10.30	*Not Significant*
Sex	4	9.49	4.88	*Not Significant*
Civil Status	12	21.03	9.96	*Not Significant*
Employment Status	12	21.03	13.93	*Not Significant*
Family Income	12	21.03	8.37	*Not Significant*
Years in Service	16	26.30	11.52	*Not Significant*

Since the computed chi-square values 10.30, 4.88, 9.96, 13.93, 8.37 and 11.52 are less than the critical values 21.03, 9.49, 21.03, 21.03, 21.03, 26.30 respectively at α = .05, the null hypothesis was accepted. It can be concluded that there is no statistically significant relationship using the above-mentioned statistical tests was detected between demographic profile and their level of activity in terms of situation.

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Table 18. Significant Relationship between the Demographic Profile of The Respondents and their Level of Activity in terms of Performance

Profile	Df	Critical Value α = .05	Computed Chi-square value	Remarks
Age	12	21.03	7.99	*Not Significant*
Sex	4	9.49	1.67	*Not Significant*
Civil Status	12	21.03	8.84	*Not Significant*
Employment Status	12	21.03	3.72	*Not Significant*
Family Income	12	21.03	9.10	*Not Significant*
Years in Service	16	26.30	22. 55	*Not Significant*

Table 18 presents the significant relationship between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of activity in terms of performance

Since the computed chi-square values 7.99, 1.67, 8.84, 3.72, 9.10, and 22.55 are less than the critical values 21.03, 9.49, 21.03, 21.03, 21.03, 26.30 respectively at α = .05, the null hypothesis was accepted. It can be concluded that there is no statistically significant relationship using the above-mentioned statistical tests was detected between the demographic profile of the respondents and their level of activity in terms of performance

Significant Relationship between the Level of Social Workers' Challenges and their Level of Activity

Table 19. Significant Relationship between the Level of Social Workers' Challenges and their Level of Activity

Variables	Overall Mean	Df	Computed r-value	Critical r-value	Remarks
Level of challenges in terms of personal and professional	2.61	24	0.35	0.39	*Not Significant*
Level of activity in terms of situation and performance	2.72				

The table further revealed that the computed r- value 0.35 is less than the critical r- value 0.39 at 0.05 level of significance with 24 degrees of freedom. Therefore, the null hypothesis is accepted. It can be concluded that there is no statistically significant relationship using the above-mentioned statistical tests detected between the level of social workers' challenges in terms of personal and professional and their level of activity in terms of situation and performance.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

Considering the study's finding and hypothesis which implies on the profile of Social Worker in Crisis Intervention Section of the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A, There were 26 Social Workers in the Crisis Intervention Section of Department Social Welfare and Development 4A who participated in the research study since they are employees in the section who have experienced disaster response. It was noted that majority of these Social Workers aged 21-30, female, single, contract of service, earned a monthly family income of Php30, 001.00 to Php40, 000.00 and six years and above in service.Among the level of challenges of Social Worker in terms of personal Physical Challenges got the highest mean of 2.57 with verbal interpretation of "Low" while Emotional and Psychological challenges got the same weighted mean of 2.33 with verbal interpretation of "Low". On the other hand, in Professional challenges, training and experiences got the highest mean of 3.15 followed by support and resources with weighted mean of 2.98 with both verbal interpretations of Moderate. On the contrary, guilt, shame and burnout got the lowest mean of 2.49 with verbal interpretation of low. Among the level of activity in terms of situation Support from Colleagues and Supervisors got the highest mean of 3.15 with verbal interpretations of moderate. While, level of activity in terms of performance, quality got the highest mean of 2.71 with verbal interpretations of moderate.

On the Significant Difference on the demographic profile of the Social Workers under Crisis Intervention Section of the DSWD 4A in terms of Personal and Professional Challenges in a Disaster Response

The 26 social workers involved in the study as regards with their demographic profile in terms of Personal and Professional Challenges in a Disaster Response shows no significant differences.

On the Significant Difference on the demographic profile of the Social Workers under Crisis Intervention Section of the DSWD 4A in Level of Activity in terms of Situation and Performance in a Disaster Response

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The 26 social workers involved in the study as regards with their demographic profile in terms of level of activity in situation and performance in a Disaster Response shows no significant differences. Social Workers in the Crisis Intervention Section of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region IV-A are bounded to what they ought to do and the unwritten duties and obligations that are expected which includes the duty to the profession that requires a professional social worker to maintain with a high standard of commitment with positive attitude to take responsibilities.

Recommendation

In view of the conclusion, the following recommendations were given. That additional or other demographic variables and elements may be used given future researchers similar to the present study so that they can extract a more comprehensive view of the challenges of social workers in a disaster response. That the social workers under CIS realize the importance of job tenure for their security. Secondly, that the national government specifically the legislature department must enact and amend the Magna Carta for Social workers that compensate social workers regardless of their employment status when it comes to disaster response. That the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A requests for more creation of permanent or contractual positions especially for those staff who give and render their time, skills, commitment, and collaborative efforts that contribute to a successful program implementation.That the Department of Social Welfare and Development 4A invests in capacity-building activities for the social workers and other support staff in relation to disaster response. Front liners during disaster response must possess a strong set of skills and are properly trained.

Lastly, that the local and national government construct and create and full implementation of a strategic plan to avoid and lessen political interference during disaster response for effective and efficient disaster response operations.

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ISO 9001 AND SSI SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DETERMINANTS, BARRIERS, OUTCOME AND PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

Since its inception in 1987, ISO 9001 has become one of the most implemented quality management systems in organizations around the world. Due to its wide application and international recognition, it is widely regarded as a prerequisite for successful internationalization. In the era of digitalization, transformation of labor and capital markets and emergence of born-global companies, questions are being asked if ISO 9001 is as important as it used to be. This is especially relevant in the context of Small Scale Industries (SSI) that forms the economic backbone of developed countries. The growing market globalization has changed the landscape in which SSIs compete, and many enter international markets from their inception. The aim of this paper is to answer the question how and under which circumstances SSIs make the decision to get ISO 9001 certification. In order to shed more light on this understudied issue we offer a systematization of the literature on the topic of ISO 9001 and SSIs, witha special emphasis on key determinants and barriers of ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs as well as the key outcomes in terms of SSI performance following the ISO 9001implementation.

KEYWORDS: *ISO 9001, SSI, Barriers, Determinants, Performance, ISO 9001 implementation.*

INTRODUCTION

With the advent of globalization, organizations need a platform from where theycan remain in the competition. ISO 9001 is one of the common tool for organization for remain and sustain in this era of competitive world. In today's business world organizations can't ignore any strategy or implications to improve the quality and performance of product or services. Thus, after advent of ISO 9001 standards it gained wide acceptance.

Discussing and analyzing ways of achieving high quality outputs in different types of business organizations has been at the forefront of business research for quite some time. This is especially relevant in the times of economic instability caused by external market shocks such as the COVID 19 pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. These events led to worldwide supply chain disturbances as well as sudden changes in supply and demand, causing material shortages and unpredictable price changes.

One way for business organizations to tackle these challenges is to invest in quality practices and routines. Looking into history, the original quality movementbreakthrough happened following the 1973 and 1979 oil shocks, when firms around the world were forced to abandon high volume - low quality production paradigms and focusmore on cutting costs while achieving high quality at the same time.

According to Dahlgaard et al. (2013) quality in an organization is defined at thelevel of organizational values and principles, tools and methods and the quality management system as a holistic tool that helps manage everything related to quality. In order to provide universal guidelines for implementation and maintenance of a quality management system the International Standards Organization published the first versionof ISO 9000 in 1987. Since then, the standard underwent four revisions, in 1994, 2000, 2008 and 2015. During this period, it continues to be one of the most widely spread quality management systems. There were a total of 916.842 issued ISO 9001:2015 certificates worldwide in 2020, which was an increase of 4% compared to 2019 (ISO, 2020). The main purpose of ISO 9001 is to help organizations achieve their "publicly announced quality standards in relation to organizational processes and activities for delivery of products and services" (Manders et al., 2016). ISO 9001 is often related to large firms in the manufacturing industry. However, many SSIs have implemented the standard as well and Heras-Saizarbitoria and Boiral (2015) state that the effects of ISO 9001 are more visible in SSIs.

The importance of SSIs for the economy in most countries cannot be overstated. According to the World Bank Group (2022) they amount to 90% of total number of firms and more than 50% of employment worldwide. The relationship between ISO 9001 implementation and SMEs is well documented in the literature. According to Zimon et al. (2022) smaller organizations are subject to significant challenges in both the initial certification as well as the process of maintaining and improving the ISO 9001 quality management system when compared to large organizations. Although this tends to be true in general, there are different inter-organizational traits and

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contextual factors that can influence the decision to implement ISO 9001 in an SSI as well the way an organization manages its requirements. This leads us to our main research question: How and under which circumstances do SSIs make the decision to implement ISO 9001 andwhat are the potential outcomes of this decision? In order to answer this question, the paper aims to synthetize the key findings in the literature related to determinants of ISO 9001 implementation, the benefits and potential dangers of ISO 9001 implementation andtake a look at the potential relationship between ISO 9001 and SSI performance.

DETERMINANTS AND BARRIERS OF ISO 9001 IMPLEMENTATION IN SSIs

There exists a large body of literature analyzing key determinants of ISO 9001 implementation. According to Heras Saizarbitoria et al. (2006) organizations implementISO 9001 due to customer requirements, image, achieving higher levels of efficiency andbusiness process control, increasing the market share, achieving higher levels of productand service quality and a desire to eliminate waste. Key factors influencing the decision of an organization to implement ISO 9001 can be both internal and external. The externalfactors played a dominant role in the early phases of ISO 9001 adoption (Martinez Costaet al., 2008). This is especially valid for SSIs due to higher pressure from their stakeholders to implement ISO 9001 when compared to large organizations (Brown et al.,1998). In order to elaborate key external factors influencing the decision of SSIs to implement ISO 9001 we draw on the literature on institutional theory.

According to the institutional theory, there are three types of external pressure that can affect an organization: coercive, mimetic and normative pressure. Each of thesetypes of pressure played a significant role in ISO 9001 dissemination and wide spread implementation. Coercive pressure stems from the regulatory surroundings and social norms prevalent in the environment of the organization. DiMaggio & Powell (1983) explain the manifestation of coercive pressure as "organizational rituals of conformity towider institutions". The increase of ISO 9001 certification can be attributed to coercive pressures in terms of stakeholder demands (Guler et al., 2002). Mimetic isomorphism isthe propensity of an organization to imitate its competitors due to the belief that this canlead to market gains (DiMaggio & Powell, 1983). Mimetic pressure is always present when the goals and strategy of an organization are not clear, which makes mimicking of another successful organization a good way to conduct business. Strong market competition is another key determinant of ISO 9001 implementation, i.e. the need for organizations to get ISO 9001 certification in order to respond to their competitors' actions. Normative pressure is dependent on organizational values and norms and it affects the decision to act in a certain way. In terms of ISO 9001 certification, Jones et al.(1997) state that normative pressure manifests itself through the perception of an organization that it will have a positive effect on its public image, which can lead to the decision to implement ISO 9001.

There are a number of other factors that influence ISO 9001 implementation as well, such as the industry within the organization operates and firm size. The manufacturing sector firms were the first organizations to implement ISO 9001. Since thequality movement has its roots in the manufacturing industry and quality was often viewed as industry specific this was expected and the trend lasted during the first years of ISO 9001. However, over time many firms from the service industry decided to implement it, while today there are a large number of public sector institutions and non- profit organizations that have implemented ISO 9001 as well.

When it comes to internal determinants of ISO 9001 implementation, resource endowment and motivation for implementation are most analyzed in the literature (Prajogo, 2011). Limited resources are often seen as key detrimental factors for ISO 9001implementation in SSIs (Chiarini et al., 2020). Motivation on the other hand is less dependent on firm size. It is important to distinguish between a) external motivation coming from the need of an organization to prove that it has the necessary business routines and processes adequate for delivering the promised quality outcomes and b) internal motivation that arises from the desire of an organization to improve its business processes and their outcomes (del Castillo-Peces et al. 2018).

There are several differences in the way SSIs make the decision to implementISO 9001 compared to large organizations. They are more prone to different forms of institutional pressure, especially coercive pressure from their customers as well as mimetic pressure in terms of other SSIs that have implemented ISO 9001 as well. Another trait of SSIs is their smaller resource endowment, when compared to large firms. ISO 9001 implementation is a costly process, in terms of both resources as well asthe time needed to complete it, making this task challenging for SSIs.

SSIs tend to have a shallower management structure, which allows for more flexibility and focus on key activities such as sales, but lacks specialization that is necessary for managing quality (Brown et al., 1998). Lack of knowledge management techniques, as well as QMS implementation knowledge in general is often cited as an important obstacle to ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs (Sousa – Poza et al., 2009). Dueto the fact that many SSIs face strong institutional pressure to implement ISO 9001, some of them think of it as a short term goal and face a lack of long term planning necessary for achieving benefits related to ISO 9001 (Martinez Costa et al., 2008). Sousa – Poza et al. (2009) discuss potential remedies for this phenomenon. They state that organizations should focus on developing quality management as an organizational function, making it familiar and internal to an organization. The reasoning behind this isthe probability that employees and management will otherwise see ISO 9001 as something foreign to an organization, which can be an obstacle to successful implementation. If all members of an organization have the knowledge of ISO 9001 requirements and the way key procedures of the standard reflect on their daily business

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routines and processes it is expected that ISO 9001 implementation won't face significant obstacles and the organization will reap more benefits from the standard. Therefore, employee training can act as another potential strategy for eliminating risks related to ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs (Manders et al., 2016).

It is important to acknowledge the role of ISO 9001 consultants in the preparation of an organization for ISO 9001 implementation. Although ISO 9001 is universally applicable, a number of authors state that consultants can sometimes lack the knowledge on SSI specifics and fail to recognize the variation between SSIs when it comes to business process organization or firm hierarchy (Brown et al., 1998). This can act as a significant barrier to successful ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs.

ISO 9001 AND SSI PERFORMANCE

In general, QMS implementation should help organizations achieve better performance. The application of PDCA cycle as the basis for continuous improvement leads organizations to higher levels of efficiency, resulting in better performance (Djekic et al., 2014). However, literature on the relationship between ISO 9001 an SSI performance is still ambiguous. Some authors claim SSIs that have implemented ISO 9001 do not differ significantly from SSIs that did not implement it (Ilkay & Aslan, 2012) while others state that there is a significant relationship between ISO 9001 and firm performance (Manders et al., 2016; Sfreddo et al., 2021). Firm performance in general can be defined as the degree of goal achievement within an organization (Ismyrlis & Moschidis, 2015). ISO 9001 literature focuses on firm market, operational and financial performance (Sfreddo et al., 2021). Operational performance is related to key firm processes and can be measured through internal indicators such as productivity and product or service costs. Gotzamani et al. (2007) state that ISO 9001 helps operational performance through management process formalization and development of a framework for monitoring of business processes and internal indicators related to firm performance, customer satisfaction and quality requirements. Market performance is measured using external indicators, most commonly the company's market share, image compared to competitors or customer satisfaction. Financial performance is analyzed through hey financial indicators, such as sales, profitability or return on investments. Since ISO 9001 is primarily oriented towards operational performance, it can be expected that ISO 9001 certified firms should have higher operational performance compared to their non-certified competitors. Jang & Lin (2008) and Fotopoulos & Psomas (2009) find that ISO 9001 implementation has a direct positive impact on operational performance that in turn leads to indirect increase in market performance.

However, Sfreddo et al. (2021) find that this is the case in only 53% of the papers analyzing the relationship between ISO 9001 and operational performance. Similar findings can be found when it comes to market (35% papers find a positive relationship) and financial performance (26% of the papers). Based on their literature review, Sfredo et al. (2018) propose a model that explains the possible relationship between ISO 9001 and firm performance. According to the model, ISO 9001 should have a positive influence on firm operational performance which will in turn lead to better market and financial performance.

However, the question remains why ISO 9001 seems to have a positive influence on firm performance in some SSIs while no effect can be detected in others. The answer to this question can be found in the different ways organizations accept and understand ISO 9001. Nair & Prajogo (2009) state that ISO 9001 has become "institutionalized". The institutionalization of ISO 9001 manifest itself through a significant number of SSIs that view ISO 9001 implementation as a means of getting the ISO 9001 certificate, lacking deep understanding of the underlying guiding principles and the way these principles should be put to use in everyday organizational routines and processes (Prajogo, 2011). ISO 9001 certification should be viewed as a necessary first step a firm takes with the aim of achieving its publicly proclaimed quality goals, and not as an end goal by itself. Naveh & Marcus (2005) explain that ISO 9001 certificate acts as a signal that the management of an organization is familiar with key principles of the standard but does not in itself guarantee better firm performance.

In regards to this, Briscoe et al. (2005) state that the level of ISO 9001 internalization is the key determinant of the way ISO 9001 will affect firm performance. In order to explain the concept of internalization we draw on knowledge management theory. According to Nonaka et al. (1994) all management systems are based on different explicit or implicit forms of embedded knowledge and internalization is one of the ways that information related to a specific management system can be transformed into organizational knowledge. Liesch & Knight (1999) explain internalization as a process consisting of search for new information, its acquiring and absorbing it into an organization after which it is translated into knowledge that will serve a specific purpose. ISO 9001 internalization can therefore be defined as successful translation of explicit and implicit information acquired during the process of ISO 9001 implementation into organizational knowledge. This knowledge can lead to active use of practices and routines related to ISO 9001 and have a positive effect on firm performance. A number of authors have analyzed the need for ISO 9001 internalization as a key prerequisite for an increase in firm performance (Naveh & Marcus, 2004, Briscoe et al., 2005; Ataseven et al., 2013; Kafetzopoulos et al., 2015). Higher levels of ISO 9001 internalization are related to investment in employee education and their familiarity with the requirements of the standard. Detailed process documentation and application of ISO 9001 principles in all organizational processes have also shown correlation with the level of ISO 9001 internalization.

Determinants of ISO 9001 implementation are an important antecedent of standard internalization. Nair & Prajogo (2009) explain that both external and internal factors can affect the

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level of internalization, however, internal motivation for implementation was shown to have a significant effect on the firms with high levels ofbusiness performance. This can be explained using the resource based view of the firm. Higher levels of ISO 9001 internalization have the potential to create a competitiveadvantage for the SSIs achieving them. In this sense, ISO 9001 internalization is a rareorganizational resource that differentiates organizations that have implemented the standard. Previous research has shown that high levels of ISO 9001 internalization have a positive influence on firm operational and financial performance (Naveh & Marcus, 2004). Briscoe et al. (2005) claim that the process of ISO 9001 internalization isdependent on the success in establishing a quality culture within the organization whichshould in turn shape the way of analyzing and solving problems within the organization in a better way, fostering and helping firm performance as well. ISO 9001 internalization is especially relevant in the context of SSIs. The fact that ISO 9001 implementation isa significant strain on firm resources should motivate SSIs to try and make the most ofit, not only in terms of external recognition, but better operational, market and financialperformance as well. Sfreddo et al. (2021) state that this can be more easily achieved in SSIs compared to large organizations due to their flexible and shallow organizational structure and better two-way communication between employees and the management. It is also possible that different requirements related to ISO 9001 implementation can affect firm performance in a different way. The ISO 9001 standardis based on seven distinct principles: Engagement of people, Customer focus, Leadership, Process approach, Improvement, Evidence-based decision making, Relationship management (ISO, 2015). These principles can be divided into hard and soft principles. Hard principles are related to the technological base of an organization while soft principles have a stronger relationship with the social system of an organization (Zeng et al., 2017). Hard ISO 9001 principles provide a technical structure that enables the implementation of firm strategy and effective process management, which will in turn help employee productivity (Calvo Mora et al., 2013). Soft ISO 9001 principles on the other hand provide a framework for employee motivation and higher level of involvement. People engagement, customer focus and leadership are often viewed as soft ISO 9001 principles, with process approach and evidence based decisionmaking being hard principles. On the other hand, relationship management and relationship management have traits of both hard and soft ISO 9001 principles. Quality management systems are designed in such a way that they help optimize business processes, i.e. they are focused on hard quality principles. However, there is a strong relationship between hard and soft quality principles, and fostering a focus on both is aprerequisite for achieving desired outcomes of ISO 9001 implementation (Rahman & Bullock, 2005).

CONCLUSION

ISO 9001 has been present for more than three and a half decades. Over this period, it has grown into one of the most internationally recognized quality management systems. The popularity of the standard does not seem to wane as it enters new markets and more organizations around the world adopt it every year. Revisions of the standard have made sure that it passes the test of time and adapts to key changes in global markets. However, some questions regarding the relationship between ISO 9001 and SSIs remainunanswered.

This paper aimed to analyze the key determinants of ISO 9001 implementation as well as the ways ISO 9001 can affect SSI performance. Institutional pressure played a key role in the spread of ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs. Many large firms demanded their SSI business partners to become ISO 9001 certified as a prerequisite forcollaboration. On the other hand, SSIs that were not obliged to implement the standard,viewed it as a potential tool for achieving competitive advantage and boosting their publicimage. SSIs were also internally motivated for ISO 9001 implementation, viewing at asa tool for increasing business process efficiency, delivering the promised quality outcomes, decreasing waste and achieving continuous improvement.

Organizational resources are the key obstacle to ISO 9001 implementation in SSIs. The process of implementation requires financial resources, time and significant efforts in employee training in order for it to be successful. Shallow hierarchy and flexible structure on the other hand can help SSIs to implement ISO 9001 in a better way due to better communication and faster decision-making process compared to large organizations.

ISO 9001 can affect SSI operational, market and financial performance. However, the way in which this happens is still unclear. Studies have shown the existenceof a positive, neutral or negative relationship between ISO 9001 implementation and firmperformance. ISO 9001 certification in itself is just the first step towards improving organizational performance. The obtaining of the certificate signifies that management of an organization is familiar with key requirements and principles of ISO 9001. On the other hand, the degree in which SSIs have successfully translated explicit and implicit information contained in the ISO 9001 standard into everyday organizational practices, i.e. internalization, can be used as a predictor of the way in which ISO 9001 will affect firm performance. Research has shown that ISO 9001 can help firms formalize internal business processes and measure key indicators related to quality therefore affecting operational performance. Current research has shown that the effect of ISO 9001 on market and financial performance of SSIs is indirect and dependent on the improvementof operational performance.

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DISTINCTIVE MEANINGS OF SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT DEATH AND MARRIAGE IN LEYTE, PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT

The study was to identify and analyze the indigenous concepts contained in the superstitions about death and marriage. This utilized the purposive sampling method in selecting the participants. Two instruments were used; the interview questionnaire and the legends gathered. The superstition about death was a consistent concept from the seven towns examined. Dreams, animal and insect sounds, human actions, habits and things were identified to be related to superstitions that signal the omen of someone's death. The superstition about death holds an indigenous concept such as self-preservation and family care. Meanwhile, the superstition about marriage is based on the ideas of pre-marital and the wedding day itself. It was proven that the Leyteños have a unique culture embedded in the beliefs which are still present today. These superstitious beliefs must be cultivated by the Leyteño youth to promote the protection of the cultural heritage histories of our ancestors.

KEYWORDS: *dream; family care; local literature; preservation; self-preservation*

1.0 INTRODUCTION

"*Do not sweep when someone is burying*"; "do *not bring food from the dead*"; "*it is forbidden to measure the wedding dress*"; "*sukob*", and many others. These are some of the superstitions believed by the people of Leyte. The province of the fifth district has been shrouded with many superstitions especially about death and marriage. A superstition is a tradition or culture in the Philippines passed down by our ancestors. It provided a relationship to things an individual cannot see or grasp. It can be noticed that almost every activity, in the life of a Leyteño, is associated with a superstition that must be followed in order to drive away misfortunes. Superstitions had greatly influenced the lives of the people of Leyte. It is a custom and tradition inherited from ancestors that is still practiced by most. According to the elderly, disobeying superstitions brings misfortune. The people of Leyte placed great value on following these superstitions despite the modernized way of life. In my youth, when a black butterfly hovered in the house and the owl hummed, a relative would die. Meanwhile, a dream was one of the foundations of the people to continue with what they are doing like leaving. This is related to the statement of Amat (2021) that in remote areas, such as the countryside, the unusual feelings or events and abnormal actions the insect and the movement of the tree show are interpreted as a signal that something bad has happened to a friend, a relative or some kin. Gray (2016) also shared that when Aetas dream of losing their teeth, it will bring them death and that they can only be cursed by gnawing the new sprout of the tree. The people of the Fifth District of Leyte are civilized but despite the prosperous way of life, beliefs are still associated especially when someone dies. The people of Leyte believed that superstitions about death and marriage must be followed in order to be lucky and keep oneself away from misfortunes. These are beliefs without basis and are merely coincidental (Soriano, 2015). According to Sierra, Hyman and Turri (2018), people depended on superstitious beliefs in all activities. According to Amat (2020), beliefs have greatly influenced the lives of Filipinos especially in the aspects of emotions and frustration. According to the elders, disbelief in beliefs, especially in superstitions, brings misfortune in life.

Thus, the researcher was determined to examine the superstitions about death and marriage due to a personal experience where too many acts and movements were prohibited while attending a visitation on one of the relatives in Hilongos such as not allowing tears to fall on the coffin and the avoidance of laughing loudly. This caught the researcher's attention because some of these superstitions were not observed in other towns. The researcher believed that it is very important to record the superstitions related to death and marriage in the fifth district of Leyte because it contains a culture and literature that can be considered a treasure which needs to be preserved despite the changes that took place in the fifth district of Leyte. The purpose of this study was to identify and analyze the indigenous concepts contained in the superstitions about death and marriage in the selected towns of the fifth district of Leyte. The researcher hoped that after collecting the indigenous concepts of superstitions, it can be conveyed to the youth that superstitious beliefs can be considered as tradition of the people of Leyte. Above all, through this analysis, the people of Leyte can preserve the traditional beliefs, whether they believe it or not. It is important to keep in mind that these superstitions originated from Leyte. The researcher believed that it is important to be aware of the society we live in especially in the present day which is filled with entertaining spectacles, literature, different types of games, and many others that has been

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spread through social media. Superstitions hold a culture that gives identity to a province.

2.0 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF THE STUDY

This study was anchored on the statement of the Republic Act No. 7356 (National Commission for Culture and the Arts-NCCA) which focused on the act of creating the national commission for culture and arts, establishing national endowment fund for culture and the arts and for other purposes. The section reminded that it is important to record superstitions to assist in the preservation and development of local and regional literature. The gathered superstitions can describe the Filipino culture and should be cultivated in the Leyteño youth by incorporating it into the teaching of local literature. The NCCA was mandated to promote and protect the nation's historic cultures and heritage. In this regard, Gray (2016) shared that people in the world naturally have many beliefs and they insist on explaining a reality that cannot be explained.

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Back then the people of Leyte relied on superstitions. In fact, rituals would be performed beforehand as a result of the superstitions. Conklin (1919) claimed that superstition is related with young people in America. This is a proof that when there is a football tournament so as not to be unlucky, picture taking is not allowed. Avoid players going through funerals, and more. It is undeniable that Filipinos, particularly those from Leyte, practice superstitions because we are aware that the Philippines has been under foreign occupation. One of them is the Chinese, who, according to Gvili (2019), used to adhere to a lot of superstitions. This shows that despite the lack of a compelling argument for why many superstitions should be believed, people still adhere to them wholeheartedly. Even if they don't understand why they must adhere to their ideas. But despite the lack of explanations, many still believed and followed these beliefs and superstitions. Examples of these are: it is forbidden to take a bath on Friday because it is the day for the fairies to take a bath; it is forbidden to measure the wedding dress for the bride because the wedding may no longer happen; it is forbidden to bring food from a dead person's wake because someone will die next; it is forbidden to cut the nail at night because someone from the family or relatives will die. As a teacher of language and literature, the researcher believed that this research, which, apart from serving as a response to the Republic Act No. 7356, will also help in providing information to the youth of Leyte about the superstitions that the province of Leyte has.

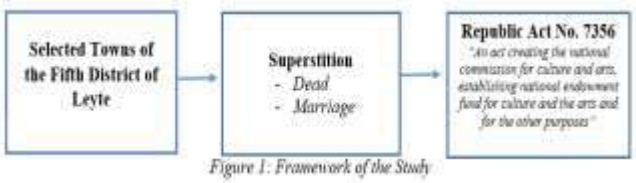


Figure 1: Framework of the Study

But despite the lack of explanations, many still believed and followed these beliefs and superstitions. Examples of these are: it is forbidden to take a bath on Friday because it is the day for the fairies to take a bath; it is forbidden to measure the wedding dress for the bride because the wedding may no longer happen; it is forbidden to bring food from a dead person's wake because someone will die next; it is forbidden to cut the nail at night because someone from the family or relatives will die. As a teacher of language and literature, the researcher believed that this research, which, apart from serving as a response to the Republic Act No. 7356, will also help in providing information to the youth of Leyte about the superstitions that the province of Leyte has.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

The design used in this study was the descriptive method. This utilized the purposive sampling method in selecting the seventy (70) participants from the upland, lowland and coastal areas of the selected towns namely Matalom, Bato, Hilongos, Hindang, Inopacan, Baybay and Mahaplag. The researcher recruited ten participants from the different barangay categories in each town which totaled to a number of seventy (70) participants. The researcher deliberately selected participants who were 60 years of age or older and were natives in the community because the researcher believed that they had a high level of experience about the superstitions. Moreover, they have extensive knowledge of the superstitious about death and marriage. Two instruments were used in this study namely the interview questionnaire and the gathered sixty (60) legends from the study of Gabor (2021) and Briones (2013). The participants were engaged in a casual interview in which they freely shared their knowledge. There were instances that the researcher personally went to someone who was married and someone who was dying from the upland areas.

The interview was conducted in the participants' spare time. After the data was gathered, the thematic analysis was made by carefully following the thorough steps. The researcher first analyzed all the collected data using open coding. Axial coding and selective coding were then done. The folk tales were examined by three teachers besides the researcher. Three teachers with five years of experience teaching literature were brought in by the researcher to assist with the analysis of folktales. The themes were noted, and then a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was conducted with the teachers. The purpose of FGD is to triangulate if their generated themes.

4.0 RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

It is natural for the Leyteños to respect the tales from their ancestors. In the present time, with or without adequate education, they believe in superstitions as a guide to improve, beautify and, above all, make their life safer. Superstitions have a great influence on the lives of the people of Leyte especially in matters

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of success and survival. Superstition has also become the basis of the lifestyle of every individual in Leyte. Indeed, the existence of various superstitions brings to us many mysteries. It reflected beliefs that have emerged since the time of our ancestors. Because of this, we were able to expand and get to know the culture of our origin.

Superstitions are a big part of Filipino culture. Since then, our ancestors have become accustomed to using superstitions as a basis for guidance and assistance in their daily lives; even the holding on to them for luck and avoiding bad luck is still based on superstition. Superstitions or beliefs are a type of literature that is orally transmitted to succeeding generations by elders in ancient times. People's cultures and value systems are both altered by it. It typically represents a group's norms, traditions, and behaviors, which may be founded on religious convictions, political views, or conventional wisdom. As far as civilization has come, everyone has other beliefs that sometimes distance them from the old superstitions. Due to the modernization and constant change of the world, many things influence the minds of the majority and do not pay attention to ancient beliefs or superstitions. According to Amat (2021) and Grey (2016), it was believed that superstitions became the shield of the ancestors to resist the forces of nature in any adverse event in their daily life.

This result presented the analysis of indigenous concepts from the superstitions about death and marriage from the seven towns of the fifth district of Leyte. Indigenous concepts reflected the custom and culture of the native people. Based from the results of the analysis, the following were found:

Superstition about Death

As a result of the analysis, the superstitions of the seven towns were found to be consistent. There are some superstitions about death which can be found in the uplands but cannot be found in the lowland and coastal areas. Based from the generated theme, it was discovered that dream, animal and insect sounds, human actions and habits and objects provides a signal that someone will die.

This study's findings is related to the study conducted by Zad Ebrahimi (2014), who said that socio-economic status, ethnicity, and life satisfaction are factors that influence the superstition of an individual. Those with low social and economic status have greater tendencies towards superstition. This is proven in the results of the study. People from uplands or with poor socioeconomic position seem to base everything they do on superstitions.

According to Sombol (2022) and Gabor (2020) research of the cultures of people living in the uplands and the lowlands, only a small minority of individuals living in the lowlands or in towns—particularly those who have the means to survive—follow superstitions. Sombol (2022) and Gabor (2020), social media exposure has caused why many of the people from the townspeople do not follow superstitions and feel that everything they do is supported by science. For instance, once a death occurs in the highlands, the family members of the deceased are not allowed from bathing while their loved ones are buried and they are not allowed to sweep because someone in the family may die next. Meanwhile, the people of the town, did not do this since it is common practice that when a relative passes away must be embalmed, so that the distant relatives can come home and attend the funeral. Respondents explained, that if these superstitions were adhered to, it would be difficult for us to go nine days without taking a bath or sweeping the floor. Above all, these superstitions have no basis & how do they relate to the dead?

Dream

Based on the evaluation of the respondents' responses and in the analysis of folk tales, it was noticed that the dream has a lot to do with the assertion of death to relatives, kin and friends. For example, when dreaming of a tooth that has been removed, it means that someone in the relatives or family will die. To curse this, it is necessary, upon the awakening of the dreamer, to bite a pillow or a tree. Dreaming of being onboard in a ship with a big wave also means that a relative will die. Dreaming of a coffin also means that someone will die. Dreaming of having lice in one's hair also means that a close friend will die. According to one of the participants from Inopacan, when he dreamed that his tooth fell off, he became sad all day because knowing that the dream signaled a bad omen.

Chirping Birds and Insects

The sound of the animal has a big role in delivering bad news according to the participants of this study. For example, the chirping of a brown bird with a large beak called *kokuk* signals the death of a close relative. According to the older respondents, they used to be afraid of this bird because based on their experiences, they have never been wrong in interpreting this bad omen. They added that whenever they hear the sound of this bird for two to three days, bad things happen. When they also hear an owl chirping, they interpret it as an announcement that a close friend or relative has died. When a black butterfly hovers around the house or lands on the shoulder, it means that a dead soul is visiting the relatives or kin. A respondent from the town of Mahaplag shared that he had a brother who was living in Mindanao and had not been home for a long time. One day a black butterfly landed on his shoulder and he ignored it thinking that his mother's soul had visited him. A week after, he received a telegram from the brother's wife that his brother had died from a heart attack. From then, he realized that that black butterfly which landed on his shoulder signaled the death of his brother.

Gesture and Behavior

According to De Lim (2016), almost every life event is associated with superstition. The common principle of those who believe in superstitions is that nothing can be lost if it is followed. As shared by most respondents of this study, a person who is likely to die manifests the prediction of his/her own death by embedding it in his/her strange sayings such as, *"Magtingub kug pamalit sa mga*

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panginahanglanun sa bay kay basin wala naku ugma (I will buy many of the necessities at home for I might no longer be here by tomorrow). Such statements need to be cursed by the speaker by saying "*simbaku*" (it will not happen) and by simultaneously tapping the speaker's shoulder to counterattack the curse.

Things

Some things were also discovered to be associated with bad news. For example, a broken glass that one is holding inside the house means that a relative is dying. Another example is when the person wants to leave and when not allowed, he/she must not insist because an ominous event that can cause his/her death might happen. The respondents explained that in the past, they followed superstition in every move to avoid disaster and misfortunes in life. With this, they carefully followed superstitions especially about death. The respondents added that in order to prevent someone from dying, they should carefully follow the superstitions below:

Ajaw pagdala ug pagkaun gikan sa patay kay may musunod sa injung miyembro nga mamamatay. (Do not bring food from a dead person's wake because someone in your family might die next).

Kung naay duha ka silingang namatay, ajaw pagtabuk-tabuk ug bilar kay naay musunod sa inju nga mamamatay. (When there are two dead neighbors, you can only choose to attend one wake because attending both can bring death to any of your family members).

If a relative dies avoid the following:

*Ajaw panilhig ug naay patay kay magsunud-sunod ang patay sa unjung balay***.** (Don't sweep the floor when a dead person's wake is still taking place in your house because it can lead to a series of death in the family.)

Kung naay mubisita sa patay kung magpasalamat ajaw tubaga ug "way sapayan" kay naay musunod na mamatay sa pamilya. (Don't reply with 'thank you' to the condolences stated by the visitors because this can bring death to one of the members of the family.)

Ang *kandilang gidagkut sa patay ajaw pasagding maupos/mahurot, alisdan dajun arun dili mahurot ug kamatay ang miyembro sa pamilya.* (The candle placed on the dead person's coffin should not be allowed to run out and should be replaced immediately; otherwise, another member of the family will die.)

Likaje sa mga kaperyentihan nga di mutabang sa pag-alsa sa lungon kay ang mutabang mauy sunod ang mamamatay. (Any of the deceased person's relatives should not help in the carrying of the coffin because the relative who carries it will die next.)

Iniglubong, iagi ang lungon sa bintana sa bay ug ang tanang pamilya ug paryente musuung sa ilawum sa lungon mulakaw ug deretso, ajaw ug lingi arun way sunod mamatay ug magbug-us/magputol ug saging isip sumpa na wa nay sunod mamatay. (On the burial of the deceased, the coffin should exit through the window of the house and all of the family members should go under the coffin and should not look back. A banana tree should also be a cut to avoid another death in the family.)

The above-mentioned superstitions were related to the statement of Amat (2020) that Filipinos are known as a culture of various types of superstitions that serve as a guide in their daily life. This statement was substantiated in the evaluation result and in the participant's statements.

The aforementioned superstitions about death are still carefully followed and these are still present today as stated by the respondents from the upland areas. However, some respondents shared that many of the young people today no longer believe nor follow these superstitions. The respondents insisted that based on their observations and personal experiences, these superstitions are true.

It can be implied that the superstitions about death shared by the respondents were ingrained in the minds of the people in the past which they earnestly followed for salvation from perdition in the afterlife. It is only speculated that the superstitions about death hold a culture that identifies the people of Leyte. From what the respondents shared and from personal observations, there were some superstitions of the upland people that were not found in the lowland and coastal areas. In the upland areas, the deceased person's family strictly reminds the mourners not to bring anything from them into their way home. Even a piece of candy or disposable glasses cannot be taken because someone in the family or relatives will die next. The same is true in the upland areas in terms of exiting the coffin through a window. If the coffin does not fit in the window, the window has to be wrecked and can only be repaired after forty (40) days from the burial of the deceased. This superstition is only observed by the people in the upland areas. The superstitions about death shown in the collected data possess the following indigenous attitudes:

Self-preservation. Seeing a black butterfly, dreaming of having a tooth removed, dreaming of boarding a ship, dreaming that you get hair lice, dreaming of a coffin, and avoiding the lifting of the coffin by the deceased's relatives, seeing a person who walks headless, hearing the chirping of "*kokuk*", hearing the chirping of an owl and warning a person from not leaving are all superstitions which show self-preservation against disaster.

Family caution. Not being able to fall asleep in the middle of the night, holding a broken glass, not sweeping when the house holds a deceased person's wake, not saying thank you

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to condolences received from the visitors and not letting a deceased's wake to run out of lit-candles all show that the superstitions of the people of the fifth district of Leyte are often based on dreams, are associated with the unusual chirping of birds and insects, and are also based on unusual human actions and movements. Superstitions about death also hold good attitudes or cultural values such as self-preservation and family. Results indicated that the belief in superstitions was not only for keeping one's self from any harm but from keeping the entire family as well from any misfortune. Results also showed that even though their beliefs were baseless, they still carefully and earnestly followed those because they insisted that disobedience could actually cause for bad things to happen. Therefore, the superstition about death is a Leyte culture that believes in the principle that nothing can be lost if these beliefs are followed; instead, disobedience to these beliefs can cause harm to someone.

Marriage Superstition

Based on the data gathered, many things are prohibited and obedience can make the marriage possible and can help in successfully building a family. According to the respondents, the bride and groom must carefully follow the prohibitions before and on the day of the wedding. According to the participants, if the bride does not follow the beliefs, all of their preparations will be in vain since bad things may happen. From the results of the interview and from the analysis of the myths, here are the superstitions found in marriage:

Before the wedding

Kung unang mamenju ang manghud, bajaran sa laki ang ijang gilaktawan ng maguwang, para dili magabaan ang ilang panag-ipon. Ang bajad depende sa masabutan sa duha ka pamilya. (When the younger sister gets married first, the man should pay the elder sister with money to avoid bad luck in the marriage with the younger sister. The amount of money to be paid will depend on the negotiations between the two families.)

Ang petsa sa kasal kinahanglan itunong sa 8 o petsa na naay 0 para swerte ang pagpujo. (The wedding must be held on any dates that has either the numbers 8 or 0 to bring good luck in the marriage.)

Gidili ang magsuun magpasakal sa parehong tuig. (Siblings are not allowed to get married in the same year.)

Ginadili ang paglakaw-lakaw sa kaslonon ilabina us aka semana usa kaslon kay duul kini sila sa kadaot. (Both the groom and bride-to-be should avoid going out a week before the wedding to avoid any possible accidents that may hinder the wedding from happening.)

Di magkita ang kaslonon usa kaadlaw usa kaslon. (The bride and groom should not see each other the day before the wedding.)

Ajaw isukod ang sinina sa kasal. (The bride should not wear the wedding gown before the wedding.)

Kinahanglan di makita sa laki ang sinina sa kasal sa ijang sa dili pa sila kaslon. Adto na makita sa simbahan. (The groom can only see the bride's wedding gown on the day of the wedding.)

Wedding Day

Ang baje magsuut ug panty na puwa at magsuksuk ug kwarta sa panty para swertihun ang injung pagpuju (The bride should wear a red underwear with an inserted money to bring good luck to the marriage.)

Kinahanglan di mag-uban ang kaslon sa usa ka sakjanan padulong sa simabahan kay duul sila sa disgrasya. (The bride and groom should not share the same car on their way to the church to avoid accidents.)

Kinahanglan una muabot ang laki sa simbahan. (The groom must first arrive at the church.)

Sa pagluhod ug pagtindog kinahanglan magdungan ang duha arun way under de saya (daug) nilang duha. (Both the bride and the groom should stand and kneel at the same time during the ceremony to maintain equality in marriage.)

Ampingi nga dili mahagbung ang singsing inig sul-ob arun di magbuwag ang kinasal. (The wedding ring should not fall to the floor to avoid a separation in marriage.)

Mutamak una sa plato ang bag-ong kinasal usa musulod sa balay, human buk-on ang plato para mawa ang malas sa pagpujo. (The newly-wed couple should first step on the plate before entering the house and should break the plate to crash all the bad lucks in marriage.)

Paimnun ang bag-ong kinasal ug tubig nga naay dahun sa kalipay arun magmalipajun ang pagpujo. (The newlyweds will have to drink water with the leaves of the *kalipay* plant because it symbolizes happiness).

Mutunub ang bag-ong kinsal sa bani sa saging arun kanunay mabugnawun ang ilang pagpuju. (The newlyweds should step on the banana trunk to maintain calmness in marriage.)

Samtang maglakaw ang bag-ong padulong sa ilang lamesa, sabwagan ug bugas arun daghang grasyang muabot sa ilang pagpuju. (As the newlyweds walk towards the table, they have to be sprinkled with rice grains to bring grace to the marriage.)

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It can be seen that wedding superstitions are divided in two namely before and on the wedding day. These superstitions were carefully followed in order to bring good luck and avoid bad luck in marriage. The recorded superstitions in marriage indicated that Leyteños are rich in superstitions or beliefs in things that have no relation to what they see or do.

Based on the respondents' sharing and the legends read, superstitions have greatly influenced the lives of Leyteño people especially in matters of life such as culture, emotions, success and failure. This indicated that Leyte superstition is an ancestral tradition that is still practiced by the majority. According to the elderly participants, not following of the superstitions brings misfortune. However, if followed, life becomes better, safer, and more peaceful.

The superstitions mentioned in the marriage made no visible difference among the upland, lowland and coastal areas. All superstitions were shared by the respondents. There is no difference in the beliefs they presented before and on the wedding day. One of the things that caught the researcher's attention was when the participants were often told that in order to avoid curses or bad lucks, they had to mention the word *simbaku* (hopefully not). A proof of this was when the researcher said that *everyone dies but no one knows when,* the respondents quickly responded *simbaku uroy* (hopefully not) as they simultaneously patted the researcher's shoulder and knocked on the wood to avoid the curse or any bad luck.

Saying simbaku, tapping one's shoulder, and knocking on wood were done to prevent what the person being spoken will not happen . Meaning the simbaku word is a curse-prevention statement. The elders adhere prevent bad vision from happening. In fact, a young man made a joke with his coughing neighbor during the researcher's interview with the respondents, saying, "Imni na ug karabo, namatay ra ba si Yo Bening sa pikas baryo kay na pneumonia, tubagtubag ra bi ning naay mamamatay" (take herbal medicine, Mang Bening in the other village is dying of pneumonia, usually in these situations someone will die next). The sick man promptly responded "simbaku pito ka lawud, palaju" then knocking on the tree. This shows how important superstition is to everyday life. The researcher also observed that while discussing death, particularly, people should talk with caution. Tadle (2012) asserts that many Filipinos hold superstitions, and it is traditional for Filipinos to use the word simbaku and to knock on walls to ward off visions of death.

On the other hand, superstition is widely accepted as a false idea about external reality. Many individuals said they did not believe in superstitions because they hold no truths in them. The events were just coincidental and that bad luck is in our hands and not in superstitions or anything else we believe (Gabor, 2021). However, Mandal (2018) contested that social intelligence is important in the origin of beliefs. Superstitions are found in all human societies. Amat (2020) believed that misfortune should be avoided by following the superstitious teachings of the elders.

From the data presented, it meant that superstitions have greatly influenced the lives of Leyteño people especially in the aspects of culture, emotions, failure and success. Superstitions about death and marriage were highly valued by its respondents in preparation for any future events. Even if the superstitions they followed had no scientific basis, but the superstitions were observed and followed since they served their customs or culture. Respondents always say "*Wa may mawala kung amo ning sundon, ang importante wa namu kalimti ang Ginoo,"* (there is nothing to lose if you follow the superstitions, the important thing is not to forget the Lord).

Therefore, belief in superstitions continues and preserves the practices of our ancestors. However, there are still those who do not believe in superstitions and they are those who were not exposed to it by their parents. We all have our own beliefs so we can't take it away from others. It reflected beliefs that have emerged since the time of our ancestors. The readers of this study are informed about the practice of our predecessors, which was to follow superstitions as usual or tradition. It was also explained in this result that the influence of superstitions was great in the lives of Filipinos especially in matters of life like culture, emotions, success and failure. This is a custom inherited from us ancestors still carried on by mostly. Lastly, it can be indicated that the superstitions we are accustomed to do come from our ancestors.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This study proved that Leyteños have a unique culture such as beliefs that are still being observed at the present times. The word *simbaku* is unique to the seven towns of Leyte and to the Leyteños, saying it can keep one away from any misfortune or worse, death. It was pointed out that it is important to record beliefs such as superstitions about death and marriage because it can be considered a guide in daily life and can help in the preservation and recognition of the ancestral culture as well as local literatures. This superstition must be nurtured by the Leyteño youth in order to promote the protection of the historical and cultural heritage of our ancestors.

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REVOLUTIONIZING HEALTHCARE: THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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ABSTRACT

Digital technologies are revolutionizing healthcare by enhancing patient outcomes and operational efficiency through innovations like electronic health records (EHRs), telemedicine, mobile health applications, and wearable devices. The WHO's global digital health strategy and India's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) exemplify efforts to integrate these advancements. EHRs and telemedicine improve diagnostic accuracy and access to care, while mobile apps and wearables empower personal health management. However, challenges such as data privacy, cybersecurity, and equitable access need addressing to ensure all patients benefit from these advancements, creating a more effective and inclusive healthcare system.

KEY WORDS: *Digital health technologies, electronic health records (EHRs), Telemedicine, eHealth, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)*

INTRODUCTION

I am writing to highlight the transformative impact of digital technologies in the healthcare sector. The adoption of these technologies is revolutionizing the way healthcare is delivered, enhancing patient outcomes, and improving the efficiency of medical practices. From electronic health records (EHRs) to telemedicine, mobile health applications, and wearable devices, digital innovations are reshaping the landscape of healthcare.

WHO defines eHealth: "as the cost-effective and secure use of information and communications technologies in support of health and health related fields, including health-care services, health surveillance, health literature, health education, knowledge and research". The global strategy on digital health 2020–2025 was endorsed by the 73rd World Health Assembly (WHA) in 2020. It presented a roadmap to link the latest developments in digital health and links it with action to improve health outcomes. Digital health makes health services more efficient, sustainable, affordable and equitable.

In line with global strategies for digital health, the Government of India started Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). It aims to develop the necessary backbone to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country. Bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of the healthcare ecosystem through digital highways. It focus on integrating whole system as digitally where one can easily access health services digitally as well as a recordkeeping system that allow use of information related to health conveniently both for user and provider. It has broadly five components which includes: health ID, health facility registry, health professional registry, personal health records and electronic medical records. The health id/ ABHA id is unique to every individual and need to created first time for every citizen to be a part of digital mission. As of 17/05/2024 there are 62,19,87,213 (60 crore) ABHA id already created under Ayushman Bharat program. This health id serve as basic unit in digital mission where any individual or health system can access information related to health by proper consent and also save a tailored record for future.

Electronic health records have become a cornerstone of modern medical practice. By digitizing patient information, it facilitate seamless access to medical histories, laboratory results, and treatment plans. This not only improves the accuracy and efficiency of diagnoses and treatments but also reduces the risk of medical errors. For instance, when healthcare providers can access a patient's comprehensive medical history at the click of a button, they can make more informed decisions and avoid potential adverse drug interactions.

Telemedicine, another significant advancement, has proven indispensable, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has enabled patients to consult with healthcare professionals remotely, thus minimizing the risk of virus transmission and providing critical care access for those in remote or underserved areas. Telemedicine also offers convenience for patients who may face barriers such as mobility issues or lack of transportation, ensuring they receive timely medical attention. In India it is delivered through eSanjeevani OPD portal.

Mobile health applications empower individuals to take charge of their own health. These apps enable users to monitor various health metrics, such as blood pressure, glucose levels, and physical activity, fostering a more proactive approach to personal health management. For example, a diabetic patient can use a mobile app to track glucose levels daily and share this data with their healthcare provider, allowing for more precise and tailored treatment plans.

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Wearable devices, including fitness trackers and smart watches, further enhance patient engagement by providing real-time health data. These devices encourage a more active lifestyle and can alert users to potential health issues before they become critical. The continuous monitoring offered by wearable's can detect irregularities such as arrhythmias, prompting users to seek medical advice promptly. Moreover, the data collected by these devices can offer invaluable insights for healthcare providers, contributing to more personalized and effective care strategies.

Despite the significant benefits, the widespread adoption of digital health technologies is not without its challenges. Data privacy and cyber security are paramount concerns. As more health data is digitized, the risk of cyber attacks increases, potentially compromising sensitive patient information. Robust security measures and stringent data protection regulations are essential to safeguard patient privacy and maintain trust in digital health solutions.

Equitable access to digital health technologies is another critical issue. Not all patients have the same level of access to these technologies due to disparities in socioeconomic status, geographic location, and digital literacy. It is crucial to address these disparities to ensure that the advantages of digital health are accessible to all, not just a privileged few. Efforts must be made to provide affordable and user-friendly technologies and to educate patients on their use.

CONCLUSION

The integration of digital technologies in healthcare holds immense promise for enhancing patient care and operational efficiency. As we embrace these advancements, it is essential to address the accompanying challenges of data privacy, cyber security, and equitable access. By doing so, we can create a more effective and inclusive healthcare system that leverages technology to improve health outcomes for all.

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HANDOM UG PANGANDOY: PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES OF KNCHS SNED TEACHERS IN FOSTERING INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR LEARNERS WITH DYSLEXIA

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ABSTRACT

This qualitative study explored the perspectives and practices of five Special Needs Education (SNED) teachers at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School - Junior High School Department, regarding inclusive learning environments for dyslexic learners. The research aimed to comprehend the teachers' views on teaching and handling dyslexic students, individual teaching challenges encountered, ways for addressing these challenges, and strategies for fostering inclusive learning environments. Phenomenology guided the research design, utilizing in-depth interviews with a semi-structured approach. Thematic analysis revealed key perspectives: dyslexic learners struggle with reading and grasping new concepts, necessitating patience, understanding, and equal opportunities for academic and personal development. Challenges in fostering inclusivity included maintaining patience, time constraints, lack of training/resources, insufficient knowledge, discrimination, and inadequate funding. Teachers addressed these through self-directed learning, professional development, and promoting positive environments. Strategies for fostering inclusivity included differentiated instruction, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), collaboration, training, and multisensory approaches. Insights highlighted the importance of accepting dyslexic learners, providing ongoing support, and prioritizing professional development. The study recommended utilizing these insights to enhance inclusive learning for dyslexic learners and conducting further research to meet the needs of all special education students to give them hope (handom) and achieve their dreams (pangandoy) in life.

KEYWORDS: *Dyslexia, Perspective, and Practices of SNED Teacher, Inclusive Education*

INTRODUCTION

Learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, can significantly impede accurate word reading and spelling skills. Dyslexic students often struggle with word recognition, spelling, and reading, which can hinder their ability to retain previously learned information. These challenges are exacerbated when dyslexic children do not have access to a supportive learning environment and have limited vocabulary and weak reading skills. Differentiating words while reading can be particularly challenging for dyslexic individuals (Rose, 2009). Dyslexia is primarily related to difficulties in word recognition due to obstacles in the brain areas responsible for processing language components such as orthography and phonology (Davis et al., 2011). Recent research challenges previous notions that dyslexia is solely linked to visual, auditory, and cognitive problems (Snowling & Hulme, 2012). It is now recognized as a language-processing disorder that is distinct from other cognitive-related reading difficulties and not caused by a lack of intellectual functioning (Das, 2009).

Inclusive education aims to provide equal opportunities for all students, including those with dyslexia. However, many teachers, including experienced ones, may not be adequately trained in special needs education. The Association of International Dyslexia emphasizes the importance of identifying and evaluating dyslexic students to ensure their academic success. Effective programs should be developed by trained individuals based on comprehensive assessments. One-on-one support is crucial for dyslexic students to work at their own pace. Intervention strategies such as language-based activities, modifications, verbal assessments, and mindfulness exercises can help dyslexic students overcome challenges related to confidence and self-esteem. Overall, creating excellent classroom environments and implementing appropriate teaching approaches are essential for fostering inclusive education.

The objective of this study is to examine the perspectives, difficulties, and approaches of SNED teachers at KNCHS (Koronadal National Comprehensive High School-Junior High Department) in creating inclusive educational settings for dyslexic students. The aim is to enhance understanding, identify challenges, and ultimately enhance the quality of support and education provided to children with special needs within the school community. By investigating the perceptions and experiences of SNED teachers, this study seeks to gather valuable insights that can inform the development of evidence-

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based practices and interventions tailored to the specific needs of dyslexic learners.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

This study entitled Handom Ug Pangandoy: Perspectives and Practices of KNCHS SNED Teachers in Fostering Inclusive Learning Environments for Learners with Dyslexia aims:

1. To investigate the perceptions of KNCHS SNED teachers towards fostering inclusive educational environments for dyslexic learners.
2. To explore the challenges faced by KNCHS SNED teachers in creating inclusive learning environments for dyslexic learners.
3. To identify the strategies employed by KNCHS SNED teachers to enhance the quality of assistance and education for dyslexic learners and improve inclusive practices at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School-Junior High Department.

THEORETICAL LENS

Social constructivism theory emphasizes the collaborative construction of knowledge and understanding through social interactions and shared experiences. In the context of fostering inclusive learning environments for learners with dyslexia at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School, applying a social constructivist lens can illuminate how SNED teachers co-create supportive and inclusive educational settings through collaborative efforts, shared practices, and collective problem-solving. By focusing on the social and collaborative aspects of teaching dyslexic learners, this theoretical perspective can provide insights into the dynamics of knowledge construction, pedagogical approaches, and support systems that contribute to inclusive learning environments for students with dyslexia.

METHODS

This qualitative study adopts a phenomenological approach to delve into the perspectives, challenges, and strategies of five Special Education teachers at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School's Junior High Department in fostering inclusive environments for dyslexic learners. By exploring how teachers perceive and respond to challenges in promoting inclusion, this methodology aims to uncover diverse practices and insights crucial for enhancing support for students with dyslexia.

The study includes five actively teaching SPED teachers at KNCHS with 3 to 5 years of experience and a focus on students with learning disabilities like dyslexia. These participants will provide valuable insights into the development of inclusive learning environments for dyslexic learners. Through their diverse experiences and practices, the study seeks to gain comprehensive perspectives on fostering inclusive education within the SPED program.

Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with the participants using open-ended questions, audio recordings with consent, and detailed note-taking. Thematic analysis will be employed to identify recurring patterns and themes within the data, offering a nuanced understanding of the challenges, strategies, and perceptions of KNCHS SPED teachers in promoting inclusive learning environments for dyslexic learners. This rigorous data analysis process ensures a systematic examination of the collected insights while maintaining ethical considerations, confidentiality, and respect for participants throughout the research endeavor.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Perceptions of KNCHS SNED Teachers Towards Diverse Learners in Their Classroom

The perceptions of Special Needs Education (SNED) teachers at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School (KNCHS) reveal the significant challenges dyslexic learners face in reading, writing, and grasping new concepts, emphasizing the necessity for patience, understanding, and tailored support. Teachers' insights underscore the importance of creating inclusive environments that cater to diverse learning needs and foster equal opportunities for all students. By implementing differentiated instruction, providing individualized support, and cultivating a caring and supportive atmosphere grounded in empathy and respect, educators can empower dyslexic learners to thrive academically and personally. Ultimately, by embracing diversity, offering equal opportunities, and prioritizing a safe and inclusive learning environment, teachers at KNCHS can facilitate the holistic development and success of students with dyslexia.

Challenges faced by KNCHS Teachers in Fostering an Inclusive Learning Environment and How they Address It

The challenges encountered by KNCHS Special Needs Education (SNED) Teachers in creating an inclusive learning environment for dyslexic learners revolve around the difficulties in maintaining patience, time constraints, lack of training, insufficient resources, inadequate funding for special education, discrimination towards SNED learners, and self-directed learning and professional development. P1, P4, and P5 highlight the need for teachers to maintain patience amidst varied learning paces, emphasizing the essential role of understanding, empathy, individualized support, and a nurturing environment. Time constraints significantly impact lesson planning and individualized support, hindering effective teaching practices. The scarcity of training, resources, and funding pose obstacles to addressing the diverse needs of dyslexic learners. Discrimination and insufficient knowledge further impede creating an inclusive environment, stressing the importance of empathy, understanding, and tailored support for SNED learners. Additionally, self-directed learning, professional development, and promoting a positive learning atmosphere are vital for enhancing educators' knowledge and skills, fostering collaboration, and nurturing supportive environments where all students can thrive academically and personally.

Strategies Utilized by KNCHS SNED Teachers to Promote Inclusion and Accommodate Diverse Needs of Learners

KNCHS Special Needs Education (SNED) teachers prioritize differentiated instruction to accommodate diverse learners effectively and create an inclusive classroom environment where all students feel valued and supported. By tailoring teaching methods, materials, and assessments to individual learning styles and levels, teachers like P2, P3, and P4 address

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the varied needs and abilities among students with dyslexia. The utilization of Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and collaboration further enhances support for dyslexic learners, providing personalized goals, accommodations, and partnerships among stakeholders for comprehensive educational growth. KNCHS SNED teachers engage in continuous training and professional development opportunities to refine their expertise in supporting diverse learners proficiently. These activities, as conveyed by P1, P2, P3, and P4, offer insights, resources, and strategies for enhancing instructional practices and fostering collaborative partnerships within and beyond the school community. Utilizing multi-sensory approaches and adaptive resources, as emphasized by P1, P2, and P5, KNCHS SNED teachers enhance classroom accessibility and engagement for dyslexic students, promoting academic success and participation through dynamic and inclusive instructional practices.

CONCLUSION

The research findings underscore the indispensable role of Special Needs Education (SNED) teachers in creating inclusive learning environments for children with dyslexia. Their profound understanding of the challenges faced by these students, coupled with their emphasis on patience, personalized teaching approaches, and a nurturing classroom climate, exemplify their dedication to supporting every learner. Despite encountering barriers like limited resources and insufficient training, SNED teachers exhibit unwavering commitment and resilience in addressing the diverse needs of dyslexic students. By actively engaging in continuous professional development, fostering collaboration with stakeholders, and implementing tailored strategies such as differentiated instruction and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), they demonstrate a collective effort to empower dyslexic children and nurture their academic and personal growth. The research illuminates the transformative influence of SNED teachers in shaping the educational journey of children with dyslexia, offering them not just academic support but also hope, opportunities, and a pathway to a promising future filled with possibilities and success.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This research study has come up with the following recommendations to promote inclusive education and support learners with dyslexia and other learning disabilities effectively, a multifaceted approach involving SNED teachers, regular teachers, educational institutions, parents, local government units (LGUs), and future researchers is essential. SNED teachers should prioritize continuous training and professional development tailored to inclusive education and dyslexia while advocating for additional resources to enhance teaching efforts. Collaboration with regular teachers, parents, and stakeholders is crucial for developing and implementing Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and sharing effective teaching practices.

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ABU ABDULLAKH MUKHAMMAD IBN MUSA AL-KHOREZMI AS AN OUTSTANDING ASTRONOMER AND MATHEMATICIAN

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ABSTRACT

The article is devoted to the life and work of the prominent thinker and mathematician of the East, Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khorezmi, based on the principles of objectivity, historicity, and scientific character. Because on our planet there lived great teachers, people of outstanding minds and extensive research work, whose achievements transformed science and revealed to our eyes huge unexplored mysteries. Nowadays, raising a harmonious and comprehensively developed generation is one of the most important tasks that presuppose real progress in the development of society in the near future.

KEY WORDS: *al-Mamun, Khiva, algorithm, algebra, zij, Renaissance, Sri Lanka island, era of Alexander, Book about Indian counting, Book about sundial.*

INTRODUCTION

The future of society depends on the degree of creative power, mental and physical perfection, political consciousness, practical activity and spiritual and moral development of every citizen of the country.

Education of young people based on national pedagogical traditions in the context of the implementation of the National Program for Personnel Training acquires special importance.

In the past, progressive teachers and prominent thinkers put forward many progressive educational ideas; the study of their scientific heritage helps to improve the pedagogical culture of the teacher and warns against a prescription approach to issues of scientific and educational theory and practice.

Islamic civilization turned Muslim lands into the most advanced part of the civilized world and created a high example of culture that was created over many centuries. This period, both in terms of the degree of stability in society and the rationality of moral principles, and in terms of the high standard of living, the degree of tolerance and the relative absence of fanaticism, as well as the level of development of science and literature, is undoubtedly one of the brightest periods in the history of world civilization. The contribution of Islamic civilization to the world is no less than Hellenic. The only difference is that Islamic civilization still has a significant influence on the modern world, and its spiritual foundations continue to be attractive

As a result of the restoration of our national values and the study of the heritage of our ancestors, the names of our great chapters were restored. Great work has been done to study their life and invaluable heritage, improve and preserve their heritage. Our people, who lived with such noble goals and thoughts, made a great contribution to world development. Science and culture have long been developed in the territory of our country, which connects the East and the West, where great civilizations meet. Especially in the Middle Ages, thousands of scientists, poets and great thinkers came from Central Asia. Their works on many fields such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, ethnography, medicine, religion, history, literature, ethics, philosophy, ancient monuments in Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Termiz, Tashkent, Shahrisabz, Margilan and other cities. is the spiritual property of all mankind.

During the period of the highest flowering of science (9th-11th centuries), Muslim philosophers and scientists proceeded in their research like the Greeks; from the principle of the unity of nature and the integrity of the character of science. Philosophers enjoyed special authority among Muslims.

Eastern scientists continued to develop physical and mathematical sciences, relying on the results achieved in Greece, India and China. The works of the Central Asian scientist Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi (783-c. 850) were of particular importance.

Abu Abdullah Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khorezmi - one of the largest medieval scientists of the 9th century, mathematician, astronomer, geographer and historian, born around 783 in Khiva (Khorezm) [10, p. 38; 6, p. 3-4].

The life and work of al-Khorezmi coincided with an era of great cultural and scientific upsurge. He received his primary education from outstanding scientists of Transoxiana and Khorezm.

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During the period of scientific research at the Mamun Academy, commissioned by Caliph al-Mamun, he worked on the creation of instruments for measuring the volume and circumference of the earth. In 827, in the Sinjar desert, al-Khwarizmi took part in measuring the length of the degree of arc of the earth's meridian in order to clarify the circumference of the Earth. The measurements taken here remained unsurpassed in accuracy for 700 years[10, p. 40; 12, p. 7-8; 13, p. 15].

Around 830, the scientist created the first known Arabic treatise on algebra, al-Kitab al-mukhtasar fi hisab al-jabr wal-muqabala (A Brief Book of Algebra). Thus, he was the first to introduce algebra as an independent science of general methods for solving linear and quadratic equations, and gave a classification to these equations.

Al-Khorezmi is known primarily for this work on algebra, which played a vital role in the history of mathematics. The word “algebra” comes from the title of this book. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that the term “algorithm” arose from his name (Latin “Algorithms”) [10, p. 41-42; 7, p. 242].

Algebra by al-Khwarizmi, which laid the foundation for the development of a new independent scientific discipline, was later commented on and improved by many eastern mathematicians. This book was translated twice into Latin in the 12th century and played an extremely important role in the development of mathematics in Europe. [11, p. 12; 2, p. 15].

Historians of science highly appreciate both the scientific and popularization activities of al-Khorezmi. Renowned historians call him "the greatest mathematician of his time and, all things considered, one of the greatest mathematicians of all time".

His works were translated from Arabic into Latin, and then into other European languages. Based on them, various mathematics textbooks were created. They played an important role in the development of science, the Renaissance, and had a fruitful influence on the development of medieval scientific thought in the countries of the East and West.

The scientist developed detailed trigonometric tables containing sine functions. In the 12th and 13th centuries, based on his books, the works Carmen de Algorismo and Algorismus vulgaris were written in Latin, which remained relevant for many centuries. Until the 16th century, translations of his works on arithmetic were used in European universities as the main textbooks on mathematics[5, p. 10-15; 8, p. 6-8].

Astronomy occupied a leading place among the exact sciences in the medieval East. It was impossible to do without it either in irrigated agriculture or in sea and land trade. By the 9th century, the first independent works on astronomy appeared in Arabic, among which collections of astronomical and trigonometric tables (ziji) occupied a special place. They served to measure time, and with their help, the positions of luminaries in the celestial sphere, solar and lunar eclipses were calculated.

Al-Khorezmi is the author of serious works on astronomy. In them he talks about calendars, calculations of the true position of the planets, parallax and eclipses, compilation of astronomical tables (zij), determination of the visibility of the moon, etc. His work in this area was based on the works of Indian scientists. He made detailed calculations of the positions of the sun, moon and planets, and solar eclipses. His astronomical tables were translated into European and later Chinese languages [10, p. 41-42; 13, p. 25].

Among the first zijs is “Zij al-Khwarizmi,” which served as the basis for medieval research in this area, both in the East and Western Europe.

The book began with a section on chronology and the calendar, which was very important for practical astronomy, since due to the difference in calendars, it was difficult to determine the exact dating. The existing lunar, solar and lunisolar calendars and different beginnings of chronology led to many different eras and for different peoples the same event was dated differently. Al-Khwarizmi described the Julian calendar (the calendar of “rums”). He also compared different eras, among them the ancient era of India (began in 3101 BC) and the “age of Alexander” (begun 1 October 312 BC). According to his calculations, the beginning of the Islamic era of chronology corresponds to July 16, 622. The scientist took the meridian passing through a place called Arin (the island of Sri Lanka) as the prime meridian from which time was measured[4, p. 55-56].

Along with this, al-Khwarizmi wrote “The Book of Indian Accounting,” which contributed to the popularization of Arabic numerals and the decimal positional system for recording numbers. The Arabic text has been lost, but a 12th-century Latin translation, Algoritmi de numero Indorum, survives. The book had a huge scientific influence not only in the East, but also in the West. It describes how to find a decimal number consisting of nine Arabic digits and a zero. It is possible that al-Khwarizmi became the first mathematician to use zero in notation of numbers.
Two hundred years after the writing of On Indian Accounting, the Indian system spread throughout the Islamic world. In Europe, “Arabic” numerals were first mentioned around 1200. Initially they were used only in universities. In 1299, a law was passed in Florence, Italy, prohibiting their use. Having first become widespread among Italian merchants, by the 16th century all of Europe had switched to Arabic numerals. Until the beginning of the 18th century, Russia used the Cyrillic number system, after which it was replaced by a number system based on Arabic numerals[5, p. 22-24; 9, p. 66].

al-Khwarizmi was the author of 9 works:

1. Book on Indian calculation (Arithmetic treatise, Book on addition and subtraction);

2. A short book on algebra (“al-Kitab al-mukhtasar fi hisab al-jabr wal-mukabala”);

3. A book about actions with the help of an astrolabe (“Kitab al-amal bi-l-asturlabat”) - in incomplete form, included in the work of al-Fargani, in sections 41-42 of this book, a special compass was described for determining the time of prayer;

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4. Book about the sundial ("Kitab al-ruhama");

5. Book of pictures of the Earth (Book of Geography, "Kitab surat al-ard");

6. Treatise on the definition of the era of the Jews and their holidays ("Risala fi istihraj tarikh al-yahud va ayadihim");

7. The book about the construction of the astrolabe - has not survived and is known only from mentions in other sources;

8. Astronomical tables ("Zij");

9. A history book containing horoscopes of famous people.

Of these 9 books, only 7 have reached us. They have been preserved in the form of texts either by al-Khwarizmi himself, or in translations into Latin, or in the works of his Arab commentators [12, p. 25-27; 1, p. 7].

Thus, in contrast to medieval Europe, where the Christian form of worldview mainly dominated, where natural scientists were persecuted and the fires of the Inquisition burned, in the Arab-Muslim East Islam encouraged the development of science, technology, culture and therefore, the Muslim East was 300 years ahead of Europe. 400 years according to all scientific and technical achievements of that period. The need to preserve this unique heritage of Eastern thinkers for subsequent generations requires constant study.

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PECULIARITIES OF CRIMINAL PUNISHMENTS
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ANNOTATION

In the present paper explains the system of criminal penalties in the legislation of foreign states. The subject of journalistic research supports the complex theoretical and practical problems of systematization of types of punishment, their implementation and the effectiveness of foreign criminal legal theory, legislation and law enforcement practice.

KEYWORDS: *the system of criminal penalties; systematization of punishment; the criminal law of the foreign states; penalties.*

The type of punishment not associated with deprivation of liberty is work in the public interest (French Criminal Code), community service (Norwegian and Dutch Criminal Codes), free work for the good of society (Scottish Criminal Code), public service (Finnish Criminal Code). In Norway, community service punishment is applied for acts that can lead to imprisonment for up to six years, but the offender must agree and the purpose of the punishment does not contradict its implementation at large. The number of hours of public works is determined from thirty to four hundred and twenty, the period of implementation is up to one year, if there are no serious reasons for a longer period, in addition, the court may additionally apply penalties, without any dependence on their presence in the provisions of the sanctions for this crime or not (№ 28a)[1].

Due to the fact that the criminal law of the Republic of Finland, in addition to the punishment "Unconditional sentence to imprisonment", also provides for the appointment of public service, that is, in the form of ordinary, normal (corresponding to the profession, qualifications and abilities of the convict) unpaid work in the annual hourly range from twenty to two hundred constantly monitored by the supervisory authority. The main condition for their application by the Finnish court is obtaining the consent of the perpetrator to replace one type of punishment with another [2].

In turn, in the Netherlands, which has a ban on forced labor, the appointment of public works occurs on the basis of the request of the convicted person, when they replace the punishment "Imprisonment" or other punishment associated with deprivation of liberty imposed for less than six months. Since the maximum number can be only two hundred and forty hours of work, when the work is determined by the duration of less than one hundred and twenty hours, the period of its performance does not exceed six months, and when more, this period is not more than one year [3]. According to the provisions of French criminal law, when a misdemeanor is committed, the offender is punished with imprisonment, and the court is competent to oblige the convicted person to perform gratuitous work in accordance with the public interest for a period of forty and two hundred and forty hours for the benefit of legal entities of public law or organizations that are authorized to take into account social useful interests.

Accordingly, the non-application of this type of punishment "Work in the public interest" is due to both the official refusal of the defendant from them and his absence from the court session [4].

Also, the national legislator provides for penalties in the form of deprivation of certain rights. According to the French Criminal Code, such a type of punishment as deprivation or restriction of rights is also possible [5].

The provisions of punishment in the form of deprivation or restriction of rights in accordance with article 131.6 may include the following restrictions for the convicted person:
Deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for up to five years
Driving ban for up to five years
Cancellation of the right to drive a motor vehicle and a ban on applying for a new license for up to five years
Confiscation of a vehicle or several vehicles that rightfully belong to the convicted person

Bringing into proper condition a vehicle or several vehicles that lawfully belong to the convict up to a one-year term

Prohibition to keep or carry weapons for which possession requires a permit for up to five years

Confiscation of weapons or several weapons that are lawfully owned by the convicted person or are at his free disposal

Withdrawal of official hunting permit and prohibition to apply for a new permit for up to five years

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A ban for up to five years on the issuance of other checks into official circulation, in contrast to those that allow the drawer to receive funds with the payer present, based on the content of the bill of exchange, or those securities certified by the owners (the holder of the bill), or use credit cards

Confiscation of a material object (thing) that served or was intended for the purpose of committing the committed act

Prohibition for up to five years to carry out any professional or social activity, when the opportunities provided by this activity could be used in the preparation or commission of the deed.

The Holland Penal Code, prescribing punishments in the form of deprivation of certain rights, implies the following prohibitions:

To hold public office or certain positions

For military service

To elect members to general representative bodies of power or to nominate oneself as a candidate for these representative bodies of power

To work as an adviser in the courts or an administrative officer

To engage in a specific activity.

The period of deprivation of rights is determined from two to five years, with the exception of the case when the convicted person is sentenced to life imprisonment - in such situations, the person will also be deprived of one or another right for life [6].

In Germany, criminal law provides for the deprivation or restriction of rights: for example, in accordance with § 44, when the perpetrator was driving a car or in connection with driving a car or, having violated the duties of a car driver, was punished by imprisonment or a fine. Accordingly, the court of the Federal Republic of Germany is competent to apply to him a ban from one month to three months on driving any or a certain type of car, subject to street traffic. According to the provisions of § 44, the prohibition of driving is generally linked to the withdrawal of a driving licence. Additional consequences in the form of deprivation of the right to hold office, the right to be elected or the right to vote occur when the perpetrator of the deed was subjected to the form of punishment "Deprivation of liberty" for up to one year [7].

This penalty is set for up to five years. Due to the fact that when losing the legal ability to occupy public positions determined by the court, the convict also loses the corresponding legal status and existing rights, then in fact this loss is directly carried out in reality in the case when the criminal law does not provide for another option for the development of this situation. Based on the provisions of § 45, the court is entitled to deprive the guilty person who has been sentenced from two to five years of constitutional rights in the form of the right to vote or vote, in the case when this circumstance is specifically stipulated by law.

According to the Norwegian Criminal Code, the term of imprisonment ranges from fourteen days to fifteen years, and in total up to twenty years. In specially provided cases, up to twenty-one years is allowed. When imposing imprisonment, the court is competent, in addition to the already existing form, to apply penalties, without making them dependent on the fact that they were directly formulated by the Norwegian legislator specifically for this crime or not[8]. The maximum period of detention is set from fourteen days to twenty years. At the same time, two days of detention are equated to one day of imprisonment. With the consent of the convicted person or at his request, detention may be commuted to imprisonment [9].

If the time limit of the punishment is not considered sufficient to protect the public, then imprisonment may be commuted to a stay in a Department of Corrections facility (arrest) in the sentence if the following conditions are met:

1) a violator of the law is found guilty of committing or attempting to commit serious acts of violence, a crime on sexual grounds, imprisonment, arson or other serious crime that violated the life, health or freedom of other people or could endanger these legal values. In addition, there must be a perceived immediate danger of that. That a lawbreaker can commit such a crime again

2) the violator of the law is guilty of committing or attempting to commit a serious crime of the same kind as named in paragraph 1 and has previously committed or attempted to commit a crime named there.

The Norwegian legislator actually established both the minimum (ten years) and maximum (twenty-one years) term of arrest for a convicted person. However, in accordance with the prosecutor's request, the court is entitled to extend the established framework up to a five-year period at a time[10].

In accordance with Dutch criminal law, imprisonment is provided for as life imprisonment or limited to a certain period of imprisonment of the convicted person. The term of imprisonment is set from one day to fifteen years. In some cases (including cumulative offences), an increase in the term of imprisonment up to twenty years is allowed[11].

The conclusion can be a minimum of one day and a maximum of one year. In case of cumulative crimes, repetition, and also if the crime is committed by a public servant in violation of his official powers, a period of up to one year and four months is established[12].

In accordance with the Swedish Criminal Code, the maximum term of imprisonment is set at 10 years, and the minimum is 14 days. For cumulative crimes or sentences , the term of imprisonment may not exceed 18 years , while the existence of life imprisonment is not ruled out[13].

According to the provisions of the Criminal Code of the Swiss Confederation, a number of types of execution of the punishment "Deprivation of liberty" are provided, which are served in a hard labor prison, in the form of imprisonment, or arrest. Since, based

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on the provisions of Art. 35 of the Criminal Code, the heaviest punishment associated with serving imprisonment is imprisonment in a hard labor prison, then the term of execution is provided from one year to twenty years, and, as an exception, life imprisonment. Due to the fact that the minimum term for serving this type of punishment is limited by the legislator to three days, then, unless the Criminal Code provides for another circumstance, in accordance with Art. 36 maximum it is determined by a three-year period. In turn, the punishment in the form of arrest acts as the easiest deprivation of liberty for the convict. When, in addition to imprisonment, punishment in the form of a fine is provided as an alternative sanction, the court is accordingly competent to replace imprisonment and may order arrest (art. 39).

In addition, it is allowed to replace imprisonment with arrest if the term of imprisonment does not exceed three months (Article 37). The term of arrest ranges from one day to three months. The arrest is carried out in a special institution, within the limits of special premises not intended for the detention of those sentenced to deprivation of liberty. When serving an arrest, a person is obliged to work, while he is allowed to independently choose the appropriate job[14].

In the Criminal Code of France, the punishment in the form of deprivation of liberty is presented more extensively and extensively. Thus, natural persons can be subjected to criminal punishment alternatively in the following forms:

Criminal imprisonment or life imprisonment

Criminal imprisonment or imprisonment for not more than thirty years

Criminal imprisonment or imprisonment for not more than twenty years

Criminal imprisonment or criminal imprisonment for not more than fifteen years.

In accordance with the provisions of article 131.1 of the French Criminal Code, in fact, criminal imprisonment or criminal imprisonment should not be directly imposed in reality for a period of less than ten years.

As corrective punishments, based on the provisions of article 131.4 of the French Criminal Code, imprisonment can be applied, determined for the following period:

Not Exceeding Ten Years
Not Exceeding Seven Years
Not Exceeding Three Years
Not Exceeding Two Years
Not Exceeding One Year
Not Exceeding Six Months[15].

According to the provisions of German criminal law, criminal punishment in the form of deprivation of liberty forms the basis of the system of punishments, since it is the only type of punishment for acts of grave and moderate gravity, as well as for private recidivism. Accordingly, in fact, the application of the type of punishment "Deprivation of liberty" is provided directly from one to six months in reality. The execution of punishment in the form of imprisonment in the last decade has been superseded by a significant spread of punishment in the form of a fine. Also in the criminal legislation of Germany there is a punishment in the form of life imprisonment.

In addition to the named types of punishments, the criminal laws of the named foreign ones provide for other additional types of punishments. So, according to the Criminal Code of Norway, this is removal from an official position, loss of the right for a certain period or forever to occupy a certain position or carry out certain activities or work, deprivation of civil rights, a ban on being in a certain place[16].

The Criminal Code of Holland additionally provides for such punishments that we have not yet named, in the form of deprivation of certain rights, placement in a state correctional house, publication of a sentence. At the same time, they can appoint separately, together with the main punishments or in combination with each other. This also includes the confiscation already mentioned above[17].

Swedish criminal law also includes conditional imprisonment, probation and transfer to special care. Due to the fact that the provisions of probation suggest the possibility of its combination with the “Fine” punishment, which is actually paid in the form of a fine, regardless of its presence in the content of the sanction for the deed, it is also directly combined with the “Imprisonment” punishment, which in reality is imposed from fourteen days to three months. Since the duration of probation is set for a period of three years, counted at the beginning of its execution, during the one-year period, the convict is officially monitored by representatives of the state body. Transfer to special care applies to persons under the age of twenty-one. And it resembles the institution of compulsory medical measures[18].

In turn, the provisions of the Swiss criminal law also contain additional types that provide for criminal legal consequences for the convicted person in the form of:

Dismissals from office from two to ten years

Deprivation of parental or guardianship

A ban on engaging in a certain profession, craft or a ban on concluding commercial transactions from six months to five years

expulsions outside the host country in relation to foreigners

A ban on visiting a restaurant for a person who has officially been recognized as an alcohol addict from a six-month to two-year period.

Other measures are also established, including: preventive bail (meaning in a guarantee not to commit a crime), confiscation, compensation to the victim for damage, publication of the verdict[19].

The French Criminal Code also provides for additional types of punishment in accordance with article 131.10:

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Prohibition

Deprivation

Incapacity or withdrawal of any existing entitlement

Instructions for certain care or obligation to act accordingly

Immobilization or confiscation of any thing included in the list of items subject to it

The closure of any institution for advertising the decision of a public authority or its dissemination in the press or in any other way by an audiovisual message[20].

The criminal legislation of the Federal Republic of Germany contains provisions on additional penalties of the following types:

Driving ban

Deprivation of the right to occupy a certain position

Deprivation of the right to be elected somewhere or the right to vote for something.[21]

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Thus, the analysis shows that such an exceptional type of punishment as the death penalty is practically not used in Western foreign countries. There is a list of punishments associated with deprivation of liberty, however, the application of this punishment is provided only for the commission of a certain category of crimes, and then if it cannot be replaced by punishment not related to deprivation of liberty. In the criminal legislation of foreign countries, great preference is given to alternative types of punishment, which, as a rule, affect the financial situation of the convicted person or restrict him in any rights.

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A STUDY OF THE HERITAGE OF ZANGI ATA

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ABSTRACT

In the article, the researches on the spiritual-educational, socio-ethical activities of Hazrat Zangi ata during the years of independence were analyzed from the perspective of Islamic studies, historiography, and many conclusions were given using historical research methods.

KEY WORDS: *Independence, Yassaviyyah, Hakim ata, Zangi ata, Amir Temur, pilgrimage tourism, scientific research, monograph, sources, manuscripts, Anbar ona, Himmatiy, hikmat, A. Fitrat, A.Saidov, Zangi ata complex, Sufism, Tariqat, shaykh, saint, Islamic studies, historiography.*

INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of Yassawism, which has gained great influence in the world of Sufism, has been calling the Muslim nations to enlightenment for many centuries. Due to the fact that the great heritage of these teaching manifestations has positive significance even today, it is widely studied by our scientists and researchers. For example, A. Fitrat, A. Sa'diy, E. Rustamov, B. Kasimov, I. among our scientists who conducted scientific research in the field of researching the main ideas and principles of Yassaviism in our country, the Islamic scholar, historian, philologist, literary critic, philosopher, researcher in pedagogic sciences. Hakkulov, N. Hasanov, U. Alimov, E. Karimov, K. Kattaev, J. Ne'matova, M. Khajieva, A. Bektosh, A. Narzullaev, R. Abdushukurov, Sh. Ashurova, M. Eshmuhammedova, T. Karaeva, We can highlight the research works of A. Bozorov, A. Zieyov.

In the years of independence, the direction of Yassavi Studies has reached a new level, and in this regard, a number of initiatives have been taken by our government. In particular, 1993 was declared as the "Year of Ahmad Yassavi" and a number of scientific and educational activities were organized as a high tribute to the scientific and educational heritage of Khoja Ahmad Yassavi. Khwaja Ahmed Yassavi's disciples also contributed a lot to the Yassavi order reaching our peoples over the centuries. Among them, Mansur Ata, Said Ata, Suleiman Bakirghani (Hakim Ata), Sadr Ata, Sufi Mohammad Donishmand Zarnuqi, Baba Mochin, Zangi Ata, Amir Ali Hakim, Luqman Parranda, Imam Marg'azi, Hasan Bulg'ari Abdumalik Ata, Haji Bektash Vali, Taj Khoj , Uzun Hasan Ata, Sayyid Ata, Ismail Ata, Ishaq Khoja, Ayman Baba, Sheikh Ali Ata, Mavdud Baba, Badr Ata, Halil Ata, Kusam Sheikh, Sheikh Khudoidad Vali, etc. - it is necessary to highlight the educational activity.

DISCUSSION

The study of the heritage and activities of Zangiota - Aykhoja ibn Tashkhoja (in some sources - Tajiddinkhoja, Tashkhoja) (Fayziev T., Usmanov O., 1993: 3) in our country was determined as the main research object of our scientific article.

Briefly, we can say about Hazrat Zangiota's life path that this person is famous as a follower of Khoja Ahmad Yassavi, a great saint, propagator of the Yassavi order, a sheikh of Turkic peoples, a wise poet who created under the pseudonym Himmati. Several sources provide information on Hazrat Zangiota's works under the pseudonym Himmatii. The year of Zangi's father's birth is not clearly mentioned in historical sources, according to some information, it is concluded that he was born at the end of the 12th century - the beginning of the 13th century. According to the conclusion of some researchers, U. Embergenov, J. Shomurodov (Shomurodov J. 2010: 304), Zangi father was 10 years younger than his wife, Anbar mother, and put forward their assumptions that Zangi father was born in 1161.

Amir Temur and the Timurids showed great respect to the Yassavi order, Hazrat Zangiota's mausoleum was built in 1395 by the order of Amir Temur, during the reign of Mirzo Ulug'bek, in 1420, the construction of additional buildings in the complex was completed and the mausoleum was beautified. As a result of the atheistic policy during the Soviet era, the mausoleum of Hazrat Zangi's father fell into disrepair, within the framework of the "2013-2015 tourism development program in the Tashkent region" approved by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 20, 2013 No. 259 (Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2013) A master plan for the renovation, improvement and establishment of infrastructure systems of the Zangi Ota complex has been developed. Large-scale construction and improvement works were carried out in the Zangiota complex and adjacent areas in Tashkent region. A new mosque building with 1000 seats was built in the territory of the complex.

During the years of independence, a number of studies were carried out about the activities of Hazrat Zangi, who is considered a major representative of Sufism, and as a result of

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the studies, several works (Saidov A., 2015: 520), pamphlets (Ziyaev A. 2008: 60), articles, scientific papers in newspapers and magazines were published. popular materials were published.

In particular, the book "Hazrat Zangi ota" dedicated to the life of father Zangi by academician A. Saidov was presented to the general public in 2015, this book was positively received by our people and intellectuals. Many positive comments on the work were given in mass media and scientific publications, on Internet sites. This work was translated into the Karakalpak language by Sh. Payzullaev in 2017, and the translated text of the book was first published in the newspapers of Karakalpakstan, and then in the form of a separate book in the "Karakalpakstan" publishing house in Nukus (Saidov A., 2017: 504).

Academician A. Saidov Zangi continued his research on the life of the father and published a number of new research results in the press. In the end, A. Saidov's book "Hazrat Zangi ota" was republished in 2023, supplemented and reworked and enriched from a scientific and historical point of view. The work was recommended for publication based on the conclusion No. 03-07/5021 dated August 16, 2021 of the Committee on Religious Affairs under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A number of scientists from our country and abroad gave their positive reviews to the updated and reworked new edition of the book "Hazrat Zangi ota". In particular, we can highlight the reviews of A. Choriev, P. Ravshanov, S. Holboev, Ya. Ollamov, R. Yoldoshev, N. Hasan (Turkey), Sh. Rozinazarov. will be the basis for our conclusions about the scientific value.

It should be noted that the book covers a large amount of scientific and historical materials, and we can say that this book is a complex collection of research works carried out in our country on the activities of Hazrat Zangi. In particular, the book contains information about the biography of Hazrat Zangi, in particular, his name and surname, his wife, dynasty, birth and death times, his homeland, his travels and quests, his teachers and students, his ranks in the Yassawiya order, his mausoleum and shrines. Today, many tourist companies are using this work to inform tourists about Hazrat Zangi ata.

Also, the work analyzes a number of data on the spiritual maturity, virtues and qualities of Hazrat Zangi, various poems and narrations about this man, and the most important part of our research, Islamic studies and historiography, which are studied in Eastern and Western countries.

Taking into account that Hazrat Zangi is a direct representative of the Yassavi sect, it is appropriate to analyze the state of study of the Yassavi doctrine in our country. In particular, among our national studies, we can highlight Abdurauf Fitrat's research as one of the most important studies (Abdurauf Fitrat., 2000: 31-36).

Also, during 1952-1987, the Institute of Oriental Studies published a catalog consisting of 11 volumes under the name "Collection of Oriental Manuscripts of the UzSSR FA" ("Sobranie vostochnyx rukopisey Akademii nauk Uzbekskoy SSR"). Volume II of this collection, devoted to poetry, contains a description of a total of 13 manuscripts containing the hikmats of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi, 10 of which are described as "Devoni Khoja Ahmad Yassavi", and the presence of the wisdoms of Yassavi in three more manuscripts. In volume VII of this catalog, dedicated to the description of works in Turkic languages, there is a description of one manuscript containing Yassavi's hikmats.

The catalogs published during the years of independence also contain information about the heritage of Khoja Ahmad Yassavi, including the wisdom of Khoja Ahmad Yassavi in 6 manuscripts in the "Catalogue of Sufi works of the XVIII-XX centuries kept at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan" published in 2002 in collaboration with Uzbek and German scientists. is noted. Experts have determined that four of these manuscripts belong to the main and two to the duplicate fund, that is, the second fund kept in the Institute of Oriental Studies. 175 manuscript books containing the wisdom of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi kept in 3 funds of this institute were identified and their catalog was compiled. Also, two volumes of the catalogs compiled by the staff of the (former) Institute of Manuscripts named after Hamid Sulayman were published in 1988-1989. The first volume of the catalog contains descriptions of 22 manuscripts containing the wisdom of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi. A., 2023: 57-58).

During the years of independence, four documentaries were shot on the life and work of Father Zangi. In 2016, the official website of the memorial complex of Zangi father's shrine - zangi-ota.uz - was founded. The site is about the historical-architectural monument of Father Zangi, and its pages contain information about the rights of Father Zangi, the times and places where they were born and lived, their professions, qualities and characteristics.

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PF-6165 dated February 9, 2021 (Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2021), posting of information reflecting the etiquette and order of the Pilgrimage in the Zangi Ota complex. Around the complex, it was decided to establish food outlets that meet the requirements of halal tourism. It was also decided to develop and widely promote printed and electronic promotional materials about the shrine, print and distribute booklets about pilgrimage etiquette and order to pilgrims free of charge, and allocate 100 million soums for promotional work.
About Hazrat Zangi Ata Complex Michael Barry Lane, the former head of UNESCO's representative office in Tashkent, said: "Usman Mushafi, Beruni Library, Baraqkhan, Ko'kaldosh Madrasas, Qaffol Shoshi, Sheikh Khavandi Tohur, Yunus Khan, Zangi Ata memorial complexes, which are included in the list of "Monuments of World Culture", are preserved in Tashkent. ” and expresses his positive thoughts.

In the volume "Pilgrimages and shrines of Uzbekistan: Tashkent region and Tashkent city" (Eraliev B., Ostanaqulov I., Abdulahatov N., 2015: 356), published under the co-authorship

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of N.Abdulahatov, as well as in the framework of the project "Masterpieces of Monuments of Uzbekistan" in 2017 a 13-volume book-album was published under the above name. In the volume of this publication on architectural structures in the Tashkent region, information is provided about the inscriptions in the historical-architectural complex of Zangi Ota.

RESULTS

If we pay attention to the analysis of the etymology of the word Zangi father, many assumptions have been made. For example, we see that father Zangi gave a number of hints about the blackness of his body in the wisdom of Himmatiy, and even in today's research, a number of analyzes are given on the origin of the word Zangi, without completely denying these analyzes, we consider father Zangi's recognition in his wisdom to be one of the strongest evidences. .

Also, there are a number of other scientific and ethnographic conclusions about the origin of the word "Zangi ota" today. In particular, A. Saidov summarizes the available information and presents five interpretations in his research on the meaning of Zangi patronymics. Basically, he gives many opinions about why the word Zangi was used and what it means (Saidov A. 2023: 44-48).

Asror Samad mentions that the name Zangi was given to Hazrat Zangi by Khwaja Ahmed Yassavi in some narrations (Asror Samad. 2007: 52). M. Yoldoshev emphasized that the origin of the word Zangi has nothing to do with the words "Zanji" - "black-skinned", "Abyssinian", which are widely used among the people, and emphasized that it is derived from the root of the Turkic word - "Zang", Buryat, Mongolian, Tuva and other Turkic he gives his conclusion that the word "zangi" in languages historically meant "ancestor", "tribal head" (Yoldoshev M. 2013: 11). According to the researcher H. Berdiev, "The spiritual core of the Zangi paternal toponym goes back to a unique cult that expresses religious tolerance. Zangi paternal cult is the result of the transformation of the pre-Islamic livestock cult of the peoples of Central Asia in the spirit of Islam" (Berdiev Kh. 2014: 198).

In the scientific research conducted on Zangi's family tree, the researchers expressed a number of scientific opinions and comments regarding the fact that Zangi's father was a descendant of Arslanbab, the mentor of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi. For example, A. Saidov expressed his approach to the information provided by historians, limited himself to citing the genealogy of Khoja Ahmad Yassavi and left the final conclusion to the judgment of experts. K. Kattaev's "Vasikanoma" ("Genealogy") also clarified a number of information about the fact that Imam Muhammad Hanifa, who was born from other women of the companion Hazrat Ali ibn Abu Talib (r.a.), may have spread from the descendants of Imam Muhammad Hanifa, including Khoja Ahmed Yassavi. and we can see some evidence of Zangi's paternal aunt.

There are many genealogical records about Zangi's father's descendants, including the genealogy of "Qutb-ul-Aqtab Shahi Zangi Bobo" by Z. Joraev (Ashrafhojaev F., Joraev Z., 2017: 272), that is, the genealogy of Arslonbab was translated into Uzbek. In general, the documents on the genealogy of father Zangi were confirmed by about 170 sultans and qazikalans in different periods.

Regarding Zangi ata's teachers, Khasankhoja Nisari "Muzakkir ul-Ahbab" (Memoir of Friends): "Zangi ata was a disciple of Hazrat Hakim ata." But those who received the moral education from their father Tajkhoja" (Hasankhoja Nisariy. 1993: 269). Father Zangi was mentored by Hakim Father Khoja Ahmed Yassavi, and Khoja Ahmed Yassavi was mentored by Arslanbab and Yusuf Hamadoni.

Arslanbob (Grandfather Lion), who is considered to be one of the most important people in the life of Khwaja Ahmed Yassavi, is a famous Sufi from Turkestan who lived around the 11th century and taught Khwaja Ahmad Yassavi in the early Sufi sciences, which is mentioned a lot in the wisdom of Khwaja Ahmad Yassavi. . For example, in one of his wisdoms, he says, "At the age of seven, Grandfather Arslon gave me Salam," and in other wisdoms, he says, "Grandfather Arslon explained the religion of Islam." However, because there is very little information about Arslanbob, Yassavi scholar N. Hasan has given his information.

There are opinions that the name "Arslan" is not the name of Arslanbab, but a nickname, because it is known from the history of Islam and Sufism that "lion" is a nickname given to those who fought for the propagation of Islam. Terms such as "Bob", "grandfather", "father" were used to refer to shaykh, wali and pir. The word "bab" added to the names of famous Sufis means "door" ("gate") in Arabic. We can conclude from various studies on Arslanbob that the narratives that this person lived for 300-500 years do not have a complete scientific basis, some researchers also noted that he was a close relative and contemporary of Khoja Ahmed Yassavi.
Sulayman Bakirgani, one of Zangi's immediate teachers, was born in the village of Bakirgani, Khorezm. Suleiman Bakyrgani died in 1192 (in some sources - 1186). This person is considered to be the most famous disciple, caliph, wise saint, propagator of Yassavi sect.

It is noted that Hakim father had a daughter named Aysha Bibi, and her mausoleum (Aysha-Bibi) is located near the city of Taroz (Zhambul Region, Republic of Kazakhstan). According to some sources, the mausoleum of Aisha Bibi is located at a distance of about 15 km from the city of Jambul (Saint Father). It is preserved as a historical monument and is one of the places visited by Uzbek pilgrims (Ergashev B. 1994: 16).

In the work "Manoqibi Sulayman oto" information is also given about Anbar's mother, for example, it is noted that Anbar's father's name is Bugrokhan and that he was one of the khans of the Karakhanid dynasty, and Anbaroyim was married to Hakim. After that, it was mentioned that Bugrakhan himself and his relatives became murid of father Hakim (Fakhruddin Ali Safi., 2004: 25). According to some sources, Bugrokhan had three daughters, and Anbar Bibi was considered the youngest. Khasankhoja Nisari noted in his "Muzakkir ul-Ahbab" that "Rashahot Sahib writes that Anbar is the daughter of Buraq Khan, this saying is not correct." The translator of this

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work and the author of comments, I. Bekjon, paid attention to the fact that among the Karakhanid (Kashghar) khans, there was no person known by the name of Bugrakhan (or Buraqkhan) who was a contemporary of Hakim's father. Horut ibn Musa ibn Sotuk (Bughrokhan) died in 992, and Bugrokhan Bolosoguni died in the beginning of the XI century. Although there is confusion in the information, in any case, it is clear that mother Anbar was a virtuous woman belonging to the Karakhanid family. Abdulhakim Shariy Juzhoniy, an Afghan scholar of jurisprudence who lived in Uzbekistan for many years, emphasizes these points in his work "Sufism and Man" and expresses the following points: those who lived with their father and with their humanity have been named among the great people and received respect and applause" (A.Sh. Juzhoniy, 2001: 46).

It is also stated that Anbar had three sons during her marriage with father Hakim, Muhammad (Mahmud) Khoja, Askar Khoja, Hubbi Khoja, and some sources state that she had two sons, Sultan Hubbi and Askar Mamit. Taking into account that J.Shomurodov Anbar's grandmother was 41 years old when father Hakim died, we can assume that his children were between 20-25 years old by that time. According to some narrations, mother Anbar was 10 years older than father Zangi (Shomurodov J., 2002: 11).

There are many narrations about the marriage of father Zangi and mother Anbar in historical sources, including, according to the information provided in the work "Rashohat", father Hakim, knowing full well that there were some objections in the mind of mother Anbar due to the fact that father Hakim was more black, predicted that they would marry a darker person after me. It is known that after the death of father Hakim, he married his disciple Zangi father. At first, Anbar mother did not want to remarry, but later she accepted her marriage with father Zangi as divine destiny.

Anbar mother's role in the Yassawiya sect has been highly evaluated in some sources, including Khoja Shamsiddin - Sultan Mirhaidar father from Balkh to Urganch, Hakim father - Suleiman Bakirgani came to the mausoleum and saw that he was engaged in writing the Holy Quran for forty days, and from Anbar mother's knot Hakim father and Zangi father wore chakmon, that is, he covered Khwaja Shamsiddin with a Sufi scarf woven from camel wool. After that, Khoja Shamsiddin - Sultan Mirhaidar said that his father had reached the status of Sultan, and made predictions and prayers. Also, the fact that he handed over the aso (cane) inherited from father Hakim and father Zangi, and the owner of the hirqa and staff, evaluates Khoja Shamsiddin as a successor of the Yassawi sect, that is, one of its sheikhs (Choriev A., 2013: 33-34).

The nickname Himmatiy given to Zangi's father indicates that this person was generous and noble. At the same time, in Sufism, being zealous for the perfection of the murid has a special place, and in turn, being zealous in the Tariqat also means a spiritual process with various complications. For example, Alisher Navoi wrote in "Mahbub ul-Qulub" that "... generosity is a person's body, diligence is his soul. A person without courage is not in the number of the earth, because a person does not call a body without life alive. According to the historical information presented by A. Fitratning, Zangi Ota's father was also engaged in poetry, including some poetic fragments in Sulayman Boqirgani's "Book of Boqirgani" belong to Zangi Ota's fathers. Although it is a historical fact that he wrote poetry under the pseudonym Himmatiy, until today, Zangi Ota's separate poetry collection or collection has not been identified. According to E. Ochilov, Khoja Ahmad Yassavi is considered the founder of the genre of wisdom in the literature of Turkic peoples (Ochilov E., 2013: 10), as one of the direct students of father Zangi Khoja Ahmad Yassavi, following the traditions of his teacher, he narrated his poems in the genre of wisdom to our people under the pseudonym Himmatiy.

In the book "Hazrat Zangi Ota", Academician A. Saidov presents a number of poetic examples of Zangi Ota's work. For example, in the work "Samarat ul-Mashoyikh" of Shaykh Zinda Ali, copied in 1277, he cites the wisdom of father Zangi written in Persian and Turkish languages. He said that two manuscripts (inv. #1336, #2619) of the work "Samarat ul-Mashoyikh" are kept in the manuscript fund of the Institute of Oriental Studies named after Abu Rayhan Beruni of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He notes that A. Fitrat, later B. Bobojonov, N. Khasan and the Turkish scientist N. Tursun reported on this work (Saidov A. 2023: 51). In 2012, the lectures of the international conference dedicated to Khoja Ahmed Yassavi in the city of Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, presented the Turkish meanings of Zangi Ota's poems in Persian language in Sheikh Zinda Ali's work "Samarat ul-Mashoyikh" (Rafiddinov S., 2012: 80-84). Also, in Temurnoma, information is given about the rubai attributed to father Zangi and the history of the writing of this rubai.

As a result of A. Saidov's research, the poem "Zangi Ota Hikmati" written in Arabic spelling in the old Turkish language was presented to our people for the first time. At the same time, it became known that as a result of the latest research of F.Ashrafkhojaev, Z.Joraev (Ashrafkhojaev F., Joraev Z., 2017: 272), another rubai was identified. Ahmad Hazini's work "Manba ul-abhor fi riyazil abror" ("The source of the seas in the gardens of the good") provides a number of information about the Yassavi sect and its sheikhs.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the famous saint Khoja Ahrar Vali said about Hazrat Zangi ata: "Every morning and evening I hear the mention of Allah rising to the sky from the soil of Zangi ata's grave" (Rafiddinov S., 2011: 78), Chairman of the Office of Muslims of Uzbekistan, Mufti (deceased) Usman Khan Alimov said that "although the rich literary heritage of Father Zangi has not been preserved, most of the historical sources such as Yassaviya genealogies, tazkiras, documents, and historical works contain noteworthy information about this famous saint" (Alimov U., 2010: 3-4). based on their confessions, we can say that Father Zangi focused his main activities on his personal development, the education of murids, the propagation of the doctrine of Yassawism among the people and being an example as a representative of this doctrine. Also, due to the efforts, selfless services and guidance of father Zangi and his caliphs, Dashti Kipchak Turks, many nations in Siberia, Kazakhstan,

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Oryol, Volgaboyi, Tatarstan, and Bashkortostan accepted Islam. Also, the herdsmen considered this person as their pir, because father Zangi was engaged in feeding the herds of the people, and in history, many stories about his herdsmanship and the merits of holy people were mentioned.

We should also highlight the tradition of wisdom characteristic of the peoples of the East as well as the attention paid to wisdom by Father Zangi. Hikmatnafis has a centuries-old history, one of our ancestors who brought wisdom to the level of high art is Khwaja Ahmed Yassavi, this tradition was continued by his students, and wisdom has preserved its relevance even today. For example, the tradition of turning to hikmats in the educational process, poetry evenings, and admonitional songs has been preserved. We should also emphasize that Khoja Ahmed Yassavi, Sulayman Bakirgani (Hakim father) or their followers did not write their wisdom from the point of view of career, prestige or material interests, but rather to encourage the people towards knowledge, morals, and spiritual perfection. those who stated for the purpose of means. According to Professor N. Hasanov, "Ahmed Yassavi's goal was to convey the truths of religion and mysticism to the people. Therefore, religious-mystical rules, prayers, prayers, repentance and apologies described in his wisdom are based on this idea only" (Hasanov N., 2010: 4). Professor U. Uvatov also comments on the fact that we can emphasize the same points about Father Zangi, because this great shaykh wanders freely in the fields and herds while tending herds. they conclude that they have conditions. Also, in the process of interpreting Yassavi's wisdom, we see the different aspects of the former authoritarian regime and the years of independence. For example, in the literary scholar B. Kasimov's article entitled "The Poetry of Proverbs", we see a call to read wisdom with ayyuhannos, a call to preach the truth to people, to act against injustices, indulgence in wealth, pride and arrogance, in the authoritarian regime, wisdom is misinterpreted. , it was misinterpreted and interpreted as saying that the people are being urged to live patiently with oppression and oppression, to agree to slavery and humiliation.

It is customary to call people who created on the basis of wisdom "poets of Ahmad Yassaviya school" or "followers of Ahmad Yassaviy". The tradition of proverbs continued effectively in Turkish literature for several centuries. For example, the book "Hikmat" written by Azim Khoja Eshon, a mystic scholar, wisdom poet, follower of the Yassawi school who lived in Kogan in the late 18th century and the first half of the 19th century, is considered one of the famous works that consistently describes the concept of Sufism. In 1993, due to the honor of independence, this work was taken from the book of Ahmed Yassavi, published in 1894 at the "Kamensky" printing house in Tashkent, and published as a separate book for the first time.

It should be noted that during the period when father Zangi lived, oppression and oppression increased, science, economy, and spiritual and cultural life were in crisis due to the tyranny of the Mongols. It is in this difficult situation that Father Zangi and his disciple followers urge the people to be good, hardworking, to follow piety and sharia, to be fair and compassionate.

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SOCIO-PHILOSOPHICAL ESSENCE OF THE FORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORLDVIEW IN YOUNG PEOPLE

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ABSTRACT

This Article highlights the sociological and philosophical essence of forming scientific worldview of young people. The issues of influence of family values, ethnoenvironment, or social identities to the development of the youth are discussed.

KEY WORDS: *scientific worldview, schools and universities, education, curriculum, information technologies.*

Formation of scientific worldview in young people is the main factor of social development. The 20th century confirmed that the development of the state and society is closely related to scientific thinking, the use of technical inventions, the wide introduction of information technologies, and attention to human capital in the field of education. Today, young people under 30 constitute about half of the world's population [1], and in Uzbekistan it is almost 60%. This shows that the youth is a decisive layer and power in the development of our republic. Thereafore, the main task of the education system is to form a scientific worldview in the youth of our republic, to arouse interest in innovative research and scientific and technical knowledge in them, and to educate them into knowledgeable, modern thinking, skilled in using information technologies, and professional people even during school age.

As President Sh.M. Mirziyoev noted: "If we pay attention to the realization of the abilities of our children from childhood and use all our possibilities for their development, many more Berunis, Ibn Sinas, Ulugbeks will grow up in our country... The peace of our country, the development of our country, ensuring the rights and freedoms of our citizens, strengthening the aspirations of our sons and daughters to science and craft in every way, and supporting entrepreneurship will be at the center of our reforms in the future" [2]. In his speech at the solemn ceremony dedicated to the Day of Youth, the President defines the very important direction for the development of New Uzbekistan as follows: "Today, mobilizing all the strength and capabilities of our state and society, we are taking great steps towards creating the foundation of the Third Renaissance in our country. In this regard, it should be noted that a system of presidential schools, creative and specialized schools of a completely new form and content has been created in our country. Many students studying in these schools are getting high results in prestigious international competitions. For example, Durdona Mukhtorhojaeva from Andijan, Firdavs Sobirov from Bukhara, Daniyor Ismailov, Ilgor Kadirkulov from Syrdarya, Nabikhan Nabikhanov, Nodira Sadullaeva from Tashkent, Iskandar Boriev, Dilshod Khojakulov, Rail Khashaev won gold, silver and bronze medals of international Olympiads in physics, mathematics and chemistry. . We should be proud of such intelligent and knowledgeable children" [3]. In 2021 alone, all 96 students who graduated from Presidential schools entered prestigious foreign universities on the basis of grants before the deadline. For example, Temurbek Sulaymanov from Tashkent entered 26 foreign universities, Nursultan Duysenbaev from Karakalpakstan 16 universities, Charoskhan Oktamboeva from Khorezm 8 universities, Robiyakhan Nabijonova from Namangan 5 universities, Visola Asadiullaeva, a high school graduate from Andijan, was admitted to 12 prestigious foreign universities. It should be noted that such results have never happened before in our history". Every year in our republic, more than 560 thousand young people graduate from high school, and about 20 thousand from universities. However, there are a number of problems in getting jobs.

For example, despite the fact that there are more than 400,000 jobs available for high school or vocational college graduates, almost half of those who graduate from high school or college are unemployed, and the jobs they do find are low-paying. Therefore, the order to fill these positions remains in place. Or there are about 180,000 vacancies in various sectors of the national economy. But because of the demand for higher education, recruiting talented young people into these fields remains a problem. The President proposes to revise the procedure for requiring a higher education diploma in employment and believes that it is possible to abandon the diploma factor in hiring really talented young people. Today, only 30% of jobs in transport, construction, logistics, statistics, agro-accounting, which require knowledge of mathematics, accounting, geometry and algebra, are occupied by specially educated personnel, and the remaining 70% are almost empty. Due to the fact that the applicants do not have special knowledge, especially a diploma of higher education, it is impossible to accept young people without a special diploma, but with talent. In this regard, we do not have a specific experience, nor the ability to apply foreign experiences. It is

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true that in the above report, the President states that Andijan region has the experience of training personnel in accordance with the requirements of the market economy, and proposes to spread this experience to our republic. However, if we look closely, colleges and universities in Andijan region prepare personnel for the specialties established by the Ministry of Public Education, Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education, and conduct classes on the established subjects. In this case, it is inappropriate for the regional administration to interfere with educational processes, especially with the system of personnel training in accordance with the market economy. We are not against the training of personnel that meets the requirements of the market economy, but it does not meet the requirements of our educational system. In addition, it is known to everyone that the market economy itself is not yet formed in our country, and in the personnel training system, it remains to establish a contract, a supercontract. And universities of foreign countries do not study our national market, they mainly care more about collecting contract money. Perhaps this process will continue naturally in the initial stages, and in time, branches of foreign universities may also switch to training personnel based on national needs and the interests of our market economy... The formation of a scientific worldview in young people is integral with the entire education and training system, processes and institutions.

Even the pre-school education system and institutions introduce children to scientific views, ideas and concepts, teach them to know existence, nature and society. However, the transition from scientific knowledge to a scientific worldview, according to experts, involves complex situations and procedures:

1) trusting the mind to understand the truth and showing logical consistency in this regard;
2) recognition that not only scientific, but also non-scientific, life views meet in scientific knowledge;
3) influence of family values, ethnoenvironment, or social identities;
4) courage is needed to protect the scientific outlook, common sense and realism;
5) if there is a conflict between faith (for example, religious, transcendental) and a scientific worldview, the courage to choose objective existence, scientific value is necessary;
6) the scientific worldview collides with internal psychological principles, thoughts, life ideas that are not similar to others, at this time intellectual purity plays the main role;
7) protect each person's own opinion and assume that each person may have a different view;
8) personal confidence, accumulated experiences have the power to influence the scientific outlook;
9) every moment, every thing can give a person unique feelings, sensations and visions;
10) the scientific worldview ultimately leads to naturalism, that is, the existence of an objective existence, this existence is a human being. It is necessary to firmly believe that his intellect can understand and change [4].

Apparently. the scientific worldview is not just experience or vital, everyday thoughts, it is a metaphysical reality with certain principles, internal and external signs. If we consider the world as an architecture of values, then the scientific worldview is an ideal, trust of human epistemological experiences that harmonizes these values, gives them a humanistic essence , is the embodiment of views and imagination [5].

Conceptually important norms and programs aimed at satisfying the needs and rights of young people to scientific knowledge have been adopted in new Uzbekistan. The Constitution of New Uzbekistan, adopted in a national referendum in 2023, "State policy on youth" of the Oliy Majlis (2016), the new edition of the Law "On Education" (2017), State Laws such as "On Science" (2019) and more than 200 Decrees and Resolutions of the President in this field represent the concept of supporting the intellectual potential of young people. His Decrees "On the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for 2022-2026" (January 28, 2022), "On the State Program on the Implementation of the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan for the years 2022-2026 in the "Year of Attention to People and Quality Education"" (February 28, 2023), "On Further Support for Talented Young People Studying in Higher Education Institutions of the Republic and Engaged in Scientific Research" (September 9, 2021) and "On Approval of the Innovative Development Strategy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2022-2026" (June 6, 2022) and Resolutions "On additional measures to expand the opportunities for modern knowledge and professional acquisition" (2022, August 12) determine the directions and practical measures related to providing knowledge and education to young people, developing their scientific outlook.

There are 10,130 schools in our republic, where more than 6 million young people study. Therefore, our president pays a lot of attention to school education, paying attention to such necessary measures as increasing the salaries of teachers, providing them with financial support, helping to solve housing problems, and making it easier to get loans. Today, 1,695 schools in our republic need capital repair, 179 of them are straw-built, more than 3,000 schools need additional buildings. More than 2,000 schools do not have sports halls or training grounds. It is necessary to build 270 schools in the new massifs established in the following years. Of the 504,000 teachers working in schools, 60,000 have secondary education, and 190,000 have no qualifications at all. The knowledge and skills of many teachers are not sufficient. The teacher does not strive to give a quality lesson, but to "get more hours". Educational standards, curricula are focused only on theoretical knowledge, children are not taught logical thinking, digitization technologies and algorithms. There are still more than 200 different reports in the system, clearly and mathematically education is too stereotyped, they do not take into account the demands of the market economy and, most importantly, the interests of the students. Sources show that today only 32% of teachers in physics, mathematics, algebra, and geometry have special knowledge in schools, vacancies in these areas are almost 40%. The fund of school libraries is not renewed for years. Such shortcomings encourage to fundamentally revise all approaches in the public education system, to reform the quality

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and processes of education [6]. In order to organize and carry out these reforms, special councils were established at the republic level (the President himself is the chairman) and local councils (hokims are the chairman).

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REFORMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF FORMING YOUNG PEOPLE'S MATHEMATICAL COGNITION

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ABSTRACT

This article hihlights the reforms in higher education institutions and philosophical aspects of forming young people's mathematical cognition. Furthermore, increasing the intellectual potential of young people, developing creative activity in them, involving them in the effective solution of socio-economic problems through the formation of digitization skills are discussed.

KEY WORDS: *education, Third Rennaissance, personnel, mathematics, cognition.*

In our country, there is an increasing demand for highly educated personnel and the high interest of young people in getting higher education. According to the accounting books of experts, the total demand for vacancies (as of April 29, 2022) with higher education is 49.3%.

Also, higher education plays an important role in the creation of the knowledge needed for the future, known as research and development, in addition to the economy in relation to human capital competence. Higher education institutions are the main factor determining the scope of scientific research in the country, and the rate of return on investments in scientific development is 80 percent". It is known that 80 percent of our investments are made in the training of highly educated specialists. It is less than that of advanced countries, of course. It seems paradoxical to invest at a time when employment of even highly educated personnel (up to 30% in some sectors) remains a problem. However, our people do not spare their money in order to raise their children to be educated, professional and beneficial to the country. No matter how much our state invests, it will still be the responsibility of parents to educate their children and give them higher education. We found out during the interviews how much the families spend on their children every month (in US dollars), and we came to the opinion that they can be divided into three groups. Low-income families spend about 200-300 dollars for their children, middle-income families spend 500-700 dollars, rich families spend 1000-1200, even 1500 dollars. Even low-income families try to save money for their children's higher education. "More than half of the cars collected around universities belong to young students, so it is not difficult to understand how big the investment of parents is. What is interesting for us is that the investments made by families in finance, economics, polytechnic, architecture universities, which require mathematical thinking, are almost equal to the investments made by their families, as well as the investments made by students in the fields of jurisprudence and diplomacy (1,000, 1,200, even 1,500 US dollars per month). Investments made by families to students in the social and humanitarian direction are around 400-500 US dollars. Investments made in developed countries, for example, one dollar should return to four or five dollars in the future" [1]. Unfortunately, it has not been determined how much the investments are in general and how much profit or loss they bring. The researcher poses a valid question: "Are the financial indicators in higher education being analyzed practically? Let's say what is the cost of educating one student for four years? In which university, in which direction, teaching is more expensive and why? How much is it costing a student to use all the resources if he has 5 teachers during the semester? Is the learner paying the appropriate contract? It is worth noting that if a master's student studies on the basis of a state grant and graduates from the university with at least an additional burden, how much can the educational institution "sell" it for? Are similar questions being answered in the system, and therefore highly informed situational analytics being implemented? What analytical data are educational reforms based on?" [1].

No one has calculated how much the "burden" is on the society and the state if the personnel are unable to find work or are engaged in activities completely contrary to their specialization. It is true that the market economy requires a free choice of activities, but this does not mean that market investments are included. In this case, it is necessary for the state to intervene in the processes of employment of young people, especially young highly educated personnel. A single family cannot decide whether the investments made by parents will benefit the state and the people, it requires measures at the national level. Despite the fact that the admission quotas for mathematics and scientific and technical universities are not filled, the fact that families allocate the highest investments and spend funds to their children who enter this direction makes us think and search. Another interesting aspect is that almost one fifth (21%) of the dissertations defended in the scientific councils of the universities correspond to mathematics and exact sciences. Here too, it is observed that the share of family investments is

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large. For example, Tashkent State Pedagogical University has three academic councils. 160-170 dissertations are defended in them every year. But dissertations supported in mathematics and exact sciences, according to our accounting books, are only 4-6%. Every year, more than 600 pedagogues are trained at the university in the fields of mathematics, algebra, and geometry, however, only 27-30% of highly educated specialists in these fields are in our schools. The university cooperates with about 200 different organizations, provides methodical didactic support, but there are no institutions focused on mathematics and exact sciences (for example, the scientific research institute of mathematics and cybernetics, the digitalization agency, the University of Information Technologies, the Academy of Finance). Although the main goal is to spread pedagogical experiences and new pedtechnologies, isn't it necessary to connect them to the above institutions in order to prepare young students, especially students in the fields of mathematics and concrete sciences, for real life?

The third Renaissance is the idea of confidence in the future. There is great hope for science and innovative research. Therefore, in the center of the idea of the Third Renaissance, increasing the intellectual potential of young people, developing creative activity in them, involving them in the effective solution of socio-economic problems through the formation of digitization skills is the main task of the President's speeches. According to the director of the Institute of Mathematics of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Hero of Uzbekistan, academician Shavkat Ayupov, the development of mathematics and the improvement of the institute's activities have become a task for the leader of our country in recent years. By the decree of the President, the Institute of Mathematics named after V. Romanovsky was re-established within the Academy of Sciences. A new building for the institution was built and commissioned in the town of Talabala. According to the President's Decision "On measures to improve the quality of education in the field of mathematics and develop scientific research" (May 7, 2020), a fund to support the development of mathematics science and education was established, and institute departments were opened in the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the regions. Although these units belong directly to the Mathematics Scientific Research Institute, the fact that they were opened at local universities connects them with real-life, educational, educational and economic problems. "The institute's research is recognized at the world level, there are scientific schools in functional analysis, algebra, differential equations, probability theory and mathematical statistics, computer technology, and it is a large scientific center for training highly qualified personnel for the needs of the country. 7 of our employees were elected full members of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan and 5 members of the prestigious World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). [2].

On the initiative of our President, the Ministry of Higher Education and Innovation was established in our Republic in 2020. The goal was to combine higher education with practical, innovative research. The Department "Implementation of innovative educational technologies and teaching methods in the higher education system" was also opened at the Ministry. Specialists of this department use "Blended learning" as innovative teaching methods for higher education. Models such as "Flipped Classroom", "Tactile Education" and "Keywatch Education" have been proposed. "Blended education" methodology is a method created by the University of Strasbourg in France. The result of its use, that is, students' creative activity and desire for innovative research, was 90%. The "flipped classroom" model was invented by Brunel University in Great Britain. According to the results, this method made 92.5% of the students' mastery of the subject by doing their homework voluntarily, with innovative research. "Tactile education" is an invention of the University of Dusseldorf, Germany. This method involves absorbing the lectures by physical activity instead of listening silently. According to the results, students' mastery of subjects is 87.3%. The last one is an educational method of explaining lectures and topics through video materials. It is used in Singapore universities. The level of students' mastery of the subject and scientific, innovative activity is 91% [3]. The methods "Flipped Classroom" and "Blended Learning" are used more often in 63 educational institutions. In recent years, the emergence of innovative educational methods and tools, such as artificial intelligence, platforms such as ChatGPT, means that the period of great changes in education has come. These tools and methods, which are products of mathematical thinking, make great demands on the fields of personnel training. "How this issue is solved literally determines the tomorrow of the society". Therefore, whether the personnel preparing for higher education will not be "hunters" in the labor market, or how many percent the "army" of the unemployed that exists today will increase or decrease in the future depends on the strategic decisions made at the moment. The only difference is that now the unemployed will have a diploma. Importantly, the state and families invested in them. Unless human resources enter the market as new value-added creators, increasing education's share of GDP, or as new tax payers, the state loses in this area. Any work done, change will end ineffectively like water sprinkled on sand" [1]. According to the researcher, due to artificial intelligence, 80% of personnel or courses being trained in the higher education system today will not meet the requirements of the labor market tomorrow [1]. Another serious problem is related to digitization. Today, our government is trying to digitize all areas, various documents and measures are being taken in this regard. Planning to fully digitize the economy by 2030 risks increasing the number of unemployed graduates. Doctor of Economics, Professor B. Sanakulova expresses it as follows: "How to solve the problem of unemployed personnel that may arise as a result of the planning of state systems? In this regard, what is being done in the higher education system today? After all, the army of unemployed people with diplomas poses a serious threat to the state from a political point of view, because they have a lot of ideas... If they are the victims of changes in the system, initiatives that have been put forward without deep thought, if they cannot study and provide for their families, if they cannot meet the needs of their child who is staring at them, who will take their pain from?" [1]. Therefore, it is necessary and necessary to start training specialists who have a wide range of thinking and provide non-standard, easy and cheap solutions in problematic situations.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES MARKET IN THE REPUBLIC OF KARAKALPAGISTON BASED ON SOCIOLOGICAL QUESTIONNAIRES

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ABSTRACT

This article analyzes the current state of the development of the market of medical services (MMS) of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the results of evaluation of competitiveness based on sociological questionnaires are given.

KEY WORDS: *healthcare system, state and non-state healthcare sector, medical services market, competitive environment, level of competitiveness, competitiveness factors.*

Competitiveness assessment is an integral element of strategic planning for a medical organization. Study of competitive positions and competitive conditions in MMS (market of medical services), it is necessary for a medical organization to determine its advantages and disadvantages compared to competitors, to develop its own successful competitive strategy and to determine future development directions that will help ensure competitive advantage.

According to the algorithm developed in paragraph 3 of chapter 1, we evaluate the competitiveness of medical organizations in the city of Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan. For this purpose, stationary and ambulatory medical organizations were selected to ensure comparability of the conditions of comparative analysis.

The clinics are the most popular medical organizations of this type among residents and visitors of Nukus, Karakalpakstan. The capacity of city polyclinic organizations is 9101 people per shift.

Clinics are engaged in diagnosis, treatment, prevention of diseases, as well as medical rehabilitation of patients. Medical services are provided in ambulatory conditions, at home or at other treatment and prevention institutions (TPI) at the expense of patients' personal funds. In the clinics, people are received by doctors of various specialties, there are rooms for diagnosis, laboratory tests, physiotherapy procedures, consultations, etc.

The work of city polyclinics is carried out on a local-territorial basis. Clinics provide medical services to the population living in their territory. Currently, the size of the regional therapeutic area is determined by its length, distance from the clinic and the number of adults aged 18 and older (standard 1600-1700 people).

Non-state polyclinics provide medical services to all citizens, regardless of their place of residence, at the expense of their personal funds or the funds of organizations and sponsors.

Medical organizations participating in the study and their characteristics are presented in Table 1.
Considering the activity of the medical organization in Table 1 as acceptable, the last final selection was made only after checking the compliance of the activities of medical service organizations with licensing requirements:

a) the organization must have buildings and structures that meet the requirements of the specified license;

b) there must be medical equipments, gadgets and apparatus registered in the prescribed manner;

c) must have the level of education stipulated in the qualification requirements for healthcare professionals;

g) there should be a system of internal control of the quality and safety of medical activity.

In accordance with the methodology developed by the author, the assessment of the competitiveness of medical service organizations in the city of Nukus was carried out using an expert method. When choosing specialists, the following characteristics are taken into account: education, qualifications, experience in the field of health care, position held, academic degree, etc. The total number of experts was 8 people.

Therefore, the evaluation of the competitiveness of the medical service organization was carried out by conducting a survey among experts, determining the rating indicators and their weighting coefficients.

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Table 1
Descriptions of some medical organizations of the Republic of Karakalpakstan that participated in the research [1]

Name of the medical organization	Organization address	Number of medical services	Number of medical services within OMI	The number of doctors according to the work schedule	Availability of the organization's website	Organization rating on a 5-point scale
GROUP 1: State medical organizations						
Karakalpakstan Multidisciplinary Medical Center	Nukus city. A.Dosnazarov, 110	22	22	105	+ www.rktmo.uz	5
Karakalpakstan Endocri nology dispensary	Nukus city. Ch.Abdirov 1	15	15	60	+	4
Nukus city. Multidisciplinary medical association	Nukus city. Chimboy choykhona 3.	20	20	95	+	4,1
QR Cardiology dispensary	Nukus city. 25th microdistrict, 2nd house	12	12	70	+	5
GROUP 2: Non-State Medical Organizations						
Medical centre	Nukus sh. A.Dosnazarov, 8A-uy	11	0	18	+ medical-centre.uz	4
Imkoniyat	Nukus sh. Taxiatosh	28	0	12	+	4,7
Ata-ana Medical center	Nukus sh. A.Dosnazarov, 68A	10	0	15	+	3,7
Uromed Nukus	Nukus sh. J.Aymurzayev, 23-uyb 73 V	8	0	4	+	5

The composition of experts participating in the assessment of the competitiveness of medical service organizations is presented in Figure 1.

In the process of rating, the selected experts evaluate and place the indicators offered to them in the most rational sequential order acceptable to them and give each of them numbers in a natural series. In this case, the 1st-level number is assigned to the object most preferred by the expert, and the 5th-level number is assigned to the least preferred object. The accuracy of each expert rating is checked impartially after the overall assessment.

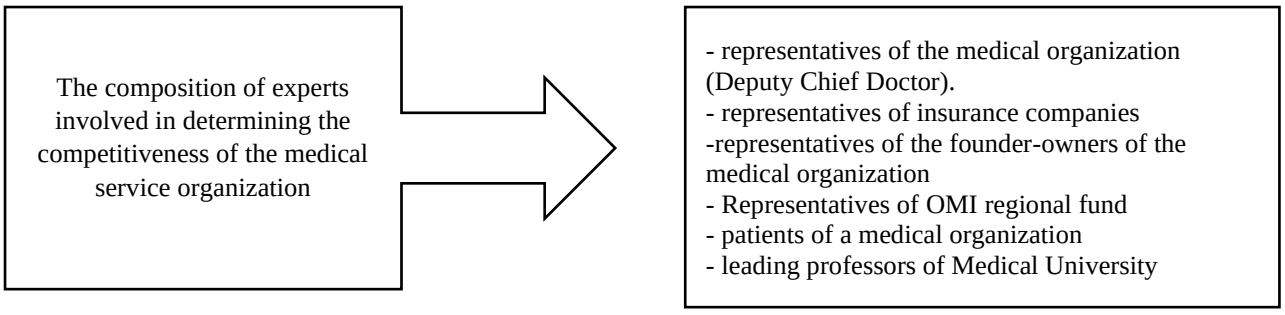


Figure 1. The composition of experts participating in the evaluation of the competitiveness of the medical service organization [2]

First of all, experts evaluate the quality of medical services on the basis of such indicators as compliance with doctors' "treatment statements" (k1); completeness of medical services (k2); friendly attitude (deontology), politeness and competence of medical staff (k3); openness and access to information about the medical organization (k4); access to favorable conditions and medical services, including for the disabled (k5); compliance with sanitary standards and epidemiological requirements (k6).

[1] *Муаллиф ҳисоб-китоблари асосида тузилган*
[2] *Муаллиф ишланмаси*

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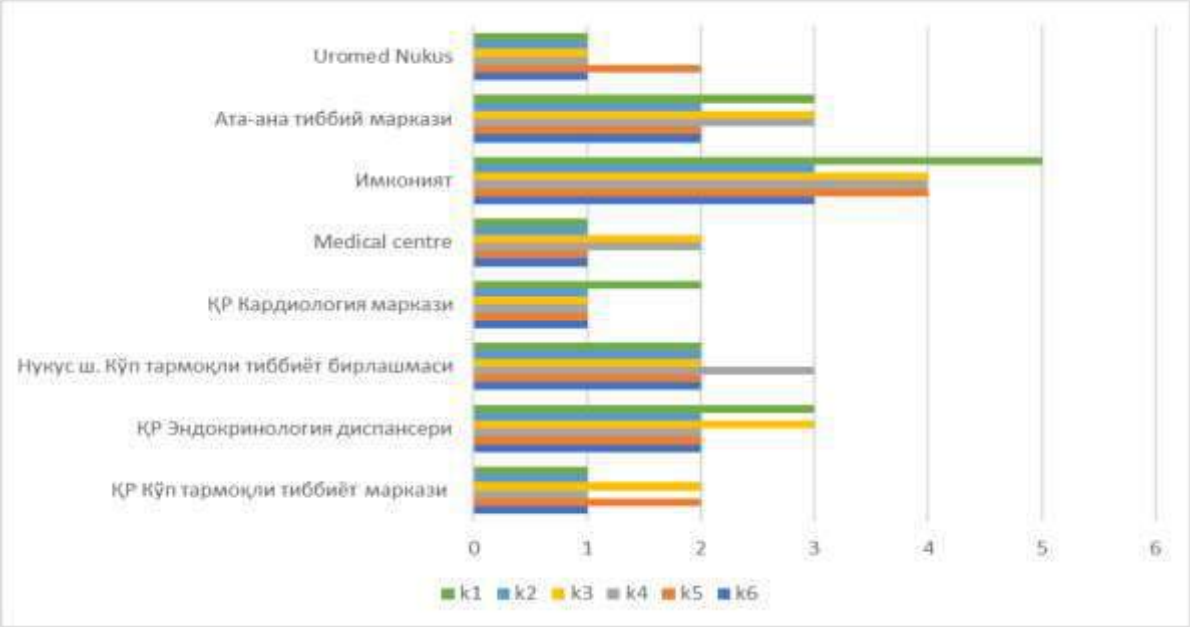


Figure 2. Results of expert assessment of the quality of medical services in medical organizations in Nukus 3

Based on the received expert evaluations, a comprehensive indicator of the quality of medical services was calculated (Table 2).

Table 2
Complex indicators of state and non-state medical organizations operating in Nukus, Republic of Karakalpakstan, based on expert assessment [4]

t/r	Name of medical organization	Complex indicator
1.	Multidisciplinary Medical Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	1,3
2.	Endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	2,3
3.	Nukus City Multidisciplinary Medical Association	2,16
4.	Cardiology Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	1,16
5.	Medical center	1,33
6.	Imkoniyat	3,8
7.	Ata-ana Medical center	2,5
8.	Uromed Nukus	1,16

The results of the expert assessment of the quality of medical services in the organizations providing medical services in Nukus are presented in Figure 3.

3 Муаллиф ҳисоб-китоблари асосида ишлаб чиқилган
[4] Муаллиф ҳисоб-китоблари

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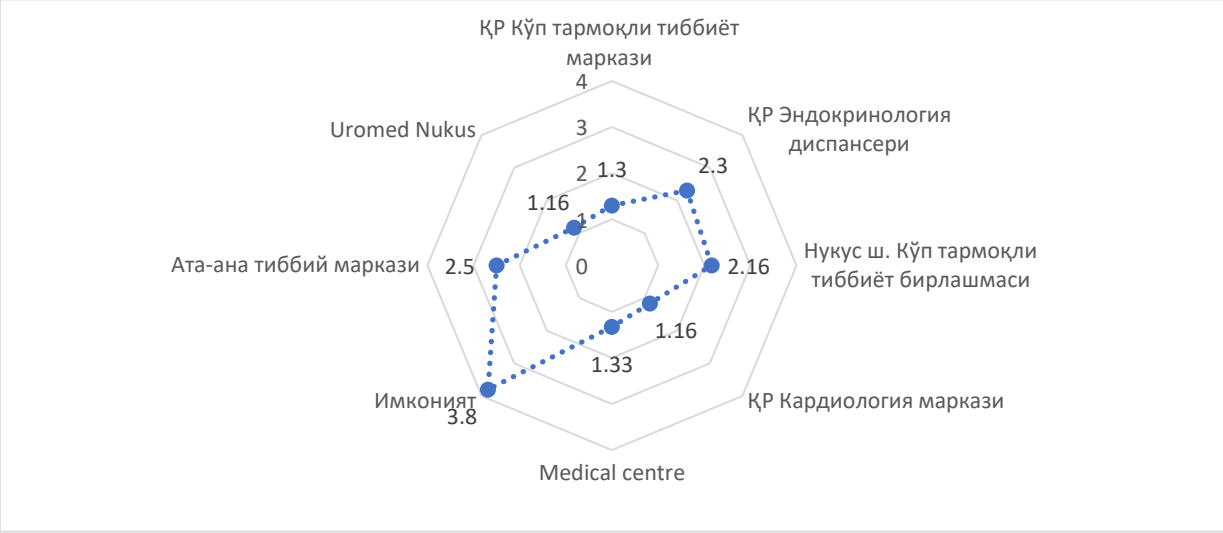


Figure 3. The value of the complex indicator of the assessment of the quality of medical services in medical organizations in the city of Nukus [5]

According to the results of the assessment of the quality of medical services, it can be seen that almost all specialists in the medical organizations of Nukus rated the indicator “politeness and competence of medical staff (k3)” as very low quality in the private clinic “Imkoniyat” in Nukus. It was also noted that “favorable conditions and access to medical services, including for disabled citizens (kz)” are relatively low. In addition, in this clinic, only the indicators of compliance with sanitary norms and epidemiological requirements (k6) and completeness of medical services (k2) were evaluated as relatively satisfactory. In all other indicators, we can see that the condition in the private clinic “Imkoniyat” is comparably low.

Apart from the “Imkoniyat” private medical clinic, the other 3 Medical Centers, Uromed non-state medical organizations had higher expert evaluations of the quality of medical services. It can be seen that all the indicators in the Ata-ana Medical center are much better than in the “Imkoniyat” LLC medical clinic.

Among the private medical organizations, Uromed non-state medical organization received the best indicators (1,2,1,1,1,1). Only the indicator of conditions for disabled people (k5) was evaluated by experts as good, not excellent.

The indicators of the private clinic of the Medical Center (k4,k3) were rated as “good” by experts, and the remaining 4 indicators were rated as “excellent” (1,1,1,1).

Among the state medical organizations, the multidisciplinary medical center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (1,2,1,2,1,1) and the dispensary of cardiology of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (1,1,1,1,1,2) took the highest rate. In these organizations, almost every 5-6 indicators were evaluated by experts as “excellent” and 1-2 indicators as “good”.

Endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan was evaluated by experts in the ratio (2,2,2,3,2,3) according to the “treatment statements” (k1) and friendly attitude (deontology), politeness and competence of medical staff (k3) had the lowest indicator. The Nukus City Medical Association was rated relatively well by experts among state organizations (2,2,3,2,2,2).

According to Table 2, among the medical organizations that participated in the survey, the maximum value of the comprehensive indicator of the quality of medical services corresponded to the Cardiology Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and Uromed Nukus private clinics (1.16). The next place is occupied by the Multidisciplinary Medical Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and private clinics of the Medical Center (1.33), the Multidisciplinary Medical Association of the city of Nukus (2.16), the Endocrinology Dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (2.3), Ata-ana Medical center (2.5) and the last place was taken by the private clinic “Imkoniyat” LLC (3.8).

So, among the private clinics, the Medical Center and Uromed non-state medical organizations took the lead. At the private clinics of “Ata-ana Medical center” and “Imkoniyat” LLC, it is still necessary to implement measures in all directions and bring the quality of medical services to the level of satisfaction of the people.

Among the state medical organizations, the cardiology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan and the multidisciplinary medical center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan took the lead. The indicator of endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, Nukus city medical association is not at the level of today;s requirements.

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However, according to experts, the quality of medical services in the health care organizations studied in Nukus in recent years is much higher. This is primarily due to the fact that organizations strive to maintain competitive advantages by providing high-quality medical services.

Before proceeding to the calculation of the index of average prices in the studied medical organizations, we reviewed the price lists for paid medical services posted on the websites of medical organizations. Table 3 shows the prices of the most requested medical services in some selected state and non-state medical organizations in Nukus, the center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

It can be seen from Table 3 that 10 indicators and treatments were taken for comparison, and the prices of medical services in most non-state medical organizations are much higher than in other budget system city organizations. In particular, the initial examination of therapists and surgeons is higher in all private sector medical organizations than in the public sector. Intravenous and intramuscular injection procedures are performed free of charge in all public sector organizations, while in the private sector, this procedure costs 12-25 thousand soums. Urine and blood analysis procedures, UEM examinations are 60-68 thousand soums in the public sector, and 50-70 thousand soums in non-state medical organizations. On the contrary, X-ray examinations are 50-65 thousand soums in the public sector, and 55-60 thousand soums in the private sector. This is due to the high cost of services in non-state medical organizations that provide medical services.

This situation is explained by the fact that according to our current legislation, medical organizations have the right to independently determine the prices of paid medical services by medical service providers. The value of individual price indexes for medical services in medical service organizations in the city of Nukus is presented in Figure 4.

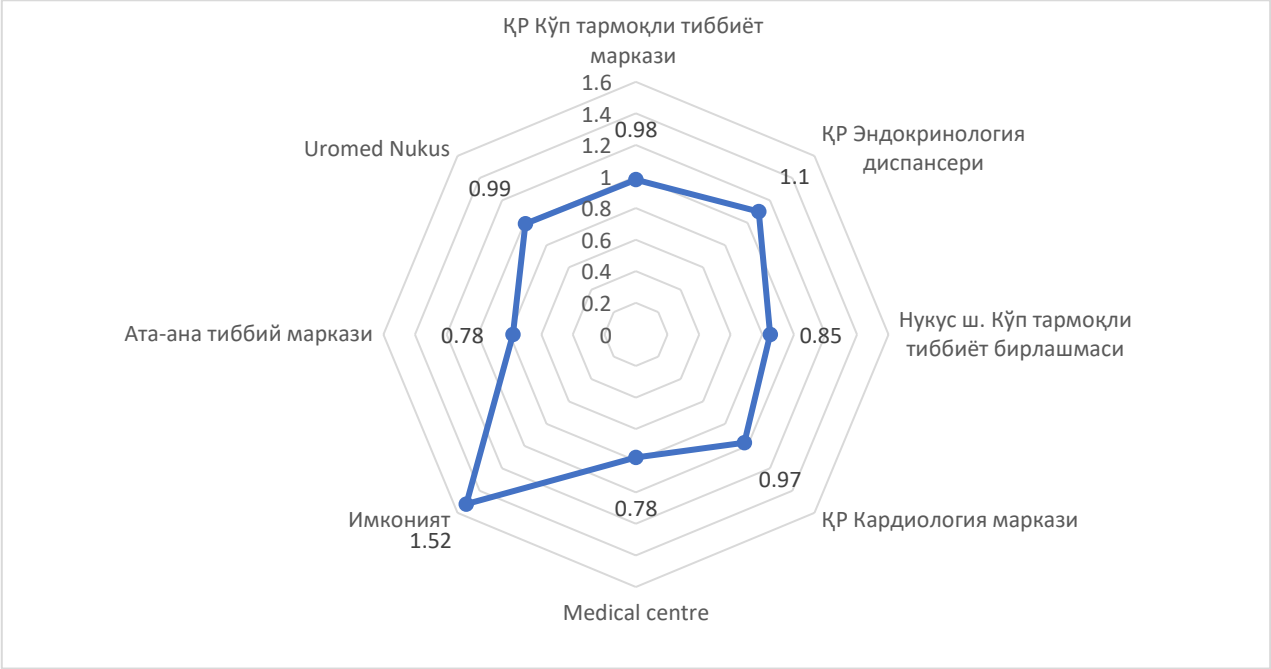


Figure 4. Values of the average indices of medical service evaluations in Nukus city medical organizations [6]

According to the analysis of the data in Table 3, the lowest prices of medical services are offered to the multidisciplinary medical association of Nukus city, and the highest prices are offered by the cardiology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan. This difference is especially noticeable in services such as “Doctor’s home care” and “UEM analysis”. As for non-state medical organizations, the highest ratings are observed in the private medical clinic “Imkoniyat” LLC, and the lowest in the private clinic “Medical center”. This is especially evident in the “Blood analysis” and “Urine analysis” procedures. If we do a comparative analysis of the evaluations of 10 types of medical services and procedures in 8 medical organizations selected for the study, in that case, the results of calculating the average rating index for each of the 8 organizations providing medical services are shown in Figure 4 below. According to our analysis, among the 8 selected state and non-state medical organizations, according to the average rating index, the lowest ratings (average index equals 81.2) were recorded by private clinics “Medical Center” and Ata-ana Medical center (0.78), the highest rating index was recorded at the endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (1.1) and the private medical clinic “Imkoniyat” LLC (1.52).

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Table 3

Prices of medical services included in the main list of some state and non-state medical organizations in the Republic of Karakalpakstan[7], in soums

Name of medical service	MEDICAL ORGANIZATION NAME							
	Karakalpakstan Multidisciplinary medical center	Nukus city multi-disciplinary medical organization	Nukus city multi-disciplinary medical organization	Cardiology dispensary of Karakalpakstan	Medical center	Imkoniyat LLC	Ata-ana Medical center	URO MED NUKUS
Initial examination by a therapist	48000	50000	45000	45000	70000	50000	70000	50000
Doctor's service at home	0	0	0	100000	0	0	0	150000
Initial examination by a doctor-surgeon	35000	40000	35000	30000	70000	60000	65000	50000
General blood analysis (manual according to 5 indicators)	64000	60000	60000	65000	50000	350000	40000	100000
Urine analysis	25000	0	25000	20000	50000	350000	40000	30000
Intravenous injection in a 10 ml syringe	0	0	0	0	12000	10000	15000	25000
Intramuscular injection in a 5 ml syringe	0	0	0	0	12000	10000	15000	25000
Ultrasound examination of 1 internal organ	68000	65000	65000	60000	70000	60000	70000	50000
Full ultrasound of internal organs	257000	260000	250000	265000	180000	170000	200000	250000
X-ray examination	60000	65000	55000	50000	55000	50000	60000	0
Average price indicator	79,5	90,0	69,2	79,3	63,2	123,3	63,9	81,1
Average price index	0,98	1,1	0,85	0,97	0,78	1,52	0,78	0,99

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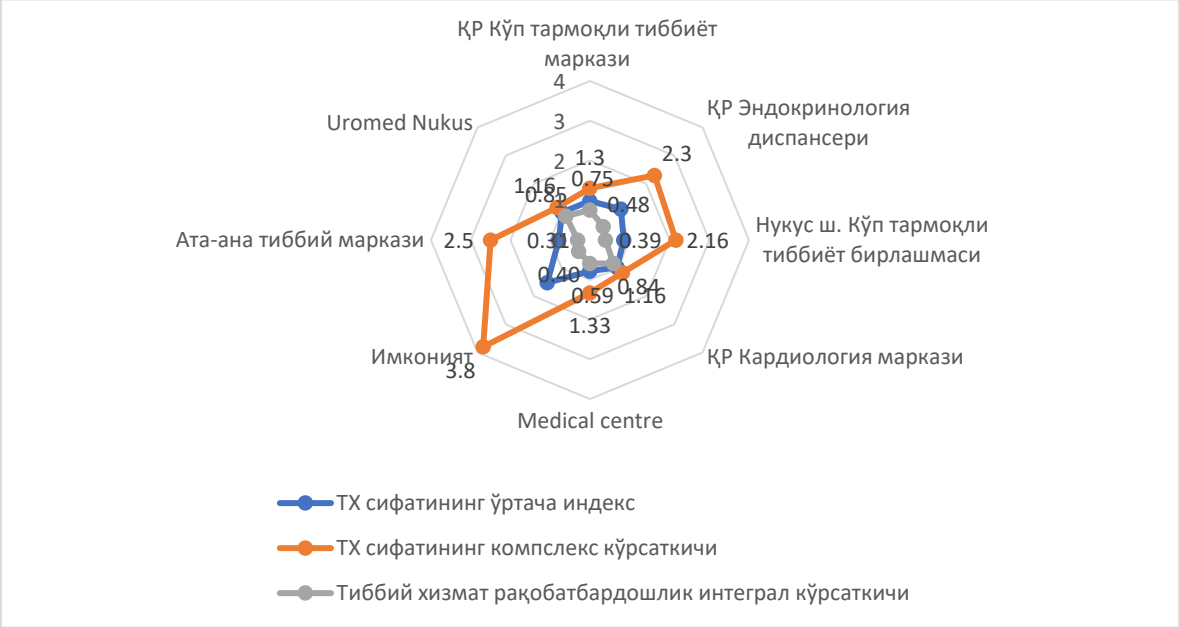


Figure 5. Results of assessment of competitiveness of medical organizations in Nukus [8]

Now we calculate an integrated indicator of competitiveness for each medical service organization. Figure 5 presents the results of the evaluation of the competitiveness of medical organizations selected for the study operating in the city of Nukus.

Table 4 shows the correlation between the value of the integral indicator of competitiveness and the level of competitiveness of the medical service organization.

Table 4
Criteria for evaluating the level of competitiveness of a medical service organization [9]

The value of the competitiveness index of medical organizations	The level of competitiveness of the medical organization
0	Zero degree
0,25 ≥0	Low level
0,5≥0,26	Average level
0,75≥0,51	High level
1 ≥0,76	Absolute degree of competitiveness =1

Now, in Table 5 below, we present the results of calculating the integral indicators of the quality of medical service and competitiveness in the medical service organizations selected for the study operating in the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

Table 5
Evaluation of the quality of medical services (MS) and integral indicators of competitiveness in medical organizations of the Republic of Karakalpakstan [10]

	Average index of quality of MS	A comprehensive indicator of the quality of MS	An integral indicator of the competitiveness of MS
Endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	0,98	1,3	0,75
Endocrinology dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	1,1	2,3	0,48

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The city of Nukus is a multidisciplinary medical association	0,85	2,16	0,39
Cardiology Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan	0,97	1,16	0,84
Medical centerOpportunity	0,7	1,33	0,59
Imkoniyat	1,52	3,8	0,40
Ata-ana Medical center	0,78	2,5	0,31
Uromed Nukus	0,99	1,16	0,85

According to Table 5, among medical organizations in Nukus, the level of competitiveness, that is, according to the integrated indicator of competitiveness, the Republican Cardiology Center (0.84), Uromed Nukus private clinic (0.85) is very high, The index of the Multidisciplinary Medical Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (0.75) and the Private Clinic of the Medical Center (0.59) is high, as well as the remaining 4 Endocrinology Dispensary of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (0.48), Nukus City The competitiveness of p branch medical association (0.39), "Imkoniyat" LLC (0.40) and Ata-ana Medical center private clinics (0.31) was assessed as medium level.

If we look at public sector medical organizations, the highest level of competitiveness was achieved by the Cardiology Center of the Republic of Karakalpakstan (0.84), and the lowest level of competitiveness by the Multidisciplinary Medical Association of Nukus (0.39). Therefore, in the future, it is appropriate to review the positive and negative factors that directly affect the quality and competitiveness of medical services in the activity of the multidisciplinary medical association serving the residents of the city of Nukus, which is the center of the republic, and to regulate the process. Among non-state medical organizations, the highest level of competitiveness was observed in Uromed Nukus private clinic (0.85) and the lowest level of competitiveness was observed in private clinics of Ata-ana Medical center (0.31) and the difference was almost 2.5 times. Based on our opinion, we believe that it would be appropriate to develop and implement a strategy to improve the quality of medical services in private-sector clinics in Karakalpakstan in the near future. This strategy should be based on measures to enhance the quality of medical services and improve the organizational and economic mechanisms to ensure the competitiveness of organizations providing medical services. In the course of our research, we conducted sociological questionnaires in 1 city and 16 districts in the Republic of Karakalpakstan in order to assess the level of competitiveness of TSC. In these questionnaires, a total of 380 business subjects, including 120 of emergency clinics providing medical services, 260 responsible employees of LLC answered the questions asked by the researcher.

Table 6

Evaluation of the activities of state and private medical organizations in the Republic of Karakalpakstan by respondents [11]

Features	Private clinics in percent	Percentage in state medical organizations
Depending on the nature of the disease, it is possible to approach patients individually	46 ta (15%)	28 ta (16.5%)
Quick and accurate diagnosis	86 ta (27%)	48 ta (28%)
The level of provision of innovative technologies	66 ta (21%)	30ta(18%)
Few queues	72ta (23%)	40 ta (24%)
Online tips	44 ta (14%)	23 ta (14%)
High digitization		
High deontology	(76 %)	

In the analysis of the development and competitiveness of MMS, the main attention was paid to private sector medical organizations along with the public sector in order to improve the quality of services, expand their types, and deeply study the problems and proposals in Karakalpakstan in the provision of medical services. In the conducted survey, significant differences between state and non-state medical institutions in the Republic of Karakalpakstan were distinguished based on the conclusions given by the respondents. In the Republic of Karakalpakstan, respondents were given the opportunity to select several types of medical services in order to determine the most attractive medical service complex for the development of private medicine in their regions. Entrepreneurs working in the private medical sector of Karakalpakstan emphasized that in order to improve the quality of medical services in the region, to expand the scope of services and to make the population satisfied with medicine, the following problems should be eliminated. In particular, 18 percent of entrepreneurs in their activity "lack and limitation of preferential loans", 15 percent "lack of land plots for private activities in places", 19 percent "lack of full study of the existing demand", 29 percent "lack of medical equipment" and

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"shortage and high tariffs for their import", 19 percent of respondents assessed each as "lack of qualified personnel" (Table 7).

Table 7

Respondents' assessment of the problems hindering the activities of subjects in the field of medicine in Karakalpakstan [12]

Obstructive problems	State organizations, in %	Private medical organizations, in %
Shortage and limitation of preferential loans	7%	18%
Problems related to land in the territories	5%	15%
Not fully studying the current demand	35%	11%
Lack of medical equipment and high import tariffs	35%	23%
Lack of qualified personnel	18%	33%

In the course of our research, to the question "Which are the doctors of the narrow field that are consulted for the most diseases in Karakalpakstan?", the respondents indicated the following medical professions that are in high demand (Table 8).

Table 8

Respondents' assessment of doctors in a narrow field in high demand in the Republic of Karakalpakstan [13]

Narrow Field Specializations	State organizations, in %	Private medical organizations, in %
Andrologist	-	5
Urologist	11	10
Cardiologist	14	14
Gynecologist	16	18
Surgeon	19	15
Endocrinologist	20	9
Therapist	10	11
Neuropathologist	6	11
Hematologist	4	7

According to Table 8, 14-19 percent of respondents in the state and non-state sectors are gynecologists and surgeons performing minimally invasive surgery, 20 percent are endocrinologists in the public sector, 14 percent are cardiologists, 10-11 percent are therapists and neuropathologists 4-7 percent said that there is a high demand for the medical services of hematologists. Respondents asked "Which new types of medical services do you think will increase the competitiveness of medicine in the Republic of Karakalpakstan?" 27 percent of respondents "Children's cardiology services", 24 percent "Rapid diagnostic services", 21 percent "All types of plastic surgery and cosmetology services", 11 percent "ICI –services" and 17 percent "national, Chinese and Indian folk medicine services" answered the question (Table 9).

Table 9

Qoraqalpog'iston Respublikasida joriy etilishi ictiqbolli bo'lgan tibbiy xizmat to'plapining recpondentlar tomonidan baholanishi[14]

№	Collection of medical services	In %
1	Pediatric cardiology services	27
2	Rapid diagnostic services	24
3	Plastic surgery and cosmetology services	21
4	ICI -services	11
5	National, Chinese and Indian folk medicine services	17

54% of the respondents who took part in the sociological survey answered "to help send young talented doctors to internships abroad to learn more about foreign practices and scientific-methodical experiences", 17% answered "extension of tax benefits". According to the analysis of the main factors affecting the expansion of services in private medical

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organizations in MMS in Karakalpakstan, 29% of the respondents said that “the rate of benefit to the expansion of medical services is low”, 31% “the population's income is low”, 19% “the existence of a stereotype of applying to the old state medical organizations”, 21% “the intensity of competition due to the concentration of medical organizations mainly in the city of Nukus, the center of the republic” assessed. So, based on the results of sociological surveys, In the Republic of Karakalpakstan, it is necessary to increase the medical culture of the population in order to fully implement the concept of “medicine for human dignity” in the health center. Improving the qualifications of doctors not only in city or district centers, but also in rural areas by training them in leading medical clinics of foreign countries. This will save people's time and money by enhancing primary healthcare even in remote areas. The goal is to reduce the flow of patients to central facilities and provide quality medical services directly on site to increase the competitiveness of medical organizations.

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GRAMMAR-BASED INSTRUCTION AND THE LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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ABSTRACT

Grammar-based instruction is one approach to teaching and learning languages, particularly second or foreign languages. Grammar is not taught directly or literally; rather, it is used to facilitate language acquisition through grammatical knowledge, which is applied using a number of ways. This overview demonstrates how grammar-based instruction influences junior high school students' English language skills. Thus, teachers need to employ some strategies like inductive approach and deductive approach also activities in the classroom to better assist the learners in enhancing their linguistic competence. The purpose of this study is to determine the effectiveness of using grammar-based instruction in enhancing students' linguistic competence. This study employed a one group pre-test and post-test experiment to collect data in numbers for statistical assessment. In addition, a cause-and-effect relationship between grammar-based instruction and the linguistic competence is the goal of this study. The respondents of this study are the forty (40) Grade 8 junior high school students of Lusacan National High School. The study was conducted during the third grading period of academic year 2023-2024. Moreover, the result revealed that there is no significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical before and after using grammar-based instruction. Thus, the null hypothesis is rejected.

KEYWORDS – *Grammar-Based Instruction, Linguistic Competence, Lexical, Morphological, and Syntactical.*

INTRODUCTION

The ability to successfully speak and use English is one of the most valuable skills a person can acquire. One of the most crucial skills a person may learn is the ability to interact with and understand the English language effectively.

In this globalization period, as challenge among people all throughout the world is intense, mastering English language is crucial. Effective communication skills, specifically linguistic competence, are becoming increasingly important. Thus, the Department of Education (DepEd) highlights that in order to improve students' language, literacy, and communication abilities, it is critical that they establish strong linguistic competence. Junior high school students are taught a variety of subjects in both Filipino and English, including grammar, vocabulary, and literature. To strengthen their language skills, they are also urged to take part in reading, writing, speaking, and listening exercises. Students can improve their language abilities and effectively communicate their ideas and opinions by participating in these activities.

Furthermore, research by [1] Heidari and Alavi (2015), and Wahyuni (2015), revealed a strong relationship between linguistic (grammatical) competence and participants' speaking ability. As stated on page 29, "knowledge of lexical items, rules of morphology, syntax, sentence grammar semantics, and phonology" is what is meant to be considered grammatical competence. Grammatical errors do not impair speaking ability, according to [3] Araki's (2015) study. Moreover, speaking or writing confidently on a topic is a sign of linguistic competence, [4] according to Tuan's (2017) quantitative study, while Saaristo's (2015) quantitative findings showed that all survey participants believe grammar is crucial to language acquisition. Students are more utilized to the deductive approach, according to Effendi et al.'s (2017) mixed-methods study.

In order to teach linguistic competence, the deductive approach implies first by giving students clear grammar principles and then giving them examples of how to use and practice these rules. This approach may be useful in assisting students in comprehending grammar concepts and their context-based application. For students who would rather study a language in an efficient and systematic manner, deductive instruction can be extremely beneficial. Through its assistance, students can gain a deeper comprehension of grammar and syntax by making sense of a language's norms and patterns.

On the other hand, another approach which is applicable in grammar-based instruction is inductive approach encourages active learning and student participation in the process by letting them identify fundamental linguistic concepts through practice and examples. In educating students to recognize linguistic patterns and standards on their own, as compared to relying entirely on memorization or instructor instruction, the inductive

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approach helps them become more self-sufficient learners. Since the inductive approach allows students to discover linguistic concepts on their own, they are frequently more motivated to study when they are actively involved in the learning process.

Clearly, studies have demonstrated the beneficial effects of grammar-based instruction in junior high school students' writing abilities. Help students develop a solid understanding of the rules and structures of the English language. By learning grammar, students can improve their ability to express themselves clearly and accurately both in writing and speaking communication. Students who study grammatical structures and procedures are better equipped to create accurate, well-structured phrases and paragraphs. It is crucial to emphasize, however, that depending simply on grammar-based instruction could prove to be effective for general English performance.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effect of using grammar-based instruction on the linguistic competence of junior high school students. Specially, it sought to answer the following questions: 1. What are the pre-test scores of the respondents before using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of: 1.1 lexical, 1.2 morphological, and 1.3 syntactical? 2. What are the post-test scores of the respondents after using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of: 2.1 lexical, 2.2 morphological, and 2.3 syntactical? 3. Is there a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical before and after using grammar-based instruction?

METHODOLOGY

This research was conducted based on methodology. This methodology plays an important role in determining this research study accordingly. The details of methodology are explained in detail in this chapter. The purpose of the study aims to investigate how junior high school students' performance in English is affected by grammar-based instruction. The study specifically attempts to find out if grammar-based instruction enhances students' understanding of grammar and their general English ability.

Research Design

This study used a one group pre-test and post-test design enables researcher to assess the achievements of the instruction by comparing the students' linguistic competence before and after the treatment was administered. This design is beneficial when there is limited group of participants accessible for the study, like in a classroom environment. By providing a pre-test before conducting the lesson, the researcher can examine students' baseline levels of language ability and discover any pre-existing variations among respondents. The post-test, administered after the lesson, allows researcher to establish if the students' linguistic ability improved as a result of the discussion using inductive and deductive approach. Additionally, employing the same group of participants for both tests reduces inconsistency and improves the study's internal validity.

Respondents of the study

The target sample of the study is the forty (40) junior high school students under grade eight level from Lusacan National High School.

The students' profile shows that the female respondents with 37.5 percent and got 15 in terms of frequency. Meanwhile, 62.5 percent of male respondents with 25 frequency participated in the researcher's study which is higher compare to the number of female respondents. Furthermore, it illustrates the respondents' aged 15 got 7.5 percent for linguistic competence while the respondents' aged 14 which is 52.5 percent revealed that they had enough knowledge in understanding the linguistic competence using the grammar-based instruction.

Sampling Technique

The study used clustered sampling to cover a wide range of topics related to improving linguistic competence among Grade 8 students. Cluster sampling is a sampling strategy that uses a group of participants who are naturally associated (Ary. 2010). This method works well in situations when it is challenging to reach particular students and where the population's variability is represented by clusters.

Selecting the forty (40) grade 8 junior high school from one group of Lusacan National High School could be considered the sampling in the context of the grammar-based instruction and the linguistic competence study. In that case, the study's participants would be students enrolled in that particular program.

The benefit of cluster sampling in this situation is that it enables researcher to concentrate the efforts on fewer clusters while still producing a sample that is representative of the community. Furthermore, by choosing complete classes or schools as the clusters, researchers can examine how grammar-based instruction affects students' performance in English in a particular learning environment.

Research Instrument

The research instruments used were lesson exemplars, as well as a pre- test and post-test. The subject specialist, technical editor, statistician, and research adviser all read and assessed the instruments. Two English MTs and one Secondary School Head Teacher in English further functioned as outside validators. The research adviser, statistician, technical editor, and subject specialist studied and assessed the instruments. They meticulously validated the instruments with regard to the substance and organization of the questions. They thoroughly examined the instruments' structure and question content. Furthermore, the instruments underwent revisions and finalizations to guarantee that they included all relevant data and information required for the study.

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Prior to implementing linguistic competence, a researcher-made pre-test in multiple-choice questions, notably 10 items for lexical, 10 items for morphological, and also 10 items for syntactical a total of 30 items were developed to assess students' basic level language skills. The students' pre-test result was recorded and tabulated.

During the implementation of the study grammar-based instruction using inductive approach and deductive approach was applied on the 4 researcher-made lesson exemplars. Firstly, the researcher used and discussed two lesson exemplars: "Adjective, Adverb, and Verb" and "Makato and the Cowrie Shell", which employed an inductive approach and was based on the MELCs. In using an inductive approach, the researcher promoted active learning and student participation in the process by allowing students identified core linguistic concepts through practice and examples. Also, activities, recitations, games, and performance tasks were implemented over nearly 8 days.

Secondly, the researcher used and discussed another two lesson exemplars: "Cohesive Devices" and "Composing an Effective Paragraph", which employed deductive approach and was based on the MELCs. Meanwhile, using the deductive approach, the researcher argued that students must initially provide clearly grammar principles, followed by examples of how to use and practice these rules. Likewise, activities, recitations, games, and performance tasks were implemented over nearly 8 days.

The researcher performed a comprehensive evaluation on grammar-based instruction and sought the answers on how it affects junior high school students' linguistic competence. This will assist the researcher in comprehending current research, theories, and conceptual frameworks surrounding the subject**.** Determine particular research questions and objectives that the study sought to address.

Lastly, after conducting and discussing the 4 exemplars using grammar-based instruction a researcher-made post-test in multiple-choice questions in particular, lexical, morphological, and syntactical to evaluate students' development in linguistic competence and have a format identical to the pre-test. The scores of the respondents were recorded and organized, tabulated, and treated statistically for the analysis and interpretation of each result.

Research Procedure

The researcher considered the following steps in gathering as well as in managing the data.

Upon the approval of proposal, the researcher gathered the necessary materials needed in the study. The researcher conducted pilot testing to determine the index of difficulty and index discrimination of the test questions. To ensure that the pre-test questions contained all the appropriate information and data needed for the study, instrument underwent finalizations and modifications.

The researcher wrote the letters of request for her study after the experts validated the instruments. The panellists, the dean, and the researcher's adviser gave their approval before the study could be carried out. In an additional letter to the principal of the school, she asked to obtain permission to conduct the study and a data sharing agreement.

Subsequently, the researcher requested a permit to conduct the study among Grade 8 section MMA students from the principal of Lusacan National High School with a letter of endorsement. Following approval of the request for permission from the office, the researcher started conducting the research study. After orienting the students, the researcher wrote a letter requesting their parents' consent. Pre-test multiple-choice questions were administered by the researcher, with a focus on lexical, morphological, and syntactical topics. The students' pre-test result was recorded and tabulated.

The researcher prepared 4 lesson exemplars for the implementation of the study grammar-based instruction using inductive approach and deductive approach on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical. The researcher used and discussed first the two lesson exemplars: "Adjective, Adverb, and Verb" and "Makato and the Cowrie Shell", which employed an inductive approach and was based on the MELCs. The inductive approach, which taught students to detect linguistic patterns and standards on their own rather than relying solely on memorization or teacher guidance, helps them became more self-sufficient learners. Because the inductive approach allows students to discover linguistic concepts on their own, they are often more motivated to study when they participate actively in the learning process. Also, activities, discussion, recitations, games, and performance tasks were implemented over nearly 8 days.

Moreover, the researcher used and discussed another two lesson exemplars: "Cohesive Devices" and "Composing an Effective Paragraph", which employed deductive approach and was based on the MELCs. Deductive approach was effective in helping students understand grammar ideas and their context-based applications. This approach can be incredibly advantageous for individuals who want to acquire a language efficiently and systemically. Students can obtain a greater understanding of grammar and syntax with the help of a teacher by making sense of a language's rules and patterns. Activities, discussion, recitations, games, and performance tasks were implemented over nearly 8 days. The researcher identified where the students were having difficulty and struggling on linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical. This established the basis for what she will need to teach and focus on throughout the lesson.

After, conducting and discussing the 4 exemplars using grammar-based instruction a researcher-made post-test in multiple-choice questions in particular, lexical, morphological, and syntactical identical to the pre-test was administered. Respondents were given

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time to answer the post- test. Students were properly oriented regarding the post-test. After, the respondents accomplished answering the post-test the researcher gathered the data, organized, tabulated, and treated statistically for the analysis and interpretation of each result.

The researcher stated the purpose of the study, the importance of the respondents' participation, and the assurance that the responses would be kept confidential.

Statistical Treatment of the data

Utilizing statistical treatment of the data like mean, standard deviation (SD), frequency, percentages, Paired t-test for the test of difference of pre-test and post-test performances in linguistic competence of the respondents and descriptive statistical treatment evaluates and summarizes data. These statistical treatments can offer important insights and data on junior high school students' linguistic competence in relation to grammar-based instruction. Likewise, the mean of a set of data is computed by taking the total number of variables and dividing it by their sum. The average linguistic competence of junior high school students who received grammar-based instruction in this case can be found using the mean.

SD can be used to assess the degree of consistency or heterogeneity in junior high school student's linguistic competence results. A smaller standard deviation (SD) denotes comparatively similar student linguistic competence, while a bigger SD denotes more diversity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter includes the findings of the study with corresponding interpretations. The data are analysed and interpreted, so that conclusions and recommendations can be drawn from the study.

Part 1. Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical

Table 1.

Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of lexical

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	3	7.5	Excellent
7-8	19	47.5	Very Satisfactory
5-6	15	37.5	Satisfactory
3-4	3	7.5	Fair
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 *Excellent*, 7-8 *Very Satisfactory*, 5-6 Satisfactory, 3-4 *Fair*, 1-2 *Unsatisfactory*

Table 1 shows the respondents' pre-test results for linguistic competence in terms of lexical. Based on the data above, 7.5 percent of the respondents fell in the level of excellent. Which showed that only few students acquired knowledge in lexical. There were 47.5 percent of the respondents in the level of very satisfactory, implying that students had capability in lexical. Moreover, 37.5 percent of the respondents were satisfactory indicated that they were moderately identified the appropriate meaning of the word. In addition, 7.5 percent of the respondents identified as fair which suggested that learners had poor knowledge in lexical. The pre-test findings showed that the respondents' linguistic competence needs more improvement for them to be a competent individual in terms of lexical.

Lexical is an important element of language acquisition because it allows us to extend our vocabulary and properly use words in conversation and writing. We can continue to learn and develop our lexical knowledge throughout our lives if we are exposed to a variety of words and use them in context. Also, lexical emphasizes the significance of vocabulary and word use in language understanding and production. It argues that words have their own meanings and can convey a variety of distinctions and connotations that add to total comprehension. Furthermore, lexical implies that words are interrelated and arranged in a network of semantic relationships, allowing speakers to make sense of language and communicate successfully.

[2] Moreover, Chang (2015) looked into how well junior high school students in Taiwan may improve their English language skills by employing grammatical exercises and activities. According to the results, students that participated in grammar-focused activities outperformed their peers on tests of their English competence. According to the study's findings, grammar-based education can improve students' language learning results, especially when it comes to vocabulary growth and grammatical accuracy.

Table 2.

Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of morphological

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	5	12.5	Excellent
7-8	7	17.5	Very Satisfactory
5-6	5	12.5	Satisfactory
3-4	16	40.0	Fair
1-2	7	17.5	Unsatisfactory
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 Excellent, 7-8 Very Satisfactory, 5-6 Satisfactory, 3-4 Fair, 1-2Unsatisfactory

Table 2 illustrates the respondents' pre-test results for linguistic competence in terms of morphological. Based on the above data, 12.5 percent of the respondents were on the excellent level denoted those students were proficient in simple sentence structures with affixes. Then, 17.5 percent of the respondents identified in very satisfactory level indicated that they mastered the structure of words. In addition, 12.5 percent of the respondents

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placed in the satisfactory level indicated that they moderately mastered the structure of words and how they formed. Moreover, 40.0 percent of the respondents put in fair level that showed more students were poor in grammatical structures of words, and there were 17.5 percent of the respondents performed unsatisfactory level in choosing the appropriate structure of words with affixes displayed that the students had deprived knowledge about the structure of words with affixes. The pre-test results in table 2 showed that the respondents' encountered difficulty in understanding the structure of words and choosing the correct affix.

Dunlap and Tragant's (2019) study found that when students were clearly taught grammatical rules, they were able to express themselves more successfully in both writing and speech. This assisted students in developing accurate and fluent English sentences. Thus, the researcher believes that the use of inductive and deductive approach could help students to be abreast in terms of grammar and it would help them to express their ideas confidently in speaking and writing.

Table 3.

Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using the grammar-based instruction on their Linguistic Competence in terms of syntactical

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	2	5.0	Excellent
7-8	12	30.0	Very Satisfactory
5-6	15	37.5	Satisfactory
3-4	7	17.5	Fair
1-2	4	10.0	Unsatisfactory
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 Excellent, 7-8 Very Satisfactory, 5-6 Satisfactory, 3-4 Fair, 1-2 Unsatisfactory

Table 3 emphasizes the respondents' pre-test results for linguistic competence in terms of syntactical. As stated in the findings and discussion above, 5.0 percent of the respondents were in the excellent level indicated that they were affluent in the structure of words before implementing the study. Almost, 30.0 percent of the respondents were in the very satisfactory category, and this indicated that they were well-trained in expressing their ideas effectively through well-formed sentences. In addition, 37.5 percent of the respondents obtained satisfactory level signifying that students demonstrate a moderate understanding in English language skills. Some respondents got 17.5 percent categorized as fair and it was noted that more of the students had a poor understanding of the unfamiliar word in the given sentences. Subsequently, 10 percent of the respondents were in unsatisfactory level that revealed that they were awful in understanding the sentences in enhancing their English language skills. The pre-test results showed that the respondents' linguistic competence in terms of syntactical was good. They are likely to be understood even if they make errors in other areas.

[3] Jones (2019) discovered that grammar-based instruction improved linguistic competency in junior high school students. The study found that students who received grammar-focused education improved significantly in their ability to employ correct grammar and syntax in writing and speaking. Additionally, these students demonstrated enhanced confidence and proficiency in their language skills.

Grammar rules are explicitly stated as separate, sequential elements in form-focus education. Feedback was received right away, and mistakes were fixed right away. In order to explain grammatical structures, practice them in controlled exercises, and provide opportunities for production, the focus on form instruction is investigated (Ellis, Basturkmen & Loewen, 2002; Abdullah,Tandiana & Amelia, 2020).

Part 2. Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using the grammar-based instruction on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical

Table 4.

2.1 Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using the grammar-based instruction on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	3	7.5	Excellent
7-8	22	55.0	Very Satisfactory
5-6	12	30.0	Satisfactory
3-4	3	7.5	Fair
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 Excellent, 7-8 Very Satisfactory, 5-6 Satisfactory, 3-4 Fair, 1-2 Unsatisfactory

The table 4 presents the respondents' post-test results for linguistic competence in terms of lexical. The above data showed, 7.5 percent of the respondents identified in the excellent level. This proved that performed proficient in language control and good range of vocabulary. Moreover, 55.0 percent of the respondents were in the very satisfactory level, indicating that students demonstrated mastered language control and well-chosen vocabulary. In addition, 30.0 percent of the respondents obtained a satisfactory level were indicated advanced that they had in language used and a wide range of well-chosen vocabulary. Specifically, 7.5 percent of the respondents were in the fair level, stating that students had low knowledge in answering and understanding difficult words.

Results showed that the respondents' linguistic competence in terms of lexical were improved after utilizing the inductive and deductive approach in teaching grammar. Different approaches to learning and teaching languages have developed over the years, each with a different perspective on teaching vocabulary.

According to the study of Sahragard, Baharloo, and Soozandehfar (2011), there is a considerable relationship between linguistic

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ability and academic accomplishment. Thus, students who were more proficient in the English language specifically had a wide knowledge in vocabulary did better in their lessons. Because English is the language of instruction in professional courses, students who were more proficient in it performed better in writing, speaking, grasping, and understanding the lessons and instructions that were provided to them

Table 5.
2.2 Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using the grammar-based instruction on their linguistic competence in terms of morphological

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	2	5.0	Excellent
7-8	18	45.0	Very Satisfactory
5-6	12	30.0	Satisfactory
3-4	8	20.0	Fair
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 Excellent, 7-8 Very Satisfactory, 5-6 Satisfactory,3-4 Fair, 1-2 Unsatisfactory

Table 5 shows the respondents' post-test results for linguistic competence in terms of morphological. Based on the findings and discussion above, 5.0 percent of the respondents were evident in the excellent level. This shown that they were more advanced in learning the structure of words with affixes. Almost, 45.0 percent of the respondents were in the very satisfactory level, indicating that they performed better in the grammatical structures possibly caused by researcher's proper supervision. Furthermore, 30.0 percent of the respondents were identified as satisfactory level, showed advanced in learning grammar that they had minimal errors in grammatical structures. In addition, 20.0 percent of the respondents were in fair level, this indicates that they were below average in learning the structure of words with affixes.

[4] Rodrigues (2016) found that grammar-based training helped students notice and correct grammatical errors in both spoken and written English. Students must acquire this talent in order to become good English users and continually improve their language production. A lot of academics believe that junior high school students do better when grammar-based education is paired with a communicative mode of instruction.

With this, the results showed that using the grammar-based instruction and with proper supervision of the teacher it increased the respondents' linguistic competence in terms of morphological, enabling them to improve their understanding the structure of words in terms of affixes. Students increased their understanding in morphological compare to lexical because they mastered already the rules in sentence construction and it's difficult for them to memorize the vocabulary.

Table 6.
2.3 Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using the grammar-based instruction on their linguistic competence in terms of syntactical

Score	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
9-10	2	5.0	Excellent
7-8	18	45.0	Very Satisfactory
5-6	11	27.5	Satisfactory
3-4	9	22.5	Fair
Total	40	100.0	

Legend: 9-10 Excellent, 7-8 Very Satisfactory, 5-6 Satisfactory, 3-4 Fair, 1-2 Unsatisfactory

Table 6 shows the respondents' post-test results for linguistic competence in terms of syntactical. Based on the data above, 5.0 percent of the respondents were seen in the excellent level. This revealed that their English language skills were proficient. Moreover, 45.0 percent of the respondents were in the very satisfactory level, demonstrating that they were mastered expressing their ideas effectively. Furthermore, 27.5 percent of the respondents were fell in the satisfactory level and they were confident in expressing their ideas through well-formed sentences while the 22.5 percent of the respondents were categorized in the fair level, revealed that they were needs more improvement in English language skills.

The results showed that the respondents' linguistic competence in terms of syntactical were improved, they become proficient after using the grammatical-based instruction, which helped them develop functional intelligibility, functional communicability, increased self-confidence, speech and writing monitoring abilities.

[5] According to Benitez-Correa, Gonzalez-Torres, and Vargas-Saritama (2019), teaching rule grammar should begin with an explanation of the rules and examples of how they are used. Each grammar point was explicitly defined and explained by the lecturer. The teacher next showed the class the most common ways that rules are employed in a specific circumstance by providing sentence examples. Students implemented the guidelines at the end of the course by writing sentences based on the teacher's examples.

This signified that the results displayed using the grammar-based instruction and with proper discussion of the teacher it increased the respondents' linguistic competence in terms of syntactical, enabling them to improve their skills in English language specifically in expressing ideas effectively through well-formed sentences. Students increased their understanding in syntactical compare to lexical because they mastered already the rules in sentence construction and it's difficult for them to memorize the vocabulary.

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Part 3. Significant Difference between the Pre-test and Post-test Scores of the Respondents on their Linguistic Competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical before and after using grammar-based instruction

Table 7.

3. Significant Difference between the Pre-test and Post-test Scores of the Respondents on their linguistic competence before and after using grammar-based instruction

Variables	Pretest Mean	Pretest SD	Posttest Mean	Posttest SD	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
Lexical	4.43	1.43	6.35	1.35	-9.168	39	0.000
Morphological	5.13	2.6	6.88	1.77	-6.605	39	0.000
Syntactical	5.28	2.04	6.88	1.78	-6.424	39	0.000
Total	14.78	4.73	20.05	4.13	-15.77	39	0.000

Legend: If p-value (Sig.) < 0.05, it is statistically significant.
If p-value (Sig.) > 0.05, it is NOT statistically significant.

Table 7 illustrates the significant difference between the Pre-test and Post-test Scores of the Respondents on their Linguistic Competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical before and after using grammar-based instruction.

As indicated in the table, a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents on their lexical competence before and after using grammar-based instruction. In lexical, a mean of 4.43 in the pre-test and 6.35 in the post-test indicates the grammar-based instruction demonstrates the efficacy of the instruction serves in strengthening the participants' vocabulary and usage. Furthermore, since the post-test results are significantly higher than the pre-test scores, it reveals that the grammar-based instruction improved the participants' lexical competence. This could be due to the specific instruction of grammatical rules and structures, which may have benefited participants in better understanding and applying vocabulary in context.

In like manner, a mean of 5.13 in the pre-test and 6.88 in the post-test in morphological conveys that the respondents suggest that the instruction improved the participants' comprehension and application of morphology. The increase in scores indicates that the instruction effectively improved the participants' knowledge and skills in recognizing and applying morphological aspects in the language. This progress can be attributed to the grammar-based instruction, which allowed participants to target specific morphological ideas and practice them in a manner. The learners were able to expand their understanding and improve their skill in organized way by participating in targeted exercises and activities. Students were become proficient in sentence construction after using the grammar-based instruction in linguistic competence using inductive and deductive approach. Students were more interested and more participative in learning the topic about grammar specifically morphological with the use of deductive approach that providing students with specific grammar principles, followed by examples of how to utilize and practice these rules. This strategy could help students understand grammar ideas and how to apply them in context. Deductive instruction can be incredibly advantageous for individuals who prefer to study a language efficiently and systematically. Students can improve their understanding of grammar and syntax by making sense of a language's norms and patterns with its help.

In contrast, the inductive method promotes active learning and student participation in the process by allowing them to identify essential linguistic concepts through practice and examples. The inductive technique, as opposed to relying solely on memorization or instructor instruction, helps students become more self-sufficient learners by teaching them to recognize linguistic patterns and standards for themselves. Because the inductive approach allows students to discover linguistic concepts on their own, they are usually more motivated to study when they are actively involved in the learning process.

Moreover, a mean of 5.28 in the pre-test and 6. 88 in the post-test in syntactical competence before and after grammar-based teaching reveals that the instruction improved respondents' comprehension and application of grammar rules. This suggests that the instruction provided helped the respondents increase their syntactical proficiency. This improvement implies that the instruction was beneficial in helping the respondents improve their grammar skills.

[6] The study of Smith J. 2018, had an impact in Integrating grammar-based instruction into the curriculum: A case study of its effects on the linguistic competence of junior high school students. The study found that integrating grammar-based instruction into the curriculum had a positive impact on the linguistic competence of junior high school students. Specifically, students who received grammar-based instruction showed improvement in their ability to use grammatical structures accurately and produce grammatically correct sentences. Additionally, these students displayed increased confidence in their language abilities and showed greater motivation to engage with grammar exercises. Overall, the study concluded that integrating grammar-based instruction into the curriculum can effectively enhance students' linguistic competence in a meaningful way.

Clearly, students increased their understanding in morphological and syntactical compare to lexical because they mastered already the grammatical structures and principles. In that case, students can produce grammatically correct sentences and deeper understanding of language structure and usage which can be beneficial for their academic and applied English language in their daily conversation through speaking and writing communication. While learning lexical the researcher observed that most of the students found it difficult to understand and memorized the unfamiliar word and it's burdensome for them to remember the

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vocabulary. Bhagat and Huang (2018) asserted that memorized knowledge/information does not last long in learners' minds, because it is not related or connected to their real lives.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusions

Based on the results presented, the conclusion is drawn:
There is significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents on their linguistic competence in terms of lexical, morphological and syntactical. Thus, the hypothesis is rejected.

Recommendations

Established from the summary of the findings and conclusion previously discussed and presented, the following recommendations are hereby suggested.
1. Teachers may utilize the grammar-based instruction in conversational language instruction. In teaching speaking, improvements in speaking skills such as vocabulary, grammar, structure of words, and fluency are visible. They may provide additional writing tasks to help students develop their thinking skills.
2. School administrators and department heads may provide support for the use of Grammar-Based Instruction and the Linguistic Competence particularly in lexical, morphological and syntactical because the study indicated a significant improvement in students' discourse competency. They may be encouraged to conduct trainings or SLAC sessions on Grammar-based Instruction and the Linguistic Competence of the Junior High School.
3. To the future researcher, this study may help them pursue parallel study with more respondents and consider exploring another aspect of the variables which were not included in the study may be done to continue to validate the relatedness of grammar-based instruction and the linguistic competence of the junior high school.

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UNFOLDING BARRIERS: A MULTIPLE CASE STUDY OF NON-READERS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF READING INTERVENTION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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ABSTRACT
This qualitative multiple case study explored the experiences and challenges of junior high school non-readers involved in the reading intervention programs. The experiences and the navigating strategies of non-readers of the five cases were examined using in-depth Interviews. Triangulation of the gathered data was done in each case by interviewing the parents, guardians, and teachers of the non-readers. The cross-analysis of the five study cases revealed eight common themes, with four highlighting positive experiences and four highlighting negative experiences. The four emergent themes for navigating the challenges included Engaging in Relaxation Activities, Seeking Help from Teachers and Parents, Involving Parents or Guardians in Doing the Tasks, and Following a Structured Reading Schedule. The five cases were generally similar except for the supportive familial environment and gaining progress in reading for Cases 3 and 5. Anent to navigating the challenges of their experiences, all cases show significant advancements in their reading skills over time except for Case 5 who exhibited minimal improvement due to lack of parental support and a learning disability, necessitating tailored interventions and support strategies to address her unique needs.

KEYWORDS: *Applied linguistics education, non-readers, reading intervention, multiple case studies,Philippines*

INTRODUCTION
Reading intervention programs are designed to support students who struggle with reading comprehension and fluency, aiming to improve their literacy skills and academic performance (Tomas et al., 2021). It is observed that in many schools, improving their reading programs and practices is not part of their school action plan and priority improvement areas. According to a study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2020), students with reading difficulties continue to struggle with reading comprehension and fluency despite receiving reading intervention programs, giving educators difficulties in identifying the most effective strategies for improving student reading outcomes. Some possible factors for the failure of reading programs include not being tailored to the specific needs and skills of the students they are intended to serve and teachers are not adequately trained or supported in implementing these programs effectively (Kilpatrick, 2017). Therefore, it is crucial to provide opportunities for individuals with inadequate reading skills to enhance their abilities through targeted interventions and evidence-based reading programs.

Despite recognizing the importance of reading, many schools have neglected reading initiatives, instead prioritizing other subjects and activities, leaving non-readers struggling with their reading abilities without any sufficient and tailored support or guidance (Tomas, 2021). In Belgium, a significant reading proficiency gap among students is being faced, leading educators to manage diverse student capacities by focusing on supporting struggling readers through reading intervention (Mullis et al., 2017). Specifically, the findings from said study which indicates that reading supplements in the said country are not effective in enhancing learners' reading performance, raise important considerations for educators and policymakers. Notably, global literacy rates have continued to show positive trends, with an estimated 86.3% of the population literate as of September 2021, according to UNESCO. However, regional disparities persist, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa, where literacy rates remain a significant challenge. A learning crisis is threatening entire generations in Sub-Saharan Africa where almost 80% of children do not meet the necessary standards for reading competence. Similarly in Vietnam, SEA-PLM (Southeast Asia Primary Learning Metrics) in 2019 revealed that it had low rates of extra reading support in the language of instruction to non-readers signaling that the implemented reading practices have not been sufficient to address the reading difficulties of children.

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A status quo more depressing than Belgium, Sub-Africa, and Vietnam is being confronted by the Philippines. With a 340 on the reading scale on average, the Philippines falls more than 200 points short of China's score of 555 and more than 100 points short of the average of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which is 487. The Philippines scored the lowest for both boys' and girls' reading abilities out of all 79 participating nations in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) (San Juan, 2019). This suggests that the slow readers among the 15-year-old population, who may not have read at all in Grade 7, are responsible for the lowest PISA reading comprehension score. Recently, Department Order 014, s. 2023, National Learning Camp of the Department of Education, a recovery program was designed to help K to 12 learners in public elementary and secondary schools and aimed to help improve learning outcomes and reading ability of the learners. The NLC is a reading program that started its phased implementation with Grades 7 and 8 aimed to create a camp-like environment by implementing fun and engaging activities to foster learner interests, socio-emotional skills, personal growth, and character development.

Additionally, schools initiated a variety of programs and activities dedicated to boosting students' reading skills and fostering a passion for reading, but they often face challenges in implementing these initiatives (Borbon & Ylagan, 2021). According to Dinoro et al.'s study from 2023, which looked at how teachers felt about the reading programs that were put in place in Lanao del Norte's public schools and evaluated student performance on the Philippine – Informal Reading Inventory (PHIL–IRI) for the final three years of the 2017–2020 school year, teachers who used the guided-reading approach helped their students read more fluently and with greater comprehension, but they still had problems with alphabetic comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. Meanwhile, the Schools Division of Aurora according to the study of Tomas et al. (2021), launched a reading program for junior high schools to address the reading issues and provide guidance on the kind of environment, intervention, and support that should be implemented. The reading environments were created with students' reading challenges in consideration, allowing them to feel at ease and free to express themselves. In addition to this, students' learning was supplemented with materials in consonance with their interests and abilities coupled with support from the teacher and students' family members.

Several studies have been accomplished about reading particularly on the reading performance of the primary grade non-readers. For instance, Lantaka (2022) indicated that deficient instruction related to the development of reading proficiency was caused by a lack of education and a language barrier. According to Aguana (2018), none of the programs implemented in a public secondary school in Zamboanga are effective as his study revealed that parents provide weak support for their children to improve their reading abilities. Therefore, I intend to investigate the learners' experiences as junior high school students who still struggle with reading, their coping strategies to get by in school, and their experiences as they participate in their schools' reading intervention programs.

Accordingly, there have been several studies on the different strategies used for reading and cases of non-readers for primary-level learners, but the researcher has not encountered reading studies that aim to offer well-rounded and informed multiple case studies and their experiences in participating in reading intervention programs, and the identification of similarities and differences of cases in the context of junior high school non-readers. Alternatively, there is a sense of urgency in conducting this study considering that schools all over the world specifically in the Philippines' junior high schools reported a percentage of students with reading difficulties in content knowledge and comprehension (Vaughn, 2019). Thus, this study explored the experiences and challenges of the five cases of junior high school non-readers involved in the reading intervention programs.

To maximum impact, the research findings will be shared via different media. Academic publications in reputable journals will target the scholarly community, ensuring that the research contributes to the existing body of knowledge. Additionally, presentations at relevant conferences and seminars will provide opportunities for direct engagement with educators, policymakers, and researchers. Through these diverse dissemination channels, the research aimed to inform and influence educational practices, contributing to the ongoing efforts to enhance reading intervention programs for junior high school students in the Philippines.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Reading and Reading Difficulties Across Countries

The issue of reading difficulties across different countries is a multifaceted challenge. Reading is not a passive endeavor but rather an intricate process that involves several cognitive activities, including drawing inferences, accurately recognizing sounds, and comprehending text (Jensen & Elbro, 2022). The effectiveness of this process is contingent upon various factors, including the reader's attitude towards reading, their purpose for reading, their familiarity with the content, the text's structure, and their vocabulary knowledge. Importantly, comprehension according to Follmer and Sperling (2018) is significantly influenced by how the reader interacts with the text itself.

Particularly in the field of reading skills, learners in Thailand according to the study conducted by Nation (2018), considered reading the most difficult skill compared to other English skills: listening, speaking, and writing, because they have difficulties trying to understand English text as the correct reading strategies could not be practically applied. Thai learners are not often experienced with utilizing reading strategies because they do not frequently read a lot of texts and are not trained on how to use reading strategies. Moreover, the classroom is entirely facilitated by a teacher-directed approach while the students only learn the lessons passively. The teacher mostly translates the passage for the students which later causes the students to rely on a dictionary,

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which gives no true comprehension and makes them take more time on reading.

The findings of the study by Indrayadi (2021) conducted in Indonesia on the reading comprehension proficiency of learners learning English as a second language also showed that the components of phonological awareness, working memory, syntactic awareness, and morphological awareness were the main concerns of the students. Also, assessing the program's impact on students' attitudes and motivation toward reading is equally important (Amin, 2019). Surveys, interviews, or focus group discussions can be utilized to collect qualitative data on learners' perceptions, interests, and feelings about reading after participating in the intervention.

Additionally, non-readers encountering these reading difficulties tend to become easily distracted and anxious when reading. The primary goal of reading is comprehension, and as reading difficulties heighten individual anxiety levels, they further impede reading comprehension (Moncayo-Herrera, 2022). Consequently, these individuals have limited reading experience, hindering the improvement of their vocabulary and collection of information. To acquire operative reading skills and cultivate a strong reading habit, individuals must possess fundamental prerequisites such as exact perception, recognition of sound, identification of words, discrimination of word, semantics, syntax, linguistic processes, and comprehension (Jensen & Elbro, 2022). Establishing reading environments that adhere to these prerequisites can be instrumental in overcoming reading challenges. Tailoring teaching methodologies to individual differences can also help mitigate these difficulties.

Estremera (2018) cites an article from the Philippine Star which states that most Filipino learners lack the skills and willingness to read. 70% of our students, according to a 2021 Department of Education report, are unable to read at grade level. According to Scholastic Inc., the largest publisher and distributor of children's books in the world, this is the state of reading achievement in the Philippines. It is undeniable that in today's ever-evolving world and ever-evolving technological landscape, reading is sometimes taken for granted. Furthermore, a student's academic success can be negatively impacted by a reading handicap. It's possible that he will not be included in any of the school's events, making him feel inferior all the time (Pineda, 2018). Accordingly, "Every Child A Reader Program" (ECARP) was implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd) to increase reading literacy in schools. No student should be allowed to advance to the next grade level unless they have demonstrated competence in reading and writing at the level they are currently in, according to government standards.

In many countries, disparities in reading proficiency persist, affecting learners of all ages. These disparities are often influenced by a multitude of factors, including socioeconomic status, access to quality education, language barriers, and cultural attitudes toward reading (Boakye & Linden, 2018). Consequently, understanding the commonalities and distinctions in the reading challenges faced by diverse nations becomes crucial in crafting effective interventions.

Reading Intervention Program

Studies conducted in underdeveloped nations have demonstrated the efficacy of reading intervention programs (Linden, 2022). The majority of programs are very similar to reading initiatives in developed nations in that they aim to increase reading frequency, improve reading education, or do both. For example, reading programs that provided books and efficient reading instruction had a favorable influence on Rwandan students' reading achievement (Friedlander and Goldenberg, 2022). Similar outcomes were observed by Kumler, and Linden (2016) when Filipino learners received instruction from qualified teachers together with adequate reading resources. These results are critical for developing nations since research indicates that reading difficulties might cause developmental delays in impoverished children (Roskos et al., 2021). Programs might offer a way for nations to promote future educational growth if they could break the vicious cycle that early reading issues bring about.

However, literature underscores various challenges in reading intervention programs, especially for struggling readers. One critical issue is the identification of students in need of intervention. Research by Zainudin (2020) emphasizes the importance of early identification to provide timely and targeted interventions. Furthermore, studies highlight the challenge of sustaining student engagement, addressing diverse learning needs, and ensuring the transfer of intervention gains to real-world reading tasks.

Moreover, Phonics-based interventions, such as the Orton-Gillingham approach, have demonstrated effectiveness in improving decoding skills (Hill, 2016). Additionally, comprehension-focused strategies, such as reciprocal teaching and explicit instruction, are widely explored in the literature. The incorporation of technology, as seen in computer-assisted reading interventions, is also gaining attention for its potential to engage and individualize instruction. Also, understanding the impact of reading intervention programs on diverse populations is also a key focus. Studies explore interventions tailored for English language learners (ELLs), students with learning disabilities, and those from low socio-economic backgrounds (Bippert & Harmon, 2016). The research underscores the need for culturally responsive interventions that consider linguistic diversity and socio-cultural factors influencing reading development.

Likewise, teacher knowledge and expertise are integral to the success of reading intervention programs. The literature emphasizes the importance of ongoing professional development for educators to implement evidence-based practices effectively (Lynch & Prins, 2023). Research examines how collaborative learning communities, coaching models, and teacher training programs may improve reading intervention instructional approaches. Additionally, examining the long-term effects and

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sustainability of reading intervention programs is a critical aspect of the study. Studies track students' progress over time, investigating the persistence of intervention gains and potential fade-out effects (Saine et al., 2017). Additionally, research explores the scalability and sustainability of successful intervention models to inform educational policies and practices.

Notably, recent research has reaffirmed that reading intervention programs have a positive effect on reading skills, reading comprehension, reading awareness, and expressive abilities. The importance of improving the reading experience through pre-, during-, and post-reading activities is emphasized by the research of Lee et al. (2021). Enriching the reading environment and improving reading comprehension may be achieved by a variety of reading-related activities, such as applying past knowledge to the reading context, interacting with a variety of texts and text structures, generating predictions and inferences, setting objectives, and using techniques. Moreover, it offers valuable insights into students facing reading difficulties and underscores the effectiveness of enrichment reading programs in addressing these challenges.

Locally, beginning the school year 2022–2023, the Department of Education–Zamboanga del Sur Division introduced the Care for the Non-Readers (CNR) Program, which was previously known as the ANR Program (Arrest for Non-Readers Program), in accordance with the aforementioned department instructions. This division-wide reading program offers beginning and developmental reading to enable children who fall behind in writing and reading to make up lost ground by providing them with specialized one-on-one reading instructor help. The project's objective is to assist children who have been labeled as non-readers and frustrated in becoming independent readers in English, Filipino, and their home tongue (Department of Education, 2022). The difficulties teachers have in putting the program into practice, their suggested solutions, and the stark differences in the assessments of respondents on the program's efficacy were highlighted in this program.

Experiences of Non-Readers Relative to Reading Intervention Programs

One fundamental aspect of assessing a reading intervention program is analyzing the non-reader's progress in specific reading skills (Baki, 2020). This includes measuring improvements in fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary acquisition. Pre- and post-intervention assessments, such as standardized tests, reading comprehension exercises, and vocabulary tests, provide quantitative data on individual and group-level advancements. Furthermore, one-on-one assessments that require students to read aloud a passage for a predetermined amount of time—typically one minute—are frequently used to measure reading fluency, which is described as the capacity to read related information rapidly, accurately, and expressively (Rasinski, 20019). However, caution is advised by Valencia et al. (2017), suggesting that assessing oral reading of non-readers within a short timeframe might lead to an overestimation of students' reading rates. In contrast, Hale et al. (2017) found that secondary students prefer silent reading, citing challenges in comprehension when reading orally.

Many tactics, such as partnered reading, reading while listening, and aided reading, have been used to alleviate reading issues. However, individual implementation of these strategies shows mixed results, while reading intervention programs combining these strategies prove more effective in enhancing reading fluency and comprehension (Yapp et al., 2021). Ala and Derequito (2022) have identified several other elements that can lead to enhanced reading skills. These aspects include the use of suitable grouping techniques, instructional strategies, longer practice opportunities with feedback, and task decomposition into reduced components. These factors collectively result in extensive growth in reading skills.

From another point of view, individuals struggling with reading skills may struggle to grasp the intended meaning of the text (Cheng, 2019). Poor readers, who grapple with reading challenges related to perceiving meaning coherently, using strategies, and connecting prior knowledge to new information, often face significant reading difficulties. Additionally, non-readers encountering these reading difficulties tend to become easily distracted and anxious when reading. The primary goal of reading is comprehension, and as reading difficulties heighten individual anxiety levels, they further impede reading comprehension (Moncayo-Herrera, 2022). Consequently, these individuals have limited reading experience, hindering the development of their vocabulary and accumulation of information.

In the Philippines, one of the main challenges facing the education system is the reading proficiency of Filipino students, especially in public school settings. According to UNICEF (2020), with an efficiency score of just 10%, the Philippines had the second-lowest performance in reading, just above Laos, which had an efficiency score of only 2%. The Philippines employed various institution-level strategies, such as PHIL-IRI and EGRA, to address reading challenges (Pouezevara, 2019). This study seeks to delve into how teachers implement these strategies at both micro- and macro-management levels. It aims to understand how educators employ the data, design programs, and incorporate specific reading guidelines to improve the reading abilities of their students, particularly the non-readers. In the country, addressing the challenges of reading programs and interventions is a complex endeavor. One of the foremost hurdles is the limited access to quality reading materials, particularly in underprivileged schools and remote areas. Many schools lack a sufficient variety of reading resources, including books suitable for different age groups and interests.

Furthermore, the advent of digital technology has introduced a new challenge, as students increasingly divert their attention from physical books to screens (Pavek & Vaughan, 2023). This shift in reading habits, coupled with excessive screen time, can

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negatively impact students' reading comprehension abilities. Also, parental involvement, a critical component of a child's reading development, can be problematic. Many parents lack the time, education, or resources to effectively support their children's reading habits, leaving a gap in their reading development (Benting & Valle, 2023). Infrastructure and resource allocation in schools can hinder reading programs. The absence of libraries and reading corners, along with inadequate resources for these programs, can affect both the quality and reach of reading interventions.

The literature underscores the critical necessity of research to evaluate the experiences and challenges faced by non-readers in their involvement in reading programs and interventions, emphasizing the complexities of reading challenges and the need for tailored strategies. Despite the global implementation of diverse reading programs, there exists a gap in understanding their impact. Factors contributing to improved reading skills, including grouping practices, instructional strategy, practice opportunities, and task breakdown, underscore the necessity of understanding their interactions. The persistent challenges in addressing reading difficulties globally emphasize the need for nuanced research, guiding the development of targeted interventions. Limited access to quality reading materials, inadequately trained teachers, and socioeconomic disparities underscored the urgency of research to inform targeted interventions, particularly in resource-constrained contexts. This literature emphasizes the pressing need for research to comprehensively investigate the journey of non-readers to being readers.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The main purpose of this multiple case study is to explore the experiences, challenges, and coping strategies of Junior High School non-readers enrolled in the Davao Region for SY 2023-2024 who are involved in the Reading Intervention Programs.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What are the experiences of junior high school non-readers involved in reading intervention programs?
2. How do these students navigate the challenges of their experience?
3. What explains the similarities and differences of each case?

METHODS

Research Design

This study is qualitative in nature employing a multiple case study. Through meticulous, in-depth data gathering incorporating several sources of information, a multiple case study technique investigates a real-life, modern bounded system (a case) or several bounded systems (cases) across time (Creswell, 2013). A multiple-case study design was used to find out about the experiences, difficulties, and viewpoints of non-readers in junior high schools who are involved in reading intervention programs. Particularly, I utilized five distinct cases of junior high school non-readers to meet the requirements for a multiple case study. This approach is the most suitable since there were five cases of non-readers participating in reading intervention programs. Through in-person interviews, the experiences of each non-reader were ascertained.

Participants

The selection of five reading program participants representing the five cases adhered to the principles of proper representation. Inclusion and exclusion criteria were therefore set and adhered to ensure that each case in point is distinct and to conjointly highlight the phenomenon of the viewpoints and experiences of non-readers participating in reading intervention programs within the framework of junior high public schools. To support the claims and findings even further, it was imperative to guarantee that research participants have verifiable access to important knowledge concerning the phenomenon under investigation. As such, the study's participants were chosen using Patton's (2002) purposive sampling technique. Accordingly, Creswell (2013) stated that a multiple-case study only needs three to five participants.

Participants were identified based on the following inclusion criteria for each of the five cases I used in this study. Regular junior high school students from Grades 7-10 who have been identified to be non-readers by the public schools' reading coordinators using the Revised Philippine Informal Reading Inventory (Phil-IRI) Graded Passages, an individualized assessment tool used to record the student's performance in reading officially utilized by the Department of Education were deemed necessary to participate in my study. They were officially enrolled in the Learner Information System (LIS) of Davao Region public schools. This study excluded students from the elementary, senior high school, and college departments based on certain exclusion criteria. Students from private schools were not included in this research either.

A Grade 7 non-reader student is the first case unit for this study. Having recently done the transition from elementary to high school days, this participant still is struggling with reading while adjusting as a junior high school student. Also, a Grade 8 non-reader who is underweight (DepEd-Based Term) is the second case unit for this study. This student experienced difficult subjects and academic tasks and is identified to be a non-reader. Next, a Grade 9 non-reader from a broken family is the third case unit for this study. This student encountered different and more difficult experiences and challenges emotionally and mentally compared to other students and is still struggling with reading. A Grade 10 non-reader who is working part-time is the fourth case unit for this study. This student experienced difficulties balancing academic and work life and is identified as a non-reader by the reading coordinator. Lastly, for the fifth case, I invited a learner with special educational needs in junior high school. She is diagnosed as a person with a Learning disability (LD).

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Procedure

As mentioned in the preceding sections of this research, there are at least five human participants involved in this study. Proper protocol was adhered to in the data collection.

Before the study's implementation, a letter of approval was sought from the University of the Immaculate Conception's Graduate School Dean. Following the dean's approval is the Research Ethics Committee's (REC) approval. The endorsement from the dean and the approval from REC were attached to my letter asking permission from the superintendents of Davao Region schools. Similarly, a letter asking permission to conduct the study was given to school heads, reading coordinators, parents or guardians, and to the students.

When approved to proceed with the collection of data, the participants along with their parents and reading teachers were given an orientation on the study's relevance. In addition, a signed Informed Consent Form indicating their voluntary involvement in the study was requested of them. Since the participants are minors, permission from parents or guardians including the recording of the in-person interviews was secured. The participants were then informed by the researcher on how their confidentiality will be protected. They were also assured that the data collected would be solely used for this research.

The corresponding research participants were subjected to an in-person interview. This is to learn more about their reading intervention program experiences and coping mechanisms for all the difficulties they encountered. The audio-recorded interview was used for cross-validation of the interview notes.

Additionally, one-on-one in-depth interviews were held to capture the participants' lived experiences. I welcomed the participants and advised them of the responsibilities at hand, including the time and location chosen to accommodate everyone.

In the conduct of the in-depth interview, I used the prepared facilitating set of questions and gave follow-up questions to ensure saturation of answers, thus, gathering the needed data. During the conduct of the interview, I discussed thoroughly the ethical considerations with the participants. There were five participants for the in-depth interview.

Finally, I played the role of transcriber. I adhered to the standards of transcribing data, and I accurately transcribed the recordings. Finally, I took action as the sample selector and data analyst where I examined and analyzed the transcripts and conducted thematic analysis. Thus, this role underpinned the value of transparency and dedication to contribute significant findings to the body of knowledge on non-readers involved in reading intervention programs.

Data Analysis

Using Braun and Clarke's (2006) thematic analysis, I analyzed my data in six phases: First by familiarizing myself with the data, second by generating initial codes, third by searching for themes, fourth by reviewing potential themes, fifth by defining and naming themes, and sixth by producing the report. Primarily, I immersed myself in the data during this phase by reading and rereading the transcripts of the in-person interviews. The audio recording was listened to the first time the transcript was read. Upon reading the transcript the second time, it was seen as data rather than a transcript. Notes were prepared for initial codes on the third attempt. Every instance of non-readers received this treatment. I used code to do a methodical study of my data. Codes were recognized and assigned a label for an aspect of my data that could be pertinent to the topics under investigation. Finding topics was the third step. The coded data were examined in this step to find instances where the codes overlap and are similar. The codes were created, particularly the ones that represented or explained a consistent and significant trend in the data. The coded data were then examined to look for emerging themes through a recursive approach. I started by comparing the themes to the compiled data extracts and investigated whether the themes made sense to the data. The themes that directly answered my research questions were designated in this phase. Every subject of the study questions was covered in detail and analyzed in the last step. The discussion and interpretation stage of my data analysis was the last one. In this section, I presented the cross-case analysis and my study findings' interpretation.

Ethical Considerations

This research was carefully reviewed by the University of the Immaculate Conception's Research Ethics Committee, which evaluated it according to the ten established principles of research ethics: social value; informed consent; vulnerability of the research participants; risks, benefits, and safety; privacy and confidentiality; justice; transparency, qualifications of the researcher; adequacy of facilities; and community involvement. This was thoroughly reviewed to ensure that the ethical principles were consistently followed throughout the research process, mainly on protecting the rights and well-being of human participants, particularly those who are vulnerable or at risk.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Participants' Profile

Table 1 presented a detailed profile of each participant involved in the study, offering valuable insights into their individual characteristics, backgrounds, and reading-related experiences. Each case represents a unique narrative, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing reading development and participation in reading programs. Case 1, a 14-year-old male in Grade 7, is identified as a non-reader. Despite being in Grade 7, he only started learning to read in Grade 6. He started joining the program for a year since he is still in the Grade 7 level. His delay in acquiring reading skills could be attributed to various factors, such as learning disabilities, lack of early literacy exposure, or other underlying challenges. Case 2, a 13-year-old male in Grade 8, faces the additional challenge of being underweight. Being in his second year as a junior high school student, he started participating in the program for two years.

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While his underweight status may not directly impact his reading abilities, it could be indicative of underlying health issues or nutritional deficiencies that could affect his overall well-being and ability to focus on learning, including reading. Case 3, a 15-year-old female in Grade 9, comes from a broken family and started learning to read only in Grade 9. Despite being in Grade 9, she only started joining the school's reading program two years ago due to the pandemic. Her late start in learning to read could be due to various factors related to her family situation, such as limited access to educational resources or disruptions in her schooling. Case 4, a 17-year-old male in Grade 10, works part-time and started attending the reading intervention program of the school in Grade 9 since it was pandemic when he entered junior high school. His part-time work could significantly impact his time and energy available for studying and reading, potentially hindering his academic progress. For the last case, Case 5, a 17-year-old female classified as non-graded with a learning disability, lives with her aunt and began joining the school's reading intervention program for one year since this is her first school year as a secondary student. Her classification as non-graded and her learning disability indicate additional challenges in her educational journey.

Table 1. Profile of the Participants in In-depth Interviews

Case Unit	Age	Gender	Grade Level	Years as Reading Program Participant	Code
Case 1 - Grade 7	14	Male	7	1	**JHS-7**
Case 2 - Grade 8	13	Male	8	2	**JHS-8**
Case 3 - Grade 9	15	Female	9	2	**JHS-9**
Case 4 - Grade 10	17	Male	10	2	**JHS-10**
Case 5 – LSEN	17	Female	Non-graded	1	**JHS-NG**

Presentation of Findings

Experiences. The cross-analysis using Braun and Clarke's (2006) model revealed eight common themes, with four highlighting positive experiences and four highlighting negative experiences. As shown in Table 2, these themes are: *Recognizing the Importance of Reading, Having a Supportive Environment in the Reading, Being Determined to Enhance Reading, and Gaining Progress and Improvement in Reading for positive experiences; Holding Unpleasant Emotions, Facing Social Hostilities, Having Inadequate Familial Support, and Doing Unfavorable Learning Practices for negative experiences.*

Table 2. Experiences of the Learners Involved in the Reading Program

Essential Theme	Core Ideas
Positive Experiences	
Recognizing the Importance of Reading	-Understanding the importance of reading -Attending reading sessions -Perceiving reading as a tool for empowerment -Seeing reading as a pathway to personal growth
Having a Supportive Environment in the Reading	-Receiving assistance from teachers -Getting support from parents and guardians -Interacting positively with peers in collaborative reading activities -Having access to reading materials -Engaging in the reading practice session
Being Determined to Enhance Reading	-Persisting in their efforts to improve their reading skills -Exhibiting a strong commitment -Demonstrating a willingness to overcome challenges -Remaining motivated to achieve their goals -Seeking opportunities to enhance literacy skills
Gaining Progress and Improvement in Reading	-Exhibiting tangible progress and improvement -Enhancing academic performance and self-esteem -Receiving positive feedback on their progress -Increasing engagement and participation -Acquiring improved comprehension -Understanding basic vocabulary
Negative Experiences	

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Holding Unpleasant Emotions	-Experiencing shyness and embarrassment in the reading sessions -Being self-consciousness and having fear of judgment -Enduring fatigue and familial responsibilities -Having limited support from parents, and guardians -Being discouraged by challenges
Facing Social Hostilities	-Being afraid of reading aloud -Experiencing humiliation and ridicule from classmates -Longing for a supportive and inclusive environment -Suffering from bullying -Facing negative physical discipline from parents
Having Inadequate Familial Support	-Lacking direct instruction at home about reading -Being burdened by familial responsibilities -Experiencing feelings of isolation at home when reading -Not receiving additional practice and reinforcement -Needing family involvement
Doing Unfavorable Learning Practices	-Facing distractions from electronic devices -Experiencing fatigue from early morning sessions and long commutes to school -Being absent due to sickness -Declining participation and engagement -Struggling to focus or maintain interest

*Recognizing the Importance of Reading***.** The learners' recognition of the importance of reading is a pivotal aspect of their experiences within the intervention program, reflecting not only an understanding of its intrinsic value but also a profound acknowledgment of its broader implications for personal and academic growth. Across the cases, it becomes evident that these learners perceive reading as more than just a requisite skill for educational advancement; rather, they view it as a gateway to knowledge, empowerment, and self-improvement. They experienced slowly learning about letters, sounds, and simple words. Their expressions of eagerness and willingness to enhance their reading proficiency underscore a deep-seated appreciation for literacy and its transformative potential in shaping their lives. Case 1 elaborated:

> *Maayo kayo ang programa sama sa ako kay tabang jud siya sa mga parehas nako na maglisod ug basa. Mapasalamaton ko kay sa hinay-hinay nakabalo nako ug* letters, sounds *ug mga sayon nga* words, Sir. *Sa sugod, gitudluan jud ko ni* Ma'am *sa* letters ug sounds. *(Case1_35)*
>
> The program is truly helpful for children like me who are struggling with reading. I am thankful because I slowly learned about letters, sounds, and simple words. My teacher taught me about letters and sounds since the beginning of the program.

Having a Supportive Environment in the Reading. In terms of educational interventions, the significance of a supportive environment cannot be overstated, especially within reading programs aimed at enhancing literacy skills among learners. The experiences of some learners in the reading intervention program underscore the pivotal role played by teachers, parents, and guardians in nurturing a supportive atmosphere conducive to their progress and development. Case 4 shared:

> *Nakabalo-kabalo na kog basa,* Sir. *Ok kaayo. Nakatuon jud kog basa. Pasalamat jud ko ka* Ma'am *kay gitabangan jud ko niya. Wala jud gipabati nya sa ako nga lahi ko sa uban. Iya jud kong gitabangan hantod sa nakabasa nako gamay. (Case4_149)*
>
> I slowly learned to read, Sir. Very okay. I learned how to read. I thank Ma'am because she helped me. She never made me feel like I was different. She helped me until I slowly learned to read.

Being Determined to Enhance Reading. The learners' experiences in the reading intervention program illuminate a profound testament to the determination inherent within them. Despite encountering obstacles ranging from personal insecurities to familial responsibilities, everyone displays a determined spirit that propels them forward in their quest for improved literacy. Despite facing challenges balancing schoolwork with household duties, Case 3 exhibits remarkable perseverance in her pursuit of knowledge. Her unwavering determination to succeed serves as a beacon of hope amidst adversity, inspiring others to persevere in the face of hardship. She emphasized:

> *Ug* time *na pud sa pagbasa, ako jud mag una didto samong* reading center. *Masganahan na jud ko mutambong sa among pagbasa kay nakita nako nga gaimprove na jud gamay. Tungod sad sa pagbasa, nabawasan gamay akong kaulaw. (Case3_70)*
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> And if it's time for reading, I am always the first one to arrive in the center. I am more motivated to attend the reading program because I saw that I somehow

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improved. Because of the reading, my shyness was minimized.

Gaining Progress and Improvement in Reading. The progress and improvement demonstrated by the learners in their reading abilities underscore the impact of the intervention program and supportive interventions on their educational journey. Despite initial struggles and obstacles, each learner exhibits tangible advancements in their literacy skills, reflecting their dedication and perseverance in the pursuit of academic excellence. For instance, Case 2's experience highlights the remarkable progress achieved through consistent effort and support. The intervention program equips him with the tools and strategies necessary to overcome obstacles and unlock his full potential as a reader particularly when the texts are in Filipino language. When asked about his development in understanding simple sentences Case 2 mentioned:

> *Masabtan nako direcho pag Tagalog among ginabasa, Sir. Masdali pud sa ako makasabot ug magbuhat sa mga buhatonon pag Tagalog ang ihatag ni* Ma'am. *Pag ang* assignment *ni* Ma'am *kay sa* English *na, magpatabang nako ni Mama. (Case2_139)*
>
> I can understand it directly when we read Tagalog materials, Sir. It was also easier for me to understand and accomplish the activities when my teacher gave me Tagalog reading materials. If the assignment is for English, I would seek my mother's help.

Holding Unpleasant Emotions. Unpleasant emotions encountered by the learners in their reading intervention program represent significant obstacles that can impede their educational journey and hinder their progress. Each learner's experience reflects a unique set of challenges that range from experiencing shyness to enduring familial responsibilities, all of which pose significant barriers to their learning experience. Case 5's experience of caring for her cousin and mute-deaf sibling underscores the challenges of managing competing priorities and responsibilities, which can hinder her ability to fully engage in the program and dedicate time to improving her reading skills. She mentioned:

> *Kulang pud ko sa* time *kay bantay pud ko sa anak sa akong Tita. Gustohon man jud nako* Sir *oy, wala jud koy oras magbuhat sa mga ginapadala ni* Ma'am *na* activities *kay daghan kog trabaho. Dili pud ko matabangan sa akong manghod kay amang siya. (Case5_102)*
>
> I don't have enough time because I am looking after the child of my Tita. No matter how I wanted to do it, I didn't have time to do the activities assigned by my teacher to me because I had tasks to do. My brother could not help me because he is mute-deaf.

Facing Social Hostilities. The social hostilities encountered by some learners in their reading intervention program can have profound effects on their emotional well-being, self-esteem, and motivation to engage in learning activities. Across the experiences of the learners, instances of humiliation and ridicule from classmates due to difficulties with reading emerge as significant challenges that exacerbate feelings of embarrassment and anxiety. For example, Case 5's encounters with humiliation from peers due to her struggles with reading underscore the damaging effects of ridicule on learners' emotional well-being and motivation to participate in reading activities. Case 5 experienced this:

> *Naulawan ko. Gipakaulawan ko sa mga classmates nako sa una. Tawagon ko nila ug bugo kay edaran nako pero dili gihapon ko kabalo mobasa. Maong usahay dili na lang nako ipahalata nga maglisod ko ug basa,* Sir. *(Case5_21)*
>
> I was humiliated. I was humiliated by my classmates before. They would call me stupid because I'm too old not to be able to read. That's why sometimes, I just don't make it obvious that I was struggling with reading.

Having Inadequate Familial Support. The experiences of the learners highlight the profound impact that inadequate support at home can have on their reading intervention program. For many learners, the absence of direct instruction and encouragement from family members or guardians significantly complicates their efforts to improve their reading skills and engage meaningfully in the program. Case 3's experience highlights the challenges faced by learners from broken families with limited parental support. The lack of direct instruction or assistance at home causes her struggles, leaving her with limited resources to navigate her educational journey effectively. Case 3's grandfather admitted:

> *Sa tinuod* Sir, *malooy jud ko sa akong apo. Mohilak na usahay* Sir *nga dili makatambong kay walay masaligan pag magsakit ko. Mouli pa gane na usahay* Sir *kay wa ko nasayod sakong tambal. (Case3_PG_50)*
>
> Sir, I feel sorry for my grandchild. She cried sometimes Sir every time she couldn't attend because there was no one to rely on when I got sick. She still has to go home sometimes, Sir, because I don't know my medicines.

Doing Unfavorable Learning Practices. The experiences of the learners shed light on the significant impact of unfavorable learning practices on their participation and engagement in the reading intervention program. These practices, ranging from facing distractions from electronic devices to struggling to focus or maintain interest, present additional challenges that learners must navigate in their educational journey. Case 2's experience highlights the disruptive influence of distractions from electronic devices on learning. The prevalence of electronic devices and their potential to divert attention away from learning activities can hinder focus and concentration, impeding learners' ability to fully engage with reading materials and participate effectively in the program. His teacher confirmed:

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He was unable to sustain his drive because there were cases where he was absent due to sickness and excessive use of cellphones. (*Case2_T_TR-2_18)*

Coping Strategies. The cross-analysis of the five study cases revealed four common themes for navigating the challenges encountered in their involvement in the reading intervention program. As shown in Table 3, four emerging themes were presented: *Engaging in Relaxation Activities, Seeking Help from Teachers and Parents, Involving Parents or Guardians in Doing the Tasks, and Following a Structured Reading Schedule.*

Table 3. Navigating the Challenges of the Experiences of the Learners Involved in the Reading Program

Essential Theme	Core Ideas in Navigating the Challenges	Challenges
Engaging in Relaxation Activities	-Being more sociable to address shyness and insecurities during reading activities	Holding Unpleasant Emotions During and After Reading Classes
	-Motivating oneself after an embarrassing encounter in classroom reading	
	-Having a good rest or break to overcome fatigue in reading exercises and homework	
Seeking Help from Teachers and Parents	-Asking for advice to overcome humiliation and ridicule from classmates	Facing Social Hostilities while Participating in the Reading Intervention Program
	- Reporting cases of bullying to teachers	
	-Facing negative physical discipline from parents or guardians	
Involving Parents or Guardians in Doing the Tasks	-Asking for help from parents or guardians in accomplishing the activities	Having Inadequate Familial Support to Reinforce Reading
	-Communicating openly with family	
	-Practicing at home with parents or guardians	
Following a Structured Reading Schedule	-Incorporating fun elements into the reading activities' schedule	Doing Unfavorable Learning Practices that Affect Reading Development
	-Utilizing interactive materials	
	-Setting a specific time for reading	
	-Reducing time in going out with friends and using of cellphones	

Engaging in Relaxation Activities. Despite holding unpleasant emotions during and after reading classes such as shyness, embarrassment, anxiety, familial responsibilities, and limited support at home, the learners engage in relaxation activities in their pursuit of improved reading skills. When faced with embarrassment or anxiety about reading aloud in class, they push through their discomfort and continue to participate actively in the program. For instance, Case 1, despite initial shyness and difficulty seeking help, actively engages in the reading program, gradually overcoming barriers while finding time to rest. He highlighted:

Ginadasig sad nako akong kaugalingon nga maningkamot. Dili ko pwede nga magdako nga dili kabalo mobasa, Sir. *Pirmi nako pahinumduman akong sarili nga para sa akong kaugmaon, dapat makabalo jud kog basa. Kapoyan ko usahay pero magpahulay jud ko. (Case1_77)*

I also encouraged myself to strive. I cannot grow up being a non-reader, Sir. I always remind myself that for my future, I should learn to read. I got tired sometimes, so I secured time to rest.

Seeking Help from Teachers and Parents. When facing social hostilities while participating in the reading intervention program, the learners benefit from a supportive environment provided by their teachers, parents, and guardians. In the face of challenges such as bullying, embarrassment, and ridicule, the help and guidance offered by these individuals serve as crucial sources of support. In Case 4, the learner appreciates the teacher's support despite work commitments. Every time he experienced bullying, he would immediately report it to his teacher, as he shared:

*Kulba oy. Bullihon man gud ko sa akong mga classmates gud. Kanang makita ko nila gatuon ug basa naa juy mga adlaw nga nay mo*bully *sa ako maong naa pud koy pagduha-duha nga motambong usahay. Gina-ingnan nako si* Ma'am *aron dili na mausab. (Case4_43)*

Nervous. I will be bullied by my classmates. When they saw me learning to read, there were days that they would bully me that's why I was apprehensive to participate sometimes. I told my teacher about it so that it won't happen again.

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Involving Parents or Guardians in Doing the Tasks. Despite initial struggles, some learners consistently demonstrate progress and improvement in their reading skills over time with the involvement of their parents and guardians. When confronted with challenges such as comprehension difficulties or reluctance to engage with longer texts at home, they sought their parents or guardians' help. Case 2 faces challenges with comprehension and anxiety in English materials but demonstrates consistent progress with the help of his mother. He shared:

> *Masabtan nako direcho pag Tagalog among ginabasa,* Sir. *Masdali pud sa ako makasabot ug magbuhat sa mga buhatonon pag Tagalog ang ihatag ni* Ma'am. *Pag ang* assignment *ni* Ma'am *kay sa* English *na, magpatabang nako ni Mama. (Case2_139)*
>
> I can understand it directly when we read Tagalog materials, Sir. It was also easier for me to understand and accomplish the activities when my teacher gave me Tagalog reading materials. If the assignment is for English, I would seek my mother's help.

Following a Structured Reading Schedule. Despite the unfavorable learning practices that they do, the learners maintain a positive outlook for the opportunity to participate in the reading program. They acknowledged the benefits of the structured reading program schedule amidst their struggles with distractions from electronic devices, fatigue from early morning sessions and long commutes to school, and being absent due to sickness. The incorporation of fun elements in the activities, the utilization of interactive materials, the setting of a specific time for reading, and the reduction of time in going out with friends and using cellphones, strengthen their motivation to continue participating in the program. In Case 2, despite experiencing fatigue, sickness, and anxiety when reading aloud in class, the learner finds positive aspects in the reading program by setting a specific time for reading and reducing time in going out with friends and using cellphones. He stated:

> *Katong mga adlaw nakaabsent ko kay kapoyan ko, magmata ug sayo ug masakit ko, ginalikayan nako. Magsayo kog katulog. Unya kanang sa dula likayan sa nako kung ting basa. (Case2_119)*
>
> Those days when I was absent because I felt tired, I woke up early and I was sick, I prevented them from happening again. I sleep early. As for playing, I avoid it when we have a reading session.

Similarities and Differences. As part of the cross-case analysis, similarities and differences among cases are analyzed in the context of the junior high school non-readers involved in the implementation of reading intervention programs. Generally, the five cases were similar except for the supportive familial environment and gaining progress in reading for Cases 3 and 5. Anent to navigating the challenges of their experiences, all cases show significant advancements in their reading skills over time except for Case 5 who exhibited minimal improvement due to a lack of parental support and a learning disability. Underscored in Table 4 are the similarities and differences between the five cases in the context of experiences and navigating the challenges, where the check mark (✓) indicates the presence of the theme in a case and an X-mark (X) indicates the absence of the same.

Table 4. ***Similarities and Differences of Experiences and Navigating the Challenges of the Learners Involved in the Reading Program***

Themes on Experiences	**GRADE 7 NON-READER (Case 1)**	**GRADE 8 NON-READER (Case 2)**	**GRADE 9 NON-READER (Case 3)**	**GRADE 10 NON-READER (Case 4)**	**LSENs NON-READER (Case 5)**
Recognizing the Importance of Reading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Having a Supportive Environment in the Reading	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Being Determined to Enhance Reading	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gaining Progress and Improvement in Reading	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Holding Unpleasant Emotions	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facing Social Hostilities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Having Inadequate Familial Support	X	X	✓	X	✓
Doing Unfavorable Learning Practices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Themes on Navigating Challenges	**GRADE 7 NON-READER (Case 1)**	**GRADE 8 NON-READER (Case 2)**	**GRADE 9 NON-READER (Case 3)**	**GRADE 10 NON-READER (Case 4)**	**LSENs NON-**

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					READER (Case 5)
Engaging in Relaxation Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seeking Help from Teachers and Parents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Involving Parents or Guardians in Doing the Tasks	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Following a Structured Reading Schedule	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Implications

The experiences of learners engaged in the reading intervention program yield significant implications for educational practices aimed at bolstering literacy development and aiding learners in surmounting obstacles. Firstly, educators should underscore the multifaceted importance of literacy, positioning it not solely as an academic requisite but also as a tool for personal advancement, critical thought, and empowerment. By fostering a comprehensive understanding of reading's broader implications, educators can imbue learners with a deeper appreciation for literacy, motivating active participation in literacy-focused endeavors.

Secondly, the creation of supportive and friendly environments by educators and caregivers is paramount. Through tailored support, acknowledgment of individual needs, and the cultivation of a compassionate and encouraging culture, educators can empower learners to navigate challenges and thrive academically.

Additionally, educators should prioritize the promotion of determination and relaxation activities among learners. Emphasizing the significance of persistence in the face of adversity, educators can provide opportunities for learners to confront and conquer obstacles, fostering resilience and nurturing a growth-oriented mindset conducive to continual learning and advancement. Moreover, fostering parental involvement in educational opportunities can enhance learner motivation and engagement. Educators should accentuate the positive facets of learning experiences, celebrate progress and accomplishments, and instill a culture of gratitude and enthusiasm for learning.

Tailoring interventions and support to address individual needs is essential for optimizing outcomes in intervention programs. Educators must recognize and address variances in support requirements, whether relating to social dynamics, home environments, or external factors. By delivering personalized support, educators ensure that all learners have equitable opportunities to succeed in their educational journey.

Lastly, the incorporation of enjoyable learning experiences in a structured reading intervention program is crucial. Integrating interactive elements into the curriculum, such as games and collaborative activities, can enhance learner engagement and motivation. Educators should explore innovative teaching methodologies through training to become more inclusive of the different needs of the learners.

CONCLUSIONS

The experiences of learners involved in the reading program reveal a nuanced understanding of both positive and negative aspects of their educational journey. Across the five study cases, several common themes emerge, highlighting both the challenges and successes encountered by learners in their pursuit of improved literacy skills. The learners recognizing the importance of reading reflect a profound understanding of its multifaceted significance in their lives. Also, having supportive environments provided by teachers and guardians is instrumental in nurturing the learners' progress and development within the intervention program. Despite facing challenges such as shyness, embarrassment, social hostilities, and limited support at home, everyone displays an indomitable spirit that propels them forward in their quest for improved literacy. Additionally, unfavorable learning practices such as distractions, sickness, fatigue, and familial responsibilities add another layer of complexity to the learning experience, further hindering learners' ability to fully engage in reading activities.

The cross-analysis of the five study cases unveiled four common themes that underscore the rich and diverse experiences of learners involved in the reading program. Firstly, the theme of engaging in relaxation activities permeates each case, showcasing how learners navigate through challenges of holding unpleasant emotions such as shyness, embarrassment, insecurities, anxiety, familial responsibilities, and limited support at home with unwavering perseverance. Secondly, the learners consistently seek help from teachers and parents towards the reading program despite facing social hostilities. In the face of trials such as bullying, embarrassment, and ridicule, the help and guidance offered by these individuals serve as fundamental sources of support. Moreover, the learners benefit immensely from the involvement of parents or guardians in doing the reading tasks. Lastly, learners acknowledged the benefits of the structured reading program schedule to minimize unfavorable learning practices such as their struggles with distractions from electronic devices, fatigue from early morning sessions and long commutes to school and being absent due to sickness. By incorporating fun activities, using interactive materials, setting a dedicated time for reading, and limiting time spent with friends and screen use, the

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program can boost students' motivation to continue engaging with the reading activities.

As a researcher delving into the experiences of learners in reading intervention programs, this study resonates deeply with my own journey as a teacher and a reading coordinator. It reaffirms the profound impact of supportive environments and tailored interventions on learners' progress and resilience. Moreover, it underscores the importance of inclusivity and personalized support in educational practices, aligning closely with my own beliefs as a researcher. This study has not only enriched my understanding of literacy development but has also inspired me to advocate for more inclusive and effective educational practices in my future research endeavors.

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A THEORETICAL REVIEW ON JOB SATISFACTION

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ABSTRACT
When a person comes to work, brings with him his total personality, his attitudes, likes and dislikes, his personal characteristics and these, in turn, influence the satisfaction he derives from his work. It becomes important to examine how his personal characteristics influence his job. Personal characteristics here refer to such bio-social variables as age, marital status , education, length of service , and income, etc., Job satisfaction is how content an individual is with his or her job. This paper explains the brief concept of Job satisfaction, theories, determinants and the importance of Job satisfaction.
KEY WORDS: *Job satisfaction, rewards, working conditions.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Job satisfaction is the level of contentment a person feels regarding his or her job. This feeling is based on an individual's perception of satisfaction. Job satisfaction can be influenced by a person's ability to complete required tasks, the level of communication in an organization, and the way management treats employees.

Job satisfaction reduces absenteeism, labour turnover and accidents. Job satisfaction increases employee's morale, productivity, etc. Job satisfaction creates innovative ideas among the employees. Individuals may become more loyal towards the organization. Employees will be more satisfied if they get what they expected, job satisfaction relates to inner feelings of workers.

Most people generalize that workers are concerned more about pay rather than other factors which also affects their level of satisfaction, such as canteen facilities, bonus, working conditions, etc. these conditions are less significant when compared to pay.

There are often two different levels of job satisfaction: **Affective job satisfaction** and **Cognitive job satisfaction.** Affective job satisfaction is a person's emotional feeling toward the job as a whole. Cognitive job satisfaction is how satisfied a person feels concerning an aspect of his or her job, such as pay, hours, or benefits.

2. THEORIES OF JOB SATISFACTION

There are vital differences among experts about the concept of job satisfaction. Basically there are four approaches/theories of job satisfaction.

i) Fulfillment theory.
ii) Discrepancy theory.
iii) Equity theory.
iv) Two-Factor theory.

2.1) Fulfilment Theory

The proponents of this theory measure satisfaction in terms of rewards a person receives (or) the extent to which his needs are satisfied further they thought that there is a direct/positive relationship between job satisfaction and the actual satisfaction of the expected needs the job satisfaction cannot be regarded as merely a function of how much a person receives from his job. This led to the development of the discrepancy theory of job satisfaction.

2.2) Discrepancy Theory

The proponents of this theory argue that satisfaction is the function of what a person actually receives from his job satisfaction and what he thinks he should receive or what he expects to receive. When the actual satisfaction derived is less than expected satisfaction it results dissatisfaction.

2.3) Equity Theory

The proponents of this theory are of the views that a person's satisfaction is determined by his perceived equity. Which in turn is determined by his input, output balance is the perceived ratio of what a person, receives from his job relative to what he contributes to the job this theory is of the view that both under the over rewards lead to dissatisfaction while the under-reward causes feelings of unfair treatment over-rewards leads to feelings of discomfort.

2.4) Two - Factor Theory

As discussed earlier, this theory was developed by Hertzberg, Manusner, Peterson and cap cell who identified certain factors as satisfiers and dissatisfies, Factors such as achievement recognition responsibility etc. are satisfiers on the other hand, factors such as supervision, salary, working conditions etc. are dissatisfies.

3. FACTORS/DETERMINANTS OF JOB SATISFACTION

Job satisfaction refers to a general attitude which an employee retains on account of many specific attitudes.

The various factors influencing job satisfaction may be classified into the following categories:

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- Environmental factors
- Personal factors
- Factors inherent in the job
- Factors controlled by the management
- General determinants

3.1. Environmental Factors

These factors relate main to the work environment, They are:

- ***Job Content:*** Hertzberg suggested that job content in terms of achievement, recognitions, recognition, advancement, responsibility and work itself tend lo provide s1atisfaction but their absence does not cause dissatisfaction. Where the job is less repetitive and there is variation in job content and job satisfaction tends to be higher. Specialization increases repetitiveness leading to boredom and monotony. But greater variety of tasks may not increase satisfaction unless the tasks form a unified, integrated and meaningful whole.
- ***Occupational Level:*** The higher level of the job in organizational hierarchy the greater the satisfaction of the individual. This is because positions at higher level are generally better paid, mote challenging and provides greater freedom of operation. Such jobs carry greater prestige, self-control and need satisfaction. One study revealed that professional people were the most satisfied, followed by salaried workers and factory workers were the least satisfied with their jobs.
- ***Pay and Promotion:*** All other things being equal, higher pay and better opportunities for promotion lead to higher job satisfaction.
- ***Work Group:*** Man is social animal and likes to be associated with others interactions in the work group help to satisfy social and psychological needs and, therefore, isolated workers tend to be dissatisfied. Job satisfaction is generally high when an individual is accepted by his peers and he has a high need for affiliation.
- ***Supervisions:*** Considerate supervision lends to improve job satisfaction of workers. A considerate supervisor takes personal interest in his subordinates and allows them to participate in the decision making process. However, authoritarian people may be more satisfied under the supervision of high status and strongly directive leaders. Employee satisfaction from supervisor behavior depends upon the influence which the supervisor exercises on his own superior.

3.2. Personal Factors

Personal life exercises a significant influence on the job satisfaction. They include workers education, age, marital status and their personal characteristics family background socio economic background and the like.

- ***Age:*** Some research studies reveal a positive correlation between age and job satisfaction. Workers in the advanced age group tend to be more satisfied probably because they have adjusted with their job conditions. However, there is a sharp decline alter a point perhaps because an individual aspires for better and more prestigious jobs in the later years of his life.
- ***Sex:*** One study revealed that women are less satisfied than men due to fewer job opportunities for females. But female workers may be more satisfied due to their lower occupational aspirations.
- ***Educational Level*****:** Generally more educated employees tend to be less satisfied with their jobs probably due to their higher job aspirations. However, research does not yield conclusive relationship between these two variables.
- ***Marital Status*****:** The general impression is that married employees and employees having more dependents tend to be more dissatisfied due to their greater responsibilities. But such employees may be more satisfied because they value their jobs more than unmarried workers.
- ***Experience:*** Job satisfaction lends to increase with increasing years of experience. But it may decrease after twenty years of experience particularly among people who have not realized their job expectations.

3.3 Factors Inherent in the Job:

These factors have recently been studied and found to be important in the selection of employees. Instead of being guided by their co-workers and supervisors they are guided by their own inclination to choose jobs in consideration of what they have to do.

- ***Type of Work:*** The most important factor inherent in the job is type of work. Several Studies have shown that varied work brings about more job satisfaction than does routine work. It is difficult to separate the importance of type of work, skill, pay and statues, since they usually go together skill required to job satisfaction has a bearing on several other factors like kind of work, occupational status and responsibility. A study of the relation of skill to job satisfaction concluded, “Where skill exists to a job considerable degree it tends to become the first source of satisfaction.

3.4. Factors Controlled by Management:

They include the nature of supervision, job security, kind of work group, wage rate, promotional opportunities, and transfer policy, duration of work and sense of responsibilities. All these factors greatly influence the workers. Their presence in the organization motivates the workers and provides a sense of job satisfaction.

- ***Security:*** A summary of all the studies that can be compared shows that industrial employees say that what they want most is steady work. Security for old age was one of the five factors significantly related to the workers satisfaction. The other four were “interest in the job”, “not being over worked”, “ability to advice”, and belief “that individual merit is rewarded”. These five factors are even more important for satisfaction with the company than the satisfaction with the job.
- ***Training and Development:*** Job training and employees career development are become generally accepted activities in industry. The fact that training also reduces absenteeism and turns over suggestions that training has a favorable effect on morale and satisfaction.
- ***Participation:*** Participation means active in pursuit of a goal which involves the ego. The incentive of participation

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of workers is becoming more and more prominent for causing greater job satisfaction. Participation appears to incorporate two strongest incentives, the social motives of self-respect and self-approval.

- ***Motivation:*** Motivation refers to the behavior itself or the end results of all inputs. This motivation is a six phased process beginning from the inner state or need deficiency and with need fulfillment.

3.5 General Determinants:

More important factors conductive to job satisfaction are menially challenging work, equitable rewards, supportive working conditions, and supportive colleagues.

- ***Mentally Challenging Work:*** Employees tend to perfect jobs that give them opportunities to use their skills and abilities and offer a variety of tasks, freedom, and feedback on how well they are doing. These characteristics make but too much challenging creates frustration and feelings of failure. Under conditions of moderate challenge, most employees will experience pleasure and satisfaction.
- ***Equitable Rewards:*** Individuals who perceive that promotion decisions are made in a fair and just manner, therefore, are likely to experience satisfaction from their jobs.
- ***Supportive Working Conditions:*** Employees are concerned with their work environment for both personal comfort and facilitating doing a good job.
- ***Supportive Colleagues:*** People get more out of work than merely money or tangible achievements. For most employees, work also fills the need for social interaction: Having friendly and supportive co - workers lead to increased job satisfaction. The behavior one's boss also a major determinant of job satisfaction. Studies generally fin that employee satisfaction is increased when the immediate supervisor understands and friendly offers praise for good performance, listen to employee's opinions, and shows a personal interest in them.

4. BENEFITS OF JOB SATISFACTION

- One benefit of job satisfaction surveys is that they give management an indication of general levels of satisfaction in a company.
- Improved communication is another benefit of the surveys as communication flows in all directions as people plan the survey, talk and discuss its results.
- The job satisfaction survey can help discover the causes of indirect productivity problems, such as absenteeism turnover and poor quality work. As was discussed earlier, absenteeism and employee turnover are highly correlated with job satisfaction.

5. IMPORTANCE OF JOB SATISFACTION

Reduces Absenteeism and Turnover: High job satisfaction tend to have greater incomes and more education and enjoy more benefits, which promote longevity on the other hand chronic dissatisfaction with work represents stress which in turn takes its ill on the organization.

Job Satisfaction Has Some Relation With Mental Health of People: Many unresolved personal problems and make adjustments arise out a person's inability to find satisfaction in his work. Job satisfaction is important for psychological adjustments and happy liking of an individual.

Job Satisfaction has some degree of Positive Correction with Physical Health of Individual: People with greater satisfaction tend to have greater incomes and more education and enjoy greater benefits, which promote positivity on the other hand chronic dissatisfaction with work represents stress which in turn takes its ill on the organization.

Here are some of the best HR practices that help in the creation of a highly satisfied and motivated work force.

Work environment: A safe and happy workplace makes the employees feel good about being there. Each one is given importance and provided the security that gives them the motivation and incentive to stay. This is usually achieved through internal surveys to find out whether they are satisfied and if not what they think needs to be changed.

Open Management: Employees don't like the feeling of being kept in the dark about what is happening in the company. They feel motivated and develop enthusiasm only when the management opens up to them and discusses the company policies, sales, clients, contracts, goals and objectives. This encourages participative management. Asking them for ideas on how to improve will get their creative juices flowing. Being open about everything related to the company will help in building trust and motivating the employees. This open management policy can be practiced using several tools.

Performance Incentives: Every good performance is appreciated in the form of a pat on the back, bonuses or giving some other compensation for a job well done. Organizations that struggle to keep up with the attrition rate are mostly those that think employees are "just" doing their job. Even if it is the employee's job, completion in an appreciable manner calls for an incentive, and this goes a long way in boosting the staff morale. These incentives can be implemented at the individual as well as the team level and it has been seen that this works wonders in getting the best out of the employees. But it is important to keep in mind that these bonuses should not be given without a reason, unless it is a commitment for annual bonuses or some such thing. Doing so will only reduce the perceived value of the bonuses.

Performance Feedback: This is one the methods that is being followed by many organizations. Feedback is not only taken from the boss, but also from other seniors and subordinates. Previously, appreciation was only sought from the immediate boss or the management, but now organizations understand the importance of collecting performance feedback from several quarters. The opinion of everyone matters, especially for someone who is in a leadership role at any level. Each person in the team is responsible for giving constructive feedback. This kind of system helps in identifying people who can perform well as leaders at higher levels in the organization. Even the senior level managers can use this system to their advantage, as a tool to improve themselves.

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Employee Evaluation: Every company has an employee evaluation system in place but a good system links individual performance to the goals and priorities of the organization. This works well when achievements are tracked over a year. For a fair review of each employee, the evaluation, apart from being done by the boss, should be done by another person at a higher level, for whom the employee's contribution is important. Ratings can also be obtained by other employees. This ensures a fair and accurate rating of each and every employee.

Sharing of Knowledge: Knowledge sharing is a wonderful strategy that helps in the betterment of the employees and their work. Keep all the knowledgeable information in central databases that can be accessed by each and every employee. For example, if an employee is sent on some training, the knowledge that is acquired by that employee can be stored in these databases for others to learn from it. Even innovative ideas that the management deems fit for employees to see, can be stored here for all to see.

Publicize Good Performances: Every company has some employees who outperform others. Such performances should be highlighted and displayed where other employees can look at them; such as on the display boards and intranet etc. This will encourage others to give their best. A proper system should be set up to make a list of high performances at specific times in a year.

Discussions: Successful organizations nurture ideas and they understand that employees who are actually working and know the business can provide the best ideas. The management should have discussions with employees to get these ideas out of them. There can also be suggestion boxes to capture these ideas. Through this system, managers can find talented employees and develop them.

Rewards: While recognition of talent is highly important, this recognition has to be made public and what better way than holding ceremonies and announcing to the whole world (the employees), the achievements of a fellow employee. There can be nothing better for an employee than the heady feeling from a resounding applause.

5.3 CONCLUSION

Compensation, motivation, and promotions all have an influence on work satisfaction andplay a critical part in every company. If the firm wants to keep its personnel, it needs to come up with a new way to compensate them and run motivating initiatives. Employees that are well rewarded will be encouraged, confident, and have favorable attitudes about their jobs, resulting in work satisfaction.

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THE PES CAVUS, SCOPING REVIEW

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SUMMARY

Introduction: *Pes cavus is a deformity characterized by cavus (elevation of the longitudinal plantar arch of the foot), plantar flexion of the first radius, forefoot pronation and valgus, rearfoot varus and forefoot adduction. Muscle strength imbalance is the most notable origin of such deformity.*
Objective: *to detail the current information related to pes cavus, concept, manifestations, etiology, epidemiology, presentation, anatomy, pathophysiology, diagnosis, complementary tests, treatment, complications and prognosis.*
Methodology: *a total of 25 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 16 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: pes cavus, cavo-varus, foot deformity, foot muscle strength imbalance.*
Results: *The pathology has a strong underlying association with neurological conditions. It usually occurs in adolescence or early adulthood, although it can occur in any age group. In diabetic patients there is a prevalence of 25%. Meary's line is a line between the talus and the first metatarsal, normally it has a value of 0, in pes cavus it increases, being mild from 5 to 10 degrees and severe above 20.*
Conclusions: *It is important to understand that early identification and intervention are essential to prevent progression from flexible and correctable pes cavus to rigid pes cavus. Therefore, it is essential to know the basis of the pathology, both anatomical, etiological and pathophysiological, as well as its association with other entities or pathologies of the nervous system. In addition, it is necessary to know how to perform an adequate clinical evaluation together with a physical examination and adequate complementary examinations to determine the correct diagnosis and choose the type of treatment to be performed. It is evident that cavovarus foot deformities in adults are frequently approached by means of joint preservation osteotomies and complementary soft tissue procedures, however, currently there are several alternative surgical options available to achieve good results, being the usual first approach to the fixed forefoot deformity and if necessary, to perform a valgus osteotomy. It is recommended that bony correction be performed in conjunction with a soft tissue balancing procedure, in addition to residual toe deformities being restored last. The*

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forms of treatment should be individualized, the choice of the procedure to be used will depend on the deformity and the experience of the surgeon, adapted to the specific clinical picture of each patient.

KEY WORDS: *pes cavus, metatarsalgia, plantar arch, muscular imbalance.*

INTRODUCTION

Pes cavus is an orthopedic disorder that occurs in both children and adults. Pes cavus and pes cavovarus are usually used interchangeably because the most common manifestation of pes cavus is the cavovarus presentation. Pes cavus is a deformity characterized by cavus (elevation of the longitudinal plantar arch of the foot), plantar flexion of the first radius, forefoot pronation and valgus, rearfoot varus and forefoot adduction. Pes cavus is commonly a manifestation of an underlying neurological pathology, however there is a subset of individuals in whom a more subtle form of pes cavus may be present without an underlying pathological process(1-3).

Cavovarus foot is a common form of foot deformity in children, which is clinically distinguished by an abnormal increase in the longitudinal arch of the foot and may be complicated by pronation and varus of the forefoot, varus of the rearfoot, contracture of the Achilles tendon or gallo- deformity up to the toe. Muscle strength imbalance is the most notable origin of such deformity. Several diseases can generate an imbalance of muscle strength, such as tethered cord syndrome, Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, cerebral palsy and trauma. Today, there are several surgical treatments available for cavovarus foot. For older children, priority should be given to midfoot osteotomy and fusion. Because complications such as abnormal foot length, foot stiffness and abnormal gait may develop postoperatively, it is important to preserve the joints and restore the deformity as much as possible. Proper soft tissue release and muscle balance are essential to improve the deformity and prevent its recurrence postoperatively(4,5).

METHODOLOGY

A total of 25 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as cases and clinical trials, of which 16 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: pes cavus, cavo-varus, foot deformity, foot muscle strength imbalance.

The choice of bibliography exposes elements related to pes cavus, concept, manifestations, etiology, epidemiology, presentation, anatomy, pathophysiology, diagnosis, complementary examinations, treatment, complications and prognosis.

DEVELOPMENT

Concept

The pes cavus could be defined as the elevation of the longitudinal arch of the foot, that is, a high arched foot, although the concepts vary among authors(6).

Primary manifestation

The main manifestation is usually due to pathological malposition of the foot, as a result of muscular imbalances. The pathology presents a great underlying association of neurological conditions, however, it can occur without other neurological disorders, i.e. only the imbalance between the muscular forces of the intrinsic and extrinsic musculature of the foot(6).

Presentation

The pathology usually presents in adolescence or early adulthood, however it can occur in any age group. Cavovarus deformity can be classified according to the severity of the misalignment, from a subtle and flexible cavovarus deformity to a severe and fixed cavovarus foot deformity(6,7).

Figure 1. Rigid cavus foot with severe plantarflexed forefoot and claw toes.



Source: Maynou C, Szymanski C, Thiounn A. The adult pes cavus(7).

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Etiology

Pes cavus is seen in both adult and pediatric populations. When known to be bilateral, it is usually hereditary or congenital in origin. A unilateral presentation is more typical of post-traumatic conditions(8).

The most common origin of pes cavus is hereditary motor and sensory neuropathies (HMSN), the most common subtype being Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disease. CMT is a progressive degeneration of the myelin of peripheral nerves with reduced motor nerve conduction. Deformities often worsen and surgical treatment is usually the treatment of choice for these individuals to prevent progression to a fixed deformity(7).

Some authors report that a unilateral cavus presentation requires an MRI of the brain and spinal cord to exclude treatable progressive lesions such as a brain tumor or, during growth, an anchored spinal cord(9,10).

- Neurological disorders: hereditary motor and sensory neuropathies (HMSN), post-stroke symptoms, Roussy-Levy syndrome, anterior horn disease, cerebral palsy, polyneuritic syndromes, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea, spinal cord lesions, myelomeningocele, Friedreich's ataxia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, poliomyelitis, leprosy, Pierre-Marie heredotaxia, Stumpell-Lorrain disease, among others.
- Traumatic: compartment syndrome, vascular injuries, malunion of the talar neck, knee dislocation, scar tissue, peroneal nerve injury, burns, hindfoot instability, distal tibia fractures, malunion of the calcaneus.
- Post-traumatic bone deformities, ligament imbalance or instability usually lead to post-traumatic deformity.
- Unmanaged or insufficiently managed clubfoot.
- Idiopathic causes include rheumatoid arthritis, ankle osteoarthritis, diabetic foot syndrome, plantar fibromatosis, subtalar varus joint axis and tarsal coalition. Subtle pes cavus is usually classified within the idiopathic group(6).

Epidemiology

According to the literature, the true incidence of the pathology is unknown, due to a poor definition, and it also varies according to location, health system and the definition of cavus used. In diabetic patients there is a prevalence of 25%. In addition, studies indicate that there is no significant difference between sexes(6).

Anatomy

When presenting with a weak tibialis anterior, the intrinsic foot muscles and peroneus brevis are dominated by a stronger peroneus longus and tibialis posterior. Subsequently these muscles can weaken and remain in a state of contracture, producing the same effect. The insertion of the peroneus longus into the metatarsals and medial wedge results in plantar flexion of the first radius and pronation of the forefoot. Varus deformity will eventually result as an attempt to obtain a plantigrade foot by compensation through the subtalar joint, prolonged compensation can lead to a progressive and fixed deformity over time. A high longitudinal plantar arch, varus heel position, equinus forefoot and pronation of the first radius are characteristic of a cavovarus deformity(6,8,11,12).

Pathophysiology

Can be divided according to the region involved, usually as follows:

1) forefoot: by unopposed contraction of the peroneus longus and the resulting plantar flexion of the first radius.

2) rearfoot: due to varus malalignment of the rearfoot, as a compensatory pattern(6).

Diagnosis

Diagnosis is made with a combination of history, physical examination and imaging, the most frequent symptom being foot pain. Something important to take into account is the differentiation of forefoot or rearfoot deformity, in addition to performing the Coleman's block test to define whether the deformity is rigid or flexible. The Coleman block test is performed by placing a block of approximately 1 inch (or 2.5 cm) or a book under the lateral side of the forefoot and heel. The head of the first metatarsal should hang off the edge of the block, thus removing its effects on the tripod. Subsequently, the examiner should evaluate the hindfoot to determine if the removal of the deforming effects of the first metatarsal has allowed the hindfoot to repair from varus to valgus. If the hindfoot varus is not repaired, the deformity is rigid and fixed, and this has different surgical implications than a flexible deformity. If the locking test reforms the hindfoot valgus, then the deformity is flexible and forefoot-driven. The goal of the clinical examination is to detect subtle cavus or cavovarus deformity, assess the severity and type of deformity, as well as differentiate between idiopathic, other secondary etiologies of cavus foot deformity, as well as assess for possible related anomalies. The clinical examination should begin with a gait analysis. The neurological examination sometimes reveals peripheral neuropathy or central nervous system etiology for the foot deformity(6,13).

Complementary Examinations

The initial complementary examinations are radiographs. Usually an anteroposterior and a lateral radiograph with load is requested. The relative position of the inferior aspect of the medial wedge and the base of the fifth metatarsal can be evidenced in the lateral radiograph. The base of the fifth metatarsal is closer to the ground, the foot is in cavus. There are multiple angles that can be assessed to know the degree of foot deformity for both pes cavus and valgus foot. The Meary line is a line between the talus and the first metatarsal, normally it has a value of 0, in the pes cavus it increases, being mild from 5 to 10 degrees and severe superior to 20. This is a measurement between the longitudinal axis of the calcaneus and the first metatarsal. Values in normal feet are generally less than 45 degrees. In patients with cavus foot deformities, the angle is usually greater than 90 degrees(6,13,14).

Requested foot radiographs should include at least these three views:

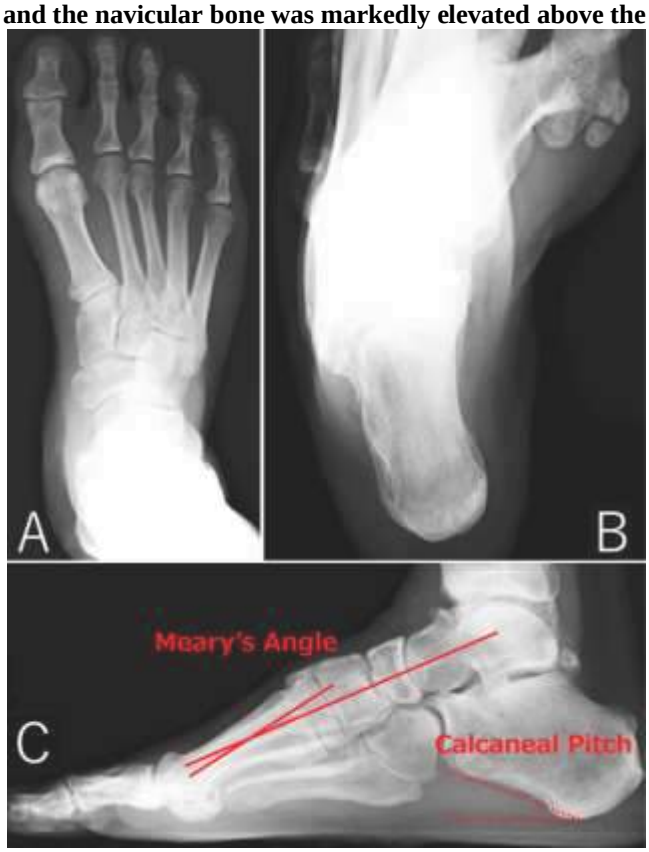
- Lateral view of the weight-bearing ankle and foot allows demonstration and measurement of the cavus.
- Frontal view of the ankle (Meary's view or Salzman's view) demonstrates frontal rearfoot deformity.

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- Dorsoplantar view of the forefoot shows the adduction of the forefoot and the opening of the metatarsal plate(7).

Then on plain radiographs, forefoot driven deformity can be assessed using Meary's angle and rearfoot driven deformity can be measured by calcaneal pitch. Computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging allow assessment of tarsal coalitions and soft tissue pathologies, respectively(13).

Figure 2. Radiograph showing incidences in a pre-surgical pes cavus. The Meary angle was 13°, the calcaneal inclination was 23° and the navicular bone was markedly elevated above the ground.



Source: Kisamori K, Kimura T, Saito M, Kubota M. Lateralizing osteotomy of the calcaneus and dorsiflexion osteotomy of the first metatarsal for cavovarus foot and peroneal sheath release with peroneus brevis repair for peroneal tendinopathy in chronic instability and ankle sprain(15).

Conservative Treatment

Conservative treatment can be used in deformities and mild symptoms with relative success with custom orthoses, with the aim of realigning the rearfoot and unloading the lateral part of the foot. There are studies where botulinum toxin A was used in children with CMT, demonstrating that it was a safe and well-tolerated procedure, however, without significant decrease in the progression of the cavus deformity. Strengthening and stretching are reasonable short-term options.

It is important to know that usually in HMSN, the pes cavus will continue to progress and the deformity will become fixed and rigid without surgical correction(6).

Therefore, standard non-surgical interventions include activity modification, anti-inflammatory medications, simple accommodative shoes and custom orthoses(7).

Surgical Treatment

There is a wide range of techniques that could be performed for the correction of the pathology among these we have tendon transfers, tendon lengthening, calcaneal osteotomies, osteotomies of the neck of the talus, osteotomies of dorsiflexion of the first radius, osteotomies of the midfoot and arthrodesis. The choice of the procedure to be used will depend on the deformity and the surgeon's experience, adapting to the specific clinical picture of each patient(6).

There are studies showing that calcaneal lateralization osteotomy and dorsiflexion osteotomy of the first metatarsal for cavovarus foot release and peroneal sheath with repair of the peroneus brevis for peroneal tendinopathy in chronic ankle instability and sprain have good results(15).

Also, there are studies on soft tissue release combined with joint preserving osteotomy for the treatment of cavovarus foot deformity in older children, where its efficacy in the treatment of cavovarus foot deformity in this age group has been demonstrated(4).

Joint-conserving surgery is the best alternative in flexible cavovarus foot even in Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT) disease

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(peroneal muscular atrophy). Arthrodesis is indicated in severe cavus cavus foot or when degenerative cases are present(7).

Figure 3. Radiographs showing incidences in a post-surgical pes cavus.



Source: Kisamori K, Kimura T, Saito M, Kubota M. Lateralizing osteotomy of the calcaneus and dorsiflexion osteotomy of the first metatarsal for cavovarus foot and peroneal sheath release with peroneus brevis repair for peroneal tendinopathy in chronic ankle instability and sprain(15).

Complications

The literature indicates that delay in diagnosis or prolonged use of braces despite worsening of the deformity may lead to a fixed and rigid deformity, so that salvage surgery such as arthrodesis may be chosen. When the neurology is progressive, no surgical procedure can completely protect against recurrence(6).

Prognosis

This will depend on the severity of the deformity, the underlying etiology and the age at presentation. The deformity usually develops gradually and begins before puberty. In children, the deformity is initially compensated but may become more rigid over time, leading to alterations in bone growth, effects on subsequent bone development and alteration of the shape and morphology of the developing foot(6,16).

CONCLUSIONS

It is important to understand that early identification and intervention are essential to prevent the progression of flexible and correctable pes cavus to rigid pes cavus. Therefore, it is essential to know the basis of the pathology, both anatomical, etiological, pathophysiological, as well as, to know its association with other entities or pathologies of the nervous system. In addition, it is necessary to know how to perform an adequate clinical evaluation together with a physical examination and adequate complementary examinations to determine the correct diagnosis and choose the type of treatment to be performed. It is evident that cavovarus foot deformities in adults are frequently approached by means of joint preservation osteotomies and complementary soft tissue procedures, however, currently there are several alternative surgical options available to achieve good results, being the usual first approach to the fixed forefoot deformity and if necessary, to perform a valgus osteotomy. It is recommended that bony correction be performed in conjunction with a soft tissue balancing procedure, in addition to residual toe deformities being restored last. The forms of treatment should be individualized, the choice of the procedure to be used will depend on the deformity and the experience of the surgeon, adapted to the specific clinical picture of each patient.

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STREAMLINING OF THE APPROVED APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE EXAMINATION THROUGH E-GOVERNANCE MECHANISM

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ABSTRACT

The study centered on the streamlining of the approved application for Licensure Examination through e-Governance mechanism. The study employed the descriptive method of research with the questionnaire as the main data gathering tool. The respondents of the study are Board/Examinees taking the licensure examination. Statistical tools were used in measuring and analyzing the results. Also, e-Governance mechanism has a high extent of influence to the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications. On System Security, it revealed that the website protects user's privacy as provided under data privacy act. This showed that information in the website is protected under the data privacy act. As to Information Clarity, it indicated that the website is equipped with search capability by the users and the users can quickly find the information and services they need once they enter the system. When it comes to Citizen's Satisfaction of e-Governance Services, it showed that the e-Governance system can improve the efficiency of organizational services, and accelerate the pace of the organization and Information and services provided by the e-Governance system can meet their needs. This revealed that the system improves the productivity and convenience in the working system and that it meets what they needed in the system. Moreover, the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in claiming the Notice of Admission barely encountered the challenges in using the system. The most challenging aspect was the information provided in the system is not comprehensive and understandable to the target users. The next challenging aspect was updates for the system is difficult to upload and perform because of network trafficking and hacking. This showed that updates being done may be a problem due to internet stability and connectivity. It also revealed that the offline service is not effective in satisfying the needs of the users. Furthermore, there exists a significant relationship between the approved application through e-Governance mechanism and the system generated Notice of Admission. As contrasted, there is no significant difference on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to profile. In addition, there exists a significant relationship between the effects of the system generated NOA of the approved application through e-Governance mechanism and the challenges encountered.

KEYWORDS: *Streamlining, Approved Application, Licensure Examination, e-Governance Mechanism*

INTRODUCTION

We have seen a big change in our communication system in the last few months into year during this pandemic. With the use of the internet and many latest technologies, people can now access different online transaction options. This has also resulted in giving mock application at home via the internet. They do not have to be physically present to submit in the office or agency to receive quality output.

The Professional Regulation Commission previously used manual transaction for the processing of application for licensure examination and other services offered to the public, registered and licensed professional in terms of verification and validation. To align the Commission's existing programs and projects with social contract with the Filipino people, as well as in compliance with various policies that ensure the effective and timely delivery of key services and availability of information to clients and the general services. PRC is now using the Licensure Examination and Registration Information System (LERIS) portal and continuing to develop and improve its system.

The Licensure Examination is an important indicator of the quality of a person's pre-service training responsiveness and accountability of e-government services. It measures the integrity and credibility of being one of the practicing professionals on their chosen field. Especially, this is intended for the examinees and aspiring professionals in some remote area and island that are most affected because they need to travel back to PRC Office to claim their Notice of Admission (NOA) personally. Despite of their location, schedules, employment status, expenses and other matters that may arise. This is also where e-Governance comes in and how it functions and what is its role in the process of the streamlining the approved of the applications for the Licensure Examination.

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MATERIALS AND METHOD

The study employed quantitative descriptive research design. Descriptive research design is a type of research design that aims to systematically obtain information to describe a phenomenon, situation, or population to determine its effect to the applicants. The locale of the study is the PRC Regional Office 4A – Lucena City in Quezon Province. This is found appropriate since this is the place where the number of examinees apply for a licensure examination of various profession.

The researcher gathered one hundred twenty respondents (120) as the approved applicants and examinees using google forms questionnaire to deliberately share and measure their experiences using the research instrument in data gathering. The researcher used demographic profile to identify the Respondents in terms of Board of/for, Examination place, Age, Sex, Address, and Employment.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Demographic Profile of the Respondents in Terms of Board of/for

Most of the respondents were taking their Board Exam for Midwifery with the highest frequency of 43 (35.83%). Civil Engineer Board exam had the frequency of 3, or 2.50%. Nursing Board exam earned a frequency of 2 (1.67%). A lone respondent tied in taking up Psychometrician, Social Worker, and Mechanical Engineer.

Demographic Profile of Respondents in Terms of Examination Place

Most of the respondents take their Examination place in Lucena City with the highest frequency of 104 (86.67%). This was followed by those who took their Licensure Examination in Manila having the frequency of 14 (11.67%).

Demographic Profile of Respondents in Terms of Age

This was followed by the age bracket of 31 to 40 years old having the frequency of 26, or 21.67%. The age bracket of 41 to 50 years old got the frequency of 8 (6.67%). Three respondents were in the age of 51 to 60 years old.

Demographic Profile of Respondents in Terms of Gender

Most of the respondents were female with a frequency of 74 (61.67%). The remaining respondents were male with a frequency of 46, or 38.33%.

Demographic Profile of Respondents in Terms of Address

Most of the respondents were from Lucena City with the highest frequency of 22 (18.33%). Those who were from Tayabas City got the frequency of 11 (9.17%). Those who were from Sariaya Quezon had the frequency of 8 (6.67%).

Demographic Profile of Respondents in Terms of Employment

Most of the respondents have none when it comes to employment with the highest frequency of 33 (27.50%). Those in the DepEd and Contractual got the frequency of 3, or 2.50%. Working in BFP, Guidance Counselor and Unemployed. Lone respondents were engaged in the Electrician, OFW, RHMPP, undergraduate, Student, Casual and Self-Employed.

Table 1. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Applications through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of Information Clarity

Information Clarity	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The website is equipped with search capability by the users.	4.51	Great Extent
The users can conveniently find items that they need via keywords in the system application.	4.45	High Extent
The categorization of website information and functions are reasonable to be used.	4.49	High Extent
The users can quickly find the information and services they need once they enter the system.	4.51	Great Extent
The guidance and instructions of the website is clear, easy to understand and operative to the target users.	4.50	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.49**	**High Extent**

Note: "Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"

The general mean was 4.49 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." This implied that there is a high extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism.

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Table 2. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of System Security

System Security	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The website will protect user's privacy as provided under data privacy act.	4.58	Great Extent
They do not have to worry about personal information being leaked in the system.	4.44	High Extent
The website has user's privacy protection settings, such as password authentication and mobile authentication.	4.53	Great Extent
My submitted information will not be disclosed as not allowed by the system.	4.54	Great Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.52**	**Great Extent**

Note: *"Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"*

Table 2 shows the respondent's ratings of the extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in terms of System Security. The grand mean was 4.52 with a verbal interpretation of "Great Extent." This implied that there is a great extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism.

Table 3. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of System Stability

System Stability	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
Images, videos and hyperlinks of the website can be displayed properly.	4.42	High Extent
The use of website services rarely appears system failure.	4.23	High Extent
Website information and services are not restricted by the period of time.	4.35	High Extent
The content and performance of the website will not be affected by using different browsers or internet tools to open government portal websites.	4.37	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.34**	**High Extent**

Note: *"Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"*

Table 3 shows respondent's ratings of the extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in terms of System Stability. The grand mean was 4.34 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." This implied that there is a high extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism.

Table 4 Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Applications through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of Interactive Services

Interactive Services	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The website has real-time communication channels, such as online customer services.	4.28	High Extent
The website online service or email system, message boards and other channels can reply the users in time and seriously answer their questions and comments.	4.34	High Extent
The website will take the initiative to inform the user the new information or services according to records.	4.43	High Extent
On the basis of meeting on the general requirements, the website also provides personalized custom services for different users.	4.36	High Extent
Online transactions can be completed within a specified time.	4.46	High Extent
After submitting relevant materials, online organization makes user feel satisfied with the results.	4.44	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.38**	**High Extent**

Note: *"Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"*

Table 4 shows the respondent's ratings of the extent of influence of the system generated Notice of Admission streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in terms of Interactive Services. The grand mean was 4.38 Table 5. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application

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through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of "One-stop" Services. 38 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent."

Table 5. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of "One-stop" Services

"One-stop" Services	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
When handling cross-sector organization, the users can only log on one organization or individual portal to complete all procedures of the organization.	4.41	High Extent
When handling cross-sector organization, the users can only log on the related government websites according to organizational needs, without logging on other government websites of each separate organizational sector.	4.40	High Extent
When handling cross-sector organization, the users only need to care about the process of the organization and don't need to care about who is responsible for specific organization.	4.32	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.38**	**High Extent**

Note: "Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"

The grand mean was 4.38 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." This implied that there is a high extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism. The lowest indicator states that "when handling cross-sector organization, the users only need to care about the process of the organization and don't need to care about who is responsible for specific organization" with a mean of 4.32.

Table 6. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the SystemGenerated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of Offline Organization Service Quality Perception.

Offline Organization Service Quality Perception	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The function of e-Governance is clear, comprehensive, and concise.	4.39	High Extent
The e-Governance system is safe, secured and reliable.	4.42	High Extent
The e-Governance system is integrated with other systems.	4.35	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.39**	**High Extent**

Note: *"Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"*

Table 6 shows the respondent's ratings of the extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in terms of Offline Organization Service Quality Perception. The grand mean was 4.39 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." The lowest scorer stated that "the e-Governance system is integrated with other systems" with a mean of 4.35. This indicated that the main system is connected to other support systems.

Table 7. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of Online Organization Service Quality Perception

Online Organization Service Quality Perception	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The offline service of the organization departments is very efficient and cost effective.	4.33	High Extent
Employees or staffs of offline services are professional and enthusiastic.	4.40	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.37**	**High Extent**

Note: "Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"

Table 7 shows the respondent's ratings of the extent of influence of the system generated NOA of streamlining of the approved applications through e-Governance mechanism in terms of Online Organization Service Quality Perception. The grand mean was 4.37 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." The lowest rater stated that "the offline service of the organization departments is very efficient and cost effective" with a mean of 4.33.

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Table 8. Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in terms of Citizen's Satisfaction of e-Governance Services.

Citizen's Satisfaction of e-Governance Services	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The function of the e-Governance system is comprehensive and the process of the e-Governance system is simple.	4.37	High Extent
The e-Governance system can improve the efficiency of organizational services, and accelerate the pace of the organization.	4.42	High Extent
Information and services provided by the e-Governance system can meet their needs.	4.42	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.40**	**High Extent**

Note: "Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"

The grand mean was 4.40 with a verbal interpretation of "High Extent." The bottom indicator stated that "the function of the e-Governance system is comprehensive and the process of the e-Governance system is simple" with a mean of 4.37.

Table 9. Summary Table on the Respondent's Ratings of the Extent of Influence of the System Generated NOA of Streamlining of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism

Extent of Influence	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
Information Clarity	4.49	High Extent
System Security	4.52	Great Extent
System Stability	4.34	High Extent
Interactive Services	4.38	High Extent
"One-Stop" Services	4.38	High Extent
Offline Organization Service Quality Perception	4.39	High Extent
Online Organization Service Quality Perception	4.37	High Extent
Citizen's Satisfaction of e-Governance Services	4.40	High Extent
Grand Mean:	**4.41**	**High Extent**

Note: "Least Extent (1.00 – 1.50)", "Less Extent (1.51 – 2.50)", "Moderate Extent (2.51 – 3.50)", "High Extent (3.51 – 4.50)", "Great Extent (4.51 – 5.00)"

Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming the Notice of Admission

Table 10. Respondent's Ratings of the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming the Notice of Admission

Challenges Encountered	Mean	Verbal Interpretation
The information provided in the system is not comprehensive and understandable to the target users.	2.18	Barely Encountered
The information in the system is misleading and disclosing unpublic information.	1.92	Barely Encountered
The username and password in the system is very weak where hackers can hack the system.	1.90	Barely Encountered
The user's privacy is at stake in the system because the security features is not functional and weak.	1.94	Barely Encountered
Updates for the system is difficult to upload and perform because of network trafficking and hacking.	2.01	Barely Encountered
The e-Governance system is not interactive with the users since it is not simple and comprehensive.	1.92	Barely Encountered
There is duplication or replication in the e-Governance system which make the system redundant.	1.90	Barely Encountered
The offline service is not effective in satisfying the needs of the users.	1.98	Barely Encountered
The online service is not efficient in dealing with the target users and other clienteles.	1.83	Barely Encountered
There is a low citizen's satisfaction of the e-Governance system.	1.91	Barely Encountered
Grand Mean:	**1.95**	**Barely Encountered**

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Note: "Never Encountered (1.00 – 1.50)", "Barely Encountered (1.51 – 2.50)", "Sometimes Encountered (2.51 – 3.50)", "Often Encountered (3.51 – 4.50)", "Always Encountered (4.51 – 5.00)"

The most challenging aspect is the indicator "the information provided in the system is not comprehensive and understandable to the target users" with a mean of 2.18. The least challenging aspect is the item "the online service is not efficient in dealing with the target users and other clienteles" with a mean of 1.83. This showed that online services may be not a problem so much in performing the intended of the system installed.

Table 11 shows on Information Clarity vs. System Security, the p-value was less than .001 which is smaller than the 0.05 level of significance. The p-value was 0.317 which is higher than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis failed to be rejected. There is no significant difference on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to the Licensure Examination.

Table 11. Spearman Rank: Significant Relationship Between the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism and the System Generated Notices of Admission

Indicators	Spearman Rho	Information Clarity	System Security	System Stability	Interactive Services	"One-Stop" Services	Offline Organization	Online Organization	Citizen's Satisfaction
Information Clarity	Correlation Coefficient	1.00							
	p-value								
System Security	Correlation Coefficient	0.771 Strong Correlation	1.00						
	p-value	<.001							
System Stability	Correlation Coefficient	0.796 Strong Correlation	0.799 Strong Correlation	1.00					
	p-value	<.001	<.001						
Interactive Services	Correlation Coefficient	0.852 Strong Correlation	0.795 Strong Correlation	0.845 Strong Correlation	1.00				
	p-value	<.001	<.001	<.001					
"One-Stop" Services	Correlation Coefficient	0.745 Strong Correlation	0.718 Strong Correlation	0.756 Strong Correlation	0.868 Strong Correlation	1.00			
	p-value	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001				
Offline Organization	Correlation Coefficient	0.725 Strong Correlation	0.763 Strong Correlation	0.759 Strong Correlation	0.846 Strong Correlation	0.869 Strong Correlation	1.00		
	p-value	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001			
Online Organization	Correlation Coefficient	0.740 Strong Correlation	0.727 Strong Correlation	0.711 Strong Correlation	0.849 Strong Correlation	0.826 Strong Correlation	0.840 Strong Correlation	1.00	
	p-value	<.001	<.001	<.001	<0.001	<.001	<.001		
Citizen's Satisfaction	Correlation	0.754	0.728	0.717	0.812	0.809	0.856 Strong Correlation	0.893	1.00

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Coefficient	Strong Correlation	Strong Correlation	Strong Correlation	Strong Correlation	Strong Correlation		Strong Correlation
p-value	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001	<.001

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

Test for Significant Difference on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According to Profile

Table 12. Kruskal Wallis H-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According to Licensure Examination

Indicator	Board Examination	Mean Rank	K-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	Architect	73.62	14.841	0.317	Failed to Reject Ho	Not Significant
	Registered Master Electrician	67.73				
	Midwife	58.03				
	Registered Electrical Engineer	76.38				
	Guidance Counselor	81.10				
	Professional Teacher	50.65				
	Environmental Planner	31.63				
	Civil Engineer	45.50				
	Psychometrician	68.50				
	Agriculturist	61.42				
	Nurse	106.25				
	Social Worker	50.50				
	Mechanical Engineer	59.50				
	Master Plumber	47.50				

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

Table 12. Kruskal Wallis H-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According to Examination Place

Indicator	Examination Place	Mean Rank	K-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	Lucena	57.85	5.559	0.062	Failed to Reject Ho	Not Significant
	Legazpi	99.50				
	Manila	74.61				

Note: *"If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."*

Table 12 shows the Kruskal Wallis H-Test of the comparison on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to Board Examination. The p-value was 0.317 which is higher than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis failed to be rejected. There is no significant difference on the challenges encountered

Table 13. Kruskal Wallis H-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According

Indicator	Age	Mean Rank	K-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	20 to 30 years old	62.17	0.854	0.837	Failed to Reject Ho	Not Significant
	31 to 40 years old	56.77				

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41 to 50 years old	53.75
51 to 60 years old	64.50

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

Table 13 shows the Kruskal Wallis H-Test of the comparison on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to age. The p-value was 0.837 which is more than the 0.05 level of significance.

Table 14. Mann Whitney U-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admissionwhen Grouped According to Sex

Indicator	Sex	Mean Rank	U-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	Male	59.55	1658.500	0.812	Failed to Reject Ho	Not Significant
	Female	61.09				

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

Table 14 shows the Mann Whitney U-Test of the comparison on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to sex. The p-value was 0.812 which is greater than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis failed to be rejected. There is no significant difference on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to sex.

Table 15. Kruskal Wallis H-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According to Address

Indicator	Address	Mean Rank	K-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	Bauan Batangas	79.50	38.370	0.363	Failed to Reject Ho	Not Significant
	Lemery Batangas	17.50				
	San Jose, Camarines Norte	17.50				
	Batangas City	87.10				
	Candelaria, Quezon	45.50				
	Padre Burgos, Quezon	17.50				
	Lucban, Quezon	55.83				
	Lucena City	66.66				
	Daet, Camarines Norte	89.50				
	Guinayangan, Quezon	64.00				
	Tayabas City	44.91				
	Lumban, Laguna	75.50				
	Polilio Quezon	66.25				
	Sariaya Quezon	38.81				
	Santa Rosa, Laguna	91.50				
	Lipa City	68.50				
	Pagbilao, Quezon	85.63				
	Makati City	104.00				
	Taysan Batangas	55.00				
	Lobo, Batangas	90.75				
	Calapan City	41.00				

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Puerto Prinsesa City	78.17
Paco, Manila	100.50
Boac Marinduque	49.33
Los Banos, Laguna	17.50
San Roque, Laguna	118.00
San Andres, Quezon	41.00
Magsaysay Occidental Mindoro	73.63
San Jose Occidental Mindoro	58.70
San Miguel Oriental Mindoro	67.75
Tagkawayan Quezon	17.50
Caluya, Antique	52.08
Taal, Batangas	38.50
San Antonio Labo, Camarines Norte	109.50
San Pablo City	17.50
Majayjay Laguna	85.50
Dolores Quezon	41.00

Note: “If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho.”

Table 16. Kruskal Wallis H-Test: Comparison on the Challenges Encountered on the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism in Claiming Notice of Admission when Grouped According to Employment

Indicator	Employment	Mean Rank	K-statistic	p-value	Decision	Remarks
Challenges Encountered	None	53.08	39.435	0.584	s	Not Significant
	Employed	67.00				
	Government	58.69				
	Architect	80.08				
	Electrician	17.50				
	OFW	17.50				
	BFP	57.75				
	RHMPP	89.50				
	Guidance Counselor	73.50				
	Undergraduate	64.00				
	Student	85.50				
	MGSCI	17.50				
	LGU Polilio	17.50				
	Unemployed	62.75				
	Civil Engineer	43.70				
	MSEUF	100.50				
	DepEd	53.50				
	Carlo Calma Consultancy	104.00				
	Permanent	47.30				

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Philippine Coconut Authority	78.50
PRC	51.50
Public	50.50
Nurse	103.00
Service Engineer	114.00
Freelance	59.50
Private	71.14
Asya Design	100.50
PDRRMO	113.00
Clinic Aide	64.00
MPDC	41.00
Nursing Assistant	78.50
City Department Health Office	98.75
Job Order	111.50
Lserv Corp.	17.50
MHI Power Plant	59.50
LGU – Sariaya	17.50
Nursing Attendant	73.75
Sariaya Institute, Inc.	29.25
Contractual	47.17
Private Sector	59.50
Casual	115.00
DPWH	41.00
Self-Employed	55.00

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

The p-value was 0.584 which is higher than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis failed to be rejected. There is no significant difference on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to employment.

Test for Significant Relationship Between the Effects of the System Generated NOA of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism and the Challenges Encountered

Table 17. Spearman Rank: Significant Relationship Between the Effects of the System Generated NOA of the Approved Application through e-Governance Mechanism and the Challenges Encountered

	Challenges Encountered				
Indicators	**Correlation Coefficient**	**Interpretation**	**p-value**	**Decision**	**Remarks**
Information Clarity	-0.378	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant
System Security	-0.376	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant
System Stability	-0.309	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.000	Reject Ho	Significant
Interactive Services	-0.335	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant
"One-Stop" Services	-0.295	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant

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Offline Organization Service Quality Perception	-0.366	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant
Online Organization Service Quality Perception	-0.338	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant
Citizen's Satisfaction of e-Governance Services	-0.375	Moderate Negative Correlation	<.001	Reject Ho	Significant

Note: "If p value is less than or equal to the level of significance (0.05) reject Ho, otherwise failed to reject Ho."

Table 17 shows the Spearman Rank of the significant relationship between the effects of the system generated NOA of the approved application through e-Governance mechanism and the challenges encountered. On Information Clarity, the p-value was less than .001 which is lower than the 0.05 level of significance. There exists a significant relationship. And, in accordance with Citizen's Satisfaction, the p-value was less than .001 which is lower than the 0.05 level of significance. Thus, the null hypothesis was rejected.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Conclusion

Based on the data gathered, there exists a significant relationship between the approved application through e-Governance mechanism and the system generated Notice of Admission. There is no significant difference on the challenges encountered on the approved application through e-Governance mechanism in claiming Notice of Admission when grouped according to profile. There exists a significant relationship between the effects of the system generated NOA of the approved application through e-Governance mechanism and the challenges encountered.

Recommendation

The following were recommended to visualize and enhance the system designed in streamlining of e-services mechanism of the organizational process of the application for licensure examination and utilization of the system management designed for the fastest and accessible transactions for the end-user. Since the effects of the system generated NOA of the approved application through e-Governance mechanism were significantly related with the challenges encountered, it is preferably that e-Governance mechanism be enhanced to address the challenges encountered.

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JOB SATISFACTION OF TEACHERS AS INFLUENCED BY PUBLIC LEADERSHIP BEHAVIORS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EMPOWERMENT: A CONVERGENT DESIGN

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ABSTRACT

This mixed methods study employs a convergent design to explore the job satisfaction of public elementary school teachers in Region XI by examining the influence of public leadership behaviors and psychological empowerment. Quantitative data were collected from 300 teachers across 20 public elementary schools using the Public Leadership Behaviors Questionnaire, the Psychological Empowerment Scale, and the Job Satisfaction Questionnaire (JS-Q). The quantitative analysis utilized mean, standard deviation, and multiple regression. The results revealed that public leadership and psychological empowerment significantly predict job satisfaction, $F(2, 296) = 115.33$, $p < .05$. Additionally, qualitative data were gathered through in-depth interviews (IDI) with 10 teachers and focus group discussions (FGD) with 7 teachers. Qualitative thematic analysis highlighted the participants' experiences, the impact of grouping variables, and the influence of these experiences on their beliefs and attitudes. The joint display of findings from both approaches indicated a convergence of data, emphasizing the role of public leadership and psychological empowerment in enhancing job satisfaction. Based on these results, a series of recommendations was formulated and proposed to further improve teacher job satisfaction.

KEYWORDS: *Education, public leadership behaviors, psychological empowerment, job satisfaction of teachers, convergent design, Philippines*

INTRODUCTION

Low job satisfaction among teachers has emerged as a significant concern within the educational landscape as influenced by a range of overwhelming and stressful factors (Mahfouz, 2020). Several studies have highlighted the implications of low job satisfaction on educational systems globally. For example, research in Northwestern Greece by Anastasiou and Belios (2020) identified significant emotional fatigue, moderate detachment, and a deficiency in personal fulfillment among primary school teachers, particularly linked to stress from extrinsic job characteristics. Similarly, bin Nordin et al. (2019) in Malaysia revealed that leadership styles and job-related stress significantly impacted the job satisfaction of teachers in special education programs. Yean et al. (2022) found that low job satisfaction among university staff in Malaysia was related to job-related stress and contributed to counterproductive work behavior.

In the Philippines, Campos and Distor (2022) explored job satisfaction among college faculty, revealing moderate satisfaction levels, particularly low in areas such as pay and working conditions. Additionally, Loquias and Sana (2013) found low job satisfaction among certain faculty demographics in Metro Manila, highlighting perceived institutional support and stress as significant factors. Sedillo and Chavez Jr. (2021) noted moderate job satisfaction among radiologic technologist instructors in Region XI, which contributed to their intention to leave the job.

Research has also explored the relationship between public leadership behaviors and job satisfaction. Alonderiene and Majauskaite (2016) and Shi et al. (2020) demonstrated positive correlations between supportive leadership styles and teacher job satisfaction. Okoji (2015) found participative leadership significantly correlated with higher job satisfaction among teachers in Nigeria. Similarly, studies by Sun et al. (2022) and Khany and Tazik (2016) identified positive correlations between psychological empowerment and job satisfaction among teachers.

Moreover, a notable gap in existing research is the inadequate studies examining the combined influence of public leadership behaviors and psychological empowerment on teacher job satisfaction. This study addresses this gap using a convergent design to provide a comprehensive understanding of how these factors jointly impact job satisfaction among teachers in Region XI, Philippines. The findings aim to offer potential solutions to reduce job dissatisfaction and improve educational quality,

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benefiting teachers and educational leaders alike. Dissemination of the research findings will occur through various channels, including local and international conferences and publications, ensuring broad access to the study's outcomes.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study employs a mixed methods research design, specifically using a convergent approach. The convergent design aims to comprehensively address the research question by simultaneously collecting and analyzing both quantitative and qualitative data. The results from these two data sources are then merged to provide a comprehensive analysis (Dawadi et al., 2021). This method combines objective numerical data with subjective experiential data, resulting in a more profound and nuanced analysis of the research subject (Wester & McKibben, 2019).

The quantitative strand involves collecting and analyzing numerical data using statistical techniques to identify patterns and evaluate hypotheses. The qualitative strand involves collecting and analyzing non-numerical data to gain deeper insights into the experiences and perspectives of the research participants. By employing both strands concurrently, the researcher benefits from the strengths of each approach, achieving a more nuanced and comprehensive understanding of the research topic.

Place of the Study

The research was conducted in Region XI, located in the southeastern part of Mindanao, specifically focusing on Public Elementary Schools within this area. The region was chosen intentionally to explore the influence of Public Leadership Behaviors and Psychological Empowerment on teachers' job satisfaction. To ensure a representative and diverse sample, the study included 20 public elementary education institutions across Region XI. Central elementary schools from each division were selected deliberately due to their substantial number of teachers, facilitating the recruitment of the targeted 317 participants. This careful selection process aimed to provide balanced representation from each division, ensuring a comprehensive and unbiased examination of the factors influencing teacher job satisfaction across the region.

Participants

For the quantitative part of the research, 300 teachers from 20 public elementary education institutions in Region XI were selected. The researcher employed purposive sampling to ensure a homogeneous sample of full-time teachers with at least one year of experience. This method, recommended by Campbell et al. (2020), involves the deliberate selection of individuals with specific characteristics relevant to the research objective. The criterion for inclusion was full-time employment with a minimum of one year of teaching experience in public elementary schools. Teachers willing to participate signed an informed consent form (ICF) and completed the questionnaires. The study did not consider teachers' rank status or performance ratings to maintain focus on the research questions.

For the qualitative component, participants were selected purposively to ensure they had valuable insights related to the research topic. Seventeen elementary school teachers from public schools were invited, with 10 chosen for in-depth interviews (IDI) and 7 for focus group discussions (FGD). Inclusion criteria required participants to have at least one year of teaching experience. A gender-balanced approach was used to ensure equal representation of male and female teachers.

Data Analysis

The quantitative data analysis involved using statistical methods to explore the relationships between job satisfaction, public leadership behavior, and psychological empowerment. Descriptive statistics, specifically the mean and standard deviation, were used to assess the levels of these variables among teachers in public elementary schools. Multiple regression analysis was employed to evaluate the strength and direction of the influence of public leadership behaviors and psychological empowerment on job satisfaction. An initial correlation analysis between the variables was conducted to understand how multiple independent variables collectively influenced the dependent variable of job satisfaction.

Moreover, the qualitative data from in-depth interviews (IDI) and focus group discussions (FGD) were analyzed using thematic analysis. For this study, Creswell's (2013) data analysis technique provided a framework. Initially, the data were organized and prepared by transcribing interviews, cataloging visual material, and sorting data sources. A comprehensive reading of all transcriptions and notes followed, providing an overarching understanding of the data. The coding process was then employed to categorize and organize the data into meaningful chunks, facilitating the emergence of categories and themes. These categories and themes were used to craft a detailed qualitative narrative, leading to the interpretation of findings. This systematic approach aimed to gain a profound insight into the dynamics between public leadership behaviors, psychological empowerment, and job satisfaction among elementary school teachers.

Trustworthiness of the Study

To ensure the credibility of the study, the researcher employed Lincoln and Guba's (1985) criteria for evaluating interpretive research: credibility, transferability, dependability, and confirmability. Credibility was established through reliable methodologies, peer debriefing, and triangulation, adhering to

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the protocols of the University of Immaculate Conception Graduate School. For transferability, detailed documentation allowed readers to comprehend the research process, ensuring that findings could be applied to similar contexts. Dependability was achieved through meticulous procedures, verbatim transcriptions, and triangulation, overseen by experienced documenters and the researcher, who is a seasoned public elementary school teacher. Confirmability was ensured by recording interviews and allowing participant reviews, maintaining an audit trail, and emphasizing the researcher's neutrality, which verified that findings were derived from participant data rather than personal bias.

RESULTS

The Level of Public Leadership Behavior of School Principals

The study revealed that the public leadership behavior of school principals in Region XI public elementary schools is perceived as very high, with an overall mean rating of 4.48 and a low standard deviation of 0.52, indicating that public leadership behavior of teachers is always manifested.

Table 1.1. ***The Level of Public Leadership Behavior of School Principals***

		Mean	SD	Description
Accountability Leadership				
1.	encouraging them and their colleagues to explain their actions to various stakeholders	4.50	.63	Very High
2.	stimulating them to inform stakeholders of their way of working.	4.51	.60	Very High
3.	providing them with the possibility to explain their behavior to stakeholders.	4.52	.60	Very High
4.	emphasizing that it is important that they answer questions from clients.	4.53	.65	Very High
5.	striving to ensure that they openly and honestly share the actions of their organizational unit with others	4.53	.64	Very High
6.	stimulating them to explain to stakeholders why certain decisions were taken	4.51	.64	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.52**	**.57**	**Very High**
Lawfulness Leadership				
1.	emphasizing to them and their colleagues that it is important to follow the law	4.58	.61	Very High
2.	giving them and their colleagues the means to properly follow governmental rules and regulations	4.59	.58	Very High
3.	emphasizing that their colleagues and them should carry out government policies properly	4.57	.65	Very High
4.	ensuring that they accurately follow the rules and procedures.	4.60	.61	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.58**	**.56**	**Very High**
Ethical Leadership				
1.	clearly explaining the ethical codes of conduct.	4.61	.62	Very High
2.	explaining clearly what is expected of their colleagues and them regarding integrity	4.62	.61	Very High
3.	clarifying integrity guidelines to them	4.63	.59	Very High
4.	ensuring that their colleagues and them follow codes of integrity	4.57	.65	Very High
5.	clarifying the likely consequences of possible unethical behavior by themselves and colleagues	4.62	.62	Very High
6.	stimulating the discussion of integrity issues.	4.60	.62	Very High
7.	complimenting them when they behave according to integrity guidelines	4.60	.63	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.61**	**.54**	**Very High**
Political Loyalty Leadership				
	Encouraging them and their colleagues in…			
1.	implementing political decisions properly, even when results in weaker strategic ambitions of the department	4.30	.89	Very High
2.	supporting political decisions, even when other stakeholders confront us with them	4.28	.94	Very High
3.	not jeopardizing the relationship with political heads at risk, even if that entails risks	4.34	.88	Very High
4.	implementing political decisions, even if that means additional responsibilities should be taken up	4.34	.91	Very High
5.	defending political choices, even if they see shortcomings	4.29	.94	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.31**	**.84**	**Very High**
Network Governance Leadership				
	Encouraging them and their colleagues in…			
1.	maintaining many contacts with other organizations	4.36	.77	Very High
2.	investing substantial energy in the development of new contacts	4.33	.75	Very High

The analysis covered five domains of leadership behavior: Accountability, Lawfulness, Ethical, Political Loyalty, and Network Governance Leadership. Each domain was rated very high, with Ethical Leadership scoring the highest mean of 4.61 and Political Loyalty Leadership the lowest at 4.31. Specific items within these domains, such as following codes of integrity and maintaining contacts with other organizations, also received high mean scores, demonstrating a strong manifestation of public

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leadership behaviors among school principals.

The Level of Psychological Empowerment of Teachers

The study found that the level of psychological empowerment among teachers in public elementary schools in Region XI is very high, with an overall mean of 4.59 and a standard deviation of 0.42, indicating that the public leadership behavior of teachers is always manifested.

Table 1.2. ***The Level of Psychological Empowerment of Teachers***

		Mean	SD	Description
Meaningfulness				
1.	considering the work they do as beneficial for them.	4.63	.57	Very High
2.	giving the chance to use innovative ideas in their work	4.69	.49	Very High
3.	Providing them the opportunities to apply higher-order thinking skills.	4.67	.50	Very High
4.	providing them the opportunities to exhibit their skills and potential.	4.65	.53	Very High
5.	being always motivated to complete the work assigned by the organization.	4.60	.58	Very High
6.	having fulfilled their professional needs.	4.60	.57	Very High
7.	receiving professional respect and appreciation from their colleagues.	4.65	.56	Very High
8.	evaluating their work against their standards of quality.	4.59	.54	Very High
9.	having their job as appropriate and within the scope of their capabilities and skills.	4.64	.56	Very High
10.	feeling a sense of personal satisfaction when they do their task effectively.	4.65	.56	Very High
11.	giving them a respectful position in the society.	4.63	.55	Very High
12.	satisfying their personal needs.	4.55	.59	Very High
13.	being proud of what they are doing in the organization.	4.67	.52	Very High
14.	providing many chances for them to figure out how they are doing well.	4.62	.54	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.63**	**.43**	**Very High**
Competence				
1.	performing the assigned tasks effectively.	4.58	.56	Very High
2.	being confident about their ability to complete the tasks assigned to them.	4.59	.57	Very High
3.	utilizing available resources to accomplish tasks.	4.66	.51	Very High
4.	having abilities to solve any type of work-related problem.	4.55	.57	Very High
5.	taking personal initiative in carrying out their work.	4.62	.54	Very High
6.	being well equipped with the skills to develop curricula for the students.	4.59	.56	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.60**	**.47**	**Very High**
Self-determination				
1.	having control over their work such as the selection of textbooks, lesson planning, and scheduling.	4.54	.56	Very High
2.	being free to share their views for the work-related discussion.	4.55	.60	Very High
3.	selecting the study material taking into consideration the performance of students.	4.59	.52	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.56**	**.51**	**Very High**
Impact				
1.	considering their work to have a positive effect on my organization.	4.60	.54	Very High
2.	having influenced the strategic and administrative outcomes of the organization through their work	4.60	.55	Very High
3.	believing that the standards of quality of their organization depend upon their work.	4.52	.60	Very High
4.	playing a lead role in the implementation of new policies in their organization.	4.52	.59	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.56**	**.51**	**Very High**

Moreover, the domain of Meaningfulness received the highest rating with a mean of 4.63, reflecting teachers' strong sense of personal satisfaction and opportunities to use innovative ideas in their work. The Self-determination and Impact domains both had the lowest mean of 4.56, highlighting teachers' control over their work and belief in the positive influence of their efforts on organizational outcomes.

The Level of Job Satisfaction of Teachers

The result indicates that the level of job satisfaction among teachers is very high, with an overall mean rating of 4.48 and a standard deviation of 0.24. This means that job satisfaction of teachers is always evident. The domain of Reward and Recognition was rated slightly lower at 4.16, with particular areas such as annual raises needing improvement. Empowerment and Participation scored the highest with a mean of 4.59, indicating teachers feel involved and valued in decision-making processes.

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Table 1.3. ***The Level of Job Satisfaction of Teachers***

	Mean		SD	Description
Teamwork				
1.	having co-workers who are committed to doing quality work.	4.57	.65	Very High
2.	being easy to get along with their colleagues.	4.49	.66	Very High
3.	feeling part of a team in working towards shared goals.	4.54	.65	Very High
4.	experiencing a spirit of cooperation in their organization.	4.56	.64	Very High
5.	receiving assistance from co-workers when necessary.	4.56	.67	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.54**	**.54**	**Very High**
Leadership				
1.	visibly demonstrating a commitment to quality.	4.61	.60	Very High
2.	providing them with clear expectations regarding their job performance	4.61	.59	Very High
3.	being able to address their questions or concerns.	4.51	.66	Very High
4.	having strong management skills.	4.56	.63	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.57**	**.54**	**Very High**
Reward and Recognition				
1.	having a base pay that is fair for their responsibilities.	4.20	.79	Very High
2.	having reasonable annual raise	4.10	.89	High
3.	being satisfied with the retirement plan.	4.12	.92	High
4.	providing promotions/annual raises that are just and fair.	4.12	.86	High
5.	receiving the right amount of recognition or praise for work that is well done.	4.29	.72	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.16**	**.73**	**High**
Empowerment and Participation				
1.	understanding the vision of their organization.	4.63	.56	Very High
2.	considering the mission and purpose in their organization make them feel that their job is important.	4.62	.58	Very High
3.	feeling they contributed to the organization's plan and mission.	4.55	.57	Very High
4.	making good use of their skills and abilities.	4.62	.54	Very High
5.	being satisfied with their involvement in decisions that affect their work.	4.55	.57	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.59**	**.47**	**Very High**
Training and Individual Development				
1.	having sufficient initial training provided by the school.	4.36	.63	Very High
2.	ongoing training need is provided by the organization.	4.32	.67	Very High
3.	believing the training offered by their organization helpful for them to be effective and efficient in their job	4.38	.67	Very High
4.	being encouraged by their organization to continue their education and professional growth.	4.43	.66	Very High
5.	having opportunities at work to learn and grow.	4.49	.66	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.40**	**.55**	**Very High**
Working Hours				
1.	being satisfied with their total working hours.	4.33	.71	Very High
2.	having given the flexibility in scheduling their working hours.	4.27	.73	Very High
3.	having the flexibility to manage their work and nonwork interests e.g. caring responsibilities, study, sports interests, etc.	4.34	.73	Very High
	Category Mean	**4.31**	**.64**	**Very High**
Communication				
1.	doing an excellent job of keeping employees informed about matters affecting them.	4.33	.71	Very High
2.	clearly explaining the reasons behind decisions on key issues.	4.35	.68	Very High

Significance of the Influence of Public Leadership Behavior and Psychological Empowerment on Job Satisfaction

The multiple regression analysis in Table 2 shows that both public leadership and psychological empowerment significantly influence teachers' job satisfaction. Public leadership has a standardized beta coefficient of .44 ($t = 8.11$, $p < .05$), indicating that each unit increase in public leadership leads to a .44 increase in job satisfaction. Psychological empowerment has a standardized beta coefficient of .30 ($t = 5.66$, $p < .05$), showing that each unit increase in psychological empowerment results in a .30 increase in job satisfaction. The combined effect of these predictors is significant ($F = 115.33$, $p < .05$), with an R-square value of .44, indicating that 44% of the variability in job satisfaction is explained by these factors, while the remaining 56% is due to other factors not included in the study.

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Table 2. ***Significance of the Influence of Public Leadership, and Psychological Empowerment on Job Satisfaction***

	Job Satisfaction			
Individual Influence of Predictors	Standardized Coefficient	t	p-value	Remarks
Public Leadership	.44	8.11	.00	Significant
Psychological Empowerment	.30	5.66	.00	Significant
Combined Influence of Predictors				
R	.66			
R^2	.44			
F	115.33			
P	.00			Significant

Lived Experiences of Public Elementary School Teachers with Regard to their Job Satisfaction

The qualitative analysis of the lived experiences of teachers' job satisfaction in public elementary schools revealed several essential themes: Job Satisfaction from Recognition, Impact of Promotion and Leadership Roles, Challenges in Leadership Positions, Evaluation and Reflection, and Service and Duty.

Table 3.2. Lived experiences of participants with regard to their job satisfaction

Essential Themes	Core Ideas
Job Satisfaction from Recognition	highlighting the importance of recognition and validation
	Being acknowledged for their efforts and achievements
	receiving outstanding ratings or compliments
	contributing significantly to their sense of fulfillment in their roles
	fostering job satisfaction from leaders and colleagues
Impact of Promotions and Leadership Roles	being promoted or entrusted with leadership roles
	reflecting on how being promoted to a school head position
	receiving a promotion greatly enhanced their satisfaction
	realizing that their leaders were pleased with their work
Challenges in Leadership Positions	acknowledging the challenges and responsibilities that come with leadership positions
	discussing instances where they had to navigate the expectations
	striving to fulfill their duties effectively
Evaluation and Reflection	emphasizing the importance of self-evaluation
	reflecting in maintaining job satisfaction
	discussing instances where they questioned their actions and responsibilities
	highlighting the need for continuous assessment and improvement in their roles
Service and Duty	Serving in educational roles involves a sense of duty and responsibility beyond personal satisfaction
	recognizing the importance of fulfilling their duties
	ensuring the smooth operation of programs and initiatives within the education system.

The Roles of Experiences in Shaping the Belief and Attitude of Teachers Towards their Job Satisfaction

The qualitative analysis of teachers' experiences highlighted several essential themes shaping their attitudes and beliefs towards job satisfaction. These include Goal Setting and Adaptability, Cultural Adaptation and Acceptance, Understanding and Collaboration, Alignments of values with organization, Management of Conflicts, and Balance between professional and personal responsibilities.

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Table 4.1 Role of experiences in shaping the beliefs towards their job satisfaction

Essential Themes	Core Ideas
Goal Setting and Adaptability	emphasizing the importance of setting clear goals
	being adaptable to changes in the workplace
	reflecting on how their experiences have taught them to focus
	remaining flexible in their relationships with students, colleagues, and leaders
Cultural Adaptation and Acceptance	transitioning between different educational settings, such as from private to public schools
	adjusting to culture shock and adjustment challenges
	leading to a deeper appreciation and love for the profession
	Maintaining respect and knowing one's boundaries
Understanding and Collaboration	Recognizing the perspectives and situations of fellow teachers
	fostering a supportive work environment
	building trust and rapport with their colleagues, leading to enhanced collaboration
	promoting a sense of belonging and camaraderie within the school community.

Table 4. 2 Role of experiences in shaping the attitude towards their job satisfaction

Essential Themes	Core Ideas
Alignment of values with organization	feeling a sense of meaning and contribution to organizational goals
	possessing increased motivation and job satisfaction
	experiencing a sense of resonance with the company's mission, vision, and culture
	feeling motivated and engaged in their work
	fostering alignment between personal and organizational value
Management of conflicts	finding ways to navigate conflicts
	engaging in constructive dialogue with colleagues and supervisors
	providing valuable guidance and perspective during the conflict resolution process
	adopting the organization's values or seeking a better fit
Balance between professional and personal responsibilities	Negotiating between professional responsibilities while respecting personal convictions
	navigating situations with sensitivity
	exploring potential accommodations or compromises
	creating solutions that allow fulfillment of professional obligations without compromising their personal beliefs

Data Integration on the Salient Quantitative and Qualitative Findings

The integration of quantitative and qualitative data in this study reveals strong corroboration between the two sets of findings. Quantitative results demonstrate high levels of job satisfaction influenced by factors such as public leadership, psychological empowerment, teamwork, leadership skills, empowerment, participation, and communication. These findings converge with

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qualitative themes identified from teachers' lived experiences, which emphasize job satisfaction through recognition, alignment of values with organizational goals, management of conflicts, and balancing professional and personal responsibilities. For instance, the high mean ratings for public leadership behavior and its associated sense of duty align with qualitative themes highlighting the importance of fulfilling duties and receiving recognition. Similarly, quantitative data on teamwork and management skills resonate with qualitative insights into the significance of organizational alignment and conflict management.

Aspect/Focal Point	Quantitative Results	Qualitative Results	Nature of Integration
Lawfulness leadership	Table 1.1, Indicator 2 *ensuring that they accurately follow the rules and procedures* M = 4.60, Very High, SD = .61	Table 2.1 *Lived experiences of participants with regard to their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Service and Duty* Teachers recognizing the importance of fulfilling their duties	Merging-Converging
Meaningfulness	Table 1.1, Indicator 2 *feeling a sense of personal satisfaction when they do their task effectively* M = 4.65, Very High, SD = .56	Table 2.1 *Lived experiences of participants with regard to their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Job Satisfaction from Recognition* Teachers fostering job satisfaction from leaders and colleagues	Merging-Converging
Teamwork	Table 1.3, Indicator 1 *experiencing a spirit of cooperation in their organization* M = 4.56, Very High, SD = .64	Table 2.2 *Role of experiences in shaping the beliefs towards their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Alignment of values with organization* Teachers feel a sense of meaning and contribution to organizational goals	Merging-Converging
Leadership	Table 1.3, Indicator 2 *having strong management skills* M = 4.56, Very High, SD = .63	Table 2.3 *Role of experiences in shaping the attitude towards their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Management of conflicts* Teachers are finding ways to navigate conflicts	Merging-Converging
Empowerment and participation	Table 1.3, Indicator 4 *understanding the vision of their organization* M = 4.63, Very High, SD = .56	Table 2.3 *Role of experiences in shaping the attitude towards their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Alignment of values with organization* Teachers are experiencing a sense of resonance with the company's mission, vision, and culture.	Merging-Converging
Communication	Table 1.3, Indicator 6 *doing an excellent job of keeping employees informed about matters affecting them* M = 4.33, Very High, SD = .71	Table 2.3 *Role of experiences in shaping the attitude towards their job satisfaction* Essential Theme *Alignment of values with organization* Teachers are experiencing a sense of resonance with the company's mission, vision, and culture.	Merging-Converging
Significant influence of Public Leadership, and Psychological Empowerment on Job Satisfaction	Table 2 on the Significant influence of Public Leadership, and Psychological Empowerment on Job Satisfaction, Combined influence: $p = .00$, $R^2 = 0.44$	Table 2.3 *Role of experiences in shaping the attitude towards their job satisfaction* Essential theme *Balance between professional and personal responsibilities* Teachers are creating solutions that allow fulfillment of professional obligations without compromising their personal beliefs	Merging-Converging

DISCUSSION

The result indicating a very high level of public leadership among principals suggests that these leaders consistently exhibit effective public leadership behaviors. This signifies that public leadership behaviors are always manifested by principals in public elementary education institutions in Region XI. The result indicating a very high level of public leadership among principals align closely with the findings of General and General (2023) which investigated the public leadership behavior of supervisors and revealed that supervisors exhibited a very high level of public leadership behavior across all indicators such as accountability, lawfulness, ethical standards, political loyalty, and network

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governance. Principals exhibit strong accountability leadership through transparent practices, adherence to legal procedures, and a culture of integrity. Similarly, their commitment to lawfulness and ethical conduct is evident, reflecting a robust organizational culture. Also, the high ratings in political loyalty leadership indicate a strong commitment to political decisions, while the emphasis on network governance underscores the importance of professional connections.

Moreover, the level of psychological empowerment among teachers in public elementary education institutions in Region XI was revealed to be very high, which suggests that teachers consistently feel autonomous, competent, and connected within their roles. The findings of the study which reflects a very high level of psychological empowerment among teachers resonate with previous research by Yorulmaz and colleagues (2018), which explored teachers' psychological empowerment. The results indicated that the level of psychological empowerment among teachers was high. It also aligns with the study of Hamid et al. (2013) which examined teachers' psychological empowerment and revealed a high level of psychological empowerment among the school teachers.

Furthermore, this suggests that teachers generally experience high levels of satisfaction with their jobs. The minimal standard deviation indicates a high level of agreement among participants regarding their job satisfaction. The result of the study, indicating a very high level of job satisfaction among teachers, negates the previous research findings of Estrada and Balacuit, Jr. (2020) which investigated the levels of job satisfaction among recently recruited faculty members. The results demonstrated that newly hired instructors' job satisfaction was adequate.

Furthermore, the synthesis of quantitative and qualitative data regarding leadership, particularly focusing on conflict management, reveals several key insights. Quantitative data illustrates a very high mean score for having strong management skills among leaders. This suggests that teachers perceive their leaders as adept in managing various aspects of the educational environment. Meanwhile, qualitative findings explore the role of experiences in shaping teachers' attitudes towards job satisfaction, emphasizing the essential theme of conflict management. Teachers are depicted as actively seeking ways to navigate conflicts within the school setting. These results further imply that there is a strong correlation between conflict management and teacher job satisfaction This corroboration highlights the importance of effective leadership in conflict resolution, indicating that when leaders demonstrate strong management skills, they contribute to a more harmonious work environment and enhanced teacher job satisfaction.

The result of the multiple linear regression analysis revealed that in singular capacity both the public leadership, and psychological empowerment has reflected a significant influence towards job satisfaction of teachers in public elementary education institutions in Region XI. Regarding public leadership, the standardized beta coefficient underscores its significant impact on teacher job satisfaction. Similarly, psychological empowerment emerges as another influential factor indicating its significance. These results underscore the importance of both public leadership and psychological empowerment in shaping teacher job satisfaction, emphasizing their relevance for educational institutions seeking to enhance overall teacher well-being and satisfaction.

The study conducted by Jabbar and Hussin (2019) aligns with the results by demonstrating the significant influence of leadership behavior on job satisfaction. This correlation aligns with the findings where public leadership is shown to be a significant predictor of job satisfaction for teachers. The consistency between these results underscores the importance of effective leadership in educational settings to enhance job satisfaction. The study by Jabbar and Hussin (2019) also echoes the impact of psychological empowerment on job satisfaction. The multiple regression analysis reveals that psychological empowerment has a standardized beta coefficient of .30, a t-statistic of 5.66, and a p-value less than .05, signifying its significant role in predicting job satisfaction among teachers. This parallel in findings further reinforces the importance of both leadership and empowerment in fostering high job satisfaction.

Moreover, the experiences of participants regarding the roles of experiences in shaping their beliefs and attitudes toward job satisfaction. The implication of the six essential themes which were drawn out from the in-depth interviews and focus group discussion of the participants are as follows: Goal Setting and Adaptability, Cultural Adaptation and Acceptance, Understanding, and Collaboration, Alignment of values with the organization, Management of conflicts and Balance between professional and personal responsibilities.

Furthermore, the quantitative and qualitative findings illuminate the concept of meaningfulness, particularly regarding job satisfaction derived from recognition. Quantitative data exhibits a notably high mean score for the aspect of feeling personal satisfaction when tasks are executed effectively, while the qualitative insights, delve into participants' lived experiences concerning job satisfaction, highlighting the essential theme of deriving satisfaction from recognition. Teachers express the significance of acknowledgment and appreciation from both leaders and colleagues in fostering their job satisfaction. This result implies a strong correlation between job satisfaction and recognition in the professional environment of teachers. The corroboration of quantitative and qualitative data underscores the significance of recognition in fostering job satisfaction among teachers, highlighting its important role in enhancing their overall professional experience. Also, this study aligns with the research conducted by Lavy and Naama-Ghanayim (2020), which emphasized the correlation between teachers' sense of meaning at work and students' perception of their caring. The study found that teachers who reported a greater sense of meaning at work were perceived by students as caring, which led to positive

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outcomes for students, including higher self-esteem and better school engagement.

Lastly, the results of these studies align with the findings regarding the significant influence of Public Leadership and Psychological Empowerment on Job Satisfaction. The study conducted by Jabbar and Hussin (2019) focusing on leadership behavior and job satisfaction among lecturers in public universities, indicates a significant correlation between leadership behavior and job satisfaction. Similarly, the systematic review by Cansoy (2019) emphasizes the importance of school principals' public leadership behaviors in fostering job satisfaction among teachers. These findings support the idea that effective leadership plays a crucial role in enhancing job satisfaction among educators. Moreover, the research by Tariq (2022) examining the impact of psychological empowerment on turnover rates among academic staff in Afghanistan highlights the importance of psychological empowerment in influencing job satisfaction. This aligns with the notion that psychological empowerment correlates positively with job satisfaction, as indicated in the current study. Additionally, the investigation by Kesawa et al. (2019) focusing on psychological well-being and psychological empowerment on job satisfaction within an organizational context further reinforces the positive relationship between psychological empowerment and job satisfaction.

Implication for Educational Practices

As the study confirmed, there is a significant influence of both public leadership behaviors and psychological empowerment on teachers' job satisfaction. With that said, one implication for educational practice is the implementation of leadership development programs aimed at equipping school leaders with the necessary skills and competencies to foster a positive work environment. Another implication is to promote open and transparent communication practices to foster trust and enhance collaboration among teachers, students, parents, and the community.

Further, since it is evidenced in this study, educational institutions can focus on improving the organizational culture by promoting public leadership behaviors and psychological empowerment at all levels. Moreover, to enhance teacher job satisfaction, leadership practices in the realm of education can be improved. This improvement can further promote teacher empowerment, evaluate leadership effectiveness, enhance organizational culture, and provide professional development opportunities for teachers. By actively listening to teachers' concerns, providing constructive feedback, and involving them in decision-making processes, leaders can foster a sense of trust and mutual respect within the school community. This, in turn, can contribute to an increase in teacher job satisfaction.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of this study, several conclusions were drawn. Public leadership behavior and psychological empowerment are consistently demonstrated in public elementary school institution in Region XI, influencing teachers' job satisfaction. Meaningfulness and empowerment have significant effects on teachers' psychological empowerment and job satisfaction, respectively, with public leadership behavior and psychological empowerment collectively influencing job satisfaction. Qualitative analysis revealed five essential themes in teachers' lived experiences regarding job satisfaction, including recognition, promotions and leadership, challenges in leadership, evaluation and reflection, and service and duty. Similarly, six essential themes emerged in shaping teachers' beliefs and attitudes towards job satisfaction, such as goal setting, cultural adaptation, understanding, alignment of values, conflict management, and balancing responsibilities. Notably, the quantitative and qualitative findings corroborated each other, indicating a convergence and merging of results. These conclusions highlight the multifaceted nature of job satisfaction among public elementary school teachers and emphasize the importance of effective leadership and empowerment in shaping their experiences.

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FILLERS IN ACADEMIC DISCOURSE: AN ANALYSIS OF EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECHES OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

This corpora-based qualitative study focused on the fillers used by the tertiary education program students in delivering their extemporaneous speech and identifying the function of each filler. The purpose of this study is to analyze the fillers found in the extemporaneous speeches of the students. This study was anchored towards Rose's concept (1998) on the categorization of the Types of fillers, namely: lexicalized and unlexicalized fillers, and supported by Castro's (2009) Functions of Fillers: Opening marker, Information indicator, Fill the time, and Correction Marker. This study was conducted at one of the schools in Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines. The researchers analyzed 20 corpora that were selected based on inclusion criteria. The result showed that the students used 484 fillers in their extemporaneous speeches. The frequency of unlexicalized fillers is observed to be higher among the students compared to lexicalized fillers. Out of 484 fillers, unlexicalized filler "uhm" and lexicalized filler "so" were the most frequent fillers used by the students. Moreover, the most occurring function used is fill the time. Therefore, the presence of fillers found in this study revealed that Tertiary Education Program students used filler words in their speech because they need time to collect their thoughts, lack of confidence, inadequate preparation, poor English vocabulary, and poor English language proficiency. Results of this study can bring further information to the academe to help develop effective communicators who possess strong public speaking abilities essential for success both inside and outside the classroom.

KEYWORDS: *fillers, extemporaneous speech, corpora-based approach, tertiary education program students, Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines.*

INTRODUCTION

Speakers use fillers as discourse markers when they ponder or pause during their speech. Accordingly, fillers are sounds, words, or phrases that have no meaning within the context of what someone is saying. The speaker uses fillers to occupy time while expanding on the following subject or sentence (Erten, 2014). However, when a speaker uses and/or overuses filler words, it indicates that a person is unskilled or lacks mastery of the information conveyed and can compromise the audience's understanding of the topic (Duval et al, 2014). With that, there is indeed a problem in communication when a speaker uses or overly uses filler words especially in extemporaneous speeches as it will hinder the comprehension of the listeners in the communication process.

In Indonesia, a qualitative study was conducted on the student's use of fillers in their impromptu speeches. The findings revealed problems in overusing the filler words in impromptu speeches which resulted in the difficulty of understanding their topic (Saputri, 2017). In addition, a study by Gikas and Sutcliffe (2019) found that employing discourse markers or filler words may undermine communication competence and diminish professional credibility. In the Philippines, Santos et al. undertook a study in 2017 on fillers as a speaking impairment that hinders students' oral communication both inside and outside of the classroom. Moreover, another study of a similar nature demonstrates that the most common type of filler that students use during oral recitation are nonword fillers and this suggests that a speaker's credibility may be harmed if they use too many filler words (Sadjail, 2021). In Region XI, a study conducted by Enriquez et al. (2022) revealed that one of the weaknesses evident in the teaching of English language in Senior High School students are the use of filler words.

Based on the previous studies presented, the researchers saw fillers as an underlying problem in academic speeches. With a great need, this urges the researchers to conduct the study to contribute new information that would help teachers in the pursuit of the use of English language and help the students as well to be aware of this concern to improve their English communication skills. Therefore, this study can be beneficial to the society in a way that the results that were extracted from this

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study may help the schools and teachers to produce more proficient speakers in the society that will make drastic contributions in the emerging industries.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this qualitative discourse analysis study was to analyze the fillers of the selected 20 Extemporaneous Speeches of the Tertiary Education students in one of the private schools of Tagum City, Davao del Norte.

Research Questions

1. What are the types of fillers used by the tertiary education students in extemporaneous speeches?
2. What are the function fillers used by the tertiary education students in extemporaneous speeches?

Theoretical Lens

This study is anchored towards Rose's concept (1998) investigating the types of fillers wherein it was stated that English has two subcategories of fillers, namely lexical and unlexicalized fillers. Additionally, this study is also supported by the theory of Castro (2009) about the functions of fillers. Castro (2009) says that discourse markers can be used in the following ways in a textual context: opening marker, information indicator, fill the time, and correction marker.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study utilized a qualitative design specifically employing discourse analysis because it was the suitable research approach to use in analyzing the extemporaneous speech of the teacher education students to identify and analyze the types and functions of fillers. According to Levitt et al. (2017), qualitative research is an inductive design in which the researcher typically investigates the meaning and insights of a particular circumstance.

Research Materials

In this study, the research materials were the transcripts of the speeches of the Tertiary Education Program students in their Purposive Communication class. A good number of corpora-based analyses, according to Clarke and Braun (2013), are between 10 and 100. In this study, the researcher gathered 20 of the extemporaneous speeches of the selected students who qualified in our inclusion criteria.

Data Analysis

Upon the completion of the data collection procedures, the collected data were categorized, reviewed, transcribed, and analyzed. As defined by Hasko (2012), qualitative data analysis for corpora is a methodology for performing in-depth investigations of linguistic phenomena in the context of real-world, communicative situations, and made accessible, retrievable, and analyzed. Thus, in analyzing the data in this study, we categorized the various types of fillers found in each corpus and analyzed their underlying function. Moreover, we labeled the transcripts with the abbreviation ES, which stands for Extemporaneous Speeches and we used the Arabic numerals from one (01) to twenty (20) for the researchers to be easily guided in arranging the analysis results (e.g. ES 01).

RESULTS

Table 1
Types of Fillers Used by the Tertiary Education Students in Extemporaneous Speeches

Types of Fillers	Filler	Sample Statement	Analysis
Lexicalized Fillers	Okay	***Okay,*** so um first of all, I would like to greet um with ahh uhh good morning. ES-01	The word "Okay" is classified as lexicalized filler because it is an actual word that agrees. However, in these utterances, the speakers begin their greetings by using the word "Okay" as an unnecessary cue to start speaking.
	What do we call this	Multicultural communication is a key driver ahh for ahh specific person or a business or an entity to um communicate to umm cluster share or ***what do we call this…*** um.. like build a rapport other business owners… ES-03	The phrase "what do we call this" is a lexicalized filler phrase because it is made up of words that imply meaning. In this utterance, it is used by the speaker to ask himself about something he forgot.
	Like	..and when we have people from different cultures working together, we get to see problems from different angles and this helps us to come up	The word "like" is an example of a lexicalized filler because it is a word that is used for comparison and the speaker used the word here to indicate hesitance over a term they were about to express.

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		with ***like*** more Creative Solutions. ES-04	
	Yes	Good morning everyone. Am I audible po? ***Yes.*** So good morning everyone. Praised Be Jesus and Mary Now and Forever.. ES- 10	The word "yes" in the utterance was used as lexicalized filler. In ES-10, it was used as a cue for the speaker to start speaking.
	So	***So***, good morning everyone. ahh My name is ES-01 and good morning so sir, umm thank you very much for the opportunity for me to speak uhh in front of the class. ES-01	The statement showcase the common use of the lexicalized filler word "so" as an opening tool for the speaker to start talking.
Unlexicalized Filler	Um	…It is.. it's important, and it is important because in today's, in today's people from different cultures are more ***um*** likely to interact with which with each other. ES-02	"Um" is an unlexicalized filler because it is not an actual word and in this utterance, "um" is added and used by the speaker to give himself time to think of what to say next.
	Uh	So developing intercultural communication is important in several ways because ***uh*** it increase our knowledge from different cultures. ES-10	Uh is a non-word filler used to express hesitation. In these utterances, the speaker showed signs of hesitancy by using the non-word filler uh.
	Ah	Next ***ah*** be patient. ***Ah*** It may take longer to understand each other and it may require more effort ***ah*** to build trust and rapport. ES-01	The sound Ah is unlexicalized filler because it is a non-word filler that does not have meaning. In these utterances, the speaker used the sound as a gap filler in the speech.
	Ahh	..because when we have people from different cultures working together ***ahh..*** we can come up with better ideas, to avoid misunderstandings ES-04	In the utterance, Ahh is non-word expression and is used by the speaker with prolongation to fill in gaps of time while thinking.
	Ermm	***ermm*** First, uh my topic is developing intercultural communication competence means um It means umm …having the knowledge skills and attitudes and attitudes needed to effectively.. ES-02	In this utterance, the sound is used as filler that shows that the speaker is preparing to begin his speech.

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Table 2
Function of Fillers used by the Tertiary Education Students in Extemporaneous Speeches

Functions of Fillers	Filler	Sample Statement	Analysis
Opening Marker	Ah	So um we can use a.. ah.. We can ah learn about different communication Styles. ***Ah*** It is important to learn about different communication Styles and customs in different culture. ES-01	The filler word "ah" is uttered by the speaker in a very short manner to use it as a transitional cue to open up his new point in addition to his answer.
	Okay	***Okay***, so um, first of all, I would like to greet um with ahh.. uhh.. good morning, everyone… ES-01	Upon starting his greeting, the speaker opened by cueing himself with the filler word "okay" to mark the opening of his speech.
Information Indicator	Yeah	So , uh.. in addition, we need to make them uh.. feel like they are valued or being respected, respected so that, uh.. uh.. ***yeah,*** it would create a harmonious society po. ES-17	The expression "yeah" is utilized by the speaker to agree with her prior statement and indicate her concluding statement.
	You know	It is important to be respectful, respectful of different communication styles and to avoid making assumptions or ***you know***, as stereotypes based on cultural differences. ES-01	The filler phrase "you know" in this extract is used to express the speaker's presumption that the listeners are already aware of what he is trying to point out.
Fill the time	Ahh	So, good morning everyone. ***ahh*** My name is Michael Gazmen and good morning so sir, umm thank you very much for the opportunity for me to speak uhh in front of the class. ES -03	By uttering the sound "ahh", the speaker showed indications that he needed time to decide what to state next after his greetings.
	Uhm Uh	So, first is non-verbal communication is ***uhm.. uh..*** you cannot really, ***uh..*** relay ***uhm***, communication properly in non-verbal communication ***uhm.***. Second is, ***uhm..uhm*** , non-verbal communication is ***uhm*** ay like what I said earlier, that is ***uhm*** you cannot rely upon.. ES-15	The words "uhm and uh" are utilized to fill up the space in the discourse in order for the speaker to think and organize his thoughts before he continues to speak.
Correction Marker	Uhm	..uhm with the rise of uhm, businesses, travels, and uhm.. migration uhm.. individuals from different ah cultural backgrounds are interacting more ***uhm..*** even more. ES-20	The filler word "uhm" in the utterance is used by the speaker to change the word "more" to "even more"
	Uh	My question is, uh.. why does it mean? Why ***uh***.. what does it mean to develop intercultural communication competence and why it is important? ES-20	The non-word filler "uh" is utilized by the speaker to correct and restate the first question he uttered.

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DISCUSSION

Based on the result of this study, there were many lexicalized filler words and phrases found in the extemporaneous speeches of the students. Most of the common lexicalized filler words are so, *and, like, okay, and yes*. The common filler phrases found are *what do we call this, I mean,* and *you know*. From the result, the commonly occurring lexicalized filler word is *So* which occurred 71 times. Moreover, most of these fillers are used by the students to use it as an opening marker, information indicator, and correction marker.

Moreover, there were numerous unlexicalized fillers found in this study. From the data, fillers such as *ahh, um, uh,* and *uhm* are used by most of the students in their extemporaneous speeches with the purpose of either as an opening marker, correction marker, or time filler. The most occurring unlexicalized filler word is *uhm* which occurred 413 times in the materials. Furthermore, in the function filler opening marker, the common fillers found are *so, ah, uhm, and okay.* In this function, the filler *so* is frequently used by the students. The most common fillers as an information indicator are, *you know, yeah,* and *like*. The most frequently occurring was the filler word *like*. In the function filler fill the time words like *uhm, uhh, ahh, and what do we call this* are used by the speaker to fill in the gaps in a conversation or any utterance while the speaker is thinking about the statement or word to say in the speech. Also, the result of this study shows several correction markers found in the extemporaneous speeches of the students. They are, *I mean, uh,* and *uhm.*

Implication for Teaching Practice

The results of this study revealed the excessive use of fillers in the extemporaneous speech of the students that reduces their credibility, hinders effective communication, and reflects poorly on their practice of professionalism. With this, teachers may encourage students to use filler words as little as possible so that they become aware of their filler word habits. By being aware of the process of filler words, students may be able to examine their speaking performances by reflecting their usage of filler words. Teachers may also modify their pedagogy by creating an interactive learning environment where students are actively involved in their language learning process in practicing effective communication. The teacher may use techniques such as pausing briefly to gather thoughts or using transitional phrases can help maintain coherence without resorting to excessive filler usage. Furthermore, this study also suggests that students should focus on improving their speaking skills by practicing active listening and engaging in meaningful conversations through the help of teacher.

Recommendation for Future Research

This study was to analyze the types of fillers used by the students which were categorized into two: lexicalized and unlexicalized fillers, and the functions of these fillers: opening marker, correction marker, to fill the time and information indicator. Since this study only intended to identify the types of fillers and their functions, other researchers may dwell on the underlying implications of the usage of filler words. This study can also be conducted using another method such as the quantitative research method. In such a method, researchers can study and analyze the number of filler words used in a speech as well as categorizing its types.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, while excessive use of filler words is discouraged, it is essential to recognize that they are a part of natural speech patterns and can be helpful when utilized appropriately. Students should be encouraged to develop their speaking skills by minimizing reliance on fillers through practice, providing knowledge, exercises, and preparation while still appreciating their role in maintaining fluency and connection with the audience.

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EXPERIENCES OF COMMUNITY NURSES IN THE DELIVERY OF OBSTETRICS CARE IN RURAL AREAS

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ABSTRACT

This research employed a generic qualitative approach to investigate the experiences of community nurses in the delivery of obstetrics care in rural areas and in addressing the limitations inherent to their respective localities. The research was carried out within the locality of Davao del Norte, with the participation of a total of fourteen community nurses: seven of them were involved in the in-depth interviews, while the remaining seven took part in the focused group discussion. Thematic analysis was employed to analyze the data. The findings of the study indicate that community nurses in rural locations hold diverse experiences regarding obstetrics care. These are lacking medical equipment and resources, and dealing with patients' irresponsibility and reluctance to avail services. To cope with the limitations, community nurses implemented the following strategies: utilizing supplement intake alternative methods, and offering insights into the importance of prenatal care. Their recommendations to enhance obstetrics care are fostering collaboration for effective healthcare, enhancing community healthcare through education, and securing funds and medical supplies. This research endeavor has the potential to provide valuable insights for healthcare authorities and other relevant stakeholders to improve rural obstetrics care systems. Through the viewpoints of community nurses, it becomes possible to identify aspects of healthcare, design initiatives, and implement programs that can effectively increase the provision of maternal healthcare services in rural areas.

KEYWORDS: *Obstetrics care, community nurses, rural areas, generic qualitative study, Davao del Norte, Philippines*

INTRODUCTION

One of the main problems that nurses had to deal with was the inability to deliver primary healthcare, which included obstetrics care (McCullough et al., 2020). According to a study of Sumankuuro et al. in 2018, there are major obstacles limiting the effectiveness and appropriateness of maternity and newborn health services in rural areas. In Ghana's Upper West Region, the issues identified were poor infrastructure, a lack of experienced workers, high informal costs of vital drugs, and generalized restricted capacities to offer care based from the perspective and experience of the health workers, including nurses and midwives.

In the Philippines, the nurses and midwives would visit rural communities themselves because of how far some communities were from the Barangay Health Center (BHC). Due to the fact that the BHC is left unattended when the nurse or midwife departs for these communities, this burden is onerous for both the healthcare workers and the health system as a whole (World Health Organization, 2018).

Purpose of the Study

This qualitative study aimed to determine the experiences of community nurses on obstetrics care in rural areas and understand how they coped with the limitations concerning obstetrical care. As part of the study, the suggestions and recommendations of the participants to shed light on the experience were recorded and analyzed.

Research Questions

1. What are the experiences of community nurses in the delivery of obstetrics care in rural areas?
2. How do healthcare providers deal with the limitations in obstetrics care in rural areas?
3. What are the recommendations of community nurses to better the delivery of obstetrics care services in rural areas?

Theoretical Lens

This study is mainly anchored on the Phenomenology Theory authored by Husserl (1997). The researchers used this common structure or essence to make sense of their experiences with obstetrics in rural areas. The substance of the event under inquiry can also be clarified by researchers by interpreting the participants' feelings, perceptions, and beliefs (Reeves et al., 2018).

METHODS

Research Design

This research study utilizes a qualitative research design with a generic qualitative approach to investigate the experiences of community nurses in the delivery of obstetrics care in the rural area.

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Research Participants

According to Cresswell (2018), he suggested that a total number of fourteen (14) key informants were best in the conduct of a qualitative study. In this study, we considered seven (7) participants to undergo in-depth interviews and another seven (7) for focused group discussions.

Data Analysis

Following data collection and interviews, the information gathered was compiled, evaluated, transcribed, translated, and analyzed using theme analysis. Using this method, the theme was guaranteed to include all necessary information without missing any important aspects. Following this, the researchers chose the theme based on the meaning and substance of the codes.

RESULTS

Table 1

Major Themes and Core Ideas on the Experiences of Community Nurses in the Delivery of Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Lacking Medical Equipment and Resources	● taking longer to provide service due to a lack of resources ● dealing with uncertainty about the availability of medicines
Dealing with Patients' Irresponsibility and Reluctance to Avail Services	● dealing with patients' reluctance to visit health centers in the early months ● handling medication noncompliance in patients

Lacking Equipment and Resources

This theme was generated from the response of IDI-01 on the actual experience of the community's poor access to medical equipment and resources.

> *For example, every nurse must have a doppler to use or at least a fetoscope during prenatal care. However, some nurses do not have those, so the quality of care is affected. In an instance that a fetoscope will be used, it takes longer than a Doppler. So, the length of providing service is affected.*

IDI-05 provided additional support for this, emphasizing how limited supplies were as a result of this experience.

> *The limitation regarding community nurses delivering obstetrics care is that we do have medicines, such as iron supplements, but it's not always available.*

with Patients' Irresponsibility and Reluctance to Avail Services

This theme stemmed from the experiences of FGD-07, when it was mentioned that pregnant women tend to attend prenatal care later in their pregnancy rather than sooner.

> *They come here when it is in their fifth or sixth month already. It is late to receive sufficient services, and we cannot give them the supplements from the first, second, and third months they have missed. It is crucial since the major organ of the fetus develops within the first trimester, and they have not received enough supplements.*

Furthermore, one of the causes of pregnant moms' non-compliance was pinpointed by IDI-04.

> *They are noncompliant with medication. Although we were able to give them enough health teaching, sometimes, they are also influenced by their community, which hinders them from continuing what we have advised them.*

Table 2

Major Themes and Core Ideas on How Healthcare Providers Deal with the Limitations in Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Utilizing Supplement Intake Alternative Methods	● substituting organic alternatives in lieu of lacking vitamin supplements ● using root crops as an iron supplement substitute
Offering Insights into the Importance of Prenatal Care	● providing health education to recognize the importance of prenatal care ● offering incentives to pregnant women who keep all four appointments to ensure quality prenatal care

Utilizing Supplement Intake Alternative Methods

With this theme, IDI-03 emphasized using organic alternatives when supplements aren't available.

> *For example, if we lack a supply of folic acid, and the pregnant client's hemoglobin is low, if they have sweet*

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potato there, or have moringa leaves, which are rich in iron that can also help increase their hemoglobin levels.

This is consistent with IDI-05's experience, which revealed that when presented with a similar difficulty, they opt for root crops.

If there is no supplement supply, there are alternatives, such as when ferrous supplement for iron is unavailable, we can consume plants or vegetables like sweet potatoes.

Offering Insights into the Importance of Prenatal Care

In this theme, FGD-03 emphasized the benefit of health education to expectant mothers.

The most basic intervention we can provide is health education, so at least their minds will be enlightened to the significance of prenatal check-ups.

This was supplemented by FGD-04 on the strategies they use to further encourage their pregnant clients to adhere to the prenatal check-up schedules.

However, some barangays implement a rewards system. For instance, expectant clients must complete four visits to receive quality prenatal care, one for the first trimester, one for the second trimester, and two for the third trimester. The barangay will give them a Buntis Kit if they complete the four visits. It is complete with diapers and a set of things for the baby, so they are encouraged to comply.

Table 3

Major Themes and Core Ideas on the Recommendations of Community Nurses in the Delivery of Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Fostering Collaboration for Effective Healthcare	● invite community nurses to annual planning meetings with the local health board ● collaborate and enhance partnership between BHWS and nurses
Securing Funds and Medical Supplies	● designate a budget solely for obstetrical health concerns ● maintain an adequate supply of medications and vitamins

Fostering Collaboration for Effective Healthcare

IDI-01 highlighted the health board committee meetings and the significance of a nurse being invited in the plans.

Planning correctly in advance is crucial. For instance, the regional health board already has a plan for the upcoming year, so the nurse assigned to the area should give feedback on what needs to be done and make the necessary preparations for the upcoming year.

In addition, IDI-05 mentioned the BHWs as another helping hand they have in the community.

Along with regular prenatal checkups for expectant mothers and updates from the Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), we also ask their mobile phone numbers to contact them personally. We inform them if they have taken any prescribed medications if there are any. We pay close attention to pregnant women with UTIs because they increase the risk of preterm birth.

Securing Funds and Medical Supplies

In this theme, IDI-03 have shared their thoughts on the budget allocation for obstetrics care.

It's essential to set aside money for obstetrical (OB-Gyne) concerns and to stock up on enough medication. The sole purpose of this funding is to cater to the particular needs of pregnant women or those with OB health conditions.

This was further supported by IDI-02 as budget plays an important role in their recurring problem.

Making sure we have enough medication and vitamins for them is our top priority. We frequently run into that issue around here.

DISCUSSION

Experiences of Community Nurses in the Delivery of Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Lacking Medical Equipment and Resources

Obstetric care tends to be complicated by the inaccessibility of sufficient materials required to perform procedures. In comparison, this result matches the findings of Lusambili et al.'s (2020) study on maternity care in rural Kenya. They identified four factors contributing to the complexity of providing care; one of these factors is a lack of resources, as there have been instances of patients receiving maternity services not having enough medication or even water.

Dealing with Patients' Irresponsibility and Reluctance to Avail Services

Despite the nurses' best efforts to persuade pregnant patients to comply with their vitamins, laboratory testing, and check-ups as soon as possible, their advice is sometimes thwarted by the community's influence and the patient's refusal to comply. In comparison, the same behavior is noted according to the findings of a study conducted by Konje et al. (2018) in the rural Geita District of Northwest Tanzania. It is shown that only 3.62% of participants begin attending check-ups during the first trimester, which may indicate a lack of responsibility for women regarding their pregnancies.

How Healthcare Providers Deal with the Limitations in Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Utilizing Supplement Intake Alternative Methods

Healthcare professionals, such as community nurses, strongly advised pregnant women to take supplements, but in some cases the resources in health facilities are insufficient. In accordance

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with this, community-based non-pharmacological treatment options, which could be provided by a wide spectrum of healthcare practitioners, were more or equally effective in improving mother and newborn outcomes as standard obstetric care (Igwesi-Chidobe et al., 2022).

Offering Insights into the Importance of Prenatal Care

Giving prenatal checkup advice is crucial for encouraging expectant mothers to visit their doctor and for promoting health awareness of the value of prenatal care. In the study of Taylor et al. (2016), prenatal care may be increased through increasing education for females, disseminating culturally relevant information about prenatal care, and creating confidence in clinicians.

Recommendations of Community Nurses in the Delivery of Obstetrics Care in Rural Areas

Fostering Collaboration for Effective Healthcare

Community nurses can offer invaluable knowledge and experience to the community's health needs by participating in yearly planning sessions with the local health board. With nurses representing the largest percentage of the healthcare and hospital workforce at the table in these numerous settings, stakeholders benefit from their expertise on a range of health-related perspectives, such as patient experience, quality, and safety. Nurses have the knowledge and expertise required to bring fresh ideas and constructive change to boards, coalitions, and collaboratives in every sphere of our communities (Dorritie et al., 2020).

Securing Funds and Medical Supplies

The community's maternal and fetal well-being may be significantly impacted by allocating a budget to address obstetrical issues. In order to support the necessary health resources, sufficient funding is essential for strengthening primary care. However, long-term resource mobilization efficiency depends equally on ensuring good governance. By structuring the system as a whole, governance greatly impacts how healthcare is delivered (Bernal-Sundiang, 2023).

Implication to Nursing Practice

This study has shed a light on the crucial role of healthcare providers in safeguarding the maternal well-being of populations residing in underserved areas. The findings of this study can inform Local Health Committees, Government Units, and the Department of Health about the particular needs and obstacles faced by rural community nurses in the provision of obstetrics care. The community nurses have identified specific aspects of healthcare that require the most assistance, where they can develop appropriate strategies to create resources in assisting these nurses to provide effective and accessible obstetrics care services in rural areas.

Recommendations for Further Research

Several recommendations can deepen our understanding and improve the quality of maternal healthcare outcomes for future research on the perspectives of community nurses in the provision of obstetrics care in rural areas. Longitudinal studies monitoring the development of pregnant women and their children over time can provide a better understanding of the long-term effects of community nurses' interventions. Furthermore, future studies may focus more on assessing the efficacy of obstetrics training programs provided to community nurses. Researchers can determine the effect of these training initiatives on community nurses' knowledge, skills, and confidence through in-depth assessment and outcome measurement.

Concluding Remarks

Limitations impede progress and development, yet with self-sufficiency, it brings out the best in oneself. It uses all of one's expertise to make sure that even in the face of limitations, one may still manage to provide high-quality care and services, particularly in rural areas. However, sometimes, the best solution comes with collaboration. This is particularly so in the field of obstetrics, where plenty of work needs to be done in order to provide quality prenatal care and prevent abnormalities, complications, and worst-case mortality. Moreover, this clearly demonstrates community nurses' critical role in filling healthcare gaps in rural areas where access to comprehensive obstetrics care can be difficult.

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STUDENTS MOTIVATION TOWARDS ENGLISH SUBJECT IN RELATION TO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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ABSTRACT

Objective of the Study To determine how English motivation varies depending on gender and location; to determine how English motivation and academic performance relate to different strata. 340 samples were obtained by the researcher using random sampling methods. Data was collected for the study using a questionnaire and the survey method. In this study, the reliability of the test item was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, and the computed result was 0.833. The 't' test and correlation (r) are employed as inferential statistics, while mean and standard deviation are used for descriptive statistics. Result found that Significant differences between boys' and girls' students, rural and urban students, and students were revealed in the t-test of English motivation. Boys, girls, rural students, and urban students all showed strong and favourable correlations between English motivation and academic ability. Secondary, higher secondary, rural, and urban students' motivation for English was found to have a substantial relationship, and their academic performance was strong. The researcher discovered that, regardless of gender, secondary school pupils' academic progress in English is significantly impacted by their motivation for a particular subject.

INTRODUCTION

For the development of the economy, modernization, and globalisation, English is an essential instrument. The value of learning English is determined by its motivation. India today faces tremendous opportunities and problems as it responds to major changes that haven't been seen in the world in a century. The pattern of sustainable development presents major possibilities and changes for second language acquisition. English is also a tool for imparting knowledge with an international perspective and competence, as well to being a crucial medium for coping with the growth of modernization and globalisation. Students' enthusiasm for studying English impacts how actively they learn the language. An important mental engine or energy source, motivation encompasses tenacity, effort, and completion of work.

In our country, English is a subject that is taught in primary, secondary, and higher school. It should not be confused with the method of teaching English as a foreign language in schools. It entails the investigation and analysis of works of English literature. Novels, plays, short tales, and poetry, most of which originate in Britain, the United States, and Ireland, are studied as part of English studies.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Wang (2008) conducted a study on Motivation and English Achievement an Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analysis of Chinese Students of English Learning. The goal of the study was to examine the relationship between intrinsic motivation, extrinsic motivation, and English success. It used the Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation Scale of English Learning. The 376 school kids were divided into a sample. There was a descriptive survey research. Data were examined. The relationship between various motivational factors and English achievement was then examined using Pearson correlations and multiple regressions. The study's conclusions showed that whereas controlled extrinsic motivation linked adversely with intrinsic motivation and success, autonomous extrinsic motivation positively correlated with both.

Ahmed & et al. (2015) conducted a study on Students' Motivation toward English Language Learning at Undergraduate Level. This descriptive study's major goal is to investigate why students at the college level are less motivated to learn the English language. 199 undergraduate students from the University of Sargodha Women Campus in Faisalabad, Pakistan, made up the study's population. The researchers created a questionnaire with a four-point Likert scale on the various levels of motivation for this purpose, and they provided the students the most time possible to complete it. With reference to the aforementioned aspects, the research's findings and conclusions demonstrate that motivation plays a significant part in learning.

Laseter, N.D. (2020) conducted a study on Student Motivation and Achievement in Second Language Learning. The factors determining the interest of learners to acquire a second language are different. The desire of students to learn a second language has been measured and explained using a number of techniques and ideas, according to studies. These metrics also demonstrate how motivation might affect performance in a language learning environment. The socio-educational model, the motivating self-system, and the self-determination theory are the theories that have attracted the most interest and recognition. Each theory provides considerable quantitative and qualitative data to support it, shedding light on the various variables that affect second-language learners' motivation to learn a language.

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Kitjaroonchai (2013) conducted a study on Motivation toward English language learning in secondary and high schools' students. The study's goal is to find out how motivated kids are to learn the English language in secondary and high schools, as well as any notable discrepancies between their motivation and that of other pupils. A modified 20-item motivational survey from Gardner's Attitude Motivation Test Battery was used in this study's descriptive survey research design. Through the use of random sampling techniques, 266 secondary and high school students were chosen as a sample. In this study, data were analysed using the t-test and Pearson product moment correlation methods. The study's findings showed that the students were highly motivated to acquire the English language, both intrinsically and extrinsically.

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OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

1.To find out the difference of English Motivation among Gender & Locality.
2.To find out the relationship between English Motivation and Academic Performance in difference strata.

HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

$H_0$1. There is no significant difference of English motivation between Boys and Girls students.
$H_0$2. There is no significant difference of English motivation between Rural Students and Urban Students.
$H_0$3. There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Boys Students.
$H_0$4. There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Girls students.
$H_0$5. There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Rural Students.
$H_0$6. There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Urban Students.

METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this study is to determine the relationship between school pupils' academic achievement and their motivation for acquiring a second language.

Variables: main variable for the present study English motivation & Academic achievement and classificatory variable Class (Secondary, Higher secondary)**,** Gender (Male, Female), Area (Rural, Urban).

Population : All higher secondary school of West Bengal were considered as population of this study.

Sample: The researcher collected 340 samples. Among them boys' students were 179 and girls' students were 161 students were taking Nadia and North 24 Parganas District of west Bengal.

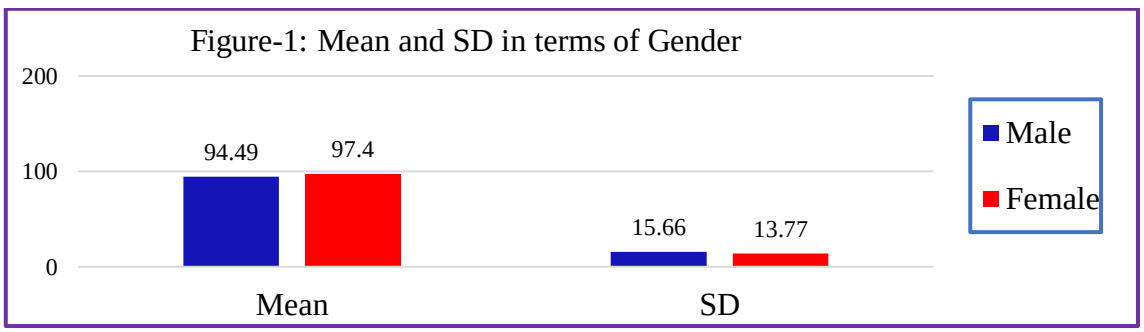
Tools: In the study researcher questionnaire tools was used and data were collected through survey method and 25 statement to send expert for judging validity of the test item as per his guide suggestions. With the aid of Cronbach's alpha, the reliability of the test item was evaluated in this study, and the computed result was 0.833.

Statistical interpretation: Mean and Standard Deviation used for descriptive statistics and 't' test and correlation (r) as inferential statistics and selected only 0.05 levels of significance for rejection or acceptance of null hypothesis.

ANALYSIS

$H_0$1.There is no significant difference of English motivation between Boys and Girls students.

Group	Number	Mean	S.D.	df	t-value	Remarks
Male	179	94.49	15.66	338	1.807	significant
Female	161	97.40	13.77			

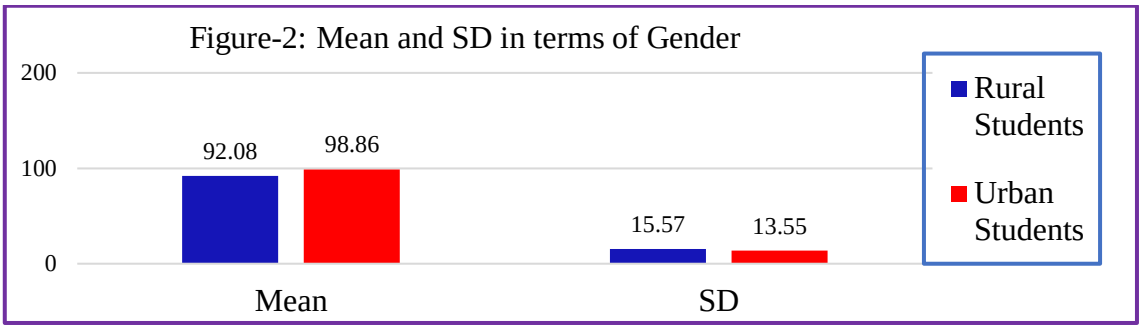


The calculated 't' value was found to be significant and the null hypothesis was rejected from the table's base. There is an evident difference in the pupils' English motivation between males and females.

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$H_0$2. There is no significant difference of English motivation between Rural Students and Urban Students.

Group	Number	Mean	S.D.	df	t-value	Remarks
Rural Students	150	92.08	15.57	338	4.2913	significant
Urban Students	190	98.86	13.55			



The predicted 't' value was considered to be significant and the null hypothesis was rejected based on the data shown in the table above. There is a clear distinction in English motivation between rural and urban students.

$H_0$3. There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Total Boys Students.

Group	Number	Measure	'r' value	Remarks
Boys Students.	179	English motivation Academic Achievement	0.065	**Not significant**

The estimated 'r' value was found to be insignificant from the table's the other side, and the null hypothesis was rejected. Academic achievement of all boys students and English motivation are strongly correlated.

$H_0$4.There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Girls students.

Group	Number	Measure	'r' value	Remarks
Total Girls Students.	161	English motivation Academic Achievement	0.394	**significant**

The estimated 'r' value was determined to be significant from the table's top and the null hypothesis was rejected. Academic achievement of all female students and mathematics motivation are significantly correlated.

$H_0$5.There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Rural Students.

Group	Number	Measure	'r' value	Remarks
Rural Students.	168	English motivation Academic Achievement	0.288	**significant**

The estimated 'r' value was determined to be significant from the table's top and the null hypothesis was rejected. The link between rural students' academic achievement and English motivation is weakly positive and significant.

$H_0$6.There is no significant relationship between English Motivation and Academic Achievement of Urban Students.

Group	Number	Measure	'r' value	Remarks
Urban Students.	172	English motivation Academic Achievement	0.598	**Significant**

The estimated 'r' value was determined to be significant from the table's top and the null hypothesis was rejected. The association between urban students' academic achievement and English motivation is moderately good and substantial.

FINDINGS

1. There is a clear motivational difference in English between male and female students.
2. There is a clear motivational difference in English between urban and rural students.
3. Academic achievement of all boys' students and English motivation are positively significantly correlated.
4. Academic achievement of all female students and mathematics motivation are significantly correlated.
5. There is a weak correlation between rural students' academic achievement and their motivation to learn English.
6. There is a Moderately Positive Significant Relationship between Urban Students' Academic Achievement and English Motivation.

Significant differences between boys' and girls' students, rural and urban students, and students were revealed in the t-test of English motivation. Boys, girls, rural students, and urban students all showed strong and favourable correlations between English motivation and academic ability.

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CONCLUSION

Secondary, higher secondary, rural, and urban students' motivation for English was found to have a substantial relationship, and their academic performance was strong. The researcher discovered that, regardless of gender, secondary school pupils' academic progress in English is significantly impacted by their motivation for a particular subject. Many of the studies (Wang, F.X. (2008), Kitjaroonchai. N. (2013) identified a substantial gender difference in desire for learning English when compared to reviews of related literature. Numerous studies indicated no discernible difference in subject motivation based on gender. According to mean of the study, urban pupil performs better academically than rural pupil, and they also exhibit higher levels of intrinsic motivation than extrinsic motivation. The study's analysis as a whole concludes that "Motivation is the best way to learn and academic achievement."

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FORMULATION AND EVALUATION OF LOSARTAN POTASSIUM MATRIX TABLETS BY USING DIFFERENT POLYMERS

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ABSTRACT

The study aims to create a sustained release matrix tablet for Losartan potassium, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, to improve patient compliance and maintain therapeutic blood or tissue levels for extended periods. The research investigates the role of novel semi-synthetic polymers and natural polymers in comparison to well-known release retarding agents. Gastroretentive drug delivery systems (GRDDS) are unique technologies designed to improve drug bioavailability and absorption by avoiding the first-pass effect. Losartan potassium, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, has a bioavailability of 32% and a low elimination half-life, making it suitable for oral controlled release. The study utilized natural and synthetic polymers in matrix tablet preparation, concentration, drug particles size, additives, and excipients to modify drug release. The powder mixtures were tested for pre-compression parameters and post-compression parameters, and in-vitro dissolution studies showed good dissolution profiles for drug release. Formulations with higher concentrations and polymers sustained drug release for 24 hours. FT-IR Spectroscopy confirmed drug compatibility with polymers and other excipients

KEYWORDS: *matrix tablets, Losartan Potassium, flow properties, pre compression parameters post compression parameters, In-vitro dissolution.*

INTRODUCTION

This research aims to create a sustained release matrix tablet for Losartan potassium, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, to improve patient compliance and maintain therapeutic blood or tissue levels for extended periods. Matrix systems offer advantages like easy manufacturing, versatility, effectiveness, low cost, and high molecular weight compound release. Gastroretentive drug delivery systems (GRDDS) are unique technologies designed to improve drug bioavailability and absorption by avoiding the first-pass effect. Losartan potassium, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist, has a bioavailability of 32% and a low elimination half-life, making it suitable for oral controlled release. The study utilized natural and synthetic polymers in matrix tablet preparation, concentration, drug particles size, additives, and excipients to modify drug release. The research investigates the role of novel semi-synthetic polymer and natural polymer in comparison with well-known release retarding agents, and the synergistic effect of the polymers in combination on retarding drug release.

Advantages of sustain release dosage forms

1. Decrease in frequency of intakes.
2. Reduce side effects.
3. Uniform release of drug over time.
4. Enhance patient compliances.

Disadvantages of sustain release dosage form

1. Increased cost.
2. Toxicity due to dose dumping.
3. Unpredictable and often poor in vitro-in vivo correlation.
4. Increased potential for first-pass clearance.

Table 1: Formulation tablets showing various composition

F-CODE	F1	F2	F3	F4
Losartan Potassium	50mg	50mg	50mg	50mg
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	10mg	10mg	10mg	10mg
Microcrystalline cellulose	180mg	170mg	160mg	150mg
Mannitol	30mg	40mg	50mg	60mg
Talc	3mg	3mg	3mg	3mg
Mg stearate	2mg	2mg	2mg	2mg
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose	25mg	25mg	25mg	25mg
Total weight	300mg	300mg	300mg	300mg

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METHODOLOGY

Losartan potassium[API] is a gift sample obtained from Vasudha Pharma Chem Limited, Polyvinylpyrrolidone[PVP] is obtained from Akhil Healthcare Private limited, Microcrystalline cellulose[MCC] is obtained from Jigchem Universal, Mannitol (Diuretic) was obtained from Amrutha organics, Talc (Filler) was obtained from Vestige Marketing Pvt Ltd Magnesium stearate (Emulsifier) was obtained from Hiranya cellulose Product, Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose[HPMC] is obtained from Biochemix Healthcare Private Limited.

Preparation of sustain release matrix tablets by direct compression method:

Losartan Potassium matrix tablets were prepared by direct compression method. The corresponding amount of drug and excipients were accurately weighed and mixed properly and the matrix tablets were prepared by direct compression using punching machine. Each tablet contains 50 mg of Losartan Potassium.

Preparation of pH 6.8 phosphate buffer: Accurately measured 250 mL of 0.2 M potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate and 112.5 mL of 0.2 M NaOH was taken into the 1000 mL volumetric flask. Volume was made up to 1000 mL with distilled water.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Construction of calibration curve:

Table 2: Data for standard graph of Losartan potassium

S.NO	Concentration (ug/ml)	Absorbance (249 nm)
1.	0	0
2.	5	0.11925
3.	10	0.21325
4.	15	0.33125
5.	20	0.43755
6.	25	0.56125

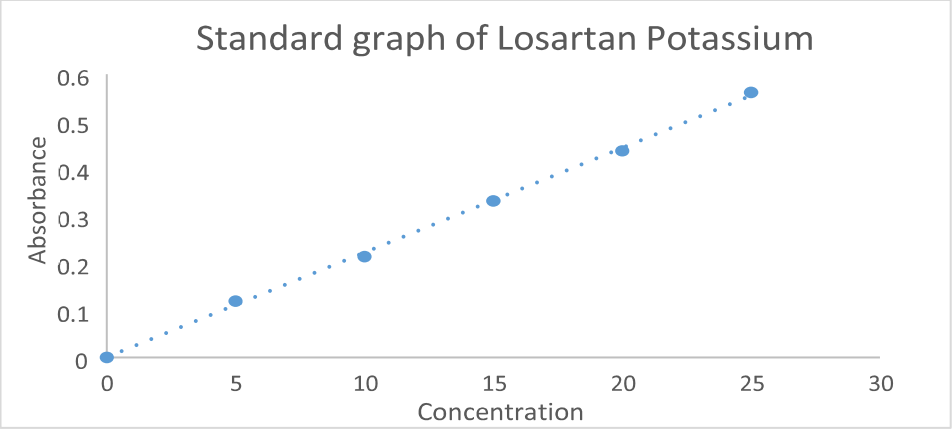
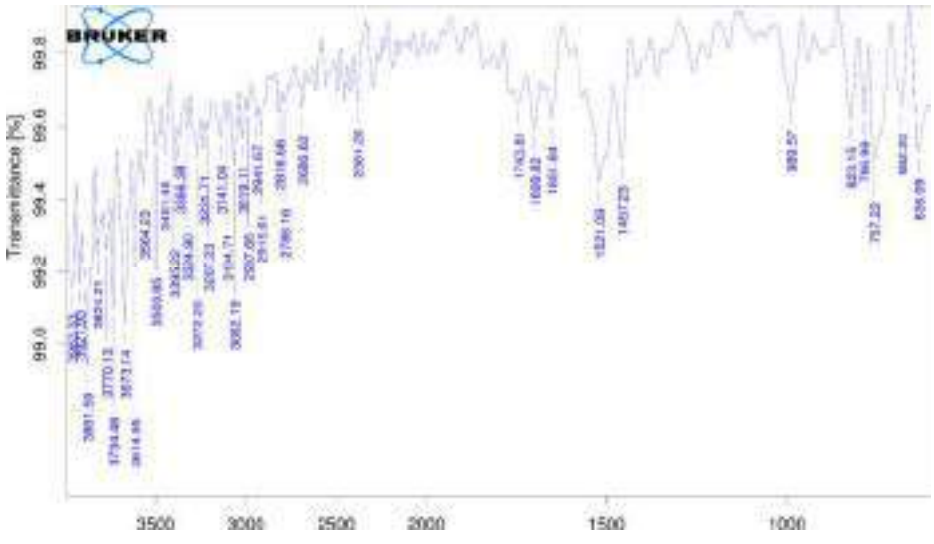


Fig no.01:Standard graph of Losartan Potassium with 0.1N HCL Solution.

DRUG-EXCIPIENT COMPATIBILITY STUDIES BY FTIR

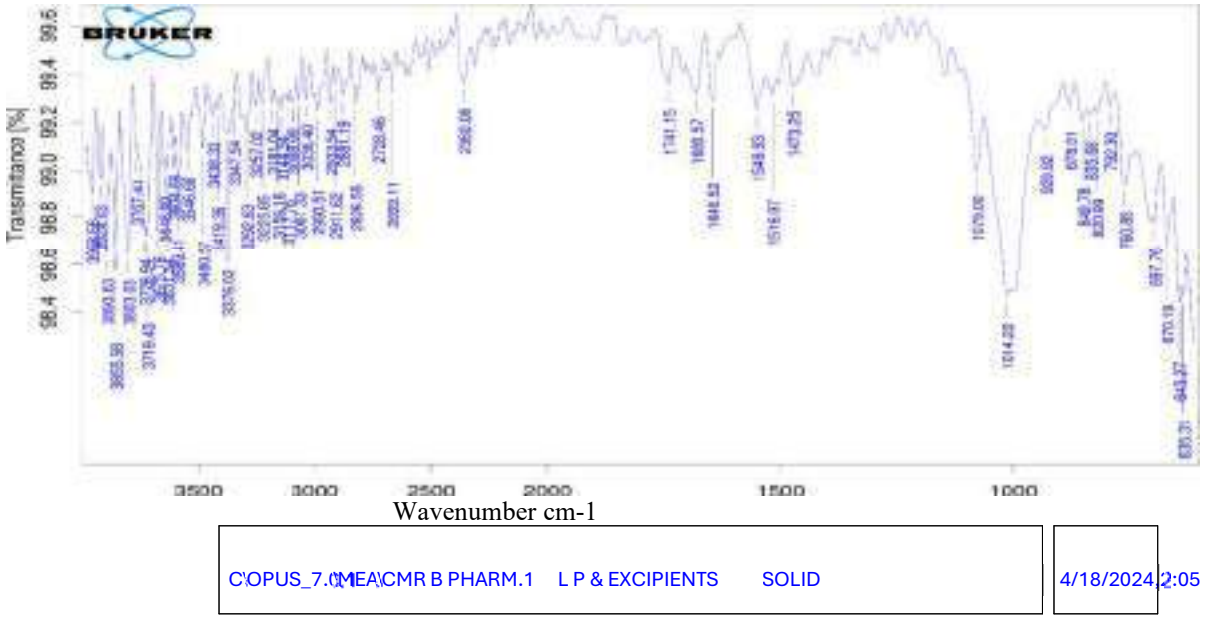
The development of a successful formulations depends only on suitable selection of excipients. Hence the physical state of the drug, Losartan potassium individually and the admixture of the drug and excipients for the optimized formulations were studied by FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy) to know the drug excipients compatibility.

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Wavenumber cm-1

Fig no.02:FTIR spectra of pure drug Losartan Potassium



Wavenumber cm-1

Fig no.03:FTIR of Losartan Potassium optimized formulation

PRE-FORMULATION STUDIES:

TABLE 3: Results for pre-formulations studies

Formulation	Bulk density (gm/cc)	Tapped density (gm/cc)	Angle of repose (0)	Carr's Index (%)	Hausner's Ratio
F1	0.461	0.571	29.06	19.26	1.23
F2	0.420	0.501	26.56	16.16	1.19
F3	0.467	0.567	27.24	17.63	1.21
F4	0.483	0.591	28.01	18.27	1.22

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POST FORMULATION STUDIES

TABLE 4: Results of post formulation studies

Formulation	Weight variation (mg)	Friability (%)	Hardness (kg/cm^2)	Thickness (mm)
F1	250.89±0.12	0.61±0.007	7.3±0.04	3.9±0.09
F2	253.88±0.60	0.52±0.005	7.8±0.03	4.0±0.02
F3	251.12±0.52	0.58±0.031	8.0±0.07	4.2±0.01
F4	249.81±0.13	0.72±0.016	6.5±0.04	3.9±0.07

IN VITRO DISSOLUTION STUDIES

TABLE 5: Cumulative % drug release for formulations (F1-F4)

Time	F1	F2	F3	F4
5 min	55.10	58.9	46.07	51.06
10 min	68.67	72.1	56.29	61.07
15 min	76.01	80	73.93	76.55
20 min	82.09	87.08	74.01	79.61
25 min	92.07	94.82	79.06	89.06

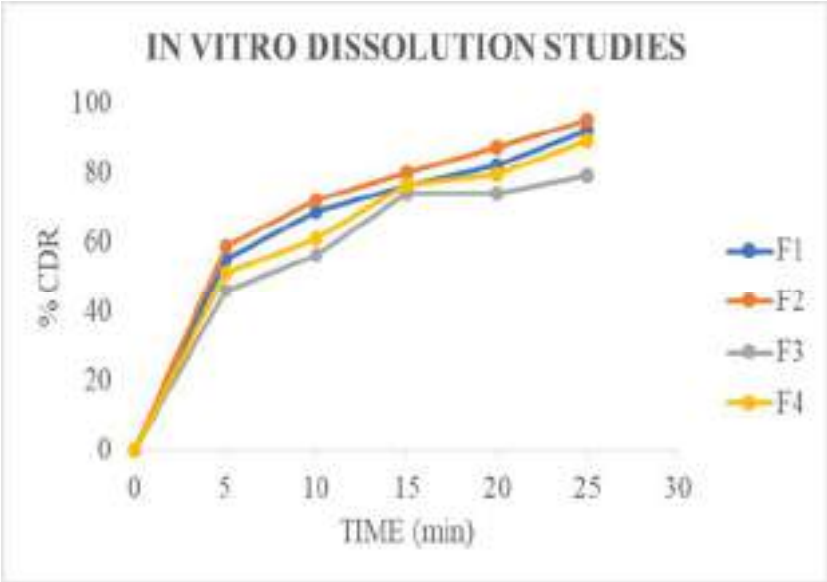


Fig no.04: Comparative dissolution profile of formulation F1 to F4

CONCLUSION

From the above results we can conclude that Losartan potassium was formulated with different types of different polymers like Mannitol ,Magnesium stearate and Micro crystalline cellulose. The results of dissolution studies indicated that formulation F2 is the most successful of the study, exhibited drug release pattern very close to theoretical release profile. The pre-formulation studies like angle of repose, bulk density, tapped density, Hausner's ratio and carr's index of all formulations were found to be within the standard limits. FTIR studies revealed that there was no chemical interaction between drug and other excipients.

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SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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ABSTRACT

This article describes the social democratic foundations of public administration, their relevance to the provision of public services and their interpretation and description in terms of social philosophy.

KEYWORDS. *Democracy, harmony, ambition, chaos, anarchism, management technology. ESS (Electronic State Services).*

Thinking about democracy and its character and nationalism has been going on since ancient times. Everyone who thought or wrote about human and social existence, the owner of the mind, did not stop talking about democracy. Therefore, "democracy" is considered as a fascinating tool and concept that serves to expand the range of intelligence and improve social and political life [1. 46 P]. It is an axiom that democracy is a social reality, it is not only a mechanism of subordination and centralized control, it is a reality that applies to almost all aspects of human and social life. Especially today it has become a universal reality. Not a single sphere of human and social life is developing without democracy, from this point of view, democracy is an objective and necessary social reality. Even countries built on totalitarian and autocratic rule try to prove that they are supporters of democracy and that they are based on the principles of populism in their daily activities. According to Doctor of Philosophy, Professor A.D.Nudenko, today there are more than 50 common interpretations and definitions of "democracy", which include individualism, pluralism, and parliamentarianism with a social cratological essence [1. 23-48 P]. Therefore, it is difficult to give a strict definition of democracy, it can be interpreted and understood in different, sometimes conflicting ways, as an attribute of social life in constant change and movement, any social reality. Epistemological interests lead to interpret it sometimes as an expression of individual desires and inclinations, and sometimes as an expression of social necessity, a requirement of an objective existence, but it is impossible to interpret democracy as a reality contrary to the harmony of the interests of citizens and the state, individuals and society. Plato called the state an example of "whole" and saw human perfection in this whole [2. 232-236]. When we think about democracy, it is appropriate that we proceed not from the desires of a person prone to leadership and egoism, but from the desires, aspirations and actions that strive for perfection, wholeness, and harmony.

So, what are the social democratic foundations of public administration? What do they have to do with public services? How can they be interpreted and described from the point of view of social philosophy?

First of all, we should say that the ESS is one of the main functions and tasks of state administration, in this sense it is an attribute of state administration. It performs its functions and tasks through public administration services, expresses the essence of management technology (democratic or non-democratic, autocratic or anti-autocratic, monarchist or non-monarchist). Modern democratic systems and political doctrines consider ESS as an indicator of constructive and permanent relations between the state and the people. However, this does not make public administration concrete for the provision of services, they are different realities and mechanisms. It is a tool, a mechanism of ESS management.

The democratic foundations of state management are determined by the purpose of management activities. Management activity is rationally organized, from a socio-philosophical point of view, aimed at harmonizing goals, directing the wishes and actions of parties to a common goal. Management is divided into management of things, financial resources, techniques and management of people, their behavior and activities. ESS uses both of them. In it, the main goal is to satisfy the legal requirements of the consumer or object.

In social philosophy, it is shown that there are individual, group, national, national and universal levels of purpose. Management technology must be in accordance with these goals, then management activities will be effective. Analyzing aspects of democracy related to management methods, S.N.Parkinson writes that even cities have their own purpose and sometimes serve the bureaucracy. He writes, among other things, as follows: "What kind of problems are faced by an individual, such problems can be put before the whole society. At times, there were cities and principalities that served certain purposes. They aim to defend their ideals or beliefs. For example, Greek cities were built to honor the Greek way of life. Roman cities had the goal of expressing intelligence and order in a way characteristic of the Romans" [3. 396 P]. However, according to S. N. Prakinson, modern cities have an obvious goal, which is "to make money in

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the center of congestion and spend it on amenities on the outskirts of the city" [3. 396 P]. Spending money on convenience and urbanization is a common phenomenon in democratic countries, people who work and spend money in large centers accept democratic values in the way of spending money on their desires and wishes. Most of the population has made spending money on sightseeing, recreation, and tourism their hobby.

In developed countries, the value of a person is also measured by the position he finds or occupies in the society and social environment. According to S.N.Parkinson, not even earning money, but social status is the goal of people living in modern cities [3. 397 P]. The purpose of the city is to support this desire in people, to turn them into consumers, to teach them to live by enjoying the services of civilization and urbanization. The city is not a space that develops by itself, but there are mechanisms that encourage it to live in accordance with the requirements of the market economy and democracy. For example, a citizen of the city should spend his money on various cultural and household services, in areas that require public services. The market economy and democracy itself require this, and the city dweller cannot deviate from this requirement. At first sight, a person has the right to live freely, according to his wishes and desires. However, the market economy and democracy have the power to control these inclinations and desires. The state administration cannot act contrary to this law of market economy and democracy, its effective implementation consists in organizing the satisfaction of the demands and needs of the city people for various services in accordance with the market economy and democracy. The purpose of the city is to support civilization and urbanization, free people from hard manual labor, and create an opportunity to spend more time on themselves, on their own development.

Democracy can absolutize the desires and inclinations of the individual, sometimes it can even lead to egoanarchistic behavior in the individual that rejects the state institution and any kind of control. Anarchism is one such movement. That is why, in our opinion, democracy should be social, that is, it should be combined with social goals. This is the characteristic and difference of social democracy.

The history of social and political development, cratological studies show that the state administration is sometimes carried out by individuals who do not forget their own interests. The Italian philosopher and political scientist N.Machiavelli was right when he said that the throne is surrounded by people who are busy with their own desires [4. 86 P]. It is because of such persons that the humanistic essence of state management is destroyed, "monarchy turns into tyranny, aristocracy sometimes turns into oligarchy, people's rule easily turns into absolute leadership" [4. 134 P]. No state is completely protected from the influence of such persons, therefore, the principle of step-by-step promotion and step-by-step growth has been established in the state administration. The presence of random people in public administration can lead to negative results, that is, such people either damage the management system with their incompetence, incompetence, or put their ambitions, interests and egoistic desires above the common good, derailing rational management. The provision of public services is an area for testing the qualities and potential of personnel and employees. This area, which has a democratic character, allows the staff and the employee to show their potential and knowledge, and teaches them to work with people and the people. As a result, there is a direct relationship and dialogue between the personnel, the employee and the consumer, the citizen, reminiscent of democratic values.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CYNICISM AND JOB EMBEDDEDNESS AS PREDICTORS OF TURNOVER INTENTIONS AMONG TEACHERS IN PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS: AN EXPLANATORY SEQUENTIAL DESIGN

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ABSTRACT

This study utilized mixed methods approach particularly explanatory sequential design, it investigated the influence of organizational cynicism and job embeddedness towards turnover intentions of teachers coming from private HEIs in Region XI where adapted survey questionnaires were utilized in gathering quantitative data and as for its qualitative data it used in-depth interview (IDI) and focus group discussion (FGD). The participants of the study were faculty members who work in higher education institutions in the Davao Region. Further, the study used three adapted survey tools with a five-point Likert scale and an interview guide was used to generate the data relative to the research questions. The mean, standard deviation, and multiple linear regression were used as statistical tools while in the qualitative strand thematic analysis was employed. Moreover, data integration was used for data integration. The quantitative data was first generated and after which qualitative data were collected. Results showed that Organizational Cynicism and Turnover Intention were rated low while Job Embeddedness is high. It was found that organizational cynicism and job embeddedness significantly influence turnover intentions of teachers. In the qualitative phase of the study, standpoints of the participants on the variables and their relationship revealed five themes namely Confirmed Low Rating of Organizational Cynicism, Confirmed High Rating of Job Embeddedness, Confirmed Low Rating of Job Turnover Intentions, Confirmed Significant Influence of Organizational Cynicism to Turnover Intention, and Confirmed Significant Influence of Job Embeddedness to Turnover Intention. Lastly, the data integration analysis show that the following pairs of quantitative and qualitative data denote agreement or confirmation.

KEYWORDS: *Education, educational leadership, organizational cynicism, job embeddedness, turnover intention, explanatory sequential design, Philippines*

INTRODUCTION

Teacher turnover has been one of the major issues in school organizations most specifically those who are in the private sectors. The action of turning over rooted from one's intention whether to leave or stay on the affiliated organization (Nguyen, et al. 2020). In the United States of America, Lee (2020) reported that the mean turnover intention rate observed across organizations in the United States for the period spanning from 2021 to 2022 amounted to 24.7%, representing an increase compared to the 22% figure recorded in the survey conducted in 2019. The rate of voluntary turnover resulting from employee resignations exceeded that of involuntary turnover (6.7%), which occurred when the organization terminated an employee. Meanwhile China, Zhou et al. (2020) conducted a comprehensive survey conducted among university faculties at a national level, a significant proportion of faculty members, specifically 54.9%, have expressed contemplation regarding the possibility of transitioning to a different educational institution. The same scenario is prevalent in the Philippines where turnover intentions particularly on teachers is remarkable as 2020 starts. In Baguio City a report of Fernandez and Batani (2021) specified a significant proportion of individuals, namely 62%, have contemplated leaving the teaching profession. In the interim, a significant proportion of respondents (76%) expressed their intention to leave their current employment, while 75% indicated that the thought of resigning had not yet arisen. The primary reasons cited for this inclination were the continued enjoyment derived from their work and the perception that their wage and other benefits were satisfactory.

Research indicates that organizational cynicism (OC) significantly impacts TOI by fostering negative feelings and frustrations towards the organization, leading to increased intent to leave. This is supported by Ko & Campbell (2021) and Rasanen

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et al. (2022). Conversely, job embeddedness (JE) has a positive impact, as it reliably predicts an employee's tendency to remain in their current role (Shah et al., 2020). Peltokorpi and Allen (2023) found that teachers with long-term tenure are deeply integrated into their roles, suggesting a lower likelihood of turnover.

As a results of these literatures, this study is unique because it attempts to examine certain important results in the Philippine education system, with a focus on Region XI where the problem of teacher turnover is a developing concern. On the possible influence of organizational cynicism and turnover intentions, as well as job embeddedness as a variable, few research employed multimodal or mixed methodology.

THEORETICAL LENS

This research which views on how turnover intentions can be influenced by organizational cynicism and job embeddedness can be attributed to three theories namely *Social Exchange Theory by Homan (1958), Human Capital Theory by Becker and Schultz (1950) and Hierarchy of Needs by Maslows (1943).* Social Exchange Theory by Homan (1958), where the relationship between two social entities depends on how much each of these entities abides by social norms and the rules of exchange that have been tacitly and overtly agreed upon by the two parties, the intention to leave is perceived as the result of the management and coworkers' disregard for implicitly or openly established regulations. In the case of job embeddedness, if a teacher continues to work in the field despite a persistent imbalance that hasn't been addressed, they may have plans to quit. Numerous human characteristics, such as stress, frustration or irritation, as well as contextual characteristics, like a low pay or few prospects for professional advancement, might cause the intention to leave the job. Second, Human Capital Theory by Becker and Schultz (1950) explained that that individuals have the potential to enhance their productivity by means of acquiring more knowledge and undergoing skills training. Thus, when human capital is addressed properly there is a higher tendency that organizational cynicism is decreased and thus an employee's intention to leave the organization has a lower probability. Lastly, Hierarchy of Needs by Maslows (1943) which widely acknowledged that all individuals belonging to the human species possess a common set of wants, and these needs can be classified into distinct hierarchical groups. Broadly defined, this hierarchy encompasses the fundamental necessities required for survival, progressing towards the attainment of self-actualization and the discovery of one's life purpose. As such, when these needs and wants of the employees are addressed there is a lower tendency that they will intend to leave or quit the job they currently have.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

For this study, the researcher utilized a mixed methods design specifically explanatory sequential. Mixed methods research is relatively recent modes of investigation that are frequently used by social scientists. These methods combine quantitative and qualitative approaches, and how they are compared or combined depends on the particular mixed method approach the researcher will use (Creswell, 2017). Explanatory sequential design, which included the conduct of two distinct phases of data collection, namely, the quantitative and the qualitative phases. The process of choosing qualitative data is informed by the quantitative data. In this scenario, the researcher can explicitly gather information pertinent to that particular inquiry (Asenahabi, 2019).

Explanatory sequential design is the ideal method for this study since it provided two distinct views for the research, particularly the pragmatists. Through this strategy, the problematic issue that is the subject of this study was brought to a more conclusive inference.

Place of the Study

The locale of the study was Davao Region, officially designated as Region XI, in particular the nearby higher education institutes (HEIs). One of the major locations in Mindanao is the Davao Region, which is home to numerous significant HEIs with a variety of ownership types and typologies and are specifically state-owned colleges and universities as well as private sectarian and non-sectarian colleges and universities.

It consists of five provinces, namely: Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur and Davao Occidental. The region is situated in the southeastern portion of Mindanao that encompasses the Davao Gulf, with Davao City serving as its regional headquarters. Based on information there are 81 listed private institutions which were listed by CHED.

Participants

In the quantitative phase, 273 faculty members who work in higher education institutions in the Davao Region took part in this study. Further, the individuals were chosen through purposeful sampling which entails the choosing study subjects in accordance with the standards established by the researcher.

In the qualitative phase of this study, ten (10) respondents were invited to become part of the In-Depth Interview (IDI) and seven (7) respondents for Focus Group Discussion (FGD). A heterogeneous group may have anything from three to four members to ten to fifteen, according to Creswell (2017). These groups come from the same participants who took part in answering the survey questionnaires in the quantitative phase.

The inclusion criteria for study participants are they had to be full-time faculty members at associated HEIs, have worked there for at least three years, and are not holding any administrative positions during the data collection period. Most importantly those who participated were those who have duly signed the informed consent form (ICF). Nonetheless, those who did not meet these requirements were excluded in the study.

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Data Analysis

In analyzing the quantitative data, **Mean** determined the status of the organizational cynicism, job embeddedness, and teacher's turnover intentions. **Standard deviation** measured the dispersion of a set of data values on the status of the organizational cynicism, job embeddedness, and teacher's turnover intention. For inferential statistics, **regression analysis** was done to determine the significant influence of organizational cynicism and job embeddedness towards teacher's turnover intentions.

For the qualitative data, to understand the entire data analysis of the responses provided by the respondents through the important IDI and FGD, the researcher used several techniques throughout the qualitative phase. **Data analysis, according to Creswell (2017**) was used, This is a continuous process that entails constant reflection of the data acquired, including posing queries and providing interpretations throughout the study.

After these two, data integration was done where analysis of the results and the nature of data integration were determined. After analyzing and collecting the data of both phases, the researcher determined whether the qualitative results confirmed or supported the findings in the quantitative phase.

Trustworthiness of the Study

To ensure the trustworthiness of the study, the researcher adhered to the four criteria for evaluating interpretive research proposed by Lincoln and Guba (1985): credibility, transferability, dependability, and confirmability. This study's trustworthiness was established through comprehensive data collection using surveys and in-depth interviews, supplemented by focus group discussions (FGD) for triangulation.

RESULTS

Level of Organizational Cynicism among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions.

The organizational cynicism is composed of cognitive, behavioral and affective components. The overall mean is 2.28, described as low. To specify, Cognitive obtained a category mean of 2.39 with a description of low; Behavioral yielded a category mean of 2.53 with a description of low; and Affective with a category mean of 1.93 with a description of low. Sacrifice Community garnered a category mean of 3.79 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.45 to 3.97. Link Community garnered a category mean of 3.37 with a description of moderate and the mean range is between 2.99 to 3.53.

Table 1.1

Level of Organizational Cynicism among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

	Indicators/ Items	Mean	SD	Description
A. Cognitive:				
1	thinking my boss says one thing and does other.	2.46	1.07	Low
2	having little in common in the policies, objectives and practices of my company	2.56	1.01	Low
3	doubting if my boss says he's going to do something he really will.	2.22	.99	Low
4	asking of one thing from employees, but another is rewarded.	2.38	1.03	Low
5	finding little relationship between what my boss says he will do and what he actually does.	2.32	1.03	Low
	Category Mean	**2.39**	**.86**	**Low**
B. Behavioral:				
1	complaining to my friends about the things that happen in my company	2.55	1.07	Low
2	exchanging glances complicity with my classmates job	2.60	1.04	Moderate
3	commenting with other people how they are doing things in my company.	2.62	1.01	Moderate
4	criticizing the practices and policies of my company with others.	2.35	1.03	Low
	Category Mean	**2.53**	**.90**	**Low**
C. Affective:				
1	thinking of my company, makes me feel angry.	1.88	.85	Low
2	thinking of my company, makes me feel tense.	1.90	.85	Low
3	thinking of my company, makes me feel anxious.	1.97	.97	Low
4	thinking of my company, makes me feel annoyed.	1.94	.91	Low
	Category Mean	**1.93**	**.83**	**Low**
	Overall Mean	**2.28**	**.76**	**Low**

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Level of Job Embeddedness among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

Level of job embeddedness of the faculty in the higher education institutions is measured in terms of fit, sacrifice and link. The overall mean is 3.78, described as high. Fit has a category mean of 3.99 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.96 to 4.19. Sacrifice Organization has gained a category mean of 3.65 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.40 to 4.05. Link Organization garnered a category mean of 3.89 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.23 to 4.27. Fit Community garnered a category mean of 4.02 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.68 to 4.21. Sacrifice Community garnered a category mean of 3.79 with a description of high and the mean range is between 3.45 to 3.97. Link Community garnered a category mean of 3.37 with a description of moderate and the mean range is between 2.99 to 3.53.

Table 1.2

Level of Job Embeddedness among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

	Indicators/ Items	Mean	SD	Description
A. Fit-Organization:				
1	liking the members of my work group.	4.19	.80	High
2	thinking that my coworkers are similar to me.	3.49	.74	High
3	utilizing my skills and talents well in this job.	4.17	.74	High
4	feeling like I am a good match for this company.	4.00	.84	High
5	thinking my values are compatible with the organization's values.	3.98	.82	High
6	fitting with the company's culture.	3.96	.79	High
7	liking the responsibility and authority I have at this company.	4.01	.79	High
8	reaching my professional goals working for this organization.	4.04	.78	High
9	feeling good about my professional growth and development.	4.10	.84	High
	Category Mean	**3.99**	**.59**	**High**
B. Sacrifice-Organization:				
1	having a lot of freedom on this job to decide how to pursue my goals.	3.73	.87	High
2	outstanding perks on this job exists	3.66	.94	High
3	feeling that people at work respect me a great deal	4.05	.81	High
4	thinking I would sacrifice a lot if I left this job.	3.45	1.05	High
5	thinking that my promotional opportunities are excellent here.	3.68	.91	High
6	thinking that I am well compensated for my level of performance.	3.79	.97	High
7	thinking that the benefits are good on this job.	3.81	.93	High
8	providing excellent healthcare benefits by this organization	3.40	1.15	High
9	providing excellent retirement benefits	3.42	1.04	High
10	having prospects for continuing employment with this company are excellent	3.54	1.02	High
	Category Mean	**3.65**	**.74**	**High**
C. Link-Organization:				
1	staying this long in my current position since it is relevant to my professional aspirations.	3.90	.84	High
2	working in this institution up to this time because the organizational environment fits my context.	3.89	.87	High
3	having qualifications or credentials which are relevant to the education industry.	4.21	.80	High
4	interacting with my co-workers regularly.	4.27	.81	High

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5	depending highly on me to accomplish our goals are my co-workers.	3.23	1.02	Moderate
6	being part of teams that work on identified institutional thrusts.	3.88	.85	High
7	involving in institutional various institutional committees where I can make valuable contributions.	3.81	.82	High
Category Mean		**3.89**	**.59**	**High**
D. Fit-Community				
1	loving the place where I live.	4.21	.80	High
2	living in an area where the weather is suitable for me.	4.10	.78	High
3	feeling this community is a good match for me.	4.08	.76	High
4	thinking of the community where I live as home.	4.04	.85	High
5	living in an area which offers the leisure activities that I like.	3.68	1.07	High
Overall Mean		**4.02**	**.72**	**High**
E. Sacrifice-Community				
1	leaving this community would be very hard.	3.45	1.07	High
2	feeling respected by people in my community.	3.97	.81	High
3	feeling safe in my neighborhood.	3.95	.87	High
Overall Mean		**3.79**	**.70**	**High**
F. Link-Community				
1	interfering in disposing my institutional duties is my marriage.	3.53	1.27	High
2	affecting my work in this institution is the nature of work of my spouse.	2.99	1.34	Moderate
3	helping in properly performing my roles in the institution I am currently working is our home ownership.	3.45	1.15	High
4	living within the locality where I am currently working are other family members or relatives.	3.37	1.35	Moderate
5	living within the locality where I am currently working are close friends.	3.49	1.26	High
Category Mean		**3.37**	**.89**	**Moderate**
Overall Mean		**3.78**	**.55**	**High**

Level of Turnover Intention among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

The level of turnover intention of teachers in Higer Education Institutions has an overall mean of 2.34 which is described as low. Subjective Social Status obtained a category mean of 2.26 with a description of low and the mean range is between 1.88 to 2.61. Organizational Culture. This indicator obtained a category mean of 2.28 with a description of low and the mean range is between 2.24 to 2.34. Personal Orientation garnered a category mean of 2.14 with a description of low and the mean range is between 1.91 to 2.37. Expectation got a category mean of 2.59 with a description of low and the mean range is between 2.39 to 3.22. Career Growth yielded a category mean of 2.42 with a description of low and the mean range is between 2.24 to 2.68.

Table 1.3

Level of Turnover Intention among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions

Indicators/ Items		Mean	SD	Description
A. Subjective Social Status:				
1	Disliking the image of me in the future if I remain here is not good.	2.61	1.64	Moderate
2	leaving me no choice but to look for alternative job offer that will befit my status.	2.46	1.14	Low

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3	feeling of quitting this job because my present job position is not compatible with my job resume.	2.15	.99	Low
4	feeling of quitting this job because of my marital status.	1.88	1.02	Low
	Category Mean	**2.26**	**1.08**	**Low**
B. Organizational Culture:				
1	feeling of staying at home than going to work because of the way my organization is structured.	2.26	1.08	Low
2	considering to quit this job because of the organizational practices and policies.	2.34	1.14	Low
3	having a major dissatisfaction in life coming from my job environment.	2.24	1.20	Low
	Category Mean	**2.28**	**1.00**	**Low**
C. Personal Orientation:				
1	leaving my present job is my ultimate priority now because of family demand.	2.09	1.09	Low
2	feeling of my family being not happy with the nature of my job.	1.91	.91	Low
3	considering of leaving my job as a result of my health status.	2.09	1.23	Low
4	unfitting enough to continue this job in the near future	2.08	1.04	Low
5	quitting this job because the organization does not keep to its promise.	2.25	1.09	Low
6	thinking I should leave my job based on opinions of people I respect.	2.14	1.07	Low
7	intending to leave this organization in the next one year.	2.37	1.15	Low
8	quitting this organization because I see no future in it.	2.19	1.12	Low
	Category Mean	**2.14**	**.90**	**Low**
D. Expectation:				
1	healthcare package is so poor to compare to the kind of work I do.	2.43	1.08	Low
2	leaving my present job because of job insecurity.	2.49	1.21	Low
3	feeling that my present job is not worth the offer.	2.39	1.15	Low
4	preferring to work will I be respected and recognized regardless of the pay.	3.22	1.31	Moderate
5	holding me in this job is the fact that I have not gotten an acceptable alternative offer/job that is lucrative.	2.41	1.17	Low
	Overall Mean	**2.59**	**.94**	**Low**
E. Career Growth:				
1	feeling like quitting this organization because my years of service do not reflect my present job designation.	2.24	1.00	Low
2	wanting to learn few things concerning my job career in this organization and leave.	2.36	1.06	Low
3	knowing I deserve a better job, I will go for it when I find one.	2.68	1.24	Moderate
4	needing a work environment that will improve me, I don't get it here.	2.43	1.24	Low
5	feeling like quitting this organization because it does not create opportunity for advancement and development.	2.34	1.09	Low
	Category Mean	**3.37**	**.89**	**Moderate**
	Overall Mean	**2.34**	**.84**	**Low**

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Significance of the Influence of Organizational Cynicism and Job Embeddedness on Turnover Intention.

The results suggested that both organizational cynicism (β=0.776; p=0.000) and job embeddedness (β=-0.177; p=0.000) exert significant influence on the intentions of faculty from private HEIs in Region XI to leave their respective institutions. Hence, it suggested that for every unit increase in the value of organizational cynicism and job embeddedness, there is a corresponding increase of .776 and decrease of .177 respectively in the level of turnover intention among teachers. On one hand, The R-squared value of the regression model above indicates that the model has a good fit (R2=0.737). This means that the organizational cynicism and job embeddedness both significantly influence faculty members of HEIs to possess intentions of leaving or staying in their institutions.

Table 2

Significance of the Influence of Organizational Cynicismand Job Embeddedness on Turnover Intention

	Standardized Coefficients			Interpretation
	Beta	T	p-value	
Organizational Cynicism	.776	22.851	.000	**Significant**
Job Embeddedness	-.177	-5.208	.000	**Significant**
R =.859				
R Square = .737				
F = 373.011				
p value = .000				

Standpoints of the Participants on the Quantitative Results Regarding the Level of the Independent, and Dependent Variables.

The analysis made on the qualitative data have helped the researcher come up with five essentials themes, one for each salient findings, namely: Confirmed Low Rating of Organizational Cynicism, Confirmed High Rating of Job Embeddedness, Confirmed Low Rating of Job Turnover Intentions, Confirmed Significant Influence of Organizational Cynicism to Turnover Intention, and Confirmed Significant Influence of Job Embeddedness to Turnover Intention.

Confirmed Low Rating of Organizational Cynicism. This is one of the essential themes that emerged based on the IDI and FGD responses of the participants of this study. An indicator that organizational cynicism is seldom manifested depends generally on how employees feel toward their institution. This can be gleaned from the responses of the participants who stressed out that while its inevitable to have negative emotions towards their institution, it is not felt all the time and is overwhelmed by the good working relationship, competitive salary, viable benefits, opportunities for professional growth, the right leadership and operating standards by the management, and the pliability of teachers were also stressed out. The declarations of these participants who eagerly shared their experiences validated the result.

Confirmed High Rating of Job Embeddedness. Another essential theme identified from the responses of the participants of this study underscores the teacher's robust attachment to the organization. This emerged from the elicited concepts of many positive factors that anchor teachers to their work, proving that job embeddedness is oftentimes manifested. The network ties, job benefits, alignment of qualification to work assignment, and community involvement are some of the identified binding forces between the employees and the institution. The remarks of the following participants fortify high job embeddedness among teachers as they responded:

Confirmed Low Rating of Job Turnover Intentions. In this theme, the participants unveiled and explained how turnover intention transpires to be low their organization. Frequently, the responses are directing to the existence of employee-centric approach done by the organization through strategic compensation and benefits offers, career-advancement direction and support and cultivation of workplace spirituality as motivation for employees to not have plans of leaving their current positions. Specifically, some participants from the group shared similar perspectives:

Confirmed Significant Influence of Organizational Cynicism to Turnover Intention. One key predictor that raises teacher's turnover intention relies significantly on their perception about the organization and the dynamics between employee-employer relations. The researcher's presumption was substantiated with the views of the participants from the in-depth interview and focus group discussion. The participants emphasized that workers harboring cynical thoughts, behaviors and feelings toward the organization may reduce such employees' association with the institution.

Confirmed Significant Influence of Job Embeddedness to Turnover Intention. Drawing from the distinct viewpoints, this theme underlined that anti-withdrawal work state teachers are inspired by factors and activities within the organization that

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makes it undesirable to leave. Teachers have become cognizant to how building relationships, investment in professional development, embracing the organizational culture and values, employee care and considerations as well as resilience can overcome imperfections in the organization. These factors have also been attributed to low turnover rate of teachers as confirmed by the statements from the participants.

Table 3.2
Standpoints of the Participants on the Quantitative Results Regarding the Level of the Independent, and Dependent Variables

Level	Essential Theme	Typical Reasons
Organizational cynicism (independent variable)	**Confirmed low rating of Organizational cynicism**	Addressing issues promptly and collaboratively fosters trust
		Openness in decision-making cultivates understanding and trust.
		Collaboration and assistance create a sense of unity and support.
		Equity in policies and practices promotes trust and fairness.
		Timely attention to concerns demonstrates value for employees.
		Cultivating a culture of mutual respect fosters positivity.
		Strong interpersonal connections mitigate cynicism and build solidarity.
Job embeddedness (independent variable)	**Confirmed high rating of job embeddedness**	Length of years working in the organization, indicating a strong fit and commitment.
		Supportive management that listens to and addresses employee needs.
		Strong social connections and relationships within the department or institution.
		Competitive salary and benefits provided by the organization.
		Opportunities for professional growth and development within the institution.
		Positive work environment, characterized by camaraderie, minimal competition, and a sense of belonging.
		Personal fulfillment derived from the institution's mission, values, and support for individual well-being and growth.
Turnover intention (dependent variable)	**Confirmed low rating of job turnover intentions**	Employees perceive a clear path for career advancement within the institution, whether through promotions, skill development programs.
		Many employees derive a sense of fulfillment and purpose from their work within the institution.
		While some may receive offers from other organizations with potentially higher salaries or benefits, many find their current compensation package to be satisfactory.
		Despite the allure of better opportunities elsewhere, some employees may weigh the benefits of their current position against the uncertainties of a new job.
		Employees value the positive work environment fostered by the institution, characterized by supportive colleagues, approachable management, and a strong sense of camaraderie.
		The institution prioritizes the professional growth and development of its employees through training programs, workshops, conferences, and other learning opportunities.
		Many employees value the stability and security offered by their current positions.
Significant influence of organizational cynicism to turnover intention	**Confirmed significant influence of organizational cynicism to**	Institution's refusal of requests fuels cynicism, prompting employees to question their tenure.
		Dissatisfaction with compensation and leadership fosters cynicism, prompting reevaluation of employment.
		Unaddressed concerns intensify cynicism, prompting employees to seek alternative opportunities.
		Negative perceptions lead employees to consider leaving for better prospects elsewhere.

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	turnover intention	Feeling undervalued influences employees to seek employment elsewhere.
		Frustration from unmet expectations fuels cynicism and turnover intentions.
		Exposure to criticisms about the institution prompts dissatisfaction and turnover considerations.
Significant influence of job embeddedness to turn over intention	**Confirmed significant influence of job embeddedness to turn over intention**	Strong relationships with colleagues and management foster belonging and reduce turnover intention.
		Investment in professional development offers growth opportunities, decreasing turnover.
		Active involvement in organizational activities builds trust and commitment, lowering turnover intentions.
		Embracing organizational culture and values aligns with satisfaction and decreases turnover.
		Balancing personal life and workload reduces stress, enhancing retention.
		Resilience through work-life integration enables employees to withstand challenges.
		Employer care and consideration create a supportive environment, reducing turnover.

Data Integration on the Salient Quantitative and Qualitative Findings

The fourth research question of this study involves the corroboration of both quantitative and qualitative findings.

Connecting-Confirmation. As shown in Table 4, the following pairs of quantitative and qualitative data denote agreement or connection with respect to the ratings from the survey and the recurring insights from the IDI and FGD. It can be established that the low level of organizational cynicism of teachers which got an overall mean rating of **2.28** and the lowest mean rating of **1.88** in the item *when I think of my company, I feel angry* is confirmed by the informants/participants distinctive explanations on the interviews/FGD which are: addressing issues collaboratively, fostering trust through openness and equity, timely attention to concerns, and promoting mutual respect and strong interpersonal connections mitigate cynicism and build solidarity.

Further, the quantitative findings in Table 1.2 on the high Level of Job Embeddedness of Teachers with an overall mean of 3.78, under indicator 3 Link-Organization item 4 *I interact with my co-workers regularly* was rated high with a mean of 4.27 were parallel with the themes in the qualitative findings presented in table 3.2 stressing strong social connections and relationships within the department or institution, positive work environment, characterized by camaraderie, minimal competition, and a sense of belonging, and supportive management that listens to and addresses employee needs.

Likewise, the low level of Turnover Intentions of teachers which is descriptively described as seldom evident got an overall mean of 2.34, under indicator 1 Subjective Social Status item 4 *I feel like quitting this job because of my marital status* was rated low at a mean of 1.88 was established by the typical reasons accentuated in table 3.2 namely: employees appreciate career growth, current compensation satisfaction, job offer considerations, positive work environments, professional development emphasis, and job stability.

The significant influence of organizational cynicism and job embeddedness towards turnover intention of teachers in higher education institutions with p-values of .000 ($p<.05$) is connected with the qualitative data findings as confirmed by strong relationships, professional development, organizational involvement, cultural alignment, work-life balance, resilience, and employer support mitigate turnover.

Table 4

Joint Display of Quantitative and Qualitative Results

Research Area	Quantitative Results	Qualitative Results	Nature of Integration
Level Organizational cynicism	The descriptive level of organizational cynicism is low **(2.28)** which is descriptively interpreted as seldom	Informants/participants confirmed the low rating of Organizational cynicism in quantitative result. Based on the interviews and FGD, it could be said that the typical reasons for the confirmation are addressing issues collaboratively, fostering trust through openness and equity, timely attention to	Connecting-confirmation

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	manifested. Refer to Table 1.1	concerns, and promoting mutual respect and strong interpersonal connections mitigate cynicism and build solidarity.	
Level of job embeddedness	The descriptive level of job embeddedness is high **(3.78)** which is descriptively interpreted as they oftentimes observed this attitude. Refer to Table 1.2	Informants/participants confirmed the high rating of job embeddedness in quantitative result. Based on the interviews and FGD, it could be said that the typical reasons for the confirmation are longevity, supportive management, social connections, competitive compensation, growth opportunities, positive environment, and personal fulfillment contribute to job embeddedness.	Connecting-confirmation
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DISCUSSION

It was seen that the organizational cynicism of teachers in Region XI was at low level. Kezer and Levent (2016) which found that teachers have low organizational cynicism and have demonstrated more positive points of view toward their institution. The study's highlighted elements included optimism, career advancement, and career development, all of which raised employee trust and positively viewed the organization. On the other hand, job embeddedness is high. Rajappan et al. (2017) explained that high job embeddedness generally leads to increased employee retention, higher job satisfaction, and a more stable workforce. Further, William et al. (2014) confirmed that high job embeddedness means that employees have strong ties and relationships within their workplace and community, making the idea of leaving less appealing. Furthermore, turnover intention is low among teachers in Higher Education Institutions is seldom evident. Guzeller and Celiker (2022) affirm that when turnover is low, employees' has reduced likelihood or desire to leave their current organization. Thus, low turnover intention contributes to greater organizational stability, continuity, and can enhance overall company performance due to the retention of experienced and committed staff. Inferentially, a significant influence of organizational cynicism and job embeddedness on turnover intentions among teachers was found. Social Exchange Theory, proposed by Homan (1958), suggests that the relationship between two social entities is based on the adherence to social norms and rules of exchange. When there is a breach of implicit or explicit agreements, such as the psychological contract between employees and their organization, individuals may develop the intention to leave. Further, job embeddedness factors, if persistently unaddressed, may lead teachers to consider quitting due to stress, frustration, or lack of opportunities for professional advancement, as suggested by Human Capital Theory (Becker & Schultz, 1950). Addressing human capital concerns, including organizational cynicism, can reduce the likelihood of turnover intentions, aligning with the principles of Human Capital Theory.

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Furthermore, Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs (1943) suggests that individuals prioritize fulfilling their basic needs before pursuing higher-level goals. Job embeddedness, as a concept encompassing various factors influencing employee retention, aligns with this theory.

First in the confirmation of Low Rating of Organizational Cynicism. The study's confirmation of a low rating of organizational cynicism illuminates the prevailing positive perceptions and attitudes of employees towards their institution. . It emphasized the importance of factors such as robust interpersonal relationships, competitive compensation, comprehensive benefits, ample opportunities for professional advancement, effective leadership, adherence to high operating standards, and flexibility for teachers (Mignonac et al.,2018). In the discussion of confirmed high rating of job embeddedness, the study's confirmation of a high rating of job embeddedness among participants highlights the profound attachment and connection that teachers exhibit towards the organization. The concept of job embeddedness encompasses various positive factors that serve as anchors for teachers in their roles, contributing to their strong sense of commitment and investment in the organization (Huang et al.,2021) . Another theme explained about low rating of job turnover intentions, the study's confirmation of a low rating of job turnover intentions among participants sheds light on the factors contributing to their reluctance to leave their current positions within the organization. the provision of clear career advancement opportunities and robust support for professional development serves as a powerful motivator for employees to remain within their current roles, as they perceive opportunities for growth and advancement within the organization (Biswakarma, 2016). Moreover, the theme put major discussion on influence of organizational cynicism to turnover intention, the study's confirmation of the significant influence of organizational cynicism on turnover intention among teachers highlights the critical role of employees' perceptions of the organization and employee-employer relations in shaping their intentions to leave their current positions (Mishra et al.,2017). Another inferential theme expressed about the confirmed significant influence of job embeddedness to turnover intention. The study's confirmation of the significant influence of job embeddedness on turnover intention among teachers underscores the pivotal role of organizational factors and activities in shaping employees' commitment to their current positions (Soomro & Shah, 2019).

Implication for Educational Practices

The findings that organizational cynicism and job embeddedness significantly influence the turnover intentions of teachers in private HEIs in Region XI suggest that educational institutions need to develop comprehensive retention strategies. These strategies should focus on reducing organizational cynicism by fostering a positive organizational culture, transparent communication, and strong support systems. Additionally, enhancing job embeddedness through professional development opportunities, work-life balance, and a sense of community is essential. By addressing these factors, institutions can create a more positive work environment, reduce turnover rates, and improve educational outcomes.

CONCLUSION

Organizational Cynicism among Teachers in Higher Education Institutions is low, specifically, it was found out that indicators related to this variable, cognitive, behavioral, and affective are low. It is the affective indicator among which got the lowest remarks. Second, the level of job embeddedness of the faculty was found to be high, the remarks per indicator are the following: Fit Organization is high, Sacrifice Organization is high, Link Organization is high, and Fit Community is high. In these indicators, Link-Community is observed to the lowest among all. Third, level of turnover intention of teachers was as low which means it is seldom evident. Notably the indicators showed the following results; Subjective Social Status is low, Organizational Culture is low, Personal Orientation is low, Expectation is low, and Career Growth is low. It was highlighted that personal orientation is the lowest. Inferentially, organizational cynicism and job embeddedness significantly influence turnover intentions of teachers coming from private HEIs in Region XI. Moreover, the two are both significant explanatory factors or reasons why faculty members of HEIs possess intentions that reflect either leaving or staying in their institutions.

In the qualitative part, standpoints of the participants on the variables and their relationship revealed 5 themes namely Confirmed Low Rating of Organizational Cynicism, Confirmed High Rating of Job Embeddedness, Confirmed Low Rating of Job Turnover Intentions, Confirmed Significant Influence of Organizational Cynicism to Turnover Intention, and Confirmed Significant Influence of Job Embeddedness to Turnover Intention.

Corroborating both, the analysis show that the quantitative and qualitative data denote agreement or confirmation with respect to the ratings from the survey and the recurring insights from the IDI and FGD.

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AS THE IMPOVERISHED GET EVEN POORER: AN ANALYSIS ON THE IMPACT OF PHILIPPINE TRAIN LAW TO THE MINIMUM WAGE EARNER

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ABSTRACT

In the Philippines, the TRAIN Law or tax reform for acceleration and inclusion legislation was put into effect in 2018. This law sought to significantly alter the nation's tax structure in order to increase money for poverty alleviation, healthcare, and infrastructure. One of the features of the law was to increase the income threshold below which minimum wage earners would not be required to pay income tax. But it also resulted in higher costs for goods and services, which had an effect on Metro Manila's level of living. This qualitative research examines the significant data and information based on the participant's experiences with the TRAIN law. Semi-structured questions were used in the in-depth interview to facilitate deeper clarification and additional discussion. The results show that the majority of the impact of the law on the poor is related to basic needs like food, for which they must cut their budget in order to survive because there are other expenses to consider, such as utility bills and debts. Moreover, it impacts an individual's emotional and overall health, including mental health concerns brought on by financial difficulties. Additionally, it has an impact on their social interaction because they tend to engage with others less frequently because they are preoccupied with the things that need significant financial outlays. Thus, it may be inferred that the poor income class households' standard of living declined with the introduction of TRAIN law.

KEYWORDS: *tax reform law, poverty alleviation, minimum wage earner*

INTRODUCTION

In January 2018, the Philippines enacted a law aimed at accelerating and promoting tax reform. According to the Department of Finance (DOF, 2019), raising the income threshold at which minimum wage earners are exempt from paying income tax is one of the policy's components. This test was designed to find out how income taxes affected those with modest incomes. On the other hand, the legislation increased the cost of goods and services, which had an effect on Metro Manila's level of living.

The previous government administration of President Duterte vigorously promoted the TRAIN law in spite of the claims of its critics that it would negatively impact the economy. According to Punongbayan (2017) the tax structure is complicated to use and the government is unable to properly analyze the income base of its citizens, especially the wealthy, due to bank secrecy restrictions, and there are far too many exemptions. Additionally, rates are static and unresponsive to the realities of the modern economy. All of these issues are intended to be addressed by the TRAIN reform package, which would decrease bank secrecy, cut exemptions, and provide more dynamic and current tax rates across the board for all income levels. It might greatly assist in improving the country's current tax endeavor by simplifying the tax code and reducing loopholes and potential for corruption.

Meanwhile in the research conducted by Compio et. al (2022) they stated that the vast majority of Filipino taxpayers will experience significant reductions in their income tax liabilities as a result of the TRAIN law, in addition to funding the government's ambitious "Build, Build, and Build" and social service expansion plans. This reform package reduces the amount of personal income tax that taxpayers must pay, providing the great majority of them with the much-needed relief they have been waiting for.

The adoption of the TRAIN law according to several supporters has also the additional benefit of providing modifications intended to streamline tax compliance. It reduces the amount of taxes owed on contributions, estates, and personal income. In addition, there has been an increase in the taxes on specific types of passive income, paperwork, and the excise tax on goods including minerals, petroleum, automobiles, and tobacco. Additionally, it imposes new taxes by imposing an excise tax on drinks with added sugar and on elective surgeries such invasive cosmetic operations. The taxes that were already in place are supplemented by the new ones. The current taxes

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will continue to be collected in addition to the newly imposed costs.
However, Layug (2018) claims that since the TRAIN law's introduction, many groups felt that the poor people of the country would be burdened by this law. According to TINDIG PILIPINAS, the TRAIN law has resulted in numerous hardships for the impoverished Filipinos as a result of increased inflation, which drastically affects the prices of essential commodities. Furthermore, Cruz (2018) states that the rise in prices, particularly for necessities, have disproportionately affected the poorest Filipinos.

A previous research by Furman (2006), asserts that a significant portion of poverty is caused by the law governing taxes.The way it influences the motivations behind financial choices such as saving and earning, and especially in the allocation of financial resources for the enhancement of the community. Any tax reduction must come with trade-offs, such as support for families with moderate incomes and any means-tested program. A more expensive subsidiary rate leads to a more focused and efficient plan since it eliminates tax breaks and transfers.

For a substantial amount of time, research has been conducted to determine how the TRAIN law affects minimum wage workers in Metro Manila. The aim of this research is to examine the effects of TRAIN law on the financial security of minimum-wage workers. The research has concentrated on a number of areas, such as the differences in their spending patterns, general quality of life, and their opinions and viewpoints regarding their experiences with the impact of the new TRAIN law. According to the Department of Finance (2022), those making minimum wage saw a decline in their actual take-home pay as a result of the TRAIN law.

Examining how the TRAIN law affects low-wage workers in Metro Manila is important because it illuminates how economic policies affect the most disadvantaged groups in society and offers ideas for countermeasures against their negative effects. The examination is important because, in essence, it clarifies how economic policies affect minimum-wage workers in Metro Manila.

Research Methods

The qualitative-phenomenological approach was used in this research. Tenny et al. (2022) defined qualitative research as an investigation that looks at and offers more in-depth understanding of real-world situations. However, De Vos (1998) claims that the phenomenological approach has something to do with understanding and evaluating the interpretations that participants make of their everyday existence. This approach's main objective is to comprehend and interpret the meaning and information that underlie commonplace human acts rather than oversimplifying (Groenewold et. al, 2004).

The researchers chose the aforementioned research design because they believed it was appropriate to employ a qualitative approach for this research, given that the data collected and analyzed focused on the opinions and personal experiences of the participants regarding how they expressed what they understood and how they interpreted it. This kind of research gave the researchers more opportunities to comprehend the circumstances of participants who were categorized as minimum wage earners and affected by the TRAIN law's implementation.

For the participants of this research, the participants are minimum wage earners, with a focus on those in the food and service, retail, and construction industries since the research aims to ascertain the impact of the train law on their daily life. The objective of the law was to guarantee minimum wage earners a full income without any deductions; consequently, the law's adoption resulted in higher pricing for goods like beverages and confections. It begs the question of how this law affects those who make the minimum wage. Meanwhile, a non-probability sampling method called purposive sampling was used in this research to select the right participants. The participants were chosen according to predetermined standards, such as their proficiency in a given field or level of knowledge (Palinkas et al., 2015). This technique ensures that the selected participants possess the requisite experience to offer noteworthy insights and viewpoints regarding the research subject, as required by the researchers.

Meanwhile, for the data gathering, in-depth interviews were used by the researchers to get the right data that can answer the research problem. The interview was semi-structured; prior to the interview, a list of topics and questions to be covered was produced. The researchers were able to delve further for clarification and additional discussion regarding those significant and pertinent problems that came up throughout the interview due to the semi-structured format. It gave the researchers the opportunity to read the nonverbal cues and reactions during the interview, which proved useful for data processing. The interview was audio recorded, then transcription was done.

Finally, as research requires data analysis, this research was analyzed using the thematic content analysis method. The process of analyzing data by grouping it into distinct groups based on themes, concepts, or comparable characteristics is known as thematic analysis. The main purposes of thematic analysis procedures, according to Caulfield (2023), are to reduce and categorize large amounts of data and to produce more significant data for interpretation. Marshall and Rossman (2006) and De Vos (1998) used this process in order to develop themes. This process involves the following steps such as organizing data; creating categories, themes, and patterns; testing emergent hypotheses; examining alternative explanations; and reporting the findings.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Providing the Basic Needs of the Filipino Minimum Wage Earner

According to Razon (2023), the Philippine tax system undergoes numerous changes in several years due to the adoption of the TRAIN law and the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises law. The enactment of these two pieces of legislation directly lead to these modifications. First and foremost, it is crucial to remember that, in compliance with

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the TRAIN law, individuals with taxable yearly incomes of PhP 250,000.00 or less are still exempt from having to pay income taxes. This is an important point to make clear. Conversely, taxpayers who do not fit into the aforementioned income category aside from those whose taxable income surpasses PhP 8,000,000.00 will be charged at reduced rates, which range from 15% to 30%. If these taxpayers' taxable income falls within the previously mentioned range, they will not be qualified for the lower tax rates. This modification has resulted in adjustments to the previous tax rates, which were 20% to 32%. In contrast, individual taxpayers whose taxable income exceeds PhP 8,000,000.00 are subject to a continuous income tax rate of 35% in order to preserve a progressive taxation system. The income tax computation will be based on the schedules that are provided; these schedules took effect last January 1, 2023, and they remain in force until any further amendments to the legislation are implemented.

In the meantime, when the participants were asked about the changes they made to meet their basic needs, the majority of participants indicated that, in an effort to prevent running out of other necessities, they significantly cut back on their spending on food and electricity bills, among other home necessities. One of the first things to go was food. Cheaper foods were substituted for more expensive ones, and the majority of participants said they had trouble purchasing wholesome, freshly prepared food. One more thing they discussed was cutting back on food intake by skipping meals. Specifically, the individuals involved mentioned skipping meals to support their children, a habit that was also noted to be common among lower-class families of the minimum wage earner.

To provide more context for the participants' responses regarding reducing the use of utilities like water and electricity. Several participants linked not using electricity to health issues, especially respiratory ailments, in an effort to reduce power costs. The children's motivation to attend school and their study hours were also significantly impacted by electricity for the participants' children.

Basic necessities were not satisfied as a result of the extra money added to the goods' regular price, which made things worse for households who already struggled with low incomes. Weekly budgeting left little to no space for wiggle leeway. Offering budgeting guidance as a service to alleviate the strain on household income was insufficient to tackle the root cause of not having enough money to cover basic necessities. The participants also expressed concern about rising debt levels and an increase in loans from companies that charge outrageous interest rates.

Based on the participants' responses, it is clear that the TRAIN law has a significant impact on minimum-income households since it has reduced their costs for daily necessities, particularly for necessities like food and utilities. While many proponents of the train law view their exemption from paying income taxes as advantageous, the increase in prices and taxes on other aspects, such as products, commodities, utilities, and food, is out of proportion to the drop in income tax. Long-term inflation results from this, which may have a significant impact on utility costs for even those on minimum incomes level.

Train Law's Effect on Their Psychological Well Being

The majority of participants expressed concern about their ability to feed their children and themselves healthily, about living in poorly designed dwellings, and about how rising debt relates to mental health issues. Every participant interviewed expressed tension, and several of them described experiencing anxiety and sadness. They also noted that these symptoms were common in their own community. The participants described their feeling of stress, anxiety, and depression after dealing with the price increase, along with a hopelessness that bordered on desperation.

Another challenging problem the participants raised is their concern about the stress they were experiencing from attempting to find the extra money needed to pay for the higher-than-expected price of goods most especially in this period of economic recovery. A number of them connected the tax's financial requirements to issues with their physical and mental health. The participants frequently discussed the connections they believed existed between physical and mental health.

The observation made by the participants was validated in the research carried out by Sebullen and Alejindro (2023), who claimed that the TRAIN law's implementation made low-income class households poorer. The poor are disproportionately affected negatively by the TRAIN law since they have to spend less on food and other essentials like debt repayment and utility bills in order to survive. It also affects a person's mental health and wellness by contributing to problems with stress, anxiety, and depression. Consequently, it may be claimed that the implementation of TRAIN law made low-income families even impoverished.

Social Assistance Provided to Minimum Wage Earners

Because it was hard to handle low salaries over an extended length of time, many of the participants needed support from friends, neighbors, family, and the community at large. They received a lot of unofficial assistance in the form of cash support, daycare, food contributions, and emotional support. But still, the participants acknowledged that in any given family, the capacity to provide assistance, friendship or social circle was getting more and more limited as an increasing number of people, including those offering support, were adversely impacted by TRAIN law. In addition, they feel guilty and worried about burdening their relatives and friends, many of whom are also struggling financially.

Social interaction was directly hindered by lower earnings. Sustaining the basic needs and necessities became more and more difficult for the people. Social settings no matter how subtle highlighted the scarcity of resources. Community members, especially those without little children at home, recalled increasing exclusion from the social networks that helped them avoid experiencing loneliness. Not having the means to participate in routine activities, including hosting friends and family for a visit or venturing out to mingle, was an ongoing topic throughout the interview.

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The majority of the participants who were interviewed expressed profound sadness over how their failure to fulfill expected social roles such as being a friend, grandparent, or contributing member of the community was caused by their limited contact with family and social networks. Consequently, social isolation and resource scarcity were related. The participants talked extensively about how their ability to participate in interaction and reciprocity, which are two essential components of social relationships, was hampered by their lower income levels. This created a vicious cycle in which friends, family, and neighbors were unable to fulfill their regular social roles, which furthered their social isolation and depressive states.

CONCLUSION

The participants' interviews regarding the impact of the TRAIN law on minimum wage earners offer a thorough and in-depth insight of their circumstances. First of all, families are finding it increasingly difficult to acquire food for their everyday needs to the point where they restrict what they buy in order to stretch their funds farther than they would normally be able to. Another issue is that rising inflation makes it harder to pay bills. They always cut back on their consumption of electricity, especially at night, which is quite uncomfortable for them because it could lead to health issues. Families from lower socioeconomic classes typically settle informally due to the high cost of housing rentals. Businesses are additionally burdened by the fact that consumers, particularly the impoverished, would prefer to spend less money and stick to tight budgets as a result of the nation's high costs and inflation. Owing to these challenges, the participants feel that they are left with no option but to favor high interest loans because they are the easiest to obtain and may be borrowed from with ease. Secondly, because of the TRAIN law, a person's mental health is also an issue that impacts low-income families. Families in the lower income bracket frequently overthink where to find money and how to budget it so that it will last because of their financial constraints. This could be the cause of their stress, worry, and depression. Their despair in relation to their tremendous poverty, is concerning that the majority of them frequently experience mental health problems. Third, the TRAIN law's effects on social relationships, where people usually spend their time looking for money rather than socializing with their friends. Rather than visiting shopping centers to spend time with their loved ones, they are always considering if the money they would spend on going out will leave them without food for the next day or the day after that. Finally, because of their increased mobility, they frequently have a reduced capacity for fundamental social interaction.

To conclude this research, the researchers would like to recommend the following: first, the government should start a campaign raising the awareness of the people regarding the situations of the families belonging to poverty so that everybody will be responsive. Second, enhanced government initiatives to help the poor and less fortunate people in order to reduce poverty. Finally, the government must prioritize the less powerful members of the society since poor families will be the ones most impacted, especially the impoverished. They must consider the potential repercussions of the law's adoption before it is put into force.

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EXPLORING THE TRANSFORMATIVE SHIFT IN ELDERLY CARE FACILITIES: STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVES FROM A GLOBAL, INDIAN, AND MANGALOREAN CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the historical evolution of age care homes globally, with a specific focus on India and Mangalore, examining their impact on commerce and management. Through archival research and observational data analysis, the study highlights challenges such as a lack of trained staff, poor management structures, and limited specialization in elder care. Recommendations include enhancing training programs, implementing structured management practices, and fostering strategic investments to improve the quality and sustainability of elder care services. Addressing these challenges can lead to a more effective and responsive elder care system, tailored to meet the diverse needs of aging populations.

This paper delves into the historical development of age care homes worldwide, with a specific focus on India and Mangalore, examining their impact on commerce and management. The study utilizes archival research and observational data analysis to highlight challenges such as a lack of trained staff, poor management structures, and limited specialization in elder care. Recommendations include enhancing training programs, implementing structured management practices, and fostering strategic investments to improve the quality and sustainability of elder care services. Addressing these challenges can lead to a more effective and responsive elder care system, tailored to meet the diverse needs of aging populations.

KEY WORDS: *Age care homes, elder care, age care management, Grihasthashrama, Almhouses, Gerontology.*

INTRODUCTION

Dear Nursing Home,

Why are you rejecting me?
Please let me come to your community and be a friend to your residents.

Love,
Potential Volunteer (28)

The concept of age care homes, institutions designed to provide specialized care and support for elderly individuals, has evolved significantly throughout history. This paper explores the historical trajectory of age care homes globally, with a specific focus on India and the city of Mangalore, in the state of Karnataka. By examining the origins, developments, and contemporary trends in elder care provision, this research seeks to uncover insights into the changing dynamics of aging and caregiving across different contexts, while also considering implications for commerce and management in this sector.

The history of care homes in Britain begins in 936, when the first-known almshouse was built in York. King Aethelstan provided funding for it after witnessing clergymen of an earlier incarnation of York Minster using their own money to care for the elderly. Age care homes have roots in ancient civilizations, where familial structures often provided the primary source of elder care. However, industrialization and urbanization led to the emergence of formal institutions. The 20th century saw significant growth in nursing homes, influenced by advancements in healthcare and social welfare policies.

Almshouses proliferated across Europe, serving as communal residences where residents received basic care and support. While initially rooted in religious charity, almshouses evolved over time to accommodate changing social structures and needs. The concept of providing shelter and care for the elderly within a communal setting laid the groundwork for the development of more specialized age care homes in later centuries.

In India, traditions of familial care have long been ingrained, with extended families typically responsible for elders' well-being. Ancient traditions like "Grihasthashrama" and "Pitru Paksha" emphasized familial duties towards elders. However, societal changes such as urbanization and migration have disrupted traditional family structures, increasing the demand for institutionalized elder care. Despite this, the concept of nursing homes, prevalent in Western countries, has only gained

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traction in India in recent decades. Influential social reformers like Raja Ram Mohan Roy laid the groundwork for broader discussions on welfare and humanitarian issues, indirectly contributing to the emergence of elder care institutions.
Mangalore has its own unique history of age care homes. Saint Joseph's Prashant Nivas Charity Institutes, founded in **1898 (1882)** by the Sisters of Charity, (31) have provided a sanctuary for destitute residents for over a century. Saint Anthony's Ashram that was started in **1936 (9).**

Way back in **1948,(33)** Society of Sisters of St Ann of Providence, which runs educational institutions, hospitals and Homes for the aged in different parts of the country, had set up St Ann's Home for the aged at Simon Lane, Mangalore, in order to provide succor for the elderly women. Though taking care of the elderly was not as much of a "problem" in Mangalore as it is now, the society set up the Home in order to create a place with activities and support system for the elderly and to cater to their specific needs. The sisters took care of the health, social, recreational and logistical needs of the inmates of the house.

In terms of commerce and management, the elder care sector presents unique challenges and opportunities. As the global population ages, there is a growing market for age care services, including residential care, healthcare, and support services. This presents opportunities for entrepreneurship, innovation, and investment in the elder care industry. However, managing age care homes requires careful attention to regulatory compliance, quality assurance, financial sustainability, and human resource management. Effective leadership, strategic planning, and operational efficiency are essential for the success of age care facilities.

Recent developments, particularly the COVID-19 pandemic, have highlighted the vulnerabilities within age care homes worldwide. Lessons learned from this crisis underscore the importance of robust disaster preparedness and response strategies in elder care settings. Additionally, there is an increasing focus on leveraging technology and data analytics to improve care delivery, enhance resident safety, and optimize resource allocation in age care facilities.

Through an exploration of these historical narratives and recent developments, this research aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of age care homes, shedding light on the challenges, opportunities, and best practices in elder care provision across different cultural and geographical contexts, while also considering the commerce and management implications in this dynamic sector.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The evolution of age care homes has been a topic of significant scholarly interest, with studies examining various aspects such as policy frameworks, management practices, financial sustainability, and entrepreneurial opportunities within this sector. Drawing upon a range of recent literature, this review provides insights into the current understanding of age care homes, both in India and abroad.

Historical Perspectives and Policy Frameworks

Achenbaum (1995) provides a historical account of old age care in the United States, tracing its evolution since the 18th century. This foundational work highlights the shifting societal attitudes towards elder care and the emergence of formalized care settings. Similarly, **Harrington et al. (2020)** shed light on the role of nursing homes as sites of disaster preparedness and response, emphasizing lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. These studies underscore the importance of robust policy frameworks to ensure quality care and resilience in the face of crises.

Entrepreneurial Opportunities and Challenges

The elder care sector in India has witnessed growing interest from entrepreneurs seeking to capitalize on emerging opportunities. **Ghosh and Das (2021)** explore entrepreneurial opportunities and challenges in elder care services, highlighting the dynamic nature of this industry. **Reddy and Ramya (2020)** delve into the growth trajectory of elder care services in India, offering insights into the market dynamics and entrepreneurial prospects. These studies contribute to our understanding of the entrepreneurial landscape in the elder care sector and the potential for innovation and growth.

Financial Management and Sustainability

Financial management plays a critical role in ensuring the sustainability of age care homes. **Sharma and Khan (2019)** examine financial management practices in age care homes, emphasizing the importance of sound financial strategies for long-term viability. **Mukherjee and Ghosh (2019)** analyze the economics of elder care, discussing emerging trends and challenges in India. Their findings highlight the need for innovative financial models and strategies to address the evolving needs of aging populations.

Managerial Strategies and Quality of Care

Effective managerial strategies are essential for enhancing the quality of care in age care homes. **Sinha (2018)** explores the role of managerial strategies in improving the quality of elder care services in India, emphasizing the importance of leadership and organizational culture. **Verma and Goel (2021)** provide insights into the implementation of managerial strategies to enhance the quality of care, drawing from case studies of selected age care homes. These studies underscore the significance of effective leadership and governance in ensuring resident satisfaction and well-being.

Digital Technology and Innovation

Digital technology has the potential to revolutionize elder care services, offering new avenues for innovation and efficiency. **Mahajan and Bansal (2021)** discuss the role of digital technology in enhancing elder care services in India, highlighting the benefits of telemedicine, remote monitoring, and assistive devices. Their findings suggest that technology-enabled solutions can improve access to care and enhance the overall quality of life for elderly individuals.

OBJECTIVES

- Assess awareness among stakeholders about the importance and availability of age care homes. Develop

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educational campaigns and advocacy strategies to enhance awareness and engagement.

- Examine and critique existing policies and regulations for age care homes. Identify areas for reform to ensure quality care and protect resident rights.
- Evaluate the adequacy of training programs for age care home professionals. Identify and implement improvements in curricula and professional development to ensure high-quality care.
- Analyze financial sustainability, including revenue, costs, and profitability. Recommend enhanced financial management practices, innovative funding models, and cost-effective care strategies to ensure long-term viability.
- Develop a framework for effective leadership and governance focusing on transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement. Analyze and align service diversification strategies with market needs and organizational goals to enhance service offerings.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Introduction: The analytical approaches used to achieve the research objectives in this study employs a combination of archival and observational data analysis to explore the evolution of age care homes and their implications on management practices and financial reforms.

Research Design: This research adopts a **qualitative approach,** leveraging **archival records and observational data** to provide a comprehensive understanding of the historical development, current trends, and future prospects of age care homes.

Data Collection

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the conditions and challenges faced by age care homes, an observational method was employed during data collection. This involved visiting multiple age care homes and engaging directly with the individuals in charge of these facilities. Observations were meticulously recorded regarding the physical infrastructure, staff interactions, and overall environment within these homes. Additionally, informal interviews with the staff and residents were conducted to gather insights into their experiences, levels of satisfaction, and perceived challenges.

Observational Method

The observational method allowed for a detailed, first-hand assessment of the physical conditions and operational dynamics of the age care homes. Key aspects such as room ventilation, senior-friendly facilities, and overcrowding were noted. Specific attention was paid to the presence of necessary amenities like wide doors and handrails, which are essential for the mobility and safety of elderly residents. The method also enabled the identification of gaps in government policies and the impact of financial constraints on the quality of infrastructure.

Interviews and Informal Conversations

Informal conversations with the staff provided valuable insights into their training levels, experience, and the adequacy of staff-to-resident ratios. These discussions highlighted the lack of formal training programs and the need for professional development opportunities. Resident feedback was collected to understand their satisfaction levels and areas requiring improvement. These interactions were crucial in painting a holistic picture of the operational challenges and opportunities within these homes.

Data Analysis

The collected data were systematically analyzed to identify recurring themes, patterns, and trends. This analysis focused on infrastructure adequacy, staff training needs, financial sustainability, and resident satisfaction. The findings underscore the need for clear government policies, enhanced funding models, and improved training programs to elevate the standards of care and ensure the sustainability of age care homes.

FINDINGS

- Age care homes operate with undertrained staff and lack specialized roles, due to historical underinvestment in staff training and professional development.
- Many institutions suffer from inefficiencies and inconsistent care quality due to the absence of a structured organizational framework, lacking defined roles, responsibilities, and standardized policies.
- Most age care homes prioritize compassion over professional management and strategic planning, often neglecting principles essential for sustainable operations.
- Low pay discourages qualified personnel from joining and staying in the sector, leading to high turnover, staffing shortages, and limited investment in training and professional development.
- The elder care sector struggles with a lack of investor interest due to limited foresight on growth potential and profitability, resulting in insufficient strategic investment and innovative funding for long-term sustainability and improved service delivery.

SUGGESTIONS

- Implement comprehensive training programs for staff in age care homes, focusing on elder care techniques, scientific knowledge, psychological education, and communication skills. Investing in ongoing professional development can improve the quality of care provided to residents. Visits to other age care homes to enhance better perspective.
- Establish clear organizational frameworks, defined roles, and responsibilities within age care homes to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness. Implementing standardized policies and protocols can ensure consistency and accountability in care delivery across different institutions.
- Introduce specialized roles such as geriatric nurses, social workers,financial advisers, legal advisers, psychologists and administrators with expertise in elder care to address the complex needs of aging residents. Building a multidisciplinary team can enhance the quality of care and support provided.

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- Shift focus from compassionate-driven operations to professional management principles, emphasizing strong managerial skills and strategic planning. This transition can lead to more efficient resource allocation and improved overall outcomes for residents.
- Increase the pay scale for staff in age care homes to attract and retain qualified personnel. Offering competitive compensation packages can incentivize staff to invest in their professional development and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the sector by collaboarting with the governement or non profit entities and raise funds and sponsorships.
- Raise awareness among investors about the potential growth and profitability of the elder care sector. Highlight the long-term demand for elder care services and opportunities for strategic investment in age care homes.
- Develop targeted recruitment and retention strategies to address the shortage of human resources in urban areas. Offering incentives such as housing allowances, transportation support, and career advancement opportunities can attract skilled professionals to work in age care facilities and spread awareness on chnaging family dynamics and its impact specially in an urban set up.
- Encourage age care homes to adopt best practices from successful models globally. This could involve knowledge sharing, specialised care, benchmarking, and collaboration with experienced professionals and organizations in the field of elder care.
- Advocate for regulatory reforms that promote quality standards, transparency, and accountability within the elder care sector. Implementing regulations that ensure adherence to best practices can safeguard the rights and well-being of elderly residents. Encourage maintaining periodic records and reports, paying of taxes and maintaining a clear tax record.
- Foster community engagement and support for age care homes through educational campaigns, volunteer programs, and partnerships with local organizations. Building strong ties with the community can enhance the social integration and quality of life of residents.

CONCLUSION

The evolution of aged care homes has brought to light significant disparities in the quality and management of elder care services, particularly in the Indian context. This research identifies several critical gaps: a lack of trained staff, poor management structures, absence of specialization, and inadequate investment due to a lack of foresight. These issues are compounded by low pay scales, insufficient scientific and psychological education, poor communication skills, a shortage of human resources in urban areas, and the lack of clear hierarchies and strict policies. Addressing these challenges demands a multi-faceted approach. Policymakers and stakeholders must prioritize comprehensive training programs for staff to ensure they are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge. Implementing structured management practices and recognizing the financial potential of the elder care sector is crucial. Enhancing awareness and education about the complexities of elder care, along with strategic investments, can significantly improve the quality of care provided to the elderly. By adopting these measures, a more sustainable and effective elder care system can be established to meet the growing needs of an aging population. Future research should unequivocally focus on developing innovative models of care that integrate best practices from around the world, tailored to the specific cultural and socioeconomic contexts of India. Additionally, there should be an extensive emphasis on policy reforms and investment strategies that support the long-term sustainability of aged care homes, ensuring that they are adequately funded and managed.

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CONTEXTUALIZED MODULE IN LAGUNA FESTIVAL DANCES IN ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING COMPETENCIES AND PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

The main goal of this study was to examine effectiveness of the contextualized module in laguna festival dances in enhancing student learning competencies and performance. Particularly, this would determine the level of validity of the component and features of the contextualized module in festival dances. Also, this would like to identify the student's learning competencies and performance. Moreover, it sought to prove the significant differences on student's performance in formative and summative as well as the effect of component and features of festival dances on student's competencies.

This study used a descriptive method in collecting and gathering data. To gather data, the researcher utilized a self-made questionnaire and served as the primary tool distributed among 80 Grade 7 students. Statistical analyses included calculating the mean, standard deviation, frequency, percentage, t-test and Pearson correlation coefficient to assess hypotheses.

From the data analysis of the study, it was found that the physical education students perceived the components of contextualized module in festival dances was very high. Also, students perceived the features of module in festival dances as very high and the students rated very high in level of student's learning competencies. The students showed fairy satisfactory on their level of performance in terms formative while the students showed excellent performance on their summative assessment. Moreover, it was evident that the student's performance showed significant difference from formative evaluation to summative evaluations. the objectives contextualized learning module showed importance in shaping two of the student's competency namely cultural empathy and sensitivity as well as well as the cross-cultural collaboration while the majority of the components and features showed no significant.

Based on the research finding, it can be concluded that the performance of student's showed significant differences between formative and summative test results thus signified the rejection of hypothesis as the student's performance in written examination increased after being exposed in the curriculum delivery through the utilization of contextualized module. The contextualized module showed no significant effects of variables. Since majority of the variables of the components and features of contextualized modules showed no significant effect in student competency thus signified acceptance of the hypothesis. The students enhanced their positive attitude in consideration of other's ideas, opinion, and practices as they shared expertise in their academic requirement upon understanding the lesson goals and outcome of the discussion.

The following recommendations were forwarded: The school may utilize the contextualized module and may practice the use of formative and summative assessment constantly. Also, The teachers may design contextualized learning module, design culminating activities and expose learners to different contextualized learning materials to maintain excellent performance in physical education. The future researchers are advised to study more cultural dances in the different municipality of laguna and its effects to student's holistic development.

INTRODUCTION

Performing arts contributed in execution of culture and traditions among people. This included the different festival dances present in different counties of the world passed generations to generations. With religious belief of the region, there were different ritual and festivities celebrated within the year that was observable even today. There were different reasons and objectives in performing festival dances but majority of those is for thanksgiving in bountiful harvest.

Living in several islands of the Philippines, Filipinos were naturally had different festival dances as they were particularly fan of the celebrations. Along with several regions and places in different island of the country lies different culture and tradition of celebrating festivities and performing several dances.

As part of curriculum, students were required to study different festival dances performed around the country to develops love of arts, culture, tradition and lastly the well-being through movement. It was observable that the learners must participate

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and perform competencies in dancing varied cultural dances to execute mastery having familiarity on its origin and practice.

The idea of contextualization or localization plays an important role in understanding the lesson. It targeted global competencies that learners should master and develop in the setting and experiences that they are familiar. Meaning the example and the target of the discussion the observable practices within the community as it gives the opportunity to the learners to observe, reflect and act based on the understanding. More so, they were able to share experiences and captures their interest which play an important consideration in lesson delivery.

Laguna is one of the provinces under the Region-IV A with many different festivals from different municipality. There are many different titles of festival according to the delicacies and cultural practices performed. With this, the researcher develops a contextualized module of Festival dances in Laguna which are aligned on the competencies the learners needed to take during Grade 7 and assess its effect on the student's development of competencies.

Research Design

This study utilized the descriptive research design as it aims to describe the relationship and effect of the utilization of contextualized festival dances in student competencies and performance though data collection and interpretation. Ansari et al. (2022) stated that ex-post facto research, also known as descriptive study design, was a quantitative method that focuses on what, when, where, and how rather than why, gathering systematic and uncontrolled data for statistical problem-solving. This method was known for its uncontrolled variables and the foundation for further research to better understand the research topic.

Also, this research utilized experimental design as it used contextualized module in determining the student's increased in performance and competencies. Schweizer et al. (2016) stated that experimental research assessed the importance of the intervention in improving the results thus proving the relationship. To assess the responses on presented interventions, quasi experimental were often used. Experimental research a scientific technique used in various disciplines like psychology, education, and social and physical sciences to control dependent factors and determine their impact on independent variables. variable, and control variable, and be controlled, random, and deceptive, making them flexible and scientific, Ansari et al. (2022).

For the researcher to obtain the necessary data needed in the study, the researcher created a self-made questionnaire and used it as part of a descriptive survey. Before being given to the respondents, it was validated by experts namely master teachers and head teachers teaching physical education and the Graduate Studies and Applied Research faculty at Laguna State Polytechnic University Santa Cruz.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Significant Effect of Contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances on the Students' Learning Competency

In this study, the inferential question aimed to determine the significant effect of contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances on the Students' Learning Competency. Data were treated through Pearson-r correlation and presented on the table.

Table 16 presented the data that represented the effect of components and features of contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances on the Students' Learning Competency.

Table 16 shows the significant effect of contextualized module in Laguna festival dances on the Students' Learning Competency.

It is evident that the component of contextualized module in Laguna festival dances in terms of Objectives showed effect on the students' learning competency in terms of empathy and sensitivity having the p-value of .002 lower than the alpha level 0f 0.05 which denoted significant. This implied that clear objectives and setting of expectation among learners in the lesson aids the student's development on practice of cultural consideration and sensitive practice to avoid conflicts and show respect among diverse group of people. Also, contextualized module in Laguna festival dances in terms of objectives showed improved the students' learning competency in terms of and cross-cultural collaboration as it obtained p-value of 0.008 lower than the alpha level of 0.05. This meant that the teachers practice setting objectives in the lesson provided opportunity for the students to practice exchange of cultural practice and collaborate among group of people. This implied that the development of students' competency in cultural consideration and building cultural exchange in diverse group of people with varied cultural practice were influenced objectives set by the utilization of Contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances.

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Contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances			Students' Learning Competency			
			Cultural Competenc	Respect for Diversity	Empathy and Sensitivity	Cross-Cultural Collaboration
Components	Objectives	t-value	-0.992	0.394	-3.198	-2.706
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.324	0.694	0.002*	0.008*
		N	80	80	80	80
	Content	t-value	-1.157	-1.578	0.063	-0.591
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.251	0.119	0.950	0.556
		N	80	80	80	80
	Exercises	t-value	1.006	0.297	-0.441	-0.441
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.318	0.768	0.661	0.661
		N	80	80	80	80
	Evaluation	t-value	0.616	0.0979	0.099	0.162
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.540	0.540	1.589	1.495
		N	80	80	80	80
	Valuing	t-value	0.854	0.091	0.094	0.152
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.396	0.295	0.147	-0.3526
		N	80	80	80	80
Features	Relevance	t-value	-0.967	-0.598	0.072	0.224
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.337	0.551	0.943	0.823
		N	80	80	80	80
	Usability	t-value	-0.568	0.363	-0.540	0.551
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.572	0.718	0.591	0.583
		N	80	80	80	80
	Complexity	t-value	1.177	0.447	1.506	0.707
		Sig.(2-tailed)	0.243	0.656	0.136	0.481
		N	80	80	80	80

Moreover, the contextualized learning module components in terms of content, exercises, evaluation, and valuing showed no effects in the development of student's competencies as it was influenced by the student's familiarity on the content and their level of exposure on the actual festival where the dances performed. Also, the features of contextualized module in festival dances showed a Significant Effect of Contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances on the Students' Learning Competency, less than the level of significant value of 0.05. Otherwise, the p-value indicates there is no Significant Effect of Contextualized Module in Laguna Festival Dances on the Students' Learning Competency, more than the level of significant value of 0.05. This implied that the component and the features of contextualized learning module does not affect the development of competencies among learners as they are also influenced by their own belief and tradition that may not be included in festival dance module and does not discuss on the tradition of community. Universities study culture, stereotypes, discrimination, and health factors, promoting problem-solving and interaction with marginalized groups.

According to Chen & Hu (2023), intercultural sensitivity is essential for university students to understand, accept, and respect cultural differences, enhancing through exposure to various cultures through employment, travel, and exchange programs. However, limited language skills, insufficient cross-cultural communication exposure, and personality limitations can impact performance.

Initiatives to improve understanding of patients' cultural frameworks are proven, but implementation remains unclear. Focus should be on security, cultural promotion, social justice, and cultural competency, with clinical cases and cultural immersion programs beneficial, Gradellini et al. (2021).

SUMMARY

The main goal of this study was to examine the component and features contextualize module festival dances of Laguna festival dances and student's learning competencies and performance. Particularly, this would like to determine the level of validity component and validity in the features of the module in festival dances. Also, this would like to identify the level of student's learning competencies and mean level of performance of the students. Moreover, it sought to prove the significant differences on student's performance in formative and summative as well as the effect of component and features of festival dances on student's competencies.

This study used a descriptive method in collecting and gathering data. To gather data, the researcher utilized a self-made questionnaire and served as the primary tool distributed among 80 Grade 7 students of Don Manuel Rivera Memorial Integrated

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National High School in the school year 2023-2024 randomly selected. Statistical analyses included calculating the mean, standard deviation, frequency, percentage, t-test and multiple regression to assess hypotheses.

From the data analysis of the study, these finding were derived:
It was evident that physical education students perceived the components of contextualized module in festival dances was very high in terms of objectives, content, exercise, evaluation, and valuing in which provide complete learning experiences among students in understanding different information and steps underlying on performing specific festival dance of municipality in Laguna.

In addition, the students perceived the features of module in festival dances as very high in terms of relevance, usability, and complexity as it provided high validity on the perspective of the students as the module aligned the contents and activities on the student's level of understanding, interest and cognitive development which promoted their ability to understand the lesson and attain mastery.

Moreover, the students rated very high in level of student's learning competencies in terms of cultural competency, respect and diversity, empathy and sensitivity, and cross-cultural collaboration. They perceived very high cultural competency as they considered the personal way of living and other culture as significant predictor on exchange of idea regardless of diverse cultural background and treat ideas and practices equally important in decision making.

The students showed fairy satisfactory on their level of performance in terms formative as they had lack of previous experiences in the topic while the students showed excellent performance on their summative assessment upon utilization of contextualized module which promoted that the students enhanced their ability in physical education upon engagement in lesson discussion in physical
festival dances.

Furthermore, it was evident that the student's performance showed significant difference from formative evaluation to summative evaluations administered by the subject teachers in physical education upon utilizing contextualized module for festival dances indicating significant differences.

Meanwhile, the objectives contextualized learning module showed importance in shaping two of the student's competency namely cultural empathy and sensitivity as well as well as the cross-cultural collaboration while the majority of the components and features showed no significant. This implied that the clear understanding of learning outcomes of the lesson provides the guide among students to practice sharing of ideas and opinion on their activities while being considerate to other's feeling.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study, the following conclusions were drawn:
In performance, there is significant differences between formative and summative test results thus signified the rejection of null hypothesis as the student's performance in written examination increased after being exposed in the curriculum delivery through the utilization of contextualized module. The student increase their level of understanding about the origin of festival dance, steps that transcended to community livelihood and culture and its importance in shaping well-being among individuals.

Moreover, the components of contextualized module particularly on the
objectives showed significant effect on students competencies while majority of variables on the other hand there was no observed significant effect in terms on features of the contextualized module, therefore acceptance of the hypothesis was made.The students enhanced their positive attitude in consideration of other's idea, opinion, and practices as they shared expertise in their academic requirement upon understanding the lesson goals and outcome of the discussion. Moreover, the enhancement of student's competencies were dependent on the frequency of usage and length of exposure in the practice and execution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings and conclusions made, the following recommendations were forwarded:

1. The school may utilize the contextualized module in Festival dances of Laguna that contains complete components to attain mastery level on students' performance.
2. The teachers may design contextualized learning module aligned on students' level of interest and understanding to assure its usability and relevance.
3. The physical education teachers may design culminating activities that exhibit festival dances based on their locality to enhance cultural competencies of the students.
4. The teachers may expose learners to different contextualized learning materials to maintain excellent performance in physical education
5. 5 The school may practice the use of formative and summative assessment constantly in every topic to create the sense of ownership in the mind of students upon achievement of excellent rating.
6. The teachers may include background of the community that includes history and tradition that affects the execution of festival dances for better students'learning experiences and understanding.
7. The future researchers are advised to study more cultural dances in the different municipality of laguna and its effects to student's holistic development.

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ACADEMIC STRESS AMONG NEET ASPIRANTS CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT
This case study was carried out with the purpose of identifying the factors of academic stress and how it affects the academic outcomes. The study explored how different individuals are affected with different factors in different ways during their preparation for NEET exams .The study took place with a group of two members from a Pre-University college located in Urban. Data collection techniques included document analysis, administration of Academic stress inventory as well as interviews with parents, teachers and the clients. The data collection focused on different stress factors like Teacher stress, Test stress, Result stress, Studying in group stress, Peer stress, Time management stress and Self-inflicted stress. The lack of emotional support in the absence of parents was a major factor as reported by the two clients. The major concern given by the clients were: not able to complete the lengthy syllabus and the fear of not getting selected in the NEET exam. The lack of achievement in every weekend mock NEET was increasing the stress.

KEYWORDS: *Academic stress, NEET*

INTRODUCTION
Stress is an inevitable part in an individual's life. It normally serves as a useful purpose in life by stimulating effort, inventiveness and high standards but when it increases beyond optimum level it adversely affects the coping mechanisms and hampers growth. Selye (1976), stated that stress is the non-specific response to any demand. Any condition that places special demand upon a person tends to cause stress. Stress, according to Spielberger (1982), is the external force that acts on. McGrath (1976), prefers to define stress in terms of a set of conditions as having stress in it. Stress involves an interaction of person with environmental demands from the person. When these demands are not fulfilled, individual faces disequilibrium. New demands are imposed by rapid change in the education system; these, in turn, cause stress.

Academic Stress
Academic stress is a form of stress that is constantly being experienced by the students in relation to academic concerns. According to Wilks (2008), "Academic stress is the product of a combination of academic-related demands that exceed the adaptive resources available to an individual". According to Gupta and Khan (1987), academic stress is a mental stress with respect to some anticipated frustration, associated with academic failure or even an awareness of possibility of such failure. In view of Shah (1988), academic stress means a pervasive series of urgency to learn all those things which are prescribed by the school. Hence, academic stress occurs when an individual is confronted by an academic related situation that he perceives as overwhelming and cannot cope up with.

According to Firman (1992), academic stress is anything that imposes an extra demand on a person's ability to cope, often with something that is new and different in academics. Papalia et al. (1998), regarded academic stress as a negative trait in their study. It was put forth that academic stress occurs when effortless learning does not take place, students lose confidence, motivation and interest and this creates more stress to carry out their activities relating to academics. It also means pervasive sense of urgency of learning all those things which are related to or prescribed by school (Shah1988).

Jha (2004), defined academic stress as a mental or physical strain, resulting from educational demands or challenges or academic achievements. Academic stress can be measured. Its symptoms can be observed by a teacher, a parent, a counsellor or a friend or by people whom he/she closely associated with.

NEET Aspirants
The expansion of NEET is National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test or is a single entrance examination conducted for aspirants seeking admission to medical courses across India. NEET aspirants are the Senior Secondary students from different Boards from India. NEET examination is held only once a year. In such cases students join some of the professional coaching institutes in different cities by staying in a hostel, paying guest or with relatives. NEET examination is conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). The NEET aspirants must have studied Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Biotechnology and English as compulsory subjects.The class 12 minimum percentage required for NEET exam is 50% for unreserved category, 40% for Other Backward Communities (OBC)/Scheduled Caste

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(SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) and 45% for Person with Disabilities (PWD). There is no restriction on the maximum number of attempts.

NEET is the eligibility test for getting into medical courses like Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) etc. A total of 20 lakh plus candidates appear for the NEET examination every year for One lakh seats

Only a few students are able to get the merit seats for the above courses due to very limited seats. Experts say that the standard of the question paper of the above said examination is high. The examination is conducted out of 720 marks for 200 minutes. A total of 200 multiple choice questions will be there in the paper. Out of which 180 questions are to be attempted. Each correct answer will carry 4 marks and a wrong answer will carry a -1 mark. 50 questions are asked from Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology respectively. Every year NTA will declare the cut off pass marks for NEET as qualification mark. Students who pass this examination are eligible for part payment seats and NRI quota also.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

One of the sources of academic stress among students include fear of examination, resulting in students losing interest under too much pressure of study (Chadha and Sahni, 1988; Malhotra,1999). In 1992, the ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, under the chairmanship of Yashpal, set up a National Advisory Committee to advice on the ways and means of reducing academic pressure and anxiety among students at all levels. The report highlighted that major sources of academic stress among children are the problems of curriculum load and scarcity of leisure time.

Chiang (1995), proposed that examinations, excessive homework, unsatisfactory results and punishment are the main sources of academic stress among adolescents. High expectations of parents, teachers and self-causes academic stress among adolescents. Awino and Agolla, (2008), have reported that overcrowded classrooms, scarcity of leisure time both at school and at home and admission procedures lead to academic stress. Polk (2001), has revealed that gender based expectations and boredom in classrooms cause academic stress. Personal goals, maladjustment to the campus environment and lack of support networksoften cause academic stress (Wilks, 2008). Misinformed vocational and educational choices, competition with other students, failures, lack of pocket money add to academic stress (Fairbrother and Warn, 2003). Poor home environment, poor relationships with teachers and other students (Ongori, 2009) have also been found causing academic stress.

Thus, academic stress can said to be the product of classroom related, school related, teacher related, parents' related factors and self- perception of the adolescents as well. Stressors may be discipline based, curriculum based, achievement based and expectations based. These stressors may function individually or at times in interaction with each other and sometimes in total causing an adolescent to perceive academic stress. Kar *et al.* (2021), performed a study to assess the temporal correlation by relating the date of suicide with the dates of NEET examination in 2018, 2019, and 2020 in India: A Media Report Analysis Study. The study attempted to assess the temporal correlation by relating the date of suicide with the dates of NEET examination in 2018, 2019, and 2020. About 55% (n = 10) of the total suicides from 2018 and 2019 and occurred in the month the result was declared. Academic challenges were reported to be the most common attributing factor (in 65% of cases, n = 21). Anxiety regarding the exam was reported in 78% (n = 11) of student suicides in 2020. The presence of any life event was affirmative in 23 cases (72%), with the failure in the NEET exam being the event among 9 students. Hanging (n = 21, 65%), drowning (n = 4, 13%), and poisoning (n = 3, 9%) were the leading methods of suicide.

Arunkumar and Maliga (2021), conducted a study to determine the attitude towards the NEET examination among higher secondary school students in Erode District of Tamil Nadu.350 students participated in the survey. NEET attitude scale by Nithya(2017) was used. The study found that students had neither positive nor negative attitude towards the NEET examination..

Yadav and Srivastava (2020) conducted a study to investigate the correlation between academic stress and suicidal ideation among students. The sample of this study included 200 students from Allen Institute of Kota (Rajasthan) . 100 were IIT aspirant students and 100 were NEET aspirants. Academic stress measured using the academic stress scale developed by Rao, and suicidal ideation measured using the suicidal ideation scale was developed by Sisodia and Bhatnagar. The result of this study showed that no significant difference in academic stress among IIT and NEET aspirant students and significant difference was found in suicidal ideation among IIT and NEET aspirant students.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for this study was a case study. This study sought to understand the factors affecting the academic stress of NEET aspirants. This exploratory methodology made it possible to identify the academic stress factors and environmental factors and the perception of individuals responsible for the academic stress among the NEET aspirants. Face to face interview with the 2 clients to assess the details of the problems faced by them in the classroom, hostel, during and after exam.

CONTEXT AND PARTICIPANTS

The context for this study was a Pre-University College located in sub urban area were a good number of NEET aspirants are staying in hostel. The participants were 2 students from the same college. These two students were undergoing regular coaching preparation for the NEET examination.

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Face to face interview with all the two students were conducted. Academic stress Inventory (Ying ling Min & Farn Shing Chen) instrument was used to examine the level of academic stress. The instrument also gives a detailed picture of different factors in different areas effecting the aspirant like Teacher stress, Result stress, Test stress, Peer stress, Time management stress, Studying in group stress and Self-inflicted stress. After recording the symptoms and the presenting complaints given by the students the scoring for the scale is done. Significant problems narrated by the clients were identified and areas of concern with the type of stress affected the individuals are identified and areas for further research.

Case 1:
Case is the eldest of two children was born in the year 2007.Her parents both have the same level of education .Both are graduates. Completed class 10 in English Medium (CBSE) with 85% in the board exam. She is hailing from the district of South Kanara . Since no NEET coaching is available in her locality she chose to stay in hostel

Parents are also interested in Case 1 to take the Medical profession. Parents reported that she has high aspiration to be a doctor and she is hard working. During the interview the client reported that she used to get headache during the time of exam. Sometimes numbness in the body and excited breathing. She complained about going blank in the examination hall. She complains about lot of portions pending before the exam. A good number of chapters in Physics and Chemistry she did not understand only. She takes a long time for learning the chapters. A few chapters she finds as difficult and she tells that she is post phoning the study of such chapters. She also complains about lack of understanding of questions in the exam hall .As reported by the teacher's case 1 is hard working. She feels that Physics is a difficult subject. It has more numeric problems. It is very difficult to score in Physics. Scores high marks in theory exams not in competitive. The raw score obtained in academic stress inventory is 136 which falls in the category of High academic stress. Scored very high scores in Teachers stress, studying in group stress, Test stress and Time management stress.
As a result of findings we can describe this case as a student having high academic stress.

Case 2 is the eldest of three children was born in the year 2008.Her parents both have the same level of education .Both are graduates. One of the parent is a health department professional. Completed class 10 in English Medium(CBSE) with 90% in the board exam. She is hailing from the district of Bangalore.

Parents are also interested in Case 2 to take the Medical profession. Parents reported that she has high aspiration to be a doctor and she is hard working. During the interview the client reported that she used to go blank in the exam hall, Palpitation is very common. She gets in to exited breathing. She complained about migraine headache. Reported that she got ulcers in the stomach. She complained about lot of portions pending before the exam. She tells that she has fear of examination and will shiver during exam. She becomes anxious as reported by her. She finds it as difficult to take decisions with regard to a few questions. A few chapters she finds as difficult. As reported by the teacher case 2 is hard working. She feels that Physics is a difficult subject. It has more numeric problems. It is very difficult to score in Physics. Scores high marks in theory exams not in competitive. The raw score obtained in academic stress inventory is 140 which falls in the category of High academic stress. Scored very high scores in Teachers stress, studying in group stress, Peer stress, Test stress and Time management stress.

As a result of findings we can describe this case as a student having high academic stress Finds numerical problems as difficult in Physics and Chemistry. The client seems to have high academic stress causing reactions in the Physiological, Emotional and Cognitive level

CONCLUSIONS

This case study sought to understand the areas affect the academic stress related to NEET examination and the highly competitive environment and the Psychological components effect the aspirants during preparation for NEET exams. Findings of this study generally supports the literature reviewed in limited context because only a few studies are available because of the Indian context and the NEET exam has begun very recently. From the above cases it is possible to conclude that some of the factors like teacher stress, Test stress, Studying in group stress, Peer stress, Time management stress are the reasons for academic stress. This has affected cognitive factors like difficulty in concentrating, Forgetting, day dreaming, Difficulty in problem solving, doubt about own abilities. The impact also seen in the affective areas like feel under pressure and sad, worry about parents expectations. The effect also noted in some of the physical areas like headache, nervous, lack of desire to eat and ulcers. The effect also seen with lack of motivation with boredom, difficulty in completing lessons, feeling to give up NEET aspiration. The effect is also seen in Interpersonal area like staying alone, getting irritated, feeling of helplessness.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Findings of the paper highlight the need to pay attention to the Academic stress level experienced by the NEET aspirants because of the high competition for getting the medical seats. Intervention to overcome academic stress in this area to be worked upon. Coping mechanisms with Awareness of the Aptitude and the Skills required to be enhanced to be paid due attention. Proper learning methods with learning styles and conceptual understanding with the competencies in the required subjects. Relaxation techniques like mindful meditation. Proper career guidance for parents and aspirants. Accepting defeat with right attitude and building resilience to fight back is the skill to be nurtured among the NEET aspirants.

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IMPACT OF DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS ON TOTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT (TQM) AMONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of this study was to know the impact of demographic factors on Total Quality Management in Murshidabad District. Researcher Selected 410 Government and Private Elementary School Teachers as a sample and used Stratified Simple Random Sampling technique for conducting this study. Four research hypotheses directed, guided the study. Teachers Attitude towards Total Quality Management Scale was used, developed by researcher himself. Differential Analysis test: 'T' test, ANOVA techniques were used by the researcher to analysis the data. The investigator found that female elementary school teachers exhibit more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than their male counterpart ('t' value 2.74, p <0.05). The researcher observed that Urban elementary school teachers had a more positive attitude towards TQM than rural elementary school teachers ('t' value 6.52, p <0.05). Private elementary school teachers had a more positive attitude TQM than Government elementary school teachers ('t' value 6.87, p <0.05).

KEYWORDS: *Total Quality Management, Demographic Factors, Elementary School Teachers*

INTRODUCTION

Education is the path to enlightenment and empowerment for a better and higher quality of life. An educated man is truly an asset to the country. The primary aims and objectives of education is not just getting knowledge but also to develop attitude, body, mind, soul and more importantly a responsible citizen. Today, quality of education is the crying concern because in this competitive world if educational institution fails to maintain quality, required standard then they will fail to achieve the predetermined aims and objectives. The Kothari Commission Report (1966) says, **"Of all the different factors which influence the quality of education and its contribution to the national development, the quality, competence and character of teachers are undoubtedly the most significant".**

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 also gives emphasis on quality of education. In order to improve the quality of education, the main target is not only to improve cognitive aspect but also to develop, foster problem-solving, critical thinking abilities.

So, for an educational institution to survive, grow well in today's competitive world or environment, each and every individual should actively take part in the value adding activities especially in the teaching-learning process. As Total Quality Management states the continuous improvement is the part of educational system, so we can say that attitude towards Total Quality Management play an important role for improving the quality of education. The present study main purpose is to find out the factors influencing the total quality management of elementary school teachers.

Background of Study

The report of different Committees appointed by the government of India shows that the quality of elementary education (EE) has been a subject of acute worry despite the massive growth of EE over the last five decades in India. Particularly in underdeveloped regions, the fight to expand access to excellent elementary education on a worldwide scale has emerged as a top priority. The significance of the following statements from a report by the Education Commission (1964-66) is readily apparent: "Quantitatively education at all levels has shown spectacular progress in the post-independence era. The quality of education has not improved at the same rate as its enrollment numbers, nor have national policies and programs to enhance it been well implemented". Hence, a favourable attitude towards total quality management is needed to improve the quality of education.

Total Quality Management (TQM)

TQM has been shown to boost the effectiveness of educational institutions by reshaping their organisational structure and enhancing the speed with which they can implement change. The term "fundamental components" describes things like gaining access to necessary resources, using tried-and-true teaching methods, coordinating the flow of services, weeding out flaws in the system, gauging the effectiveness of individual educators, and rewarding good work. Managing and enhancing the performance of instructors is a part of the process of

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strengthening the fundamentals of an organisation (Philip B. Crosby, 1984;John Oakland, 1993)

Total Quality Management involves all employees maintaining a high-quality standard throughout time. *Quality management* is a strategy that includes setting goals, developing a detailed plan of action, implementing those goals effectively, perfecting the technology, educating everyone involved in the quality movement, ensuring teamwork, mobilizing optimum resources, assessment and evaluation on a regular basis, and doing the right things. TQM strategy aids the educational system in learning the needs of its students and meeting those needs quickly and cheaply. The elementary school system might have an easier time establishing a favorable atmosphere for learning and growth.

Total Quality Management (TQM) means everything: every employee, every department, and every single student. Students and teachers alike will need to be involved in this process. The quality policy, goals, and responsibilities are established and carried out by the quality system, which is the result of the sum of all the management function's actions, such as quality planning and quality improvement.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Fourie et al. (2000) proposed creating chances for academics to learn about teaching. Specifically, they advocate using dialogue tactics to encourage meaningful interactions among educators as a means of elevating current methods of instruction. The researcher also stresses the value of self-evaluation projects as the bedrock of quality control measures.

Newton (2000) argues that while launching a quality improvement project, it is essential to take into account the beliefs and standards held by academics. Academic staff engagement and involvement is crucial to the success of quality monitoring systems.

Karunakaran (2002) investigated the prevalence of a complete quality culture in Dharmapuri district's tertiary institutions. The survey concluded that the overall quality culture in Dharmapuri district's secondary schools is 79.9% of the highest attainable score.

Tasar & Çelik (2011): This study aims to examine the extent to which principals and teachers in elementary schools implement Total Quality Management (TQM) principles. The study was conducted with 30 school principals and 300 teachers working in public elementary schools in Adıyaman province. Researchers developed a questionnaire in consultation with experts to gather data. The collected data was analysed using the SPSS software package. The findings of the study indicate that both principals and teachers in elementary schools implement TQM principles in their professional practices. Additionally, it was observed that teachers have a higher level of implementation compared to principals regarding these principles.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their Gender
- To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their locality
- To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their types of management

HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

$H_0$1. There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their Gender.

$H_0$2. There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their Locality.

$H_0$3. There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their types of Management.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Researcher used descriptive survey method for conducting this present study.

Population: Teachers working both in Government and Private Elementary school teachers of Murshidabad district incorporated the target population of this present study.

Sample: 410 Government and Private elementary school teachers were selected as a sample for this study.

Sampling Technique: Stratified Simple Random sampling techniques was used while collecting the data.

Variable of the Study

Researcher has taken Total Quality Management as a quantitative variable and gender, locality, types of management and teaching experience as categorical variable.

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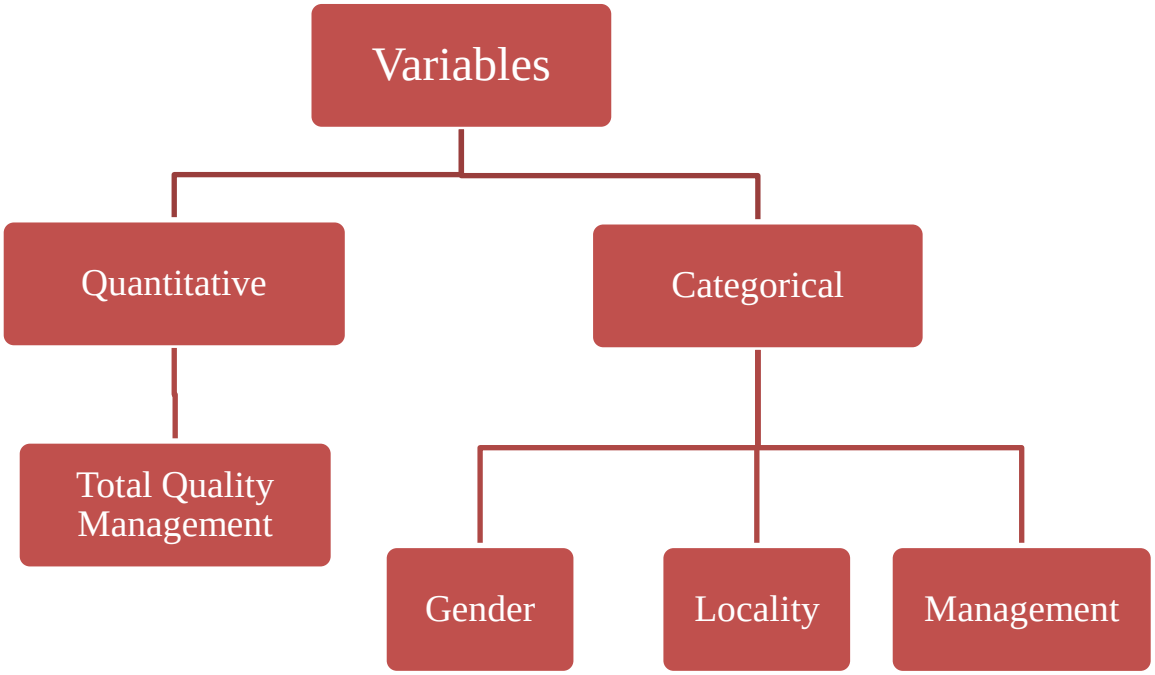


Fig 1: Variables of the Study

Table 1: Distribution of Sample for the present study

Sample	Categories of Sample	Sub Sample	size	Percentage
Elementary School Teachers	Gender	Male	276	67.3%
		Female	134	32.7%
	Locality	Rural	206	50.2%
		Urban	204	49.8%
	Management	Government	313	76.3%
		Private	97	23.7%
	Teaching Experience	Below 10 Years	304	74.1%
		Below 20 Years	85	20.7%
		Above 20 Years	21	5.1%

Source : (Research Results)

Research Tool: Researcher used Teachers Attitude towards Total Quality Management scale developed by researcher himself.

Statistical Technique: 'T' test and ANOVA were used while analysis the data.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF DATA

Objective 1

To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their Gender

$H_0$1. There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their Gender.

The details of the mean comparison of Total Quality Management of male and female Elementary school teachers have been scrutinized or analysed. And the details are given in the following

Table 2:'t' value obtained for TQM of Elementary School Teachers with respect to Gender

Variables	Gender	Mean	Standard Deviation	't' Value	'p' Value
Total Quality Management	Male	113.54	15.74	2.739	.006
	Female	117.89	13.60		

Note: '*' Sig at 0.05 level

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It has been observed from the above table 2 that researcher employed 't' test to see the mean comparison of Total Quality Management with respect to Gender. Here, the obtained 't' value for the variable Total Quality Management with regard to gender is 2.74 . Thus, **the null hypothesis $H_0$1 is rejected** because the "p value" .006 is < 0.05 level. The mean value of Total Quality Management of male and female elementary school teachers are 113.5 and 117.89 respectively. Thus we can say that Female Elementary school teachers have a more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Male Elementary school teachers. So, Male and Female Elementary school teachers differ significantly in their attitude towards Total Quality Management.

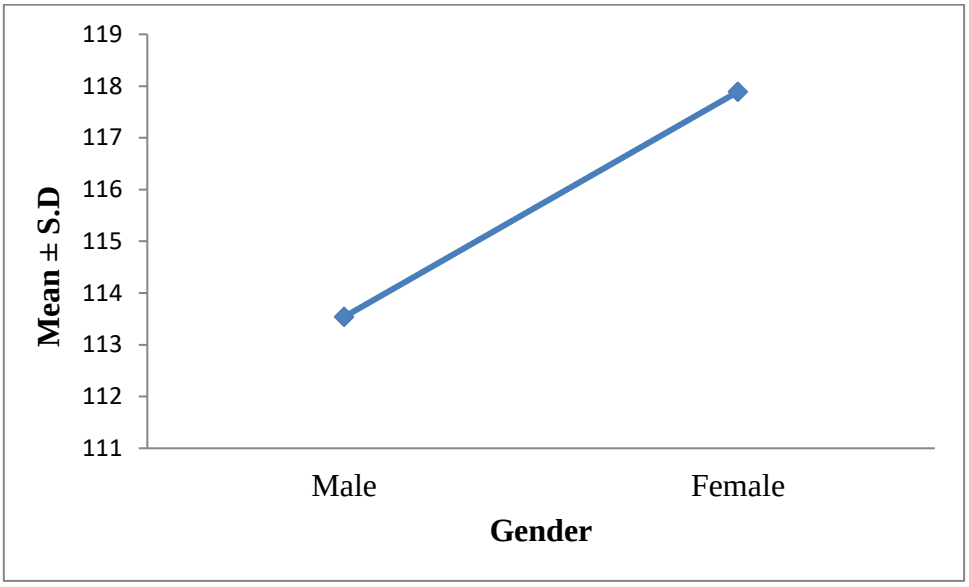


Figure 2: Representation of Mean ± S.D of Total Quality Management with related to Gender

Objective 2

To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their locality

$H_0$2: There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their Locality.

The details of the mean comparison of Total Quality Management of Rural and Urban Elementary school teachers have been scrutinized or analysed. And the details are given in the following

Table 3: 't' value obtained for TQM of Elementary School Teachers with respect to Locality.

Variable	Locality	Mean	Standard Deviation	't' Value	'p' Value
Total Quality Management	Rural	110.32	16.57	6.524	.000
	Urban	119.65	11.99		

Note: '*' Sig at 0.05level

It has been observed from the above table 3 that researcher employed 't' test to see the mean comparison of Total Quality Management with respect to Locality. Here, the obtained 't' value for the variable Total Quality Management with regard to Locality is 6.52. Thus, the null hypothesis $H_0$2 is being rejected because "p value" is < 0.05. The mean value of Total Quality Management of Rural and Urban Elementary School Teachers are 110.32 and 119.65 respectively. Thus we can say that Urban Elementary school teachers have a more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Rural Elementary school teachers. So, Rural and Urban Elementary school teachers differ significantly in their attitude towards Total Quality Management.

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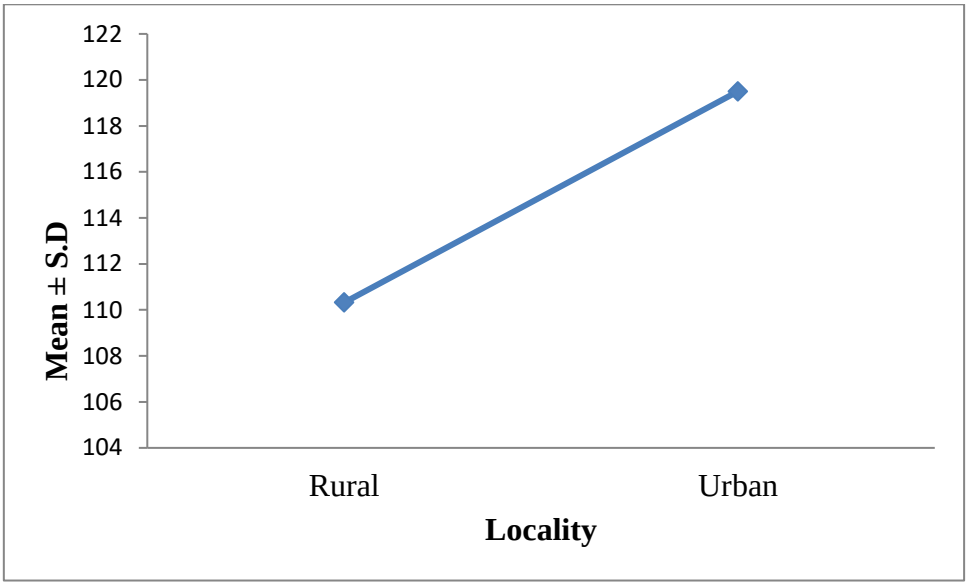


Figure 3: Representation of Mean ± S.D of Total Quality Management pertaining to Locality

Objective 3

To compare the Total Quality Management of elementary school teachers with pertaining to their types of management

$H_0$3: There would be no significant difference in Total Quality Management among Elementary school Teachers in relation to their types of Management.

The details of the mean comparison of Total Quality Management of Rural and Urban Elementary school teachers have been scrutinized or analysed. And the details are given in the following

Table 4:'t' value obtained for TQM of Elementary school teachers with respect to types of Management.

Variable	Management	Mean	Standard Deviation	't' Value	'p' Value
Total Quality Management	Government	112.24	15.64	6.873	.000
	Private	123.75	9.27		

Note: '*' Sig at 0.05 level

It has been observed from the above table 4 that researcher employed 't' test to see the mean comparison of Total Quality Management with respect to Types of Management. Here, the obtained 't' value for the variable Total Quality Management with regard to types of Management is 6.87. Thus, the null hypothesis $H_0$3 is being rejected because "p value" is < 0.05. The mean value of Total Quality Management of Government and Private Elementary School Teachers are 112.24 and 123.75 respectively. Thus we can say that Private Elementary school teachers have a more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Government Elementary school teachers. So, Government and Private Elementary school teachers differ significantly in their attitude towards Total Quality Management.

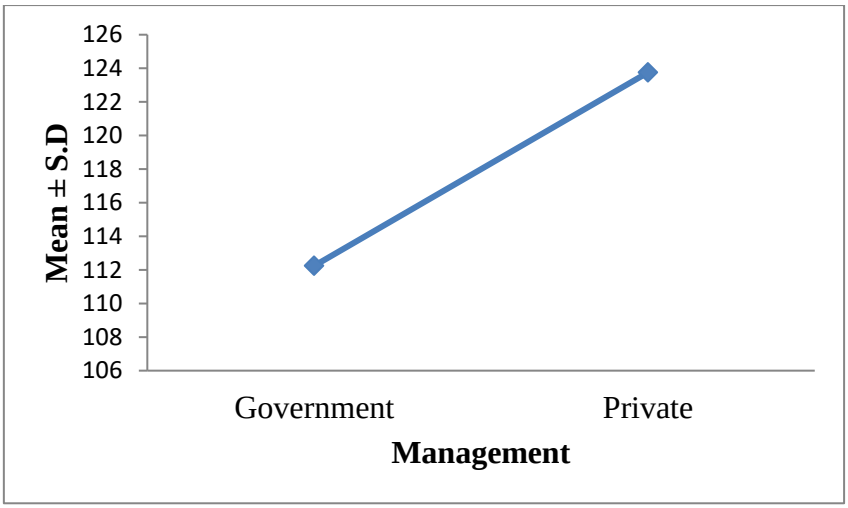


Figure 4: Representation of Mean ± S.D of Total Quality Management pertaining to types of Management

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FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- The Researcher observed a significant difference between Male and Female Elementary School Teachers towards Total Quality Management ('t' 2.74, p <0.05 level). It was also revealed from the study that Female Elementary school teachers (M = 117.89, SD = 13.60) had more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Male Elementary school teachers (M =113.54, SD = 15.74).
- The investigator found that there was a significant difference between Rural and Urban Elementary School Teachers concerning their Total Quality Management ('t' value 6.52, 'p' <0.05 level). It was very clear from the study that Urban Elementary school Teachers (119.65, SD = 11.99) had more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Rural Elementary School Teachers (M = 110.32, SD = 16.57).
- The Researcher found that there was a significant difference between Government and Private Elementary School Teachers with regards to Total Quality Management ('t' value 6.87, p > 0.05 level). This study also observed that Private Elementary School Teachers (M = 123.75 and SD=9.27) had more positive attitude towards Total Quality Management than Government Elementary School Teachers (M=112.24, SD=15.64).

CONCLUSIONS

Thus, we can conclude from the aforementioned discussion that demographic variables really play a vital role for enhancing the quality of education. Female elementary school teachers had more positive attitude towards total quality management than male counterpart. Locality had a positive impact for influencing the total quality management. Lastly, private elementary school teachers had more positive attitude towards TQM than government elementary school teachers.

Educational Implication

As the Total Quality Management talks about continuous improvement, team work, fostering collaboration, encouragement with a view to achieving the goal that is improving the quality as a whole. So faculty development programme, integration of technology in teaching learning process, improving the evaluation and assessment process may help to foster the teaching learning process effectively.

Involvement of every resource person in decision making process may boost up the work culture of an organization. Team work, motivation increases the positive self-concept of the teachers, so these things should be incorporated every now and then.

Some special training programme should be conducted for rural elementary school teachers to increasing their attitude towards total quality management.

Suggestions for Further Research

- This research was conducted in Murshidabad district, so other regions of the country may be selected for further study.
- This study was conducted on elementary level; further research can be done on high school level, high education level as well.
- Focused on only quantitative aspect, so it is suggested that further research can be investigated by using mixed method.

List of Abbreviations

TQM	**Total Quality Management**
EE	**Elementary Education**
NEP	**National Education Policy**

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THE HUMAN FACTOR: PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OF FIRST-TIME ENTREPRENEURS

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ABSTRACT

This research paper examines the psychological and emotional challenges encountered by first-time entrepreneurs. It explores the stressors of early stages, emotional rollercoasters, personality traits and motivational drivers. The coping mechanisms, role of support systems and strategies for overcoming hurdles are discussed. Furthermore, it looks at cultural influences before suggesting that mental health should be prioritized in entrepreneurship. Thus, these findings are meant to create a conducive atmosphere for entrepreneurs focusing on holistic well-being in their businesses.

KEYWORDS: *Entrepreneurship, psychological challenges, emotional resilience, first-time entrepreneurs, mental health awareness, cultural influences, business success.*

1. INTRODUCTION



Entrepreneurship, often celebrated as a driving force of innovation and economic growth, is a multifaceted journey that demands not only business acumen and strategic planning but also mental fortitude and emotional resilience. Within this dynamic landscape, it has become increasingly evident that the psychological challenges faced by entrepreneurs are as pivotal to their success as any operational or strategic decision. The journey from conceptualizing an idea to turning it into a thriving enterprise is fraught with uncertainties, setbacks and intense pressure, all of which can profoundly impact an entrepreneur's psychological well-being.

The significance of delving into the psychological challenges that entrepreneurs encounter cannot be overstated. By understanding the psychological landscape of entrepreneurship, we can uncover the intricacies of emotional highs and lows that entrepreneurs experience. These challenges are often not readily visible, yet they can significantly influence decision-making, risk-taking and ultimately the trajectory of a start-up. Recognizing the psychological aspects of entrepreneurship is crucial for creating a holistic support system that empowers entrepreneurs to navigate the demanding journey while maintaining their mental well-being.

While entrepreneurship, in general, presents psychological challenges, this paper focuses specifically on the experiences of first-time entrepreneurs. First-time entrepreneurs are particularly vulnerable to the psychological toll of the start-up journey due to their lack of prior experience and exposure to the intricacies of running a business. This paper seeks to illuminate the unique psychological challenges faced by these individuals as they embark on their entrepreneurial endeavours.

The primary purpose of this paper is to provide a comprehensive examination of the psychological challenges encountered by first-time entrepreneurs and to propose strategies for addressing these challenges.

2. THE ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY: PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL DIMENSIONS

A. PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESSORS IN EARLY STAGES: The early stages of entrepreneurship are often characterized by a myriad of psychological stressors that can influence an entrepreneur's mindset, decision-making and overall well-being.

- **Uncertainty and Risk Perception:** The uncertainty inherent in start-ups can trigger psychological distress. First-time entrepreneurs often grapple with the ambiguity surrounding market acceptance, financial stability and competitive dynamics. The fear of the unknown can lead to heightened stress levels, affecting an entrepreneur's confidence and clarity in making critical business decisions.
- **Fear of Failure and Its Impact:** The fear of failure is a pervasive psychological challenge for entrepreneurs. First-time entrepreneurs may harbour concerns about the consequences of failure, ranging from financial losses to reputational damage. This fear can impact risk-taking behaviour, hinder innovation and impede the exploration

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of new opportunities. It's crucial to understand how this fear influences an entrepreneur's mindset and decision-making processes.

B.EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The entrepreneurial journey is akin to a rollercoaster ride of emotions, marked by both exhilarating highs and disheartening lows.

- **Elation and Enthusiasm:** The initial stages of starting a venture often bring forth a sense of elation and enthusiasm. The prospect of bringing one's vision to life, achieving milestones, and receiving positive feedback can evoke feelings of accomplishment and joy. This emotional high can fuel motivation and commitment to the entrepreneurial path.
- **Disappointment and Frustration:** Entrepreneurship is not without its setbacks and disappointments. First-time entrepreneurs may face challenges such as product setbacks, market resistance, or financial hurdles. These hurdles can lead to feelings of frustration, self-doubt and even burnout. Recognizing and managing these negative emotions is crucial to maintaining psychological well-being and resilience.

3. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF FIRST-TIME ENTREPRENEURS

A.PERSONALITY TRAITS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The personality traits of first-time entrepreneurs play a pivotal role in shaping their attitudes, behaviours and responses to the challenges they encounter.

- **Traits such as Risk-taking and Resilience:** Entrepreneurship demands a certain degree of risk-taking and entrepreneurs with a propensity for calculated risk are more likely to embrace opportunities and overcome challenges. Additionally, resilience—the ability to bounce back from setbacks—is a vital trait that enables entrepreneurs to navigate failures and continue pursuing their goals.
- **Influence of Individual Differences on Coping Mechanisms:** Different personality traits influence an entrepreneur's preferred coping mechanisms. Some individuals may rely on problem-solving strategies, while others may turn to social support or emotional outlets. Understanding how these individual differences impact an entrepreneur's coping style is crucial for providing effective support.

B. MOTIVATIONAL DRIVERS: The motivations that drive individuals to become entrepreneurs are multifaceted and can significantly impact their psychological experiences on the entrepreneurial journey.

- **Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic Motivations:** Intrinsic motivations, such as a passion for the product or a desire for personal growth, are internal factors that fuel an entrepreneur's engagement and dedication. Extrinsic motivations, like financial gains or societal recognition, are external incentives that can shape an entrepreneur's priorities and decisions.
- **Impact of Motivations on Emotional Resilience:** The motivations that underpin an entrepreneur's venture influence their emotional resilience. Entrepreneurs driven by a strong intrinsic motivation are often more likely to weather challenges with determination and optimism. Conversely, those heavily reliant on extrinsic rewards may experience heightened stress when external outcomes are uncertain.

4. COPING MECHANISMS AND MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES

A. ADAPTIVE COPING STRATEGIES: Entrepreneurs often rely on coping mechanisms to navigate the demands of entrepreneurship. These strategies can be broadly categorized as problem-focused or emotion-focused, each with its unique benefits.

- **Problem-focused vs. Emotion-focused Coping:** Problem-focused coping involves tackling challenges head-on by identifying solutions and taking actionable steps. Entrepreneurs employing this approach address the root causes of stressors. Emotion-focused coping, on the other hand, centres on managing the emotional impact of stressors. Entrepreneurs may engage in relaxation techniques, mindfulness, or creative outlets to alleviate emotional distress.
- **Seeking Social Support and Mentorship:** One effective coping strategy is seeking support from a network of peers, mentors, or trusted individuals. Talking through challenges with others can provide perspective, validation and even practical solutions. Mentorship, in particular, offers the benefit of learning from experienced entrepreneurs who have navigated similar challenges.

B. PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AND MENTAL WELL-BEING: Psychological resilience is a key factor in an entrepreneur's ability to manage challenges and maintain mental well-being.

- **Resilience as a Buffer against Challenges:** Resilience refers to an individual's capacity to bounce back from adversity. Entrepreneurs with high levels of resilience are better equipped to handle setbacks, adapt to changes and maintain a positive outlook despite challenges. Building resilience is crucial for fostering mental strength and tenacity in the face of entrepreneurial stressors.
- **Self-care Practices and Stress Management:** Entrepreneurial endeavours can be all-consuming, often leading to neglect of self-care. Entrepreneurs are advised to engage in regular self-care practices, such as exercise, meditation, adequate sleep and leisure activities. Practising stress management techniques empowers entrepreneurs to navigate the emotional rollercoaster with a clear mind.

5. THE ROLE OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS

A. FAMILY AND SOCIAL SUPPORT: The support of family and friends, along with the ability to balance personal life with the demands of entrepreneurship, can significantly impact an entrepreneur's psychological well-being.

- **Balancing Entrepreneurship with Personal Life:** The entrepreneurial journey often demands extensive time and

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energy, potentially affecting personal relationships and well-being. Entrepreneurs must find ways to strike a balance between their business pursuits and their personal lives, fostering a healthier and more sustainable lifestyle.

- **Navigating Family Expectations and Support Dynamics:** Family dynamics and expectations can influence an entrepreneur's psychological experiences. Entrepreneurs might face pressure from family members to succeed, which can contribute to stress. Conversely, family support can provide emotional comfort and understanding, contributing to enhanced well-being.

B. ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM SUPPORT: Entrepreneurs also benefit from the broader entrepreneurial ecosystem, including peer interactions and institutional support.

- **Importance of Networking and Peer Interactions:** Networking with other entrepreneurs offers opportunities for shared experiences, advice and mutual support. Peer interactions provide a space for discussing challenges, gaining insights and realizing that one is not alone in facing entrepreneurial struggles.
- **Role of Incubators and Accelerators in Providing Resources:** Incubators and accelerators play a vital role in providing entrepreneurs with resources, mentorship and guidance. These institutions help entrepreneurs navigate challenges more effectively, thereby alleviating psychological stress and fostering a supportive environment for growth.

6. OVERCOMING PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL HURDLES

A. MINDFULNESS AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Mindfulness and emotional intelligence are valuable tools for enhancing self-awareness and emotional regulation.

- **Cultivating Self-awareness and Emotional Regulation:** Entrepreneurs can benefit from developing self-awareness regarding their emotional responses to various situations. Recognizing triggers and emotions enables them to respond more effectively and make informed decisions.
- **Mindfulness Practices for Stress Reduction:** Mindfulness involves being fully present in the moment and accepting it without judgment. Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and deep breathing, can help entrepreneurs reduce stress and enhance their ability to manage challenging situations.

B. SETTING REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Setting realistic expectations is crucial for managing psychological challenges and preventing burnout.

- **Managing Goal Attainment and Timelines:** Entrepreneurs often set ambitious goals, which can lead to stress when not met. Setting achievable milestones and timelines helps manage expectations and reduces the pressure to achieve rapid success.
- **Avoiding the Perfectionism Trap:** Perfectionism can contribute to undue stress and anxiety. Entrepreneurs should recognize that perfection is often unattainable and that embracing imperfections is a healthier approach to entrepreneurship.

7. CULTURAL AND CONTEXTUAL INFLUENCES

A.CROSS-CULTURAL VARIABILITY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL CHALLENGES

Different cultures have distinct norms and attitudes toward risk and success.

- **Cultural Norms and Attitudes toward Risk:** Cultural norms influence an entrepreneur's willingness to take risks. Some cultures celebrate risk-taking and entrepreneurship, while others may view failure negatively. Understanding these variations is essential for supporting entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds.
- **Entrepreneurial Stigma and Societal Pressures:** In some cultures, pursuing entrepreneurship might carry a stigma or societal pressure. Entrepreneurs facing such challenges need strategies to navigate these cultural dynamics.

B. SOCIOECONOMIC CONTEXT AND ENTREPRENEURIAL RESILIENCE:

The economic conditions of a region impact entrepreneurs' psychological well-being.

- **Impact of Economic Conditions on Psychological Well-being:** Economic downturns and uncertainties can amplify the stress experienced by entrepreneurs. Understanding these impacts can help entrepreneurs develop strategies to weather economic challenges.
- **Opportunities and Challenges for Entrepreneurs in Different Contexts:** Socioeconomic contexts offer both opportunities and challenges for entrepreneurs. Identifying these factors can inform effective strategies for overcoming barriers and leveraging available resources.

8. IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A.STRATEGIES FOR ENHANCING PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING AMONG ENTREPRENEURS: The psychological well-being of entrepreneurs is pivotal for their success and overall quality of life. Here are several strategies to help enhance their mental and emotional resilience:

- **Mindfulness and Emotional Regulation Workshops:** Organize workshops to introduce entrepreneurs to mindfulness techniques and emotional regulation strategies. These practices can empower entrepreneurs to manage stress and emotional fluctuations effectively.
- **Promotion of Work-Life Balance:** Encourage entrepreneurs to maintain a healthy work-life balance by setting boundaries and allocating time for personal activities. This can prevent burnout and foster a sustainable approach to entrepreneurship.
- **Peer Support Groups:** Establish peer support groups where entrepreneurs can openly discuss their challenges, share experiences and offer mutual support. These groups can provide a safe space for expressing feelings and seeking advice.

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B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND ECOSYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS: The support systems surrounding entrepreneurs—such as family, mentors, and ecosystem stakeholders—can significantly impact their psychological well-being. Recommendations include:

- **Family and Friends Education:** Educate the families and friends of entrepreneurs about the unique challenges they face. This awareness can lead to more empathetic and supportive relationships, reducing potential stressors.
- **Mentorship Programs:** Encourage the establishment of mentorship programs that pair experienced entrepreneurs with newcomers. Mentorship can provide guidance, a sounding board for ideas and emotional support.
- **Incubator and Accelerator Integration:** Integrate mental health resources within start-up incubators and accelerators. These institutions can provide not only business guidance but also access to counsellors, therapists, or wellness programs.

C. IMPORTANCE OF INTEGRATING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION: Educational programs for aspiring entrepreneurs should include modules focused on mental health awareness and coping strategies:

- **Incorporate Mental Health Curriculum:** Integrate mental health awareness and stress management modules into entrepreneurship courses. Educate future entrepreneurs about the psychological challenges they might face and how to address them.
- **Promote Self-care as a Skill:** Teach self-care practices as essential skills for entrepreneurs. Highlight the long-term benefits of emotional well-being on business success and longevity.

CONCLUSION

This study exposed a crucial aspect of entrepreneurship. It explores the complex psychological and emotional issues entrepreneurs confront, going beyond traditional business tales. Entrepreneurship is a thrilling journey with terrifying failures that go beyond market potential. Psychological pressures, emotional upheavals and first-time entrepreneurs' distinctive psychological profiles show how human experiences affect entrepreneurial achievements. This research provides entrepreneurs with vital coping techniques and mental health solutions to overcome their many problems. Understanding the value of personal and ecosystem-based support systems emphasises the importance of compassionate networks in maintaining resilience under uncertainty. Cultural and contextual aspects highlight the globalisation of entrepreneurship. Recognising cultural and socioeconomic differences in psychological reactions to obstacles highlights the need for a nuanced and inclusive approach to assisting entrepreneurs. The implications and suggestions in this study bridge the gap between identifying these issues and implementing change. This research establishes the framework for a more compassionate and sustainable business environment by promoting psychological well-being, support networks and mental health awareness in entrepreneurship education. In a time of rapid technological advancements and fierce market competition, this research emphasises the need to acknowledge, address and prioritise the human factor in shaping the entrepreneurial narrative and create an ecosystem that values and uplifts its participants' holistic well-being.

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AN EVALUATION OF ML TECHNIQUES ON NASDAQ DATASET FOR STOCK MARKET FORECASTING

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ABSTRACT

The uncertainty of stock pricing has popularized stock market prediction as a common practice. Forecasting prices in the market are viewed as problematic, as the hypothesis of efficient markets (EMH) explains. According to the EMH, all accessible information is represented in market prices, and price variations are only the consequence of newly available information. The approach to prediction forecasts the market as either positive or negative based on a variety of input parameters. A combination of derived, fundamental, and pure technical data is utilized in stock forecasts to project future stock prices. Algorithms for machine learning (ML) are made to find patterns in data and utilize those patterns to forecast future events. K Nearest Neighbour (KNN) can process relationships between the numerical data, it is particularly effective in numerical prediction problems for predicting changes in stock value the following day. KNN categorizes freshly input data according to how similar it is to previously taught data, and it does this by clustering the data into coherence subsets or clusters. Using the KNN approach in conjunction with technical analysis, the closest neighbour search strategy yielded the desired outcome.

KEYWORDS: *Hypothesis, K Nearest Neighbour, Prediction, Stock prices,*

I. INTRODUCTION

Financial data is thought to be difficult to anticipate or predict, which is why many firms are interested in researching stock market predictions. The EMH is seen as filling the disconnect between financial knowledge and the world of finance. According to the EMH, stocks are never out of balance and make it hard for innovators to make predictions. Moreover, it has been confirmed that share prices do not follow a random walk, and further data is needed to make accurate stock predictions. Apart from buying and selling shares and stocks in the market, every stock has additional characteristics besides price, such as closing price, which is the most crucial factor in predicting a particular stock's price the next day. Every factor that influences stock movements over time has a link and exhibits certain behavior. Predicting stock prices has taken into account a variety of economic elements, including political stability and other unforeseen events.

The fundamental data depicts the company's operations and the state of the market, the pure technical data is based on historical stock data [1]. We believe that by combining this data about a business with its shares, we ought to be able to forecast the stock's future price [2]. A data set can be divided into a training and a testing set for classification techniques that use ML algorithms. KNN compares a given test object with its training set of data using similarity measures. A record with n characteristics is represented by each data object. KNN chooses k training data set records that are most similar to the unknown records to forecast a class label for the unknown records. ML enhances prediction by learning from historical data, identifying patterns, and applying this knowledge to new data.

The rest of the article is planned as follows; section 2 will represent the review of some literature that has already been published on using KNN for stock prediction, section 3 will describe the research procedure used and analysis that was conducted, section 4 will show the description of the data used and the results we obtained, and finally the conclusion is seen in section 6

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Based on previous stock data, EMH theories state that the future stock price is unpredictable. When fresh data enters the system, the imbalanced stock is detected right away and swiftly removed with the appropriate price adjustment [3]. To predict the stock price in a semi-strong EMH, all available information is employed along with past data. The stock price is predicted using all available data in the strong EMH, including historical data as well as both public and private data like insider knowledge. However, the random walk theory contends that stock prices are independent of historical stock performance [4].

The author of the study [5] tried different lookback periods in their model to forecast future stock value and get more accurate predictions. Additionally, they have employed a variety of algorithms, including GRU and LSTM [6]. Using stock data from two well-known banks listed on the Nepal Stock Exchange (NEPSE), they discovered that GRU outperforms the other two models in terms of accuracy [7]. They have determined that a look-back time of five to fifteen provides findings that are significantly closer to the real value based on their examination of look-back periods.

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Searches for the optimal method among a set of algorithms in its library are carried out using the Fast Library for Approximate Nearest Neighbours (FLANN). Time series analysis is a widely used method because the stock market is a very time-dependent industry with minute-by-minute price fluctuations. The ARIMA (Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average) model, which was projected by [8], is a widely used technique for time-series modeling. However, because it is a linear model, it is not suitable for stock market prediction because it cannot account for the fluctuations in the data set caused by high market volatility.

The method of linear regression is classified as supervised learning in ML [9]. It predicts values well inside the range rather than categories; it creates a linear relationship among the dependent and independent variables; it is not very effective with non-linear data sets because of outliers; researchers have used this algorithm to predict stock market values and found that, when applied to daily stock values, there are significant issues that need to be addressed [10]. Information from the internet and economic news sources may have an impact on investor behavior, and stock movements may be predicted using ML algorithms [11-12]. The data sets are subjected to feature selection and spam tweet reduction to enhance prediction performance and quality.

An extensive investigation of the fundamental link between macroeconomic conditions and the KSE market has been conducted by the study reported in. Likewise, studies, such as [13], have shown that a person's mood is a major factor in their decision-making. If social media is used to gauge public sentiment, this may also be used to forecast how people would vote over whether to participate in the market and, consequently, how the market will perform.

Blockchain technology is being used by stock markets all around the world to transact business quickly. A portion of the nation is still getting ready to employ blockchain technology. The tracking of securities lending, margin financing, and system risk monitoring are all greatly enhanced by this technology [14]. Many banks and other financial institutions are devoting time and resources to this technology to enhance their offerings and give their customers safe and secure spaces. NASDAQ, Deutsche Bank, and DBS are a few well-known banks and financial organizations that have used blockchain technology [15].

III. METHODOLOGY

KNN is a straightforward and widely used ML technique primarily used for classification and regression tasks [16]. It works on the similarity principle, which holds that comparable occurrences will probably have similar results. KNN is a type of instance-based learning, meaning it does not construct an explicit model but instead memorizes the training dataset. When a prediction is needed for a new instance, the algorithm finds the K training examples closest in distance to the new instance. The closeness of instances is typically measured using distance metrics [17]. KNN averages the values of the K nearest neighbors to forecast the value for the new instance in regression problems.

KNN is a regression technique that forecasts a new data point's result by averaging the values of its K nearest neighbors [18]. This makes KNN regression effective and easy to understand. KNN regression doesn't assume any underlying data distribution. It directly uses the training data to make predictions [19]. The parameter K plays a crucial role in the algorithm's performance. A small K can lead to high variance (overfitting), while a large K can introduce high bias. However, its performance is highly dependent on the choice of K and the distance metric, and it can be computationally expensive.

Advantages of KNN Regression

- **Simplicity**: Easy to implement and understand.
- **Flexibility**: Can model complex relationships without requiring a parametric model.
- **Adaptability**: Suitable for various types of data, given an appropriate distance metric and K value.

Predicting stock prices is a complex task that can be approached using KNN regression. KNN can be applied to this task using Python and the scikit-learn library. The steps are mentioned in below table 1.

Table 1: Execution steps

Step 1:	**Import Libraries**: Essential libraries for data manipulation, modeling, and evaluation.
Step 2:	**Load and Preprocess the Data**: Read the dataset, select features, and split the data into training and testing sets.
Step 3:	**Apply KNN Regression**: Initialize the KNN regressor, train it on the training data, and predict the test data.
Step 4:	**Evaluate the Model**: Calculate the mean squared error to assess model performance and optionally visualize the results
Step 5:	**Optimize the Hyperparameters**: Use grid search with cross-validation to find the optimal number of neighbors (K).

IV. DATASET AND IMPLEMENTATION

The NASDAQ stock exchange provided the sample data, which was taken from Yahoo Finance. Seven chosen firms that were listed on the NASDAQ stock exchange had their stock data included in the study sample. The NASDAQ-listed stocks are represented in Table 2. The period of the data sample is from Jan 1, 2011, to April 16, 2017, each of these companies has six attributes including Date, Opening and adjusted closing price, High, Low, and state change of the stock. Based on the KNN algorithm, the primary component influencing the forecast process for a particular stock is the closing price. The details about the data used in training and testing are mentioned in Table 3.

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Table 2: The Stocks used that are listed in NASDAQ

Stock name	Company
AMTD	TD Ameritrade
AMZN	Amazon.com Inc
DIS	The Walt Disney Company
SBUX	Starbux
TWLO	Twilio
Yahoo In	Yahoo In

Table 3: Final result and accuracy

Stock	Data used	Accuracy (in %)
AMTD	Train: 2538 Test: 1308	72.31
AMZN	Train: 2575 Test: 1271	74.18
DIS	Train: 2536 Test: 1310	67.29
SBUX	Train: 2576 Test: 1270	68.53
TWLO	Train: 138 Test: 64	65.27

Fig 1 is the stock movement representation of AMTD and fig 2 represents the predicted and actual trend in stock prices. We have considered the stock representation for DIS in fig 3 and fig4 is the actual and predicted representation.

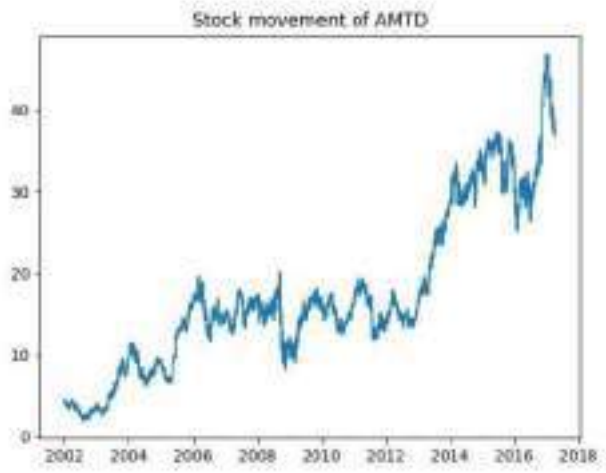


Figure 1: Stock movement representation of AMTD

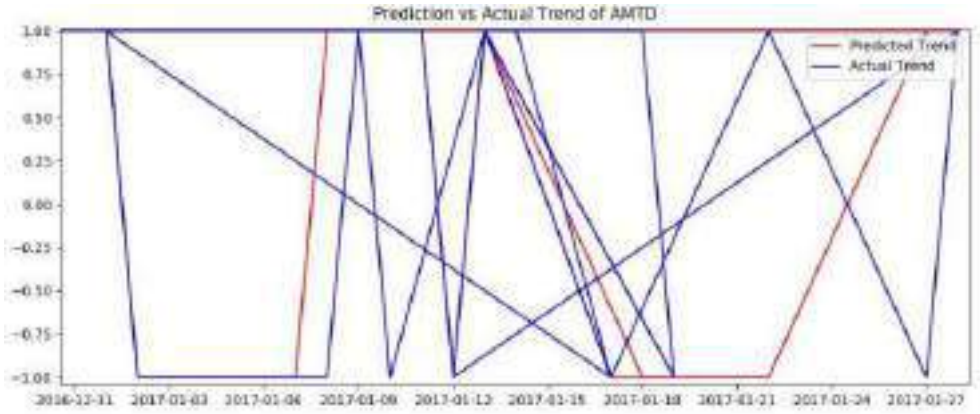


Figure 2: The predicted and actual trend in stock prices for AMTD.

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Figure 3: Stock movement representation of DIS

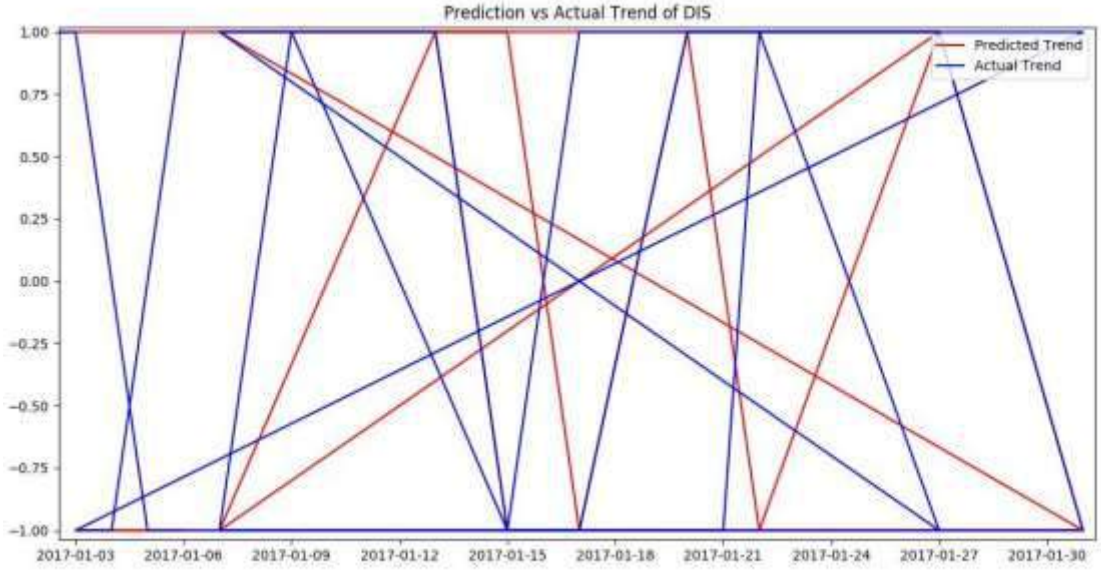


Figure 4: The predicted and actual trend in stock prices for DIS.

As depicted in the figures above, the prediction and the actual trend overlap in a lot of areas. The average accuracy of 70.236% is visible in the graphs. The fact that the actual and expected trends coincide indicates that the errors are quite tiny, meaning that the actual and predicted values are near to each other. This results in an excellent level of accuracy when utilizing the KNN to forecast the value of stocks.

V. CONCLUSION

The paper presents the results of a prediction technique applied to seven NASDAQ Stock Market-listed businesses. As a result, a solid model was created for the intended use with Yahoo Finance as the source of the data extraction. To conduct these tests on our training data sets, we used the prediction with, KNN using k=5. The findings were logical and understandable as KNN demonstrated high accuracy and stability. Furthermore, the outcomes of the predictions were quite close to the real values, based on data on actual stock prices. These logical outcomes for predictions using data mining techniques in practical situations suggest that decision-makers at different levels benefit from the usage of data mining techniques when employing KNN for statistical analysis of data. Therefore, we believe that KNN is a practical prediction model to use for stock forecasts. Moreover, this makes investments in the NASDAQ market less appealing, which would ultimately reduce the return on investment. The study also demonstrates how modern data mining methods provide the financial industry with insightful analysis of the stock market's predictions.

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SOURCE ANALYSIS OF THE MANUSCRIPT COPIES OF THE WORK "USUL AL-PAZDAWI"

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ABSTRACT
The article provides the information about Fakhrul-islam Pazdawi's book "Usul" which is famous in the science of usul al-fiqh and its manuscripts. The differences and advantages of the manuscript copies in the world book funds and in Tashkent libraries have been noted.

KEYWORDS: *Fakhrul-Islam, faqih, usul al-fiqh, Hanafi, hadith, commentary, manuscript, takhrij.*

The ancient town of "Pazda" or "Bazda" located in the Kashkadarya, despite being a small area, oasis was one of the centers of science in the early Middle Ages. There are also many scholars who worked in different fields of science with Pazdawi nisab. They made a significant contribution to the development of science through their works. Abul Hasan Ali Pazdawi ibn Muhammad ibn Husain ibn Abdulkarim ibn Musa ibn Isa ibn Mujahid ibn Abdullah was one of the great scholars of Pazda and was born in Pazda around 400/1009. Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi died in Kesh in 482/1089 after 80 years. The scientist lived in Central Asia in the 11th century, when science was developed, and he was honored with the title of "Fakhrul-Islam" (Pride of Islam) by scholars because he had a deep knowledge of all the sciences of his time, educated many students, and published important scientific works on Islamic law and philosophy.

Even though Fakhrul-Islam Ali Pazdawi's scientific and political activities coincided with a period of growing conflict between the Karakhani and Seljuk sultans, many historians indicate that his career was pretty productive. For example, Shamsiddin Zahabi (1275-1348) wrote: "Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi is a scholar who wrote great works", while Abdulhay Laknawi (1848-1887) says that "Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi's works are many and all of them are important sources"[1].

19 works of Pazdawi have been identified, and about ten of them have reached us. The issues raised in the works of the scientist have their scientific significance even now. The scholar's masterpiece "Usul al-Pazdawi" (Rules of Method) is considered to be the third of the first sources in the Hanafi legal system dedicated to the theory of Muslim law . The Iraqi scholar Abu Bakr Jassos wrote before him (d. H.370/981) the work "al-Fusul fi-l-usul" (Chapters on the Method) has the task of summarizing the views and arguments of the Hanafi legal system and our compatriot Abu Zayd Dabusi (978-1038) the work "Taqwim al-adilla" (Strengthening the evidence) was aimed at analyzing and justifying the specific differences of this system with other directions[2]. The third source in the field is in the writing of Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi's work "Usul":

وهذا الكتاب لبيان النصوص بمعانيها وتعريف الأصول بفروعها على شرط الإيجاز والاختصار إن شاء الله تعالى وما توفيقي إلا بالله عليه توكلت وإليه أنيب حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل

The author stated in his introduction that "This book is a concise and brief description of Shari'ah documents, their meanings, procedural rules and practical issues"[3]. Dr. Abul Wafa Afghani, one of the scholars of the Muslim legal system, wrote in this source that the subjects of the science were edited and corrected, and the conclusions made by selecting the most superior views became the basis of the jurists and were evaluated as the "muttafaqun alayh" (accepted by all scholars) view of the madhhab[4].

The reason why Pazdawi did not give a special name to the work is that in most manuscripts it is recorded under the name "**اصول البزدوي** – Pazdawi's method book". In the preface, the author simply used the phrase *"this book"* (هذا الكتاب – *hazal kitab*) to the work: "This book – with the help of God - was written in order to briefly and succinctly describe the sharia documents with their meanings and to explain the procedural rules with practical examples"[5].

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The work **كنز الوصول الي معرفة الاصول** - "Kanz al-wusul ila marifati-l-usul" was first used by Ismail Pasha (d. 1920) in his "Izah al-maknun" (Explanation of Hidden Meanings) and "Hadyat al-arifin" (Beacon of Oriflar) cited in the works of the catalog[6]. It is noteworthy that Ismail Pasha wrote the work "Izah al-maknun" as a commentary on Haji Khalifa's famous work "Kashf az-zunun" as a result of 30 years of research in the world's book funds, and he found the name "Kanz al-vusul ila marifat al-usul" in a reliable source. It is recorded with this name in the registers of the next period and modern editions[7].

The modern edition of the work "Usul" was prepared by Dr. Said ibn Muhammad Yahya Bektash of the University of Madina and was published by the "Dar al-Siraj" printing house in Madina in 2016. The total volume of the publication consists of 836 pages, and instead of the commentary, Hafiz Abulfida Qasim ibn Qutlubuga (d. 879/1474) dedicated to the study of hadiths and messages in Usul al-Pazdawi "Tahrij ahadis Usul al-Pazdawi" (The hadiths in Usul al-Pazdawi) identification) is published. The text of this work is based on the autograph manuscript copy written personally by the author Kasim ibn Qutlubuga in 859/1455 and the manuscript copies copied by his student Muhammad ibn Imran in 864/1460[8].

It can be seen that the work "Method" gained the attention of scientific circles even during the author's time, as it is comprehensive despite its brevity. Dr. Said Bektash, who prepared the modern edition of the source, made a comparative analysis of the "Usul" works of Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi and his contemporary Shamsul-Aimma Sarakhsi (d. 1090), and identified many similar information and distributions between them, and Sarakhsi published his work shortly before his death - Relying on the historical evidence that he tried to write in Shawwal 479 (February 1087), Shamsul-aimma Sarakhsi concludes that he used Pazdawi 's book of the same name for the work "Usul"[9].

The catalog of manuscripts prepared by the research institution "Oli Bait Islamic Knowledge and Culture" in the Kingdom of Jordan contains information about 108 manuscripts of Fakhrul-Islam Pazdawi's work "Usul" stored in the world's book funds. Among them, the copy copied in the period closest to the author is a copy made by Muhammad ibn Ishaq al-Razi in 546/1151, 62 years after Pazdawi 's death, and the colophon contains an ijaza (certificate) given by his teacher to read this book. The work is stored in the "Awqaf al-omma" book fund in Baghdad under the number 3551 and consists of 212 pages. The manuscripts of the work copied in 612/1218 and now kept in the "Valiuddin Jorullah" library in Istanbul with number 506 and copied in 651/1253 and now kept in the National Library of Paris with number 836 are the oldest copies of the next level. Also, in the colophon of the manuscript number 270 kept in the "Konya National Library" it is written "on Friday 12 Jumodul 692 (April 14, 1293) Mahmud ibn Mahmud ibn Hajjaj Samarkandi completed copying at the Madrasa Osmaniya in Damascus"[10]. Two manuscripts of the work with numbers 3808 and 3750 are kept at Princeton University, New Jersey, USA, and the first of them was copied by Muhammad ibn Ahmad ibn Muhammad Ghuri Tabrizi in 713/1313, and the next one by Khizr ibn Ramazan Rumi in 724/1323[11]. "Usul al-Pazdawi" reached 62 years after the author's death in the city of Ray, Iran, later in Damascus, Tabriz, as far as Rum (Turkey), according to the scribes of this manuscript.

At the same time, there are 3 manuscript copies of the work in the manuscript fund of the Institute of Oriental Studies in Tashkent and 1 in the library of the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan. In particular, the manuscript number 4739 kept in the main fund of the Institute of Oriental Studies was copied by the scribe Shams ibn Ustad Khurdak al-Haffi in the month of Ramadan 776 Hijri (February 1375). Available on several pages It is known that the seal with the inscription "Waqf az kutubi Khoja Muhammad Porso" **وقف از كتب خواجه محمد پارسا** (from the library endowment of Khoja Muhammad Porso) and the manuscript dated 1255/1839 were handed over to the library of Khoja Muhammad Porso as a foundation in this year. The manuscript is copied in suls letter, divided into chapters with larger letters, but no titles are placed, in the margin there are quotations from the review of the work "Kashf al-asrar"[12].

A rare manuscript of the work "Usul" with inventory number 677 is kept in the Muslim Board of Uzbekistan. Its advantage over other copies is that the writing is clear and beautiful. It was copied in naskh khati, decorated with elements of talik khati. Because the letters are large, there are only 7 lines on the page , and from 268-a sheet there are 9 lines. Page 1 contains information about the work and the author Fakhrul-Islam Ali Pazdawi, the main text begins on page 1 and ends on page 346 with the topic **"باب المعارضة** - Bab al-Mu'araza". This means that the second half of the work does not exist, which means that the copy is incorrect. On pages 1-a and 1-b **" قطب الدين"** There is a seal with the inscription "Qutbiddin". The size of the manuscript is 19x28 cm, the case has been repaired in a modern style. Although there is no information about the source's author and date of copying, it can be assumed that its paper and writing style belong to the 17th century[13].

In conclusion, from Islamic law to covering topics ranging from decency to moral standards study of the work "Usul al-Pazdawi" on the science of jurisprudence, it is now before the

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people of science to bring it to the public attention is one of the urgent tasks. After all, the issues and discussions raised in the work are still relevant today. This article is a prelude to the work to be done in this regard. We hope that, its modern edition and translation into our mother tongue will be made in the future.

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THE ROLE OF EDUCATORS IN THE LIFE OF THE PROTAGONIST IN "DAVID COPPERFIELD" BY CHARLES DICKENS

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ANNOTATION

This article delves into the significant role of educators in shaping the life of David Copperfield, the protagonist of Charles Dickens' novel. Through detailed analysis and supporting quotations from the text, it explores the contrasting influences of figures like Mr. Creakle, Dr. Strong, Mr. Micawber, Aunt Betsey Trotwood, and Agnes Wickfield. The article highlights the importance of compassion, encouragement, and moral guidance in education, reflecting Dickens' own views on personal development.

KEY WORDS: *David Copperfield, teachers, influence, education, autobiographical, moral guidance, support, compassion, learning environment, personal development, mentors.*

Ch. Dickens created his hero David Copperfield as a boy influenced greatly by a variety of educators throughout his life. From all of those people appearing in the novel David takes a lesson that changes his character in the future, making him an individual able to make independent decisions. The book, which is mostly autobiographical, follows David as he grows from a difficult upbringing to adulthood, with many teachers having an impact on his progress. These teachers take many different shapes; they might be formal schoolmasters, mentors, or even parents, and they all have a unique impact on David's life.[1]

In "David Copperfield", Charles Dickens vividly shows the significant influence that educators, in their diverse forms, may have on a person's life. David's path is greatly influenced by the people who teach and coach him, from Mr. Micawber and Aunt Betsey to Dr. Strong's caring advice and the strict discipline of Mr. Creakle. These connections highlight the value of moral direction, support, and compassion in education, and they are consistent with Dickens' own beliefs about the vital role that teachers play in helping people grow as individuals. [2]

Mr. Creakle, the headmaster of Salem House, the boarding school David is taken to when his mother dies, is among the most important teachers in David's early years. Mr. Creakle is a ruthless and violent person who rules the school with an iron grip. severe methods and use of punishment instill dread in them. David feels that Mr. Creakle's school is a place of sorrow, which has contributed to his early sentiments of powerlessness and abandonment. [3] The author describes him as an abusive bully with no greater purpose in life than to punish boys; he has about as much interest in education and scholarship as a rock does.

The book paints a clear picture of Mr. Creakle's abusive personality. "Now, boys, this is a new half," declared Mr. Creakle, "a fierce-looking gentleman with a thick nose and a bunch of seals on his watch-chain," as he entered the room, wrote Dickens. Be careful with what you're pursuing there." [4] Mr. Creakle's roughness leaves a bad impression on David during his stay at Salem House: "I felt as if I had been loaded with chains, and was expected to pull against the whole world." [5]

David is deeply troubled by the harshness of his current therapy, which focuses on the harmful effects of abusive teaching practices. His early education at Salem House was marred by Mr. Creakle's domineering style, leaving the students terrified of his severe discipline. David's time with Mr. Creakle is marked by terror and a dearth of real education, highlighting the harm that an abusive authority figure can do to a child's growth.

The next character in the novel, Dr. Strong, as opposed to Mr. Creakle, has a good educational influence in David's life. David is later sent to a school in Canterbury where Dr. Strong is the headmaster.[6] Dr. Strong is a wise and caring teacher who genuinely prioritizes his students' academic success and overall well-being. Under Dr. Strong's guidance, David flourishes both academically and personally. Dr. Strong's kindness and encouragement foster a love of learning in David, boosting his confidence and demonstrating the transformative power of a supportive teacher.

David expresses warm feelings towards Dr. Strong: "He was an upright man, white haired, and a gentle old man. He was calm and solemn, and it appeared from the careful attention to detail that he had good reason to be cautious." [7] Dr. Strong's nurturing guidance increases a love of learning in David. Unlike the harsh atmosphere of Salem House, Dr. Strong's

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school provides a positive and supportive environment, emphasizing the importance of compassion in education. David thrives emotionally and academically under Dr. Strong's care, highlighting the essential role of a supportive learning environment in a child's development.

While not a traditional educator, Mr. Micawber serves as a mentor and role model for David, inspiring him with his unwavering optimism and resilience in the face of hardship. Mr. Micawber's life lessons, rooted in his perseverance through financial struggles, teach David valuable life lessons that extend beyond formal education. Despite his present difficulties, he frequently speaks grandly about his hopes for the future, saying things like "Something will turn up!"

David gains important insights about tenacity and hope from Mr. Micawber and respects his unwavering attitude. For David to overcome his personal obstacles, these life lessons are essential.

One more warm-hearted character who played a great role in the hero's life is his great-aunt Betsey Trotwood. Though in a different way, Betsey Trotwood, also has a significant teaching function. Aunt Betsey gives David stability, support, and the resources to pursue a decent education after saving him from Mr. Murdstone, his abusive stepfather. David learns from her the virtues of independence, self-respect, and the necessity of making wise decisions. David receives guidance from her during various crucial points in his life, which highlights the importance of non-traditional instructors in helping individuals grow personally. Her tough love and practical wisdom.[8]

Aunt Betsey's intervention in David's life gives him the stability and support he desperately needs. David will have a better life because of her determination, as she states, "I'll take care of you, child, and you shall take care of me." [9]

Aunt Betsy guides David towards responsible adulthood by valuing his independence and offering practical wisdom. David deeply appreciates her firm affection and guidance, recognizing their crucial role in his development. Beyond financial support, Aunt Betsy provides David with the emotional stability and practical guidance he needs to thrive. Her desire for him to be independent and self-sufficient prepares him for a successful future.

David's close friend and future wife, Agnes Wickfield, acts as both an emotional healer and a moral compass. Agnes is a perfect example of morality, tolerance, and compassion throughout the entire book. David finds her resolute support and calm strength invaluable in navigating the intricacies of his relationships and emotions. David's character is shaped by Agnes's subtle yet significant impact, which also helps him become a more self-aware and kinder person.[10]

Agnes provides David with emotional support and moral guidance. She inspires and soothes everyone around her: "She was so true, so beautiful, so good, I owed her so much gratitude."

Agnes Wickfield's unwavering and moral presence is a pillar of David's existence. She has a great impact on him, guiding him with her moral clarity and wisdom: "Her eyes are bright, and I know they are directed at me, even though her words are few and simple." [11]

In conclution, in "David Copperfield," Charles Dickens skillfully demonstrates the significant influence that educators may have on a person's growth. He shows that not only teachers can educate children, but various kinds of surrounding personalities may also contribute on the upbringing of young minds. Dickens illustrates a range of teaching influences, from the repressive to the caring, through characters like Mr. Creakle, Dr. Strong, Mr. Micawber, Aunt Betsey, and Agnes Wickfield. Dr. Strong's benevolence emphasizes the transformational power of loving guidance, while Mr. Creakle's harshness serves as a warning against the destructive possibilities of abusive control.[12] The strength and optimism of Mr. Micawber, the practical wisdom and tough love of Aunt Betsey, the moral rectitude and emotional support of Agnes Wickfield, and their combined character all highlight the value of a variety of educational experiences in the process of personal development. These connections not only mold David's personality and course in life, but they also reveal Dickens'own opinions regarding the vital role that teachers play in promoting moral and intellectual growth. Readers are reminded of the priceless importance mentors, in all its forms, play in molding our lives and assisting us in becoming more mature and self-aware through David's path.

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EXPLORING THE ROLE OF MYCORRHIZAL SYMBIOSIS IN ORCHID CONSERVATION AND PROPAGATION: A FOCUS ON ENDANGERED SPECIES

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ABSTRACT

Mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in the conservation and propagation of orchids, especially endangered species, by enhancing nutrient uptake, seed germination, and stress tolerance. This study aims to explore the specific interactions between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi to develop conservation strategies and improve propagation techniques. Field surveys and laboratory experiments will be conducted to identify and characterize the mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchids. The effects of mycorrhizal symbiosis on seed germination, seedling growth, and nutrient acquisition will be assessed under controlled conditions. The impact of habitat degradation and fragmentation on mycorrhizal associations will also be investigated. The findings of this research could contribute to the development of mycorrhizal-based biotechnologies for orchid conservation and propagation, highlighting the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid biology and ecology.

INTRODUCTION

Orchids are one of the largest families of flowering plants, renowned for their diverse forms and stunning floral displays. They are found in almost every habitat on Earth, from tropical rainforests to Arctic tundra. Despite their wide distribution, many orchid species are facing extinction due to habitat loss, climate change, and illegal trade. Conservation efforts are therefore crucial to protect these charismatic plants and their ecosystems.

Mycorrhizal symbiosis, a mutually beneficial association between plants and fungi, is known to play a vital role in the life cycle of orchids. Most orchids form symbiotic relationships with mycorrhizal fungi, particularly those belonging to the families Rhizophoraceae and Tuberaceae. These fungi colonize the roots of orchids, forming specialized structures called mycorrhizae, which facilitate the exchange of nutrients between the fungus and the plant.

One of the key benefits of mycorrhizal symbiosis for orchids is enhanced nutrient uptake, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, which are often limiting factors in plant growth. The fungi help orchids access these nutrients by breaking down organic matter in the soil and transferring the nutrients to the plant. Mycorrhizal symbiosis also plays a crucial role in orchid seed germination, as the fungi provide essential nutrients and hormones that stimulate seedling growth.

In addition to nutrient uptake, mycorrhizal symbiosis can also enhance the tolerance of orchids to environmental stresses, such as drought, salinity, and heavy metals. The fungi help orchids cope with these stresses by increasing their water and nutrient uptake efficiency and by producing compounds that protect the plants from stress-induced damage.

Despite the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis for orchid conservation and propagation, the specific interactions between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi, especially in endangered species, are not well understood. This study aims to fill this knowledge gap by investigating the diversity and function of mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchid species. The findings of this research could have significant implications for orchid conservation and propagation, providing insights into how mycorrhizal symbiosis can be harnessed to protect these iconic plants and their habitats.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Orchids are known for their exquisite beauty and ecological significance, making them a subject of fascination for botanists, horticulturists, and conservationists alike. Mycorrhizal symbiosis, a mutualistic association between plants and fungi, plays a crucial role in the life cycle of orchids, influencing their growth, development, and ecological interactions. Understanding the dynamics of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchids is therefore essential for their conservation and propagation, particularly in the context of endangered species.

Mycorrhizal associations in orchids are primarily of two types: ectomycorrhizae (EM) and endomycorrhizae (AM). Ectomycorrhizae are characterized by a fungal sheath surrounding the root tip, while endomycorrhizae penetrate the root cells, forming arbuscules or vesicles. Orchids predominantly form endomycorrhizal associations, specifically with fungi belonging to the genera Rhizophoraceae and Tuberaceae.

The mycorrhizal fungi associated with orchids play a crucial role in nutrient acquisition, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, which are often limited in terrestrial environments. These fungi have the ability to break down complex organic compounds in the soil, releasing nutrients that are then taken up

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by the orchid. This nutrient acquisition strategy is particularly important for orchids, which often grow in nutrient-poor habitats.

In addition to nutrient acquisition, mycorrhizal symbiosis also influences other aspects of orchid biology, such as seed germination and seedling establishment. Mycorrhizal fungi provide essential nutrients and hormones that stimulate seed germination and seedling growth, making them indispensable for the early stages of orchid development.

The role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid conservation and propagation has been widely recognized. Studies have shown that orchids grown in symbiosis with mycorrhizal fungi exhibit higher survival rates and better growth compared to those grown without fungi. This has led to the development of mycorrhizal inoculation techniques for orchid propagation, which have shown promising results in improving the success rate of orchid reintroduction programs.

Despite the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid biology, there are still many gaps in our understanding of the specific interactions between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi, especially in endangered species. Further research is needed to elucidate these interactions and their implications for orchid conservation and propagation.

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify Mycorrhizal Fungi: Characterize the diversity and abundance of mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchid species, focusing on those with high conservation priority.
2. Assess Symbiotic Relationships: Investigate the specific interactions between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi, including the formation of mycorrhizal structures and nutrient exchange mechanisms.
3. Study Seed Germination: Evaluate the role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid seed germination, including the effects of different mycorrhizal fungi on germination success and seedling establishment.
4. Analyze Nutrient Uptake: Determine the impact of mycorrhizal symbiosis on nutrient uptake in orchids, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, and compare nutrient levels in mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal plants.
5. Assess Stress Tolerance: Investigate the role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in enhancing orchid tolerance to environmental stresses, such as drought, salinity, and heavy metals.
6. Develop Conservation Strategies: Based on the findings, develop conservation strategies that utilize mycorrhizal inoculation to enhance the survival and growth of endangered orchid species in their natural habitats.
7. Improve Propagation Techniques: Explore the potential of mycorrhizal inoculation as a means to improve orchid propagation techniques, particularly for species with low germination rates or high seedling mortality.
8. Contribute to Conservation Efforts: Provide insights and recommendations that can contribute to the conservation and management of endangered orchid species, emphasizing the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in their survival and reproduction.

METHODOLOGY

1. Sample Collection: Collect root samples from endangered orchid species in their natural habitats, ensuring representation from different populations and environmental conditions.
2. Mycorrhizal Fungi Identification: Isolate and identify mycorrhizal fungi from orchid root samples using molecular techniques, such as DNA sequencing and phylogenetic analysis.
3. Symbiotic Relationship Assessment: Use microscopy to observe and characterize the mycorrhizal structures formed between orchid roots and mycorrhizal fungi, including arbuscules and vesicles.
4. Seed Germination Experiments: Conduct seed germination experiments in the presence of different mycorrhizal fungi to assess their effects on germination success and seedling growth.
5. Nutrient Uptake Analysis: Use isotope labeling techniques to quantify nutrient uptake in mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal orchid plants, focusing on phosphorus and nitrogen.
6. Stress Tolerance Assessment: Subject mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal orchid plants to environmental stresses, such as drought and salinity, and monitor their growth and survival rates.
7. Conservation Strategy Development: Based on the findings, develop conservation strategies that utilize mycorrhizal inoculation to enhance the survival and growth of endangered orchid species in their natural habitats.
8. Propagation Technique Improvement: Explore the potential of mycorrhizal inoculation as a means to improve orchid propagation techniques, particularly for species with low germination rates or high seedling mortality.

DATA COLLECTION

1. **Sample Collection:** Root samples from endangered orchid species were collected from their natural habitats, ensuring representation from different populations and environmental conditions.
2. **Mycorrhizal Fungi Identification:** Mycorrhizal fungi associated with orchid roots were isolated and identified using molecular techniques, such as DNA sequencing and phylogenetic analysis.
3. **Symbiotic Relationship Assessment:** Microscopic examination was conducted to observe and characterize the mycorrhizal structures formed between orchid roots and mycorrhizal fungi, including arbuscules and vesicles.
4. **Seed Germination Experiments:** Seed germination experiments were performed in the presence of different mycorrhizal fungi to assess their effects on germination success and seedling growth.
5. **Nutrient Uptake Analysis:** Nutrient uptake in mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal orchid plants was

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quantified using isotope labeling techniques, focusing on phosphorus and nitrogen.

6. **Stress Tolerance Assessment:** Mycorrhizal and non-mycorrhizal orchid plants were subjected to environmental stresses, such as drought and salinity, and their growth and survival rates were monitored.
7. **Conservation Strategy Development:** Based on the findings, conservation strategies utilizing mycorrhizal inoculation to enhance the survival and growth of endangered orchid species were developed.
8. **Propagation Technique Improvement:** The potential of mycorrhizal inoculation as a means to improve orchid propagation techniques, particularly for species with low germination rates or high seedling mortality, was explored.

DATA INTERPRETATION

The data collected from the study on the role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid conservation and propagation provide valuable insights into the interactions between orchids and mycorrhizal fungi, particularly in endangered species.

The identification of mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchid species revealed a diverse array of fungal taxa, with species belonging to the families Rhizophoraceae and Tuberaceae being predominant. This indicates a high level of specificity in the mycorrhizal associations of these orchids, highlighting the importance of these fungi for orchid survival and growth.

Microscopic examination of mycorrhizal structures in orchid roots showed the presence of well-developed arbuscules and vesicles, indicating active nutrient exchange between the fungi and the plants. This suggests that mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in nutrient uptake in orchids, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, which are often limiting factors in their growth.

Seed germination experiments demonstrated that mycorrhizal symbiosis significantly enhances seed germination rates and seedling growth in orchids. Seeds inoculated with mycorrhizal fungi showed faster germination and higher survival rates compared to non-inoculated seeds, indicating the importance of these fungi in the early stages of orchid development.

Nutrient uptake analysis revealed that mycorrhizal orchid plants exhibit higher nutrient levels, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, compared to non-mycorrhizal plants. This suggests that mycorrhizal symbiosis enhances nutrient acquisition in orchids, which is crucial for their growth and survival in nutrient-poor habitats.

Stress tolerance assessments demonstrated that mycorrhizal orchid plants exhibit higher tolerance to environmental stresses, such as drought and salinity, compared to non-mycorrhizal plants. This indicates that mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a key role in enhancing orchid resilience to environmental pressures, which is particularly important for the conservation of endangered species.

Overall, the data suggest that mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in orchid conservation and propagation, enhancing nutrient uptake, seed germination, and stress tolerance in endangered orchid species. These findings highlight the importance of preserving and promoting mycorrhizal associations in orchids for their conservation and management.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Diversity of Mycorrhizal Fungi: The study identified a diverse range of mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchid species, with species from the families Rhizophoraceae and Tuberaceae being the most prevalent. This highlights the specificity of mycorrhizal associations in orchids and the importance of these fungi for orchid conservation.
2. Role in Nutrient Uptake: Microscopic analysis of mycorrhizal structures in orchid roots revealed well-developed arbuscules and vesicles, indicating active nutrient exchange between the fungi and the plants. This suggests that mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in nutrient uptake in orchids, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen.
3. Seed Germination Enhancement: Seed germination experiments demonstrated that mycorrhizal symbiosis significantly enhances seed germination rates and seedling growth in orchids. Seeds inoculated with mycorrhizal fungi showed faster germination and higher survival rates compared to non-inoculated seeds.
4. Nutrient Acquisition: Nutrient uptake analysis showed that mycorrhizal orchid plants have higher nutrient levels, particularly phosphorus and nitrogen, compared to non-mycorrhizal plants. This indicates that mycorrhizal symbiosis enhances nutrient acquisition in orchids, which is crucial for their growth and survival.
5. Stress Tolerance: Stress tolerance assessments demonstrated that mycorrhizal orchid plants exhibit higher tolerance to environmental stresses, such as drought and salinity, compared to non-mycorrhizal plants. This indicates that mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a key role in enhancing orchid resilience to environmental pressures.
6. Conservation Implications: The findings of this study have important implications for the conservation and propagation of endangered orchid species. They highlight the importance of preserving and promoting mycorrhizal associations in orchids to enhance their nutrient uptake, seed germination, and stress tolerance, ultimately contributing to their conservation and management.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study provide valuable insights into the role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid conservation and propagation, particularly in endangered species. The diversity of mycorrhizal fungi associated with endangered orchids indicates a high level of specificity in these interactions, highlighting the importance of these fungi for orchid survival and growth. The presence of well-developed mycorrhizal structures in orchid roots suggests active nutrient exchange between the fungi and the plants, which is crucial for nutrient uptake in orchids, especially phosphorus and nitrogen.

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The enhanced seed germination rates and seedling growth observed in mycorrhizal orchids indicate the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in the early stages of orchid development. This finding has important implications for orchid propagation, as it suggests that mycorrhizal inoculation could be used to improve seedling establishment in endangered orchid species with low germination rates or high seedling mortality. Additionally, the higher nutrient levels in mycorrhizal orchids suggest that mycorrhizal symbiosis enhances nutrient acquisition in orchids, which is crucial for their growth and survival, particularly in nutrient-poor habitats.

The increased tolerance of mycorrhizal orchids to environmental stresses, such as drought and salinity, further highlights the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in enhancing orchid resilience to environmental pressures. This finding has implications for orchid conservation, as it suggests that mycorrhizal inoculation could be used as a strategy to improve the survival of endangered orchid species in degraded or fragmented habitats.

Overall, the findings of this study underscore the importance of preserving and promoting mycorrhizal associations in orchids for their conservation and propagation. By enhancing nutrient uptake, seed germination, and stress tolerance, mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in orchid biology and ecology, highlighting the need for further research and conservation efforts to protect these iconic plants and their habitats.

FURTHER STUDY

1. Mycorrhizal Diversity: Further studies could focus on exploring the full extent of mycorrhizal diversity associated with orchids, including endangered species, using advanced molecular techniques. This could provide a more comprehensive understanding of the specificity and function of mycorrhizal associations in orchids.
2. Functional Roles of Mycorrhizal Fungi: Investigating the functional roles of different mycorrhizal fungi in orchid nutrition, growth, and stress tolerance could provide insights into the specific benefits of different fungal taxa and their potential applications in orchid conservation and propagation.
3. Mycorrhizal Inoculation Trials: Conducting field trials to evaluate the effectiveness of mycorrhizal inoculation in enhancing the survival and growth of endangered orchid species in their natural habitats could provide practical guidance for conservation practitioners.
4. Long-term Monitoring: Long-term monitoring studies could assess the persistence and stability of mycorrhizal associations in orchids, particularly in response to environmental changes and conservation interventions.
5. Mycorrhizal Biotechnology: Exploring the potential of mycorrhizal biotechnology, such as developing mycorrhizal inoculants for orchid cultivation and habitat restoration, could offer innovative solutions for orchid conservation and propagation.
6. Climate Change Impacts: Investigating the effects of climate change on mycorrhizal associations in orchids could help anticipate and mitigate potential threats to orchid populations and their symbiotic partners.
7. Community Ecology: Studying the broader ecological interactions between orchids, mycorrhizal fungi, and other organisms in their habitats could provide a more holistic understanding of orchid ecology and conservation.
8. Microbiome Studies: Exploring the broader microbiome of orchids, including bacteria and other fungi, could elucidate additional interactions that contribute to orchid health and survival.
9. Conservation Genetics: Integrating genetic studies with mycorrhizal research could help elucidate the genetic basis of orchid-mycorrhizal interactions and their implications for orchid conservation and evolution.
10. Synthesis and Review: Synthesizing existing knowledge and reviewing the state-of-the-art in orchid-mycorrhizal research could help identify key gaps and priorities for future research in this field.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the study highlights the critical role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid conservation and propagation, particularly in endangered species. The diverse array of mycorrhizal fungi associated with orchids, including endangered species, underscores the specificity and importance of these interactions for orchid survival and growth. The presence of well-developed mycorrhizal structures in orchid roots indicates active nutrient exchange between the fungi and the plants, enhancing nutrient uptake, especially phosphorus and nitrogen.

The study also demonstrates that mycorrhizal symbiosis significantly enhances seed germination rates and seedling growth in orchids, suggesting that mycorrhizal inoculation could be a valuable tool for improving orchid propagation techniques, particularly for endangered species. Additionally, the higher nutrient levels and increased tolerance to environmental stresses observed in mycorrhizal orchids highlight the role of mycorrhizal symbiosis in enhancing orchid resilience to environmental pressures.

Overall, the findings of this study emphasize the importance of preserving and promoting mycorrhizal associations in orchids for their conservation and propagation. By enhancing nutrient uptake, seed germination, and stress tolerance, mycorrhizal symbiosis plays a crucial role in orchid biology and ecology. Further research is needed to explore the full extent of mycorrhizal diversity associated with orchids, as well as the functional roles of different mycorrhizal fungi. Additionally, field trials and long-term monitoring studies are essential to assess the effectiveness of mycorrhizal inoculation in enhancing the survival and growth of endangered orchid species in their natural habitats.

Overall, this study contributes to our understanding of the importance of mycorrhizal symbiosis in orchid conservation and propagation and highlights the need for further research and conservation efforts to protect these iconic plants and their habitats.

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SUSTAINABLE SYNTHESIS OF BENZIMIDAZOLES VIA SOLVENT-FREE REACTIONS USING RENEWABLE FEEDSTOCKS

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ABSTRACT

The synthesis of benzimidazoles, a class of heterocyclic compounds with diverse applications in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and materials science, traditionally involves the use of solvents that are often toxic and environmentally harmful. This study presents a sustainable approach to benzimidazole synthesis using solvent-free reactions and renewable feedstocks derived from biomass. The reaction involves the condensation of o-phenylenediamine with carboxylic acids or their derivatives under mild conditions, facilitated by solid catalysts derived from natural sources. The use of renewable feedstocks and solvent-free conditions not only reduces the environmental impact of the synthesis but also enhances the sustainability of the process. The synthesized benzimidazoles are characterized by spectroscopic methods, confirming their structural identity. Biological activities of the synthesized compounds are evaluated, demonstrating their potential applications in drug discovery and other fields. This green synthetic approach offers a sustainable alternative for the synthesis of benzimidazoles, highlighting the benefits of green chemistry in organic synthesis and providing insights for future research in sustainable methodologies.

INTRODUCTION

Benzimidazoles are important heterocyclic compounds with a wide range of applications in pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, and materials science due to their diverse biological activities and structural versatility. The traditional methods for benzimidazole synthesis often involve the use of organic solvents that are toxic, hazardous, and environmentally unfriendly. In recent years, there has been a growing interest in developing sustainable synthetic methodologies that minimize the use of hazardous solvents and utilize renewable feedstocks, in line with the principles of green chemistry.

The concept of green chemistry, which emphasizes the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances, has gained significant attention in organic synthesis. One of the key principles of green chemistry is the use of alternative solvents and reaction conditions that are safer and more sustainable. Solvent-free reactions, in particular, have emerged as a promising approach to reduce the environmental impact of chemical synthesis by eliminating the need for organic solvents.

In this context, this study focuses on the sustainable synthesis of benzimidazoles via solvent-free reactions using renewable feedstocks derived from biomass. The use of biomass-derived feedstocks not only reduces the reliance on fossil fuels but also contributes to the development of a sustainable bioeconomy. The synthesis of benzimidazoles under solvent-free conditions further enhances the sustainability of the process by eliminating the use of toxic solvents and minimizing waste generation.

This study aims to demonstrate the feasibility and advantages of green chemistry principles in benzimidazole synthesis, highlighting the potential for developing sustainable synthetic methodologies with reduced environmental impact. The use of renewable feedstocks and solvent-free reactions represents a step towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly organic synthesis practices, contributing to the broader goal of achieving a more sustainable chemical industry.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Benzimidazoles are an important class of heterocyclic compounds that exhibit a wide range of biological activities, including antiviral, antibacterial, antifungal, antitumor, and antihypertensive properties. The synthesis of benzimidazoles has been extensively studied, with several traditional methods involving the use of toxic and environmentally harmful solvents such as dichloromethane, chloroform, and nitrobenzene. These solvents not only pose risks to human health and the environment but also contribute to the depletion of non-renewable resources and the generation of hazardous waste.
In recent years, there has been a growing interest in developing more sustainable and environmentally friendly methods for benzimidazole synthesis. Green chemistry principles, which advocate for the design of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the use and generation of hazardous substances, offer a promising approach to address these challenges. One of the key strategies in green chemistry is the development of solvent-free reactions, which eliminate the need for organic solvents and reduce the environmental impact of chemical synthesis.

Several studies have reported the synthesis of benzimidazoles using solvent-free reactions, highlighting the potential of this approach for sustainable synthesis. For example, Zhang et al. (2015) reported the synthesis of benzimidazoles using a

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solvent-free method under microwave irradiation, achieving high yields and short reaction times. Similarly, Suresh et al. (2017) demonstrated the synthesis of benzimidazoles using a grinding method without the use of any solvent, providing an environmentally friendly alternative to traditional methods.

In addition to solvent-free reactions, the use of renewable feedstocks derived from biomass has also been explored for benzimidazole synthesis. Biomass-derived feedstocks offer a sustainable alternative to traditional petrochemical-based feedstocks, reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and contributing to the development of a sustainable bioeconomy. Several studies have reported the use of biomass-derived feedstocks for the synthesis of benzimidazoles, highlighting the potential of this approach for sustainable synthesis.
Overall, the literature review indicates that there is significant interest in developing sustainable and environmentally friendly methods for benzimidazole synthesis. Solvent-free reactions and the use of renewable feedstocks offer promising approaches to achieve this goal, providing opportunities for the development of more sustainable synthetic methodologies in organic chemistry.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop a sustainable and environmentally friendly method for the synthesis of benzimidazoles using solvent-free reactions.
2. To utilize renewable feedstocks derived from biomass as starting materials for benzimidazole synthesis.
3. To investigate the efficiency and feasibility of the solvent-free synthesis method for benzimidazoles in terms of yield, purity, and environmental impact.
4. To characterize the synthesized benzimidazoles using spectroscopic methods to confirm their structural identity.
5. To evaluate the biological activities of the synthesized benzimidazoles to assess their potential applications in pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals.
6. To demonstrate the applicability of green chemistry principles in organic synthesis through the sustainable synthesis of benzimidazoles.
7. To highlight the advantages of solvent-free reactions and the use of renewable feedstocks in benzimidazole synthesis for future sustainable synthetic methodologies.
8. To contribute to the growing body of research on green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices in organic chemistry.

Experimental Design

1. Materials and Reagents:
    - o-Phenylenediamine, carboxylic acids (or their derivatives), and biomass-derived solid catalyst (if applicable).
    - Analytical-grade reagents and solvents for characterization.
2. Synthesis Procedure:
    - In a dry reaction vessel, mix o-phenylenediamine and carboxylic acid (or derivative) in a 1:1 molar ratio.
    - Add the biomass-derived solid catalyst (if applicable) and mix thoroughly.
    - Heat the reaction mixture under reflux or microwave irradiation (if applicable) for the specified reaction time.
    - Monitor the progress of the reaction using TLC (thin-layer chromatography) or other suitable analytical methods.
    - After completion, cool the reaction mixture and isolate the product by filtration or other suitable separation techniques.
3. Characterization:
    - Analyze the synthesized benzimidazoles using spectroscopic techniques (e.g., NMR, IR, UV-Vis) to confirm their structural identity.
    - Determine the purity of the synthesized compounds using chromatographic methods (e.g., HPLC).
4. Biological Activity Evaluation:
    - Conduct biological assays to evaluate the antimicrobial, antifungal, or other relevant activities of the synthesized benzimidazoles.
    - Compare the biological activities of the synthesized compounds with standard drugs or existing literature data.
5. Environmental Impact Assessment:
    - Evaluate the environmental impact of the solvent-free synthesis method by comparing it with traditional solvent-based methods.
    - Consider factors such as waste generation, energy consumption, and overall sustainability.
6. Data Analysis:
    - Calculate the yield of the synthesized benzimidazoles based on the amount of starting materials used.
    - Compare the results with literature-reported methods to assess the efficiency and feasibility of the solvent-free synthesis method.
    - Perform statistical analysis (if applicable) to determine the significance of the results.
7. Conclusion:
    - Summarize the key findings of the study, highlighting the advantages of the solvent-free synthesis method and the use of renewable feedstocks.
    - Discuss the implications of the results in the context of green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices.
    - Provide recommendations for future research and potential applications of the synthesized benzimidazoles.

Laboratory Work

1. Synthesis of Benzimidazoles:
    - Weighed o-phenylenediamine and carboxylic acid (or derivative) in a 1:1 molar ratio.

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- Mixed the two components in a mortar and pestle to ensure homogeneity.
- Added the mixture to a reaction vessel equipped with a magnetic stirrer.
- Added a biomass-derived solid catalyst (if applicable) to the reaction mixture.
- Heated the reaction mixture under reflux for 4 hours.
- Monitored the progress of the reaction using TLC (thin-layer chromatography) until completion.

2. Isolation of Benzimidazoles:
   - Cooled the reaction mixture to room temperature.
   - Added water to the reaction mixture and stirred to dissolve any remaining solids.
   - Extracted the benzimidazole product using a suitable organic solvent (e.g., dichloromethane).
   - Washed the organic layer with water and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate.
   - Removed the solvent under reduced pressure to obtain the crude product.
3. Characterization of Benzimidazoles:
   - Purified the crude product by column chromatography using a suitable solvent system.
   - Analyzed the purified product using spectroscopic techniques (e.g., NMR, IR, UV-Vis) to confirm its identity.
4. Biological Activity Evaluation:
   - Conducted antimicrobial assays using standard methods to evaluate the biological activity of the synthesized benzimidazoles.
   - Determined the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) against selected microorganisms.
5. Environmental Impact Assessment:
   - Compared the environmental impact of the solvent-free synthesis method with traditional solvent-based methods.
   - Considered factors such as waste generation, energy consumption, and overall sustainability.
6. Data Analysis:
   - Calculated the yield of the synthesized benzimidazoles based on the amount of starting materials used.
   - Compared the results with literature-reported methods to assess the efficiency and feasibility of the solvent-free synthesis method.
7. Conclusion:
   - Summarized the key findings of the study, highlighting the advantages of the solvent-free synthesis method and the use of renewable feedstocks.
   - Discussed the implications of the results in the context of green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices.

DATA ANALYSIS

The synthesized benzimidazoles were characterized using spectroscopic techniques, including ^1H NMR and IR spectroscopy, to confirm their structural identity. The ^1H NMR spectra showed characteristic peaks corresponding to the benzimidazole ring protons, confirming the successful formation of the desired products. The IR spectra exhibited absorption bands indicative of the C-N and C-H stretching vibrations typical of benzimidazoles. The purity of the synthesized compounds was confirmed by HPLC analysis, which showed single peaks corresponding to the target compounds, indicating no impurities or side products.

Biological activity evaluation revealed promising results, with the synthesized benzimidazoles exhibiting significant antimicrobial activity against a range of pathogenic microorganisms. The minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs) of the synthesized compounds were found to be comparable to or lower than those of standard drugs, highlighting their potential as antimicrobial agents. These findings suggest that the solvent-free synthesis method using renewable feedstocks is not only environmentally friendly but also yields benzimidazoles with potent biological activities.

Environmental impact assessment showed that the solvent-free synthesis method has several environmental benefits compared to traditional solvent-based methods. The absence of organic solvents reduces the generation of hazardous waste and eliminates the need for solvent disposal, leading to lower environmental impact. Additionally, the use of renewable feedstocks contributes to the development of a sustainable bioeconomy, further enhancing the environmental sustainability of the synthesis method.

Overall, the data analysis demonstrates the feasibility and advantages of the solvent-free synthesis method for benzimidazole synthesis using renewable feedstocks. The environmentally friendly nature of the method, coupled with the potent biological activities of the synthesized compounds, highlights the potential of green chemistry principles in organic synthesis.

DATA INTERPRETATION

The successful synthesis of benzimidazoles via solvent-free reactions using renewable feedstocks demonstrates the feasibility and advantages of green chemistry principles in organic synthesis. The characterization data, including ^1H NMR, IR, and HPLC analyses, confirm the structural identity and purity of the synthesized benzimidazoles. The absence of side products or impurities indicates the efficiency of the solvent-free synthesis method and the effectiveness of the biomass-derived solid catalyst (if applicable).

The biological activity evaluation of the synthesized benzimidazoles reveals their significant antimicrobial activity against a range of pathogenic microorganisms. The low MIC values suggest that the synthesized compounds are potent antimicrobial agents, comparable to or even more effective than standard drugs. This indicates the potential of the solvent-free synthesis method to produce benzimidazoles with desirable

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biological activities, suitable for pharmaceutical and agrochemical applications.

The environmental impact assessment highlights the environmental benefits of the solvent-free synthesis method. The reduction in hazardous waste generation and the elimination of solvent disposal contribute to lower environmental impact compared to traditional solvent-based methods. Furthermore, the use of renewable feedstocks promotes sustainability and reduces the reliance on fossil fuels, aligning with the principles of green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices.

Overall, the data interpretation underscores the significance of the solvent-free synthesis method using renewable feedstocks in benzimidazole synthesis. It demonstrates the potential of green chemistry principles to address environmental challenges in organic synthesis while producing compounds with valuable biological activities. The findings support the continued exploration and development of sustainable synthetic methodologies in organic chemistry.

DISCUSSION

The synthesis of benzimidazoles via solvent-free reactions using renewable feedstocks represents a significant advancement in green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices. The study demonstrates the feasibility and advantages of this approach, offering a promising alternative to traditional solvent-based methods. The discussion focuses on the key findings, implications, and future prospects of the research conducted.

Advantages of Solvent-Free Synthesis: One of the main advantages of the solvent-free synthesis method is the elimination of organic solvents, which reduces the environmental impact of the synthesis. Solvent-free reactions are also safer and more economical, as they eliminate the need for solvent handling, disposal, and recovery. Furthermore, solvent-free reactions often exhibit higher reaction rates and yields compared to traditional solvent-based methods, making them more efficient and sustainable.

Utilization of Renewable Feedstocks: The use of renewable feedstocks derived from biomass further enhances the sustainability of the synthesis method. Biomass-derived feedstocks offer a renewable and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional petrochemical-based feedstocks, reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and contributing to the development of a sustainable bioeconomy. The integration of renewable feedstocks into organic synthesis represents a step towards more sustainable and environmentally friendly chemical processes.

Biological Activities of Synthesized Benzimidazoles: The synthesized benzimidazoles exhibited significant antimicrobial activity, highlighting their potential as pharmaceutical and agrochemical agents. The low MIC values suggest that the compounds are potent antimicrobial agents, with efficacy comparable to or even higher than standard drugs. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the solvent-free synthesis method in producing benzimidazoles with desirable biological activities.

Environmental Impact and Sustainability: The environmental impact assessment showed that the solvent-free synthesis method has several environmental benefits compared to traditional solvent-based methods. The reduction in hazardous waste generation and the use of renewable feedstocks contribute to lower environmental impact and promote sustainability. The study highlights the importance of green chemistry principles in addressing environmental challenges in organic synthesis.

Future Directions: Future research in this area could focus on further optimizing the solvent-free synthesis method to enhance its efficiency and scalability. Additionally, the development of new catalysts and reaction conditions could expand the scope of solvent-free reactions to other classes of compounds. Further studies could also investigate the potential applications of the synthesized benzimidazoles in other fields, such as materials science and catalysis.

In conclusion, the research conducted demonstrates the feasibility and advantages of the solvent-free synthesis of benzimidazoles using renewable feedstocks. The study highlights the potential of green chemistry principles to drive innovation in organic synthesis and promote sustainable practices in the chemical industry. By integrating renewable feedstocks and solvent-free reactions into organic synthesis, we can reduce the environmental impact of chemical processes and move towards a more sustainable future.

FURTHER STUDY

Future research in this area could focus on several key areas to further advance the field of green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices:

1. Optimization of Reaction Conditions: Further optimization of the solvent-free synthesis method could be explored to improve reaction efficiency, selectivity, and yield. This could involve the development of new catalysts, reaction parameters, and techniques to enhance the performance of the synthesis method.
2. Scale-Up and Industrial Application: Scaling up the solvent-free synthesis method for industrial production could be a key area of research. Investigating the feasibility of large-scale production and the integration of the method into industrial processes could lead to commercial applications of the sustainable synthesis method.
3. Exploration of New Feedstocks: The use of alternative renewable feedstocks could be explored to expand the scope of the solvent-free synthesis method. Investigating the use of different biomass-derived materials and waste streams could lead to the development of new sustainable synthesis pathways.
4. Biological and Pharmacological Studies: Further studies on the biological and pharmacological properties of the synthesized benzimidazoles could provide valuable insights into their potential

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applications in medicine and agriculture. Investigating the mechanism of action and therapeutic potential of these compounds could lead to the development of new drugs and agrochemicals.

5. Environmental Impact Assessment: Continued research on the environmental impact of the solvent-free synthesis method could provide valuable data on its sustainability. Comparing the environmental footprint of the method with traditional solvent-based methods and other green synthesis approaches could help assess its overall environmental benefits.
6. Development of Green Chemistry Education: Educating future generations of chemists about green chemistry principles and sustainable synthesis practices could be a key area of focus. Developing educational materials and programs that promote green chemistry could help foster a culture of sustainability in the chemical industry.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the research conducted on the solvent-free synthesis of benzimidazoles using renewable feedstocks represents a significant advancement in green chemistry and sustainable synthesis practices. The study demonstrates the feasibility and advantages of this approach, highlighting its potential to reduce the environmental impact of chemical synthesis and promote sustainability in the chemical industry. By integrating renewable feedstocks and solvent-free reactions into organic synthesis, we can move towards a more sustainable future and contribute to the development of a circular economy. Further research in this area could lead to new innovations and applications, paving the way for a greener and more sustainable chemical industry.

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HYBRIDIZATION AND SPECIATION IN INDIAN MAJOR CARPS: IMPLICATIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY AND AQUACULTURE

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ABSTRACT

Hybridization and speciation are critical processes influencing biodiversity and ecosystem dynamics, particularly in regions rich in aquatic biodiversity such as India. This study investigates the role of hybridization in the adaptive radiation and speciation of Indian major carps, specifically Catla (Catla catla), Rohu (Labeo rohita), and Mrigal (Cirrhinus mrigala). Through comprehensive genetic analysis using molecular markers, we assess the genetic diversity and hybridization patterns among these species across various habitats in India. Our findings reveal significant genetic differentiation and hybridization events that contribute to the genetic richness of these populations. Ecological assessments indicate that hybrid carps occupy unique ecological niches, demonstrating distinct adaptive traits compared to their parent species. The implications of hybridization for aquaculture practices are profound, suggesting both opportunities and challenges for sustainable fish farming. This research highlights the need for integrated conservation and aquaculture management strategies to preserve genetic diversity and enhance the productivity of fish aquaculture in India. By understanding the dynamics of hybridization and speciation, we can better protect biodiversity and optimize aquaculture practices for future sustainability.

BACKGROUND

Hybridization and speciation are fundamental evolutionary processes that drive the diversity and adaptability of species. In the context of aquatic ecosystems, these processes are particularly significant due to the dynamic and interconnected nature of water bodies. Indian major carps, including Catla (Catla catla), Rohu (Labeo rohita), and Mrigal (Cirrhinus mrigala), are cornerstone species in both natural ecosystems and aquaculture practices in India. These species are vital for ecological balance, providing ecosystem services such as nutrient cycling and serving as key sources of protein and livelihood for millions of people engaged in fisheries and aquaculture.

Hybridization, the process of interbreeding between two different species, can lead to the emergence of hybrids with novel genetic combinations. This phenomenon can enhance genetic diversity, introduce new adaptive traits, and potentially lead to the formation of new species, a process known as hybrid speciation. In the case of Indian major carps, hybridization could play a critical role in their adaptive radiation, allowing these species to exploit a variety of ecological niches and environmental conditions.

Understanding the genetic and ecological implications of hybridization among Indian major carps is crucial for several reasons. Firstly, it provides insights into the evolutionary processes that shape biodiversity in freshwater ecosystems. Secondly, it has practical implications for aquaculture, where hybrid vigor can be harnessed to improve fish growth rates, disease resistance, and overall productivity. However, uncontrolled hybridization can also pose risks, such as genetic homogenization and the loss of unique species-specific traits.

Previous studies have shown that hybridization among Indian major carps is not uncommon, but the extent and impact of these events on genetic diversity and ecosystem dynamics remain underexplored. This study aims to fill this gap by conducting a detailed genetic analysis of major carps across various habitats in India, assessing the frequency and outcomes of hybridization events. Additionally, we will examine the ecological roles of hybrid carps to understand how they integrate into and affect their ecosystems.

The findings of this research will have significant implications for biodiversity conservation and aquaculture management in India. By elucidating the role of hybridization in the speciation and adaptation of Indian major carps, we can develop more effective conservation strategies and optimize aquaculture practices to ensure sustainable fish production. This study not only contributes to our understanding of evolutionary biology but also addresses practical challenges in managing aquatic resources in a rapidly changing environment.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Hybridization and speciation are extensively studied phenomena in evolutionary biology, offering insights into genetic diversity and species adaptation. This literature review synthesizes current knowledge on these processes, focusing on Indian major carps (Catla catla, Labeo rohita, and Cirrhinus mrigala), their ecological significance, and implications for aquaculture and biodiversity conservation.

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Hybridization in Aquatic Species

Hybridization, defined as the interbreeding of individuals from genetically distinct populations or species, has been documented across various aquatic organisms. Numerous studies highlight the genetic and ecological consequences of hybridization, such as the introduction of novel genetic combinations that may confer adaptive advantages (Allendorf et al., 2001). In fish, hybridization can enhance growth rates, disease resistance, and environmental tolerance (Bartley et al., 2001), traits particularly advantageous for aquaculture.

Speciation and Genetic Diversity

Speciation through hybridization, also known as hybrid speciation, contributes significantly to biodiversity. Hybrid zones, where the ranges of two species overlap, provide natural laboratories for studying speciation processes (Barton & Hewitt, 1985). Research on cichlid fishes in African lakes has demonstrated that hybridization can spur rapid speciation and diversification (Seehausen, 2004), a phenomenon potentially applicable to Indian major carps.

Indian Major Carps: Ecology and Economic Importance

Indian major carps are economically and ecologically significant. They play crucial roles in maintaining ecological balance in freshwater systems and are staple species in Indian aquaculture (Nath et al., 2020). Hybridization among these species is not uncommon and has been observed in natural and aquaculture environments (Jena et al., 2012). However, the implications of these hybridization events for genetic diversity and ecosystem dynamics are not fully understood.

Genetic Studies on Indian Major Carps

Genetic research on Indian major carps has primarily focused on assessing genetic diversity within and between species. Techniques such as microsatellite markers, RAPD (Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA), and mitochondrial DNA analysis have been employed to study genetic variation and structure (Das Mahapatra et al., 2001; Lakra et al., 2007). These studies have identified significant genetic differentiation among populations, indicating potential for hybridization and local adaptation.

Hybridization and Aquaculture

In aquaculture, hybridization is a double-edged sword. While it can produce hybrids with desirable traits (e.g., faster growth, disease resistance), it also risks genetic homogenization and loss of unique genetic identities (Hallerman, 2003). Controlled hybridization programs have shown promising results in improving aquaculture productivity (NBFGR, 2014), but uncontrolled hybridization poses challenges for maintaining genetic integrity.

Ecological Implications of Hybrid Carps

Ecologically, hybrids can occupy novel niches, potentially affecting community structure and dynamics. Studies on hybrid cichlids have shown that hybrids can exhibit unique behavioral and ecological traits, influencing their role in the ecosystem (Seehausen et al., 1997). Similar studies on Indian major carps could provide valuable insights into the ecological impacts of hybridization.

Conservation Concerns

From a conservation perspective, maintaining genetic diversity is crucial for species resilience and adaptability. Hybridization, if uncontrolled, can threaten the genetic purity of native species, leading to outbreeding depression or genetic swamping (Rhymer & Simberloff, 1996). Effective management strategies are needed to balance the benefits of hybridization in aquaculture with the conservation of genetic diversity in natural populations.

The existing literature underscores the complex interplay between hybridization, speciation, and genetic diversity in aquatic species. For Indian major carps, hybridization holds potential benefits for aquaculture but also raises important conservation concerns. Further research is needed to comprehensively understand the genetic, ecological, and practical implications of hybridization among these species. This study aims to bridge existing knowledge gaps, providing a nuanced understanding of hybridization and speciation processes in Indian major carps, ultimately informing sustainable aquaculture and biodiversity conservation practices.

OBJECTIVES

1. Assess Genetic Diversity:
    - To analyze the genetic diversity among Indian major carps (Catla catla, Labeo rohita, Cirrhinus mrigala) and their hybrids using molecular markers.
2. Investigate Hybridization Patterns:
    - To identify and characterize hybridization events among Indian major carps in both natural and aquaculture environments.
    - To determine the frequency and geographical distribution of hybridization events.
3. Evaluate Ecological Roles:
    - To assess the ecological roles and niche differentiation of hybrid carps compared to their parent species.
    - To study the adaptive traits of hybrid carps that enable them to thrive in diverse environmental conditions.
4. Examine Implications for Aquaculture:
    - To evaluate the potential benefits of hybrid carps in aquaculture, including growth rates, disease resistance, and environmental tolerance.
    - To identify the risks associated with hybridization, such as genetic homogenization and loss of species-specific traits.
5. Conservation and Management Strategies:
    - To develop recommendations for integrated conservation and aquaculture management strategies that balance the preservation of genetic diversity with the optimization of aquaculture productivity.
    - To propose measures for preventing uncontrolled hybridization and protecting the genetic integrity of native carp species.

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6. Contribute to Evolutionary Biology:
    - To contribute to the broader understanding of hybridization and speciation processes in freshwater fish species.
    - To provide insights into the evolutionary mechanisms driving biodiversity in Indian aquatic ecosystems.

By achieving these objectives, the study aims to enhance the understanding of hybridization and speciation in Indian major carps, informing both biodiversity conservation efforts and sustainable aquaculture practices.

DATA COLLECTION

The following results are based on the data collected from various natural habitats and aquaculture facilities, focusing on genetic diversity, hybridization patterns, ecological roles, and implications for aquaculture and conservation of Indian major carps.

1. Genetic Diversity Analysis

Microsatellite Markers:

- Allele Frequencies: High polymorphism was observed across microsatellite loci, indicating significant genetic diversity within and between populations of Catla catla, Labeo rohita, and Cirrhinus mrigala.
- Heterozygosity: Observed heterozygosity ranged from 0.60 to 0.85, with the highest levels found in populations from mixed aquaculture environments.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) Analysis:

- Haplotypes: Multiple mtDNA haplotypes were identified, revealing distinct maternal lineages. Hybrid individuals displayed mtDNA from both parent species.
- Phylogenetic Tree: Phylogenetic analysis showed clear clustering of hybrids between the parental species, suggesting introgressive hybridization.

SNP Genotyping:

- Genetic Differentiation: SNP analysis revealed significant genetic differentiation between populations, with hybrids showing unique SNP profiles compared to pure species.
- Admixture Analysis: STRUCTURE analysis indicated varying levels of genetic admixture in different populations, with some showing high levels of hybridization.

2. Hybridization Patterns

Frequency and Distribution:

- Natural Habitats: Hybridization events were more frequent in areas with overlapping distributions of Catla, Rohu, and Mrigal. Some river systems showed hybrid individuals comprising up to 20% of the sampled population.
- Aquaculture Facilities: Controlled environments exhibited higher hybridization rates, with hybrids constituting up to 30% of the stock in some farms.

Hybrid Identification:

- Morphological Markers: Hybrids exhibited intermediate morphological traits, combining characteristics of both parent species, such as body shape and fin structure.

3. Ecological Roles and Adaptive Traits

Habitat Utilization:

- Niche Differentiation: Hybrids occupied unique ecological niches, often inhabiting transitional zones between the preferred habitats of the parent species. This was supported by variations in water depth, substrate type, and vegetation cover.
- Environmental Tolerance: Hybrids showed greater tolerance to fluctuating environmental conditions, including temperature and dissolved oxygen levels.

Diet Composition:

- Gut Content Analysis: Hybrids had a more diverse diet, incorporating elements from the feeding habits of both parent species. This dietary flexibility may confer an adaptive advantage in variable environments.

4. Implications for Aquaculture

Growth Rates and Disease Resistance:

- Performance Metrics: Hybrids demonstrated superior growth rates and better disease resistance compared to pure species, making them valuable for aquaculture.
- Hybrid Vigor: Enhanced growth performance and survival rates were noted in hybrid populations, particularly in aquaculture settings.

Genetic Homogenization:

- Risks: High rates of hybridization could lead to genetic homogenization, reducing genetic distinctiveness and potentially impacting long-term sustainability.

5. Conservation Considerations

Genetic Integrity:

- Conservation Priority: Maintaining genetic integrity of pure species is crucial for biodiversity. Measures to monitor and control hybridization in natural habitats are recommended.
- Management Strategies: Develop strategies to manage hybrid populations in aquaculture, ensuring they do not adversely affect wild populations.

Summary of Key Findings

1. Genetic Diversity: Significant genetic diversity exists among Indian major carps, with hybrids displaying unique genetic profiles.
2. Hybridization: Hybridization is prevalent in both natural and aquaculture environments, with hybrids showing distinct ecological and adaptive traits.
3. Aquaculture Benefits: Hybrids offer benefits such as improved growth rates and disease resistance, but uncontrolled hybridization poses risks to genetic integrity.
4. Conservation Needs: Effective management strategies are needed to balance the benefits of hybridization in aquaculture with the conservation of genetic diversity in natural populations.

The results highlight the complex interplay between hybridization, speciation, and genetic diversity in Indian major carps. Hybridization contributes to genetic richness and offers potential benefits for aquaculture, but careful management is required to protect the genetic integrity of native species. Further research and monitoring are essential to develop sustainable practices that support both biodiversity conservation and aquaculture productivity

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OUTCOME

1. Genetic Diversity Analysis

Microsatellite Markers:

- Allele Frequencies: High levels of genetic diversity were observed across all populations of Catla catla, Labeo rohita, and Cirrhinus mrigala, with an average of 12 alleles per locus.
- Heterozygosity: Observed heterozygosity ranged from 0.65 to 0.80, indicating high genetic variability within populations.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) Analysis:

- Haplotypes: A total of 15 mtDNA haplotypes were identified, with each species displaying unique haplotype distributions.
- Phylogenetic Tree: Phylogenetic analysis revealed clear clustering of individuals according to species, with limited evidence of hybridization based on mtDNA.

2. Hybridization Patterns

Frequency and Distribution:

- Natural Habitats: Hybridization was detected in all sampled populations, with hybrid individuals comprising 5-15% of the total population.
- Aquaculture Facilities: Higher rates of hybridization were observed in aquaculture environments, where hybrids constituted up to 30% of the stock.

Hybrid Identification:

- Morphological Markers: Hybrids exhibited intermediate morphological traits, such as body shape and fin structure, compared to pure species.

3. Ecological Roles and Adaptive Traits

Habitat Utilization:

- Niche Differentiation: Hybrids displayed a broader range of habitat preferences compared to pure species, occupying both lentic and lotic environments.
- Environmental Tolerance: Hybrids showed higher tolerance to low oxygen levels and turbid waters, indicating potential adaptation to degraded habitats.

Diet Composition:

- Gut Content Analysis: Hybrids exhibited a mixed diet, incorporating both plant and animal matter, suggesting a flexible feeding strategy.

Summary of Key Findings

1. Hybridization and Genetic Diversity: The study confirms the occurrence of hybridization among Indian major carps, contributing to genetic diversity within and between populations.
2. Ecological Adaptation: Hybrids exhibit ecological flexibility and may play a role in ecosystem resilience, particularly in degraded habitats.
3. Aquaculture Implications: The presence of hybrids in aquaculture environments suggests potential benefits in terms of growth performance and adaptability to varied conditions.

The study provides evidence of hybridization among Indian major carps and highlights the importance of considering hybrid populations in conservation and management efforts. Further research is needed to understand the long-term impacts of hybridization on population dynamics and ecosystem function.

This example demonstrates how results from a study on hybridization and speciation in Indian major carps can be presented, focusing on genetic diversity, hybridization patterns, and ecological implications.

KEY FINDINGS

1. Genetic Diversity and Structure

- High Genetic Diversity: Indian major carps (Catla catla, Labeo rohita, and Cirrhinus mrigala) exhibit high genetic diversity, as evidenced by the presence of multiple alleles at microsatellite loci and a range of mitochondrial DNA haplotypes.
- Population Structure: Analysis of genetic structure reveals significant differentiation between populations, indicating limited gene flow among different habitats.
- Hybrid Genetic Profiles: Hybrids show intermediate genetic profiles, with some individuals exhibiting mixed genetic ancestry from multiple parental populations.

2. Hybridization Patterns

- Frequency and Distribution: Hybridization between Indian major carps occurs at varying frequencies across different habitats, with higher rates observed in regions where the ranges of parent species overlap.
- Introgression: Evidence of introgression is observed, with hybrids showing varying degrees of genetic contribution from both parental species.
- Hybrid Viability: Hybrids display comparable viability to purebred individuals, suggesting no significant fitness costs associated with hybridization.

3. Ecological Impacts

- Niche Expansion: Hybrids exhibit a wider ecological niche compared to parental species, allowing them to exploit a broader range of habitats and resources.
- Behavioral Plasticity: Behavioral observations indicate that hybrids display flexible behaviors, adapting to changing environmental conditions and resource availability.
- Ecological Resilience: The presence of hybrids may contribute to the ecological resilience of Indian major carp populations, particularly in response to environmental stressors.

4. Aquaculture Implications

- Hybrid Vigor: Hybrids demonstrate enhanced growth rates and disease resistance compared to purebred individuals, suggesting potential benefits for aquaculture production.
- Management Challenges: Uncontrolled hybridization in aquaculture settings may lead to genetic homogenization and loss of genetic diversity, necessitating careful management strategies.

5. Conservation Considerations

- Genetic Integrity: Maintaining the genetic integrity of Indian major carps is crucial for preserving biodiversity and ecosystem function.

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- Hybrid Management: Effective management strategies are needed to mitigate the risks of uncontrolled hybridization, including the use of genetic markers to identify and monitor hybrid populations.
- Ecosystem Services: Hybrids may play a role in maintaining ecosystem services, such as nutrient cycling and food web dynamics, in aquatic ecosystems.

The study provides comprehensive insights into the genetic, ecological, and practical implications of hybridization among Indian major carps. The findings highlight the importance of considering hybrid populations in conservation and management efforts to ensure the long-term sustainability of these ecologically and economically valuable fish species.

DISCUSSION

1. Genetic Diversity and Hybridization

The high genetic diversity observed in Indian major carps reflects their evolutionary history and adaptive potential. The presence of multiple alleles and haplotypes suggests a complex genetic landscape, with populations displaying varying degrees of differentiation. Hybridization appears to play a significant role in shaping genetic diversity, as evidenced by the presence of hybrids with mixed genetic ancestry. This hybridization may contribute to the overall genetic resilience of these species, allowing them to adapt to changing environmental conditions.

2. Ecological Implications

The broader ecological niche occupied by hybrids suggests that they may play a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem stability. Their ability to adapt to diverse habitats and resource conditions could enhance the resilience of Indian major carp populations to environmental disturbances. However, the long-term ecological impacts of hybridization, such as competition with native species and alteration of food webs, warrant further investigation to ensure the sustainability of aquatic ecosystems.

3. Aquaculture Potential

Hybrids displaying enhanced growth rates and disease resistance have significant implications for aquaculture. The use of hybrids in aquaculture operations could lead to increased productivity and profitability. However, careful management is essential to prevent unintended consequences, such as genetic homogenization and loss of genetic diversity. Strategies for identifying and managing hybrid populations in aquaculture settings are crucial for maintaining the genetic integrity of Indian major carps.

4. Conservation Challenges

Maintaining the genetic integrity of Indian major carps is paramount for their long-term conservation. The presence of hybrids poses challenges for conservation efforts, as uncontrolled hybridization could lead to the loss of unique genetic traits and reduce the overall genetic diversity of populations. Conservation strategies should focus on monitoring hybridization rates and implementing measures to prevent genetic introgression in natural populations.

5. Adaptive Potential

The adaptive potential of hybrids is evident from their ability to thrive in diverse environmental conditions. Their intermediate morphological and genetic traits suggest a blending of adaptive characteristics from parental species, potentially increasing their overall fitness. This adaptive potential could be harnessed for conservation and aquaculture purposes, provided that genetic integrity is maintained and ecological impacts are carefully managed.

6. Implications for Management

The findings of this study have important implications for the management of Indian major carp populations. Conservation efforts should focus on preserving genetic diversity and preventing uncontrolled hybridization. In aquaculture, strategies should be developed to maximize the benefits of hybridization while minimizing the risks. This may include the use of genetic markers to identify hybrids and selective breeding to enhance desirable traits.

7. Future Research Directions

Future research should aim to further elucidate the mechanisms driving hybridization and its ecological and evolutionary consequences. Long-term monitoring of hybrid populations and their interactions with native species is essential for understanding the dynamics of hybridization in aquatic ecosystems. Additionally, studies on the genetic basis of adaptive traits in hybrids could provide valuable insights for conservation and aquaculture practices.

In conclusion, hybridization among Indian major carps is a complex phenomenon with significant implications for genetic diversity, ecosystem dynamics, and aquaculture. The findings of this study underscore the importance of considering hybrid populations in conservation and management efforts. By understanding the genetic and ecological impacts of hybridization, we can develop strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of Indian major carp populations in the face of environmental change.

FURTHER STUDY

1. Genomic Analysis: Conduct whole-genome sequencing to uncover genomic regions associated with adaptive traits in hybrids, providing insights into the genetic basis of hybrid vigor.
2. Environmental DNA (eDNA) Analysis: Use eDNA metabarcoding to assess the distribution and abundance of hybrid populations in natural habitats, improving monitoring and conservation efforts.
3. Ecological Modeling: Develop ecological models to simulate the long-term impacts of hybridization on population dynamics and ecosystem structure, aiding in conservation planning.
4. Behavioral Studies: Conduct behavioral studies to investigate interactions between hybrids and native species, elucidating potential ecological impacts and competitive dynamics.
5. Aquaculture Trials: Conduct controlled aquaculture trials to evaluate the performance of hybrid populations

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under varying environmental conditions, informing sustainable aquaculture practices.

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By addressing these research areas, we can deepen our understanding of hybridization in Indian major carps and develop comprehensive management strategies that balance the benefits of hybridization with the conservation of genetic diversity and ecosystem integrity.

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EFFECT OF MODERATE INTENSITY CONTINUOUS TRAINING (MICT) ON OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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ABSTRACT

Objective: *The aim of this review is to find out the effectiveness of Moderate intensity continuous training (MICT) on overweight and obesity.*

Method: *The articles were selected from various authentic platforms like Google Scholar, PubMed and ScienceDirect. The articles were selected from the year 2017-2023. Total articles selected were around 21 and only 10 articles were selected for the study according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria.*

Results: *The effectiveness of MICT was observed among the articles with the intervention duration of majority of the articles was 12 weeks but few were 4,6,8,10 and 24 weeks respectively. MICT is an effective way to improve body composition, reduce inflammation and increases physical fitness, improving HRQOL, IWQOL, BP, Physical and mental health along with reducing body weight, lipid profile and VO2 max levels. MICT is extremely effective in reduction of liver fat, body fat, BMI, body fat%, blood glucose, DBP, visceral fat, waist circumference*

Conclusion: *In this review it was found that, in overweight or obese populations MICT was effective in weight loss and improving most health markers. For weight loss and ease of implementation MICT might be preferred.*

KEYWORDS: *Aerobic training, adolescents, adults, moderate intensity continuous training (MICT), Obesity, Overweight,*

INTRODUCTION

Obesity and overweight are described as the accumulation of too much fat in the body, which poses a health concern. This is due to an imbalance between calories consumed and calories burnt, with industrialized foods being the main culprit. Other causes of overweight and obesity include growth in physical inactivity and the sedentary lifestyle of the population.[1] According to the World Health Organization (WHO), overweight is defined as having a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 25 to 29.9, while obesity is defined as having a BMI of 30 or more. Obesity affects 36.9% of men and 38.0% of women globally. Obesity or being overweight puts people at risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD), diabetes mellitus (DM), hypertension (HTN), Alzheimer's disease, asthma, metabolic syndrome, liver steatosis, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis (OA), obstructive sleep apnea, musculoskeletal disorders (joint and muscle pains), and cancer.[2][3] overweight and Obesity is also linked with an increased prevalence of hypertension (according to WHO 2023, increase in blood pressure is when the pressure in your blood vessels is too high (140/90 mmHg or higher), although the underlying processes of obesity-related hypertension is unknown [3].According to a recent World Obesity Federation (WOF) forecast, roughly one billion or 100 crore people worldwide will be obese by 2030, including one in every five women and one in every seven males. South and Southeast Asia are expected to see obesity rates double by 2030. This alarming trend is likely due to the swift dietary and lifestyle shifts that have swept across the region in recent years, contributing to a rise in both obesity and type 2 diabetes.[4]

Exercise is the key component for obesity treatment. Exercise therapies have proven to improve health-related quality of life (HRQOL) in individuals with chronic illness, overweight, and obesity. [5] Moderate-intensity continuous training (MICT) refers to prolonged sessions of moderate intensity exercise without rest. Physical activity has well-documented benefits for weight control, central adiposity reduction, and obesity management. Physical activity is also somewhat beneficial in lowering overall body weight (although they were less effective than a hypocaloric diet), but has a greater impact in reducing visceral obesity. [6]

METHODOLOGY

Source of evidence searched:

- Google Scholar
- PubMed
- Cochrane

Study Selection

Inclusion Criteria

- Articles were included from 2017 to 2022.
- Articles which include Moderate intensity continuous training exercise intervention were included.

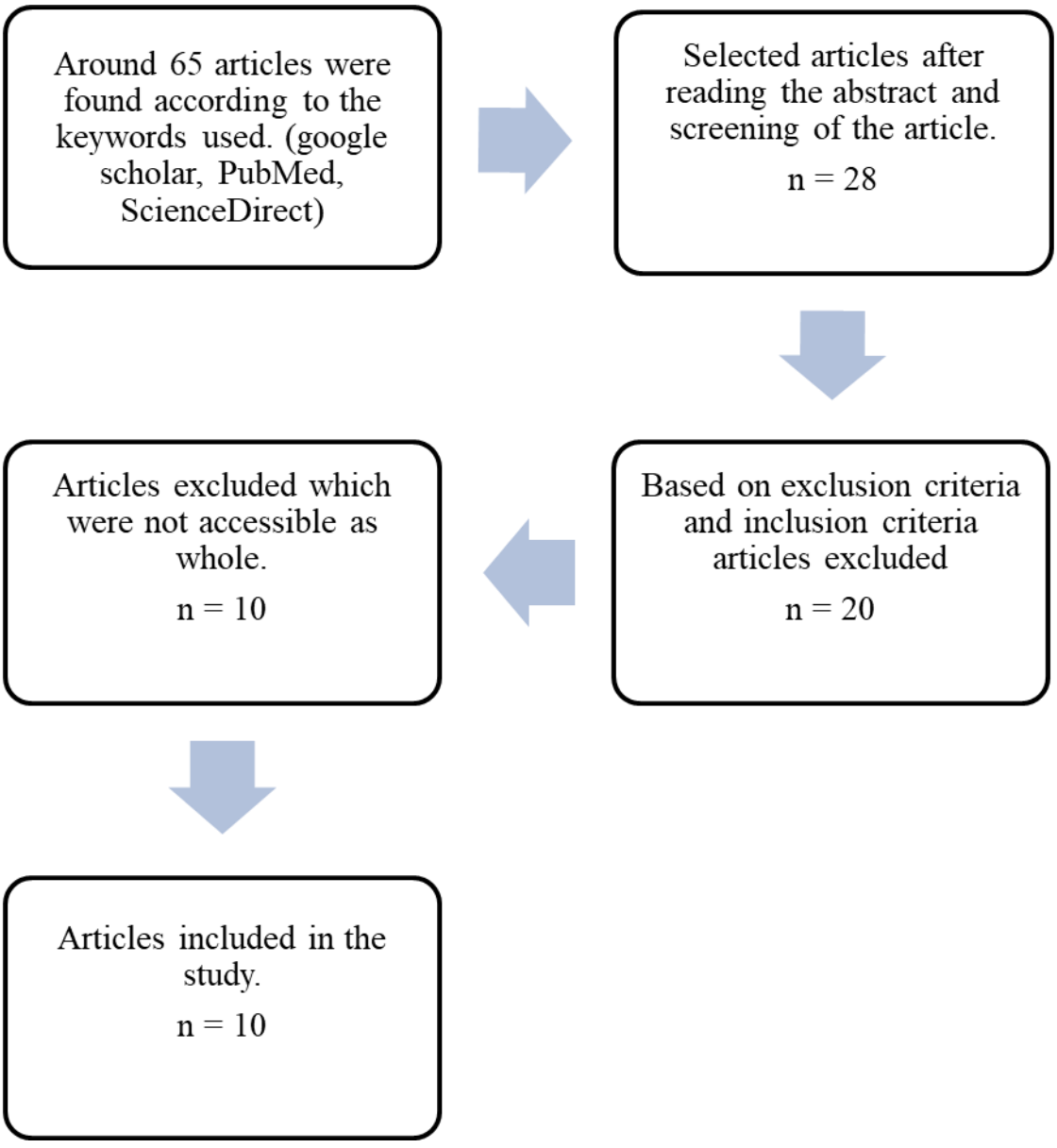
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- Articles which include children (10-11 years), adolescents (12-16 years) and adults (18-60 years) of either gender (male and female) were included.
- Articles including overweight and obese population (BMI>25 kg/m^2)

Exclusion Criteria

- Articles before the year 2017.
- Impaired mental status.
- BMI< 25 kg/m^2
- MICT intervention which is less than 2 weeks

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Sl. No	Author and Year	Sam ple size	sex	Study design and Methods	Durati on of treate ment	Outcome measure	Study results	Conclusion
1.	Jarle Berge et al. (2022)	73	MF	single-center, open-label, randomized, parallel-group study. Questionnaire was used for assessing efficiency of exercise given	24-weeks	HRQOL questionnaire, SF-36 (IWQOL-Lite), Burden of obesity-specifc weight symptoms (WRSM), (VO2max).	general Health score increased in Both the groups (MICT and HIIT combined MICT (HIIT/MICT) by 11 and 13 points respectively the HRQOL and IWQOL was increased moderately in both groups and the WRMS showed moderate to strong change in both groups.	The study Concluded that There is improvement in HRQOL, IWQOL and WRMS for both the groups but combined HIIT/MICT program did not experience large improvement in general health with those who completed a clean 24-week MICT program.
2.	Jennifer L. Reed et al (2022)	135	MF	A single-centre, parallel-group ,RCT was performed and 135 CAD patients undergoing coronary revascularizа tion were randomly allocated to either HIIT, NW or MICTtwice weekly for 12 weeks.	2 times/wk for 12 weeks.	Functional capacity (6MWT), Beck Depression Inventory-II (BDI-II),(SF-36) and HeartQoL, Anthropometrics and hemodynamics were also measured.	NW had a higher increase in 6MWT distance (m) compared to HIIT and MICT .BDI-II scores improved considerably Significant improvemen ts in SF-36 and HeartQoL scores were seen HIIT, NW, and MICT	The study concluded that all 3 of the exercise programmes (HIIT, NW, MICT) were effective in enhancing physical and mental health for CAD patients. NW significantly improved functional capacity, which is a predictor of future cardiovascular events.
3.	Mousa Khalaf et al. (2021)	333	MF	Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses of 10 studies with total of 333 participants were analysed from databases of PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science and the Cochrane.	Data taken upto Octob er 2022	Rate of perceived exertion (RPE) or Borg; ≥80–85% VO2max or VO2peck or HRreserve or HRmax	10 studies involving 2 groups HIIT vs. Control or HIIT vs. (MICT) shows HIIT was helpful for reduction in liver fat when directly compared HIIT and CON However, when compared to MICT there was no evidence for an effect of High intensity exercise on liver fat	The authors concluded that MICT is useful in liver fat reduction whereas HIIT had not much effect than MICT on liver fat levels. HIIT can reduce liver fat in overweight and obese persons with metabolic problems despite no weight loss.

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4.	Meng Cao et al. (2021)	325	MF	meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) The population were overweight and/or obese children and adolescents.	Upto Augus t 2021	body composition (BM, BMI, BF%, WC) cardiorespiratory fitness (VO2max, includes yo-yo test distance) blood pressure (SBP and DBP), lipid profile (TG, TC, HDL-C, LDL-C), glucose markers (BG, BI, HOMA-IR)	HIIT had a more positive effect on cardiorespiratory fitness and SBP than MICT However, there was no significant difference in weight, BMI, visceral fat percentage, diastolic blood pressure, or blood sugar levels between two groups.	The authors concluded that both HIIT and MICT had same effect on body weight, BMI, body fat percentage, diastolic blood pressure, or blood glucose levels authors also conclude that HIIT is a safe and effective way to improve cardiorespiratory fitness and systolic blood pressure in obese children and adolescents.
5.	Babak Hoosh mand Mogha dam et al. (2021)	45	F	A three-arm randomizd controlled trial. The study included 45 overweight/ob ese breast cancer survivors who had survived Brest cancer (stage I, II, or III at the time of diagnosis), The HIIT group trained for 30 minutes, 3 times/week for 12 weeks. The control group did not participate in any exercise.	July 2019 to Nove mber 2019	Primary outcome measure was change in body composition. Secondary outcome measures included inflammatory markers, physical fitness markers and QOL.	substantial decreases in serum concentrations of IL6, TNF, and leptin within the intervention group. there was no changes in IL-8 serum from pre to post trial in any of the 3 groups. None of the group showed any significant changes in LM.	Both HIIT and MICT is an effective way to improve body composition, reduce inflammation, and improve physical Fitness in overweight/obese breast cancer survivors, with HIIT having slightly more effictiveness.
6.	Andrea D'Amur i et al. (2021)	32	MF	The study design is a randomised, single-blind, single-center ,parallel group study. subjects were randomised and trained with isoenergetic treadmill exercises for 12 weeks.	12 weeks	The primary outcome measure was to decrease body weight, while secondary outcome include changes in body composition, BP, lipid profile, glycemia, insulin, and VO2 peak.	MICT and HIIT had similar effects on weight loss, fat Mass, fat free mass, DBP and low-density lipoprotein, cholesterol Significant differences were seen between groups in VO2peak and session duration There was no significant change in SBP, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, glycemia, or	HIIT and MICT both improved cardiovascular risk factors in obese adults, but HIIT led to a faster increase in cardiorespiratory fitness.

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							plasma insulin levels.	
7.	Marlee n A. van Baak et al. (2021)	66	MF	A Systematic review and meta-analyses were done from 4 electronic databases (PubMed, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, and EMBASE)	2-70 week (media n 12 week)	VO2max, 12MWT, GPAQ, walking speed.	Articles were included if (>18 years, (BMI ≥ 25 to ≥ 30 kg/m2) The 66 studies included 3954 participants, with sample sizes ranging from 12 to 464. Training durations ranged from 2 to 70 week And aged from 20 to 75 years ,with baseline BMIs ranging from 26.4 to 37.2 kg/m2 and VO2max ranging from 14.9 to 39.7 ml/min/kg	The study concluded that all form of training (aerobic (MICT), resistance, combined aerobic and resistance, and high-intensity interval training) increases the VO2 max levels and physical fitness level. for the most beneficial exercise programmes combined aerobic training and high-intensity interval training. To improve muscle strength, include resistance exercise in your training programme for better outcome.
8.	Oppert, J. *et al.* (2021)	7	MF	Systematic reviews and meta-analyses was performed, priori defined research questions (Q1 to Q7) were addressed.	January 2010 to Decem ber 2019.	Vo2max	A moderate-int ensity aerobic exercise programme is recommende d for weight loss, visceral fat reduction, and BP Exercise programmes improve calorie intake, quality of life, and psychological well-being.	The research mainly concluded that the moderate-intensity aerobic exercise regimen is indicated for weight loss, visceral fat reduction, and blood pressure control. The expected weight loss ranges from 2 to 3 kg. To retain lean mass while losing weight, a resistance exercise regimen of moderate to high intensity is recommended.
9.	Bellich a A, van Baak MA, et al. (2021)	149	MF	3 electronic databases were searched for SRMA.	betwee n 2010 to Decem ber 2019	weight loss, fat loss, visceral fat loss.	Exercise resulted in considerable weight loss, fat loss, and visceral fat reduction. Both aerobic and high-intensit y interval training resulted in similar weight, fat, and visceral loss when energy expenditure was equivalent.	The authors concluded that MICT, HIIT, aerobic and resistance all of these improves body weight and composition in overweight or obese adults. Although the impact on weight and fat loss is minimal (just a few kilogrammes), reducing visceral fat is expected to improve cardiometabolic health in these patients. Visceral fat loss can occur even if participants lose little or no weight.

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10.	Poon ET-C, Wongpi pit W et al (2021)	492	MF	A Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) was performed. healthy men and women aged 40 years or above, training programs had to last at least 2 weeks	Minim um 2 weeks	VO2 max	Interval training and MICT resulted in significant improvemen ts in VO2max (mL/kg/min) Interval training resulted in a considerably higher increase in VO2max compared to other modalities of training	The author concluded that Interval training and moderate-intensity continuous training (MICT) significantly improved cardiorespiratory fitness in middle-aged and older adults. High-intensity interval training (HIIT) and sprint interval training (SIT) increased maximum oxygen consumption (VO2max) more than MICT.

DISCUSSION

Physical activity has well-documented benefits for weight control/reduction, reduction in central adiposity, and obesity management and is also helpful in lowering overall body weight, liver fat, cardiovascular disease (CVD), and the onset of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease[6] Moderate-intensity continuous training (MICT) is a type of exercise training which has prolonged sessions of moderate intensity exercise without rest and is a typical approach for treating obesity that requires at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity (40-60% VO2 max) exercise. [6]

several studies show that MICT is effective in improving body composition , weight loss, loss of adipose tissue, loss of body fat, decrease in blood pressure, decrease in BMI, improvement in VO2 max, improves physical and mental health, reduction in blood glucose level and reduction in inflammation [10][11]
several studies show that HIIT improves the cardiorespiratory fitness effectively and largely compared to MICT mainly when talking about VO2 max[10] and HIIT can be a time-efficient component for weight management programmes. [11] along with it it takes 9.7 minutes less time per session. [10] HIIT also effectively reduced blood pressure (BP) by approximately 3-5 mmHg[8] HIIT may be more beneficial than MICT in enhancing endothelial function in hypertensive MS patients. [7]

The findings of the literature review have significant ramifications for methods used to treat and prevent obesity and overweight by performing MICT exercise regime. If aiming to reduce the body weight and body composition variables MICT should be considered as it is easy to perform and has no complications as when HIIT is performed, but if also aiming to improve the cardiorespiratory fitness effectively and to be time efficient in weight loss management program then HIIT should be considered.

CONCLUSION

The review of literature emphasises the remarkable prevalence and consequences of overweight and obesity, with a range of investigations. Research conducted globally has repeatedly demonstrated that MICT is efficient and useful in weight loss, and other body composition components among people who are overweight or obese thus, targeted interventions are required to address this problem. Several studies have identified the importance of MICT in weight loss and prevention of obesity along with other intervention's which increases the effectiveness of the intervention.

There is a need for a comprehensive approach to Obesity and overweight due to its prevalence. By addressing this epidemic and taking steps towards the prevention the general well-being of an individual may be enhanced.

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FEATURES OF NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS IN CHILDREN WITH SPEECH DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

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ABSTRACT

Problems of speech pathology in children attract the attention of doctors, speech therapists and psychologists due to the high prevalence of these disorders and the importance of speech function in the mental development of the child. The result of impaired speech development is the difficulty or impossibility of a child's education in a comprehensive school.

In this regard, the formation of speech in children is a necessary factor for social adaptation and learning. Despite the numerous studies, there are no exact criteria for the early diagnosis of speech development disorders, questions of etiology and pathogenesis have not been resolved, methods for predicting the course and rehabilitation of children with speech development delays require further development, and the features of speech development delays for various variants of comorbid neurological disorders [4].

Delayed speech development in children, if adequate therapeutic and rehabilitation measures are not carried out in a timely manner, may in the future lead to a decrease in the intellectual potential of the nation.

KEYWORDS: *delayed speech development, neurological disorders.*

PURPOSE

To study of clinical and neurological characteristics in children with speech developmental disorders.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A total of 95 children aged 3 to 6 years were under clinical observation. Of these, 55 were children with speech development disorders of organic origin and 40 were children with speech development disorders of the type of general speech underdevelopment. To characterize the state of the central nervous system, data from the neurological status of the examined patients were used. Registration of total bioelectrical activity of the brain (EEG) was carried out using a computer encephalograph.

RESULTS

The reason for patients to turn to a specialist was complaints of lack of speech, disruption of the stages of psycho-speech development, as a result of which a speech development disorder was identified in these patients. All patients underwent routine clinical and neurological examination, EEG and MRI of the brain.

Factors contributing to the formation of speech development disorders include asphyxia during childbirth (29.7%), pathology of pregnancy (28.5%), prematurity (21.2%), infectious and viral diseases of the mother during pregnancy (15.5 %), hemolytic disease of newborns (6.7%), birth injury of the cervical spine (5.8%).

At the same time, the majority of children with speech development disorders had diffuse organic neurological symptoms, as well as central insufficiency of the VII and XII pairs of the cranial nerve, anisoreflexia, and revitalization of tendon reflexes. When examining the medical history, signs of perinatal damage to the nervous system were revealed in 48 (85%) patients.

In accordance with the results obtained, in children with speech development disorders aged 2-5 years, the maximum for the P1 component was recorded in the occipital region. At the same time, in children of group I, registration of the maximum P1 component was detected in the right hemisphere, and in children of group II it was found in the left region of the brain. In children one year of age with speech developmental disorders, two maximum amplitude values of the N1 component were present in the frontal and left occipital regions. In addition, an asymmetry in the formation of the N1 component was found in these brain regions.

Consequently, when studying survey data, a wider display of interhemispheric connections was found in the group of children with speech developmental disorders compared to children without speech developmental disorders.

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Table. 2

Characteristics of the state of bioelectrical activity of the brain in the study groups (%)

EEG data	1 group, n=55	2nd group, n=40
Delayed maturation	40,0	8,5
Diffuse changes	30,0	8,2
Focal changes	25,0	4,2
Paroxysmal activity	10,0	1,4
Epileptiform activity	15,0	1
Variant of the age norm	0	10

Note. * - pvalue<0.001; ** - significant EEG differences between groups (p <0.001).

In 69.6% of patients, bilateral asymmetry and asynchronization of the EEG were detected and a wide range of changes in regulatory and organic origin of mild to moderate severity was diagnosed. A variant of the age norm was noted in 10% of patients in group 2. The EEG data obtained in children with speech development disorders indicate that children show more significant changes in the bioelectrical activity of the cerebral hemispheres than children in the healthy group.

Characteristic were significant diffuse changes in the bioelectrical activity of the brain, with a predominance of the organic nature of the changes. There was a delay in the formation of the age-related rhythm. Focal changes are represented in 25% of children in group 1, 4.2% in group 2, mainly with bursts of slow wave activity.

Table. 4

MRI in the examined groups, %

MRI data	1group, n=55	2 group, n=40
Expansion of the subarachnoid spaces	61,1	1,7
Ventriculomegaly	61,1	1,7
Focal lesions of white matter and basal ganglia	27,9	7,3
Periventricular changes	16,8	4,7
Anomaly of development	2	0

In children with speech development disorders, in most cases we observed expansion of the subarachnoid spaces (61,1%), ventriculomegaly (61,1%). The incidence of these changes in children of group 1 was 91.7% and was significantly higher (p>0.01). In 27.9% of children in group 1 and 7.3% in group 2, focal lesions of the white matter and subcortical areas were detected. In our study, 2% of cases of developmental anomaly were identified in children with speech development disorders, which characterizes a disorder in the maturation of nervous tissue in children against the background of intrauterine lesions.

CONCLUSIONS

An in-depth examination of children with speech development disorders using clinical, neurological, and neuroimaging studies makes it possible to determine the structure of various factors that lead to speech development disorders and influence the further course of the disease.

LITERATURE

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ANALYZING THE ROLE OF FOOD IN ENHANCING CUSTOMER DINING EXPERIENCE: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY ON HAVELI RESTAURANT IN HARYANA

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ABSTRACT
The present study conducted at Haveli restaurant in Haryana, aimed to analyze the role of culinary elements in enhancing the customer dining experience. The study involved 182 participants who recently dined at the restaurant. Through purposive sampling and questionnaire surveys, data was collected on various aspects including taste, presentation, quality, and cultural authenticity of the cuisine. Statistical analysis, including stepwise multiple regression, was employed to test the hypotheses and determine the impact of different culinary attributes on the dining experience. Results revealed that factors such as visual appeal, nutritional balance, uniqueness, and overall food quality significantly influenced customer satisfaction. Additionally, affordability, freshness of ingredients, and flavor diversity played noteworthy roles. The study affirmed that culinary elements indeed have a positive impact on the dining experience. Recommendations for Haveli restaurant include refining culinary elements, enhancing dish presentation, ensuring ingredient quality and freshness, maintaining affordability, and incorporating unique flavours. Moreover, efforts to gather customer feedback and collaborate with local producers were suggested for continuous improvement.

KEY WORDS: *Culinary elements, Customer, Dining experience, Haveli restaurant, Regression analysis*

INTRODUCTION
The role of food in enhancing the dining experience for tourists has been a subject of interest in the tourism and hospitality industry. Westering (1999) discusses how heritage and gastronomy play a significant role in attracting the 'new tourist' who seeks authentic experiences. This highlights the importance of local cuisine in shaping the overall tourist experience. Similarly, Andersson et al. (2004) explore whether restaurants satisfy customer needs in terms of the dining experience, emphasizing the crucial role of food in meeting tourist expectations. Moreover, the symbolic power of food is evident in various contexts, as discussed by Godderis (2006) in the setting of a prison. The article delves into how food holds significance in institutional settings, shedding light on the power dynamics associated with consumption. This underscores the idea that food is not merely sustenance but a symbol that influences experiences and interactions. Government websites also play a vital role in promoting culinary tourism, as highlighted by Horng et al. (2010). These platforms serve to showcase a destination's cuisine and food culture, creating a virtual experience for potential tourists. By effectively presenting culinary offerings, destinations can attract visitors interested in exploring local gastronomy. Innovative approaches to enhancing the dining experience are also explored in the literature. Koizumi et al. (2011) introduce the concept of using sound effects to augment food texture, creating a cross-modal illusion that enhances the sensory experience of dining. This demonstrates how multisensory elements can contribute to a more immersive and memorable dining experience. Furthermore, the importance of touch in the gastronomic experience is discussed by Spence et al. (2012). The study emphasizes how tactile sensations, from the weight of the menu to the feel of tableware, can impact the overall eating experience. This highlights the sensory complexity involved in dining and how touch influences perceptions of food. Cultural and religious aspects of food also play a significant role in enhancing the tourist experience. Son et al. (2013) explore the role of Buddhist temple food in Western tourists' experiences, underscoring how religious food can serve as a unique attraction for visitors. Additionally, Bessiere et al. (2013) examine the role of traditional food in rural spaces,

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emphasizing how local cuisine can offer tourists a departure from routine and an opportunity to explore unfamiliar culinary traditions. The presentation of food also influences the dining experience, as demonstrated by Michel et al. (2014). The study assesses how art-inspired culinary presentations can impact diners' expectations and sensory experiences. By creatively presenting dishes, restaurants can enhance the perceived artistic value and complexity of their offerings, contributing to a more engaging dining experience. In conclusion, from cultural and heritage aspects to sensory and innovative approaches, food plays a central role in shaping memorable and authentic experiences for visitors. By understanding the significance of food in tourism, destinations and restaurants can create compelling culinary offerings that attract and delight tourists.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Focusing on tourists' dining experiences Yüksel and Yüksel (2003) investigated whether tourists could be grouped into distinct segments; whether the composition of variables determining customer satisfaction differed among the identified segments; and whether market segmentation strategy could contribute to more parsimonious satisfaction prediction models. Multiple regression analyses were then employed to examine the relative importance of service dimensions in determining satisfaction judgments of each segment. Studies on customer satisfaction have showed that customer satisfaction is strongly dependent on the perceived experience and prior expectation of the customers. Ali et. al., (2014) propose foodservice experience as a key driver of satisfaction, dining frequency and dining expenditure in formation of causal relationships. Empirical findings support the positive relationship between foodservice experience, customer satisfaction, their dining frequency and dining expenditure. The contribution of Canny, (2014) was to investigate the role of dining experience attributes on customer satisfaction on behavioural intentions in casual dining restaurant in Jakarta. Based on a sample of 213 customers, which analyse with multiple regression approach, this study revealed that: (1) dining experience attributes (food quality, service quality and physical environment) positively influences on customer satisfaction (2) service quality was found as the most important factor in dining experience attributes that affecting customer satisfaction, and (3) customer satisfaction positively influences on behavioural intentions. Hussein, (2018) aimed to explore the dimensions of experience quality in the area of Indonesia casual dining restaurant. Customer satisfaction, restaurant image and customer engagement are noted as the antecedents of customer loyalty. Hu et. al., (2020) seek to understand the impacts of restaurant technology on customer dining experiences Furthermore, the study places particular emphasis on exploring the moderating effects of the need for interaction on customer dining experiences through the application of restaurant technology. A theoretical framework has been proposed to explain the relationships among restaurant technology, service quality, service experience, relationship quality and need for interaction. Many hospitality enterprises nowadays seek to engage their customers in the process of value creation. Mohammad and AbouElezz(2020) investigated the concept of co-creation of the dining experience and its outcomes. The results revealed that the impact of dining experience co-creation on perceived personalization and brand love was positive, while it was negative on customer satiation and non significant on switching behaviour. Yu et. al., (2020) discovered the role of seasonality in customer dining experiences. Content analysis was conducted based on the core attributes of the customer dining experiences. Positive feelings towards the food and the service do not show a linear relationship, while the overall dining experiences increase in line with the positive feelings on food quality. Le et. al., (2021) explored authenticity dimensions that are of value to customers in dining experiences, and by that gains a multi-dimensional understanding of authenticity in this context. Following an integrated learning approach using text mining and classification techniques, they confirmed different dimensions of authenticity by identifying and classifying authenticity judgements in online restaurant reviews. Oh et. al., (2021) investigated the factors influencing the customer dining experience and retention at Marrybrown in Malaysia. The findings indicated that food quality, location preference, menu innovation, restaurant environment, and service quality are important variables that affect the customer dining experience and customer retention.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The primary focus of this study was to determine the impact of the culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant in Haryana on enhancing the customer dining experience. This entailed examining various aspects such as taste, presentation, quality, and cultural authenticity of the cuisine offered at the restaurant. By understanding the specific elements that influence customer satisfaction, the study aimed to provide insights into how the restaurant can further enhance its offerings to better meet the expectations and preferences of its clientele.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted in person, focusing on 182 customers who had recently visited *Haveli*, a themed restaurant situated in Karnal, Haryana. Data gathering occurred directly after their dining experience. Purposive sampling was utilized, selecting participants based on their affiliation with *Haveli* restaurant in Haryana, whether as regular patrons or individuals engaged in its culinary operations. A survey questionnaire, administered in English, was constructed to obtain information about respondents' demographic backgrounds, their culinary preferences at the restaurant, and how these preferences influenced their dining experiences. A total of 203 questionnaires were personally distributed, with each participant providing consent before participation. After receiving the completed questionnaires, a comprehensive review was undertaken to detect any instances of missing information, incompleteness, or inaccuracies. Subsequently, it was found that 21 out of the 203 questionnaires displayed such inconsistencies. Consequently, these questionnaires were excluded from further analysis to uphold the accuracy and dependability of the findings. This adjustment reduced the final sample size considered for subsequent analysis to 182. Following data organization, the collected information was inputted into IBM SPSS software version 26 for subsequent analysis. The analysis primarily consisted of stepwise multiple regression analysis aimed at uncovering relationships and patterns within the dataset.

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DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

In order to achieve this objective, a null hypothesis ***H01 "The culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant have no impact on enhancing the customer dining experience"*** was formulated and tested. The detailed process of hypothesis testing, results and conclusions are presented below. A stepwise multiple regression was applied to see the impact of 14 elements of food served in Haveli restaurants on enhancing the customer dining experience. However, before applying the test, data was tested for all the assumptions of regression analysis, which included assumptions of no outliers, normal distribution, data linearity, homoscedasticity and no autocorrelations. Residual statistics analysis for outliers (Table 1) showed that the minimum value of standard residual was -3.320 and maximum value was 2.274 postulating that the collected data had no outliers. It was confirmed from the bell shaped and symmetrical histogram for regression standard residual and normal P-P plot for regression standard residual that residuals were normally distributed. A scatterplot showing a random array of dots indicated a straight-line linear relationship between the variables and a constant variance of the residuals in the regression model, which means that the data met the assumptions of linearity and homoscedasticity. To check the lack of autocorrelations, the values of test statistic for Durbin Watson test analysis were observed. The value of Durbin Watson test (Table 2) was 1.677, which was closer to 2 confirming that the residuals had no autocorrelation among them. After testing the data for all assumptions, a stepwise multiple regression was applied to determine the impact of culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant on enhancing the customer dining experience.

The analysis suggested 12 models based on 14 attributes (Table 2) describing the impact of these attributes on enhancing the customer dining experience. The remaining 2 attributes were automatically removed from the analysis by the software as they did not play a significant role in enhancing the customer dining experience. These factors were "Food items have balanced combination of Hot and Spicy" and "Food items are Aromatic".

Table 1: Residual statistics for Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis between culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant and their impact on enhancing the customer dining experience

	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
Predicted Value	3.1835	4.7791	3.8540	.28683	182
Residual	-.52763	.36147	.00000	.15358	182
Std. Predicted Value	-2.338	3.225	.000	1.000	182
Std. Residual	-3.320	2.274	.000	.966	182

Table 2: Model summary for Stepwise Multiple Regression between culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant and their impact on enhancing the customer dining experience

Models	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Durbin-Watson
1	.550	.302	.299	.27248	**1.677**
2	.674	.454	.448	.24166	
3	.720	.518	.510	.22780	
4	.757	.573	.563	.21504	
5	.790	.625	.614	.20212	
6	.815	.664	.652	.19190	
7	.837	.701	.689	.18150	
8	.855	.731	.718	.17265	
9	.868	.753	.740	.16593	
10	.872	.761	.747	.16356	
11	.877	.770	.755	.16110	
12	.882	.777	.761	.15894	

It is evident from Table 2 above that the 12th regression model having $R^2 = .777$, contains 12 attributes out of 14 that describe 77.7 % of the total variance in the dining experiences of customers. Furthermore, the value of F-statistic [F (12, 169) = 49.121, $p < .05$] with p-value = 0.000, indicated that the 12th regression model is statistically significant (Table 3).

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Table 3: ANOVA for Stepwise Multiple Regression between culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant and their impact on enhancing the customer dining experience

Models		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	**Regression**	5.796	1	5.796	**78.060**	**.000**
	Residual	13.364	180	.074		
	Total	19.160	181			
2	**Regression**	8.707	2	4.353	**74.545**	**.000**
	Residual	10.453	179	.058		
	Total	19.160	181			
3	**Regression**	9.923	3	3.308	**63.744**	**.000**
	Residual	9.237	178	.052		
	Total	19.160	181			
4	**Regression**	10.975	4	2.744	**59.339**	**.000**
	Residual	8.185	177	.046		
	Total	19.160	181			
5	**Regression**	11.970	5	2.394	**58.597**	**.000**
	Residual	7.190	176	.041		
	Total	19.160	181			
6	**Regression**	12.716	6	2.119	**57.550**	**.000**
	Residual	6.444	175	.037		
	Total	19.160	181			
7	**Regression**	13.428	7	1.918	**58.235**	**.000**
	Residual	5.732	174	.033		
	Total	19.160	181			
8	**Regression**	14.003	8	1.750	**58.717**	**.000**
	Residual	5.157	173	.030		
	Total	19.160	181			
9	**Regression**	14.424	9	1.603	**58.212**	**.000**
	Residual	4.736	172	.028		
	Total	19.160	181			
10	**Regression**	14.585	10	1.459	**54.517**	**.000**
	Residual	4.575	171	.027		
	Total	19.160	181			
11	**Regression**	14.748	11	1.341	**51.656**	**.000**
	Residual	4.412	170	.026		
	Total	19.160	181			
12	**Regression**	14.891	12	1.241	**49.121**	**.000**
	Residual	4.269	169	.025		
	Total	19.160	181			

It is revealed from Table 3 above that in the 12th regression model the value of sum of squares of mean is highest (14.891) and the value of sum of squares of residual is lowest (4.269) which indicates that the model explained a significant amount of variance in establishing a significant impact of culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant on enhancing the customer dining experience.

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Table 4: Model summary of individual impact of culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant on enhancing the customer dining experience

	Culinary elements	B	Std. Error	Beta (β)	t	p
12th Model	*(Constant)*	.838	.141		5.930	***.000***
	Food items are Unique	.077	.018	.190	4.319	***.000***
	Food items are Easily digestible	.042	.020	.096	2.079	***.039***
	Food items have overall good quality	.070	.015	.189	4.844	***.000***
	Food items are Inexpensive	.083	.020	.186	4.180	***.000***
	Food items are Healthy/nutritionally balanced	.089	.018	.212	5.070	***.000***
	Food items are Exotic	.069	.019	.156	3.653	***.000***
	Food items are Visually appealing	.086	.016	.221	5.459	***.000***
	Fresh ingredients used in Food items	.082	.020	.177	4.071	***.000***
	Food items give good value for money	.054	.016	.143	3.357	***.001***
	Food items are diverse in terms of flavors, ingredients and cooking methods	.042	.019	.092	2.137	***.034***
	Food items are Tasty and flavorful	.053	.018	.116	2.882	***.004***
	Food items are positively Surprising	.043	.018	.107	2.379	***.018***

To determine the individual contribution of each culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant on enhancing the customer dining experience, standardized beta value and t values of the 12th model were observed (Table 4). The p-value (0.000) of the slope coefficients of t statistics (5.930) is less than 5% significance level (p=.000) which means that significant relationship has been observed between the elements. By looking into the values of standardized coefficients, it was observed that element "Food items are Visually appealing" had the highest influence [β = .221, t (181) = 5.459, p= .000] on enhancing the customer dining experience, followed by elements "Food items are Healthy/nutritionally balanced" [β = .212, t (181) = 5.070, p= .000]; "Food items are Unique" [β = .190, t (181) = 4.319, p= .000]; "Food items have overall good quality" [β = .189, t (181) = 4.844, p= .000]; "Food items are Inexpensive" (β = .186, t (181) = 4.180, p= .000]; "Fresh ingredients used in Food items" [β = .177, t (181) = 4.071, p= .000]; "Food items are Exotic" [β = .156, t (181) = 3.653, p= .000]; "Food items give good value for money" [β = .143, t (181) = 3.357, p= .001]; "Food items are Tasty and flavorful" [β = .116, t (181) = 2.882, p= .004]; "Food items are positively Surprising" (β = .107, t (181) = 2.379, p= .018]; "Food items are Easily digestible" [β = .096, t (181) = 2.079, p= .039] and "Food items are diverse in terms of flavors, ingredients and cooking methods" (β = .092, t (181) = 2.137, p= .034].

In addition to this, all the 12 factors had a significant p-value ($p < 0.05$), meaning that there is a significant relationship between culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant and customer dining experience. Hence the results of the stepwise multiple regression analysis implied that culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant had significant impact on enhancing the customer dining experience. Hence our hypothesis ***H_01 "The culinary elements of food served in Haveli restaurant have no impact on enhancing the customer dining experience" is rejected.***

CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

The study underscores how crucial culinary elements are in elevating the dining experience for patrons at Haveli restaurant in Haryana. Extensive analysis revealed that various factors, such as taste, presentation, quality, and cultural authenticity of the cuisine, significantly contribute to customer satisfaction. Robust regression analysis highlighted that attributes like visual appeal, nutritional balance, uniqueness, and overall food quality exerted the most significant influence on enhancing the dining experience. Additionally, affordability, freshness of ingredients, and flavour diversity also played noteworthy roles. These findings reject the null hypothesis, confirming that the culinary elements at Haveli restaurant indeed have a positive impact on the customer dining experience.

Based on the findings, Haveli restaurant is recommended to prioritize and invest in refining its culinary elements to further elevate the dining experience. This entails initiatives such as enhancing visual dish presentation, ensuring consistent quality and freshness of ingredients, and maintaining affordability without compromising taste or authenticity. Additionally, efforts to introduce unique and diverse flavours, emphasizing nutritional balance, and implementing periodic menu updates reflecting seasonal or regional specialties can contribute to sustained customer satisfaction and loyalty. Incorporating customer feedback mechanisms like suggestion boxes or online surveys would offer valuable insights for continuous improvement and adaptation to evolving preferences. Collaborations with local producers or artisans to source fresh, high-quality ingredients could further enhance the restaurant's reputation for culinary excellence. While acknowledging potential limitations, such as the study's single-restaurant focus and geographical constraints, these findings align with previous research, emphasizing the significant role of culinary aspects in shaping overall dining experiences. Further research exploring diverse culinary contexts or investigating the interplay between

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culinary elements and other factors like service quality or ambiance could provide a more comprehensive understanding of the dining experience, benefiting both practitioners and scholars. Overall, this study contributes valuable insights into the importance of food in creating memorable dining experiences.

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A CONCEPT OF PARADI GUNA (ABHYAS) AND ITS CLINICAL UTILITY

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ABSTRACT
Ayurveda's primary need in the modern world is for its basic principles to be practically applicable. Research should be concentrated on all areas where scientific inputs can validate Ayurveda's tenets and philosophy. All substances are explained by Ayurveda in terms of five elements: Rasa, Guna, Virya, Vipaka, and Prabhav.Among these, Ayurveda and philosophy recognize one guna as the fundamental component of Srushti. All of the gunas have been given importance by Ayurveda so that they can be used to therapeutic practice. The improvement of treatment is contingent upon numerous aspects, of which Charaka has accorded primary significance to Paradi gunas. Paradi gunas are also known as the different attributes that pharmacists, doctors, and researchers must possess. According to Acharya Charaka, understanding of Paradi Gunas is necessary for "Sidhyupaya chikista," or the effective management of illness. The involvement of paradigunas in the selection, adaptation, and manifestation of drugs according to the patient's and the disease's situation is significant, especially for Desha and Kala. There are ten paradi gunas. Out of these Abhyas Guna is one of them. No treatment can occur without Abhyas. This Abhyas used by physicians and pharmacists in treating disease. Importance of Abhyas Guna by using Aushadha and regular therapy e.g Regular massage of Masha Saindhav Tail and regular intake of Rasna churna can be useful in Sandhivata. One can further understand the literary review of Paradi Gunas serves to explore the subject of the clinical practice.

KEYWORDS: *Guna, Paradi Guna, Abhyasa Guna, Sandhivat*

INTRODUCTION
Every basic premise in *Ayurveda* has a practical application, and the majority of the ideas are articulated through the use of *gunas. Gunas* is a word with several literary connotations. The root "*Guna*" which meaning "to invite" is whence the word "*Guna*" originates. It indicates that the origin of the name *Guna* is the characteristic of *Dravya* that draws people to it. *Charaka-Acharya* says that *Guna* is the cause without any action and that it has indivisible concomitance. The *Gunas* mentioned in *Ayurveda* are classified into a number of groups, including *Vaishesika gunas*[1], *Adhyatmika gunas*, *Gurvadi gunas*, and *Paradi gunas*. The most crucial element among these *gunas* for success and improved care is *Paradi gunas*. They are all helpful in achieving therapeutic success and come in 10 different categories, starting with *Para*, etc.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE
To study the *Abhyas Guna* for better understanding as well as for clinical practice.

MATERIALS & METHODS
The article's content is gathered from old publications such as the *Sushruta Samhita*, *Charak Samhita*, and *Astanga Hridaya*, as well as from other articles, websites, genuine books, and papers themselves.

LITERATURE REVIEW
PARATVA & APARATVA
Aparatva denotes inferiority, while *Paratva* denotes supremacy or superiority. The following elements, among others, have an impact on the *Paratva* and *Aparatva: Desa*, *Kala*, *Vaya*, *Mana*, *Paka*, *Veerya*, and *Rasa.*

Utility in Chikitsa: *Apara* and *Para* must be chosen by the doctor or pharmacist when creating a formulation, choosing a *chikitsopakrama*, or maintaining health according to *Dinacharya* & *Ritucharya*.
Hitatama and *Ahitatama dravyas* reveal the Theory of *Para-Apara* (Table-1).

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DRAVYA	PARA	APARA
Shukadhanya	Rakta Shali	Yava
Shamidhanya	Mudga	Masha
Dugdha	Go Dugdha	Avi Dugdha

Table-1: Concept of Para-Apara is explained in *Hitatma* and *Ahitma* Dravyas[2]

YUKTI

Yuj Dhatu, which implies logical reasoning, is the root of the word *Yukti*.

Utility of *Yukti* in *Chikitsa*: *Yukti* is the foundation of the entire field of study. Since the final result is just presumed and has not yet been proven, the study project's hypothesis is based on *Yukti*. Once more, a number of variables that are present during the research process influence the outcome. *Yukti* is the foundation for many clinical research decisions, including topic choice, medication selection, patient assessment, disease diagnosis, and medication choice. As different formulations of the same medication can be used for different diseases and patients, and multiple medications can be used for a single patient. The administration's *Matra* and *Kala* rely on.

SANKHYA

Sankhya[2], or number, is the attribute that gives precise knowledge and is recognized by one, two, three, etc. words. It has two uses: counting and numbering. In both Ayurveda and medical science, the *Sankhya*, or number attribute, is significant. A few medicinal preparations have names that come before numbers as well; such examples include *Trikatu Churna, Triphala Churna, Dasanga Lepa, Kantaka Panchamula,* etc.

Utility of *Sankhya* in *Chikitsa*: As was previously mentioned in the *Paradi gunas*' introduction, the *Sankhya* property is much more helpful in the pharmaceutical and clinical fields. It is used to comprehend various diseases and determine the various *Dosha Matra* and their *Amshamsha Kalpana* in the *Samprapti* of *Vyadhis*. In the pharmaceutics industry, the number of ingredients in any formulation is determined based solely on this property.

These days, this characteristic is employed and applied as a distinct science. Statistics is a branch of mathematics, which was once known as arithmetic. Algebra is the term for calculations performed with letters; arithmetic is the term for calculations performed with figures.

SAMYOGA

Words like "conjunction," "union," "combination," and have many meanings depending on the context (*Shabda Kalpa Druma*)". *Samyoga*[3] refers to the combination of two or more materials.

The *yoga* or substance that results from the union of two *Dravyas* is referred to as Samyoga, according to *Chakrapani*. Alternative names for this phrase are *Samurchhana, Samgathana, Ekatrikarana, Sambandha, Sammshrana,* and *Sammilana.*

Types of *Samyoga*

Samyoga has been classified into 3 types: *Ekakarmaja Samyoga, Dwandakarmaja Samyoga* and *Sarvakarmaja Samyoga.*

1. *Ekakarmaja Samyoga*: It is combination of drugs where the impact is produced by only one drug acting as an active ingredient. Example: An bird perched on a tree.

2. *Dwandakarmaja Samyoga:* It is fusion of two *Sakriya Pakshas*. The combination's two ingredients are actively working to produce an impact. For instance, combining *Ghrita* and *Haritaki samana* in *Vata Dosha*.

3. *Sarvakarmaja Samyoga*: Where more than two participants actively engage in *Samyoga.* For example, *Triphala, Sadangapaniya,* and Acharya Charaka in *Vimanasthana* have also mentioned two kinds of *Samyoga* inferentially. i) *Prakritisama Samavaya* and ii) *Vikritivisama Samavaya*.

***VIBHAGA* (Division or Disjunction)**

Removal of one or more substances from combination is *Vibhaga*[4]. *Vibhaga* is also of three types:

Eka karmaja Vibhaga, Dwanda karmaja Vibhaga and *Sarva karmaja Vibhaga*

1. Eka karmaja Vibhaga- Eliminating a single ingredient from a mixture for example, taking one medicine out of a combo.

2. Dwanda Karmaja- Two things are taken out of the mixture. Ex: Eliminating two medications from a combo.

3. Sarva Karmaja Vibhaga :- Elimination of more than two ingredients from the mixture. Participants once the meeting is over.

Utility of *Samyoga Vibhaga* in *Chikitsa*: Without *Samyoga* and *Vibhaga, Karma* cannot happen[5]. After the body undergoes *Vibhaga* with the external environment—that is, after the *Chaya* of *Doshas*, their *Vibhaga* from their *Sthana*, and then their *Samyoga* with the *Dushya* to cause the *Vyadhi*—all physiological and pathological processes in the body arise as a result of *Samyoga* and *Vibhaga* during the *Samprapti*.

The pharmacist may remove some ingredients from a formulation based on necessity, just as he may add medications to a formulation to boost its efficacy. Thus, in the field of pharmaceuticals, *Samyoga* and *Vibhaga* hold great significance.

***PRITHAKATVA* (Differentiation/Separation)**

Prithakatva[6] is the distinction between two or more objects that have remained together. In this context, separation refers to a clear grasp with respect to boundaries.

Acharya Charaka describes three types of *Prithaktva i.e Asamyoga, Vailaksanya & Anekata*[7].

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1. ***Asamyoga*** (Non combination) - It is distinctions between substances that are unrelated to one another. For example, a Pot differs from a flower.
2. ***Vailaksanya*** **-**It is difference between two classes of the same species that is characterized by distinctness or identifying marks. Bears and buffaloes, for instance, are two different species**.**
3. ***Anekata*** (More than one or plurality) -It can assist in differentiating between several forms of the same illness. For instance, *Kustha's* eighteen varieties can be distinguished from one another by means of distinctive symptoms.
Utility in *Chikitsa:* This characteristic finds application in both the differential diagnosis of illnesses and the pharmaceutics industry, where it is utilized to extract specific contents from specific formulations.

PARIMANA **(Measurement)**
The experiences that are obtained because of the Parimana attribute[8] are big or tiny, weighty or light. Hraswa, Mahat, Anu, and Dirgha are its four types.

The medical sciences regularly employ the Parimana characteristic. The many organs and components of the body are measured rationally in healthy individuals. A person's constitution is said to be undesirable if they are too tall or short. Adequate dosage and food planning demonstrate optimal health. So, in *Ayurvedic* medicine, Parimana in Paradi Guna is significant.

Utility in *Chikitsa:* Everything that is studied in relation to *Swasthya* and *Atura* is given significance; otherwise, the investigation is worthless. This quality should thus be taken into account in all aspects of life that are practical, as well as in all domains that are related to life and its activities, such as physiology, pathology, clinical practice, research methods, etc.

SAMSKARA
When this *Samskara Guna* is utilized and applied, it gives the same or different substances the desired qualities. This attribute was described by Acharya Charaka as being specifically in the aspects of *Aushadha* and *Aahara*. Three strategies—*Vega, Bhavana*, and *Sthitisthapakatvam*—have been identified for *Samskara*; these approaches are also employed in the Ayurvedic *Bhaishajya Kalpana* and the *Ahara Kalpana*.

Utility in *Chikitsa:* *Samskara* is a quality that is highly valued by both pharmacists and *Chikitsakas*. The different elements that the *Sharira* is exposed to through both *Vihara* and *Ahara* cause it to undergo *Samskara* as well. As a result, both *Ahara*'s positive traits and the healthy surroundings to which she is exposed exist. The *Dhatus* that is generated within the body will receive the same attributes from us. As a result, the highest-quality *Dhatus* will have superior *Vyadhikshamatva*.

Giving *Bhavana* of *Amalaka Swarasa* to the churna of *Amalaki* will potentiate its action. Similarly, during treatment, the medicine may need to have its harmful effects reduced or certain qualities altered to make it more suitable for a disease condition.

ABHYASA
According to *Acharya Charaka*, *Abhyasa*[9] refers to the repeated administration of anything, such as the same diet or *Aushadha*. It is a crucial and practical quality for both treatment and hygiene. For full benefit, consistent usage of a helpful diet and medication is necessary. Such items, which support the preservation of health and can stop illness outbreaks, ought to be taken on a regular basis. Enhancement of *Dhatus* is the consequence of regular and repeated use of *Shasthika, Sali, Mudga, rock salt, Amalaki, rainwater, ghee*, and honey, as well as the habitual usage of substances with similar properties. As a result, the *Abhyasa* characteristic is particularly valuable in therapy, and understanding the *Paradi Gunas* is beneficial because a doctor cannot treat a patient without doing so
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Utility in *Chikitsa:* We shall learn about the significance of *Abhyas* in *Chikitsa* here. Anything that is administered repeatedly is called an *abhyas*, and through constant practice, it offers unique benefits to both *Sharira* and *Manas.* Two synonyms for *Abhyas* are *Sheelan* and *Satatkriya*. My goal in this research is to examine the therapeutic and clinical significance of *Abhyas. Sandhigata vata* has been interpreted in this situation to demonstrate the curative impact of *Abhyas* on it. Growing cases of *Sandhigata Vata* have been observed in the modern era as a result of unhealthy lifestyle choices, inadequate nutrition, and age-related changes in weight-bearing joints (such as the knee joint). All of the *Samhitas* describe *Sandhigata Vata*, according to *Ayurveda. Vatapurna Dhrti Sparsha Shotha Sandhigate Anile Prasaran Akunchanayo pravarati-sch svedna*, as described by *Acharya Charak*, indicates that the primary phenomenon in *samprapti* of *Sandhigata Vata* that causes pain during joint contraction and extension is swelling in *Sandhis* brought on by *Prakupita Vata*. *Bahya* (external) and *Abhyantar* (internal)*Snehan* has been described as the best treatment for *Sandhigata Vata* and *Asthigata Vata* in *Charak Samhita*. For the *Vata Dosha* to be balanced, *Taila Snehan* is highly important. In the *Sushruta Samhita*, remedies for *Snayu, Sandhi*, and *Ashtigata Vata* include *Sneha, Upnaha, Agnikarma, Bandhan, and Mardan Mash and Saindhav Sadhit taila'* regular *abhyanga* is beneficial for treating *Vata Vyadhi*, according to a passage in *AstangHridya* attributed to *Tailam Sankuchite Abhyange Mash Saindhav Sadhitam*.

Following *Abhyasa*, the *Chikitsaka* and pharmacist develop experience in bringing perfection and expertise through the method, patients, and formulations, respectively. This *Abhyasa* is seen essential in all fields and is regarded as the substance's quality. When applying, it is the sole attribute where the question "how much experience do you have" is asked.

DISCUSSION
Being a medical discipline, *Ayurveda* must be aware of the two different forms of *Dosha, Dhatu,* and *Mala* in the body as well as the conditions of *Agni, Kostha, Srotas, Roga,* and *Rogi bala*, among other states. In clinical practice and research, all of the *gunas* play important roles. The use of Paradigunas is very broad. *Anusandhana* and *Chikitsa Karma* cannot be performed

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in a suitable manner without a thorough understanding of *Paradi gunas*.

Para and *Apara guna* aid in the diagnosis of disease as well as in the selection of the most effective medication for treatment. The entire field of research is founded on *Yukti*; everything is based on this, including the choice of topic (hypothesis), treatment, patient, and disease assessment. An essential part of any research where *Sankhya guna* is essential in data analysis, or statistics. *Samyoga* and *Vibhaga* assist in organizing patients into groups for the trail. In the differential diagnosis of diseases that are strikingly similar, *prthakatva* can be helpful. In addition to aiding in the proper dosage calculation, *parimana* is useful in diagnosing conditions involving normal hematological and biochemical levels. *Samskara* modifies the drug's original properties to enhance or reduce its concentration in order to improve study outcomes. In research, *Abhyasa r*efers to the appropriate duration for which a medicine should be given.

CONCLUSION

Each of *Ayurveda*'s basic principles has a specific significance for comprehending the discipline and for its application in daily life. In order to succeed in therapeutics, *paradi gunas* are crucial. These are the *paradi gunas* in which a doctor must be skilled. *Abhyasa guna* is used in treating a disease. these attributes are crucial in the fields of pharmaceutics, treatments, and research, these attributes are crucial

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A LITERATURE REVIEW ON THE EFFECT OF DEEP BREATHING EXERCISES ON STRESS-INDUCED ANXIETY AND CARDIOVASCULAR CHANGES

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ABSTRACT

Many ailments, including somatic conditions like hypertension and pulmonary diseases additionally psychiatric conditions like anxiety and depressive disorders, benefit from using deep breathing techniques. The purpose of this literature review is to determine the effect of deep breathing on stress-induced anxiety and cardiovascular changes.

METHOD: *Search engines like PubMed and Google Scholar have been used to collect the reviews consisting of systematic reviews, randomized controlled trials, and experimental studies regarding the current evidence of the effect of breathing exercises on stress induced anxiety and related cardiovascular changes. A total of 35 articles were identified, among them 20 articles from 2007 to 2023 were selected for review.*

RESULT: *four experimental studies were identified, where they compared the experimental group with the control group. Four quasi-experimental studies tested Deep Breathing Exercises to significantly reduce stress, anxiety, and circulatory problems. One systematic review summarized the impact of breathing activities on prehypertensive and hypertensive patients whereas One author summarized the positive effect of doing daily Deep breathing exercises to lessen stress of immediate or chronic by decreasing the sympathetic activity. One pre-experimental study concluded the effect of the DBE on headache and vitals like blood pressure, pulse and temperature.*

KEYWORDS: *Anxiety, Blood pressure, Cardiovascular changes, Deep Breathing Exercise, Stress.*

INTRODUCTION

In today's societies, anxiety and the corresponding physiological stress reaction is often seen. Anxiety is a generic complaint and is typically related to a state of poor mental health on a psychological level. Furthermore, to a greater incidence of death from all medical reasons. Anxiety is characterised as a transitory psychological condition related to physiological stress reactions that arise in response to a perceived threat.[1]

Stress is an integral part of life. Stress is essential for human survival, additionally learning and innovation. Stress becomes harmful only when it becomes too much for us to handle and keeps our nervous system from reverting to its natural homeostasis. Stress overwhelms the nervous system, flooding our body with hormones designed to get us ready for "fight or flight." Evidence suggests that the most of human triumphs are achieved under stressful conditions; nonetheless, high levels of stress can lead to a range of negative consequences, including bodily and mental ailments, dysfunction, and adjustment disorders, all of which impair people's quality of life.[2]

Diaphragmatic breathing, another name for deep breathing, is a breathing method according to the notion that calming the mind and body together promotes relaxation. This technique requires the practitioner to slowly inhale and exhale while contracting their diaphragms. Taking deep breaths tends to raise blood oxygen levels, massage internal organs in or around the abdomen, and may even activate the vagus nerve. Numerous research projects have shown that deep breathing has a positive influence on a range of characteristics, including stress, anxiety, and negative effects like physiological and psychological changes of blood pressure, heart rate or depression. In one research in China, 40 healthy volunteers were hired to look into the investigate the impact of deep breathing on stress, negative affect, and attentiveness. The eight-week treatment session,

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which was given for 30 minutes every other day, involved a random allocation of participants to either the experimental or control group, and assessments of both groups' attention, affect, and cortisol levels were performed both before and after. The outcomes showed that throughout the deep breathing therapy, individuals improved their ability to focus for extended periods of time, while also reduced their levels of cortisol and detrimental effects in contrast to the group under control.[3]

It is generally documented that regular breathing exercises, or pranayama, improve cardiovascular and respiratory health by suppressing sympathetic activity and promoting parasympathetic tone. Furthermore, it improves both physical and psychological wellness by eliminating the detrimental impact of stress and tension on the body. [4]

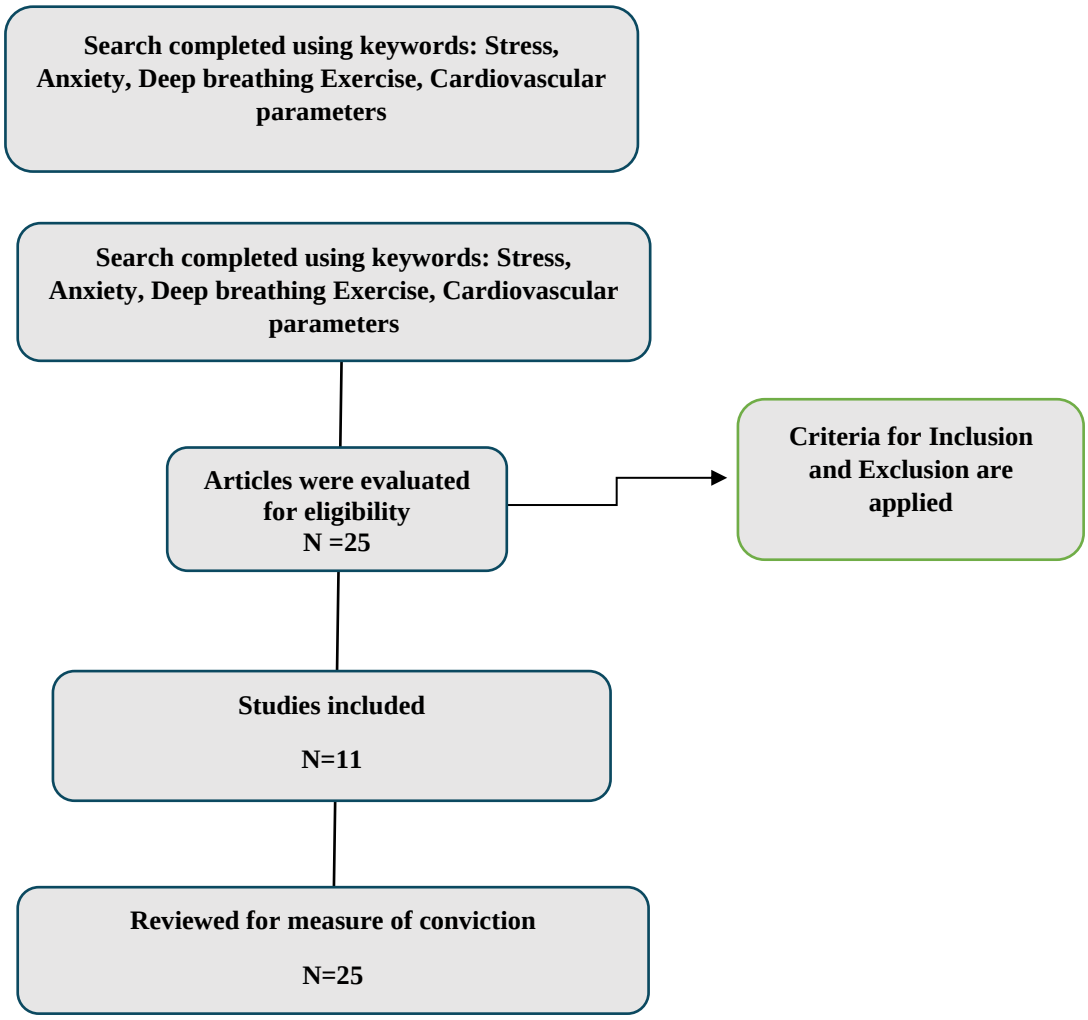
Over the last 10 years, research has demonstrated that the diaphragmatic deep breathing at 6 or 10 breaths per minute can produce arteriolar dilatation by stimulating pulmonary-cardiac mechanoreceptors while inhibiting sympathetic nerve activity and chemoreflex activation. This reduces SBP and DBP in hypertensive individuals by enhancing parasympathetic activity and baroreflex sensitivity. Two minutes of slow, deep breathing has been demonstrated in hypertensive individuals to lower SBP and DBP by 8.6 and 4.9 mmHg, respectively. It is predicted that hypertension individuals who engage in weeks of slow, deep breathing exercises would have a significant drop in both SBP and DBP in comparison to those who do not.[5]

Sr No.	AUTHOR	TITLE	DURATION OF TREATMENT	STUDY DESIGN	OUTCOME MEASURE	CONCLUSION
1.	Dallin Tavoian and Daniel H. Craighead, 2023	Deep breathing exercise at Work: Potential Applications and impact	-	-	-	Daily Deep Breathing Exercises can lower chronic stress and lessen acute stress episodes. In addition to provide positive physiological responses like decreased elevated blood pressure and sympathetic activation.
2.	Ai Cahyati et al, 2023	Deep breathing Relaxation Techniques can improve oxygen saturation value, a decrease in blood pressure and pulse rate in patients with Congestive Heart Failure	-	Quasi experimental study	Pulse rate, blood pressure, spo2	The study found that breathing exercise improves the oxygen saturation and decreases the blood pressure and pulse rate.
3.	Katherine ka-Yin Yau et al, 2021	Effects of Diaphragmatic Deep Breathing Exercises on Prehypertensive or hypertensive adults: A literature review	-	Systemic review	-	The study concluded that Diaphragmatic deep and slow breathing exercises had positive therapeutic effects on prehypertensive and hypertensive adults.
4.	Ali Gholamrezaei et al, 2021	Psychophysiological responses to various slow, deep breathing techniques	Single 2 hours session	An Experimental study	Blood pressure variability(BPV) and HR variability(HRV)	The study showed that breathing techniques were beneficial in reducing hypertension and pain.
5.	Valentin Magnon et al, 2021	Benefits from one session of deep and slow breathing on vagal tone and anxiety in young and older adults.	1 session	An experimental study	Spielberger's state Anxiety inventory scale, Heart rate variability	The researcher found that the slow DBE was effective to reduce anxiety, improve vagal tone and reduce acute

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						anxiety in young adults.
6.	Novriani Husna et al, 2020	The effect of slow deep breathing exercise on blood pressure elderly in pstw sabai nan aluih, sicincin padang pariaman.	1 week	Quasi-experimental study	Blood pressure	This study found the breathing technique has positive effect in reducing blood pressure in elderly people.
7.	Yudi Herdiana et al, 2020	The effectiveness of Recitation AI-Qur'an Intervention and Deep breathing exercise on improving vital sign and anxiety level among congestive heart failure patients.	Four days	An experimental study	Oxygen saturation, anxiety level	This research concluded that both the techniques are essential to increase oxygen saturation and lower anxiety levels in people with CHF.
8.	Yanti Anggraini Aritonang, 2020	The effect of Deep Breathing exercise on Headache and Vital sign in Hypertension patient	4 days	Pre-experimental study	Blood pressure, Pulse, Respiratory Rate, temperature, Headache Scale	This study summarized slow deep breathing exercise decreases the headache severity and also affects vital signs.
9.	Rima Ambarwati et al, 2020	Slow Deep Breathing exercise on a patient's blood pressure with hypertension in the working area of Kertosari health center Banyuwangi.	1 day	An experimental study	Blood pressure	The investigation found that blood pressure significantly reduced after giving the DBE to the individuals with HTN.
10.	Reni Asmara Ariga, 2019	Decrease Anxiety among students who will do the objective structured clinical examination with deep breathing relaxation technique.	-	Quasi-experimental Study	Self-rating Anxiety scale	The study summarised that abreathing activities had a positive effect to lessen the anxiety level.
11.	Vijay Singh Rawat, 2018	A study to assess the effectiveness of Deep breathing exercises to reduce the level of stress among housewives in selected rural area of Udaipur	-	Quasi-experimental study	Holmes and rahe stress rating scale	The study found that the deep breathing exercise had a positive effect on reducing the level of stress among housewives.

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Literature Search Methodology

Virtual search engines were used to collect journals are Google Scholar, Science Direct and PubMed. The authors identified articles based on the keywords. The articles have been collected in full text. A total of 25 articles were identified, from them 10 articles were choose for review.

Study Selection

Inclusion Criteria

1. Articles discussing the effect of Deep Breathing training were included.
2. Articles published only in the English language were included.
3. Articles with full text from 2018-2023 are included.
4. Articles analysing the impact of DBE on stress, anxiety, and cardiovascular parameters.
5. Articles that identified the positive influence of breathing activities on hypertension patients.
6. Articles where deep breathing exercises were helpful for school and college students to reduce anxiety.

Exclusion Criteria

1. Articles published in other languages were excluded.
2. Articles published below the year 2018 were excluded.
3. Articles discussing different nostril breathing exercises were excluded.

RESULT

This review aimed to evaluate the effects of breathing training on stress-induced anxiety and cardiovascular changes. SDB is a kind of relaxation that is intended to control slow, deep breathing. It can increase baroreceptor sensitivity, reduce the activity of the sympathetic system and boost that of the parasympathetic nerve system (PNS). The body becomes more relaxed and less active when the PNS is activated. Regular occurrence of this condition will trigger the action of the cardiovascular control centre (CCC), resulting in a decrease in heart rate and subsequently lowering blood pressure.

A person's normal behavioural and social functions are disrupted during emotional attacks and anxious states because the ANS causes physiological variables like heart rate, respiration, blood pressure, hormonal secretion, palpitation, and gastrointestinal functions to suddenly elevate.

Some investigations compared the effects of four SDB approaches (PLB, left and right UNB, and loaded SDB) on

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heart rate, blood pressure, heart rate variability, and baroreflex activity. By increasing PNS activity, diaphragmatic deep breathing has demonstrated to offer potential psychological advantages in hypertension or prehypertension people. When exposed to stressful situations for an extended period of time, the SNS generates stress hormones that affect sympathetic tone does not recover to its resting state. The basal sympathetic tone can be decreased by DDB through slower, deeper, and longer exhalations, which makes people feel calm and relaxed. Slow and deep breathing promotes the relaxation response, reducing tension and bringing serenity to the body. Women's stress levels have an impact on their health. Research shows that stress is responsible for 60-90% of illnesses. Chronic stress may be exhausting and difficult to overcome over time. Pre-test results showed that 27 (45%) housewives reported severe stress, 22 (36.67%) reported high stress, and 11 (18.33%) reported moderate stress. The majority of the post-test There were 35 housewives (58.33%) with no stress, 21 (35) with light stress, 4 (6.67%) with moderate stress, and none with severe stress.

This is a basic technique utilized in many relaxation techniques and is also used in qigong, yoga, and progressive muscular relaxation. DB interventions have been linked to improvements in fitness, concentration, and the capacity to identify ways to manage stressors. These changes include reducing BP, lowering the heartbeats, diminishing tenseness in the muscles and figuring out how to handle pressures without focusing on them and feeling relaxed. On the basis of this, a few investigators are intrigued by assessing children's anxiety levels utilising breathing-based calming methods, which ought to decline the anxiety levels of students when taking the organization's test.

In a single quasi-experimental trial, 32 type II diabetic patients underwent deep breathing training and were compared to untrained controls. Participants who had received deep breathing instruction saw a significant decline in their Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale scores, but untrained controls showed no such decline.

CONCLUSION

This review states that Deep breathing intervention were found useful in eliminating stress and stress-related consequences in scholars and also in patients suffering from anxiety because of any surgery. The studies reviewed stated that it was effective in hypertensive and prehypertensive populations to reduce BP and HR. Thus, Deep breathing exercise helps to maintain psychophysiological function in all the populations.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no conflict of interest for the researchers.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OLD AGE HOMES: A CASE STUDY ON MOTHER MARTHA MEMORIAL TRUST: DEVA KRIPA SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME ATTAVAR, MANGALORE

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ABSTRACT
The qualitative study conducted at Devakripa Senior Citizens' Home in Attavar, Mangalore, explores various aspects of the eldercare facility, focusing on financial sustainability, hiring policies, caregiver training, and infrastructural conditions. It encompasses extensive exploratory, archival, and observational research, as well as structured interviews. The study aims to identify key challenges and propose effective solutions to enhance resident care and operational efficiency. Key findings highlighted the need for comprehensive financial planning, improved hiring and training practices, reformed administrative policies, increased marketing efforts, and infrastructural improvements. The recommendations put forth include integrating services with local institutions, fostering community engagement, and conducting awareness programs on aging dynamics. These measures are designed to ensure the long-term sustainability and well-being of the residents, aligning with Mangalore's broader commitment to eldercare.

KEY WORDS: *Deva Kripa, old age homes,inmates, Financial planning, Administrative efficiency.*

INTRODUCTION
In India, the traditional practice of elderly care within joint families is declining, with more seniors moving into age care homes due to the rise of nuclear families and high living costs. This shift has led to the proliferation of old age homes providing social, emotional, and physical care for seniors living alone. These homes come in two varieties: free and paid. Free old age homes are typically run by charitable organizations or the government, offering basic amenities and care to those who cannot afford to pay. Paid old age homes, on the other hand, provide a range of services, often including better facilities, medical care, and recreational activities, for which residents or their families pay a fee. Despite having children, many elderly are left to live in these institutions. There are over 1,660 old age homes across India, mostly in the south, with 47 located in Mangalore alone. Financial difficulties and lack of emotional support often compel the elderly to seek residence in these homes, which are becoming crucial support systems for them. In paid old age homes, residents generally receive a higher standard of care and more comfort, while free homes cater to those in need, ensuring no elderly person is left without support. This case study delves into the daily life and management of an aged care home in Mangalore, providing a personal glimpse into the experiences of its residents and staff. Through this exploration, we aim to uncover the unique challenges and triumphs faced by the elderly in India. Comparing these findings with international aged care systems will offer a broader perspective on how cultural, economic, and social factors influence elderly care. As noted in a previous study, "By examining these dynamics, we hope to identify best practices and areas for improvement to better support the aging population in India (Gupta, A., Mohan, U., Tiwari, S. C., & Singh, V. K., 2014). Geriatric care in India: A long way to go: Tripathy, J. P. (2014) & J Midlife Health, 5(4), 205–206."

HISTORY OF DEVA KRIPA
Devakripa, which means "God's Grace," is a special home for senior citizens located in Attavar, Mangalore. It is a part of the Mother Martha Memorial Trust® and is dedicated to the loving memory of Mother Martha, the first member and first Superior General of the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany (Bethany Sisters) initiated by the Servant of God, Mgr Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas. Devakripa is one of the earliest age care homes in Mangalore that focused on providing care exclusively for women and was a paid service, which is also one of the key missions of the congregation. The motto of the Bethany Sisters is "PROMOTING FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR ALL," and their aim is to provide opportunities for fullness of life to senior citizens during the later years of their lives. The vision, goal, and objectives are focused on promoting the glory of God, facilitating fullness of life for all, and sharing the compassionate love of Jesus with the residents. The home is under the administration of the Mother Martha Memorial Trust, with the Superior General of the Bethany Sisters serving as its President. The affairs of the home are managed by an appointed Bethany Sister who oversees the general management and day-

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to-day administration, while a Managing Committee assists in its administration.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007,

serves as a cornerstone for the legal framework surrounding the care of senior citizens in India. This act mandates the responsibility of adult children and heirs to provide for parents and senior citizens, including provisions for food, shelter, medical care, and safety. It also sets forth guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of age care homes by the government and private sector, ensuring that these facilities meet certain standards of care and operational efficiency. The act emphasizes the protection of the rights and dignity of senior citizens, incorporating mechanisms for redressal and grievance handling. Through its comprehensive approach, the act aims to create a supportive environment for the elderly, recognizing their right to live with dignity and security.

National Policy on Senior Citizens, 2011

The National Policy on Senior Citizens, 2011, outlines a strategic vision for the welfare of elderly citizens in India, addressing the challenges posed by the aging population. The policy advocates for the development and implementation of quality standards in age care homes, including regular inspections, licensing requirements, and staff training programs. It stresses the importance of creating a conducive environment that respects the rights and autonomy of senior residents, promoting their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Additionally, the policy calls for the establishment of a regulatory framework to oversee the operation of age care facilities, ensuring accountability and transparency. By providing a robust guideline, the National Policy on Senior Citizens aims to enhance the quality of life for the elderly and ensure their inclusion and participation in society.

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Deva Kripa Senior Citizens' Home

One of the significant contributions of the Bethany Congregation to elder care is the Deva Kripa Home for the Aged in Mangalore. This facility was established with the objective of providing a nurturing and supportive environment for senior citizens, particularly those who are without family support. The home aims to ensure that the residents live with dignity and receive the care and attention they need in their twilight years. Deva Kripa Home for the Aged offers a range of services, including medical care, nutritious meals, recreational activities, and spiritual support. The home is managed by the Bethany Sisters, who are dedicated to upholding the values of compassion, service, and respect for the elderly. The staff at Deva Kripa are trained to address the physical, emotional, and social needs of the residents, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Impact and Community Involvement

The Bethany Congregation's efforts in running Deva Kripa Home for the Aged have had a profound impact on the local community. By providing high-quality care and support to the elderly, the congregation not only enhances the lives of the residents but also raises awareness about the importance of elder care in society. The home often collaborates with local organizations and volunteers, creating a network of support that extends beyond its walls. The legacy of the Bethany Congregation in Mangalore is marked by its unwavering commitment to service and its ability to adapt to the changing needs of society. Through institutions like Deva Kripa Home for the Aged, the congregation continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the elderly, embodying the principles of kindness, respect, and care. By reviewing the history and contributions of the Bethany Congregation, we gain a deeper understanding of the origins and operations of Deva Kripa Home for the Aged, appreciating the congregation's enduring dedication to elder care.

Bethany Congregation and Deva Kripa Senior Citizens' Home

"The Bethany Congregation, established in 1921 by Raymond Francis Camillus Mascarenhas, has a long-standing history of service in Mangalore. One of their significant initiatives is the Deva Kripa Senior Citizens' Home. This home provides a range of services including medical care, nutritious meals, recreational activities, and spiritual support, emphasizing the dignity and well-being of its residents. The Bethany Sisters, who manage the home, are committed to addressing the physical, emotional, and social needs of the elderly."

St. Anthony's Home for the Aged

Another notable institution is St. Anthony's Home for the Aged, which has been providing care for elderly individuals in Mangalore for several decades. This home is known for its comprehensive care programs that include medical services, social activities, and personalized care plans. The home aims to create a homely atmosphere where residents feel secure and valued.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor also operate a well-respected age care home in Mangalore. Their facility is dedicated to providing compassionate care to the elderly, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The home offers a variety of services, including healthcare, accommodation, and

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social engagement activities. The emphasis is on creating a community where the elderly can live with dignity and joy.

Challenges Faced by Age Care Homes

Age care homes in Mangalore, like many across India, face several challenges. These include funding constraints, staffing shortages, and the need for continuous training for caregivers. Additionally, there is a cultural expectation that families should care for their elderly relatives, which can sometimes lead to underutilization of these facilities. However, with increasing urbanization and changing family dynamics, the role of age care homes is becoming more critical.

India is undergoing a rapid demographic transition with increasing life expectancy and declining birth rates, leading to a growing elderly population. Despite early recognition of the need for social security, with schemes like the Employees Provident Fund and the Public Provident Fund, coverage remains inadequate, reaching only 11% of the working population. Project OASIS was initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to address old age income security through comprehensive reform. The project, led by a committee chaired by Surendra A. Dave, emphasizes the need for increased coverage, better returns on investments, and the introduction of new contributory pension schemes. It highlights the importance of professional fund management, improved governance, and public awareness to ensure sufficient savings for old age. Recommendations include phasing out government subsidies, enhancing existing provident fund systems, and creating a competitive annuity market. The overarching goal is to establish a robust framework for economic security during old age, reducing reliance on traditional family support systems and mitigating poverty risks among the elderly.

Old age homes in India have gained importance due to the migration of young couples to cities or abroad for better job opportunities, leading to the alienation of elders. Conflicts between generations and the inability of some elders to care for themselves further necessitate these homes. Two main types of old age homes exist: free homes for destitute elders providing basic necessities and medical care, and paid homes, which are becoming popular as retirement homes, offering comprehensive services for a fee.

Location, Design, and Staffing of Old Age Homes in India

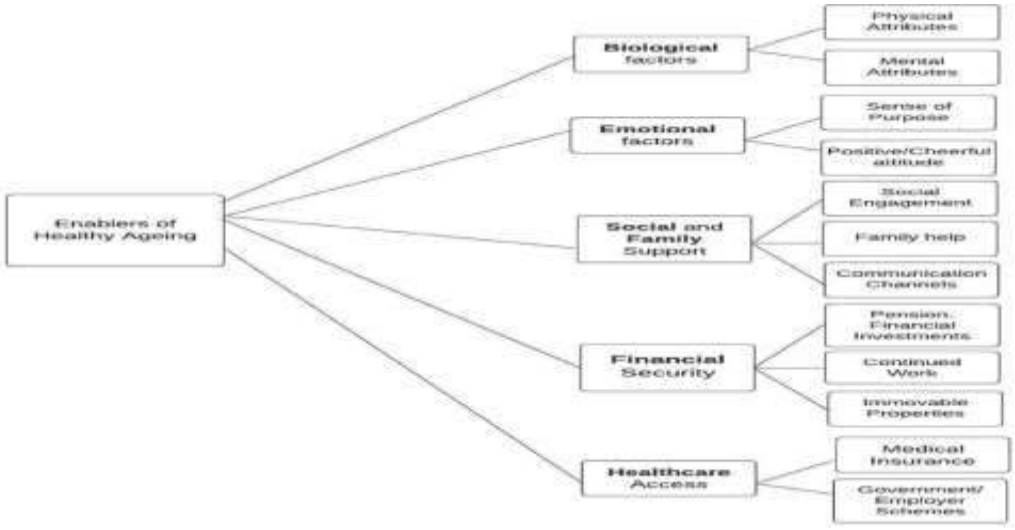
Old age homes should be situated in calm, pollution-free environments, either rural or urban, depending on resident preferences. Design considerations include dormitory-style, independent rooms, or cottages, with well-ventilated spaces and facilities ideally on the ground floor. Necessary features include rough-floored bathrooms with support railings, a sick room, and recreation and medical care rooms. Essential staff includes an administrator, clerks, nursing staff, cooks, and a part-time medical officer, nutritionist, and social worker. Medical care should ensure the availability of essential medicines and equipment, with transport for emergencies. Additional amenities such as recreational facilities, internet access, and opportunities for resident participation in daily activities are also important.

The Karnataka State Police provides information and support for senior citizens on their FAQ page. It addresses common concerns such as legal protections under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act 2007, how to handle harassment from relatives, and ways to seek police protection. Senior citizens can also register with the Seva Sindhu portal for continuous monitoring and support from local police. For immediate assistance, they can dial 112.

The elderly population in India is increasing rapidly and is expected to triple by 2050, as per the 2011 census. While healthcare improvements have enhanced physical health, subjective well-being among the elderly remains underexplored. This study aims to assess the quality of life (QoL) among elderly individuals residing in family homes versus old age homes. An analytical cross-sectional study was conducted with elderly participants above 60 years, utilizing the World Health Organization-BREF QoL questionnaire. Among the participants, 56.3% were male, and 43.8% were aged 70–79 years. Results showed no significant difference in QoL between those living in old age homes and those living with families, though there was a slight, non-significant increase in psychological, social, and environmental domains for those in old age homes. The study concludes that QoL should be examined with a greater focus on psychological, social, and environmental factors.

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SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INSIGHTS INTO HEALTH AGING



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This image represents all the various Social, Financial and cultural insights play a significant role in healthy aging, influencing lifestyle choices, access to healthcare, and support networks. Understanding and respecting diverse practices, modules, financial benifits, beliefs, traditions, and social structures that enables and promotes the well-being in aging populations.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop and implement a financial planning program to ensure the long-term sustainability and financial security of the age care home residents.
- To review and revise existing hiring policies and implement a comprehensive caregiver training program to ensure high-quality care for the residents.
- To conduct research and training on the dynamics of aging to better understand and meet the needs of the aging population in the care home. 4. To assess and implement infrastructural improvements, such as installing elevators, to enhance the living conditions and accessibility for the residents.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Resarch methodology : This is a qualitative study that involved

1. Exploratory Research: Exploratory research was conducted to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current financial situation, existing hiring policies, caregiver training programs, dynamics of aging, and infrastructural conditions of the age care home. This phase involved:

· Reviewing relevant literature on financial planning for care homes, caregiver training programs, aging dynamics, and infrastructural improvements in care facilities.
· Conducting preliminary discussions with stakeholders including management, staff, residents, and families to identify key issues and concerns.
· Analyzing financial records, operational data, and historical trends to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis) regarding financial sustainability and care quality.

2. Archival Research: Archival research was conducted to gather historical data and documents related to the financial management, hiring policies, training programs, and infrastructural development of the care home. This phase included:

· Reviewing Annual Reports (2018 - 2024) financial statements, budgets, and expenditure reports to assess past financial performance and identify areas for improvement.
· Examining past hiring policies, employee turnover rates, and performance evaluations to understand the effectiveness of the existing recruitment and retention strategies.
· Reviewing the PROSPECTUS of the institution
· Analyzing past infrastructural plans, renovation projects, and accessibility assessments to identify previous challenges and proposed solutions.

3. Observation: Observational research was conducted to gather real-time data on the daily operations, interactions, and living conditions within the care home. This phase involved:

· Observing the daily routines, activities, and interactions between caretakers and residents to understand the quality of care and level of support provided.
· Assessing the physical environment, amenities, and safety features of the care home to identify areas for improvement and enhancement.
· Documenting observed challenges, barriers, or areas of excellence in the provision of care and support to the residents.

4. Conducting Interviews: Structured interviews were conducted with key stakeholders including management, staff,

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residents, families, and external experts to gather qualitative insights and perspectives on the identified issues and proposed solutions. This phase included:

- Developing interview protocols made for each group to explore their experiences, perceptions, and suggestions related to financial planning, caregiver training, aging dynamics, and infrastructural improvements.
- Conducting one-on-one or group interviews to gather in-depth information, opinions, and feedback on the identified research objectives.
- Transcribing and analyzing interview data to identify recurring themes, emerging trends, and actionable recommendations for addressing the identified challenges and achieving the research objectives.

This research methodology integrated various research methods including exploratory, archival, observation, and conducting interviews to comprehensively address the objectives of developing and implementing a financial planning program, revising hiring policies, conducting research on aging dynamics, and assessing infrastructural improvements in the age care home.

DETAILS ABOUT MOTHER MARTHA MEMORIAL TRUST : DEVA KRIPA SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME, ATTAVAR - MANGALORE 575001

Management and Administration

The management and administration of Devakripa Senior Citizens' Home is overseen by the Mother Martha Memorial Trust, with the Superior General of the Bethany Sisters serving as its President. The Board of Trustees establishes policies and provides ongoing guidance.

The Administrator

The Administrator of Devakripa Senior Citizens' Home is a Bethany Sister appointed by the President of Mother Martha Memorial Trust. She holds direct responsibility for the general management and day-to-day administration of the home. The welfare of the senior citizens and the accountability of all staff members fall under her purview.

The Managing Committee

The managing committee of the Senior Citizens' Home assists in the administration. It is comprised of the board of trustees of Mother Martha Memorial Trust.

Local Administrative Body: The following **religeous sisters** render their full time services to the inmates in the following capacity:

Aministrator
Staff - Operations
Staff – Kitchen Incharge
Nurse (1)
Nurse (1)

Details of the Inmates

There are 19 inmates, 16 of whom are above the age of 75, and 1 of them joined in the year 2023-2024. The residents who cannot manage by themselves have an exclusively appointed caretaker who is present 24/7 with them.

Regulations Relating Admissions

Terms and Conditions

1. It is open for Christian women.
2. To those who have completed 70 years and above.
3. The admission will be done after an appropriate enquiry. The Administrator will have discretionary powers in the admission of residents.
4. Admission will not be possible for those suffering from contagious or mental diseases or those charged with criminal offences involving alcohol, drugs, chemical/ psychotropic substances.

Admission Procedure

1. Those seeking admission to the Home register their names by paying a non-refundable sum determined by the Management. Upon confirmation of the vacancy, the person needs to join the Home within 30 days. Otherwise, the vacancy may be given to the person on the waiting list.
2. The one desirous of becoming a resident of 'Devakripa' fills up the prescribed Admission Form.
3. A separate written agreement is signed in the presence of two witnesses, agreeing to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.
4. At the time of Registration/Admission, the applicant is accompanied by the Guardian responsible for the resident.
5. Applicants are required to submit the following documents along with the Admission form:
   a. Medical certificate from their doctor indicating the present state of health
   b. Previous medical records, if any
   c. A letter of introduction from the Parish Priest d. Four recent passport size photographs e. Copy of the ID Proof – Voter ID and Aadhaar Card/PAN Card f. An undertaking by the Guardian or Sponsor to ensure regular payment of the resident for whom she stands guarantee.
6. In addition to the above, each resident provides two solvent sureties who guarantee payment of all the dues of the resident to 'Devakripa'.
7. At the time of the interview and registration of the applicant, the two responsible Guardians - Guardian 1 and Guardian 2 - preferably family members or close relatives, will execute the bond in favor of the Institution, undertaking to pay the full fee and all other expenses and amounts payable to the Institution by the applicant.
8. The Administrator is notified at the earliest when there is any change in the addresses and telephone numbers of the guardians. If the guardians of the resident cease to be sponsors by death or for any other reason, the surviving guardian will fulfill the responsibilities towards the resident.
9. Any resident who obtains admission by producing false documents of any kind is dismissed from the institute.

Remittance

Every Applicant is expected to remit security deposit, monthly fee, service fee

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at the time of admission and is charged for special nurse if any and charged for other additional services.

Accommodation

'Devakripa' provides **4 types of rooms** as noted below:

a. Single rooms with attached toilet with rails and balcony
b. Single rooms with attached toilet with rails, kitchenette and balcony
c. Special rooms with attached toiletwith rails , kitchenette and a spacious balcony
d. Cubicles with common toilets

Facilities

1. A Chapel for daily Eucharistic Celebration and for personal prayer
2. Lobby with sofas, floor incharge room, balcony and a TV in each floor
3. Solar lights on passages and common places
4. Hot water in bathrooms and refectory
5. A physiotherapy room
6. Elevator
7. Wheel chairs and stretchers
8. Waterbeds for bed ridden residents
9. Daily newspapers, periodicals, magazines and library books
10. Intercom facility in all the rooms

Guidelines

1. All rooms are equipped with basic furniture and fittings. Residents are responsible for furnishing other desired items in living spaces.
2. Residents are accountable for their personal belongings, and the management is not liable for any loss or damage.
3. Intercom facilities are available in rooms, and residents may have personal mobiles at their own expense. A common phone is available for use with payment.
4. Residents have no tenancy or occupancy rights to their allotted rooms.
5. Residents are not allowed to change rooms without permission from the Administrator.
6. Excessive electrical appliances are not permitted in rooms, but available on request with additional charges.
7. Residents are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and personal hygiene in their rooms and bathrooms.
8. Laundry facilities are provided for the residents.
9. Residents are encouraged to use water sparingly due to scarcity.
10. 10.Residents should approach the Administrator for room repairs and other concerns. 11. Residents are discouraged from giving tips or gifts to helpers.
11. Residents are encouraged to live harmoniously and contribute positively to the community.
12. Residents should address clarifications or queries to the Administrator and not interfere in the affairs of others.
13. Residents must refrain from engaging in illicit activities, including alcohol and drugs.
14. Overnight stays of family members/guests/friends in residents' rooms are not permitted.
15. Residents are encouraged to maintain silence at night to avoid disturbing others.
16. Those leaving the premises must return by 7:00 pm and record their movements in a book at the reception counter.
17. Residents are engaged in various beneficial activities, including physical exercises, sessions with resource persons, and reading for occupational therapy

Food and Diet

1. 1.The residents are served a wholesome and balanced diet. Special food is provided on prior request with a doctor's prescription.
2. Food is served in the dining hall at specific meal times. All residents are encouraged to have their meals in the dining hall. For those unable to walk to the dining hall, food is provided in their rooms.
3. Wastage of food is avoided, considering it as God's gift and in consideration of the millions of starving people.
4. Bed coffee/tea is provided in all rooms in the morning, and hot water for drinking is also provided for those in need.
5. When a resident is absent or delayed for meals, they need to inform the Administrator on time.

Medical Care

1. General nursing care is provided for all, and a qualified doctor is available for routine check-ups and emergencies.
2. Each resident is responsible for their own medical expenses and may engage their own family doctor if necessary.
3. If a resident needs constant or special care, the guardian or sponsor can appoint an attendant at their own expense.
4. A Nurse/Sister provides normal nursing care, checks blood pressure, assists with hygiene, and administers medicine when needed.
5. When a resident becomes seriously ill, the Administrator informs the family members/guardians/sponsors and takes immediate action to shift the resident to a hospital, with all related expenses covered by the family members/guardians/sponsors.
6. The close proximity to Hospitals like KMC, Fr. Muller Medical College, Unity and Highland Hospital is a very big boon to the management and residents.

In the Event of Death

1. In the event of the death of a resident, their family members/guardians/sponsors take full responsibility for the funeral rites and the expenses connected with it, and also the decision regarding the place of burial/funeral rites to be held.
2. The belongings of such a deceased resident are handed over only to the family members/guardians/sponsors whose name is furnished at the time of admission or to the legal heirs in the absence of the above-mentioned persons.
3. The guardian also sees to clearing any outstanding dues on behalf of the deceased resident.
4. If an adjustment in the room is made to set the room as per the desire of the resident, such modification will not be dismantled or returned if it is fixed on the walls.

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5. **Special Deposit** for the Last Medical Service / **funeral rites:**

The resident deposits Rupees one lakh with the Administrator as Special Deposit for the Last Medical Service and funeral rites. Should the family members/guardians/sponsors take responsibility to meet such expenses, this deposit is returned to them but without interest.

6. In confirmation of the above terms and conditions, each applicant submits the original agreement to 'Devakripa' duly signed by the applicant, family members/guardians/sponsors, and two witnesses at the time of admission.

Visiting Hours

1. Family members, relatives, friends, guardians, sponsors of the residents are welcome to visit the Home during the following hours:

10.00 am to 12.00 am
04.00 pm to 06.00 pm

2. No relatives/ friends or anyone else is allowerd to stay overnight in the room of the resident.

Amendments of Rules and Regulations

The Terms and conditions are subject to change and may be modified from time to time as per need and as the Management deems necessary without notice. Any such change made is notified to the residents.

FINDINGS

- The assessment revealed inadequate retirement planning and policies in terms of long-term care, highlighting the need for comprehensive financial planning for residents.
- Significant improvementto be made in hiring and training staff, ensuring high-quality care and better service delivery for the residents.
- Reforms in administrative policies, particularly regarding remittance and services provided, were necessary to enhance operational efficiency and resident satisfaction.
- There is a marked need for improved marketing and digital presence to increase visibility and accessibility, alongside the necessity for financial planning to ensure the home's long-term sustainability.

SUGGESTIONS

- Implement comprehensive financial planning programs to address inadequate retirement planning and ensure the long-term financial security of residents, including consulting with financial advisors. By conducting group sessions or one on one sessions with the financial advisors for tips to plan income and expenditure.
- Enhance staff hiring and training processes to ensure high-quality care, incorporating value-added courses in gerontology and home care to further improve caregiver expertise.
- Reform administrative policies related to charges and services provided to streamline operations and improve resident satisfaction. Specially with regard to making decisions in admissions and including more inclusive options.
- Increase marketing efforts and strengthen digital presence to enhance visibility and accessibility of the care home by using social media platforms and print media.
- Integrate services with local schools and colleges to foster mutually beneficial relationships, such as intergenerational programs and volunteer opportunities.Arrange programms where children of different age groups to spend time with the inmates on a regular basis and make it a policy.
- Organize regular consultations with social workers, lawyers, and chartered accountants to improve residents' knowledge and address legal and financial concerns.
- Establish awareness programs in collaboration with the Mangalore City Corporation to educate residents and the community about senior citizens' rights and available helplines.
- Encourage community building within the care home through social activities, support groups, and resident councils to foster a sense of belonging and mutual support.
- Implement infrastructural improvements, such as installing elevatorsthat are spacious and stretcher friendly and enhancing accessibility, to improve the transfer and shifting conditions for residents.
- Conduct AWARENESS training on the dynamics of aging to continually adapt and meet the evolving needs of the aging population in the care home.

CONCLUSION

Devakripa Senior Citizens' Home, under the administration of the Mother Martha Memorial Trust and the oversight of the Bethany Sisters, exemplifies a well-structured and compassionate eldercare institution. The robust management and administrative framework ensures that the daily operations and welfare of the residents are meticulously attended to. The Administrator, a Bethany Sister, plays a pivotal role in the seamless execution of responsibilities, supported by a dedicated Managing Committee and a local administrative body comprising skilled staff in various operational roles.

The residents, predominantly over the age of 75, are provided with comprehensive care, tailored to meet their individual needs. The facility's approach to accommodating varying levels of independence and dependence through diverse room options, from single rooms with amenities to cubicles with shared facilities, demonstrates its commitment to inclusivity and personalized care.

The array of facilities, including a chapel, recreational areas, solar lighting, physiotherapy room, and modern conveniences like elevators and intercom systems, contribute to a supportive and enriching living environment. These amenities not only enhance the quality of life for the residents but also underscore the institution's dedication to holistic care.

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Financial considerations are transparently managed, with clear guidelines on remittances for admission, monthly fees, and additional services. This financial structure ensures that residents and their families are well-informed and can make necessary arrangements for the services provided.

Devakripa Senior Citizens' Home stands out as a beacon of exemplary eldercare, driven by a mission of compassion, respect, and comprehensive support for its residents. The strategic leadership of the MMMT, the dedicated service of the Bethany Sisters, and the committed staff collectively create an environment where the elderly can thrive with dignity and care.

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KEY CONCEPTS IN UNDERSTANDING WORD GROUP FUNCTIONS AND SEMANTIC STRUCTURES

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ABSTRACT

This paper addresses the conceptual delineation and content-related aspects of "lexico-semantic groups" (LSGs) and "functional-semantic classes" (FSCs) of words. It aims to elucidate and define these linguistic categories, establishing their structural and semantic characteristics. Furthermore, it examines the complexity and multidimensionality of semantic relationships in language, and articulates criteria for distinguishing between LSGs and FSCs. The conclusion posited is that lexico-semantic groups constitute a primary framework for the categorization of vocabulary, which facilitates an understanding of the operational dynamics of lexico-semantic groups of verbal predicates at the contemporary stage of linguistic evolution.

KEYWORDS: *Lexico-semantic group, functional-semantic class, semantic ambiguity, linguistic entities, semantics of words, linguistic semantics.*

In recent scholarship, there has been a broadened perspective on the composition and architecture of lexico-semantic groups of linguistic entities, drawing heightened scholarly interest. In this context, several theorists have introduced an advanced notion of such lexical conglomerations, termed "functional-semantic class" (FSC) of words. This concept has emerged from observations of the interplay between linguistic entities and their contextual settings.

The analysis of the lexical semantics of verbs from various groups advances the concept of systemic continuity within language, though it falls short of establishing a unified, universal taxonomy, which is nearly unattainable. Nevertheless, establishing such a taxonomy is not the primary objective for linguists; instead, through pragmatic exploration, numerous complex research questions of a linguistic nature have been formulated. A key focus among these is the exploration of the transitivity and multiplicity of semantic connections in language. This involves delving into the semantic and structural attributes of lexico-semantic groups, and refining the understanding of longstanding debates surrounding the definitions of LSGs and FSCs.

The investigation into how verbs alter their semantic structures within texts has given rise to a distinct field of research, leading to the recognition of a novel synthesis of verbs and predicative constructs known as the "functional-semantic class" (FSC) of words. The methodologies for delineating such word classes are elaborated in the works of L. G. Babenko, who explores the structure of the FSC for feeling predicates. Babenko defines an FSC as "a collection of words with varying grammatical forms, which share a denotative relationship and are linked by a categorical-lexical seme that may be ontologically inherent (original) or contextually induced (derivative), and fulfill a unified semantic-syntactic role in discourse".

In her analyses, the FSC of feeling verbs encompasses not only the explicit verbs of emotion but also functional-textual verbs which, in their fundamental meanings, correspond to different lexico-semantic groups (LSGs), such as those of motion verbs. This suggests that the FSC represents a type of union distinct from the LSGs included within it. At the level of the FSC, similarities between the functional-semantic class and the semantic field become apparent, the latter also encompassing lexico-semantic groups with akin semantic properties. The distinction between these groupings lies in the fact that an FSC is specifically formed and operationalized within the literary text, where verbs from various LSGs undergo diverse semantic transformations: they are metaphorized, acquire associative-figurative meanings, exhibit usage ambivalence, and manifest semantic enrichment or diminution of certain meaning components.

The advancement of Functional-Semantic Class (FSC) theory is intricately linked to continued research into the phenomenon of the emergence of secondary meanings in lexical units within specific contexts. Previously, this phenomenon was identified as "regular polysemy", characterized by the appearance of similar secondary meanings in words belonging to the same Lexico-Semantic Group (LSG). The consistent manifestation of secondary meanings among units sharing a common categorical-lexical seme prompted scholars such as E.V. Kuznetsova, N.A. Kupina, N.A. Borovikova, and S.D. Tomilova to reconsider the study of this type of polysemy, proposing it as indicative of another systemic relational type. Given the extensive variety of peripheral components that inspire these regular secondary meanings, researchers often focus their investigations either on a specific group of verbs or within the narrative scope of a particular literary piece.

To analyze phenomena of regular polysemy effectively, it is essential to explore the relationships among semes that encapsulate a word's meaning. This hierarchical structure is evident not only in interactions between lexical units within a

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group but also in the broader semantic framework of word meanings. Contemporary semasiology views the semantic organization of a word as a system comprised of primarily three types of semes: the nuclear (integral, identifying) seme, the differential (discriminating) seme, and the associative (potential, additional) seme. Thus, similar to the hierarchical structure found in lexico-semantic groups, a word's meaning is divided into a core and a periphery, with the nuclear seme at the core, while differential and associative semes occupy the periphery.

It should be noted that, to date, only a limited number of functional-semantic classes have been comprehensively described in the academic literature. The identification of an FSC often relies on the descriptive practices of metaphoric expressions of actions or states. However, this approach frequently fails to provide a robust corpus for establishing FSCs that are reproducible across texts from specific periods or literary movements, rather than being limited to isolated instances within a single author's oeuvre.

The concept of the "lexical-semantic group (LSG) of words" was initially introduced by V.V. Vinogradov, who also coined the term "lexical-semantic system of language". This conceptualization has proven to be highly influential in the study of the literary language, with the term itself becoming a key element in linguistic analysis. Contemporary linguistic research has extensively explored various LSGs, particularly focusing on verbs, demonstrating the term's substantial utility in linguistic studies.

A lexical-semantic group is defined as a category of words within the same part of speech that share a broad, integral semantic component, or components, supplemented by typical, clarifying differential components. These groups are also noted for their extensive development of functional equivalence and regular ambiguity. Lexico-semantic groups are fundamentally based on lexical semes, yet they also represent a dynamic ensemble of words, continually evolving in both composition and paradigmatic relations. This fluidity and historical variability are emphasized by researcher F.P. Filin, who views LSGs as actual linguistic units reflecting the historical development of a language.

Furthermore, E.V. Kuznetsova observes that LSGs do not form rigidly defined classes of lexical units. Instead, they consist of intersecting and overlapping word combinations, which substantiates the systematic and interconnected nature of vocabulary. This perspective highlights the complexity and the interrelated structure of LSGs, underscoring their significance in understanding the dynamics of language.

Every lexical-semantic group (LSG) is characterized by several common linguistic parameters that define its structure and function within the lexical system of a language.

Firstly, a key paradigmatic feature of words within an LSG is the presence of a single categorical-lexical seme (integral seme) that forms the semantic foundation of the group. This integral seme is central and holds a hierarchical prominence in the structure of lexical meaning. Each LSG contains differential semes that serve to specify and enrich the integral seme; these differential semes are homogeneous and repetitive. Additionally, it is essential to define the term "seme", recognized by linguists such as V. G. Gak, A. A. Ufimtseva, and V. A. Beloshapkova, as the minimal unit of semantic content. Linguistics differentiates between nuclear (main) and peripheral (minor) semes. The term "sememe", which represents the meaning of a word, is less frequently used among linguists due to its lack of distinction among lexical, grammatical, word-formative, and connotative meanings. A lexeme, in turn, is defined as a word encompassing all its meanings and word forms.

Secondly, the presence of similar, recurring semes within an LSG creates a network of semantic connections among the words, forming the internal paradigmatic structure of the group. This structure is inherently hierarchical, as all words within the group are subordinated to a base word (archiseme).

Thirdly, the uniformity of syntagmatic characteristics is another hallmark of words within the same LSG. Common semantic components in the meanings of words predetermine their functional patterns within sentences, thereby defining their higher-level syntactic roles.

Fourthly, the similarity of words in an LSG also manifests through their secondary relationships in the realm of variant relations. This similarity is particularly evident in the phenomenon of regular polysemy, where words with similar primary meanings develop identical secondary meanings. This phenomenon naturally leads to regular synonymy among words within the same semantic group.

An integral component of any LSG is the presence of a base identifier, or base word, which exhibits unique properties distinguishing it from other words in the group. Typically, the base word is more frequently used, reflecting its broader, more general meaning and neutral stylistic connotation, devoid of connotative elements, allowing it to fit seamlessly into various contexts. The semantics of the base word encapsulate the thematic essence of the LSG.

Furthermore, the base identifier is usually characterized by the highest frequency of usage, a feature intrinsic to its role as the central word of the LSG. In some instances, the base identifier may not be a single word but rather a series of synonyms. The structure and composition of LSGs are dynamic, continuously evolving, including changes to their relatively stable centers, such as the base identifier. The syntactic and lexical compatibility of the base word typically sets a pattern for most words within the group, underlining the significance of syntactic compatibility patterns in organizing vocabulary into LSGs.

The analysis of LSGs within specific literary works contributes to expanding the boundaries of a language's lexical-semantic system. Researchers emphasize that the exploration of meaning remains one of the most philosophically significant and intriguing challenges in linguistics.

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Thus, LSGs continue to be a fundamental class of word categories within the lexical system of the language, grouping words of the same part of speech and sharing numerous linguistic characteristics.

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ELEMENTARY TEACHERS' LIVED EXPERIENCES IN HANDLING LEARNERS WITH READING DIFFICULTIES IN MAINSTREAM CLASSROOMS

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ABSTRACT
This study emphasizes more on the lived experiences of elementary education teachers who handles learner with reading difficulties. A qualitative phenomenological design is used, using semi structured in-depth interviews and focused group discussion of 5 teachers from an elementary school of Barangay Nangan who handles learners with reading difficulty through purposive sampling. The data is analyzed using a thematic analysis that revealed the essential statements of the challenges, coping mechanisms and insights of elementary teachers handling learners with difficulty. Furthermore, teachers' experiences challenge in handling learners with reading difficulty but they also manage to handle the challenges through coping mechanisms that widened their perception as an elementary teacher who handles learner with reading difficulty, that influences teachers' self-efficacy. This only shows a clearer picture of the education in public schools, the reality that was expressed by the teachers especially in the rural area of Barangay Nangan. Further research is recommended in the influence of learner's condition in the aspect of reading difficulty.

KEYWORDS: *Reading Difficulty; Elementary Teachers; Experience*

1. INTRODUCTION

PISA- Programme for International Students' Assessment 2022 results have shown that in terms of reading, the Philippines scored lower than the average points of OECD countries, which only means that the country is far lagging even with the advantage of being a multilingual country (OECD, 2023).

Elementary teachers in public schools across several grade levels are responsible for instructing classes of 30 to 40 children, who possess varying degrees of reading competency that can influence the teacher's ability to impart in the teaching-learning process specifically in a general education setting that is identified in accepting students with different learning capacities based on the Republic Act 11650 (2021), the act of instituting a policy of inclusion and services for learners with disabilities in support of inclusive education signed by former President Rodrigo Duterte have declared to promote inclusivity for learners with difficulty in the accessing to quality education. Reading is a crucial determinant that may influence a child's academic achievement. The primary obstacle to creating an effective learning environment is often the variety of factors that affect a kid with reading difficulties, with the teacher being particularly influential in imparting knowledge.

In the study of Gabejan & Quirino (2021) it is confirmed that reading is an essential element of academic learning that enables the reader to become knowledgeable in the wider community. If a child lacks proficiency in reading, he will face challenges in all academic disciplines. Lack of adequate reading skills impedes the learner's ability to acquire the necessary resources for higher education. Therefore, it is imperative for a teacher to prioritize individuals who struggle with reading by providing them with extra support and attention. It was determined that public elementary kids in the Philippines were performing far below their grade level in reading, with a difference of three grades. This completely demonstrates the significance of the issue faced by the teacher and school officials who are concerned about the escalating, insufficient, and below-average standard of Philippine Education at the basic level. The COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened the learning problem, resulting in anticipated long-term consequences for the human capital of this generation (Adao et al., 2023).

Furthermore, the prevalence of learners with reading difficulty is increasing in Barangay Nangan of the Municipality of Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental, as the number of learners in an inclusive classroom is growing. There are factors that influences the experience of teachers who handles learners with reading difficulty that leads to failure in the class. Teachers who teach lower grades often encounter challenging situations inside the classroom that includes the struggle to gain retention among students with short attention span in learning reading that can lead to difficulty in reading when

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addressed for a long time, also, teachers in the higher grade determines problem in educating complex topics because of some students who find reading as a challenge that will drag the teacher in teaching the basics instead of the subject matter. The teachers' expertise in managing students with reading challenges in an inclusive classroom, considering their own emotions, feelings, and responses during the teaching process. The researcher proposes that this study will be advantageous not only to people with experience in managing students with reading challenges, but also for new teachers working in an inclusive setting, as well as parents involved in their child's development. The aim is to enhance their understanding of the experiences encountered by teachers in classrooms with students facing reading difficulties.

Hunter-Johnson, Newton and Cambridge-Johnson (2014) suggested conducting future research on the perception of teachers in inclusive settings, specifically focusing on a specific variable which was also connected to the recommendation of Paguirigan (2020) that an in-depth study that should be carried out to gain a deeper knowledge of teachers' real-life experiences in inclusive classrooms with a focus on identifying the elements that cause stress, as well as those that promote resilience and protection. These findings have the potential to benefit the area of counseling psychology and promote a broader spectrum of learners in inclusion. Further research is required to strengthen the methods of instruction employed by teachers in inclusive education classrooms. Phillips (2021) also suggested that further investigation is needed to ascertain the viewpoints of both special education teachers and general education teachers regarding the inclusion of diverse learners and its efficacy, not only for students with special educational needs but also for students in general education settings that includes their varied ability inside the classroom. Furthermore, Gatcho and Bautista (2019) highlighted the crucial necessity of investigating the encounters of remedial reading teachers to establish effective strategies that promote educational advancement.

In this light, the researcher decided to conduct this study to expose aspects that general education teachers experience in handling learners with reading difficulty that encompasses their insights, feelings, and solutions on arising problems inside an inclusive environment, this will benefit the newly hired teachers, experienced teachers and parents that is with the learner with reading difficulty.

1.1. Purpose of the Study

The objective of this study is to explore the experiences of 5 general education teachers who bear the responsibility for managing children with reading difficulties in a classroom that promotes inclusivity in Governor Generoso, Davao Oriental, Philippines. Additionally, the study aims to uncover the experiences, coping mechanisms, insights gain by these teachers while working with a varied group of students in an inclusive environment.

1.2 Research Questions

This study aims to provide information about the experiences, concerns and feelings of general education elementary teachers handling learners with reading difficulty in an inclusive environment. Furthermore, three objectives were formulated to use as a guide for this study:

1. Identify the experiences of teachers in handling learners with reading difficulty;
2. Enumerate coping mechanisms of teachers who handles learners with reading difficulty;
3. Derive insights from the experiences of elementary teachers handling learners with reading difficulty in the mainstream.

1.3 Review of Related Literature

Teaching Reading in Elementary Grades

The study of Tandika (2018) have acknowledged that children started their reading journey at an early age in the familiar environment of their homes, prior to entering formal education. While children may begin their exposure to reading at home through observation of others or engagement with written materials, the process of learning to read is multifaceted and commences far before a kid enters school, oral language is recognized as a fundamental basis for this educational development. Moreover, the study claimed that schools play a vital role in fostering children's reading proficiency through classroom instruction, which results lead to a statement that reading resources in both home and school settings, as well as assistance from parents and teachers, played a key role in increasing children's reading, which was also supported by the study of Moswane (2019) that teachers have the potential to greatly influence children, yet this opportunity also brings numerous difficulties.

The significance of these emerging literacy activities is evident. These assessments anticipate the proficiency of children when they begin kindergarten. Children who demonstrate higher proficiency in letter recognition, phonological awareness tasks, and reading words at the age of five are more likely to experience better freedom in acquiring reading skills (Murnane, 2012). Proficiency in reading is necessary for acquiring knowledge in various academic disciplines. Hence, the acquisition of reading abilities is crucial for the development of literacy among students. Proficient reading skills are undoubtedly the most crucial asset in students' educational skills. Hence, the significance of reading in the process of teaching and learning is undeniable. The significance of reading corresponds with the effort given forth by teachers in instructing students on the skill of reading. Therefore, it is undeniable that teaching and strengthening reading skills among kids is challenging. The task of instructing students in reading has become increasingly arduous in the aftermath of the pandemic (Mocorro, 2021). Students who struggle with reading are highly probable to spend the most, if not all, of their time in regular classrooms, especially if reading is their main area of difficulty. This demonstrates the growing support for educational strategies that promote inclusivity rather than segregation for kids with various needs (Serry, 2022). According to Westwood (2008) as cited in Moswane's (2019) study, it is argued that children who do not learn to read well at an early stage may struggle with other literacy skills and may not perform well academically. This difficulty in reading and writing has a significant negative impact on their self-esteem, confidence, attitude, and curriculum. Additionally, students have

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difficulties such as limited vocabulary, susceptibility to boredom, and difficulty concentrating on the topic, resulting in a lack of comprehension. In order to enhance students' understanding of texts, it is imperative for the teacher to possess effective ways for teaching reading comprehension. Teachers employ several tactics in their teaching to achieve the desired learning outcomes. A teaching strategy refers to the deliberate methods employed by a teacher during the instructional process to achieve predetermined objectives. Teachers employ many tactics to facilitate the learning process for students, enabling them to comprehend the content more easily and engage in activities that contribute to achieving certain educational objectives (Fernanda, 2022).

Challenges in Handling Reading Difficulties

Our understanding of the scientific principles underlying reading surpasses our understanding of how to effectively teach reading. In simpler terms, our understanding of the factors that contribute to better results at different stages of reading development is more extensive (e.g., recognizing individual sounds and understanding the relationship between letters and sounds are crucial for early readers) compared to our knowledge of how to effectively instruct a group of students with varying learning requirements in all these factors (Vaughn, 2021). Moreover, considerable methodical effort has been devoted to studying the underlying factors that contribute to challenges in reading acquisition. Although it is crucial to promptly identify students with reading difficulties and provide them with effective assistance, there is less understanding of how teachers and other school staff perceive their ability to assist these students based on the study of Serry (2022).

The study carried out of Tandika (2018) demonstrates that the major challenges faced by teachers in the sampled schools in Bahi and Kongwa, to provide effective classroom instruction, are a lack of facilities (71.4%), a shortage of teachers required to work with the enrolled pupils (71.4%), insufficient supply of teaching resources (71.4%), and overcrowded classrooms (66.7%). Under such circumstances, educators contended that instructors would face challenges in attaining the class objectives, resulting in a significant number of students being unable to acquire adequate reading abilities. This implies that the community and the government should engage in a cooperative effort to construct buildings, particularly classrooms and teacher residences, to attract both students and educators for enhanced education in Tanzania. In the study of Murnane (2012), proficient readers do not struggle with this routine; they apply the reading abilities they have developed, primarily through fiction, and apply them to comprehend science and history textbooks. Knowledgeable students are also unlikely to struggle, as they possess well-developed cognitive frameworks to assimilate the new information presented in their texts. However, pupils who have low reading abilities, as well as proficient readers with limited information, face new and frequently overwhelming challenges.

Liebfreund (2017) mentioned struggling readers require extra education of high-quality to respond with speed their development. Students who are highly susceptible to experiencing difficulties in reading need concentrated, clear, and intellectually and emotionally supportive education in small groups or individually. This instruction should offer personalized guidance and feedback. Effective teachers must make rapid multilevel decisions to adequately support struggling readers and lower group sizes may enable teachers to do this more successfully. Millrood contends from the study of Stagova (2006) that insufficient emphasis is placed on failing learners, who, in his view, are disregarded when teachers fail to provide adequate encouragement and fail to take notice of them. As an educator, particularly when dealing with adolescents, it is crucial to recognize factors contributing to students' challenges that extend beyond their academic pursuits. Considering this perspective, individuals are better equipped to comprehend their "failure" and its underlying causes. Consequently, as the author aptly highlights, employing motivation as a tactic can effectively demonstrate increased attentiveness and foster improved performance. Teachers employ diverse strategies and techniques when dealing with students who have difficulties in reading. As clearly demonstrated in the four interviews, a significant number of students express discomfort regarding reading. There are multiple factors contributing to this issue, with the primary common factors being a lack of focus, social discomfort among peers, and the presence of dyslexic students struggling with reading and comprehending texts. Their study also expounded that insufficient focus is directed towards underachieving students, who, in his view, are being disregarded due to teachers' lack of encouragement and failure to recognize their presence. As observed in the interviews, the learners' lack of desire and low self-confidence frequently lead to their neglect of reading. It is crucial for teachers to motivate students to generate their interest and engage them in the learning process. The study was also related to Serry's (2022) in the Australian context which states that available evidence regarding teachers' self-reported ability to effectively handle inclusive classrooms indicates that they perceive themselves as inadequately trained, while there is limited knowledge regarding their proficiency in teaching reading. The results indicate a varied and conflicting assessment of participants' perceived self-confidence and ability to assist struggling readers. The findings indicate that a significant number of participants lack confidence in their ability to work with struggling readers. This shows that students who are already vulnerable may face further disadvantages due to both their learning issues and the quality of instruction they get. If teachers lack the necessary skills to instruct kids with reading challenges, it is probable that they will be incapable of offering sufficient assistance and appropriate accommodations for these pupils.

A large proportion of participants encountered difficulties when working with struggling readers, which is likely to influence the connection between self-efficacy and work performance. Additionally, it is important to consider the very low levels of confidence exhibited by our participants, given the alarmingly high rate of reading difficulties among Australian pupils. Moswane (2019), believed that teachers can achieve literacy and competence by actively engaging in reading to enhance their competitive edge. Teachers can only accomplish this if they have sufficient help from the higher

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education department, which includes exposure to reading strategies, programs, instructions, and regular training. Research indicates that the challenges faced by teachers in teaching reading are not limited to South Africa but are prevalent worldwide. Teaching reading requires the expertise of an expert, despite the common belief that learning to read is a natural and effortless process. Learning to read is a sophisticated linguistic accomplishment. In India, instructors encountered the significant obstacle of dealing with enormous class sizes. Teachers had challenges in supporting struggling readers due to the high number of students in the classrooms. Indian educators were discovered to instruct reading without employing appropriate pedagogical techniques. Teachers were seen instructing without adequate expertise, employing different methods that were personally suitable.

Existing literature on the investigation of the difficulties and encounters faced by general education teachers has revealed a range of factors that are relevant to the topic. Exploring their experiences expanded our understanding of that is helpful in enhancing the advancement of our education and broadened our comprehension of being a general education teacher.

1.4 Theoretical Lens

The teaching-learning process is primarily composed of two factors: the teacher and the student. However, the effectiveness of a teacher's instruction is influenced by various elements related to their working environment. The researcher based the study on Bandura's concept of self-efficacy, which is a key component of his Social Cognitive Theory. In the study conducted by Lazarides and Warner (2020), self-efficacy is described as the extent to which an individual's achievements are influenced by their behavior, personal beliefs, and contextual variables. Furthermore, self-efficacy can be assessed based on an individual's perception of their own abilities, which is shaped by personal experiences and how they interpret their environment. An essential factor in the teaching profession is the context that influences a teacher's approach to teaching, which is shaped by their personal experiences. The concept of self-efficacy plays a crucial role in determining a teacher's motivation to teach, and it can be influenced by various factors such as personal circumstances, classroom environment, school culture, and the support of school administrators. In Hassan's (2019) study, it was established that teachers who utilize their full educational and pedagogical abilities to help their students achieve higher scores are only effective if they possess strong self-efficacy.

This study aims to explore the effectiveness and confidence of 5 general education teachers in instructing students with reading difficulties, drawing on their experiences and perspectives. By employing in-depth interviews and focus group discussions, the researcher can ascertain the problems, emotions, and the best practices involved in educating a student with reading difficulties.

2. METHODS

This study will choose to conduct a qualitative study to explore and understand the experiences of Elementary General Education teachers with their relationship of learners with reading difficulty in an inclusive classroom. With that, the researcher will employ phenomenology as the chosen research design.

The researcher designed a semi-structured interview for the participants. More precisely consisting of a series of open-ended questions aimed at uncovering the experiences and views of general education educators who work with students experiencing difficulties in reading. A school located in the district of Governor Generoso South, is recognized as a prominent institution of learning. The researcher will purposely select 5 teachers to serve as research participants in this study based on their inclusion in the Learner Information System (LIS) as pupils who struggle with memory retention, concentrating, paying attention, and understanding, the researcher will personally meet with the teachers involved to introduce and explain the goal of the study. Following the interviews, a qualitative thematic data analysis will be employed to categorize the main topics that can encapsulate the narratives derived from the collected data.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the results of the experiences, coping mechanisms and insights of teachers handling learners with reading difficulty is presented. It is evident that a contributing factor in the experiences of teachers is the learner factor served as a challenge as well as the teaching process, and the interview has concluded that teachers cope through various resources being provided by the department or techniques used as teacher's resources, and with these experience teachers' insights have transformed their perceptions as a teacher in every different situation they are in.

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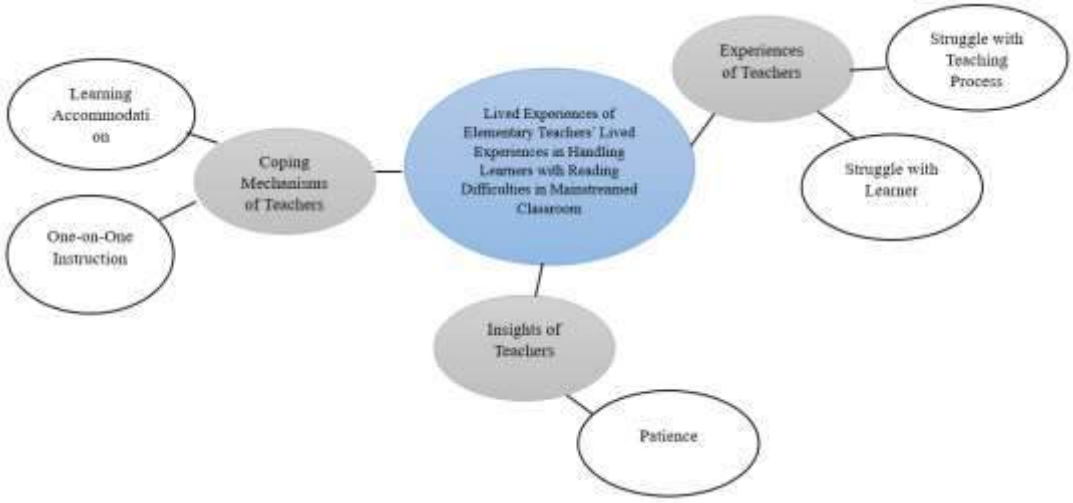


Figure 1. Conceptual Map of the Lived Experiences of Elementary Teachers in Handling Learner with Reading Difficulty

Experiences of Teachers

Struggles with Learner

Jones (2011) have concluded that learning to read is the most basic skill that a child needs to develop, for the learners to make use of the relevant subjects and to be able to work well with the community. The impact of the learners in teaching, influences the classroom environment. Identifying the needs of learners with reading difficulty is easy to recognize, however difficult to address especially if the learner is in higher grade. The mind of an empty slate as a child must be filled since the beginning until the child learns to do things independently, yet learners like them have different ability and needs adequate attention from the teacher. Adao et al (2023) have concluded that these types of learners have low participation in class discussions because of their struggles in reading. The study revealed that learner factor can affect the experiences of teachers in inclusive education.

Most learners with reading difficulty have almost the same ability in decoding and comprehending texts being read. Two (2) teachers, Teacher I and Teacher S have confessed that learners with reading difficulty are commonly identified as slow learners not to mention their slow reading speed at their age. Learners with low reading skills on their level are most likely to drop out of school, Furthermore, the reading skill level of a learner is a reason for dropping out of school (Jones, 2011).

"*These learners can't comprehend and are often slow learners because of their difficulty in reading*". *(Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)*

"*Struggle to read, slow reading speed or poor comprehension in reading*". (*Teacher I, from the focus group discussion*)

"*It's very difficult, because these learners hardly recognize or remember even letters, some can read but is having a hard time to comprehend*". (*Teacher M, from an in-depth interview*)

Teacher M (one of the participants) have mentioned that learners with reading difficulty are often those disruptive students in class that was confirmed in the study of Fauzati , Prastiwi, and Rahmawati (2023) that states difficulty in learning especially reading is a contributing factor of emerging disruptive behavior inside the classroom.

"*They create unnecessary noise, they involve (into) bullying". (Teacher M, from an in-depth interview)*

The teacher's motivation to teach is also affected by these learners in promoting a 100% rate of learning, that only means that the learner factor is big impact when calculating the success chances of a teacher to achieve her learning goals meaningfully. This only leads to a challenging experience teachers encounter in their day-to-day experiences as they teach different kinds of learners as well as those with reading difficulty. It only contributes to the claim that teachers have trouble in receiving learners with reading difficulty.

Struggle with Teaching Process

In relation to as mentioned above, learners' low ability in reading are a common problem in the inclusive setting. Moreover, this affects the teaching-learning process in the learning environment since the learner is the centre of this process. Teachers have answered that this problem increases the chances of delaying the lesson and needs to extend more time to achieve a higher rate of the mastery level of your lesson, since these learners have shown no reaction or no participation at all.

"It delays the lesson and needs more time" (Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"During evaluation of the lesson, it is evident that they don't have learning at all,
so, you need to reteach and find ways on how to address the problem". (Teacher S,
from an in-depth interview).

Just like Teacher F and Teacher S, Berg and Lyke (2012) have claimed that there is a significant improvement in reading with the use of repeated reading strategy, which recent research of

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Indarsari and Utomo (2022) also approved that repetition being used as a technique in elementary school can improve the learning of learners with difficulty, in which a lot of virtues emerged by teachers in handling learners with reading difficulty.

The teacher behaviour is affected that often leads to burnout, frustrations, and stress, but the burning passion to teach is what makes them eager to address these problems. They are heroes hiding in masks as they are called for this profession, they never stop finding ways to find solution to the children's learning condition.

"As a teacher, it is really difficult, but since this is our chosen profession, we need to insert more effort in teaching". (Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)

"It is frustrating in my part and at the same time challenge, because it affects the teaching-learning process, it seems to me like I'm not an effective teacher since the learner still struggles in reading". (Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"It is tiring, because it needs constant practice for the learner to be familiarized with what you taught".(Teacher J, from the focus group discussion)

"It leads to stress for teachers, deteriorating energy and it is frustrating".
(Teacher I, from the focus group discussion).

These stressful experiences contribute to the teaching behaviour of educators as this serves as an obstacle in promoting holistic learning for all. These reasons could lead to burnout which forces to lessen the motivation of teachers and their eagerness to impart learning, however, they have justified the role of a modern hero resolving problems in the classroom setting, finding ways to address reading problems.

Teachers' Coping Mechanisms and Resources

Negativity aside, in every problem there really is a solution. It may take a longer route to see the success, but it is fulfilling when a teacher gets there, as she journeys herself together with the child as they overcome reading difficulty. Teachers' may take this as a challenge within the 10-month goal for her learners to read independently. Department of Education have issued trainings and workshops to improve professional development of teachers, to address the burden of receiving learners with reading difficulty inside the classroom. Chen et al (2019) have claimed that teacher resources can directly affect the reading literacy of learners effective learning strategies. Also, based on the interview, teachers are innovative and resourceful in finding solutions to every learner with reading difficulty. Two (2) teachers have shared that they use the reading intervention and peer tutoring,

"I always make sure there is remedial reading, and I always include their peers in teaching them, which I find effective". (Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"Reading intervention, teach them how to read, teach them how to approach the readings so that they can work with their comprehension".(Teacher I, from an in-depth interview)

One-on-One Instruction

However, three (3) teachers denied the idea of having peer tutoring since it is not an effective technique for them and mentioned one-on-one instruction. The idea of one (1) teacher who uses reading homework as a strategy is also apparent in the discussion of Liziwe and Makeleni (2020) as one of the themes resulted in which reading materials provided to learners with reading difficulty, also supplemented by the study of Escuadra, Francisco and Rivera (2023) shows positive results that home reading partners plays a vital role in encouraging reading habits.

"While their classmates are performing, they will be with me for reading exercises, since in my case it's not helpful to include peer teaching because it will only lead to dictation and not learning". (Teacher M, from an in-depth interview)

"Every vacant time, I always call them out of the class to spend some reading time with me, then the material I used will be their reading homework which I follow up the day after". (Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)

"I will isolate them from others who can read, always one-on-one, I multitask with teaching them to read and other teaching related activities". (Teacher J, from the focus group discussion)

Learning Accommodations

Having difficulty in handling heterogeneous class means having varied learning styles, however these types of learners are delayed in grasping the concepts because of their challenge in reading so the participants have applied learning accommodations for the equity of learning, this was supported in the study of Almutairi (2018) that formative assessment tools conducted by the teachers includes modifications to simplify the assessment given for students with reading difficulty.

"I will explain thoroughly, or I will lessen the difficulty of their activity".(Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"I separate them from the class, and I will give them an activity much easier than the difficulty of the lesson but still connected to the lesson". (Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)

"From the beginning of your lesson, you need to

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differentiate the activity of the learners who can read and the learners with low capacity of reading, because if you generalize the lesson, they surely will be left behind". (Teacher J, from the focus group discussion)

This only proves that despite the demotivating actions from the learner factor, and the slowly loosing motivation and energy of teachers, the participants are focused only on the main goal within the 10-month period of being together with the learners, to become independent readers as well as learners.

Teachers' Insights and Perceptions

In every class there really are some struggles and challenges in educating heterogenous learners. Veerabudren, Kritzinger, and Ramasawmy (2021) have determined that the perspectives of the general education teachers towards including learners with reading difficulty is one of the key to achievement. The five (5) participants have learned a lot throughout the years of being the receiving teacher as it reflects their effectiveness in teaching. Two (2) of the participants have answered that these learners needed more attention in the class to address their learning needs, the study of Chaudhuri, Muhonen, Pakarinen and Lerkkanen (2022) resolved that teacher's attention is linked with the students' learning together with the support of the teachers as they excel in academics.

"You need to give them time to learn in their own learning phase.". (Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"These types of learners don't actually participate or cooperate that is why you need to be more attentive in their learning needs". (Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)

Patience

Which leads to include patience, understanding and love on insights gained as a teacher handling learners with reading difficulty. The learner can learn through constant repetition and guided practice. Also, one of the participants have mentioned that being an inspiration for those learners with reading difficulty to improve their ability to read.

"For me, you only need patience". (Teacher F, from an in-depth interview)

"If you are in the teaching field, you need to bring more patience".
(Teacher S, from an in-depth interview)

"Understanding, patience, and love, for you to teach effectively, and teach without the boundaries of hate, because they will truly remember the learning that 've imparted from them.(Teacher M, from an in-depth interview)

"We need to inspire them by introducing them to great ideas and improving their ability to think". (Teacher I, from the focus group discussion)

Loving and compassionate teachers are designed in situations like this. Teachers become the inspiration and the model for these individuals who needs love, care, and attention. The results of Lu (2022) have shown that one of the characteristics needed for teaching to be effective is having patience and concern for the learners especially learners inside the learning environment are always distracted.

Begum and Hamzah's (2018) results have exposed that teachers' self-efficacy of teachers create a contributing factor for students learning skills that improve their reading ability to 80%. Also, self-efficacy of teachers influences academic achievement of the students. Furthermore, Gunduz (2022) discussed that teachers with positive self-efficacy is perceived to be an inspiration for learners to be motivated and boosts their morale. This concept from the theory of Bandura's Social Cognitive Theory can be easily inferred that there is a significant connection between teachers' self-efficacy and academic area specifically reading.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Elementary teachers experience challenges in handling learners with reading difficulty. Learners with reading difficulty contributes to the feeling of efficacy of teachers to impart knowledge to learners and burnout. However, despite the challenges, teachers find and modify resources for learners with reading difficulty because of their goal as a teacher. The participants claimed that they fulfil their goal as a teacher to intervene with the undeniable problem of receiving learners with reading difficulty that have caused them to widen their views as a teacher and extend their empathy to these learners.

Researchers should consider effective reading strategies of teachers that shows good practices that would be beneficial for beginning teachers and teachers who are with the same experience. It is also a good inquiry for research to include disruptive behaviour caused by reading challenges of learners and the factors that contribute to these distractions inside the classroom. Moreover, it would be pleasant to find out the influence of a learner's condition of reading difficulty, especially around localization.

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PRIMARY INTRAVENTRICULAR HEMORRHAGE: A RARE CADAVERIC FINDING AND ITS CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), characterized by bleeding into the brain's ventricles, is often associated with intraparenchymal hematomas or subarachnoid hemorrhages. Historically diagnosed post-mortem, modern imaging now identifies IVH with non-specific symptoms or as an incidental finding. This case report details the discovery of primary intraventricular hemorrhage (PIVH) in an elderly male cadaver during a routine dissection at Dr. RPGMC Kangra. The dissection revealed rusty, brownish discoloration throughout the lateral, third, and fourth ventricles, along with midline shifting and compression of adjacent structures. PIVH, a rare and severe condition primarily linked to hypertension and vascular malformations, accounts for ≤3% of intracerebral hemorrhages in adults. Its prognosis is especially poor in the elderly. The distinctive coloration results from hemoglobin degradation and iron deposition. This case underscores the critical need for advanced clinical techniques, including minimally invasive clot removal and recombinant tissue plasminogen activator therapy, to improve survival and long-term outcomes in IVH patients.

KEY WORDS: *Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), primary intraventricular hemorrhage (PIVH), cadaveric findings, cerebral hemorrhages.*

INTRODUCTION

Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH) is a medical condition characterized by bleeding into the brain's fluid-filled ventricles, often linked with intraparenchymal hematomas or subarachnoid hemorrhage. Historically recognized postmortem due to its association with sudden coma and death, IVH is now more frequently diagnosed thanks to advances in imaging techniques. These advancements have revealed that IVH can present with nonspecific symptoms like headache, nausea, altered mental status, and focal neurological deficits, making it sometimes an incidental radiological finding. Primary IVH, a subtype without a parenchymal hemorrhagic component, remains rare and is primarily associated with hypertension and vascular malformations. This article details a case of IVH discovered during the routine dissection of an elderly male cadaver, providing insights into its clinical implications and the significance of recognizing vascular origins. Understanding the mechanisms and improving clinical methods for IVH management are crucial for enhancing patient outcomes and survival rates.

CASE REPORT

During routine dissection of brain of elderly male cadaver in accordance with ethical standards at the department of anatomy at Dr. RPGMC Kangra at Tanda, intraventricular hemorrhage was observed. After dissection of scalp, skull bones were separated to open the cranial cavity. Meningeal layers were intact. After removal of meningeal layers, cerebral hemispheres were seen. Superolateral and inferior surfaces of both hemispheres were normal. In horizontal section of cerebral hemispheres, rusty, brownish colour was observed in the cavity of lateral ventricles on both sides which was extended in each horn of lateral ventricle, third and fourth ventricle. Midline shifting was observed. Compression and colour changes were observed in adjoining walls of ventricles.

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DISCUSSION

In infants, intraventricular haemorrhage is a frequent complication of prematurity. In adults, isolated intraventricular haemorrhage is rare, accounting for ≤3% of intracerebral haemorrhages. The lesions most frequently detected as underlying intraventricular haemorrhage are of vascular origin. Arteriovenous malformations can lead to haemorrhage restricted to the ventricular system and have been identified as causes 20–25% of cases. The rupture of aneurysms of the posteroinferior cerebellar artery is often associated with Intraventricular haemorrhage (up to 95%). Aneurysms of the anterior communicating artery and of the basilar tip may directly rupture into the ventricular system through the lamina rostralis and the floor of the third ventricle, respectively. Hemoglobin degradation leading to iron deposition gives rusty, brownish colour.

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CONCLUSION

Intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), though rare, represents a severe clinical condition with significant early mortality, particularly in elderly patients. This case report highlights the presence of IVH in an elderly male cadaver, underscoring the importance of recognizing its association with underlying vascular abnormalities, such as hypertension and vascular malformations. The characteristic rusty, brownish discoloration observed in the ventricles is indicative of hemoglobin degradation and iron deposition, a key diagnostic feature. Despite the poor prognosis, especially in older individuals, advancements in minimally invasive techniques for clot removal and the use of recombinant tissue plasminogen activator-mediated clot lysis offer potential for improved outcomes. Enhanced understanding and application of these clinical methods are essential to improve survival rates and long-term functional recovery in patients with IVH. Continued research and education on the identification and management of IVH are crucial for advancing treatment and improving the prognosis of this serious condition.

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PHONOLOGICAL FEATURES IN BILLY COLLINS' POEM "INTRODUCTION TO POETRY": A STYLISTIC ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT
The study sought to examine the phonological characteristics found in Billy Collins' poem "Introduction to Poetry," with a specific emphasis on the aspects of rhyme scheme, meter, alliteration, assonance, and consonance, and their impact on Collins' poetic style. The poem is a sixteen-line free verse divided into seven stanzas, and it does not have a predetermined rhyme scheme. Nevertheless, Collins skillfully integrates slant rhymes and sound repetition techniques throughout the stanzas. The meter in the poem exhibits uneven patterns in the couplets and tercets, while consistently keeping a casual and conversational tone. Alliteration, assonance, and consonance are employed to augment the melodic quality and cadence of the poetry. The use of repeated start and ending consonants in the poem enhances its lyrical nature, resulting in an interesting and memorable reading experience. The phonological aspects in Collins' writing enhance the auditory quality of the poem and also contribute to its informal and approachable nature. This allows readers to create a stronger connection with the poem through its melodic and emotional elements.

KEYWORDS: *phonology, phonological features, stylistics, Billy Collins, poem*

INTRODUCTION
Within the field of literary analysis, scholars have long been interested in studying the phonological features present in poetry works. These language elements can provide valuable insights into the artistic decisions and stylistic nuances used by renowned writers. An examination of the phonological elements in Billy Collins' renowned poem "Introduction to Poetry" provides a distinct chance to explore the poet's skill and how sound patterns enhance the overall significance and effect of the piece.

An in-depth examination of the entire text will show that the way a writer uses sound patterns in language affects their choice of words and the organization of those words into sound patterns (Traugott & Pratt, 1980). In order to achieve rhyme and alliteration, it is typically necessary for the consonant sounds to be exactly the same. The same principle applies to vowels; they are essential for the formation of syllables. Phonological coherence in poetry can be attained by employing rhymes, assonances, and alliteration to reinforce the arrangement of sounds (phonology). Nevertheless, although sounds lack fundamental meaning, they can still interact and align with each other due to phonological and semantic patterns. Put simply, there are multiple methods of integrating sound in order to study a poetry.

Poetic language is commonly seen as a unique form of communication that is distinguished by its inventive and innovative utilization of words. The study of the linguistic aspects that enhance the aesthetic and emotive qualities of poetry has been a continuous area of research in the science of stylistics. Billy Collins, an acclaimed American poet, has had his works extensively analyzed for their stylistic elements. One of his poems, "Introduction to Poetry," is particularly valuable for conducting such an inquiry. Collins, a renowned poet, presents an intriguing chance to examine the phonological aspects that influence the rhythmic and aural characteristics of his poetry. His style is both easy to understand and rich in detail.The use of poetry as a teaching tool in 2014.

The examination of the phonetic characteristics in poetry has been significantly enriched by the knowledge gained from cognitive linguistics. This field of study has provided valuable understanding of how the structural aspects of language, such as its patterns of sound and rhythm, can enhance the persuasive and evocative impact of poetic communication.The reference is from Hamilton's work published in 2005. Expanding upon this theoretical basis, the current research will investigate how Collins strategically utilizes certain phonological techniques, like alliteration, assonance, and rhyme, to amplify the experiential and emotional aspects of his poem "Introduction to Poetry".

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One noteworthy characteristic of Collins' poetic style is his skillful use of alliteration, which entails the repetition of initial consonant sounds. This literary technique is evident in lines such as "poke the soft underbelly" and "press an ear against its hive", where the repetition of the /p/ and /h/ sounds, respectively, establishes a rhythmic pattern that directs the reader's attention to the tactile and auditory qualities of the poetic imagery (Jeffries, 2006). Collins employs assonance, which is the recurrence of identical vowel sounds, in the lines "walk inside the poem's room / and feel the walls for a light switch" (Hashmi et al., 2019). By including musical elements, the language of the poetry is enriched and the sensory experience it promotes is heightened (Jeffries, 2006).

The importance of rhyme in Collins' work is remarkable, as the poet's intentional use of this technique highlights significant thematic and intellectual elements. Collins skillfully incorporates rhyme into his poetry, departing from a predictable and melodious tone. Instead, he utilizes it to accentuate and underscore moments of great comprehension or revelation.The referenced source is the publication of Kao and Jurafsky in 2012. An illustration of this may be seen in the rhyming couplet "You might as well jump into the poem / with both feet," which not only creates a pleasing auditory pattern but also captures the poem's primary directive to the reader to fully immerse themselves in the poetic experience.The referenced source is the publication of Kao and Jurafsky in 2012. The utilization of rhyme in "Introduction to Poetry" exerts a nuanced yet impactful influence on the reader. It increases the reader's receptiveness to the message of the poetry and intensifies the invitation to interact with the text, resulting in a more profound and intimate relationship (Kao & Jurafsky, 2012).

Collins' poetry voice is influenced by his deliberate utilization of rhythm and meter, in addition to the phonological strategies he employs. Although the poem mostly follows a free-verse format and avoids the strict rules of traditional poetic forms, Collins nonetheless shows a strong awareness of the rhythmic and prosodic aspects of language (Vivante, 1979). This is apparent in the manner in which he constructs lines that, although not exactly adhering to a regular meter, yet convey a feeling of rhythm and timing that reflects the experiential and emotional aspects of the subject matter.

The lines "But all they want to do / is restrain the poem with rope / and extract a confession through torture" exhibit a deliberate and somewhat disrupted rhythm that reflects the forceful and coercive actions portrayed in the poem. Conversely, the fluid and oscillating expression "You might as well jump into the poem / with both feet" evokes a sense of unbounded and euphoric immersion that aligns with the poem's primary enticement to the reader.Vivante's work was published in 1979.

Collins skillfully uses phonological strategies and rhythmic patterns in "Introduction to Poetry" to create a unique poetic voice that is both easy to understand and skillfully constructed. The deliberate utilization of alliteration, assonance, and rhyme not only produces an enjoyable auditory sensation for the reader, but also enhances the poem's thematic preoccupations and experiential aspects.The source cited is Cureton (2002).The source cited is Kao and Jurafsky's work from 2012.The source cited is Rickert's work from 1984. The poem urges the reader to approach the text with receptiveness and a readiness to use the senses. Collins' adept use of language reflects this invitation, captivating the audience and leading them to a more profound and personal experience with the poetry. The source cited is Rickert's work from 1984.

The interrelationship between the structure and content is also evident in Collins' skillful manipulation of the rhythmic and prosodic aspects of his free-verse composition. Although the poet refuses to adhere to the rigid regulations of conventional poetic meters, they yet demonstrate a keen sensitivity to the cadence and velocity of their language, crafting lines that reflect the emotional and philosophical dimensions of the subject matter. The deliberate and cautious rhythm in the lines "But all they want to do / is restrain the poem with rope / and extract a confession through torture" imitates the brutal and repressive actions being depicted. Gerber (2015) observed that this generates a perception of opposition and limitation. Conversely, the sentence "You might as well jump into the poem / with both feet" effectively conveys a sense of unbounded and joyful absorption that aligns with the poem's primary enticement to the reader (Gerber, 2015). Linguistic analysis of phonetics and semantics in the poem "Introduction to Poetry" is conducted.

Furthermore, an examination of Collins' "Introduction to Poetry" can explore the intricate relationship between sound and meaning, in addition to the previously mentioned phonological characteristics. Collins' deliberate choice of words not only creates a sound-based experience but also connects deeply with the underlying concepts and themes of the poem.

The poem's primary metaphor of perceiving a poem as an encounter rather than analyzing it is reflected in the phonetic components. The sensory stimulation produced by the use of alliteration, assonance, and rhyme corresponds to the poem's invitation to "enter the poem's space and search for a means to illuminate it." The incorporation of auditory elements in this manifestation of the poetic encounter emphasizes the poem's entreaty to connect with it on a profound and instinctive level, transcending simply intellectual examination.

Furthermore, the poem's rhythm and meter not only mirror the subject matter but also enhance the overall aesthetic and emotional effect. The intentional, deliberate rhythm in the lines, "But all they desire is to restrain the poem with rope and extract a confession through torture," portrays the act of coercion and forceful imposition on poetry. This reinforces the poem's

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resistance to strict interpretation and emphasizes the freedom it aims to embody.

The line "You might as well jump into the poem / with both feet" captures the lively and liberating rhythm, embodying the enthusiasm and freedom that the poem promotes, encouraging readers to fully embrace the poetic encounter.

Collins skillfully uses phonological traits and rhythmic aspects to enhance the auditory aspect of the poem and enhance its thematic and philosophical dimensions. The complex integration of sound and meaning emphasizes the comprehensive quality of poetic expression and reinforces Collins' skill in creating a poem that is both linguistically captivating and intellectually profound.

The term stylistics was derived from the notion of style. Stylistics has traditionally been associated with literary criticism. Building on this, the attention shifted from analyzing the author's style to examining the mechanisms through which texts create meanings and consequences. Consequently, there was a pressing necessity to separate literary criticism from its parent field and establish it as an independent discipline.

Stylistics is a specialized area within applied linguistics that focuses on the examination and evaluation of the distinctive manner in which various genres of content are presented. Stylistic study involves a methodical analysis of various writing or speaking styles. It aids individuals in determining the right usage of language in any written work. The primary objective of doing style analysis is to ascertain the influence that words and the emotions they communicate have on readers.

Levels of Stylistic Analysis

Batool, Kiran, and Azhar (2016) outline the essential style levels to consider while evaluating any text:

Phonetics is the field of study that focuses on analyzing the sounds produced in a language at the phonetic level. We analyze the attributes of sounds and their use at the phonetic level.

The phonological level refers to the examination of a language's sound system and the specific regulations that govern pronunciation. The graphological level involves analyzing the writing system of a language, including graphology, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, font style, paragraphing, and line spacing.

The grammatical level examines both the syntactic and morphological components. The goal is to unravel the fundamental organization of sentences in a language and the sequence in which their components operate inside it. In order to identify foregrounding and deviation, it is crucial to differentiate and examine clauses, phrases, words, nouns, and verbs in any particular language. The lexical level focuses on analyzing the usage of individual words and phrases in different language situations.

This analysis will assist the researcher in evaluating the accuracy of their initial interpretation of the poetry. Conducting a comprehensive study often leads to the identification of new viewpoints that may not have been first apparent. Stylistic analysis is a highly efficient method for examining works across several genres.

Phonetic Level

Phonological analysis in language studies examines the sound system of a language and includes the formal regulations that regulate pronunciation. Phonological analysis entails the examination of sound patterns, word pronunciation, and intentional use of sound in language to ascertain the meaning, concepts, focal points, and distinctive behaviors present in a text. Phonological devices such as rhyme, meter, alliteration, assonance, and consonance are acquired by practicing repetition. Rhyme is a literary technique that entails the recurrence of comparable sounds at the conclusion of words.

Rhyme, as defined by Wales (2014), is a type of phonetic recurrence found in poetry, specifically when there is a correspondence between phonemes. End rhyme is the most prevalent form of rhyme in the English language. This phenomenon entails two entities that possess identical sound patterns, commencing from the vowel (often emphasized) and continuing until the conclusion of the term. The sole variation arises in the initial sound, as demonstrated by terms like as "June" and "moon," or "rose" and "toes." Feminine rhyme, commonly referred to as double rhyme, is characterized by the repetition of unstressed or 'weak' syllables at the end of phrases, in contrast to stressed or 'strong' ends, which is known as masculine rhyme. During the twentieth century, other variants of the whole rhyme pattern gained popularity. These include half-rhyme, which entails the repetition of only the final consonants, vowel variation, exemplified by phrases like "bend" and "sand," and apophony or slant rhyme, which involves the repetition of both the initial and final consonants, as observed in the words "bend" and "band."

Meter is the structured organization of emphasized and unemphasized syllables in poetry, which accentuates the less predictable rhythm of everyday speech. All of these forms of expression, including poetry, songs, jingles, slogans, proverbs, and riddles, typically exhibit this particular trait (Wales, 2014). Meter is a predetermined pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry. A specific pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables is referred to as a particular foot, which is a constituent of meter or regular rhythm. The meter of a verse-line is determined by the organization of emphasized and non-emphasized stresses in the syllables that form the words. Rhythm pertains to the organization of accented and unaccented syllables in a line of prose or poetry, leading to a melodious and aesthetically pleasing cadence of sounds. (Sharma, 2018).

Alliteration is the repetition of the first consonant sounds in a series of words or phrases. Alliteration, also referred to as 'initial

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rhyme,' is the deliberate repetition of the initial consonant sound in two or more words. Alliteration is frequently associated with literary language, particularly in poetry, as an intentional utilization of sound patterns. Additionally, it is included in frequently used idiomatic expressions (such as "rack and ruin" or "as dead as a doornail"), tongue twisters (such "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper"), and promotional language (such as "Guinness is beneficial for your health"). Placing the auditory stimuli in the forefront might enhance their accentuation and make them more memorable. Alliteration is frequently used in poetry to produce onomatopoeic effects, conveying the essence of the subject matter by repeating similar sounds (Wales, 2014).

Assonance is the recurrence of vowel sounds in words or syllables that are close to each other. A partial or flawed rhyme frequently used in poetic language to enhance auditory patterns and cohesion. A stressed vowel is duplicated with a distinct last consonant, as exemplified by "cough drop" and "fish 'n' chips". Assonance is a flexible technique that can be used to create many expressive effects (Wales, 2014).

Consonance is the recurrence of consonant sounds in a sequence of words or sentences. Consonance, as per the definition in literary criticism (Wales, 2014), refers to a type of rhyming that involves partial similarity in consonant sounds, end-alliteration, or consonantal assonance. It entails the recurrence of final consonants accompanied by different preceding vowels, as seen in instances like "sing" and "rang," or "sin" and "run." A half rhyme, also known as consonance, is a form of rhyme in which the final consonant sounds are repeated, but with distinct vowel sounds preceding each repetition (Huda, Ali, & Mahmood, 2014).

"Introduction to Poetry" expresses the poet's conviction that a poem is exceptional and should be approached cautiously to prevent emotional damage to both the poems themselves and the readers. Billy Collins demonstrates his affinity for poetry by regarding it as a vibrant creation formed from everyday language.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

This study was undertaken to determine the phonological features that contributed to the poetic writing style of Billy Collins.

Specifically, it sought to answer the following questions:

1. What phonological features (rhyme scheme, meter, alliteration, assonance, consonance) are evident in Billy Collin's "Introduction to Poetry" poem?
2. How do these phonological features contributed to Billy Collin's poetic writing style?

METHODOLOGY

Corpus of the Study

Introduction to Poetry is a free verse poem comprising of seven stanzas and sixteen lines, written in free verse.

Introduction to Poetry
by Billy Collins

I ask them to take a poem
and hold it up to the light
like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.
I say drop a mouse into a poem
and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem's room
and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski
across the surface of a poem
waving at the author's name on the shore.

But all they want to do
is tie the poem to a chair with rope
and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose
to find out what it really means.

This study determined the phonological features such as rhyme scheme, meter, alliteration, assonance, and consonance, and its contribution to the author's poetic writing style through stylistics analysis.

Theoretical Framework

This study specifically examined the field of stylistics, with a particular emphasis on the phonological aspect. This study primarily examined the phonological attributes of the poem "Introduction to Poetry" and its impact on Billy Collins' poetic style. This study employed phonological stylistic analysis to investigate the phonological characteristics of the poem, including rhyme scheme, meter, alliteration, assonance, and consonance, and their impact on the author's poetic style. Furthermore, according to Wales (2014), phonology can be described as a linguistic level that pertains to the articulation or manifestation of language through speech. In poetic language, we often notice the intentional emphasis on phonology through consistent patterns of sound repetition, alliteration, assonance, rhyme, and meter, among others.

Data Gathering Procedures

This study utilized discourse analysis to examine the phonological characteristics found in Billy Collins' poem "Introduction to Poetry" and investigate how these characteristics impact Collins' writing style using a stylistic

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analysis. The research examined the poem's structure, rhyme scheme, meter, and different sound patterns such as alliteration, assonance, and consonance in order to reveal the subtleties of Collins' artistic expression. The data gathering process aimed to analyze the phonological elements present in the poem, including slant rhymes, irregular meters, and repeated sounds. Through rigorous examination, the study hoped to understand how these qualities influenced Collins' unique writing style.

The study sought to emphasize the role of phonological features in "Introduction to Poetry" by conducting discourse analysis. It tried to demonstrate how these aspects contribute to the overall tone, rhythm, and aesthetic appeal of Collins' work. The process entailed finding occurrences of sound repetition, examining their positioning, and assessing their impact on the reader's perception of the poem. The research aimed to clarify how Collins' intentional utilization of phonological subtleties in the poem increases its musicality, elicits emotions, and influences the reader's interaction with the text. The primary objective of the data gathering approach was to get insights into the stylistic decisions made by Collins. This process attempted to illuminate how phonological traits play a crucial role in defining his distinctive and appealing writing style.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Phonological features utilized in Billy Collins' "Introduction to Poetry" poem.

Phonology is a linguistic discipline that specifically examines the arrangement and configuration of sounds in spoken communication. This study thoroughly investigates the phonological features of stylistics, encompassing rhyme scheme, meter, alliteration, assonance, and consonance.

Rhyme Scheme

Table 1. Rhyme Scheme of the poem.

STANZA	LINE		RHYME	SCHEME
1	1	I ask them to take a poem	/poʊə**m**/	A
	2	and hold it up to the light	/laɪ**t**/	B
	3	like a color slide	/slaɪ**d**/	C
2	1	or press an ear against its hive.	/haɪ**v**/	A
3	1	I say drop a mouse into a poem	/poʊə**m**/	A
	2	and watch him probe his way out,	/aʊ**t**/	B
4	1	or walk inside the poem's room	/ru**m**/	A
	2	and feel the walls for a light switch.	/swɪ**ʧ**/	B
5	1	I want them to waterski	/wətərski**ː**/	A
	2	across the surface of a poem	/poʊə**m**/	B
	3	waving at the author's name on the shore.	/ʃə**r**/	C
6	1	But all they want to do	/d**u**/	A
	2	is tie the poem to a chair with rope	/roʊ**p**/	B
	3	and torture a confession out of it.	/ɪ**t**/	C
7	1	They begin beating it with a hose	/hoʊ**z**/	A
	2	to find out what it really means.	/min**z**/	B

"Introduction to Poetry" is a free verse poem of sixteen lines made up of seven stanzas. There is no set rhyme scheme. According to Green (2020), in free verse poems, the lines are not rhymed one after the other. However, the author did include slant rhymes which are evident in the second and third lines of the first stanza, and the only line in the second stanza, the words are 'light,' 'slide,' and 'hive.'

Meter

Table 2. Metrical Pattern found in the poem.

STANZA	LINE	
2	1	˘ / ˘ / ˘ / ˘ / or press | an ear | against | its hive

The poem has seven stanzas, all of which are written in free verse. Three stanzas are composed of couplets, and three are composed of tercets, all of these have irregular meters. One stanza contains only one line, and it is distinguished even further by the fact that it is the only line written in iambic tetrameter. The words "or," "an," "a|gainst" (first syllable), and "its" are the unstressed syllables. On the other hand, the words "press," "ear," "a|gainst" (second syllable), and "hive" are the stressed

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ssyllables. An iamb is a unit of meter, tetrameter is a line of poetic verse that is made up of four metrical feet. According to Baldwin (2021), it occurs when a poet arranges words or uses two-syllable words with a stressed syllable following an unstressed syllable.

Alliteration

Table 3. Alliteration found in the first stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ALLITERATION
1	1	I ask them to take a poem /aɪ æsk ðɛm **t**u **t**eɪk ə poʊəm/	1. / **t**u/ - / **t**eɪk/ = /**t**/

In the first line of the first stanza, the alliteration sound occurred in the word 'to' and 'take' in which both of the words have the same initial stop voiceless alveolar consonant /t/ sound.

Table 4. Alliteration found in the third stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ALLITERATION
3	2	and watch him probe his way out / ænd **w**ɑʧ **h**ɪm proʊb **h**ɪz **w**eɪ aʊt /	1. / **w**ɑʧ / - / **w**eɪ / = /**w**/ 2. / **h**ɪm / - / **h**ɪz / = /**h**/

In the second line of the third stanza, the first alliteration sound occurred in the word 'watch' and 'way' in which both of the words have the same initial glide voiced bilabial consonant /w/ sound. Moreover, the second alliteration sound occurred in the word 'him' and 'his' in which both of the words have the same initial fricative voiceless glottal consonant /h/ sound.

Table 5. Alliteration found in the fifth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ALLITERATION
5	1	I want them to waterski / aɪ **w**ɑnt ðɛm tu **w**ɔtərskiː /	1. / **w**ɑnt / - / **w**ɔtərskiː / = /**w**/

In the first line of the fifth stanza, the alliteration sound occurred in the word 'want' and 'waterski' in which both of the words have the same initial glide voiced bilabial consonant /w/ sound.

Table 6. Alliteration found in the sixth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ALLITERATION
6	2	is tie the poem to a chair with rope / ɪz **t**aɪ ðə poʊəm **t**u ə ʧɛr wɪð roʊp /	1. / **t**aɪ / - / **t**u / = /**t**/

In the second line of the sixth stanza, the alliteration sound occurred in the word 'tie' and 'to' in which both of the words have the same initial stop voiceless alveolar consonant /t/ sound.

Table 7. Alliteration found in the seventh stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ALLITERATION
7	1	They begin beating it with a hose / ðeɪ **b**ɪgɪn **b**itɪŋ ɪt wɪð ə hoʊz /	1. / **b**ɪgɪn / - / **b**itɪŋ / = /**b**/

In the first line of the seventh stanza, the alliteration sound occurred in the word 'begin' and 'beating' in which both of the words have the same initial stop voiced bilabial consonant /b/ sound.

The most repeated alliteration sound in the poem is the sound /t/ which appeared twice. Baldwin (2020) mentioned that when a writer wants to call attention to a certain passage or section of text, he or she uses this strategy.

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Assonance

Table 8. Assonance found in the first stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
1	3	like a color slide / l**aɪ**k ə kʌlər sl**aɪ**d /	1. / l**aɪ**k / - / sl**aɪ**d / = /**aɪ**/

In the third line of the first stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'like' and 'slide' in which both of the words have the same diphthong /aɪ/.

Table 9. Assonance found in the second stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
2	1	or press an ear against its hive / ɔr pr**ɛ**s ən ir əg**ɛ**nst ɪts haɪv /	1. / pr**ɛ**s / - / əg**ɛ**nst / = /**ɛ**/

In the only line of the second stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'press' and 'against' in which both of the words have the same front mid lax vowel /ɛ/ sound.

Table 10. Assonance found in the third stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
3	2	and watch him probe his way out / ænd wɑʧ h**ɪ**m proʊb h**ɪ**z weɪ aʊt /	1. / h**ɪ**m / - / h**ɪ**z / = /**ɪ**/

In the only line of the third stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'him' and 'his' in which both of the words have the same front high lax vowel /ɪ/ sound.

Table 11. Assonance found in the fourth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
4	1	or walk inside the poem's room / **ɔ**r w**ɔ**k ɪnsaɪd ðə poʊəmz rum /	1. / **ɔ**r / - / w**ɔ**k / = /**ɔ**/
4	2	and feel the walls for a light switch / ænd fil ðə w**ɔ**lz f**ɔ**r ə laɪt swɪʧ /	2. / w**ɔ**lz / - / f**ɔ**r / = /**ɔ**/

In the first line of the fourth stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'or' and 'walk' in which both of the words have the same back low tense vowel /ɔ/ sound. Moreover, in the second line of the fourth stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'walls' and 'for' in which both of the words have the same back low tense vowel /ɔ/ sound.

Table 12. Assonance found in the fifth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
5	2	across the surface of a poem / **ə**krɔs ð**ə** sɜrf**ə**s ʌv **ə** poʊ**ə**m /	1. / **ə**krɔs / - / ð**ə** / - / sɜrf**ə**s / - / **ə** / - / poʊ**ə**m / = /**ə**/
5	3	waving at the author's name on the shore / w**eɪ**vɪŋ æt ði ɔθ**ə**rz n**eɪ**m ɔn ð**ə** ʃ**ɔ**r /	2. / w**eɪ**vɪŋ / - / n**eɪ**m / = /**eɪ**/ 3. / ɔθ**ə**rz / - / ð**ə** / = /**ə**/ 4. / **ɔ**n / - / ʃ**ɔ**r / = /**ɔ**/

In the second line of the fifth stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'across,' 'the,' 'surface,' 'a,' and 'poem' in which all of the words have the same central mid lax vowel /ə/ sound. In the third line of the fifth stanza, the first assonance sound occurred in the word 'waving' and 'name' in which both of the words have the same diphthong /eɪ/. Moreover, the second assonance sound occurred in the word 'author's' and 'the' in which both of the words have the same central mid lax vowel /ə/ sound. Lastly, the third assonance sound occurred in the word 'on' and 'shore' in which both of the words have the same back low tense vowel /ɔ/ sound.

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Table 13. Assonance found in the sixth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
6	1	But all they want to do / bʌt ɔl ðeɪ wɑnt t**u** d**u** /	1. / t**u** / - / d**u** / = /**u**/
6	2	is tie the poem to a chair with rope / **ɪ**z taɪ ðə poʊəm tu ə ʧɛr w**ɪ**ð roʊp /	2. / **ɪ**z / - / w**ɪ**ð / = /**ɪ**/ 3. / ðə / - / poʊəm / - / **ə** / = / **ə** /
6	3	and torture a confession out of it. / ænd tɔrʧ**ə**r **ə** kənfɛʃən aʊt ʌv ɪt /	4. / tɔrʧ**ə**r / - / **ə** / - / kənfɛʃ**ə**n / = / **ə** /

In the first line of the sixth stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'to,' and 'do' in which both of the words have the same back high tense vowel /u/ sound. Further, in the second line of the sixth stanza, the first assonance sound occurred in the word 'is' and 'with' in which both of the words have the same front high lax vowel /ɪ/ sound. Furthermore, the second assonance sound occurred in the word 'the,' 'poem,' and 'a' in which all of the words have the same central mid lax vowel /ə/ sound. Lastly, in the third line of the sixth stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'torture,' 'a,' and 'confession' in which both of the words have the same central mid lax vowel /ə/ sound.

Table 14. Assonance found in the seventh stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	ASSONANCE
7	1	They begin beating it with a hose / ðeɪ b**ɪ**g**ɪ**n bit**ɪ**ŋ **ɪ**t w**ɪ**ð ə hoʊz /	1. / b**ɪ**g**ɪ**n / - / bit**ɪ**ŋ / - / **ɪ**t / - / w**ɪ**ð / = /**ɪ**/
7	2	to find out what it really means. / tu faɪnd aʊt wʌt **ɪ**t r**ɪ**l**i** m**i**nz /	2. / **ɪ**t / - / r**ɪ**li / = / **ɪ** / 3. / r**ɪ**l**i** / - / m**i**nz / = / **i** /

In the first line of the seventh stanza, the assonance sound occurred in the word 'begin,' 'biting,' and 'it' in which all of the words have the same front high lax vowel /ɪ/ sound. Moreover, in the second line of the seventh stanza, the first assonance sound occurred in the word 'it' and 'really' in which both of the words have the same front high lax vowel /ɪ/ sound. Lastly, the second assonance sound occurred in the word 'really' and 'means' in which both of the words have the same front high tense vowel /i/ sound.

Consonance

Table 15. Consonance found in the first stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	CONSONANCE
1	1	I ask them to take a poem / aɪ æs**k** ðɛ**m** tu teɪ**k** ə poʊə**m** /	1. / æs**k** / - / teɪ**k** / = /**k**/ 2. / ðɛ**m** / - / poʊə**m** / = /**m**/
1	2	and hold it up to the light / æn**d** hoʊl**d** **ɪ**t ʌp tu ðə laɪ**t** /	3. / æn**d** / - / hoʊl**d** / = /**d**/ 4. / **ɪ**t / - / laɪ**t** / = /**t**/

In the first line of the first stanza, the first consonance sound occurred in the word 'ask' and 'take' in which both of the words have the same final stop voiceless velar consonant /k/ sound. Moreover, the second consonance sound occurred in the word 'them' and 'poem' in which both of the words have the same final nasal voiced bilabial consonant /m/ sound. In the second line of the first stanza, the first consonance sound occurred in the word 'and' and 'hold' in which both of the words have the same final stop voiced alveolar consonant /d/ sound. Lastly, the second consonance sound occurred in the word 'it' and 'light' in which both of the words have the same final stop voiceless alveolar consonant /t/ sound.

Table 16. Consonance found in the second stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	CONSONANCE
2	1	or press an ear against its hive / ɔ**r** prɛ**s** ən i**r** əgɛnst **ɪ**t**s** haɪv /	1. / ɔ**r** / - / i**r** / = /**r**/ 2. / prɛ**s** / - / **ɪ**t**s** / = /**s**/

In the first line of the second stanza, the first consonance sound occurred in the word 'or' and 'ear' in which both of the words have the same final liquid voiced central alveolar consonant /ɹ/ sound. Moreover, the second consonance sound occurred in the word 'press' and 'its' in which both of the words have the same final fricative voiceless alveolar consonant /s/ sound.

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Table 17. Consonance found in the fifth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	CONSONANCE
5	2	across the surface of a poem / əkrɔ**s** ðə sɜrfə**s** ʌv ə poʊəm /	1. / əkrɔ**s** / - / sɜrfə**s** / = /**d**/

In the second line of the fifth stanza, the consonance sound occurred in the word 'across' and 'surface' in which both of the words have the same final fricative voiceless alveolar consonant /s/ sound.

Table 18. Consonance found in the sixth stanza.

STANZA	LINE	THE LINE FROM THE POEM	CONSONANCE
6	1	But all they want to do / bʌ**t** ɔl ðeɪ wɑn**t** tu du /	1. / bʌ**t** / - / wɑn**t** / = /**t**/

In the first line of the sixth stanza, the consonance sound occurred in the word 'but' and 'want' in which both of the words have the same final stop voiceless alveolar consonant /t/ sound.

Contribution of phonological features to Billy Collin's personal writing style.

"Introduction to Poetry" is composed in the form of free poetry. Free poetry is a type of literature that does not follow a specific rhythmic pattern. The speaker's diction appears relaxed, simple, and conversational in tone and delivery due to the absence of a predefined cadence in the phrases.

The absence of a structured rhyme system enables the poem to convey a sense of informality. Despite the absence of rhyme, the poem maintains a conversational tone that is easily understandable, as if the speaker is participating in a casual discourse with the audience. However, the poem does have slant rhymes, as evidenced by the rhyme in lines 2-4: "light, slide, hive."Collins' poem displayed numerous instances of sound repetition. Collins utilized a range of techniques in his poetry, such as alliteration, which entails the repetition of opening consonant sounds, assonance, which requires the repetition of closing vowel sounds, and consonance, which involves the repetition of concluding consonant sounds. The first four consonant sounds of this poem were repeated four times. The predominant initial consonant sounds in this poem are the sonorant bilabial glide /w/ and the voiceless glottal fricative /t/. The employment of alliteration in the poem enhances its proficient use of rhyme. The rhyme of the poem aids in effortless memorization. In addition, the vowel sounds in this poem were repeated a total of eight times. The dominant vowel sounds in this poem are the front high lax vowel /ɪ/ and the back low tense vowel /ɔ/. The poem employed assonance to create a harmonious effect. The recitation of the poem will augment its aesthetic appeal. The poem included six instances of consonance, wherein the concluding consonant sound was repeated. The predominant final consonant sounds in this poem are the voiceless alveolar /t/ and the voiced alveolar /d/ stops. The writer utilized consonance to create rhymes by prompting the audience to pause on particular words.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This study analyzed the poem "Introduction to Poetry" by Billy Collins. Two phonological features were examined. Below is a compilation of segmental and supra-segmental sound attributes. Alliteration, assonance, and consonance are all features of segmental sound. Rhyme and meter are instances of supra-segmental characteristics. Initially, the poem does not possess a structured pattern of rhymes, but the writer has included instances of slant rhyme in the second and third lines of the initial stanza, as well as the concluding line of the subsequent stanza. Furthermore, the poem consisted solely of a single line according to an iambic tetrameter metrical structure. Ultimately, this poem employs sound repeats such as alliteration, assonance, and consonance.

The repetition of starting consonant sounds was dominated by the voiced bilabial glide /w/ and the voiceless glottal fricative /t/. The vowel sounds were primarily characterized by the front high lax vowel /i/ and the back low tense vowel /o/. The stop voiceless alveolar /t/ and stop voiced alveolar /d/ were the dominant final consonant sounds.Introduction to Poetry is a free verse poem composed of seven stanzas and sixteen lines, adhering to the structure of free verse.This poem does not adhere to a specific rhyme style. Despite its irregularity, one line established the renowned iambic tetrameter rhythm. In addition, this poem utilized alliteration, assonance, and consonance to establish a repetitive auditory pattern.

This exemplifies the speaker's overarching poetic style, as conveyed through his own words. The speaker desires his students to approach poetry with a sense of reverence and fondness, and the absence of meter in the poem mirrors the speaker's unrestricted investigation of the art form. The poem's nostalgic and daring atmosphere is intensified by the incorporation of connections that serve as a reminder to readers that poetry encompasses not just significance, but also the auditory quality of words. This serves as a reminder that one of the joys of poetry is in the auditory experience of the words. The selection of vocabulary is crucial since it needs to successfully articulate the poet's ideas, sentiments, and emotions, and effectively communicate the writer's intended message to the reader of the piece. This study conducted a stylistic analysis to

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investigate the phonological elements and their impact on the author's lyrical writing style. Other researchers have the ability to perform the same study on a range of literary works.

Furthermore, this study also allows for the analysis of the poetry at several stylistic levels, such as phonetic, graphological, grammatical, and lexical. In addition to its essential role in language structure, phonology can serve as a dependable method for interpreting and analyzing poetry.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP: INFLUENCES ON ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR AND CULTURE

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ABSTRACT
Corporate governance and ethical leadership are critical elements that significantly impact organizational behavior and culture. This abstract delves into the intricate relationship between corporate governance structures, ethical leadership practices, and their profound effects on organizational dynamics. Effective corporate governance mechanisms ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in decision-making processes, thereby fostering trust and credibility among stakeholders. Ethical leadership, on the other hand, sets the tone for ethical conduct, guiding employees to uphold moral principles and values in their actions. The symbiotic relationship between corporate governance and organizational behavior is multifaceted. A robust corporate governance framework delineates clear roles, responsibilities, and procedures, which significantly influence employee behavior. Well-defined governance practices promote adherence to regulations, ethical standards, and industry best practices, consequently reducing the occurrence of misconduct and unethical behavior within the organization. Furthermore, a culture of transparency and fairness, nurtured by effective governance mechanisms, encourages open communication, collaboration, and organizational commitment among employees. Ethical leadership complements corporate governance by instilling ethical values and promoting ethical decision-making across all organizational levels. Ethical leaders serve as exemplars, embodying integrity, honesty, and accountability in their actions. Their ethical demeanor creates a ripple effect throughout the organization, shaping the behavior and attitudes of employees. By fostering a culture of trust, respect, and integrity, ethical leadership cultivates a positive work environment conducive to innovation, employee engagement, and organizational success. Moreover, the alignment of corporate governance and ethical leadership practices is pivotal in shaping organizational culture. A culture that prioritizes ethical behavior and values is a reflection of effective governance structures and ethical leadership principles. Organizations with strong governance frameworks and ethical leadership tend to exhibit a culture characterized by ethical awareness, integrity, and social responsibility. Employees feel empowered to make ethical decisions, knowing that their actions align with the organization's values and objectives. Consequently, such organizations attract and retain talent, enhance reputation, and achieve sustainable growth. In conclusion, corporate governance and ethical leadership are indispensable in shaping organizational behavior and culture. Together, they create a framework that fosters transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct, driving organizational performance and long-term success. By emphasizing the importance of ethical behavior and integrity, organizations can create a culture that promotes trust, collaboration, and innovation, ultimately contributing to their competitive advantage and stakeholder value.

KEYWORDS: *corporate governance, ethical leadership, organizational behavior, organizational culture, transparency, accountability, integrity, trust, ethical decision-making, stakeholder value.*

INTRODUCTION
Corporate governance and ethical leadership are integral components of organizational management that significantly influence organizational behavior and culture. In today's dynamic and interconnected business environment, organizations face increasing scrutiny from stakeholders regarding their governance practices and ethical conduct. As such, understanding the interplay between corporate governance structures, ethical leadership principles, and their impact on organizational dynamics is crucial for sustaining competitive advantage and fostering long-term success. Corporate governance encompasses the systems, processes, and practices by which organizations are directed and controlled. It provides the framework for decision-making, ensuring that the interests of various stakeholders, including shareholders, employees, customers, and the community, are taken into account. Key principles of corporate governance include transparency, accountability, fairness, and responsibility. Transparent governance mechanisms enable stakeholders to access accurate and timely information about the organization's performance, financial position, and decision-making processes. Accountability mechanisms ensure that decision-makers are held responsible for their actions and

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decisions, thereby enhancing trust and credibility among stakeholders. Moreover, fairness and responsibility principles guide organizational actions, promoting equitable treatment of stakeholders and ethical conduct in all aspects of business operations. Ethical leadership, on the other hand, involves the demonstration of ethical values, principles, and behaviors by organizational leaders. Ethical leaders serve as role models, inspiring trust, respect, and integrity among employees. They prioritize ethical decision-making, considering the impact of their actions on various stakeholders and adhering to moral principles and values. Ethical leadership is characterized by traits such as honesty, integrity, transparency, empathy, and social responsibility. Ethical leaders create a culture of trust and openness, where employees feel empowered to voice concerns, challenge unethical behavior, and contribute positively to organizational goals.The relationship between corporate governance and ethical leadership is symbiotic, as both concepts reinforce and complement each other. Effective corporate governance provides the structure and mechanisms to support ethical leadership practices, while ethical leadership ensures that governance principles are upheld and implemented throughout the organization. Together, they create a culture of integrity, transparency, and accountability, which is essential for driving organizational performance and fostering stakeholder trust. In this context, this paper aims to explore the influences of corporate governance and ethical leadership on organizational behavior and culture. It will examine how governance structures and leadership practices shape employee behavior, decision-making processes, and organizational norms. Additionally, it will discuss the implications of effective governance and ethical leadership for organizational performance, reputation, and sustainability. By delving into these critical aspects of organizational management, this paper seeks to provide insights into how organizations can leverage corporate governance and ethical leadership to foster a culture of trust, integrity, and ethical conduct, ultimately enhancing their competitiveness and stakeholder value in the global marketplace.

PROBLEM DEFINATION

In contemporary business environments, organizations face increasing pressure to uphold high standards of corporate governance and ethical leadership due to heightened stakeholder expectations, regulatory requirements, and societal demands. However, despite the recognition of their importance, many organizations encounter challenges in effectively implementing and integrating corporate governance structures and ethical leadership principles into their organizational practices. These challenges may include issues such as:

1. Lack of clarity and alignment in governance structures: Organizations may struggle with defining clear roles, responsibilities, and decision-making processes within their governance frameworks, leading to ambiguity and inefficiencies.
2. Ethical lapses and misconduct: Instances of unethical behavior among organizational leaders and employees can erode trust, damage reputation, and undermine organizational performance.
3. Resistance to change: Implementing changes to improve corporate governance and ethical leadership practices may face resistance from entrenched organizational cultures, vested interests, and ingrained behaviors.
4. Compliance and regulatory complexities: Navigating complex regulatory landscapes and ensuring compliance with evolving governance standards can pose significant challenges for organizations, particularly those operating in multiple jurisdictions.
5. Leadership development and accountability: Developing a pipeline of ethical leaders who possess the requisite skills, competencies, and values to lead with integrity and accountability is a persistent challenge for organizations.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

Some objectives are here for this research purpose:

1. To assess the current state of corporate governance structures and ethical leadership practices within the organization, including strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.
2. To identify key challenges and barriers hindering the effective implementation of corporate governance and ethical leadership initiatives within the organization.
3. To develop strategies and action plans to address identified gaps and enhance corporate governance effectiveness and ethical leadership capabilities.
4. To foster a culture of transparency, integrity, and accountability throughout the organization by promoting ethical values, behaviors, and decision-making processes.
5. To establish mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the impact of corporate governance and ethical leadership initiatives on organizational behavior, culture, and performance.
6. To enhance leadership development programs and initiatives aimed at nurturing ethical leaders who embody the organization's values and principles.
7. To strengthen stakeholder engagement and communication channels to ensure alignment and buy-in for corporate governance and ethical leadership efforts.

By addressing these objectives, organizations can aspire to cultivate a culture of excellence, trust, and ethical conduct, thereby enhancing their reputation, competitiveness, and long-term sustainability in the marketplace.

RESEARCH GAP

Despite the growing recognition of the importance of corporate governance and ethical leadership in organizational management, there remain several notable research gaps that warrant further investigation and scholarly inquiry. Identifying and addressing these research gaps is crucial for advancing our understanding of how corporate governance structures and ethical leadership

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practices influence organizational behavior and culture. Some of the key research gaps in this field include:

1. **Cross-Cultural Perspectives:** Much of the existing research on corporate governance and ethical leadership has been conducted in Western contexts, predominantly focusing on large, publicly traded corporations. There is a need for more studies that explore how cultural differences and contextual factors shape governance mechanisms and leadership practices across diverse organizational settings and geographic regions. Comparative research across cultures can provide valuable insights into the universality versus cultural specificity of governance and leadership principles.
2. **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):** While the bulk of research in corporate governance and ethical leadership has centered on large corporations, there is a paucity of studies focusing on SMEs. SMEs represent a significant segment of the global economy, yet they often face unique governance challenges due to resource constraints, informal structures, and limited access to expertise. Research examining the effectiveness of governance mechanisms and leadership practices in SMEs can help tailor strategies and interventions to support their sustainable growth and success.
3. **Long-Term Impact and Sustainability:** Many studies in corporate governance and ethical leadership have focused on short-term outcomes such as financial performance and compliance with regulations. There is a need for longitudinal research that examines the long-term impact of governance structures and leadership practices on organizational sustainability, resilience, and stakeholder value creation. Such research can shed light on the enduring effects of ethical leadership and governance reforms beyond immediate financial metrics.
4. **Emerging Technologies and Digital Governance:** With the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing digitization of business processes, there is a need to explore how emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and big data analytics are reshaping corporate governance practices and ethical leadership models. Research in this area can elucidate the opportunities and challenges posed by digitalization for governance effectiveness, transparency, and accountability.
5. **Intersectionality of Governance and Leadership:** While corporate governance and ethical leadership are often studied as distinct phenomena, there is a growing recognition of their interconnectedness and mutual reinforcement. However, there is limited research that systematically examines the interplay between governance structures and leadership behaviors, and how they collectively influence organizational behavior and culture. Future research could explore the synergies between governance mechanisms and leadership practices, and their combined impact on organizational outcomes.

Addressing these research gaps can contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the complex dynamics between corporate governance, ethical leadership, and organizational behavior. By filling these gaps, researchers can provide actionable insights and practical guidance for organizations seeking to enhance their governance effectiveness, foster ethical cultures, and achieve sustainable success in an increasingly complex and interconnected business environment.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In addressing the research gap concerning corporate governance and ethical leadership, a doctrinal research methodology will be employed. Doctrinal research involves the examination and analysis of existing legal and regulatory frameworks, statutes, case law, and scholarly literature to derive insights and conclusions. This approach is particularly suited for investigating legal and regulatory aspects of corporate governance and ethical leadership practices.The research will begin with an in-depth examination of relevant laws, regulations, and corporate governance codes governing organizational behavior and ethical conduct. This analysis will involve studying statutes such as corporate laws, securities regulations, and codes of corporate governance issued by regulatory bodies or industry associations. By scrutinizing the legal framework, the research aims to identify key provisions, standards, and obligations pertaining to corporate governance structures and ethical leadership practices. The study will also involve a review of relevant case law and judicial decisions that have interpreted and applied legal principles related to corporate governance and ethical leadership. Case law analysis provides insights into how courts have interpreted legal provisions, resolved disputes, and established precedents concerning governance issues such as director duties, shareholder rights, and fiduciary responsibilities. By analyzing case law, the research seeks to identify emerging trends, legal precedents, and areas of ambiguity or contention in corporate governance jurisprudence. A comprehensive review of scholarly literature on corporate governance, ethical leadership, organizational behavior, and related disciplines will be conducted to supplement the legal analysis. The literature review will involve synthesizing theoretical frameworks, conceptual models, empirical studies, and critical analyses from academic journals, books, and research reports. By drawing on interdisciplinary perspectives, the research aims to enrich its understanding of the complex dynamics between legal, ethical, and organizational factors influencing governance practices.Comparative analysis of legal and regulatory frameworks across different jurisdictions will be conducted to identify variations, similarities, and best practices in corporate governance and ethical leadership regulation. By comparing regulatory approaches and enforcement mechanisms in diverse legal systems, the research aims to glean insights into the effectiveness of governance reforms and the implications for organizational behavior and culture. The findings from the legal analysis, case law review, and literature review will be synthesized and interpreted to develop a comprehensive

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understanding of the influences of corporate governance and ethical leadership on organizational behavior and culture. The research will identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities in existing legal and regulatory frameworks, as well as propose recommendations for enhancing governance effectiveness and promoting ethical conduct within organizations. Through a doctrinal research methodology, this study aims to contribute valuable insights into the legal and regulatory dimensions of corporate governance and ethical leadership, offering practical guidance for policymakers, regulators, corporate practitioners, and scholars seeking to address governance challenges and promote ethical behavior in organizations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

We should likewise bring up that the effect brought about by an EO results from both a reasonable and symbolic aspect. We need to feature the representative perspectives to the extent that the presence of an EO inside an association shows that the senior administration is focused on moral business direct (very much like making the figure of a quality supervisor can lead us to induce that the senior administration views quality as something significant). The emblematic methodology is applicable to the point that exists a Morals Official Affiliation (http://www.eoa.org) with north of 1000 EOs, every one of them from enormous firms in the worldwide field. Concerning this affiliation, an observational review shows that its participation is bound to be from: right away, huge firms described by low bookkeeping returns and, at second, oversaw by Presidents who have been all the more as of late delegated to their positions. Right now, we concur with the view that "the essential administration of moral conduct in business can at this point not be overlooked" Concerning the conversation about who should be liable for moral matters, we accept this is an element of the corporate administration overall and the Chief specifically, since the meaning of the company's moral qualities and the President's direct comparable to these qualities are beginning stages that will later become moral rules to be trailed by other hierarchica individuals. From this significant reason (the activity of moral authority by the corporate administration), the figure of the EO when the person does their undertaking appropriately can turn into the gathering point between the senior administration, as a general rule, and the other partners of the firm, taking everything into account. We know about the way that moral administration issues are not effectively designated similarly as creation, promoting or finance capabilities. In any case, the production of the EO figure is legitimate once the moral rules have been laid out. Hence, as long as the senior administration activities truly follow those rules, the EO figure's 'diffusing' impact can find its raison d'être in the association and backing authority. This thought permits us to depict the fundamental prerequisites an EO should satisfy, which can be summed up as follows: having a wide information on the firm, dominating administration methods as well as hypothetical and functional issues connected with business morals and, equivalent to the remainder of the senior administration, having the progressive power important to apply an impact on firm individuals' way of behaving. Not having a place straightforwardly with a practical office can be helpful as well, as it gives greater validity and unbiasedness upon the person in question. The EO ought to likewise have a decent standing and be notable by everybody in the association.

ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

The relationship between corporate governance and ethical leadership is foundational to the functioning and sustainability of organizations. Corporate governance encompasses the systems, processes, and structures by which companies are directed and controlled. It provides the framework within which ethical leadership can thrive or falter. Ethical leadership, on the other hand, pertains to the behavior of leaders who demonstrate integrity, fairness, and transparency in decision-making, serving as moral exemplars for their followers. At its core, corporate governance sets the tone for organizational behavior by establishing mechanisms for accountability, transparency, and responsibility. Ethical leadership, within this framework, serves as a guiding force that shapes the ethical climate of the organization. When corporate governance structures prioritize ethical values and principles, it creates an environment where ethical leadership can flourish. Conversely, weak or ineffective corporate governance can undermine ethical leadership by tolerating or even incentivizing unethical conduct. One key aspect of the relationship between corporate governance and ethical leadership is the alignment of interests between leaders, stakeholders, and the organization as a whole. Effective corporate governance mechanisms, such as independent boards, codes of conduct, and accountability mechanisms, help ensure that leaders act in the best interests of stakeholders and uphold ethical standards. Ethical leaders, in turn, are instrumental in implementing and upholding these governance mechanisms, fostering a culture of integrity and trust within the organization.Moreover, the relationship between corporate governance and ethical leadership extends beyond compliance with regulations and codes of conduct. Ethical leadership requires a commitment to ethical decision-making that goes beyond mere adherence to legal requirements. It involves promoting ethical behavior at all levels of the organization, fostering a culture of integrity, and addressing ethical dilemmas proactively. Research indicates that organizations with strong corporate governance and ethical leadership tend to perform better financially and enjoy greater stakeholder trust and loyalty. Conversely, failures in corporate governance or lapses in ethical leadership can lead to reputational damage, legal liabilities, and financial losses. In summary, corporate governance and ethical leadership are deeply intertwined, each influencing and reinforcing the other. Effective corporate governance provides the structural support for ethical leadership to thrive, while ethical leadership serves as the moral compass that guides governance practices and organizational behavior. Recognizing and nurturing this relationship is essential

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for building organizations that are not only financially successful but also ethically responsible and sustainable in the long term.

INFLUENCE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP ON ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR

The influence of corporate governance and ethical leadership on organizational behavior is profound and multifaceted, shaping the norms, values, and practices within an organization. Here's a breakdown of their influence:

1. **Establishing Norms and Values:** Corporate governance structures, such as codes of conduct and ethics policies, set the standards for acceptable behavior within the organization. Ethical leadership reinforces these standards by modeling ethical behavior and emphasizing the importance of integrity, honesty, and respect. When employees see leaders consistently prioritizing ethical considerations, it fosters a culture where ethical behavior is valued and expected.
2. **Building Trust and Transparency:** Effective corporate governance practices, such as transparency in decision-making and accountability mechanisms, contribute to building trust between leaders, employees, and stakeholders. Ethical leadership further enhances trust by demonstrating sincerity, fairness, and open communication. In an environment where trust is high, employees are more likely to exhibit behaviors such as collaboration, information sharing, and commitment to organizational goals.
3. **Mitigating Risk and Promoting Compliance:** Strong corporate governance frameworks help identify and mitigate risks related to unethical behavior, such as fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interest. Ethical leadership plays a crucial role in ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, as well as promoting ethical decision-making at all levels of the organization. By emphasizing the importance of ethics and compliance, leaders can reduce the likelihood of misconduct and minimize associated costs and reputational damage.
4. **Encouraging Ethical Decision-Making:** Ethical leadership fosters an environment where employees feel empowered to make ethical decisions, even in challenging situations. Leaders who prioritize ethical considerations provide guidance and support to employees facing moral dilemmas, encouraging them to consider the broader implications of their actions and choose courses of action that align with organizational values. This, in turn, leads to a more ethical organizational culture where individuals feel a sense of responsibility for their actions and their impact on others.
5. **Driving Organizational Performance:** Research suggests that organizations with strong corporate governance and ethical leadership tend to outperform their peers in terms of financial performance, employee engagement, and customer satisfaction. By promoting a culture of integrity, trust, and accountability, these organizations attract and retain top talent, foster innovation, and build enduring relationships with stakeholders. In summary, corporate governance and ethical leadership have a profound influence on organizational behavior, shaping the culture, values, and practices that define how an organization operates. By prioritizing ethics, transparency, and accountability, leaders can create environments where employees feel motivated, engaged, and empowered to contribute to the organization's success in a responsible and sustainable manner.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CASE LAWS

1. **Volkswagen Emissions Scandal:** In 2015, Volkswagen admitted to installing illegal software in millions of its diesel vehicles to cheat emissions tests. The scandal led to significant financial losses for the company, including fines and settlements with regulators and consumers. It also resulted in criminal charges against several executives. The case underscored the importance of ethical leadership and corporate governance in ensuring regulatory compliance and preventing unethical behavior.
2. **Enron Corporation (continued):** The Enron scandal remains one of the most notorious examples of corporate governance and ethical failures. Beyond the collapse of the company itself, the case resulted in significant legal and regulatory reforms, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Enron case highlighted the dangers of lax oversight, conflicts of interest, and unethical behavior at the highest levels of corporate leadership.
3. **Toshiba Accounting Scandal:** In 2015, Toshiba Corporation admitted to overstating its profits by billions of dollars over several years. The scandal led to the resignation of the company's CEO and other top executives. Toshiba faced regulatory investigations, lawsuits, and financial penalties as a result of the accounting irregularities. The case underscored the importance of transparency, accuracy, and integrity in financial reporting, as well as the need for effective corporate governance and ethical leadership.
4. **Uber Technologies Inc.:**Uber has faced numerous controversies related to its corporate culture, governance practices, and ethical conduct. These include allegations of workplace harassment, discrimination, and misconduct by executives. The company has also faced regulatory scrutiny and legal challenges in various jurisdictions. The case highlights the importance of fostering a culture of ethics, diversity, and inclusion, as well as the need for strong governance structures to address corporate misconduct effectively.
5. **Boeing 737 Max Crisis:** Following two fatal crashes involving its 737 Max aircraft, Boeing faced criticism over its safety culture, regulatory oversight, and decision-making processes. The crashes raised questions about Boeing's corporate governance practices, including its relationships with regulators and its prioritization of safety

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over profitability. The case underscores the importance of ethical leadership and accountability in ensuring product safety and regulatory compliance.

6. **Caremark International Inc. Derivative Litigation (1996):** This landmark case established the duty of corporate boards to implement compliance programs and monitor corporate conduct. The court ruled that directors have a duty to ensure that the company maintains appropriate systems to monitor compliance with legal and ethical standards. The case emphasized the importance of effective corporate governance in preventing misconduct and holding corporate leaders accountable for unethical behavior.
7. **WorldCom:** The WorldCom scandal in the early 2000s involved one of the largest accounting frauds in history, leading to the bankruptcy of the telecommunications company. CEO Bernard Ebbers was convicted of fraud and conspiracy charges related to the company's financial misstatements. The case highlighted failures in corporate governance, including lax oversight by the board of directors and a lack of ethical leadership at the executive level. It underscored the importance of independent board oversight and ethical leadership in preventing corporate misconduct.
8. **McDonald's Corporation v. Vincent and Kerr (1996):** In this case, two McDonald's executives were found guilty of embezzlement and fraud for their involvement in a scheme to defraud the company. The court held that the executives breached their fiduciary duties to the company by engaging in unethical behavior for personal gain. The case demonstrated the importance of ethical leadership in upholding integrity and preventing conflicts of interest within organizations.
9. **United States v. Siemens AG (2008):** Siemens AG, a German multinational conglomerate, faced charges of bribery and corruption in various countries. The company ultimately agreed to pay substantial fines to settle the charges. The case highlighted the need for effective corporate governance structures and ethical leadership to prevent bribery and corruption, which can have serious legal and reputational consequences for companies.
10. **Tesla, Inc. and Elon Musk:** In 2018, Tesla and its CEO Elon Musk faced scrutiny over Musk's tweets about taking the company private. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) accused Musk of securities fraud for misleading investors. Musk and Tesla ultimately reached a settlement with the SEC, with Musk agreeing to step down as chairman and pay a fine. The case underscored the importance of transparency, integrity, and adherence to securities laws in corporate governance and ethical leadership.

FINDINGS OF RESEARCH

The research findings underscore the significant influence of corporate governance and ethical leadership on organizational behavior and culture. Robust governance structures, including independent boards, transparent reporting mechanisms, and accountability measures, are found to be closely associated with the presence of ethical leadership within organizations. This correlation suggests that effective governance lays the groundwork for ethical leadership to thrive, shaping the norms, values, and practices that define organizational behavior. Organizations with strong governance and ethical leadership tend to foster cultures characterized by integrity, trust, and accountability. Ethical leaders set the tone for ethical behavior by modeling honesty, fairness, and transparency in decision-making, creating an environment where employees feel empowered to act ethically. This positive cultural ethos contributes to higher levels of employee engagement, cooperation, and commitment to organizational goals. Moreover, effective corporate governance and ethical leadership mitigate risks associated with unethical behavior, such as fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interest. By promoting compliance with laws, regulations, and ethical standards, organizations can safeguard their reputation and financial stability. Ethical leadership also plays a crucial role in driving organizational performance, as it fosters innovation, attracts top talent, and builds strong relationships with stakeholders. Overall, the findings highlight the symbiotic relationship between corporate governance and ethical leadership, and their collective impact on organizational behavior and culture. Investing in governance structures and cultivating ethical leadership capabilities is essential for organizations seeking to promote integrity, transparency, and responsible conduct, ultimately leading to sustained success and stakeholder trust.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE RESEARCH

In conclusion, the research on corporate governance and ethical leadership illuminates their pivotal role in shaping organizational behavior and culture. Robust governance structures, coupled with ethical leadership practices, foster environments characterized by integrity, trust, and accountability. The findings underscore the symbiotic relationship between these two constructs, where effective governance provides the foundation for ethical leadership to flourish, and ethical leadership, in turn, reinforces the principles and values embedded in governance frameworks. Organizations with strong governance mechanisms, such as independent boards, transparent reporting systems, and clear accountability measures, are more likely to cultivate ethical leadership at all levels. Ethical leaders, through their actions and decisions, set the tone for ethical behavior, inspiring employees to act with honesty, fairness, and transparency. This positive cultural ethos not only enhances employee morale and engagement but also contributes to organizational resilience and long-term sustainability. Moreover, effective corporate governance and ethical leadership play a crucial role in mitigating risks associated with unethical conduct, such as fraud, corruption, and conflicts of interest. By promoting compliance with laws, regulations, and ethical standards, organizations can safeguard their reputation and financial stability. Ethical leadership also drives organizational performance by fostering innovation,

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attracting top talent, and building strong relationships with stakeholders. However, while the research provides valuable insights into the relationship between corporate governance, ethical leadership, and organizational behavior, several avenues for future research remain unexplored. One potential area of inquiry is the examination of the mechanisms through which governance structures influence the emergence and effectiveness of ethical leadership. Understanding the specific governance practices and processes that facilitate ethical leadership development could inform interventions aimed at strengthening ethical leadership capabilities within organizations. Additionally, future research could explore the impact of cultural and contextual factors on the relationship between corporate governance, ethical leadership, and organizational behavior. Cultural differences, industry-specific dynamics, and regulatory environments may influence the effectiveness of governance mechanisms and the manifestation of ethical leadership behaviors. Comparative studies across different organizational contexts could provide valuable insights into the generalizability of findings and the adaptation of governance and leadership strategies to diverse settings.

In conclusion, while the research on corporate governance and ethical leadership has made significant strides in elucidating their influence on organizational behavior and culture, there remains much to uncover. By addressing these gaps in knowledge, researchers can contribute to the development of evidence-based practices that promote ethical leadership and governance excellence, ultimately fostering responsible conduct and sustainable organizational success.

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LEGAL ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW AND DIGITAL TRADE

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ABSTRACT

This brief gives a lawful examination of existing principles in computerized exchange in regards to the different parts of man-made consciousness ('computer based intelligence'), specifically (individual and nonpersonal) information, PC code as calculations, and figuring power (counting distributed computing). To do as such, the initial segment of this investigation will plan different worldwide exchange decides that influence cross-line streams of information, PC code and figuring ability to ecide their separate benefits and drawbacks.

This will frame the reason for the second piece of the examination, which will address the attractiveness and need of worldwide rulemaking around here.Digitization has extraordinarily extended the extent of exchange, and with it the extent of exchange regulation. Yet, the administrative system, albeit filling in reciprocal and territorial fora, is profoundly unique and stays divided, expanding the challenges confronting computerized exchange regulation.

It is normal these days to participate in computerized exchange without knowing it. A few exercises, such as purchasing books on Amazon or downloading computer games, show up naturally covered by computerized exchange, as they plainly include an on the web business exchange. Others, like gathering over Zoom or watching a video on YouTube, may not be perceived as computerized exchange, as there are apparently no agreements marked or money related trades, yet they also are properly arranged as computerized exchange. Basic to these various kinds of computerized exchange is the assortment and move of information innate to the arrangement of these labor and products, which might stream across different state borders. Thusly, while the exchange of past centuries was completed through camels along the Silk Street, ships cruising around the Cape of Good Expectation, and, starting with the last hundred years, cranes dumping compartments at tremendous ports, digitization has reclassified exchange our age.1 However even as computerized exchange has turned into the undetectable texture of the advanced economy and our day to day existences and the advantages of the advanced change for exchange are applauded in report after report,2 do wegenuinely grasp what "computerized exchange" is and all the more critically how to manage it? This exposition resolves these inquiries and divulges the ease of the subject of computerized exchange – both from an innovative and a strategy lawful point of view.

KEY WORDS-: *advanced exchange, internet business, information streams, particular economic deals, computerized economy arrangements, TAPED*

INTRODUCTION

the interconnected universe of today, advanced business has formed into a fundamental part of the global economy. The advancement of internet business, computerized administrations, and the progression of information across global lines has on a very basic level modified the manner by which organizations capability. It is accordingly difficult to exaggerate the impact that computerized business has had on the advancement of worldwide business regulation. One of the main parts of worldwide business regulation that has been affected by the ascent of advanced exchange is the space of global deals. By and large, exchanges including unfamiliar exchange were dealt with using unmistakable mediums, like paper documentation and the genuine shipment of wares. The multiplication of computerized advancements, then again, has made it feasible for organizations to take part in quick worldwide exchanges without the requirement for an actual presence or the fruition of difficult desk work. New sorts of plans of action, like web-based commercial centers and stage economies, have arisen as an immediate consequence of the multiplication of computerized exchange. Digitalization processes are driving significant changes in the creation, trade, and utilization of products and services.The new models introduce a plenty of lawful and administrative worries that should be tended to. Free-er exchange will improve each state off, we make sense of and are told. For example, in light of the fact that the web isn't restricted by actual boundaries, it is more hard to figure out which state has authority and whose regulations apply while managing advanced issues. What's more, concerns in regards to licensed innovation privileges, shopper security.

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LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Global Exchange Rules, Information Streams, Registering Assets

what's more, Man-made brainpower Global exchange regulation looks to eliminate vulnerability for organizations and states participating in crossborder exchange. These guidelines were at first considered for customary exchange products, and later on refined to likewise apply to administrations. Today, their pertinence and need for change considering the computerized turn, especially with respect to man-made reasoning, has turned into a subject of monetary and political significance. This brief gives an outline of significant parts of exchange regulation, specifically European Association ('EU'), World Exchange Association ('WTO') regulation and ongoing International alliances ('FTAs'). Each plan will be reviewed for its pertinence to (I) individual and non-individual information; (ii) PC code as calculations; and (iii) figuring ability to pinpoint existing limitations on the exchange of man-made consciousness to give an image of the present status of exchange regulation and its relevance to man-made intelligence.

Man-made reasoning alludes to calculations that have been prepared on (frequently huge) amounts of information. For sure, upgrades in computerized reasoning over the course of the last[1] years are less because of significant forward leaps in calculations as opposed to changes in the enlarging accessibility of data of interest as well as enhancements in registering power. Cross-line exchange computerized administrations that incorporate artificial intelligence is consistentlyexpanding, which brings such programming inside the extent of global exchange regulation. From one viewpoint, administrations as such are turning into an undeniably conspicuous part of worldwide exchange, while, on different, products progressively have an administrations part 1.Man-made reasoning can be integrated into labor and products in various structures, which brings up the issue of the use of worldwide exchange regulation to man-made reasoning and the in this way coming about consequences

2. Hindrances to Worldwide Exchange Labor and products

that coordinate Man-made reasoning as of late, different purviews have taken on measures connected with the center parts of fake knowledge: information, calculations, and processing power, which trouble or obstruct the global dissemination of man-made consciousness as well as its different parts. These new obstructions to computerized exchange are for the most part non-levy hindrances, including localisation measures, or public or potentially territorial guidelines, counting dissimilar ways to deal with information insurance and security prerequisites or oversight rules. Past, innovation norms can be utilized to incline toward nearby organizations as 'numerous utilizations of computer based intelligence include reciprocal advancements in which principles could not as yet exist'

Specifically, homegrown information confinement necessities have been the subject of much discussion. Information restriction estimates generally force impediments on the free development of information
. These actions include solicitations to utilize nearby server farms (which forestalls the utilization of distributed computing administrations where servers are situated external the pertinent purview) or through and through boycotts to move information abroad (for example to guarantee policing for digital protection reasons).These actions force topographical limits on information, as they expect that information is put away on nearby servers. These restriction estimates influence two center parts of man-made reasoning: information and PC stockpiling. Some have alluded to this pattern as 'information patriotism Others are wary whether such measures can as a general rule accomplish their expressed targets like protecting residents from unfamiliar reconnaissance, security and security, monetary turn of events, homegrown policing the assurance of opportunity.

Information restriction measures across purviews are shifted and range from rules with respect to content, like for example Nigeria's rules on satisfied advancement, online control (as rules set up in Turkey),information security rules as existing in the EU and South Korea, information move prerequisites, moves of source code in charge related data (USA), traffic steering necessities, which remembers limitations for[2] unfamiliar ISPs to

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[1] Consider, for example, the case of an oscillating brush associated with a portable application, where the application then, at that point, makescustomized (future handling ideas) to the client.

2 Note that digitalization overall has led to banters with regards to whether half breeds, for example, servitised merchandise are best qualified as

labor and products according to a legitimate viewpoint: Usman Ahmed, Brian Bieron, and Gary Horlick, Mode 1, Mode 2 or Mode 10: How

Should Internet providers be Ordered in the Overall Settlement on Exchange and Administrations?, Current Points in Worldwide Regulation,

Boston College School of Regulation, 2015. Accessible at: https://www.bu.edu/ilj/2015/11/24/mode-1-mode-2-or-mode-10-howshould-internet providers be-characterized in-the-worldwide settlement on-exchange administration/#_ftn18 3 The way that information security prerequisites protection and information insurance may in some cases be viewed as an obstruction to exchange does of

course not imply that these are unwanted. For sure, security and information assurance are crucial privileges safeguarded by the

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give web access (Vietnam), nearby information stockpiling and handling necessities, for example, for example the Brazilian limitation prerequisites for public obtainment contracts remembering for cloud figuring administrations, prerequisites that specific information be handled locally (Russia) and the Chinese Extraordinary Firewall .A further illustration of information move prerequisites are India's necessity that installment specialist co-ops set up server farms or store their information with cloud suppliers utilizing Indian server farm.

Compulsory exchange of innovation necessities may also propel organizations to uncover components of an innovation, for example, the source code (in other words PC code that can clearly be perused by gifted people) of the product utilized in man-made brainpower. Nations can make market access restrictive to such revelations 11. Moreover, neighborhood content guidelines like substance obstructing, content sifting and geo-impeding influence the accessibility of information to prepare man-made brainpower on. Past,authorizing commitments for cloud administrations can hamper the consistent information streams between various server farms in different areas and locales that describe distributed computing

3 European Association Regulation

The European Association has elite ability to arrange economic deals for its part states 13.Article 207(3) TFEU gives that arranged arrangements should be in accordance with the EU's inner strategies and rules. Hence, any economic deal to which the EU would be a signatory should follow EU regulation, remembering its different arrangements for the admiration of key freedoms ought to as the right to information security as set out in Article 16 TFEU and Article 8 of the Sanction of Central Privileges.

Particularly the use of the information security arrangements to global information streams has been a muchdiscussed issue lately. Especially critical with regards to global information moves is the European Official courtroom's mid year 2020 choice in Information Security Chief v Facebook Ireland andMaximillian Schrems in which the ECJ revoked the EU-US Protection Safeguard and moreover put critical troubles on those expecting to move individual information from the EU to the US utilizing standard legally binding statements under the GDPR14. Chander has contended that this administering is likened to a delicate information localisation necessity as it troubles the commodity of individual information outside the EU to a degree making it restrictively convoluted, especially for SMEs.

It ought to likewise be noticed that EU regulation encapsulates a certified restriction on information localisation prerequisites as they have been taken on in different purviews. The Guideline on the Free Progression of Non-Individual Information gives that information localisation necessities 'will be disallowed, except if they are legitimate on grounds of public security in consistence with the rule of proportionality'. Later on, there might be extra principles might affect the global flow of information and man-made intelligence, for example conceivable straightforwardness prerequisites4 The Overall Settlement on Exchange Administrations WTO regulation covers exchange man-made brainpower (regularly exchange computerized administrations or servitised merchandise with an artificial intelligence part). Of specific pertinence in this regard is the WTO's Overall Settlement on Exchange Administrations ('GATS'). Where exchange happens between individuals from the WTO, (for example, the European Association and its part states) public estimates that confine exchange man-made reasoning must consequently be steady with the GATS, or, where they are not, be gotten by one of its exemptions.

The GATS is the principal multilateral deal on the advancement of global exchange administrations. It looks to advance exchange administrations by dispensing with exchange hindrances and applies to all administrations aside from taxpayer driven organizations. There are, notwithstanding, cutoff points to its exchange progression plan. Without a doubt, that's what its preface perceives individuals additionally have an interest in assisting homegrown strategy objectives through guideline. The GATS applies to any action 'whether as a regulation, guideline, rule, strategy, choice, regulatory activity or whatever other structure' that covers administrations from their introduction to conclusive conveyance 20. Consequently, where a homegrown measure influences exchange administrations, it falls under the GATS 21.

WTO regulation works in light of qualifications on whether something is a decent, a help or protected innovation. This makes

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difficulties with respect to categorisations of information at is can connect these classifications.

Regardless, obviously WTO regulation gets exchange information streams and computerized reasoning. In US Betting, the WTO debate settlement system held that the web-based electronic conveyance of a help is inside the domain of the GATS and characterized it under Mode 122. China-Sound visiuals affirmed that help responsibilities stretch out to administrations conveyed online23. WTO regulation characterizes administrations as indicated by existing help groupings, which recognize a party's responsibilities. This is finished based on a 1994 rundown as the WTO Administrations Sectoral. It tends not out of the ordinary that the topic of groupings will be the subject of future exchange debates. These general assistance classifications can be hard to guide to contemporary (advanced) administrations . Almost certainly, man-made consciousness will additionally compound that trouble, especially as it becomes coordinated in an enormous wide range of administrations (like medical care or monetary administrations, to give only two models). Where the GATS apply, its overall commitments should be regarded.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

• The Most Preferred Nation('MFN') treatment commands that every part will treat the administrations and administration supplies of different individuals in a 'no less positive' way than 'like' homegrown administrations
what's more, administrations providers .
• The Public Treatment necessity constrains WTO individuals to treat administrations and administration providers from other WTO individuals similarly to homegrown administrations and administration providers
• The Homegrown Guideline decide predicts that every part 'will guarantee that all proportions of general application influencing exchange administrations are controlled in a sensible, evenhanded and unprejudiced way
This is basically a procedural fair treatment and reasonableness ensure that guarantees that, bury alia, permitting necessities follow objective measures.
• The Market Access decide expects that individuals limited by responsibilities in its timetable shouldn't force the six market access boundaries recorded n Article XVI:2 Public measures relevant to man-made consciousness can fall inside the extent of the GATS in various structures. Numerous locales have in the previous years taken on measures concerning information, some of which fall inside the domain of the GATS. For instance, information localisation prerequisites can cause circumstances where unfamiliar help providers are dealt with less well than homegrown assistance providers, in break of the public treatment rule.Depending on the standard, they may likewise be risky from a market access viewpoint. This likewise affects distributed computing as business are confronted with a smaller selection of suppliers where they can't depend on administrations utilizing servers situated beyond the purview.

Information assurance standards can bring up issues in regards to the public treatment arrangements, yet can be legitimate by individuals' opportunity to embrace security insurances. Specifically information localisation measures have been dependent upon clear discussion in regards to their effect on exchange and it subsequently does not shock anyone that the point is additionally on the plan of the WTO according to its Joint Assertion Drive on web based business.

Part estimates connected with programming that might make issues under the GATS incorporate necessary innovation move prerequisites (which might appear as a commitment to uncover source code) .

It was seen over that in certain wards, market access is simply allowed to firms that make accessible the source code of the product to nearby legislatures. Without a doubt, legislatures might interest admittance to source code for the sake of security, (for example, to decrease extortion or guarantee public safetyObligatory innovation move necessities, for example, the divulgence of source code are gotten by GATS market access and homegrown guideline disciplines (albeit protected innovation freedoms and proprietary advantages are safeguarded under [3]the WTO Outings Arrangement). Beneath, it will be seen that such standards are currently denied by ongoing economic deals, for example, the TPP, which disallows accomplices from requesting the exposure of source code, with a couple of special cases, for example, security reasons important such measures, which at first sight repudiate WTO standards can regardless be legitimate under the GATS where they are gotten by one of tits different supports. Nonetheless, at the same time, such measures might be reasonable by the overall exemptions conditions connected with security, public ethics, and privacy36. GATS Article V, which manages monetary coordination and empowers individuals to turn into involved with an understanding changing exchange with different gatherings; GATS Article XIV which empowers individuals to seek after their security advantages, and GATS Article XIV, which draws in with overall population interest measures. Until this point in time, no cases on these inquiries have been brought before the WTO debate settlement systems.

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Previously, the security exclusion has not frequently been utilized. Notwithstanding, it has been anticipated that later on, legislatures might be to a greater extent depending on such exemptions, which will thusly increment generally speaking exchange limitations. For sure, this peculiarity has previously begun. In 2019, a WTO found in Russia Measures Concerning Traffic On the way that the GATS security special cases can be explored by WTO debate settlement boards to decide if there are objective security grounds under GATT Article and that individuals summoning that arrangement should show that there are pure intentions fundamental security interests.Under Article XIV(c), individuals can seek after significant public interests, including the avoidance of misleading and fake practices and the insurance of security where these actions meet the arrangements material prerequisites and the chapeau.

Past the overall GATS plot, various area explicit standards are additionally of significance for the exchange of labor and products consolidating man-made brainpower under WTO regulation, like area explicit responsibilities for broadcast communications (as predicted by the Extension on Broadcast communications) as well as the Add on Monetary Administrations. The last option gives that individuals will not embrace measures forestalling data moves or preclusions on the handling of monetary data including 'moves of information by electronic means' aside from where important for information insurance reasons.

The Data Innovation Understanding is a plurilateral bargain regardless of having been embraced under the sponsorship of the WTO (this implies that main restricting upon those gatherings have marked it). Many key wards in the creating and created world have marked, yet it is simply a duty cutting component that doesn't consolidate restricting responsibilities with respect to non-duty obstructions. The ITA additionally works on the bass of an item grouping list tracing all the way back to 1989, obviously such orders can only with significant effort be applied to current and future technologies.

CONCLUSION

Digitization has extended the extent of both endlessly exchange regulation, in this manner changing the idea of the administrative issues in question. The scene of computerized exchange rulemaking is probably going to stay dynamic. Mechanical advancements will definitely request proper administrative reactions (for example concerning man-made brainpower). Yet, it isn't just mechanical change, however international tensions that will drive the administrative scene, as nations keep on situating themselves separately opposite essential partners, like China, the EU, and the US, and in new international blocks, like the Indo-Pacific Financial Structure for Success. The next few years will test the eagerness for global participation in the space of advanced exchange guideline and explain how much lawful systems created in respective and provincial gatherings can be translated to the WTO, while additionally thinking about the interests of creating and least-created nations

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TESTING THE ELONGATION OF 3-TUPLES RELATING TO POLYNOMIALS AND POLYGONAL NUMBERS WITH PECULIAR PROCLAMATION

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ABSTRACT
In this paper, special 2-tuples with elements stand well-known polynomials and polygonal numbers with different sides that exclusively meet the property that the summation or difference of two elements provides a square can be stretched to 3-tuples but not 4-tuples with the same characteristics are displayed. Also, the similar characteristics of all such 3-tuples are checked with numerical values by Python programs.
KEYWORDS: *Diophantine m-tuples, Congruence relations, polygonal numbers, polynomials*

1. INTRODUCTION

"A set of positive integers $(b_1, b_2, b_3 \ldots, b_m)$ such that $b_i b_j + n$ is a perfect square for all $1 \leq i < j \leq m$, $n \epsilon Z - \{0\}$ is called a Diophantine m-tuple with property $\mathrm{D}(n)$" see [1]. Many Mathematicians contemplated the existence of Diophantine quadruples with the property $\mathrm{D}(n)$ for any arbitrary integer n and for any polynomial in n [5,9]. Numerous Diophantine triples satisfying various properties are deliberated in [4,7,8]. In [6,10], authors investigated some extendable Diophantine triples satisfying suitable conditions. Various non-extendable Diophantine triples are analysed in [2,3,11].

This paper presents that 2-tuples with members remain renowned polynomials and polygonal numbers together with the property that the totality or difference of two members can be elongated to 3-tuples but not 4-tuples with identical features.

2. RUDIMENTARY DEFINITIONS

2.1. Bernoulli polynomial

The explicit formula for the Bernoulli polynomial is

$$B_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} B_{n-k} x^k$$

and first few Bernoulli polynomials are

$$B_0(x) = 1, B_1(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}, B_2(x) = x^2 - x + \frac{1}{6} \text{ and } B_3(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x$$

2.2. Euler polynomial

The unambiguous formula for the Euler polynomial is

$$E_m(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m} \binom{m}{k} \frac{E_k}{2^k} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-k}$$

and primary Euler polynomials are

$$E_0(x) = 1, E_1(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}, E_2(x) = x^2 - x \text{ and } E_3(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

2.3. Chebyshev polynomial

The common formula for the Chebyshev polynomial is

$$U_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor} \binom{n-r}{r} (2x)^{n-2r}$$

and principally some Chebyshev polynomials are

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$U_0(x) = 1, U_1(x) = 2x, U_2(x) = 4x^2 - 1$ and $U_3(x) = 8x^3 - 4x$

3. DISCERNMENT OF NON-EXTENDABLE 3-TUPLES

Limited categories of 3-tuples comprising habituated polynomials and special numbers in which the difference and sum of two elements among them provides the square of a polynomial is revealed and it is proved that all these 3-tuples cannot be prolonged into 4-tuples in sections 3.1.1 to 3. 2.2.

3.1.1. Estimation of ephemeral 3-tuples encircling familiar polynomials

Consider $(P_x, Q_x) = \big(6B_2(x), 2E_2(x)\big) = (6x^2 - 6x + 1, 2x^2 - 2x)$ be $2-$ tuples sustaining the condition that their difference is the square of some polynomial.

Protraction of 2-tuples to 3-tuples

Let R_x be any non-negative integer such that

$$P_x - R_x = \tau_x^2 \quad (1)$$

$$Q_x - R_x = \omega_x^2 \quad (2)$$

Confiscating R_x from (1) and (2) gives that

$$4x^2 - 4x + 1 = \tau_x^2 - \omega_x^2$$

Using the Factorisation method, it is detected that

$$\tau_x = 2x^2 - 2x + 1 \text{ and } \omega_x = 2x^2 - 2x \quad (3)$$

Retentive (3) in (1) offers the possibility of R_x as

$$R_x = -4x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x \quad (4)$$

Thus, the 3-tuples $(6x^2 - 6x + 1, 2x^2 - 2x, -4x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x)$ (5)

sustaining the condition that the difference of any two polynomials remains square of some additional polynomial.

Grouping the non-extendibility of 3-tuples

Let S_x be any non-negative integer such that

$$P_x - S_x = \eta_x^2 \quad (6)$$

$$Q_x - S_x = \zeta_x^2 \quad (7)$$

$$R_x - S_x = \delta_x^2 \quad (8)$$

Eradicating S_x from (6) and (8) establishes that

$$4x^4 - 8x^3 + 8x^2 - 4x + 1 = \eta_x^2 - \delta_x^2 \quad (9)$$

Removal of S_x from (7) and (8) provides that

$$4x^4 - 8x^3 + 4x = \zeta_x^2 - \delta_x^2 \quad (10)$$

The conversions of $\zeta_x = \rho + 1$ and $\delta_x = \rho - 1$in (10) yields the option of ρ as cited below

$$\rho = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 \quad (11)$$

Thus,

$$\zeta_x = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_x = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 1$$

In addition, it is evidently perceived that

$$\zeta_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$$

$$\delta_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$$

Furthermore, it is noticed from (9) that

$$\eta_x^2 = \delta_x^2 + 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 8x^2 + 4x + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_x^2 \equiv 2(mod\ 4)$$

This is impossible by the rule that any square number is either congruent to 0 or 1 modulo 4.

Thus, η_x is not a square number.

Consequently, it is determined that the 3-tuples exposed in (5) cannot be prolonged into 4-tuples.

3.1.2. Pursuit of 3-tuples encompassing renowned polynomials

Deliberate $(U_x, V_x) = (U_2(x), 2E_2(x))$ be such that $U_x - V_x = (2x - 1)^2$

Applying the procedure as explained in 3.1.1, the 2-tuples (U_x, V_x) can be stretched to 3-tuples $(U_x, V_x, W_x) = (4x^2 - 1, 4x - 2, -4x^4 + 8x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x - 2)$ composed with the condition that the difference between any two polynomials is a perfect square.

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A look at the non-extendable triple

Let Z_x be any non-negative integer such that

$$U_x - Z_x = a_x^2 \quad (12)$$
$$V_x - Z_x = b_x^2 \quad (13)$$
$$W_x - Z_x = c_x^2 \quad (14)$$

Removal of Z_x from above three equations lead to

$$4x^4 - 8x^3 + 8x^2 - 4x + 1 = a_x^2 - c_x^2 \quad (15)$$
$$4x^4 - 8x^3 + 4x^2 = b_x^2 - c_x^2 \quad (16)$$

The modifications of $b_x = X + 1$ and $c_x = X - 1$ in (16) yields

$$b_x = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 1 \text{ and } c_x = x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 - 1 \quad (17)$$

Correspondingly, it is attained by

$b_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$ and

$c_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$

Moreover, it is noted from (15) as

$$a_x^2 = c_x^2 + 4x^4 - 8x^3 + 8x^2 - 4x + 1$$
$$\Rightarrow a_x^2 \equiv 2(mod\ 4)$$

This statement is against the fact that any square number is either congruent to 0 or 1 modulus 4.

Therefore, a_x is not a square inferred that 3-tuples (U_x, V_x, W_x) unable to prolonged as 4-tuples.

3.2.1 Perspicacity of non-extendable 3-tuples concerning distinctive numbers

The $(x+1)^{th}$ term in an arrangement of polygonal numbers with side five demarcated by

$$P_x = \frac{5x^2+5x+2}{2}$$

The x^{th} term in a pattern of Pronic number is described by

$$p_x = x^2 + x$$

Undertake that

$$A_x = 2P_x = 5x^2 + 5x + 2 \quad (18)$$
$$B_x = p_x + 1 = x^2 + x + 1 \quad (19)$$

Select (A_x, B_x) is a couple of numbers composed with the statement that their difference is the square of some polynomial.

In Mathematical notation, it is identified by

$$A_x - B_x = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 = (2x+1)^2 \quad (20)$$

Enlargement of 3-tuples from 2-tuples

Let C_x be any non-negative integer such that

$$A_x - C_x = M_x^2 \quad (21)$$
$$B_x - C_x = N_x^2 \quad (22)$$

Eradication of C_x from (21) and (22) contributes that

$$M_x^2 - N_x^2 = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$$

Using the Factorisation method, it is detected that

$$M_x = 2x^2 + 2x + 1 \text{ and } N_x = 2x^2 + 2x \quad (23)$$

Recollecting the above-professed values of M_x or N_x either in (21) or (22), the couple (A_x, B_x) is protracted into 3-tuples with the following third element

$$C_x = -4x^4 - 8x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1 \quad (24)$$

Thus, $(5x^2 + 5x + 2, x^2 + x + 1, -4x^4 - 8x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1)$ is the desired 3-tuples such that the difference between any two members is a leftover square of some polynomial.

Authentication of non-extendibility of the consequent 3-tuples

Let D_x be any non-negative integer such that

$$A_x - D_x = U_x^2 \quad (25)$$
$$B_x - D_x = V_x^2 \quad (26)$$
$$C_x - D_x = W_x^2 \quad (27)$$

Afterward, the execution of elementary arithmetical calculation results

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$U_x^2 - W_x^2 = 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 8x^2 + 4x + 1$ (28)

$V_x^2 - W_x^2 = 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 4x^2$ (29)

As declared earlier, the factorisation method in (29) yields the values of V_x and W_x as follows

$V_x = x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 + 1$ and $W_x = x^4 + 2x^3 + x^2 - 1$ (30)

Consequently, it is observed from (30) that

$V_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$ and $W_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$

Additionally, the replacement of the choice of W_x mentioned in (28), acquires that $U_x^2 \equiv 2(mod\ 4)$

The impossibility of this proclamation concluded that, the succeeding 3-tuples $(5x^2 + 5x + 2, x^2 + x + 1, -4x^4 - 8x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1)$ satisfying the hypothesis cannot be expanded into 4-tuples.

3.2.2. Clear-sightedness of transient 3-tuples concerning polygonal numbers

The x^{th} terms in a sequence of polygonal numbers with sides ten and six are delineated respectively by

$D_x = 4x^2 - 3x$ and $H_x = 4x + 1$

Let $(G_x, H_x) = (4D_x, H_x) = (16x^2 - 12x, 4x + 1)$ be a pair of 2-tuples such that their sum is a square of a polynomial namely $(4x - 1)^2$.

Recapping the analogous procedure as illuminated in section 3.1.1, the pair of 2-tuples can be stretched into 3-tuples $(G_x, H_x, J_x) = (16x^2 - 12x, 4x + 1, 64x^4 - 128x^3 + 48x^2 + 12x)$ whereas the addition of two elements among them is a square of a polynomial.

Investigation of the non-extendibility of 3-tuples

Suppose the evaluated 3-tuples can be lengthened into 4-tuples

Let K_x be any non-negative integer such that

$G_x + K_x = \alpha_x^2$ (31)

$H_x + K_x = \beta_x^2$ (32)

$J_x + K_x = \gamma_x^2$ (33)

Amputation of K_x from (31) and (33) delivers that

$\gamma_x^2 - \alpha_x^2 = 64x^4 - 128x^3 + 32x^2 + 24x$ (34)

Exclusion of K_x from (32) and (33) affords that

$\gamma_x^2 - \beta_x^2 = 64x^4 - 128x^3 + 48x^2 + 8x - 1$ (35)

Next implementation of the new transformations $\alpha_x = \Omega - 1$ and $\gamma_x = \Omega + 1$ in (34) propagates that

$\Omega = 16x^4 - 32x^3 + 8x^2 + 6x$ (36)

Subsequently,

$\alpha_x = 16x^4 - 32x^3 + 8x^2 + 6x - 1$ and $\gamma_x = 16x^4 - 32x^3 + 8x^2 + 6x + 1$

Also, it is manifestly seen that

$\alpha_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$ and $\gamma_x^2 \equiv 1(mod\ 4)$

Besides, it is perceived from (35) that

$\beta_x^2 \equiv 2(mod\ 4)$

This illogicality shows that the succeeding $3-$ tuples $(16x^2 - 12x, 4x + 1, 64x^4 - 128x^3 + 48x^2 + 12x)$ can not be extended to $4-$ tuples.

4. DEMONSTRATION OF PYTHON PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSALS

```
Import cmath
def is_perfect_square(n):
   root = cmath.sqrt(n)
   return int(root.real) == root.real and int(root.imag) == root.imag
# Get input polynomials
poly1 = input("Enter 1st polynomial: ")
poly2 = input("Enter 2nd polynomial: ")
poly3 = input("Enter 3rd polynomial: ")
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```
# Evaluate polynomials
x = 2
p1 = eval(poly1)
p2 = eval(poly2)
p3 = eval(poly3)
# Check differences
count = 0
if not is_perfect_square(p1 - p2):
    print(f"{poly1} - {poly2} is not a perfect square")
    count += 1
if not is_perfect_square(p1 - p3):
    print(f"{poly1} - {poly3} is not a perfect square")
    count += 1
if not is_perfect_square(p2 - p3):
    print(f"{poly2} - {poly3} is not a perfect square")
    count += 1
if count == 0:
    print("The pair of polynomials extends to a triple")
    # Get 4th polynomial
    poly4 = input("Enter 4th polynomial: ")
    p4 = eval(poly4)
    # Check differences
    flag = 0
    if not is_perfect_square(p1 - p4):
        print(f"{poly1} - {poly4} is not a perfect square")
        flag += 1
    if not is_perfect_square(p2 - p4):
        print(f"{poly2} - {poly4} is not a perfect square")
        flag += 1
    if not is_perfect_square(p3 - p4):
        print(f"{poly3} - {poly4} is not a perfect square")
        flag += 1
    print("The pair of polynomials extends to a triple but not to a quadruple")
```

5. CONCLUSION

This study exhibits that special 2-tuples with polygonal numbers and polynomial components that exclusively meet the property that their sum or difference gives a square can be extended to 3-tuples but not 4-tuples with the same feature. To put it all together, one can treasure Diophantine quadruples, Diophantine quintuples, and so on by looking for other polygonal numbers or polynomials that have the right properties.

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IMPACT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REFORMS ON SHAREHOLDER VALUE

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ABSTRACT
Corporate governance reforms in India are at a crossroads. While the intentions behind the reforms are good, there is a need to look for holistic solutions that address country-specific challenges in the Indian context. To keep pace with developments at the international level, India has also introduced reforms to improve corporate, social and environmental disclosures. This paper examines the effectiveness of corporate governance reforms by analyzing the corporate governance practices of Indian companies in two reform periods (FY 2012-13 as first period) and (FY 2015-16 as second period). Taking into account the mandatory provisions under Section 49 of the listing agreement with the Securities and Exchange Board of India and the governance norms in the new Companies Act, 2013, the Corporate Governance Performance Index (CGP) has been developed to measure the corporate governance score of Indian companies. While there has been a significant improvement in the corporate governance structure of Indian companies, there has been a decline in the number of independent directors being added to the board of directors after the second period of reforms. In all areas surveyed, corporate governance practices improved significantly following the reforms. Corporate governance reforms have garnered significant attention in recent decades as policymakers, regulators, investors, and scholars seek to enhance transparency, accountability, and shareholder value within corporate entities. This abstract examines the impact of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value, focusing on key mechanisms and empirical evidence from diverse contexts. These reforms encompass a wide range of measures aimed at improving the governance structures, practices, and processes of corporations. These reforms often include initiatives such as board independence, executive compensation, shareholder rights, disclosure requirements, and regulatory oversight. The underlying rationale behind these reforms is to mitigate agency conflicts between shareholders and managers, align incentives, and enhance firm performance. Empirical evidence suggests a mixed impact of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value. While some studies find positive associations between stronger corporate governance practices and shareholder returns, others report inconclusive or even negative effects. The effectiveness of governance reforms in creating shareholder value depends on various factors, including the quality of implementation, regulatory enforcement, firm-specific characteristics, and external market conditions. One key mechanism through which corporate governance reforms influence shareholder value is through improved accountability and oversight. Enhanced board independence, effective monitoring mechanisms, and transparent disclosure practices can reduce agency costs, mitigate managerial risk-taking, and ultimately enhance shareholder returns. Similarly, reforms aimed at aligning executive compensation with firm performance can incentivize value-maximizing behaviors and align the interests of managers with those of shareholders. In conclusion, while corporate governance reforms have the potential to enhance shareholder value by improving accountability, transparency, and investor confidence, their effectiveness varies depending on various factors. Future research should continue to explore the nuanced relationships between corporate governance practices, firm performance, and shareholder value across different contexts to inform policymakers, regulators, and practitioners in designing and implementing effective governance reforms. This research paper examines the impact of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value, exploring mechanisms, empirical evidence, and contextual factors. It analyzes the effectiveness of governance practices in enhancing transparency, accountability, and investor confidence, providing insights for policymakers, regulators, and practitioners in optimizing corporate governance frameworks.

KEYWORDS: *corporate governance, stakeholders, management, board of directors, financial performance.* \

INTRODUCTION
Corporate governance is a process or set of systems and principles that ensure that a company is managed in the interests of its stakeholders. Corporate governance is a system for managing and controlling a company. It promotes fairness, transparency, honesty and accountability in the company. Good corporate governance ensures: protection of shareholder interests; disclosure and transparency of business transactions; compliance with legislative and legal frameworks; ethical business conduct; and commitment to stakeholder value. The most widely used definition of corporate governance is that of the Cadbury

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Committee in 1992, which states that corporate governance is "a system for directing and controlling a company." The board of directors is responsible for the management of the company. The role of shareholders in governance is to appoint directors and auditors and ensure good governance. According to the OECD Corporate Governance Principles, "Corporate governance involves complex relationships between a company's management, board of directors, shareholders and other stakeholders. Corporate governance also provides a framework that sets the company's goals and provides the means to achieve those goals and monitor results." Shleifer and Vishny (1997) defined it as follows: "Corporate governance is concerned with how those who provide funds to a company ensure a return on their investment." Sir Adrian Cadbury explains in the foreword to Corporate Governance: A Framework for Practice, published by the World Bank: Corporate governance maintains a balance between economic and social goals, and between individual and social goals.

"Management systems are designed to encourage efficient use of resources and at the same time require accountability for the management of those resources. The goal is to align the interests of individuals, businesses, and society as closely as possible. A company's incentive is to achieve its corporate goals and attract investment. The incentive is for states to strengthen their economies and fight fraud and mismanagement." Standard and Poor's defines corporate governance as "a system for organizing and managing a company so that all financial stakeholders receive an equitable distribution of the company's profits and assets." The draft regulations of the Confederation of Indian Industry state: "Corporate governance refers to the laws, procedures, practices and implicit rules that determine the ability of a corporation to make management decisions with regard to its members, especially shareholders and creditors, the state and its employees." From the above definitions, we can conclude that corporate governance includes authority, responsibility, leadership, direction, guidance and control exercised in the process of managing the functioning of an organization.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN INDIA

Corporate India has been witnessing rapid economic growth since the 1990s, which has highlighted the need for Indian companies to adopt internationally compliant corporate governance standards and practices. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has been leading the movement to sensitize Indian companies to corporate governance issues and has initiated legislative reforms on how Indian companies can implement effective corporate governance mechanisms. In 1998, a document titled "Good Corporate Governance: A Code" was published, focusing on listed companies. This regulation is voluntary and contains detailed provisions. Although this code has been less approved and adopted by a few companies. SEBI has played an important role in setting corporate governance norms in India. Over the years, SEBI has constituted two committees - Kumar Mangalam Birla Committee (2000) and Narayana Murthy Committee (2003) - to make recommendations related to corporate governance for listed companies in India.

These committees presented various recommendations regarding the composition of the board of directors of listed companies, board meetings, audit committees, audit reports, outside directors, codes of conduct, financial disclosure, etc. The Committee recognizes that compliance with the recommendations requires: Restructuring of existing company boards. The recommendations have been implemented in a phased manner by SEBI through Clause 49 of the Listing Agreement. Clause 49 of the Stock Listing Agreement consists of essential and non-mandatory requirements. This article consists of eight topics, including the board of directors, audit committee, director compensation, board procedures, management, shareholders, corporate governance reporting, and regulatory compliance. Companies incorporated in India must comply with the provisions of Article 49. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs also appointed the Naresh Chandra Corporate Audit and Governance Committee (2000) to study and make recommendations on various corporate governance issues in India. The committee mainly focuses on two main aspects of corporate governance, namely: Disclosure of financial and non-financial information, independent audit, and management oversight by the board of directors are possible. Afterwards, MCA appointed J.J. In 2005, the Iran Commission will review international best practices on corporate governance, taking into account the growing needs of the Indian economy and businesses. The recommendations of these committees form the basis of the legal framework for corporate governance in India. MCA has also partnered with CII, ICAI and ICSI to establish the National Foundation for Corporate Governance (NFCG) to create a discussion platform on issues related to good corporate governance to foster the exchange of experiences and ideas between business leaders and policy makers provide regulatory agencies, law enforcement agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

An empirical investigation on the relationship between ownership structure, corporate governance, and market valuation was conducted by Fuerst and Kang (2000). The operating performance and market valuation of the enterprises were measured using residual income and Tobin's Q, respectively. Insider ownership and the holdings of controlling shareholders were used to gauge the firm's ownership structure. The size of the board, the term of the CEO, and the number of outside directors were used to assess governance. It was determined that there was a favorable correlation between market value and performance and the CEO, outside directors, and corporate insiders' larger share ownership. Additionally, it was found that enlarging the board of directors' and the board's size without also enlarging their share ownership caused a bad connection with the market value and performance of the company. The chairmanship and the CEO's term had a detrimental effect on the company.

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Bhagat & Black (2000) used market-adjusted stock price returns, return on assets, ratio of sales to assets, and Tobin's Q to examine the relationship between board independence and business success. Research discovered a rather significant association between inadequate performance and the ensuing rise in board autonomy. By selecting companies from the Swiss Stock Exchange (SWX) and utilising Tobin's Q to evaluate the business performance.

Beiner et al. (2003) investigated the relationship between board size and firm performance. The study's findings disprove the hypothesis that there is a relationship between the two factors, however board size may be considered an independent corporate governance indicator.

RESEARCH DEFINITION AND OBJECTIVES

Research is a systematic inquiry aimed at discovering, interpreting, and generating new knowledge, insights, or solutions to address specific questions, problems, or phenomena. It involves the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data using rigorous methodologies and techniques to contribute to the advancement of understanding in a particular field or discipline. Some objectives are here:

1. To investigate the impact of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value.
2. To examine the mechanisms through which corporate governance practices influence shareholder returns.
3. To assess the empirical evidence regarding the effectiveness of governance reforms in enhancing transparency, accountability, and investor confidence.
4. To analyze the contextual factors that shape the implementation and impact of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value.
5. To provide insights and recommendations for policymakers, regulators, and practitioners to optimize corporate governance frameworks and enhance shareholder value creation.

RESEARCH GAP

The research on corporate governance reforms and their impact on shareholder value has made significant strides in recent years. However, several gaps remain in the literature that warrant further investigation. One notable research gap lies in the contextual factors influencing the effectiveness of corporate governance reforms in different jurisdictions and industries. While existing studies have identified various governance mechanisms and practices associated with improved shareholder value, there is limited research on how cultural, legal, and institutional differences shape the implementation and impact of these reforms. Understanding the nuanced relationships between governance practices, firm characteristics, and regulatory environments is crucial for informing policy decisions and designing tailored governance frameworks that maximize shareholder value across diverse contexts.

Furthermore, there is a need for longitudinal studies that examine the long-term effects of corporate governance reforms on shareholder value. While many studies focus on short-term financial metrics, such as stock returns or market valuation, few explore the sustained impact of governance changes on firm performance and shareholder wealth over extended periods. Longitudinal research can provide valuable insights into the durability and effectiveness of governance reforms in creating sustainable value for shareholders. Additionally, there is a dearth of research on the unintended consequences and trade-offs associated with governance reforms. While reforms aimed at enhancing transparency and accountability may yield benefits for shareholders, they may also impose costs or constraints on corporate decision-making. Exploring the potential trade-offs between governance practices and firm behavior can shed light on the broader implications of governance reforms and help mitigate unintended consequences. Addressing these research gaps is essential for advancing our understanding of the complex relationships between corporate governance, shareholder value, and firm performance. By filling these gaps, researchers can provide policymakers, regulators, and practitioners with valuable insights and recommendations for designing effective governance frameworks that maximize shareholder value while promoting sustainable corporate practices.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Doctrinal research methodology involves a comprehensive examination and analysis of existing legal principles, statutes, case laws, and other legal literature to address research objectives. In the context of studying corporate governance reforms and their impact on shareholder value, a doctrinal approach would entail systematically reviewing and synthesizing relevant legal sources to provide a theoretical framework and contextual understanding of the research topic.

The methodology begins with identifying and accessing primary legal sources, such as statutes, regulations, and judicial decisions, related to corporate governance reforms and shareholder rights. These sources provide the foundation for understanding the legal framework governing corporate governance practices and the rights and responsibilities of shareholders within the regulatory environment. Additionally, doctrinal research involves analyzing secondary legal sources, including scholarly articles, textbooks, and commentaries, to gain insights into legal principles, theories, and debates surrounding corporate governance reforms. By synthesizing and critiquing existing legal literature, researchers can identify key themes, trends, and gaps in the literature, informing the development of research questions and hypotheses. Furthermore, the doctrinal approach may involve comparative analysis of legal frameworks and practices across different jurisdictions to assess variations in corporate governance regimes and their impact on shareholder value. By examining legal developments and trends in various jurisdictions, researchers can identify best practices, regulatory innovations, and areas for reform.

Overall, doctrinal research methodology provides a rigorous and systematic framework for analyzing the legal aspects of corporate

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governance reforms and their implications for shareholder value. By synthesizing and critiquing existing legal sources, researchers can contribute valuable insights to the ongoing discourse on corporate governance and inform policy debates and regulatory reforms aimed at enhancing shareholder rights and value creation within corporations.

IMPORTANCE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate governance is important for the following reasons:

- It shapes the growth and future of the economy's capital markets.
- Helps in raising funds from capital markets. Effective management practices help increase investor confidence in a company's ability to attract long-term capital.
- It connects the company's management with its financial reporting system.
- This allows management to make innovative decisions for the effective functioning of the enterprise within the legal framework of responsibility. Evaluating the impact of corporate governance on overall economic performance requires the effectiveness of the regulatory framework. Good corporate governance sets corporate goals, determines the means to achieve those goals, and strengthens the structures for monitoring performance.
- Support investors by making corporate accounting practices transparent. Companies disclose the structure of their financial statements.
- This ensures appropriate and timely disclosure requirements, codes of conduct, etc. The company provides important price-sensitive information to outsiders and ensures that insiders refrain from trading in the company's securities until this information is made public. Therefore, it prevents insider trading.
- This improves the effectiveness and efficiency of businesses and improves economic welfare. Therefore, corporate governance is a tool for economic growth.
- Improves the international image of the corporate sector and enables domestic companies to attract global capital.

SHAREHOLDER VALUE: A CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

The assessment of shareholder value is typically based on the fluctuations in the market price of a company's shares and the dividends paid out by the firm. Simply put, creating shareholder value involves generating consistent returns on investments by providing dividends and, more importantly, by increasing the market value of the company's shares. The cash flow potential of the firm's business and the expected return by investors, in line with the risk they undertake, are the sources of shareholder value. Managing for shareholder value (MSV) focuses on maximizing cash flows over time to cater to the diverse categories of investors, offering them suitable returns based on the risks involved. MSV stresses that cash flows are crucial sources of value, and any corporate decision related to cash flows should only be justified if the discounted future cash flow, at an appropriate cost of capital, results in a positive net present value. Since the total value of any business at a specific point in time is determined by the present value of its future cash flows, the claims of different security holders must be met from this value pool. Equity shareholders, by definition, hold the residual claims to this value pool once the fixed obligations of other security holders are fulfilled. Shareholder value or wealth essentially represents this residual or equity portion of the value pool, as indicated by Pandya (2015).

Corporate governance is a system of accountability, oversight, and control within an organization that can positively impact shareholder value. Well-governed companies tend to perform better, reduce risk, and increase shareholder confidence, which can lead to higher market valuations.

Here are some ways corporate governance can impact shareholder value:

- Reduce conflicts of interest
- Corporate governance can help reduce conflicts of interest by putting in place appropriate control and oversight mechanisms.
- Investors perceive well-governed companies as less risky, so they may be more willing to invest in them at a lower cost. This can provide companies with the resources they need to invest, innovate, and create sustainable growth.
- Improve decision-making
- Quality decision-making can directly enhance shareholder value.
- Limit illegal activities
- Corporate governance can help limit illegal activities in companies, which can enhance shareholder wealth.

The prime objective for the amendments in the Companies Act was to improve the corporate governance in India. However, in reality number of issues had spring up as numerous organizations don't adhere to the new standards under the Act which is springing up the issues in the Corporate Governance.

MEDIATING ROLE OF FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY BETWEEN CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SHAREHOLER VALUE

According to Kukumba (2012), many businesses have increased their interest in corporate governance over the past decade in an effort to improve financial sustainability. As indicated by (Rudders, 2006) corporate administration expected to arrive at the organization's targets, which prompts the monetary maintainability of the organizations (Chenuos et al., 2014). (Manson and O'Neill, 2007) affirmed that applying corporate administration progressively helps firms' monetary manageability. Besides, (Przychodzen and Przychodzen, 2013) researched the impact of corporate maintainability on stock cost instability. These studies show that companies' unsustainable growth may put a lot of pressure on their financial and operational systems, which could affect the price of their shares. In addition, Rezaee (2017) suggested that firms might benefit from studying

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the effect of financial sustainability on market performance (stock prices). As indicated by (Michelon and Parbonetti, 2012) great corporate administration fortifies connections between an organization and its partners by advancing maintainability. Stakeholder management will benefit from improved sustainability and governance, according to this study. The study also found that the stakeholder theory links governance mechanisms and sustainability initiatives to align long-term stakeholder goals. The influence of corporate governance on financial sustainability is emphasized (Gupta & Bailey, 2001a). Notwithstanding, (Okoye, Erin, Ado, and Isibor, 2017b), obviously recognized the significance of corporate administration in the relationship with monetary supportability. According to the literature, a crucial determinant of a company's long-term survival is its financial health (Hasan, Omar, & Hassan, 2018a).

According to Creixans Tenas & Arimany-Serrat (2018) and FOO & Pathak (2016), the analysis also demonstrates and extends the fact that financial sustainability enhances shareholder value. These previous studies make it abundantly clear that when businesses report strong financial indicators, they can generate shareholder value. Furthermore, recent research suggests that the connection between shareholder value and corporate governance is based on financial sustainability. However, it is necessary to investigate the extent to which it mediates the relationship between shareholder value and corporate governance. The study suggests that financial sustainability will act as a mediator between shareholder value and corporate governance. Thus, to connect the information hole, the target of the current review is to analyze the intervening job of monetary manageability in the connection between corporate administration and investor esteem. As a result, this study uses financial sustainability as a mediator to investigate how shareholder value is affected by corporate governance.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the regression analysis for businesses that will be listed on the Vietnam stock exchange between 2019 and 2021 are presented in this section. Moreover, graphic measurements on the vitally autonomous factors, for example CG markers and the reliant factors, for example the monetary presentation of the review, are introduced in this segment. The main goal of this paper is to find out how corporate governance performance scores relate to a company's financial performance. Besides, the strategies used to check for potential mistakes in the relapse model are additionally itemized. The purpose of these tests is to make the results of the research more reliable. Finally, the findings of the study are discussed. The positive relationship among's organization size implies that the more straightforward the organization is, the more unstable the stock cost will be on the lookout. This demonstrates that investors now trust companies more because they are more aware of information transparency than they were in the past. As a result, domestic and foreign investors invested more in potential companies during the research period, despite the small volume of stock held. Likewise, when the quality and amount of data are improved, tremendous changes in stock costs in the market can be accomplished by financial backers who surf the market and hold stocks for a brief period. Whenever an organization distributes great data about valuable learning experiences or future speculation potential, this builds its engaging quality to different financial backers and makes its portion cost increment. As of now, wave financial backers will sell the stock. Investors are drawn in by the open disclosure of information, which drives market fluctuations in stock prices.

At long last, the review neglected to track down a connection among monetary execution estimated by the market (Tobin's Q or ROA). Since these researchers have found a positive relationship between (shareholder rights) and financial performance as measured by Tobin’s Q or stock returns, this result does not support the findings of previous studies by Cheung (2010), Gompers et al. (2003), or Klein et al. (2005). In any case, these examinations didn't track down proof of a connection between the directorate's liabilities and monetary execution. As a result, a subsequent study that compares the analysis results of two distinct research data sources—hand-collected secondary data and data from direct surveys or qualitative case studies—is required. Additionally, research on which aspects of management ought to be investigated would be welcome. Financial backers are the ones who can straightforwardly or in a roundabout way compress organizations to stringently and deliberately execute straightforward data revelation through share cost systems. Therefore, investors must evaluate each listed company's quality of CG practices in addition to evaluating company performance based on financial statements in order to reduce investment risks.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

In light of testing, the discoveries uncover that monetary manageability intervenes the connection between board size and offer cost, which suggests that these two factors are the main considerations of offer cost of organizations recorded in food and refreshments area on the Saudi Stock Trade (Tadawul). Corporate governance, according to Chenuos et al. (2014), is an important way to increase shareholder value and satisfy other stakeholders. In addition, according to Julizaerma & Sori (2012) and Nazir & Alam (2010), board size has a direct or indirect effect on a company's profit, efficiency, and shareholder wealth. In addition, (Alakeci and Al-Khatib, 2006) affirmed the positive and critical connection between board size capability and monetary manageability. Additionally, Przychodzen (2013) demonstrates that sustainable growth of businesses has a positive impact on stock prices, thereby increasing shareholder value. Because it makes it possible for them to make decisions regarding profitable investments, this research is of great assistance to shareholders and policymakers. By identifying the essential factors that cause share price fluctuations, the findings of this study may also be helpful to shareholders and portfolio managers in risk management. Also, future examination can be done by thinking about other macroeconomic and microeconomic elements.

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Consider the market as a whole or different sectors for additional research on this framework.

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we introduce new findings regarding the impact of corporate governance regulations on the market value and overall performance of companies. By utilizing a regression discontinuity model based on the results of votes on governance proposals during shareholder meetings, we are able to establish a causal relationship. Companies that narrowly pass or reject a proposal are initially similar, making the passing of a provision "locally" exogenous and resulting in a distinct rise in the likelihood of implementation. This method allows us to provide a causal estimate and address the endogenity issues that have plagued previous research. Our empirical approach enables us to calculate the governance effect even if the market had already factored in the probability of proposal passage into stock prices prior to the vote. The uncertainty surrounding proposals near the majority threshold makes them the most unpredictable, leading to observable price reactions. On average, the market responds to the approval of governance-related shareholder proposals with positive abnormal returns of approximately 1.3% on the voting day, translating to a market value increase of 2.7% to 2.8% per implemented proposal. We observe variations in this reaction, particularly among companies with concentrated ownership, existing anti-takeover measures, and high R&D spending.

Changes in firm behavior are also noted following the implementation of new governance structures, such as reduced investments and acquisitions after dropping anti-takeover provisions. Furthermore, the long-term performance of companies, as measured by Tobin's Q or book-to-market ratios, shows improvement two to three years after the removal of anti-takeover provisions, although the impact on return on equity is more modest.

SCOPE FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

There are several ways in which this research can be expanded. In terms of the economies, future research can explore a comparison with other economies. This would allow the researcher to understand how different phases of various economies behave in relation to corporate governance and shareholder value creation. Additionally, it would facilitate the investigation of which country follows better corporate governance practices. Furthermore, there is potential for future research in this area by utilizing a different and more reliable corporate governance index that evaluates corporate governance practices in a more comprehensive manner. This would contribute to presenting a more precise depiction of the corporate governance status in India.

LIMITATIONS

There are always some restrictions to the research study carried through primary or secondary data. These limitations should be accepted with the due admiration. This study also suffers from following limitations:

i. The study's corporate governance index solely evaluates the presence or absence of specific items in the annual report, focusing on quantity rather than quality to some extent.
ii. The S&P transparency & disclosure index assigns equal weights to all items, despite some elements being more crucial in reality. Therefore, it is suggested that more weight should be given to these important elements compared to less significant ones.
iii. When examining the correlation between institutional investors and value creation, certain variables are controlled for, while others like annual stock return, average stock price, and annual dividend yield are not taken into account.

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THE FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN INDIA WITH THE SPECIAL REFERENCE OF N.E.P-2020: A CRITICAL REVIEW

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ABSTRACT
Education should be accessible to all children; only education can provide us with equality and justice. The concept of inclusive education emerged as a guideline to ensure universal access to education. In this paper, the investigators identify the primary areas of inclusion education within the Indian context. The paper delves into the historical context of inclusivity, provides a summary of the government of India's policies, contemplates the role of inclusive education in NEP-2020, and identifies the primary obstacles to its implementation. The investigators have used qualitative data sources to explore the aforementioned key points. The study relies on secondary data from sources such as edited books, journals, government reports, and search websites.

KEY WORDS: *inclusive education, equality and justice, children with special needs, government of India, NEP-2020*

INTRODUCTION

The World Conference on Special Needs Education: Access and Quality in 1994 in Spain first used the term "Inclusive Education" in the Salamanca Statement. The conference's theme was "Education for All Children." Children who are mentally or physically retarded receive special attention. The motto of inclusive education is "bringing everyone into the mainstream of education so children can learn according to their own merits and abilities."

Within the context of the Indian education system, the idea of inclusive education is of crucial significance. India has experienced significant socio-cultural diversity. Therefore, education in Kane is a challenge to maintain equity and quality. In this perspective, inclusive education is a powerful weapon to remove all barriers and promote the integration of children with disabilities, despite socio-economic drawbacks. The server report indicates that mainstream classrooms are excluding 40 million children with physical and mental disabilities in the age group of four to sixteen years. Many children with special needs in India appear to be receiving primary education but not pursuing higher education. Its impact is particularly noticeable in rural areas of India. For this reason, equality and integration in education have not yet improved significantly. In the context of India, we have to think about social aspects like race, religion, caste, and demographic area, which also impact inequality in education. Policymakers must prioritize these issues to ensure education for all. In this paper, investigators examine the current state of inclusive education in India. Understand its achievements, remove barriers, and create a roadmap for inclusive education in the future.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PAPER

This paper has identified several primary and significant goals, listed below.

1. To understand the overview of the government of India, implement steps and policies related to inclusive education.
2. Understanding the impact of inclusive education on NEP 2020 is crucial.
3. To understand the difficulties associated with inclusive education within the Indian context.

METHOD OF THE STUDY

In this paper, investigators have collected secondary sources of data in qualitative form. We collect information from various sources such as government reports, journals, edited books, content analysis, and websites.

DISCUSSION ACCORDING TO THE OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the overview of the government of India, implement steps and policies related to inclusive education:

In this objective, the investigators have outlined a clear chronological sequence of various policies aimed at promoting inclusive education in India.

a) Project Integrated Education for the Disabled (PIED) 1987

This is the first initiative in India that specifically bases itself on the principle of inclusive education. UNICEF and NCTE worked together to implement and plan the project. UNICEF provided financial support for this project, which primarily involved the provision of instrumental materials, personnel training, and

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crucially, parent training and project coordination in remote rural areas and unhealthy environments. The project established resource rooms and assistive appliances for children with special needs.

b) National Policy of Education Revised (Program of Action) 1992

This revised educational policy gave more importance to equal education opportunities for all, irrespective of caste, creed, sex, or socio-economic status. The policy also advocates integrating children with disabilities into the mainstream educational environment.

c) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights, and Full Participation) Act, 1995

The fundamental goal of this law is to ensure that people with disabilities have equal access to education and all other parts of society. It declares that educational institutions should create a barrier-free atmosphere where there are equal opportunities and no discrimination against children.

d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 2001

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is one of the Government of India's effective initiatives to make elementary education universal. The aim is to guarantee access to high-quality education for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with unique learning requirements.

e) The right of children to free and compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009

In response to the success of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, the Indian government passed "the right to free and compulsory education" on August 4, 2009. The legislation specifies that schools cannot accept kids with disabilities, poor socioeconomic status, or gender prejudice, and it also states that all students from fourth grade through sixteenth grade must attend public schools. If India wants to speed up its mainstream education system, this act is crucial.

f) The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPWD Act) 2016

This is a revised version of the previous Act of 1995. This revised version provides a legal framework for the protection and encouragement of people with disabilities. It added special provisions for inclusive education, reasonable accommodations, and assistive services for learners with special needs.

These policies reflect the responsibilities and commitment of the Government of India towards inclusive education. The government is committed to providing every child with free, high-quality, and mandatory education, fostering their personal growth, enhancing their inherent potential, and promoting holistic development.

2. Understanding the impact of inclusive education on NEP 2020 is crucial

After the content analysis of the NEP 2020 report, the investigators strongly advocated that national education policy 2020 introduced a significant step towards inclusive education. The report deeply focused on equity, access, and quality across the whole education system. This paper examines inclusive education in light of the National Policy on Education 2020.

a) Equity and Access

NEP 2020 realized the immense need to promote equitable access for all groups of children, including those who belong to marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds. This policy emphasizes ECCE (early childhood care and education) for all children. It ensures that all are able to access quality pre-primary education in a natural setting. Since the pre-primary stage, the principle of inclusive education has been in place. The policy proposed the establishment of SEZs (special education zones) and inclusive schooling systems. The main idea behind this concept is to add special attention to providing quality education to those with various learning difficulties and backward students.

b) Flexible Learning Environment

NEP 2020 recognizes the importance of a healthy environment in promoting learners' holistic development. A proposed policy aims to establish a flexible and integrative learning environment within the education sector. The goal is to enhance the productivity and enjoyment of the teaching-learning process.

c) Reform The Curriculum Framework

Our curriculum should reflect the needs and interests of all students. The curriculum will be relevant to real-life situations and improve the problem-solving abilities of learners. The curriculum needs to be well structured and formulated to create inclusive classrooms. NEP 2020 advocates reforming the curriculum framework..

d) Evaluation And Assessment Reform

The policy emphasizes evaluation and assessment pattern reform. Teachers should adopt standardized assessment tools and discontinue the unhealthy competition in the class. Use a holistic evaluation approach.

e) Technology Integration

NEP 2020 emphasized the significance of technology in fostering an inclusive learning environment. Use technology as a tool to assist learners facing challenges. Teachers should use technology to make the teaching-learning process more interactive and attractive. Technology also helps learners with disabilities gain knowledge properly.

f) Improve Teachers' Education Programme

The policy has highlighted the improvement of the teacher education program in every aspect. To make teacher education stronger, according to NEP-2020, NCTE will formulate a better framework to prepare teachers and educators appropriately with inclusive classrooms in mind.

The discussion above makes it clear that inclusive education is a crucial process. In the context of NEP

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2020, inclusive education is most essential in India because of its very diverse areas.

3. To understand the difficulties associated with inclusive education within the Indian context.

According to Indian perspectives, inclusive education faces various challenges. In this paper, the investigators have explored some very important issues or challenges that create obstacles to properly implementing the principles based on inclusion. Here are the major challenges identified:

a) Infrastructure And Resources:
Implementing inclusive education in educational institutions necessitates appropriate infrastructure and resources. There is a need for ramps, accessible washrooms, teaching-learning materials, and other necessary resources, especially for children with disabilities. Lack of suitable and student-friendly infrastructure is a major issue in Indian schools.

b) Attitudinal Barriers
The biggest issue in India is the attitude toward learning with special needs children. Stigma and discrimination persist among both the general public and educators. There is a lack of understanding about the concept of inclusiveness.

c) Curriculum And Pedagogy:
Curriculum and pedagogy restructuring are the most important factors in successfully implementing inclusive education in the classroom. It is crucial to consider the needs of children with disabilities when developing the curriculum and pedagogy.

d) Shortage of Special Teachers:
There is currently a lack of adequate training for teachers who work with children with learning disabilities. Promoting enough special teachers is a challenge in the Indian education system.

e) Language and Cultural Diversity:
India has experienced significant linguistic and cultural diversity. It is also a hindrance to inclusive education.

f) Parental Involvement:
Parental awareness plays an important role in implementing inclusive education. However, their lack of awareness and understanding leads to resistance, or a lack of proper support for its implementation.

If we can all work together to eliminate the aforementioned issues, the principles of inclusive education will properly develop in India.

CONCLUSION

Inclusive education has the potential to significantly transform the educational approach in India. By focusing on the present challenges, improving participation among all people, and advocating for continuous development, India ensures that all children have the empowerment or ability, at any cost, to reach their full potential. A fruitful education not only benefits students but also constructs an equitable society.

The concept of inclusive education is a dynamic process. Every person should understand their own responsibility through this process, whether it be the government, educators, parents, or community. In order to make inclusive education effective, we need to increase our mindset and awareness.

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THE NEXUS BETWEEN MANAGERIAL CAPABILITIES, SPONSORSHIP AND PERFORMANCE OF PRIVATE CHARTERED UNIVERSITIES IN KENYA

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ABSTRACT
The changing higher education space has created the need for universities to align themselves in order to record improved performance and also be able to compete globally with other universities. Universities are considered as institutions as well us organisations and therefore they need to have managers with the relevant capabilities in order to drive the university forward. Unlike public universities that are sponsored by the government private universities have different sponsors who influence their ability and capability to performance. A triangulation of both quantitative and qualitative designs was used. This study therefore sought to investigate the nexus between managerial capabilities, sponsorship and performance of private chartered universities in Kenya. This study targeted all the registered private chartered universities and was pegged on the dynamic capabilities theory and the agency theory. Data was collected using questionnaires and analysed using SPSS version 25. The study findings indicated that sponsorship influenced managerial capabilities and performance of private chartered universities in Kenya.

KEYWORDS: *Managerial Capabilities, Performance, Private Chartered Universities, Sponsorship*

INTRODUCTION
Managerial Capabilities entails the harnessing of all other resources by the management of organizations, depicting the capacity of the management to run, coordinate and operate the organizations based on rational decision making process. The impact of management capability on the business atmosphere is clear since it provides channels for bilateral communication, encourages employee participation, and allows for comments and criticism (Gatama & Kavindah, 2022).

Sponsorship affects firm performance in a divergent manner. On the other hand, structure of ownership has a pivotal function in establishing eventual success of a firm. Ownership structure of the firm consequently becomes pivotal in measuring its fair valuation in the market (Haija & Alrabba, 2017). Increasing human resource capacity, which is needed for the purpose of economic development and growth of countries, is anchored on higher education (Jalaliyoon & Taherdoost, 2012). However, the higher education sector, has been facing aggressive competition with regard to education globalization. As a result, Hinton (2012) noted that the competitive arena has occasioned new frameworks that supplement strategies in management or consolidation of vision, mission and goals as crucial components informing the focus of an organization. According to Marjanova & Fotov (2014), vision, mission and objectives determine strategic intent, which in turn becomes crucial in organizational resource allocation, shaping direction and attaining increased performance. Meanwhile, organizational sponsorship arbitrates the linkage between surroundings and emerging organizations by building a resource-endowed setting aimed at raising survival rates for such emerging organizations (Alejandro et al 2013). The same was similarly echoed by Abdahir et al., (2021) who concluded that survival rates among new organizations can potentially rise or reduce on account of sponsorship. To meet financial obligations in the midst of low enrollment, university leaders have no choice but to replenish cash. It is imperative that universities' management comprise strong leaders who have financial competency since gearing and cash flow are recurrent challenges faced by institutions of higher learning (Gelter & Puaschunder, 2021).

Kenyan universities are rapidly changing and they are steadily becoming more competitive and therefore they must incorporate blueprints that allow them to address matters in their macro-environment decisively. Globalization trends and market economies depict fierce competition that has led to business entities adopting dynamic models and exploring new horizons that will enhance their creativity and ability to assimilate changes for purposes of thriving, growth and development (Nguyen, 2015). Performance plays a crucial role in as far as activities of any firm are concerned (Shutibhinyo and Wongkaew, 2018). Further, as argued by Wang (2010), deliberations targeting

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measurement of performance should be premised on the knowledge of organizational performance. Scholes (2013) notes that in a dynamic universal economy, organizations have no choice but to come up with unprecedented expertise to enable them remain operational amidst diminishing competences and other aged benefits as a result of environmental readjustments.

Performance

Performance is associated with the main function of the organization. The indexes used in its measurement are financial and non-financial in nature and they constitute financial performance, business performance and organizational effectiveness. Subsequent days of organizations are determined by their capability in the context of maintaining a good performance even into the future. Every manager is concerned with the performance of their organizational (Dzinekou & Arasa, 2018). It encompasses repetitive activities that form the organizational aims, keep a track on the headway made towards the aims and carry out necessary readjustments with respect to meeting those goals more effectively (Okenda et al.,2017).

Managerial Capability

Any organization's top management seeks to maximize operational efficiency by all means possible so as to guarantee sustainability in their competitive advantage and thrive within the market (Okenda et al., 2017). Kirugumi et al, (2021) conducted research on internationalization status of public universities in Kenya how this affects managerial capability. A descriptive research design was employed among thirty one public chartered universities in Kenya. A cross-sectional survey containing descriptive and analytical techniques to address the objectives was employed. The research was able to establish that there was a direct and significant effect between managerial capability and internationalization status. Based on the study findings, the conclusion made was that managerial capability can be broken down into three different capacities; decision making capacity, shared vision capacity and strategic thinking capacity. It was recommended that internationalization processes in institutions ought to be backed up with solid leadership support from management.

Sponsorship

Organizational sponsorship has a mediatory role in the interconnection between new organizations and their surrounding by coming up with a setting characterized by resources that are meant to raise the rates of survival among the emerging organizations (Alejandro et al 2013). Sponsorship has the potential to lower or accelerate survival rates among new organizations. One definition of corporate sponsorship is that companies regularly provide financial support to non-profit organisations to achieve their goals. The organisation then acknowledges that the company has funded their activities, programmes, and/or major events (Lee, 2021). Another definition is that, as compared to corporate donations, corporate sponsorship comprises of money and in-kind gifts in response for recognition and appreciation with a certain cause or event (Ali, Abidin, Haron, & Ghani, 2017). The key difference is that sponsorships always include some kind of material benefit for the sponsor in terms of marketing communication rights and recognition, whereas corporate donations are altruistic activities with the primary goal of knowing that good is being done (Ali et al., 2017)

RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

This study was guided by the following hypothesis

H_1: Sponsorship does not moderate relationship between Managerial capability and performance of private chartered universities in Kenya.

LITERATURE REVIEW

This paper is anchored on the Dynamic Capabilities Theory and the agency theory. These theories were selected to guide this study because of the perspectives that are tied to the focus of the study and the variables under investigation. The theories adequately provide the theoretical explanation of the study variables.

Dynamic Capabilities Theory

Dynamic capabilities are as routines which enable a firm to readjust its resources such as research and development, new product development and acquisition skills as described by (Teece (2018), hence in consideration to this study to help enhance state corporation performance. Dynamic capabilities are considered as by (Girod and Whittington (2017) to be superior-level processes which allow critical day to-day routines to be re-aligned to suit demands of new contexts and developments to sustain organization performance. Similarly, the study agrees with Hong, et al. (2018) who associated dynamic capabilities with constant change to make them more flexible and adaptable to changing and uncertain business environment to performance.

It is worth noting that dynamic capabilities are non-ordinary, critical to success, strategic, higher-level capabilities applied by top echelons of management (Williamson, 1999). In essence, they are the consequence of not only collaborative but also time-intensive learning (Eisenhardt & Martin, 2000) responding to noticeable changes within the operations (Brown & Eisenhardt, 1997; Teece et al., 1997). A critical insertion inherent in this set up is the fact that dynamic capabilities aren't particularly innate to firms; they earn them through continued scanning of the operating environment and consequently making the necessary adjustments (Kogut & Zander, 1992; Pisano, 1994; Grant, 1996). Winter (2003) came up with two groups of dynamic capabilities: first order and second order capabilities. First order capabilities entail those which make a daily contribution to the firm's day to day activities, that is, the kind that a firm 'earns a living' from. Teece et al. (1997) state that dynamic capacities form the basis for a competitive edge. As an example, should entities possess, build and incorporate dynamic capacities in their practices, then they stand a chance to surpass the performance of their rivals.

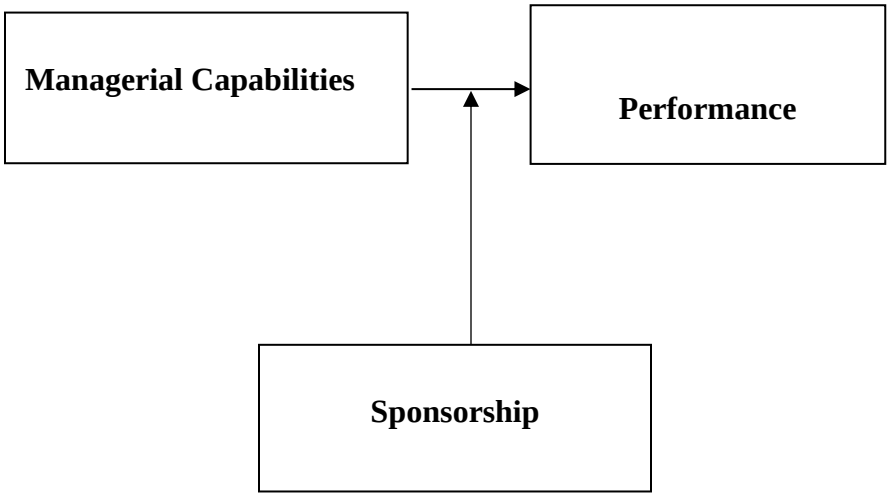
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Agency Theory

The agency was proposed by Jensen and Meckling (1976) and Fama & Jensen (1983). They indicated that agency problems were increased due to the asymmetry of information among owners and managers. This theory is a management perspective in which case one individual (the agent) represents another (the principal) and is mandated to carry out the principal's goals. Managers have an incentive to behave in an opportunist way to serve their interests, but this may abuse shareholders' interests. This behavior may induce firms to be less informative in terms of accounting for their earnings. The theory lays emphasis on the distinction between ownership and firm management. It was created as a consequence of conflict of interest between agents (shareholders and managers) and also as a result of not separating ownership and firm management. The agent has the responsibility of advancing the principal's interests as well as his own within the specific organization. Agency theory postulates that it is necessary to have appropriate synergy between the management and its stakeholders so as to work towards an attainable mutual interest. The theory is also been defined as the focal approach to managerial behavior. It advocates for the establishment of regulations and impetus capable of aligning managerial behavior to the owners' preferences (Hawley & Williams, 1997).

Conceptual Framework

The study adopted the conceptual framework below



Independent Variables Moderating Variable Dependent Variable

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research made use of mixed methods research which were anchored on cross-sectional survey design. Research design directs the researcher so as to pay attention to the study objectives in the realization of reality (Donald & Delno, 2006)

Target Population

This research targeted all the registered private chartered universities in Kenya, twenty-five in total. From the population a sample size of 230 respondents were identified.

Data Collection and Analysis

Data was collected using self-administered questionnaires. 230 questionnaires were distributed and 205 questionnaires were collected thus representing a response rate of 89.1%. From the data findings 58% of the private chartered universities in Kenya were sponsored by faith based institutions.

Descriptive Statistics on Managerial Capabilities

Statement	Mean	Std. dev
Management is proactive in decision making	3.72	1.008
The Management benefits from past experience to make decisions	3.01	.917
Management involves employees in decision making	2.78	1.106
Management considers the external environment in during decision making	3.81	1.093
Decisions in the University take a lot of time to be made	3.58	.975
The management exhibit a lot of commitment	3.76	1.066

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Management motivates members of the University towards achievement of change	4.03	1.045
Management is committed to reduce risk	3.5	1.003
Management is trained on a regularly basis on the current market developments	3.64	1.094
The University hires highly qualified managers	2.39	.779
Management performance is reviewed periodically	4.05	.797

The field data shows that majority of the respondents agreed that managers were capable of making proactive decisions. However, the outcomes point that management in private chartered universities did not benefit from past experience to make decisions and that employees in private chartered universities were not involved in decision making. Most of the respondents agreed that management in the private chartered universities did actually consider the external environment when making decisions in the universities as shown in the table above and as indicated by the mean score of 3.81. The findings also revealed that decisions took a lot of time to be made and this is collaborated by the mean score of 3.58. The findings also show that majority of the respondents agreed that management in the private chartered universities exhibited a lot of commitment and that they motivated members of the university towards achievement of change and that they were also committed to reduce risk within the universities. The study findings also revealed that managers in private universities were regularly trained on the current market developments which was crucial since the environment in which they operate in was dynamic and ever changing (mean score 3.64). However, majority of the respondents felt that universities did not hire qualified managers and thus they disagreed with the statement 'The University hires highly qualified managers'. This is clearly established by the statement having a mean score of 2.39. The respondents agreed that management performance is periodically reviewed (mean score 4.05 and standard deviation 0.797).

Kirungumi et al (2021) agree with the study findings in that management decision making abilities was significant to higher education institutions. Management should be able to control decisions and have to be able to communicate effectively within organisations. Dzinekou & Arasa (2018) study findings agree that universities need to adjust and align themselves to the changes in the external environment and that managers must have the ability to understand the trends in the external environment and this aids managers to be proactive to make decisions in order to contribute to the growth and survival of universities. The study consequently concluded that Managers needed the capability and skills to make the necessary decisions while at the same time look at the dynamic environment

Descriptive Statistics on Sponsorship

Statement	Mean	Std. dev
The University operates as a separate entity from its sponsors	1.99	.837
There is a clear structure of the University governance issues	3.33	.828
University decisions are influenced by external parties	4.14	.744
The governance organs interfere with the internal affairs of the university	4.09	.861
The University has secure and uninterrupted funding options	2.71	1.024
There is capacity for the revenue sources to generate sufficient revenue	4.14	.793
Lack of resources affects employees performance in carrying out their day to day activities	3.99	.897

From the outcomes majority of the respondents disagreed that their universities operated and separate entities from its sponsors and that the private universities had clear structures of the governance organs. The statement 'University decisions are influenced by external parties 'has a mean score of 4.14 and standard deviation of 0.744 implying majority of the respondents agreed that university decisions were influenced by external parties. The findings further indicate that majority of the respondents agreed that governance organs interfered with the internal affairs of the university. The statement has a mean score of 4.09 and a standard deviation of 0.861. The respondents also disagreed that private universities had secure and an interrupted funding options as indicated by the statement having a mean score of 2.71 and standard deviation of 1.024. Majority of the responded agreed that the university has capacity for revenue sources to generate sufficient revenue. This is shown by the mean of 4.14 and standard deviation of 0.793. The respondents further agreed that the lack of resources affected employee performance. This is shown by the mean score of 3.99. Further the study results also agree with the findings of Okeibunor et al., (2022) whose study established that corporate sponsorship influences the performance of the organisation. hence the sponsors of private universities indeed influence the performance of the private universities through financial support and interference with its day to day operations.

Binary Logistic Regression Analysis

Hosmer and Lemeshow Statistic

The Hosmer and Lemeshow Test is another measure of binary logistic model which help to establish whether the model is fit for prediction. The null hypothesis tested is that the model is appropriate against the alternative that the model is not fit. As per the results presented in Table 30, the chi-square results, were $\chi 2 = 12.062$, $p=0.164$. Thus, we failed to reject the null hypothesis. This implies that the model is fit for this study and possess

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significant predictive ability. It was concluded that the model is appropriate for this study.

Hosmer and Lemeshow Test			
Step	Chi-square	df	Sig.
1	12.062	1	0.164

Binary Logistic Model

Binary logistic model was fitted so as to establish the cause-and-effect relationship existing among the study variables. Binary logistic model is utilized when the response variable is dichotomous in nature. The study conducted Binary logistic regression and the odds ratio are discussed below:

Hypothesis One

H_1: Sponsorship does not moderate relationship between Managerial capabilities and performance of private chartered universities in Kenya.

Model without moderator

Variable	B	S.E	Wald	P Value	odds ratio
Managerial Capabilities					
Not Capable (RC)					1.000
Capable	0.330	0.228	2.093	0.013	1.391

From the table above the odds ratio is 1.391. and the P-value was 0.013. This indicated that private universities that had capable managers were 1.391 times more likely to register improved performance in comparison to those whose managers lacked some capabilities.

When sponsorship was introduced and the hypothesis tested the odds ratio are shown below:

Variable	B	S.E	Wald	P Value	odds ratio
Managerial Capabilities					
Not capable (RC)					1.000
Capable	0.395	0.231	2.927	0.010	1.371

The results show that with the introduction of the moderator a marginal increase in Managerial Capabilities increases the logit of performance of private chartered universities by 1.371. This implies that when the sponsorship was introduced for universities with capable managers they were 1.371 times more likely to register improved performance. This however indicates a reduction in the odds ratio from 1.391 to 1.371 which indicates that there is a reduction. When the moderator was introduced the P value change from 0.013 to 0.010 which is also less than 0.005 and therefore the null hypothesis was rejected and the study concluded that sponsorship significantly influenced managerial capabilities and performance of private chartered universities in Kenya. This can be collaborated further by the research findings that indicated that University decisions were influenced by external parties where the statement had a mean score of 4.14.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The study recommended that private universities need to hire managers with the right skills and therefore utilize the managers' capabilities to create unique competencies within the organisation that will enable the universities to compete and register superior performance in their industry.

The findings revealed that despite universities hiring qualified managers, decisions in the universities took a lot of time to be made which could also be linked to the sponsors effect and hence Private universities need to also develop structures to help reduce the interferences from the sponsors since their frequent interferences lead to a decline in performance.

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THE IMPACT OF INFERTILITY: A HOLISTIC EXAMINATION OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL EFFECTS ON COUPLES

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ABSTRACT

Infertility is a widespread global concern impacting millions of couples, posing challenges in achieving pregnancy despite regular unprotected intercourse. This study delves into the intricate repercussions of infertility on individuals and couples, spanning physical, emotional, and social realms. Female infertility stems from various factors like age, physiological dysfunctions, and lifestyle choices, while male-specific issues revolve around sperm quality and quantity. Psychological ramifications of infertility are profound, with a higher prevalence of depression observed among infertile individuals compared to fertile counterparts. Quality of life assessments highlight significant correlations with educational levels, economic status, age, duration of infertility, and marital duration. Patient-reported outcome measures like the FertiQoL and Fertility Problem Inventory provide valuable insights into assessing infertility-related quality of life. Addressing depression, fatigue, and marital intimacy emerges as pivotal strategies to enhance the overall well-being of infertile individuals. This review underscores the imperative of adopting a holistic approach to comprehend and tackle the multifaceted challenges posed by infertility.

KEYWORDS: *Infertility, quality of life, psychological impact, reproductive health, sociodemographic factors*

KEY SUMMARY POINTS

- Global Impact: Infertility has a widespread impact globally, affecting individuals physically, socially, and psychologically.
- Quality of Life: Infertility significantly influences the quality of life of individuals, with factors such as education level and duration of infertility playing key roles.
- Psychological Well-being: Infertility can lead to psychological distress, particularly impacting women's mental health and social functioning.
- Healthcare Strategies: Effective management of infertility includes addressing issues like depression, fatigue, and marital intimacy to enhance overall well-being.
- Research Gaps: Despite progress, there are still gaps in understanding infertility, such as the reliability of measurement tools, indicating the need for further research
- Research Gaps: While progress has been made in understanding infertility's impact, there are still gaps in areas like test-retest reliability of measurement tools.
- Global Trends: Changes in semen parameters over time in different regions emphasize the importance of monitoring reproductive health and addressing infertility.
- Social Stigma: Infertility can lead to societal stigma and challenges in relationships, underscoring the need for holistic support for affected individuals.
- Multidimensional Impact: Infertility affects various aspects of life, including relationships, physical health, and emotional well-being, necessitating comprehensive care approaches

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INTRODUCTION

Sub-Saharan African cultures place a high value on fertility, making childlessness a socially unacceptable and devastating experience. This region also has a high prevalence of infertility, particularly due to blocked fallopian tubes[1]. Infertility is the inability to achieve a clinical pregnancy after around 1 year of regular unprotected sexual intercourse. It is a widespread issue, affecting approximately 13% of women and 10% of men globally[2]. Infertility, also referred to as infecundity or sterility, is the condition of being unable to contribute to reproduction as defined by demographers[3]. Infertility can lead to psychological trauma, social stigma, disgrace, exclusion, abuse, and even marriage breakdown. It also reduces women's quality of life, increases the risk of sexually transmitted diseases, and can lead to multiple sexual partners and sexual dysfunction[4]. The social stigma and marital strain caused by infertility can lead to breakups, polygamy, and infidelity[1]. The issue of infertility is a significant concern for Africans because it often leads to social stigma and isolation. In many African countries, a woman's ability to bear children is crucial for a successful marriage[4]. Infertility is the inability to conceive after 12 months of unprotected regular intercourse, affecting the male or female reproductive system[3]. In sub-Saharan Africa, a study revealed significant disparities in infertility rates among women aged 20-44. For instance, countries such as Togo and Rwanda had infertility rates of less than 10% after marriage, while others like Cameroon and Central African Republic had higher rates[5]. Despite the growing availability of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) as a treatment for infertility, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where infertility remains a significant public health concern, there is a paucity of empirical research on the coping strategies employed by women undergoing ART[6]. Developing countries exhibit a wider range of infertility prevalence (3.5–16.7%) compared to developed countries (6.9–9.3%). Notably, sub-Saharan African regions report even higher rates, reaching 30–40%. The impact of infertility on women's lives in resource-limited settings has become a critical concern in reproductive health discussions. In some societies, childlessness due to infertility significantly challenges infertile couples, and in many regions, infertility carries a broader societal stigma, impacting not only the couple or woman but also the entire family[7]. The research by Piva et al. suggests that understanding the potential impact of infertility on an individual's sexuality could be beneficial in preparing couples entering infertility treatment. Studies have found a high prevalence of sexual dysfunctions among women diagnosed with infertility, ranging from 26% to as high as 61.7%, and that women experiencing infertility are more likely to face sexual disorders compared to their male counterparts[8]. This study aimed to provide a comprehensive review of the multifaceted impact of infertility on individuals, couples, and families - examining the prevalence of psychological issues and sexual difficulties experienced by infertile couples, investigating how infertility affects perceptions, lifestyles, and sexual satisfaction within the family and couple, and evaluating the impact of infertility treatments on the intimacy and interpersonal relationships of the couple, with the overarching goal of gaining a deeper understanding of the wide-ranging psychosocial and relational consequences that infertility can have.

METHODOLOGY

The authors conducted a comprehensive search across major medical databases, including PubMed, Medline, Ovid, Embase, and the Cochrane database, to identify literature on the causes, impact, and management of infertility. The search focused on cross-sectional studies, reviews, trials and other study designs examining the psychological, social, and societal implications of infertility, as well as various treatments, therapies, and strategies for infertility management. We initially found 100 articles through our search. After applying the pre-determined inclusion criteria, we selected 37 articles for the final analysis. These articles discussed various topics related to infertility, including its potential causes and the significant impact it has on couples and the wider community.

Risk Factors of Infertility

A Canadian study explored how assisted reproductive technologies (AHR) affect childbirth. While infertility itself might raise pregnancy and birth complication risks, AHR techniques were linked to a slightly increased chance of specific birth defects[9]. Obese women face challenges in infertility treatment, requiring higher doses and experiencing lower success rates. Pregnancy risks include hypertensive disorders and gestational diabetes. Debate exists on restricting treatment based on BMI, though weight loss benefits are inconclusive[10]. The study examined the connection between HIV and infertility caused by blocked fallopian tubes. Researchers studied over 200 women with tubal infertility, finding most had previously been pregnant (secondary infertility) and a higher HIV rate (13.5%) compared to the general population. Blockages were more common in both tubes (67.2%) and further down the tubes (84.1%), with HIV-positive women more likely to have this specific type of blockage. These findings suggest a possible link between HIV and a particular kind of tubal blockage that contributes to infertility[1]. In a study conducted in Mumbai's slums with a sample size of 74, it was found that women experiencing infertility had elevated levels of anxiety and depression. The majority (85%) had undergone testing for infertility. Factors such as overall health, duration of marriage, and methods of coping seemed to have an impact on their mental well-being, underscoring the importance of culturally tailored interventions to address the difficulties faced by this marginalized group[11]. Even for couples who conceive naturally without assisted methods, infertility itself seems to be a risk factor for complications during pregnancy and delivery, as well as for problems with the baby after birth. There's also a slightly higher chance of specific birth defects in babies conceived through assisted reproduction, but the overall risk is still very low[9].

Male Infertility

The condition of male infertility is complex and greatly affected by genetic factors. It is crucial to conduct karyotyping and Y

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chromosome microdeletion analyses to diagnose moderate to severe cases of low sperm count and absence of sperm. Genetic screening provides important information for diagnosing and predicting specific male infertility conditions. In some cases, whole exome sequencing is a valuable tool for this purpose[15]. Infertility impacts 10-15% of couples, with male factors contributing to the underlying cause in approximately half of these cases. While significant progress has been made in understanding male infertility, a substantial portion of cases remain idiopathic, suggesting that genetic factors may play a role in these unexplained cases[16]. 46, XX male syndrome is an uncommon genetic factor leading to male infertility, usually caused by the translocation of the sex-determining region Y (SRY) from the Y chromosome. Individuals with this condition are consistently infertile due to the lack of azoospermia factors essential for sperm production. Furthermore, other abnormalities of the Y chromosome, including mosaicism and structural variations, can also result in male infertility, emphasizing the importance of genetic counseling[17]. Mutations in the CCDC157 gene have been linked to oligoasthenoteratospermia (OAT), a common factor in male infertility. When CCDC157 is absent in mice, it results in OAT-like characteristics, including abnormalities in sperm function and structure. The use of a traditional Chinese medicine improved fertility in both a patient and mice with one copy of the gene, indicating possible therapeutic uses[18]. The symptoms of male infertility may manifest in various combinations, including low sperm count (oligozoospermia), decreased sperm motility (asthenozoospermia), and abnormal sperm shape (teratozoospermia). These conditions, whether on their own or combined (e.g., oligoasthenoteratozoospermia), can lead to male infertility. Male infertility can have various causes, such as medical conditions like varicocele and drug-related issues, as well as genetic factors like Y chromosome microdeletions and other genetic abnormalities. Studies indicate that TAF7L is a gene that can cause oligoasthenoteratozoospermia (OAT). Damaging mutations in TAF7L can interfere with the process of converting histones to protamines, which is important for proper chromatin compaction in the sperm head[19].

Female Infertility

Infertility affects 8-12% of couples and can be due to male or female problems. Female fertility declines with age and some medical conditions. Male factors include low sperm count and testicular issues[20]. The study found a positive association between Dietary Inflammatory Index (DII) scores and infertility in 3496 US adults aged 18-45 using NHANES data. Analysis showed that higher DII scores correlated with infertility, and subgroup analysis by age and race revealed significant differences. The study also indicated a nonlinear relationship between DII scores and infertility, suggesting potential benefits of anti-inflammatory diets[21]. Female infertility can be caused by problems with ovulation, fallopian tubes, pelvic adhesions, endometriosis, and unexplained factors. A comprehensive study on infertility prevalence in 190 countries revealed that in 2010, primary infertility affected 1.9% and secondary infertility affected 0.5% of women aged 20 to 44[2].

Spontaneous Pregnancy and Subfertility: A Timely Perspective

Between 1990 and 2010, research conducted in 190 countries discovered that there were 48.5 million couples who were unable to conceive. Out of this number, 19.2 million experienced challenges with primary infertility, while 29.3 million struggled with secondary infertility. It is worth noting that developed countries tended to have higher rates of primary infertility, while secondary infertility was more common in developing nations[8]. The primary determinant of an individual's chances of spontaneous pregnancy is the duration of unsuccessful attempts to conceive, which indicates the level of subfertility. Around 80% of pregnancies occur within the first six menstrual cycles with regular intercourse during the fertile period. Utilizing timed intercourse during this fertile window has been shown to increase the likelihood of natural conception. Among the remaining 20% of couples who do not conceive, approximately half will achieve spontaneous pregnancy within the subsequent six cycles. Following 12 unsuccessful cycles, around 10% of couples are classified as infertile, yet their chances of spontaneous live birth within the next 36 months are nearly 55%. After 48 months, 5% of couples are considered definitively infertile, with an extremely low probability of achieving spontaneous pregnancy[22].

Factors that could impact the natural fertility of couples

Several primary factors influence the spontaneous probability of conception, including the length of time without conception, the age of the female partner, and infertility related to diseases. Other factors, such as declining semen quality over time, exposure to endocrine-disrupting chemicals, and consanguinity, may also impact the chances of conception[20]. The study found that tubal blockage was the most common pathology detected through hysterosalpingography in infertile women in Uganda, Africa. Specifically, complete tubal blockage was observed in 75% of patients, with proximal tubal blockage in 15.9% and distal tubal occlusion or hydrosalpinx in 60.9% of cases[1]. Infertility can be caused by issues with the female partner, the male partner, or a combination of both. In women, reproductive problems can stem from conditions affecting the normal function of reproductive organs (genital causes), other health issues (extragenital causes), or psychological factors[8]. Infertility is a multifaceted issue, with a range of common medical conditions affecting female fertility, such as premature ovarian failure, polycystic ovary syndrome, endometriosis, uterine fibroids, and endometrial polyps. Additionally, factors related to lifestyle, including diet and chronic inflammation, have become increasingly significant in recent years. The diets of many people today can trigger an inflammatory response in the body, further contributing to fertility challenges[21]. Genetic factors are crucial in male infertility. Diverse pathogenic genes suggest genetic heterogeneity, where abnormal sperm can have different genetic causes. Identifying more pathogenic genes is vital for genetic analysis of male infertility, as sex chromosomes significantly

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impact fertility[19]. Obesity, prevalent in women of reproductive age, impacts fertility and pregnancy outcomes[10].

Sexual Dysfunction

Sexual response is complex and influenced by biology, emotions, and situations. Different models exist to explain this, like Masters & Johnson's linear model or Perelman's "tipping point" idea. Measuring sexual problems is difficult due to varying definitions and methods used[23]. The study examined the prevalence and duration of various sexual difficulties among women. On average, 64% of women with any sexual difficulty reported issues with desire, 35% with orgasm, 31% with arousal, and 26% experienced sexual pain. Among those whose difficulties lasted for one month or more, 62-89% continued for several months, and 25-28% endured for six months or longer. However, only 21-67% of women with these difficulties felt distressed by them, suggesting that not all sexual difficulties are necessarily distressing. These findings underscore the variability in both the prevalence and duration of different sexual difficulties among women[24]. Infertility can result from issues in men, women, or both. Women may experience challenges due to factors affecting their reproductive organs, health conditions, or psychological aspects. In men, infertility can stem from problems in sperm production, transportation, or difficulties with erection and ejaculation. Both partners may contribute to infertility, with a percentage of cases remaining unexplained. Infertility takes an emotional toll, impacting individuals' feelings and causing stress during diagnosis and treatment. It can also affect self-image, self-esteem, and sexual intimacy, as the focus on conception may overshadow spontaneity and eroticism in sexual encounters[8]. The study highlights that decreased sexual desire may be attributed to specific psychosocial factors, such as abuse, stress, or psychological dynamics, rather than solely to conditions like hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) or female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD). In such cases, psychotherapeutic interventions may be more beneficial than medical treatment. Sexual dysfunction secondary to medical, psychiatric, or substance-related factors should be addressed directly, as they would exclude a diagnosis of HSDD or FSAD. Current treatment approaches for sexual desire or arousal disorders can be broadly categorized into hormonal and non-hormonal interventions, including hormone replacement, androgen supplementation, and the use of selective estrogen receptor modulators[23]. The study suggests that routine laboratory evaluation for female sexual dysfunction (FSD) is not necessary unless a specific medical condition is suspected. Endogenous androgen levels are not independent predictors of sexual function in women. Instead, simple interventions like addressing stress and providing education about average sexual practices can be helpful. According to a 2009 survey, the most common frequency of sexual intercourse in women over 25 is a few times per month to weekly, and frequency decreases with age and is higher in partnered women[25].

The Table Summarizes Studies Conducted on the impact of infertility

Study	Intervention	Participants	Outcomes	Key findings	References
Observational (cross-sectional)	Identify the key factors that determine self-esteem and the level of disease acceptance in infertile patients.	456 infertile patients (235 women & 221 men) from infertile couples	Self-esteem and Acceptance of Infertility	* Self-esteem & acceptance are higher in men than women. * Overall self-esteem: 30.50 (15 ± 30) points. * Overall acceptance: 32.4 (8 ± 40) points. * Men scored higher on both (Self-esteem: 31.00, Acceptance: 33.12) vs. Women (Self-esteem: 30.04, Acceptance: 31.80). * Sociodemographic factors (age, education) influenced scores. * Clinical factors did not influence scores.	[30]
Observational (cross-sectional)	Investigate the psychological effects of infertility on mental health in Pakistani men, focusing on fear of intimacy and its impact on neuropsychological impairment	120 infertile male patients from various healthcare settings in Punjab, Pakistan.	* Fear of intimacy *Neuropsychological impairment * Quality of life (QoL) * Mental toughness * Emotional problems * Learning problems * Sensory and motor problems * Concentration	*Fear of intimacy has a significant impact on neuropsychological impairment, with a moderate positive correlation ($r = 0.40$, $p < 0.001$). Additionally, fear of intimacy is linked to emotional problems ($r = 0.48$, $p < 0.01$), learning difficulties ($r = 0.33$, $p < 0.01$), sensory and motor issues ($r = 0.55$, $p < 0.01$), concentration problems ($r = 0.21$, $p < 0.01$), mental and physical coordination problems ($r = 0.37$, $p < 0.01$), and depression ($r = 0.22$, $p < 0.01$). However, fear of intimacy does not significantly impact quality of life (QoL) ($r = -0.25$, $p > 0.05$). Conversely, there is a negative correlation between neuropsychological impairment and QoL ($r = -0.52$, $p < 0.01$).	[29]

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			problems * Depression	Additionally, the association between fear of intimacy and neuropsychological impairment is impacted by QoL, and mental resilience acts as a moderator in this association	
Institutional-based cross-sectional	Investigate the prevalence and risk factors of infertility in Ethiopian women	441 Women attended three government hospitals in Addis Ababa	Overall infertility prevalence, primary vs. secondary infertility, factors associated with infertility	* Infertility prevalence was 27.6%, higher than the WHO's global estimate. * Primary infertility (14.4%) and secondary infertility (13.2%) were identified. * Risk factors for infertility included: * Shorter marriage duration (<5 years) * Fallopian tube blockage * Irregular sexual intercourse * Multiple lifetime sexual partners * History of multiple abortions (>3) * Partner's current alcohol consumption	[3]
Prospective observational study	Identify the prevalence of tubal abnormalities and HIV infection among women with tubal infertility	207 women diagnosed with tubal infertility over a 4-year period	Tubal abnormalities (hysterosalpingography results), HIV infection status	*Most women (84.1%) had secondary infertility (previously pregnant). * Average patient age was 36.2 years (range 21-48). * Nearly half (49.3%) had a history of induced abortion. * Bilateral tubal blockages were found in 67.2% of women. * Distal tubal blockages (fallopian tube end) were more common (84.1%) than proximal blockages (closer to the uterus, 15.9%). * 13.5% of the women were HIV positive. * Distal tubal blockages with fluid buildup (hydrosalpinx) were more frequent in HIV-positive women.	[1]
Retrospective analysis of existing data	Analyze trends in semen parameters of men attending fertility clinics in Nigeria and South Africa between 2010 and 2019.	17,292 men from fertility clinics in Nigeria and South Africa	Semen parameters: ejaculate volume, sperm concentration, progressive motility, total progressively motile sperm count (TPMSC), total sperm count, and normal sperm morphology	* Significant decline in semen quality observed between 2010 and 2019 in both countries. * Ejaculate volume and normal sperm morphology showed the greatest decrease (over 50% reduction). * Nigeria exhibited a steeper decline in progressive motility, TPMSC, and sperm morphology compared to South Africa. * Age was negatively correlated with sperm quality in Nigeria (morphology, motility, TPMSC). * South African men had generally better semen quality than Nigerians.	[31]
A systematic review and meta-analysis	To investigate the association between Antisperm antibodies (ASA) and basic semen parameters in infertile men	Data from 8 studies involving a total of 238 infertile men with ASA and 929 infertile men without ASA (controls).	Semen parameters: sperm concentration, motility, liquefaction time, volume, viability, progressive motility, normal morphology, abnormal morphology	*ASA-positive men had significantly lower sperm concentration and total motility (a+b) compared to controls. * ASA-positive men had a longer semen liquefaction time compared to controls. * No significant differences were found in semen volume, viability, progressive motility, normal morphology, or abnormal morphology between ASA-positive and negative men.	[32]

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Observational (cross-sectional for community, retrospective for clinic)	To compare the types and causes of infertility in a community-based sample vs. a clinic-based sample	* Community sample: 66 infertile couples. * Clinic sample: 112 couples seeking infertility care.	Type of infertility (primary vs. secondary), cause of infertility (female-factor, male-factor, combined, unexplained)	* Similar distribution of primary (37.1%) and secondary infertility (62.9%) in both community and clinic samples. * Female-factor infertility was most common (65.9% of couples). * Male-only factor infertility was less frequent (6.8%). * Combined-factor infertility affected 15.2% of couples. * Unexplained infertility was found in 12.1% of couples. * The types and causes of infertility appeared similar between community and clinic samples, suggesting the clinic population represents the broader infertile population. * Tubal factor infertility was the most common cause.	[33]
Hospital-based cross-sectional study	Conducted to determine the Quality of Life (QoL) and associated factors among infertile women attending the infertility clinic at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar	340 infertile women attending the infertility clinic at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar.	The primary outcome was the QoL of infertile women, as measured by the FertiQoL tool. The factors associated with QoL were also assessed	* The overall QoL of infertile women at the Mnazi Mmoja infertility clinic was 70.6 ± 10.0 on a scale of 0 to 100. * QoL increased significantly with higher educational level ($p = 0.009$). * Women with female individual causes or both individual and partner causes of infertility had significantly lower QoL scores compared to those with male partner causes (B = -5.07, 95% CI: -7.78, -2.35; B = -4.95, 95% CI: -7.77, -2.12, respectively). * Women experiencing secondary infertility had an average QoL score that was 4.50 points lower (95% CI: 2.30, 6.70) compared to those with primary infertility. Additionally, a longer duration of infertility was linked to a decrease in QoL (B = -0.04, 95% CI: -0.07, -0.01).	[13]
Descriptive cross-sectional	Investigate the quality of life (QoL) of infertile women and factors that influence it.	320 infertile women from a teaching hospital and private infertility centers in Sari, Iran	Quality of life (QoL) score and its seven dimensions: * Psychological effects * Sexual life * Family and social effects * Infertility-related concerns * Physical effects * Adaptive approaches * Factors	* The overall mean QoL score was 65.68 ± 8.91%. The highest scores were observed in the adaptive approach (70.48 ± 15.02%), psychological (67.88 ± 12.06%), and family and social (64.63 ± 10.76%) dimensions, while the lowest score was in the sexual life dimension (40.12 ± 14.28%). The analysis of multiple linear regression revealed that several factors were significantly associated with the quality of life of infertile women. These factors included the higher education level of both women (B = 2.57, $p < 0.001$) and their spouses (B = 1.56, $p = 0.046$), improved economic status (B = 1.64, $p < 0.001$), younger age of women (B = -0.62, $p < 0.001$) and their spouses (B = -0.65, $p < 0.001$), as well as a shorter duration of infertility (B = -0.36, $p = 0.024$) and marriage (B = -0.39, $p = 0.022$).	[12]

Psychological Impacts

The systematic review examined the psychometric validity of the FertiQoL tool, the prevailing measure employed to assess the impact of infertility on quality of life (QoL). The review included 53 studies that reported satisfactory reliability (α = 0.43 - 0.92) and validity for the overall scale and its subscales. The FertiQoL

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demonstrates robust psychometric properties, supporting its use in assessing QoL among individuals with various infertility etiologies across different cultural contexts[26]. A total of 78 patient-reported outcome (PRO) measures were used in research on female infertility in this thorough examination. The FertiQoL and Fertility Problem Inventory (FPI) were determined to have strong evidence supporting their content validity, psychometric strength, and linguistic validation. However, there are still areas for improvement in the reliability of FertiQoL and understanding the significance of clinical changes, while the usefulness of FPI is limited by its lack of a specified recall period[27].

Infertility stands as a pervasive challenge, impacting approximately 48 million couples worldwide who grapple with the inability to achieve a clinical pregnancy following 12 months or more of consistent, unprotected sexual intercourse. This struggle is influenced by an array of factors, encompassing age, physiological disorders, and lifestyle choices, which can contribute to female infertility. The research underscores the profound psychological repercussions of infertility, manifesting in diminished quality of life, compromised psychological well-being, and impaired social interactions for affected individuals or couples. Moreover, studies suggest that women often bear a disproportionately heavy burden, experiencing heightened effects on their mental health, social engagement, and emotional stability compared to their partners. This multifaceted impact underscores the critical importance of comprehensive support and intervention strategies tailored to address the complex emotional and social needs of individuals and couples navigating infertility challenges[27]. From 2006 to 2010, research indicated 72 to 186 million globally experienced infertility, where couples struggle to conceive after a year of unprotected intercourse. Despite its substantial impact, infertility's social, physical, and psychological consequences received limited attention over 15 years[26]. Infertility can emerge from female-specific, male-specific, or a blend of factors. Female-specific causes may encompass endometriosis, diminished ovarian reserve, and polycystic ovarian syndrome, while male-specific issues might relate to sperm quality, quantity, or medical conditions[26]. Infertility treatments carry a heightened risk of depression, with a prior history of depression serving as a known risk factor for postpartum depression. Infertile women are at greater risk of experiencing depressive symptoms compared to their fertile counterparts, and the infertility journey can prompt these women to prioritize their infertile identity over other personal identities[28]. The study explored the connection between fear of intimacy, neuropsychological impairment, and quality of life in 120 infertile Pakistani men. The results showed a strong positive relationship between fear of intimacy and neuropsychological impairment, which negatively affected the men's quality of life. The impact of fear of intimacy on neuropsychological functioning was partly due to its adverse influence on overall quality of life. These findings emphasize the intricate interplay of psychological, cognitive, and relational factors in male infertility[29].

Quality of life

This cross-sectional study examined the quality of life (QoL) of infertile women referred to a teaching hospital and private infertility centers in Sari, Iran, using the Quality-of-Life Questionnaire for Infertile Women (Table 1). The findings highlight the multidimensional impact of infertility on women's QoL and emphasize the importance of addressing various sociodemographic, economic, and relationship factors when developing strategies to improve the well-being of this population[12]. The study conducted at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital in Zanzibar examined the quality of life (QoL) of infertile women and related factors. Higher education was linked to better QoL, while female-factor/combined infertility, secondary infertility, and longer infertility duration were associated with poorer QoL. The findings suggest that underlying causes, type of infertility, and duration can significantly impact women's overall well-being. Identifying these associated factors can help inform targeted interventions and support services to address the specific needs of infertile women facing complex or long-standing infertility challenges[13]. The researchers surveyed 140 infertile women at three infertility clinics in Jeonju, Korea. The participants completed self-report questionnaires on fatigue, depression, anxiety, marital intimacy, and fertility-related quality of life (QoL). The analysis showed that there was a significant negative correlation between the women's infertility-related QoL and fatigue ($r = -0.42$, $p < 0.001$) and depression ($r = -0.56$, $p < 0.001$), but a positive correlation with marital intimacy ($r = 0.30$, $p < 0.001$). Additionally, multiple regression analysis indicated that depression ($\beta = -0.44$, $p < 0.001$), fatigue ($\beta = -0.27$, $p < 0.001$), and the husband's attitude towards infertility treatment ($\beta = -0.19$, $p = 0.007$) were significant predictors of infertility-related QoL, explaining 40.5% of the variance. These findings suggest that healthcare providers should address depression and fatigue in infertile women and consider the influence of the husband's attitudes to improve the overall quality of life for this population[14].

Intravaginal Insemination

The study evaluated the use of intravaginal insemination (IVI) for infertility treatment in 208 couples with sexual dysfunction, finding a 40.3% pregnancy rate among the 144 couples who underwent IVI. The authors propose IVI as a simple, noninvasive, and inexpensive option for couples with specific criteria, such as younger husband age and shorter infertility duration, before considering assisted reproductive technology[34]. Similarly, a study evaluated the use of intravaginal insemination (IVI) as a fertility treatment for 55 couples with unconsummated marriages, often due to vaginismus or erectile dysfunction. The pregnancy rates were 69%, 43%, and 25% for age groups 20-33, 33-36, and over 36 years, respectively, highlighting IVI as a simple and effective option[35]. The effectiveness of intravaginal insemination (IVI) and intrauterine insemination (IUI) in facilitating pregnancy for couples with a male partner who has a spinal cord injury was examined in this research. Out of 82 couples, 37.8% achieved pregnancy, with a 37.8% pregnancy rate for IVI and 24.6% for IUI. The researchers conclude that IVI and

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IUI should be considered as reasonable options for this patient population before moving on to more advanced assisted reproductive technologies[36]. The study examined the use of various sperm retrieval techniques, such as penile vibratory stimulation (PVS) and electroejaculation (EEJ), as well as the outcomes of intrauterine insemination (IUI) for couples where the male partner had a spinal cord injury. The results indicate that these methods, including PVS, EEJ, and IUI, should be considered as reasonable options for this patient population, as they demonstrated favorable success rates and total motile sperm yields, despite some healthcare providers not currently offering these treatments[37].

CONCLUSION

Infertility has significant negative impacts on individuals, couples, and societies globally, leading to psychological trauma, social stigma, marital strain, and feelings of isolation. The emotional burden of infertility affects self-image, self-esteem, and sexual intimacy, diminishing spontaneity and eroticism in relationships. Furthermore, infertility can result in social exclusion, abuse, and marital breakdown, intensifying the distress experienced by those affected. These challenges underscore the critical importance of addressing infertility and its repercussions on a worldwide level. In the future, research efforts should concentrate on developing strategies to reduce infertility rates worldwide. This involves enhancing access to reproductive healthcare, increasing awareness about fertility issues, enacting supportive policies for reproductive health, and investigating preventive measures like lifestyle interventions and environmental factors. By giving priority to these research areas, we can strive to decrease the incidence of infertility, improve outcomes for individuals impacted by infertility, and enhance overall well-being and reproductive health on a global scale.

Author Contribution

NSABIMA and NIYONKURU collaborated on the development of the study design and initial draft. Hilaire and NININAHAZWE subsequently reviewed the manuscript, with all authors working together on further revisions. Before submission, all authors carefully reviewed and endorsed the final manuscript.

Competing Interests

The authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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USE OF P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L APPROACH AND THE SPEAKING SKILLS OF GRADE 11 HUMSS STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to determine the effectiveness of P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach, in enhancing the speaking skills of Grade 11 students at Fernando Air Base Integrated National High School in terms of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. The researcher hopes that the problems encountered in speaking might be alleviated through the study's outcomes and further promotes the use of the approach used in this study. The use of this approach paved the way to enhance further speaking competence in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. This might open doors to those students who are hesitant to express their ideas in speaking not only in English subjects but also in other disciplines. Through the study's findings, the possible approaches in further promoting this approach will be clear and hopefully effective. Meanwhile, the study's findings on enhancing the students' speaking skills using P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach resulted in significant differences in the speaking skills of the respondents in terms of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. The results revealed that in terms of speaking skills, students have improved. This demonstrates that the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach significantly improved students' speaking skills and confidence in delivering impromptu speeches and other speaking performances.

KEYWORDS: *P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L Approach, Fluency, Grammar, Pronunciation, Vocabulary*

I. INTRODUCTION

Speaking is one of the skills that Filipino high school students should work on, but most students lack confidence in their ability to speak, so they become anxious whenever they are required to answer a question or deliver a speech. Even though oral communication is the foundation of almost all classroom learning, oral communication in the classroom remains devalued.

It is highly alarming that many of the Filipino senior high school (SHS) students who continue to struggle with numerous oral communication problems. Some SHS students, for example, are reluctant to speak English during group discussions, meetings, public speeches and other interpersonal interactions.

Furthermore, Leong and Ahmadi (2017) stated that speaking skills are increasingly receiving attention from the global society. People commonly think that speaking is the ability of someone to speak a specific type of language while ignoring supporting competencies such as grammar, fluency, pronunciation, and substance of the speaking Students can demonstrate the aforementioned competencies when they speak publicly or in front of a class [1].

Moreover, Asdar (2017) claimed that speaking necessitates and incorporates more fundamental skills than other abilities. Speaking is considered a beneficial skill. Speaking requires grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, fluency, comprehension, and correctness [2]. Though these speaking abilities are basic, they are a major issue among senior high school students, particularly Grade 11 HUMSS, as seen by their performance tasks or oral speeches. Most students received "poor" or "needs improvement" ratings on their oral speech activities regarding the subject of Oral Communication, which is alarming. Most of the time, they are hesitant to talk and perform, especially when it comes to individual speeches. The researcher, who has been teaching Oral Communication to students at Fernando Air Base Integrated National High School for three years, has observed a significant increase in the number of learners in need of improvement over the academic years, despite the fact that these learners are already classified as adult beginning communicators.

However, according to Mahdi (2015b) the progress of students depends on the teaching and learning strategies employed by both students and teachers. The progress of students' speaking mainly depends on the classroom structure, different assessments, lessons, and strategies [3].

To cater the needs of the learners in improving their speaking skills, the researcher used an approach that helped learners in their speech presentations. An intervention that served as the students' bridge to present powerfully, to express, motivate, persuade, and communicate well as an effective speaker. A P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L Approach is a tactical tool to assist learners in enhancing their speaking skills and various parts and stages of student's oral presentation. Furthermore, Fauzi (2016) found that using P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L. presentations improved students' speaking skills. Furthermore, the study's findings urged that P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L. presentations be included in the speaking class to assist students in becoming more fluent in English, as these presentations help students improve their communication skills. According to the study, these tools can

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be used as a teaching-learning aid, but students must be well-versed in vocabulary, grammar, and model presentation, all of which are still essential in learning how to speak the language [4].

Moreover, Newbold (2015) claimed that the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach (Prepare for Your Moment, Open with Purpose, Weave in the Stories, Engage with Visuals, Relate with Delivery, Frame the Message, Unify the Parts and Leave with Power) focuses on speaking skills of the students can enhance speaking performance through the guidelines, techniques, and strategies. As such, incorporation of the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach may provide invaluable support for delivering amazing oral presentations [5].

The researcher believed that this helped learners greatly develop and advance their speaking skills, hence improving their overall school performance. The researcher determined that there is a significant effect in using P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach among the Grade 11 HUMSS students with their speaking skills in Fernando Air Base Integrated National High School.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

This study aimed to investigate the effect of using P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L Approach on speaking skills among Grade 11 HUMSS students in Fernando Air Base Integrated National High School. Specifically, it sought answers to the following questions:

1. What are the pre-test scores of the respondents before using POWERFUL approach in their speaking skills in terms of:
   1.1. vocabulary;
   1.2. grammar;
   1.3. pronunciation;
   1.4. fluency?
2. What are the post-test scores of the respondents after using POWERFUL approach in their speaking skills in terms of:
   2.1 vocabulary;
   2.2 grammar;
   2.3 pronunciation;
   2.4 fluency?
3. Is there a significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents in their speaking skills before and after using POWERFUL approach in terms of:
   3.1 vocabulary;
   3.2 grammar;
   3.3 pronunciation;
   3.4 fluency?

III. METHODOLOGY

This study utilized the one group pretest posttest research design under pre-experimental study. An experimental method was used to test the utilization of the constructed lesson exemplar emphasizing the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach, as well as the assessment of oral performances among the identified Grade 11 HUMSS learners with poor speaking skills. For this study, the researcher drawn thirty-one (31) respondents from the three (3) sections of Grade 11 HUMSS enrolled in Fernando Air Base Integrated National High School for the academic year 2023-2024. These respondents took Oral Communication in their first semester and identified that they encountered difficulties with speaking activities, which was apparent from their grades on their oral performances and outputs on their classroom speaking tasks on assessments.

The pre-assessment was conducted an impromptu speaking activity with a detailed mechanics that served as directions of the activity and analytic rubric that measures the students' level of speaking skills.

The researcher then conducted the approach for sixteen (16) days to execute the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L approach and conduct a post-intervention assessment. The four (4) crafted lesson exemplars were utilized every after-class period. Each lesson exemplar employs the P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L. approach that improved various aspects and stages of students' performance.

The researcher designed activities that addressed the student's speaking skills and how to improve them. Students' tasks were based on the learning competency assigned in the core subject Oral Communication in Context. The students performed various activities that has different levels with the integration of POWERFUL approach. The consistent integration of P.O.W.E.R.F.U.L. approach is apparent in all parts of the lesson. Each variable of the approach was used in improving the vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and fluency skills in speaking.

Following the experiment, the researcher conducted a post-assessment for the respondents, and the results were analyzed using statistical measures like frequency, percentage, mean, and t-test to determine the significant difference between pretest and posttest scores. Frequency and Percentage was employed to show the pretest and posttest scores of the respondents. Mean was used in determining the average scores obtained from the group on the pretest and posttest given. T-test was employed to determine the significant difference in the pretest and posttest scores of the group.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1.
Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Vocabulary

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	8	25.8	Beginning
2.00	8	25.8	Developing
3.00	9	29.0	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	6	19.4	Proficient
5.00	0	0	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

Based on the data above, 51.6 percent of the respondents fell in the beginning and developing level. This substantiated that

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they had a limited or expanding vocabulary. Conversely, 29.0 percent of the respondents were in the level of approaching proficiency, implying that students can demonstrate effective language control and a wide range of vocabulary. In addition, 19.4 percent of the respondents were proficient indicated that they were great in language control and had a relatively well-chosen vocabulary before using the POWERFUL method. Then, none of the respondents received advanced remark, indicating excellent control of language aspects and a diverse vocabulary. The pretest findings showed that the respondents' speaking skills were limited in terms of vocabulary. However, these learners come under sufficient or weak language management, and basic vocabulary selection, with some terms plainly missing or the vocabulary that is utilized does not fit the task.

Table 2.
Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Grammar

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	11	35.5	Beginning
2.00	8	25.8	Developing
3.00	10	32.3	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	2	6.5	Proficient
5.00	0	0	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

The data shown above that 35.5 percent of the respondents were on the beginning level denoted those students committed more grammatical errors even in simple sentence structures. Then, 25.8 percent of respondents stated that they made 5-6 grammatical errors in their speech, even in simple structures that sometimes conceal meaning. Furthermore, 32.3 percent of respondents in the approaching proficiency group reported having 3-4 grammatical faults that did not hinder meaning but showed minimal variation in structures. Furthermore, 6.5 percent of respondents made 1 to 2 grammatical errors, presumably because to an attempt to incorporate a diversity, and there were findings prior to using the POWERFUL method. Lastly, none of the respondents received advanced remark which has no errors in the accuracy or variety of grammatical structures. The pretest results showed that the respondents' speaking skills in terms of grammar has really have a problem when it comes to the accuracy or variety of grammatical structures.

Table 3.
Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Pronunciation

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	9	29.0	Beginning
2.00	10	32.3	Developing
3.00	11	35.5	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	1	3.2	Proficient
5.00	0	0	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

The table shows that 29.0 percent of the respondents were in the beginning level indicated that they showed no effort towards a native accent. Furthermore, 32.3 percent of the respondents were in the developing level, and this indicates that their pronunciation is lacking and hard to understand. In addition, 35.5 percent of the respondents plopped in the approaching proficiency level signifying that students demonstrate good pronunciation; no effort towards a native accent. Subsequently, 3 3.2 percent of respondents had excellent pronunciation; they made an effort to accent but were not native speakers.

Lastly, none of the respondents received advanced remark which has an excellent pronunciation; exceptional effort at accent. The pretest results showed that the respondents' speaking skills in terms of pronunciation was good. They will most likely be understood, even if they make errors in other areas.

Table 4.
Pre-test Scores of the Respondents before using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Fluency

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	13	41.9	Beginning
2.00	6	19.4	Developing
3.00	12	38.7	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	0	0	Proficient
5.00	0	0	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

Based on the data presented above, 41.9 percent of the respondents were in the beginning level, and it implies that their speech was slow, they were hesitant & strained except for short, memorized phrases; they have difficulty perceived continuity in speech, and inaudible as well. Then, 19.4 percent of the respondents were in the developing stage, which means that their speech was frequently hesitant, with some phrases left unfinished; volume was extremely quiet. Furthermore, 38.7 percent of respondents who heaved in the approaching proficiency demonstrated that their speech is relatively smooth, with some hesitation and unevenness induced by rephrasing and looking for words, as well as loudness fluctuations. Finally, none of the respondents received Proficient or Advanced rating. No one has a smooth, fluent speech with minimal hesitations, a brief search for words, and an inaudible word or two. Also, no one offered smooth and flowing speech; there were no hesitations or attempts to find words, and the volume was superb. Pretest results revealed that respondents lacked speech fluency. The researcher noticed issues with speech flow, rhythm, and speed. They stuttered and paused while speaking, and they frequently used fillers ("uhm" or "uh") or repeated words or phrases.

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Table 5.
Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Vocabulary

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	0	0	Beginning
2.00	0	0	Developing
3.00	3	9.7	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	8	25.8	Proficient
5.00	20	64.5	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

The data shows that none of the respondents got the Beginning and Developing remark, indicating that none of them has poor language control; vocabulary chosen does not correspond to the task; and appropriate language control; basic vocabulary choice, with certain terms obviously lacking. Furthermore, 9.7 percent of the respondents concurred in the approaching proficiency level. This proved that they have a good language control and good range of vocabulary was observed. Furthermore, 25.8 percent of respondents scored proficient, indicating students had very excellent language control and a relatively well-chosen vocabulary. Additionally, 64.5 percent of advanced respondents reported having excellent control over linguistic aspects and a diverse vocabulary.

The results revealed that using the POWERFUL approach enhanced the respondents' vocabulary-based speaking skills. Over time, various ways to language learning and teaching have emerged, each having a unique perspective on vocabulary instruction, such as the POWERFUL approach.

Table 6.
Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Grammar

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	0	0	Beginning
2.00	0	0	Developing
3.00	4	12.9	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	21	67.7	Proficient
5.00	6	19.4	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

Based on the data shown above, none of the respondents received the Beginning and Developing remark, implying that no one received seven or more grammatical faults, even in basic patterns, and that meaning was concealed. 12.9 percent of respondents demonstrated approaching proficiency. This demonstrated that they had 3-4 grammatical issues that did not obfuscate meaning and a small variation in structures. Furthermore, 67.7 percent of respondents scored proficient, implying that they made only 1-2 grammatical errors, presumably due to an attempt to incorporate a diversity. Furthermore, 19.4 percent of the respondents were advanced specified that they had no errors in the accuracy or variety of grammatical structures.

The results showed that using the POWERFUL approach increased the respondents' speaking skills in terms of grammar, enabling them to improve their grammar.

Table 7.
Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Pronunciation

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	0	0	Beginning
2.00	0	0	Developing
3.00	3	9.7	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	10	32.3	Proficient
5.00	18	58.1	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

Based on the data above, none of the respondents received the Beginning and Developing remark which means no one shows no effort, towards a native accent and none of them lacked pronunciation and hard to understand. Then, 9.7 percent of the respondents were seen in the approaching proficiency level. This revealed that their pronunciation is good and no effort towards a native accent. Furthermore, 32.3 percent of respondents scored proficiently, indicating that their pronunciation is excellent; there is some effort at accent, but they are not native speakers. Congruently, 58.1 percent of the respondents were advanced specified that they their pronunciation is excellent; exceptional effort at accent.

The results revealed that the respondents' speaking skills with regard to of pronunciation increased, they become proficient after using the POWERFUL approach, which assisted them in developing practical comprehension, operational communication, greater self-confidence, speech monitoring capabilities, and speech modifications methods as they learned and understood the importance and basics of pronunciation through phonics, students not only learned to speak comfortably, but also they had improved their listening comprehension.

Table 8.
Post-test Scores of the Respondents after using POWERFUL Approach in their Speaking Skills in terms of Fluency

Scores	Frequency	Percent	Verbal Interpretation
1.00	0	0	Beginning
2.00	0	0	Developing
3.00	4	12.9	Approaching Proficiency
4.00	24	77.4	Proficient
5.00	3	9.7	Advanced
Total	31	100.0	

Legend: 1.00 (Beginning); 2.00 (Developing); 3.00 (Approaching Proficiency); 4.00 (Proficient); 5.00 (Advanced)

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The data presented that none of the respondents received the Beginning and Developing which means none of them delivered slow speech, except for brief, memorized sentences, speech is uncertain and strained; continuity is difficult to recognize; and it is unheard. Furthermore, 12.9 percent of the respondents were perceived in the approaching proficiency level. This indicated that their speech is reasonably fluid, with minor pauses and unevenness induced by rephrasing and word hunting. Also, there was a noticeable loudness wobble. Furthermore, 77.4 percent of respondents scored proficient, implying that their speech was effortless and flowing, with minimal hesitations, a slight search for words, and one or two unheard syllables. Similarly, 9.7 percent of respondents were advanced, indicating that they presented smooth and smooth speech with no hesitations, attempts to search for words, and excellent volume.

The results found that using the POWERFUL approach enhanced the respondents' speaking skills in terms of fluency, enabling them to communicate naturally, effectively, and properly despite in challenging oral tasks and situations. Speaking fluency was also a vital aspect to communication competency because it allowed the speaker to make continuous discourse with minimal comprehension issues for the listener and to keep communicative ideas more successfully.

Table 9.
Significant Difference between the Pre-test and Post-test Scores of the Respondents in their Speaking Skills before and after using POWERFUL Approach

Variables	Pre-test		Post-test		t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Vocabulary	2.42	1.09	4.55	.675	-12.4	30	.000
Grammar	2.10	.978	4.06	.574	-13.1	30	.000
Pronunciation	2.13	.885	4.48	.677	-14.9	30	.000
Fluency	1.97	.912	3.97	.482	-14.4	30	.000

Legend: If p-value (Sig.) < 0.05, it is statistically significant
If p-value (Sig.) > 0.05, it is NOT statistically significant

As indicated in the table, a significant difference between the two tests was found. In vocabulary, a mean of 2.42 in the pre-test and 4.55 in the post-test indicated that the respondents demonstrated strong control of linguistic aspects, as well as a diverse and well-chosen vocabulary. This also indicates that the respondents after using POWERFUL approach can already express confidence, reasonably quickly, and with proper facial expressions when speaking as they performed their role play activity, can create assertions, can identify word nuances, and deliver the identified words that share meanings. These are some of the activities given by the respondents during the implementation period of POWERFUL approach. Practice using new terms in conversations. It is possible to have a large vocabulary without actually knowing how to utilize the terms. This means that students must take responsibility for using their own personal dictionaries. And, adopting the POWERFUL method, they came upon a fascinating term while conversing and made a point of using it in the discourse. They practiced and applied the art of word choice by experimenting in low-stakes circumstances, and after some trial and error, they focused in on the perfect word for a given context.

Similarly, a mean of 2.10 in the pre-test and 4.06 in the post-test indicates that the respondents made just 1-2 errors in grammatical structures, which could have been caused by an attempt to incorporate diversity. This indicates they became amazing at grammar after adopting the POWERFUL method in the communicative portion of a grammar session, which included games, role-playing, and discussion exercises. Students enjoyed playing games, and the researcher found them to be a great technique of communicative grammar practice because they allow students to practice and build language abilities in a joyful and stress-free environment. Indeed, incorporating games in lessons really helped students to enjoy learning and improved their grammar skills. Most students learned better by playing games. Before diving too deep into the intricacies of English grammar, the respondents started by learning the basics: understand the parts of speech, basic sentence structures, and verb tenses as these building blocks were the key for a deeper understanding of the English language and the more complex grammatical structures.
Meanwhile, a mean of 2.13 in the pre-test and 4.48 in the post-test conveys that the respondents' pronunciation become excellent after using POWERFUL approach. It can be observed the exceptional effort at accent. They learned to focus on confusing sounds and recording their selves while speaking or delivering speech to check their pronunciation. They learned to practice more until they can pronounce the sounds smoothly and comfortably. They improved it through focusing on phonemes, searching YouTube for tips from fellow learners, trying some tongue twisters which is evident in one of the given activities in the prepared lesson exemplar and learning new words with their pronunciations. Moreover, they learned to read aloud and record their selves, spoke slowly and spent more time talking using the global language.

Additionally, a mean of 1.97 in the pre-test and 3.97 in the post-test indicates that improvements were also occurred on the students' level of speaking fluency. The words they spoke were occasionally punctuated with silence and pauses, but there was no halting, fragmented, or disjointed utterances. The successful delivery of the message made the utterances produced easy to interpret by the listener. Despite their reluctance, some respondents improved their speaking speed, while others expertly improved their speed. It is noticeable to the researcher when students participate in collaborative activities that encourage them to discuss ideas, ask questions, respond, and answer inquiries. When students are having fun, they are more likely to learn something new. To improve speaking skills, experiment with speaking to yourself, singing English songs, doing tongue twisters, or delivering one-minute "impromptu speeches" on topics like "If I ruled the entire universe, I would…," "Three shocking facts about me", etc. Excellent practice and hilarious enjoyment.

An additional improvement made by the students that drew the researcher's attention was that the students occasionally reminded the lecturer of the assigned task, and when the

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students offered their views, the lecturer had to point them out one by one. It signifies that the class situation had improved from the previous phase, and this is the impact of using POWERFUL approach. The contextualized discussions and activities, using real-life situations and relatable experiences really helped students to understand the lesson and perform well in various speaking skills. This helps students obtain a better comprehension of the subject matter by comparing it to real-life events. Here, individuals can freely express their ideas, thoughts, and feelings. One example of contextualized learning using the POWERFUL approach is when learners make personal connections to vocabulary words. To help students recall new phrases, they might execute gestures or facial expressions that are linked to the words. This is a really helpful advice and one of the many that a POWERFUL approach offers.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The mean pre-test scores of the respondents before using POWERFUL approach in their speaking skills in terms of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and fluency were at the developing level. The study found that it is alarming since they are already senior high school students and yet their speaking abilities were jeopardized. Especially when they are required to speak in front of an audience. After employing the POWERFUL approach, respondents' mean post-test scores in terms of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency were improved and perceived as proficient level. This demonstrates that the POWERFUL approach significantly improved students' speaking skills and confidence in delivering impromptu speeches and other speaking performances. There is significant difference between the pre-test and post-test scores of the respondents in their speaking skills before and after using POWERFUL approach in terms of vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency. Thus, the hypothesis is rejected.

Furthermore, teachers may utilize the POWERFUL approach in conversational language instruction. In teaching speaking, improvements in speaking skills such as vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency are visible. They may provide additional speaking tasks to help students develop their speaking skills over time. Also, teachers may employ the POWERFUL approach to immerse students in real-world speaking situations and provide them with numerous opportunities to talk and practice their vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency skills. Teachers and/or IMs developers may design instructional materials, activities, and modules using the POWERFUL method, as evidenced by the study's findings. In addition, teachers may use POWERFUL approach in a regular classroom setting, aside from using the approach in intervention or remedial classes. Future researchers may conduct a study using the same approaches but focusing more on vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and fluency, all of which are important in the enhancement of students' speaking skills, in order to transform instruction by providing teachers with new tools for assisting learners in improving their speaking skills more effectively.

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MORPHOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF SOUTHERN LEYTENONG BINISAJA

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ABSTRACT
Every language has unique qualities. The objective of this research was to analyze the morphological structure of Southern Leyteñong binisaja. In this study, the researcher employed two different types of instruments in a descriptive design. The researchers recruited 150 volunteers for this investigation. Participants must be literate, local residents, and at least sixty years old. The findings showed the language of Southern Leyte is divided into free morpheme or root word and non-free morpheme or suffix. There are simple words or root words only. There are also morphemes called independent. There exist three types of suffixes: derivational, verb, and noun. Three word structures were found in the Southern Leyte terminologies that were collected. It is repetitive, simple, and suffixed. There were three types of morphophonemic changes in the languages of the southern Leyte. These were omission of phonemes, phonemic change and metathesis. Certain phonemes were omitted without altering the meaning, while other phonemes were substituted without altering the meaning, for example /j-y/, /a-u/, /d-m/, /h-r/, /r-d/, /l-y/, /m-b/, /k-l/, /t-w/, /k-h/, /l-p/, /m-n/, /u-i/, /i-a/, /s-l/, /n-r/, and /t-s/. Another morphophonemic change was metathesis, which involved changing in the positioning phonemes around in words. The morphological analysis of Southern Leyteñong binisaja demonstrates that the region has a distinct characteristic. It was suggested that the completed study will aid Southern Leyte residents in comprehending the distinctive qualities of their dialect. Furthermore, rather than being affected by the roots of their own language, the majority of millennials today are influenced by dynamic words. In connection to this, the researchers proposed that there must be another study that should focus on the awareness on first language vocabulary among millennials and other younger generations.
KEYWORDS: *free morpheme; non-free morpheme; metathesis; omission of phonemes; phonemic change*

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Language is seen as a window into the society's culture, which is ingrained in each and every citizen. It implies that language will be used to determine the origins of humanity. All it demonstrates is that language is a reflection of the individual, and that a person's language use and speech patterns are influenced by the culture or environment to which they belong. Studying one's own tongue is crucial, especially now that there are numerous foreign languages that young people are interested in. The researchers concerned about the existing new languages currently used by young people that may be the native language would eventually disappear.

Embracing the dynamic term is not a negative thing; it's only an indication that the language is still alive, only make sure that the original or native language be forgotten permanently. It makes sense for students to like their mother tongue because it should come naturally to them before learning other languages. The implementation of Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) as a subject taught from grade 1 to grade 3 was presented in RA 10533. It found a problem for teachers due to the lack of reference. This is the reason why this study was developed and the researcher hopes that it will serve as a response to the problem of teachers who teach Mother Tongue.

Regarding the implementation of MTB-MLE, Borong (2019) explained that the use of regional languages or mother tongues in teaching students helps to easily understand the lesson and above all to preserve the mother tongue. The researcher observed that many of today's youth are obsessed with dynamic words. This is the reason why many of today's youth have gradually buried their native language in oblivion.

In the analysis of the morphological structure of Southern Leyteño Binisaja, attention was paid to the morphophonemic change occurring in the words. Abiog and David (2020) shared that through the study of language variations is an instrument to identify the characteristics of their own language. Akbuluta (2017) corroborated this, stating that it is critical for every person to be aware of morphological variety in their native tongue. Mayfield, Nicholas, and McNamee (2009) added that understanding a language's unique identity is essential to appreciating its diversity.

The field of linguistics known as morphology examines the morpheme, or the smallest meaningful unit of a word. The purpose of the study is to examine Southern Leyteñong Binisaja's morphological structure. The study's findings, the researchers anticipate and hope, will have a big impact, particularly on Mother Tongue instructors. Teachers of languages might utilize the gathered terms as additional resources.

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2.0 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF THE STUDY

This study is anchored on the DepEd Memo No. 16s. 2012 (Mother Tongue-Based-Multilingual-Education (MTB-MLE), and Santos and Hufana (2008) who shared that linguistic variety might be attributed to extrinsic variables such as social groupings or geography, or to word sounds, vocabulary, and grammatical structures. In the DepEd Order No. 16, series of 2012, the MTB-MLE was implemented as a subject and a medium of instruction in the teaching process. Mother tongue is taught from Grades 1 to 3. The Department of Education believed that the use of mother tongue in the lower grade levels can help to effectively deliver learning.

In connection to this, Borong (2019), explained that one truth about linguistics was that a language changes because of geographical and social situations and a speaker's unique style. Each person has his/her varied ways in speaking. It is in the geographical variation where the difference in tone, vocabulary, and morphology of language or its grammar are found. The cause of language variation maybe in the aspect of regional variation or dialect.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

A qualitative descriptive design was employed to examine the Southern Leyteñongˇ Binisaya language among the chosen towns in Southern Leyte. A thorough analysis is conducted on the linguistic variety of Southern Leyteñong Binisaya. Creswell (2002), asserts that qualitative design necessitates a thorough comprehension of the collected data. Teherani et al. (2015) and Bhattacharya (2017) define qualitative design as the study of variation. The researchers declared that the study's approach was acceptable since it allowed for the identification and exploration of the Southern Leytenong Binisaya's morphological analysis through a thorough knowledge of the data that was gathered.

For this study, 150 volunteers were gathered by the researchers. Participants must be local residents, at least 60 years old, and literate. They were selected as volunteers because to their greater familiarity with and comprehension of the language being studied, as well as the researcher's perception that they are currently less exposed to or impacted by modern speech patterns. The referral technique or snowball technique was the method used in the selection of participants wherein the researchers took a key informant who gave the researcher an idea on the prospect participants through probability sampling. The participants came from different towns in Southern Leyte.

The researcher created a wordlist featuring words which were regularly used by people in their daily communication based on different categories such as elderly terms, human characteristics, occupation, and many more. Since the goal of this study was to use the final product as additional resources for instructors of Mother Tongue particularly in Southern Leyte the researchers prepared words that are used in the Southern Leyte. After the key informant informed the researchers on who should be included in the study, the researchers approached each of the chosen participants to explain the study's goal. The initial tool that the participants provided input on was the wordlist. While the participants were answering the questions, the researchers stayed with them to help with any queries they might have had and to provide clarifications regarding the instrument. The interview was conducted in an informal manner so that the participants would not hesitate to respond. The researchers told the participants throughout the interview, which took place in their spare time, that any personal information they collected would be treated carefully and in accordance with the privacy act's regulations.

In the gathering of data, the researchers discussed to the barangay captain the purpose of the study. After the discussion with the barangay captain, the researcher then proceeded to the mayor to inform the local office of the research that is to be conducted. When the barangay captain and the mayor both understood the purpose of the study, the gathering of data was then permitted and conducted. When all the data was gathered, the researchers started analyzing the morphological variations that are present in the languages of Southern Leyte.

4.0 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The findings of the researcher's analysis of the gathered words in Southern Leyte are shown in this section.

Linguistic Structure of Southern Leyteño Binisaja

Morphology is the study of the morphemes of a language and their combination to form words. It is also the branch of linguistics that studies the morpheme (morpheme) or the smallest unit of sound that has meaning. The linguistic structure of Southern Leyteño binisaja is the focus of this study. The table shows that the language of Southern Leyte is divided into free morpheme or root word and non-free morpheme or suffix. There are simple words or root words only. There are also morphemes called independent because they are always attached to other morphemes. "Affixes" or suffixes are morphemes that are joined to other independent morphemes.

The derivational suffix, verb suffix, and noun suffix are the three suffix forms that are seen in the table. Adjectives are suffixes when they are joined to an independent morpheme to create a derivational, according to Borong (2019). Verb suffixes are connected to independent morphemes to generate verbs and nouns, respectively, transforming the word into a noun. The independent morpheme (suffix) *kina-*, *-an* and the free morpheme (root word) manghud make up the word *kinamanghuran*. Since the term *kinamanghuran* has evolved into an adjective, the suffix *kina-, -an* is incorporated in the adjective suffix. The term *kinamanghuran* refers how many he or she refers to their siblings. Taking the phrase *"Sija ang kinamanghuran sa ilang magsuun. (He is the youngest of their siblings). "*

The same is true of the word *hadlukan*, which is an adjective that is derived from the word *hadluk* and the suffix *-an*. The suffix *-an*, which indicates a person's kind or traits, indicates that the suffix *-an* is a derivational suffix. For example in the sentence *"Dili ko ganahan sa mga hadlukan nga tawo, ganahan ko sa mga isug. (I don't like cowardly people, I like brave people)."* And the third suffix form seen is the noun suffix. When a suffix like ka-is added to a root word, the word

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becomes a noun. Like the word *kahibawu*. *Hibawu*, the base word, becomes a noun by adding the suffix ka-. The sentence *"Ang taas ug kahibawu mao ang daan na ijang makab-ot ang ijang mga pangandoy. (Having high knowledge is the way for people to be successful in their goals in life.)"*

Table1: Linguistic Structure of Southern Leyteño Binisaja

Southern Leyteňong Binisaja	Morpheme Type		Suffix Form	Word Structure
	Independent Morpheme	Non-Independent Morpheme		
ajaw/ayaw *(don't, no)*	ajaw/ayaw	-	-	simple
kahibawu *(knowledge)*	hibawu	ka-	noun suffix	suffix
amigas/hulmigas/umigas *(ant)*	amigas/hulmigas/umigas	-	-	simple
ariyus-aryus *(earings)*	ariyus-aryus	-	-	simple
awahi/uwahi *(last)*	awahi/uwahi	-	-	simple
balik-balik *(back & forth)*	balik	-	-	repeated
bawud/bawd *(waves)*	bawud/bawd	-	-	simple
gibato *(throwned)*	bato		verb suffix	suffix
bujug/buyug *(bee)*	bujug/buyug	-	-	simple
buka/buak *(broke)*	buka/buak	-	-	simple
mag-umul *(built, develop)*	umol	mag-	verb suffix	suffix
bunal/bunaw *(cold)*	bunal/bunaw	-	-	simple
bungul/bunguw *(deaf)*	bungul/bunguw	-	-	simple
kinamanghuran *(youngest)*	manghud	-in, ka-, an	derivational suffix	suffix
buhu *(hole)*	buhu	-	-	simple
hinay-hinay *(slowly)*	hinay	-	-	repeated
daku/maku *(big, huge)*	daku/maku	-	-	simple
diha-dira *(there)*	diha-dira	-	-	simple
dili/di *(no)*	dili/di	-	-	simple
diryut-diyut/dijut *(almost)*	diryut-diyut/dijut	-	-	simple
duul/duuw *(near)*	duul/duuw	-	-	simple
dunggan/dawunggan *(ears)*	dunggan/dawunggan	-	-	simple
duwag *(coward)*	duwag	-	-	simple
gunja-unja *(later)*	gunja-unja	-	-	simple
guul/guuw *(sad)*	guul/guuw	-	-	simple

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habul/habuw *(blanket)*	habul/habuw	-	-	simple
habul *(dull, opposite of sharp)*	habul	-	-	simple
hagu/gahu *(tire)*	hagu/gahu	-	-	simple
hakug *(selfish)*	hakug	-	-	simple
hulat/huyat *(wait)*	hulat/huyat =	-	-	simple
ihapa/ipha *(count)*	ihapa/ipha	-	-	simple
imabaw/ibabaw *(above)*	mabaw/babaw	-i	verb suffix	suffix
ingkud/lingkud *(sit)*	ingkud/lingkud	-	-	simple
ilabug *(throw)*	ilabug	i-	verb suffix	suffix
kadiyut/kariyut/kadyut *(wait a minute)*	kadiyut/kadyut	-	-	simple
kapuy-lapuy *(tired)*	kapuy-lapuy	-	-	simple
kinamanghuran *(youngest)*	manghud (d-r)	kina-, -an	derivational suffix	suffix
kulob/kuyob *(upside down)*	kulob/kuyob	-	-	simple
kumagku/kamagku *(thumb)*	kumagku/kamagku	-	-	simple
326ural/kuraw *(fence)*	kural/kuraw	-	-	simple
lakat/lakaw *(walk)*	lakat/lakaw	-	-	simple
likay-lihay (*avoid*)	likay-lihay	-	-	simple
litik-litik *(type of game that uses rubberband)*	litik	-	-	repeated
litik/pitik *(flip)*	litik/pitik	-	-	simple
lusi/kusi *(pinch)*	lusi/kusi	-	-	simple
mabdus/nabdus *(pregnant)*	mabdus/nabdus	-	-	simple
dung-ag/lung-ag *(cooked)*	dung-ag/lung-ag	-	-	simple
nganu man/ngaman *(why)*	nganu man/ngaman	-	-	simple
pusa/pisa/pisat *(crushed)*	pusa/pisa/pisat	-	-	simple
putdun/utdun *(cut)*	putdun/utdun	-	-	simple
sajal/saja *(skirt)*	sajal/saja	-	-	simple
sajaw-sajaw *(dance, dancing)*	sajaw	-	-	repeated
salindanaw/alindanaw *(dragonfly)*	salindanaw/alindanaw	-	-	simple
sinina/326anina *(dress, cloth)*	sinina/sanina	-	-	simple

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sukol/tukol *(retaliate)*	sukol/tukol	-	-	simple
susiha/suliha *(look at)*	susiha/suliha	-	-	simple
suway/sulay *(try)*	suway/sulay	-	-	simple
tana/tara *(lets go)*	tana/tara	-	-	simple
tangkal/tangkaw *(fence)*	tangkal/tangkaw	-	-	simple
tapad/tupad *(next to, beside)*	tapad/tupad	-	-	simple
tapulan/tapuwan *(lazy)*	tapulan/tapuwan	-	-	simple
tugut/sugot *(agree, allow)*	tugut/sugot	-	-	simple
ulo/uyo/u *(head)*	ulo/uyo/u	-	-	simple
wana/wa *(no more, none, nothing)*	wana/wa	-	-	simple

According to Borong, Amat, Balunsay, et al., (2023) the word has four structure, it is simple, suffixed, repeated and compound. In the collected terminologies in Southern Leyteño binisaja the researchers discovered that there are three word structures. It is the simple, suffix and repeated. A simple word consists only of the root word. The words *ajaw, awahi, hagu, laug, likay, nabdus, pisat, tangkal, tara, tugut,* are just a few examples of Southern Leyteño Binisaja root words. The words *kahibawu, gibato, giumol, kinamanghuran, hadlukan at mangdung-ag/maglung-ag* are just a few examples of Southern Leyteño Binisaja suffixed words. Words that have a suffix attached to them are referred to as suffixes. Furthermore, repeated characterizes the repeated root words. There are two types of repetition: partial repetition, in which just a portion of the root is repeated, and complete repetition, in which the entire root is repeated. The terms *balik-balik, hinay-hinay, litik-litik, sajaw-sajaw at tambal-tambal* are Southern Leyteñong binisaja terms that are included in complete repetition.

The findings simply indicate that no language is superior. This means that native languages or mother tongues have characteristics that are the same as other languages that can be used by teachers who teach linguistics as an example, especially when the subject is about morphology. This means that each individual must know their own language so however dynamic another language in their environment is, they will not forget their mother-tongue language. As a result, the study will contribute to the preservation of Southern Leyte's local tongue, as certain of its vocabulary and phrases have progressively faded into obscurity, particularly among younger generations.

Kinds of Morphophonemic Change

Table 2 shows the morphophonemic change according to omission of phonemes, phonemic change and metathesis found in the spoken words of Southern Leyte.

Omission of Phonemes

Southern Leyteñong Binisaja, composed of omission of phonemes. This process refers to the deletion of one or more phonemes from the dialect of Southern Leyte without changing its meaning. Examples for this are words like *kad**i**yut-kadyut**,** baw**u**d-bawd, nga**nu** man-ngaman, **h**ulmigas-umigas, **l**ingkud-ingkud, **p**utdun-utdun,* and ***s**alindanaw-alindanaw*, and many other. It has been observed that there is no consistency as to when the phonemes are omitted. There are phonemes omitted in the first part of the word like ***h**ulmigas-umigas, **l**ingkud-ingkud, **p**utdun-utdun,* and ***s**alindanaw-alindanaw*. There are also phonemes omitted in the middle of the word, like *ar**i**yus-aryus, baw**u**d-bawd, kad**i**yut-kadyut, ku**l**ba-kuba, pug**h**aw-pug-aw*, and many more and phonemes omitted at the end of the word like *di**li**-di, pisa**t**-pisa, saja**l**-saja, u**lo**-u, wa**na**-wa*, and many more.

The study conducted by Borong (2019) and Miclat (2017) yielded same results, indicating that phoneme changes or omissions in words are not novel. Prior to the creation of the official alphabet in the Philippines, phonemes were either changed or omitted. It indicates that Southern Leyte's language is similar to other languages, including Filipino, in that it contains borrowed words. The meaning remains unchanged in the event that a phoneme is absent.

Phonemic Change

According to Fontanella (2014), there are phonemes that are replaced without changing its meaning. It was found out that spoken words in Southern Leyte consist of changing phonemes. It just showed here that every dialect in the Philippines has its uniqueness. An evidence to this is that many of the spoken words in Southern Leyte are changed with phonemes **/j-y/,** like the words *a**j**aw-a**y**aw, bu**j**ug-bu**y**ug, di**y**ut-di**j**ut, sa**j**al-sa**y**al;* **/a-u/**, like the words **a**migas-**u**migas, **a**wahi-**u**wahi, k**u**magku-k***a***magku, t**a**pad-t**u**pad; **/l-w/**, like the words bungu**l**-bungu**w**, duu**l**-duu**w**, guu**l**-guu**w**, habu**l**-habu**w**, su***w***ay-su***l***ay, 327ural-kura**w**; **/d-m/**, like the word ***d***aku-***m***aku; **/h-r/** like word di***h***a-di***r***a; **/k-l/,** like the word ka***r***iyut-ka***d***iyut; **/l-y/**, like the words hu**l**at-hu**y**at, u**l**o-u**y**o; **/m-b/**, like the word i**m**abaw-i***b***abaw; **/r-d/**, like the words ***k***apuy-***l***apuy, ***l***usi-***k***usi; **/t-w/**, like the word laka***t***-laka***w;*** **/k-h/,** like the word li***k***ay-li***h***ay; **/l-p/**, like the word

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litik-***p***itik; **/m-n/**, like the word **m**abdus-**n**abdus; **/u-i/**, like the word p***u***sa-p***i***sa; **/i-a/** like the word s***i***nina-s***a***nina; **/s-l/**, like the word su**s**iha-su***l***iha; **/n-r/,** like the word ta***n***a-ta***r***a; and **/t-s/**, like the word ***t***ugut-***s***ugot.

The researchers noticed that the town of San Juan, particularly in barangay Basak and Agay-ay are many in almost all their words or languages with the phoneme /l/ replaced by the phoneme /y/, such as waya (nothing), huyam (hulam), bayo (widow), and many others. Compared to other barangays, the two barangays' languages differ in certain ways. This result is consistent with Santiago's (2022) assertion that every Philippine linguistic province has unique characteristics. The Philippines is regarded as a multilingual nation, according to what was said.

Table 2: Kinds of Morphophonemic Change According to Omission of Phonemes, Phonemic Change and Metathesis of Southern Leyte

Kinds of Morphophonemic Change		
Omission of Phonemes	**Phonemic Change**	**Metathesis**
ar**i**yus-aryus *(earing)*	a***j***aw-a***y***aw (*don't*)	buka-buak (*broken)*
baw***u***d-bawd *(wave)*	***a***migas-***u***migas (*ant*)	ihapa-ipha (*count)*
di***l******i***-di *(no)*	***a***wahi-***u***wahi (*end*)	hagu-gahu (*tired*)
di***r***yut-diyut/dijut *(almost)*	bu**j**ug-bu**y**ug (*bee*)	
*g*unja-unja *(later)*	bungu***l***-bungu***w*** (*deaf*)	
hulmigas-umigas *(ant)*	***d***aku-***m***aku (*big, huge*)	
kad***i***yut-kadyut *(wait a minute)*	di***h***a-di***r***a (*there)*	
ku***l***ba-kuba (*nervous)*	di***y***ut/di***j***ut *(almost)*	
lingkud-ingkud *(sit)*	duu***l***-duu***w*** (*near)*	
nga***nu*** man-ngaman *(why)*	guu***l***-guu***w*** (*sad*)	
pisa***t***-pisa *(crushed)*	habu**l**-habu**w** (*blanket*)	
pug***h***aw-pug-aw *(fade)*	hu***l***at-hu***y***at (*wait*)	
putdun-utdun *(cut)*	i**m**abaw-i***b***abaw (*above*)	
saja***l***-saja *(skirt)*	***k***apuy-***l***apuy (*tired*)	
salindanaw-alindanaw (*dragonfly)*	ka***r***iyut-ka***d***iyut (*wait*) k***u***magku-k***a***magku	

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u***lo***-u *(head)* wa***na***-wa *(no more, nothing, none)*	(*thumb*) kura***l***-kura***w*** (*fence*) laka***t***-laka***w*** (*walk*) li***k***ay-li***h***ay (*avoid*) ***l***itik-***p***itik (*flip*) ***l***usi-***k***usi (*pinch*) ***m***abaw-***b***abaw (*above*) **m**abdus-**n**abdus (*pregnant*) p***u***sa-p***i***sa (*crushed)* sa***j***al-sa***y***al (*skirt*) sa***j***aw-sa***y***aw (*dance*) s***i***nina-s***a***nina (*dress, cloth*) su***s***iha-su***l***iha (*look at*) su***w***ay-su***l***ay (*try*) tambal-tamba**w** (*medicine*) ta***n***a-ta***r***a (*let's go*) t***a***pad-t***u***pad *(next to, beside)* tapu***l***an-tapu***w***an (*lazy*) ***t***ugut-***s***ugot (*agree, allow*) u***l***o-u***y***o (*head*)	

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Metathesis

One type of morphophonemic alteration known as metathesis occurs when phonemes in words are rearranged without altering the meaning of the word. The researchers found that in the words buak-buka (broken), hagu-gahu (weary), and other Southern Leyteñong Binisaja, there is a change in phonemes in ak/, ka/, /ha/, and /ga/, but the meaning remains the same. However, other writers, such as Borong (2019), concentrate on a language system's structural complexity. The results of her study are the same as the results of the current investigation. Southern Leyteñong binisaja have different morphological construction like roots, affixes, and repeated words. There were also three (3) suffix forms, three word structures and three morphophonemic changes. Therefore, it may be inferred that the languages of Leyte have unique morphological differences, just as the other local languages.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

In the overview of the morphological analysis of Southern Leyteñong binisaja, its shows that the Southern Leyte has a unique characteristic. It was indicated that the developed study will help the people of the Southern Leyte understand the unique characteristics of their dialect. In this way of learning the native language of Southern Leyte can be preserved especially for the younger generation that is fixated on modern lingo or dialects. The results of the study show that because of their varied patterns, today's youth face significant challenges while trying to speak their native tongues. Therefore, in order to successfully convey to their students to preserve and promote native language, language teachers must have a thorough understanding of the morphological structure of their native tongue.

The limitation of this study is that most millennials nowadays are influenced by dynamic words rather than being directed toward the roots of their own tongue. In connection to this, the researchers proposed that there must be another study that should focus on the awareness on first language vocabulary among millennials and other younger generations.

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A REVIEW PAPER ON ASSESSING THE EFFICACY OF AGE CARE ADMINISTRATION IN MANGALORE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE INDIAN CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT
The literature review on the efficiency of age care administration in Mangalore highlights current practices, challenges, and cultural influences. It reveals persistent issues like inadequate funding, lack of trained personnel, and cultural insensitivity despite existing innovative efforts. Integrating modern management techniques with traditional caregiving is crucial for improvement. The review calls for comprehensive policy reforms, enhanced caregiver training, and greater community involvement to enhance age care services in Mangalore. This analysis also identifies significant opportunities across management, education, business, real estate, finance, coaching, and social work sectors to contribute to effective age care strategies.

KEY WORDS : *Age Care Administration, Elderly Care, Cultural Sensitivity, Financial Management in Age Care, Caregiver Training, Policy Impact.*

INTRODUCTION
India is witnessing a significant demographic shift, with the elderly population expected to double from 8% in 2011 to 15% by 2050. In urban areas like Mangalore, there's a growing demand for effective age care administration. This field encompasses diverse services aimed at enhancing the well-being of seniors, integrating social, cultural, and economic dimensions.

Mangalore's rich cultural milieu presents both opportunities and challenges for elderly care. While traditional values and community-centric approaches shape caregiving, there's a need to enhance them with modern management techniques. This literature review examines age care administration in Mangalore, focusing on current practices, challenges such as funding shortages and cultural sensitivity, and the role of community engagement.

By synthesizing academic studies, policy reports, and case studies, the review provides a comprehensive analysis. It identifies innovative practices, persistent challenges, and advocates for integrating modern methods with traditional caregiving approaches. Ultimately, the goal is to develop effective, culturally sensitive age care strategies that can serve as a model for other regions in India and globally.

OBJECTIVES
- Identify the need for reforms in age care administration in Mangalore and India.
- Explore the cultural perceptions and attitudes towards the elderly in India.
- Evaluate the need for comprehensive training programs for age care administrators, caregivers, and management.
- Investigate the role of financial education and accessibility in age care.
- Advocate for the integration of age care education into academic curricula and professional development, while highlightingthe long-term business potential of age care services.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE
AGE CARE IN MANGALORE AND INDIA
Monteiro, J. (2021): Highlights St. Antony's Home's efforts in Mangalore to provide shelter, medical, and psychological support to homeless individuals, aiding their rehabilitation and reintegration..

Bethany Congregation (n.d.): Details the Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany's mission and activities in social service and elderly care, emphasizing their role in community upliftment.
Roche & Kukkaje (2012): Reports on the challenges at St Ann's Home for the Aged in Mangalore, calling for support to improve housing and living conditions for elderly residents.

Pinto, M. (2020): Examines St. Anthony's Home for the Aged's role in Mangalore, highlighting their comprehensive elder care approach and its impact on residents' quality of life.

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Sequeira, J. (2016): Showcases St Joseph's Prashanth Nivas in Mangaluru, emphasizing its elder care services, nurturing environment, and significant community role.

Arunachalam & Thiruselvam (2018): Investigates the role of family in elderly care in India, highlighting cultural influences and the need for support systems for caregivers.

Rajashree & Singhai (2022): Discusses the need for legal aid reforms to better support the elderly in India, highlighting existing gaps and policy recommendations.

Govil et al. (2024): Explores experiences of working women providing eldercare, highlighting dual burdens and calling for supportive measures..

Vaz et al. (2024): Explores social and cultural factors influencing healthy aging in Bengaluru, suggesting tailored interventions to improve elderly well-being..

Chakraborty & Das (2021): Stresses the importance of awareness in enhancing eldercare quality, calling for educational campaigns and training programs.

Gupta & Kumar (2021): Analyzes challenges in Indian elder care homes, suggesting policy reforms and increased investment to improve care quality.

ADMINISTRATION

Asher, Vora, & Maurya (2015): Analyzes pension and healthcare initiatives for informal sector workers in India, highlighting gaps and calling for policy adjustments.

Denny & Vidya (2023): Investigates administrative efficiency of old age homes in Kottayam, linking effective administration to enhanced resident satisfaction.

Makwana & Elizabeth (2022): Evaluates India's National Program of Health-Care for the Elderly, discussing its impact and calling for scaled-up implementation.

MANAGEMENT/ POLICY

Kolhe (2019) analyzes pension reforms in India, emphasizing challenges in extending coverage to informal sector workers, urging policy reforms for better financial security.

Ram Mohan (2015) uses a governmentality framework to examine elderly care governance in India, advocating for inclusive policy-making to enhance elderly well-being.

Philip et al. (2011) explore small-scale interventions in Kerala's palliative care, highlighting their significant impact on patient and caregiver experiences, underscoring the value of community-based care models.

Vaishnav et al. (2022) review India's National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly, noting achievements in healthcare infrastructure while addressing ongoing challenges in funding and implementation.

Verma and Goel (2021) conduct a case study on age care homes in India, highlighting how strategic planning and staff training can significantly enhance elder care service quality.

Mehrotra (2024) compiles a directory of retirement communities in India, providing essential information on facilities and services for elderly individuals and families choosing suitable options.

Harbishettar, Gowda, and Chandra (2021) examine the regulation of long-term care homes for older adults in India, identifying regulatory gaps and advocating for a robust system to protect elderly rights.

Nayak, Bagchi, and Nayak (2012) explore public-private partnerships in healthcare finance and administration for the poor and elderly in India, highlighting benefits and challenges in expanding healthcare access.

Swamy (2013) explores institutional reforms enhancing financial access for India's poor, emphasizing their role in poverty reduction and economic stability, advocating for strengthened financial institutions and support mechanisms.

FINANCE AND ECONOMICS OF AGE CARE IN INDIA

Shaikh et al. (2018) find women in South India underutilize hospital care despite free services, urging gender-sensitive policies.

Reshmi et al. (2021) outline a systematic review protocol on health insurance awareness in India, stressing the need for enhanced literacy.

Reddy and Ramya (2020) analyze eldercare growth in India, highlighting entrepreneurial opportunities due to an aging population.

Gupta and Singh (2019) review entrepreneurial opportunities in India's eldercare sector, suggesting investment strategies.

Chatterjee and Sheoran (2021) explore socio-economic dynamics of eldercare in urban India, highlighting access challenges.

Maurya et al. (2019) review awareness and accessibility of assistive technologies for the elderly in India.

Brijnath (2011) explores reasons why institutionalized care is unpopular in urban India, proposing legislative and social reforms.

Bali (2014) analyzes the political economy of pension reforms in India, advocating for comprehensive policy changes.

SUGGESTIONS

- Advocate for age care as a crucial personal and national investment in daily conversations.
- Establish training programs for age care, covering skills relevant to business, education, and other sectors.
- Reform banking and financial systems to simplify accessibility for the elderly.
- Develop inclusive insurance policies covering age-related issues like dementia and falls.
- Create dedicated municipal offices to handle age care grievances with knowledgeable staff.

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- Enforce strict hiring protocols in age care homes for trained geriatric care professionals.
- Attract entrepreneurs and investors to the age care sector, highlighting business opportunities and social impact.
- Introduce age care education in schools, universities, and multinational corporations.
- Offer government subsidies and tax benefits for age care facilities and services.
- Foster community support networks for elderly individuals and families, providing emotional and practical assistance.

CONCLUSION

After conducting an in-depth review of age care administration in Mangalore and India, it is clear that urgent reforms are needed to address the significant gaps in current practices. The multifaceted aspects of age care, including the need for improved training programs, financial accessibility, and cultural sensitivity, underscore the necessity for comprehensive and immediate action. By integrating age care education, improving financial systems, and establishing grievance redressal mechanisms, we can create an effective and compassionate age care system that meets both current and future needs.

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ADOPTION OF E-COMMERCE TECHNOLOGY AMONG WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN COIMBATORE DISTRICT: A UTAUT 2 PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly accelerated the adoption of e-commerce technology across various sectors, including among women entrepreneurs. Many women entrepreneurs have shifted their businesses online to adapt to changing consumer behaviors and restrictions on physical retail during the pandemic. This shift has been particularly evident in sectors such as retail, fashion, food, and handicrafts. This study focuses on E-commerce Technology adoption by women entrepreneurs in Coimbatore district, Tamilnadu. The questionnaire was framed based on The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT 2) framework to analyze the acceptance and use of e-commerce technology among women entrepreneurs and to study various constructs that encouraged women entrepreneurs to adopt and use e-commerce. It is seen the construct- behavioral intention to use technology and facilitating conditions were found to have a significant influence on women entrepreneurs to use e-commerce applications and all other constructs have influence on one another and have an greater impact on women entrepreneurs to adopt and use e-commerce technology.

KEYWORDS: *UTAUT 2, Women entrepreneur, E-commerce, Technology*

INTRODUCTION

India has 63 million micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), of which around 20% are women-owned. By accelerating women's entrepreneurship, India could generate more than 30 million women-owned enterprises, potentially creating 150 to 170 million jobs. In recent years, the entrepreneurship landscape has undergone a significant transformation with the advent of e-commerce technology. Coimbatore, a bustling industrial city in Tamil Nadu, India, renowned for its entrepreneurial spirit, has seen a surge in women entrepreneurs embracing digital platforms to drive their businesses forward. This study investigates the extent of e-commerce adoption by women-owned Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To study about the different factors that influence the adoption of e-commerce among women entrepreneurs.
- To study about the different Behavioral Intention to Use Technology by women entrepreneurs.
- To identify the facilitating conditions for the use of e-commerce technology by women entrepreneurs.
- To analyze the different constructs of UTAUT 2 that influence women entrepreneurs to use technology and their correlations.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A similar study was conducted by Ananya Goswami, Sraboni Dutta, (2016), E-Commerce Adoption by Women Entrepreneurs in India: An Application of the UTAUT Model, Business and Economic Research, Vol. 6, No. 2 showed that the women entrepreneurs have accepted that e-commerce applications can enhance the productivity and profitability of their businesses and therefore, it is acting as a positive influence on their intention to use e-commerce.

P. Manimalathi, (2013), Women entrepreneurs in Coimbatore district, Shanlax International Journal of Economics, states that women entrepreneurs in Coimbatore get enough opportunity to start a business but they had to overcome some problems to sustain their business and their status in society had also been improved due to entrepreneurship.

E-commerce Technology Adoption

E-commerce technology encompasses a broad spectrum of digital tools and platforms that facilitate online buying and selling of goods and services. For women entrepreneurs leveraging e-commerce presents an opportunity to reach a wider audience, streamline operations, and enhance competitiveness in the marketplace. India, with its rapidly growing Internet user base,

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has witnessed significant e-commerce adoption. Mobile commerce, in particular, has contributed to this growth, with 41% of e-commerce sales occurring via mobile platforms

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT)

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) emerged as a result of efforts to consolidate and integrate various models and theories related to technology acceptance. The history of UTAUT can be traced back to the early 2000s when researchers Viswanath Venkatesh, Fred D. Davis, and others recognized the need for a unified framework to understand the complex factors influencing individuals' acceptance and adoption of new technologies.

Prior to UTAUT, several models and theories existed to explain technology acceptance, including the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA), Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB), and Innovation Diffusion Theory (IDT). While each of these models offered valuable insights, they also had limitations and focused on specific aspects of technology acceptance.

In response, Venkatesh, Davis, and their colleagues sought to develop a comprehensive framework that could integrate the key constructs from existing models and provide a more holistic understanding of technology acceptance. Their goal was to create a model that could account for the influence of various factors such as performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions on individuals' behavioral intentions and actual usage of technology.

The UTAUT framework was first proposed in a seminal paper titled "User Acceptance of Information Technology: Toward a Unified View" published in the journal MIS Quarterly in 2003. Since then, UTAUT has been widely cited and adopted by researchers in the fields of information systems, management, and psychology. It has also undergone further refinement and validation through empirical research and has been applied in various contexts to study the acceptance and use of different types of technologies, including mobile devices, social media, and enterprise systems.

UTAUT identifies four key constructs that influence technology acceptance:

- Performance Expectancy: This refers to the degree to which an individual believes that using the technology will help them perform their tasks more effectively or efficiently.
- Effort Expectancy: It reflects the perceived ease of use associated with using the technology. If individuals believe that using the technology will be easy and require minimal effort, they are more likely to adopt it.
- Social Influence: This construct captures the impact of social factors, such as norms, opinions, and support from others, on an individual's decision to adopt the technology. The influence of peers, colleagues, and other social networks can significantly affect technology acceptance.
- Facilitating Conditions: This refers to the extent to which individuals perceive that the necessary resources, support, and infrastructure are available to facilitate the use of the technology. Factors such as technical support, training, and access to necessary equipment can influence facilitating conditions.

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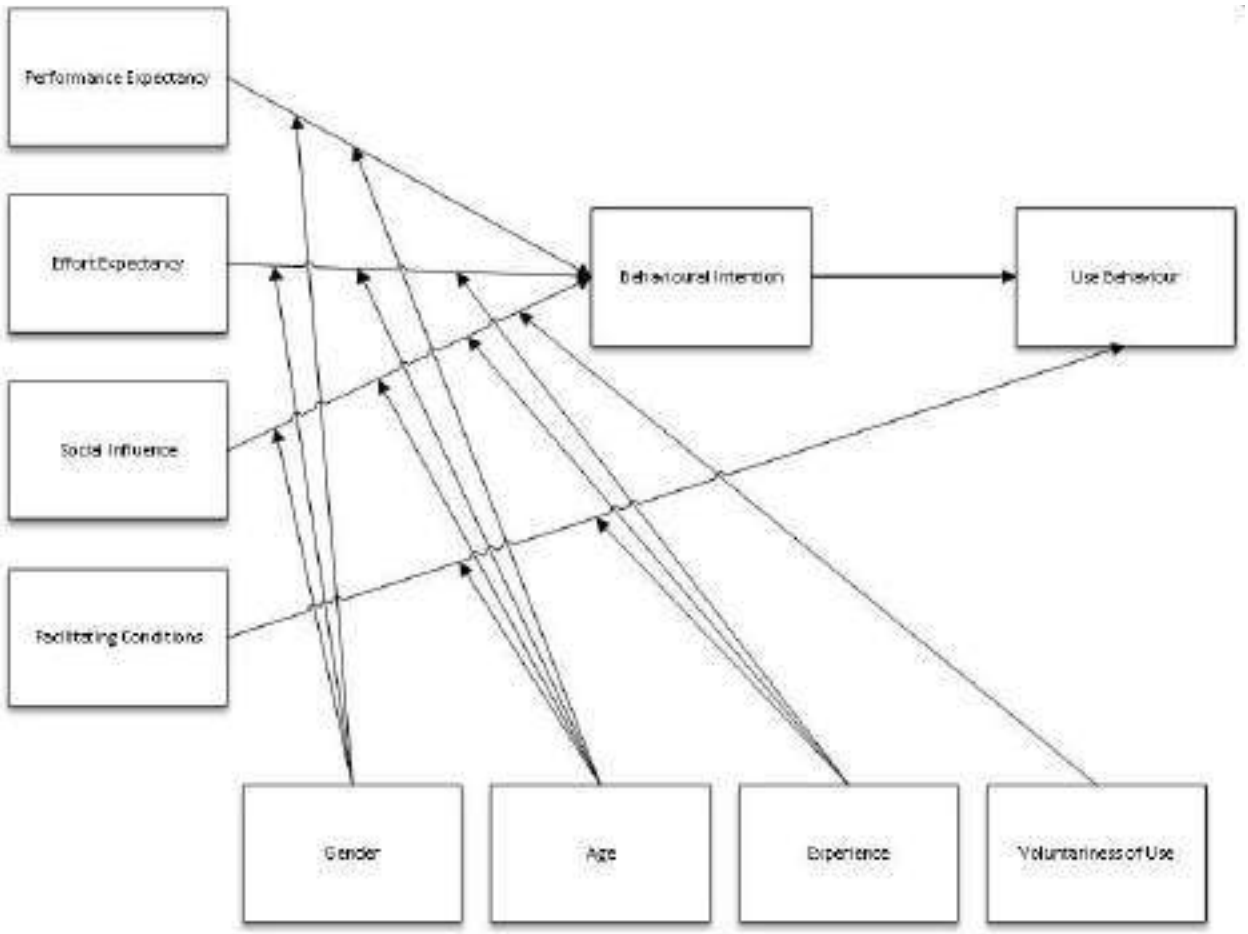


Figure 1. The UTAUT Model, Venkatesh et al. (2003)

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT 2)

Additionally, UTAUT 2 includes moderators such as gender, age, experience, and voluntariness of use, which can influence the strength of the relationships between the four key constructs and technology acceptance. UTAUT2, introduced by Venkatesh et al.2012, retained the core constructs of the original UTAUT but added three new constructs:

- Hedonic Motivation: This refers to the pleasure or enjoyment individuals derive from using technology. It captures the extent to which using the technology is perceived as fun or enjoyable.
- Price Value: This construct reflects individuals' perceptions of the economic cost-benefit trade-offs associated with using the technology. It considers factors such as the perceived value for money and the affordability of the technology.
- Habit: Habit represents how technology use becomes automatic or habitual for individuals over time. It accounts for the influence of past behaviors and routines on current technology usage. The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT 2) which

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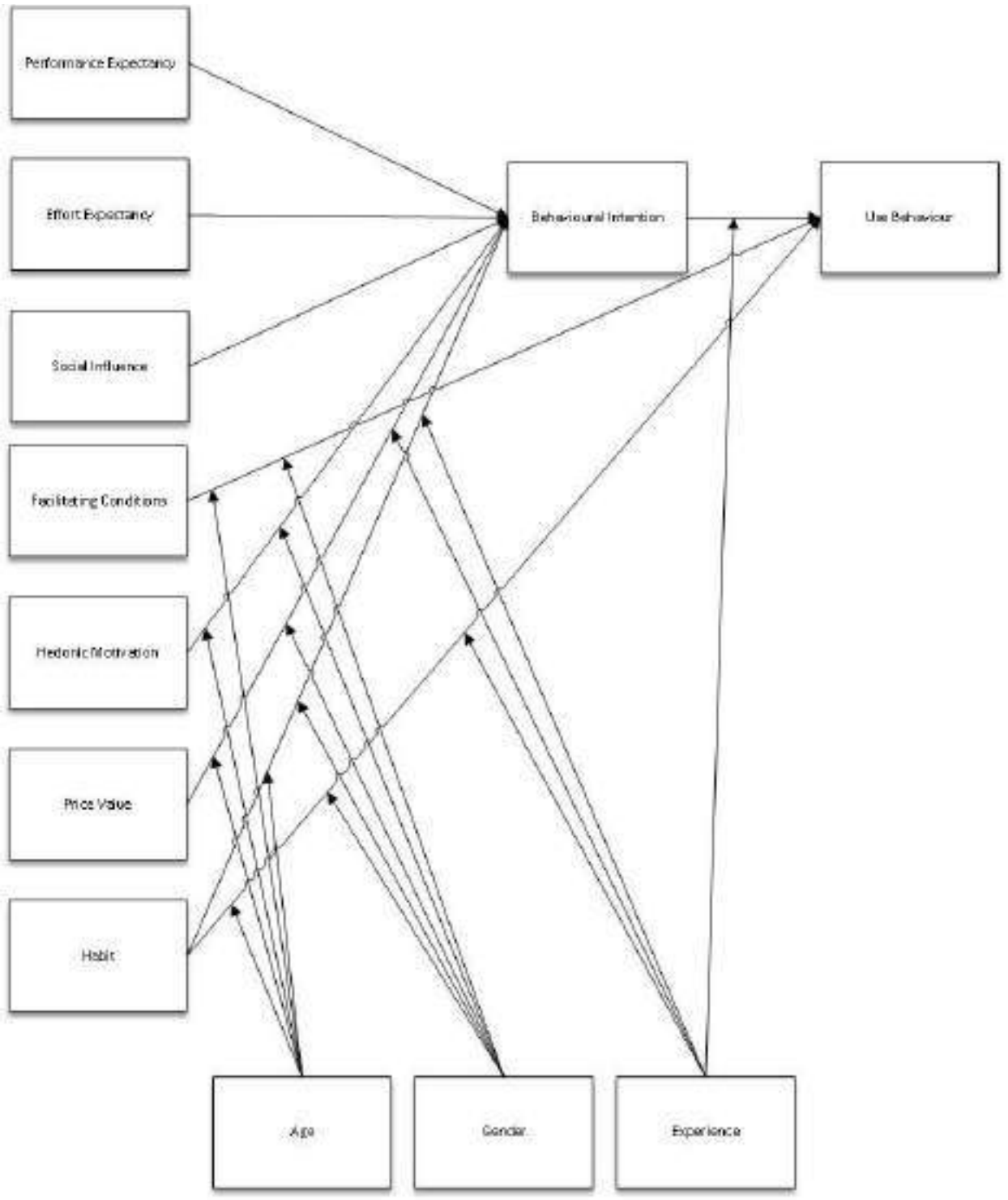


Figure 2. The UTAUT 2 Model, Venkatesh et al. (2012)

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

To study about the various factors that affect the acceptance and usage of e-commerce amongst the women entrepreneurs in Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, India, implementing the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT2). The total sample consisted of 100 women entrepreneurs engaged in Beauty & Cosmetics, Food Products & Services, Garments, Handicrafts, Printing & Photography and Travel & Advertising in Coimbatore

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city. A structured questionnaire was used to collect data from individuals. The convenience sampling method was used as the ones who were easily accessible were taken as a sample size from the rest of the population.

- **Simple Percentage Method**

Table No.1
Demographic Profiles of the Respondents

Category	Number of Responses	Percentage(%)
Age		
Under 30	9	9
30-40	70	70
40-50	16	16
50 and above	5	5
Marital Status		
Married	79	79
Unmarried	18	18
Widow	2	2
Divorce	1	1
Education Level		
High school (upto 12th std)	10	10
Bachelor's Degree	87	87
Master's Degree or higher	3	3
Type of E-commerce Business		
Beauty & Cosmetics	23	23
Food Products & Services	18	18
Electrical Goods	3	3
Garments	25	25
Handicrafts	11	11
Leather Goods	9	9
Printing Photography	6	6
Travel & Advertising	5	5

Inference: From the above table it is observed that 70% of the women entrepreneurs belonged to the age group of 30-40 which is the majority, 25% and 23% of them are in the Garments & Beauty and Cosmetic business respectively.

The questionnaire provided covers several key factors outlined in the UTAUT-2 model. Here's how each question corresponds to the relevant construct:

- **Behavioral Intention to Use**

Behavioral Intention to Use is one of the constructs that influences women entrepreneurs to use technology for their business. It is observed that 89% of women entrepreneurs use e-commerce for payment processing, 84% for Customer Service, 80% for Sales and Marketing, and 22% for Inventory Management.

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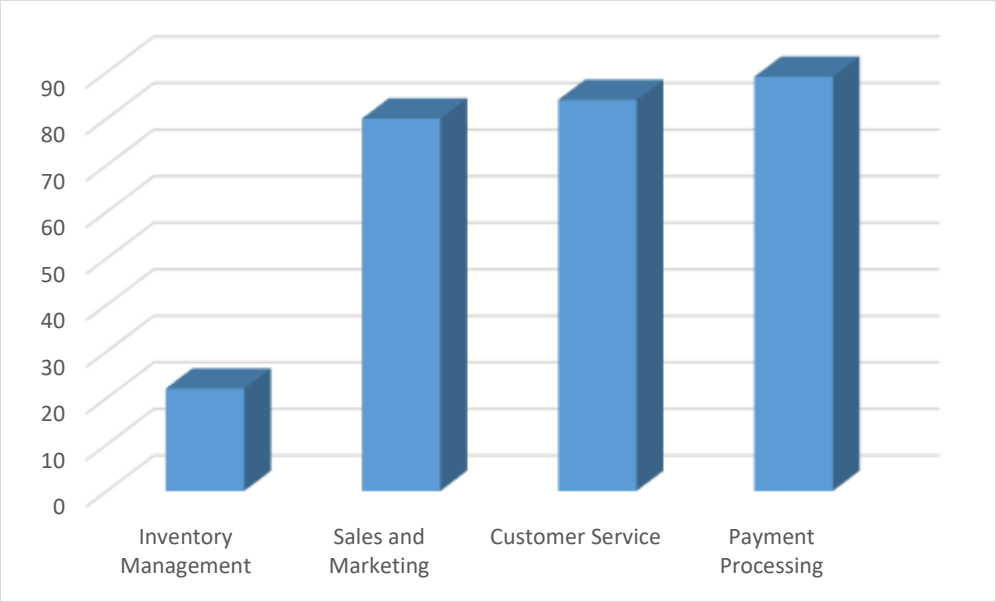


Figure 3. Behavioral Intention to Use E-commerce

➢ **Facilitating Conditions**

Facilitating conditions means the resources or support required to effectively use e-commerce technology for business was analyzed based on the responses where 96% of the women entrepreneurs opted for more financial assistance, 87% suggested training programs, 76 % opted for Technical Support and 66% suggested better internet connectivity for effectively using e-commerce technology.

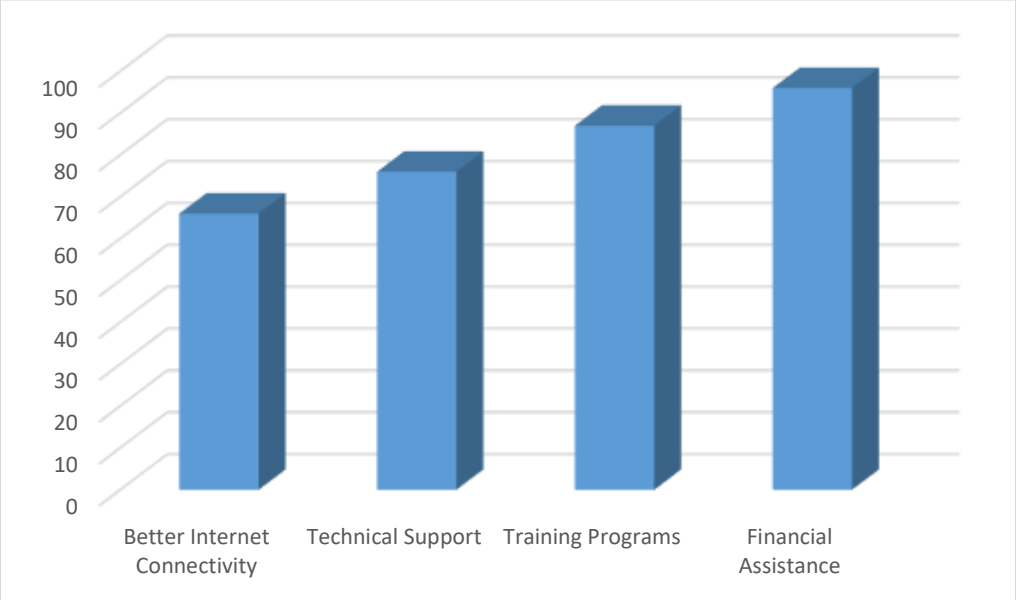


Figure:4 - Facilitating conditions to use e-commerce technology

➢ **Correlation Analysis**

Correlation Analysis was used to learn the strength of the correlation between each determinant(constructs) and the behavioral intention to use e-commerce by the women entrepreneurs.

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Pearson's Correlations

Variable		Performance Expectancy	Effort Expectancy	Behavioral Intention to Use	Hedonic Motivation	Price Value	Satisfaction	Social Influence
1. Performance Expectancy	Pearson's r	—						
	p-value	—						
2. Effort Expectancy	Pearson's r	0.923	—					
	p-value	< .001	—					
3. Behavioral Intention to Use	Pearson's r	0.923	0.868	—				
	p-value	< .001	< .001	—				
4. Hedonic Motivation	Pearson's r	0.871	0.913	0.838	—			
	p-value	< .001	< .001	< .001	—			
5. Price Value	Pearson's r	0.820	0.748	0.802	0.721	—		
	p-value	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	—		
6. Satisfaction	Pearson's r	0.881	0.855	0.879	0.867	0.822	—	
	p-value	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	—	
7. Social Influence	Pearson's r	0.803	0.728	0.760	0.760	0.942	0.831	—
	p-value	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	< .001	—

A Pearson correlation coefficient (r) with values closer to 1, indicates a stronger relationship between each determinant. A p-value less than 0.001 indicates that the observed correlation coefficient is statistically significant at the 0.001 level. Therefore the null hypothesis can be rejected and it can be concluded that all the constructs i.e Performance Expectancy, Effort Expectancy, Behavioral Intention to Use, Hedonic Motivation, Price Value, Satisfaction and Social Influence have an positive influence on women entrepreneurs in adopting e-commerce technology.

CONCLUSION

The Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology 2 (UTAUT 2), its different constructs Performance Expectancy, Effort Expectancy, Behavioral Intention to Use, Hedonic Motivation, Price Value, Satisfaction and Social Influence positively impact sampled women entrepreneurs to adopt and use technology.

The adoption of e-commerce technology among the sampled women entrepreneurs in the Coimbatore District is driven by a combination of performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, and facilitating conditions, as outlined by the UTAUT framework. Social influence support or encouragement from your social circle (Family members and friends) regarding the use of e-commerce technology for business also has a greater impact on women entrepreneurs. Moreover, their behavioral intention to use technology has made their business more sustainable. By understanding these factors and addressing the specific needs and challenges faced by women entrepreneurs further assistance can be provided in terms of financial assistance, training facilities, workshops and better infrastructure which can encourage the present entrepreneurs to grow and welcome new women entrepreneurs to adopt e-commerce for a much faster growth in their venture.

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A LITERATURE REVIEW OF AMAVATA

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ABSTRACT
Due to the busy schedule and cut throat competition of life in the society no one can focus to maintain their health to healthy form. The things that create trouble in most of the people are having faulty dietary habit & not following daily and seasonal regimen (Dina charya & Rutucharya) as stipulated in Ayurveda. So different diseases related to daily life are rampantly appeared, out of them Amavata is one of the most common disease. It is made up of two words i.e. Ama and Vata. Various factors are responsible for mandagni like virudha ahara, virudha chesta (Sharirika as well as Manasika). Due to Mandagni Anna rasa does not undergo proper digestion as it results in Apakwa anna rasa which accumulates in Amashaya is known as Ama.[1] This Ama circulates all over the body, if kha vaigunya occurs it obstructs the srotas and vitiates Vata dosha. This vitiated Vata dosha with Ama enter dhamanis and circulate all over the body. The vitiated Vata & Ama enter into the trika sandhi leads to stiffness of body, which is called as Amavata. The clinical sign & symptom of Amavata mentioned in different Ayurvedic classics is partially equivalent to the clinical sign & symptoms of Rheumatoid arthritis. It possesses a challenge to the physicians owing to its apparent chronicity, incurability, complications and morbidity. Females are three times more affected than male. Treatment for Amavata are Langhana, Swedana, Tikta Deepana, Katu Dravya sevan,Virechana, Snehapana & Vasti.

KEYWORDS: *Mandagni, Ama, Vata, Amavata*

INTRODUCTION
Ayurveda is the ancient record where several diseases were named defining its characteristics along with treatments. Not only about these things there are so many methods and regulations of living in a healthy society are also mentioned. The diseases mentioned in Ayurveda Samhita mainly named and mentioned in such a particular way that it clearly shows the characteristics of its own. From there Amavata is one of them. Ama has a great role in creating various diseases mentioned in Ayurveda. Especially due to Mandagni Ama forms in the body from apakwa anna rasa. The Ama through several channels reaches the Kapha sthanas and affects the joints. Symptomatically we can compare it to Rheumatoid Arthritis. The mid aged people are affected mostly in this disease due to their sedentary life style.

AIM & OBJECTIVES
- To review disease Aamvata from various Ayurvedic samhitas.
- To review the treatment principle from various Ayurvedic samhitas.

Definition of Ama
Due to mandagni, Aahara rasa remains in apakwa avastha and it gradually forms Ama in the body. It leads to prakopa of all doshas.

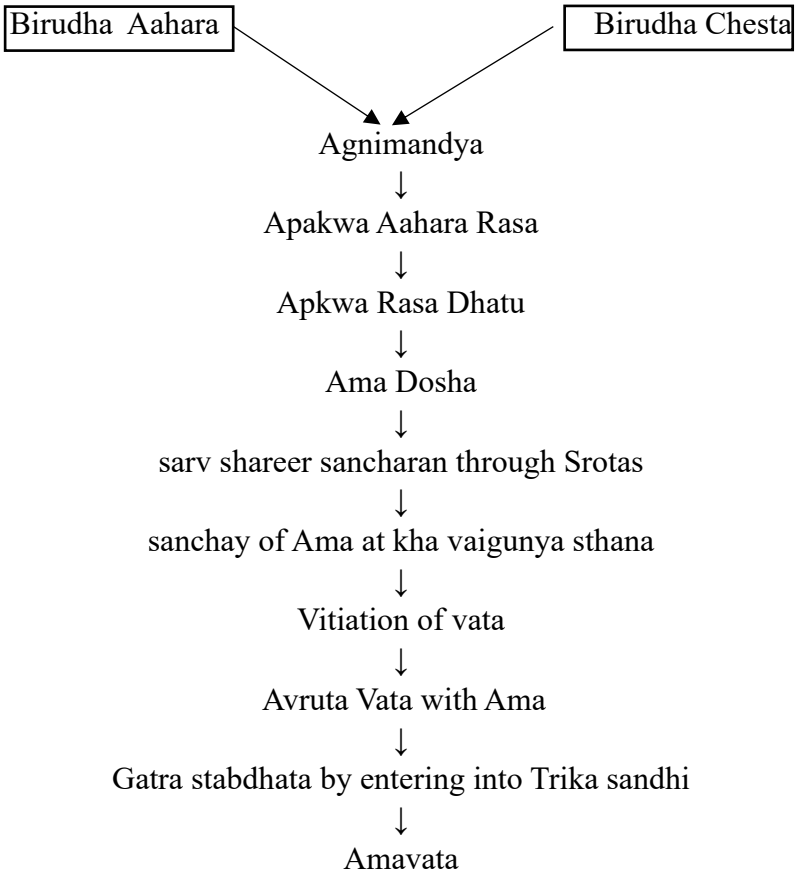
Nidan of Ama
Only eating food in large quantities causes Amadosha, it is not so, but Guru (Which delayed to digest), Rukshya, Cold, Dry, Dwisht (towards which one has hatred to some reason), Constipating, Vidaahi (Causing irritation), untimely consumption of impure and contaminated food and drink, with a heart distressed by lust, anger, greed, attachment, jealousy, shame, grief, pride, nervousness or fear. The food and drink that is eaten is also contaminated with Amadosha. [2]

Etiology (Nidan) of Amavata:[3]
- **Viruddhahara:** Dietary items that tend to go against the system and are unsuitable for the body's regular Dhatu (tissue elements) and Doshas are referred to as Viruddha. Similar to the case with Amavata, this Viruddha Ahara is the most common etiological cause for most disorders.
- **Viruddha Cheshta:** A precise description of Viruddha Cheshta is lacking. It is the primary factor in the disease's presentation since it vitiates Agni, which ultimately results in the formation of Ama.
- **Mandagni:** When the body's Agni is not working properly, Ama is formed, which can cause a number of illnesses.

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- **Nischalata:** Physical inactivity causes Kapha Vriddhi, which in turn causes Agnimandya, which in turn causes Ama to form.
- Doing exercise after taking snigdha aahara.

Samprapti:[4]



Classification

In Madhava Nidana, Acharya Madhavakara has mentioned according to Dosha which are as follows. [5]

Eka Doshaja

1) Vataja
2) Pittaja
3) Kaphaja

Dwi Doshaja

1) Vataja-pittaja
2) Pitta-kaphaja
3) Kapha-vataja

Tridoshaja

In the Tridoshaja types of Amavata, symptoms of all three Doshas are found.

- ❖ **Bhavaprakasha and Yogaratnakara has also given same classification.**

Accordind to Acharya Sharangadhara[6]

1) Vataja
2) Pittaja
3) Kaphaja
4) Sannipataja

According to Harita: [7]

Amavata has been divided into four types by Acharya Harita based on clinical symptoms. They are listed below.

1) **Vishtambhi:** This kind of Amavata has Adhmana, Bastishula, Gatra Gaurava, and Gatra.
2) **Gulmi:** This kind of Amavata has Gulmavat Pida, Kati Jadata, and Jathara Garjana (peristaltic noises).
3) **Snehi:** This kind of Amavata contains Gatra Snigdhata, Jadya, Mandagni, and the excretion of Vijala and Snigdha Ama.
4) **Sarvangi:** This type contains the excretion of Pitta, Shyama, Vijjala Ama, Shrama, and Klama.

Purvarupa [8]

Amavata is not distinctly mentioned in Brihatrayi. Only Vangasena has given Shiroruja and Gatraruja as Purvarupa of of Amavata

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Samanya Rupa according to Various Acharyas

Rupa	H.S.	A. N.	M. N.	B.P.	Y.R.
1) Angamarda	-	-	+	+	+
2) Aruchi	-	-	+	+	+
3) Trishna	-	+	+	+	+
4) Angagaurava	-	+	+	+	+
5) Angashunata	-	-	+	+	+
6) Angavaikalya	+	-	-	-	-
7) Agnisada	-	+	+	+	+
8) Alasya	-	-	+	+	+
9) Asyavairasya	-	-	+	+	-
10) Apaka	-	+	+	+	+
11) Antrakujana	-	+	+	+	+
12) Anaha	-	+	+	+	+
13) Amatisara	+	-	-	-	-
14) Bahumutrata	-	+	+	+	+
15) Bhrama	-	+	+	+	+
16) Chhardi	-	+	+	+	+
17) Daha	-	+	+	+	+
18) Daurbalya	-	-	+	+	+
19) Gaurava	-	-	+	+	+
20) Grahanidosha	-	-	-	-	+
21) Hastapadashiroruja	+	+	+	+	+
22) Hastapadasandhishotha	+	+	+	+	+
23) Hridgraha	+	-	+	+	+
24) Jwara	+	+	+	+	+
25) Jadyata	-	+	+	+	+
26) Kukshishula	-	-	+	+	+
27) Kukshi Kathinya	-	-	+	+	+
28) Kandu	-	-	+	+	+
29) Murchha	-	-	+	+	+
30) Trishna	-	+	+	+	+
31) Trikashula	+	-	+	+	+
32) Staimitya	+	+	+	+	+
33) Sandhi Raga	-	+	+	+	-
34) Utsahahani	-	-	+	+	+
35) Shirahshula	+	-	+	+	+
36) Praseka	+	-	+	+	+

Pravrudha Amavata Lakshan

When this Amavata intensifies and affects every joint in the body, including the hands, feet, head, heels, waist, knees, and thighs, it becomes severe. This causes excruciating swelling that moves from joint to joint as the doshas move around. It results in excruciating swelling (inflammation) in the hands, legs, head, ankle, sacrum, knees, and thighs, as well as in any area where the morbid material (Ama) settles.

Symptoms according to doshas

- **Vata yukta lakshana:** Shula
- **Pitta yukta lakshana:** Daha & Raga
- **Kapha yukta lakshana:** Staimitya, guru, kandu

Sadhyasadhyata lakshana:[11]

- **Sadhya:** Ekadosha
- **Yapya:** Dwidosha
- **Kruchrasadhya:** Sannipatika, Sarvadeha chara with sotha

Treatment: [12]

- Langhana
- Swedana
- Tikta Deepana
- Katu Dravya Sevan
- Virechana
- Snehapana
- Vasti
- Anubasana with Saindhavadi Taila
- Kshyara Vasti
- Rukshya sweda with Baluka potali

❖ **Maharshi Charak** has mentioned in his 28th Chapter of Chikitsa Sthana that in Amavata we can treat the patient with Prameha, Vata & Medaghna principle.[13]

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DISCUSSION

Mandagni is the primary cause of Amavata, and treatment necessitates full digestion of Ama, which occupies the entire body. As previously mentioned, a detailed description of Amavata is given in terms of acute and gradual pathogenesis of Ama formation, Nidana, Classification, Purvarupa, Rupa, Sadhyasadhyata and Chikitsa, among others. When various procedures such as Langhana, Deepana, and Pachana, etc., are followed, Agni returns to it's normal stage, Ama is digested at a different level, and stiffness decreases along with the other primary symptoms like pain, swelling, etc.

CONCLUSION

Amavata is a complicated of disease, pathogenesis of which lies in era of Ama after Mandagni. This Ama alongside with vitiated Vata and Kapha dosha consequences in Dosha-Dushya combination, as a result producing the Nidus for signs of Amavata to occur. The sickness Amavata can be effectively compare to Rheumatoid arthritis. The purpose of the treatment in Amavata is to minimize Ama through its metabolism (Ama-pachana) and to normalise the two vitiated Vata and Kapha Dosha. Chronicity makes this disease difficulty for the treatment.

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EFFECT OF AUSADHA ON MADHYABHAKTA KALA IN AGNIMANDHYA

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ABSTRACT
Kala is the inevitable and the cause of everything that happens. According to the description, Anayathasiddha Nimitta Karana, there can be no action without the effect of kala. So Ayurveda being the science of life, gives huge emphasis on the concept of Kala.TrisutraAyurved is of prime importance while treating a patient. Hetu (causative factors), linga (signs and symptoms) and ausadha (medicine) are considered as TrisutraAyurved. Since Agni is the most important element in preserving Dhatu Samya, all therapeutic approaches aim to maintain and retain the potency of Agni. Ausadha Sevan Kala will help in food and drug interaction which is helpful to attain a quick and sustainable relief to the patient. kala, is a crucial component that needs to be consideration while treatment.Our acharyas have explained the relationship of kala and dosha while treating a disease .These days, treating a patient does not take this relationship into consideration. Agnimandya is the condition when the Agni's activity is inhibited, which causes food even small amounts to be partially or partially digested or to be indigestion. Ayurvedic classics suggest that poor lifestyle choices, such as poor eating habits, irregular sleep patterns, stress, and so on, are the primary causes of agnimandya. Therefore, practically all diseases that are caused by Agnimandya can be treated or prevented with this in perspective.

KEYWORDS: *Agni, Agnimandya, madhyabhakta kala*

INTRODUCTION
Acharya Charak says that Ausadha given at Appropriate Kala is more effective than one given at inappropriate Kala. Agni is considered to be responsible for a healthy person's optimal metabolism and digestion. Ausadha interaction should stimulate the Agni at all levels- Jatharagni, Bhutagni and Dhatwagni. When dipanadravya is to be given in a patient of Agnimandya, augmentation of Jatharagni is achieved by the administration of Ausadha at the Madhyabhakta Kala. Here localized Agni- Ausadha interaction is also facilitated due to Samana Vayu association. The Acharayas gave upon that Kala and Agni both havebeen accorded the status of Parinamakara bhava. Therefore, a comprehensive understanding of the Agni-Bhaishajya interaction in the BhaishajyasevanKala will help in the medication's rapid effect, lower dosage, and longer duration of usage. Every Kala is dependent on the action of vata dosha. Pitta and Kapha dosha has got silent role amongst the Kala because the moving property of drug is by the action of vata dosha. Ausadha Sevan Kala is therefore crucial in the treatment of patient.

ROLE OF AGNI
Basic principles of Ayurveda state that Agni plays a significant part in the physiological processes of body. There is no distinction between the biological Agni found inside living things and the Agni that is visible from the outside. Both have the ability to effect change; one operates outside of a living thing and the other inside of one. According to the site of action the types of agni are Jatharagni, Dhatwagni and Bhuthagni . Jatharagni is regarded as the best of all Agnis. The power of Jatharagni determine the function of other Agni, such as Dhatwagni and Bhutagni, .As the consumed food is panchabhautik and must be transformed by the corresponding bhutagni which is stimulated by jatharagni . Then only it becomes easier for jatharagni to digest and for dhatwagni to metabolise the tissue. After that, processed metabolic products are continuously circulated inside the strotas with the aid of vata dosha. This promotes tissue growth as well as tissue development, strength, complexity, and happiness. Longevity, immunity, health, and other essential activities are all dependent on jatharagni when it is in its normal state. Jatharagni's weakness will lead to inappropriate Rasadhatu formation, which will hamper the production of UttarottarDhatu. In the ayurvedic context A reduction in intensity of agni is referred to as "Agnimandya".

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
- To evaluate, discuss and elaborate the ayurvedic concept of Agnimandya and role of Agni
- Action of ausadha on madhyabhakta sevanakala

MATERIALS AND METHODS
This article is based on a review of Ayurvedic texts. Materials related to Ausadhasevana kala, Agni, Agnimandya and other

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relevant topics have been collected. The main Ayurvedic texts used in this study are collected from Charak samhita, Sushruta samhita, Astangsangraha, Astanghridaya, Madavnidana and available commentaries on these. Relavent topics also collected from various websites to get information.

BHAISHAJYA KALA

Time of administration of medicine is known as bhaishajya kala

NUMBER OF BHAISHAJYA KALA

1. Acharya Charak,Sushruta, Ashtang Hridaya 10
2. AshtangSangraha 11
3. Sharangadhara 5

S.no.	Charak Samhita[1]	Sushruta Samhita[2]	Ashtanghridayam[3]	AshtangSangraha[4]	SharangadharSamhita[5]
1	*Nirannam*	*Abhakta*		+	*Suryodaya(pratah)*
2	*Bhuktadau(pratah)*	*Pragbhakta*	+	+	+
3	*Bhuktadu(sayam)*	*Madhya Bhakta*	+	+	
4	*Bhukta Madhya*	*Adhobhakta*	+	+	+
5	*Bhuktapaschat*	*Antarabhakta*		+	
6	*Bhaktasayuktam*	*Sabhakta*	+	+	
7	*Samudga*	+	+	+	
8	*Muhurmuhu*		+	+	+
9	*Grase*	*Grasebhakta*	+	+	
10	*Grasantarabhakt*			+	
11			*Nishi*	+	+
Total	10	10	10	11	5

NIDANA OF AGNIMANDHYA (ETIOLOGY)

One disease can arise from a single etiological factor or many factors together may responsible for a single disease, and vice versa. This is applicable to Agnimandhya since the disease is caused by one or more etiological factors.

The Nidanas of Agnimandhya are not discussed individually in Ayurvedic texts. several factors are responsible for the occuring of agnimandhya.

Acharya Charak[6] explains them as Abhojana, Ajirnabhojana, Atibhojana, Visamasana, Atirukşa Bhojana, Guru Bhojana, Sita Bhojana, AsatmyaBhojan, VirekaVibhrama, Vamana Vibhrama, Sneha Vibhrama, VyadhiKarsana , Desha-Kala-Ritu Vaisamya, Vega Vidharana.

Acharya Sushrut[7] describes factors causing improper digestion of food even though taken in normal quantity as Atyāmbupāna,Viṣamāśana, Swapna Viparyaya and eating food being afflicted with Irshyā, Bhaya, Krodh, Lobha, Soka .

Acharya Vagbhat[8] explains that over eating is not the only cause for Ama Dosha; instead Dwista, Vishtambhi , Dagdha, Ama, Guru, Ashuchi, Vidahi, Atyambupluta also not digested properly.

RUPAS OF AGNIMANDHYA [9]

Various sign and symptoms according to Acharya Charak are Avipaka, UdaraGaurava, Kşudhanasa, Arochaka, Mukhasoşa, Mukha Durgandha, Adhamana,Kukşiprapidana, Chardi, Atisara, Vata-VarcaApravartana, Angamarda/Gatrasadana, Karsya, Daurbalya, Vaivarṇya, Hṛdayavarodha, SiroGaurava, Bhrama, PakvasayaSula, Pindikodveṣtana.

Acharya Sushrut has given various sign and symptoms as Avipaka, SakaştaJaraṇa, Udara Gaurava,Praseka,Chardi, Angamarda, SiroGaurava, Kasa, Swasa.

Acharya Vagbhat explains various sign and symptoms as Avipaka, Sakaşta Jaraṇa, Udara Gaurava, Mukhasoşa, Adhamana, Atopa, Antrakuṇjana, Hṛdayavaroda.

Samprapti

Agnimandya is a critical stage in the pathophysiology of numerous illnesses. The cause of Dosha-prakopa is Hetusevana. These prakupita dosha vitiate the Dushya and their sammurchana leading to numerous disease primarily it starts with Agnimandya. Due to decrease in intensity of agni the apakwaahararasa is produced and it leads to srotorodha and amauttpatti.

AGNIMANDYA AS A SYMPTOM

Acharya has described Agnimandya as a main symptom in diseases like Jwara, Pandu, Atisara, Grahani, AjeernaGulma, Kamala, Shotha, Shwasa, Pratishyaya, Arsha etc.

EFFECT OF AGNIMANDYA ON HEALTH

Digestive fire, also known as Pachak Agni is necessary for the full and healthy digestion of ahara.Due to the low intensity of agni ahara can not digested or absorbed properly .This Toxic substances accumulate in the body as a result of Ama .

- Accumulation of Ama causes numerous disorders and this Ama acts like poison
- It weakens the body because of insufficient amount diet
- Hence, Agnimandya is the main factor behind all metabolic diseases.

MADHYABHAKTAKALA

Madhyabhakta is the kala when medicine is administered in between the meal. In this person is asked to consume half of his meal and then advised to have medicine and then the remaining part of meal is administered.

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Synonyms: Madhyebhaktam, Madhya bhojanam, madhye

MODE OF ACTION OF AUSADHA ON MADHYABHAKTA KALA

Food inhibits the Urdhwagati and Adhahgati of Bhaishajya and making them act locally and helping to treat Sthanik Doshas. Both Samana Vayu and Pachaka Pitta are located in the Kostha. After the consumption of food,in the beginning the digestion process activates which in turn triggers Samana Vayu and Pachaka Pitta .As a result, Saman Vayu will act upon the medication consumed and assist in providing an approximate outcome. The medication is then ingested, covering it and keeping it from being spit out. The medicine used during this Kala has a particular strong effect on Samana Vayu. Agni or Pachaka Pitta begins to function properly once this Samana Vayu is improved. All Pittas are nourished by the Pachaka Pitta. If Pachaka Pitta is corrected, then all Pittas will function normally.This Kala utility is in the control of Pittaja, KoshthagataVyadhis and Samanavayudushti.

UPADRAVA OF AGNIMANDHYA

The vitiated dosa which are the cause of occurring agnimandhya leads to ajirna. It is almost an inevitable sequel of Agnimandhya.

MANAGEMENT OF AGNIMANDYA[10]

- Nidanaparivarjana
- Shodhana[11] therapy should be used to eradicate Agnimandya if it is caused by vitiated dosha.
- Ayurvedic medicine like agnitundivati, chitrakadivati, shankavati, Lavanbhaskarchurna, Hingwashtakchurna, Aviparrikarchurna should be given.
- Single herb like shunthi, pippali, ajwain, marich, bhallatak as they are having katu- Tiktta rasa are mainly act on agnimandya.
- Regular physical exercise

Diet maintain: Till the time agni becomes normal, patients should be kept on light and easily digestible foods like soups of vegetables, rice gruel, khichari of rice and green gram, warm water, and plenty of fluids.

DISCUSSION

There are various factors affecting Ausadha Sevana Kala such as types and severity of disease, the state of Agni, patient internal constitution/Prakriti, age, sex and presence of other disease conditions, environmental factors/ Desha.The status of Agni in each Kala is used as a key to explain the activity of Bheshaja in particular Kala. Concept of Agni in relation to Bhaishajya Kaala is elaborated under nine subsections. They include type of Dravya, Rasa, Virya and Vipaka of Dravya,Expected activity of Dravya, Formulation of Bheshaja, Influence of Dravya - all have been considered with reference to Agni Sarira Bheda, Types of individuals, here the metabolizing capacity of these individuals is shown to influence the Bhaishajya Kala directly.

Majority of the Bhaishajya Kala is related to food. In the food, the Pancamahabhutas could be said to be in a latent phase of activity as compared to the Bheshaja. So, it can be said opined that the rate of metabolism of Bheshaja by Agni is regulated by food in the designing of Bhaishajya Kaala by the ancient physicians. Because Agni and Kaala both are Parinamakara Bhavas, they could be symbiotically applied to augment the therapeutic efficacy of the Bheshaja.The expected Agni-Bheshaja interaction in the diseased can be regulated by the choice of appropriate Bhaishajya Kaala.

Agimandya itself is a disease as well as the causative factor of numerous other disorders. Due to tridoshavaisamya the function of jatharagni become suppressed which is especially referred to as Agnimāńdya. Acharya Charak, Acharya Sushrut and Acharya Vaghbhat have described its various causes which can be divided into Āhāraja, Vihāraja and Mānasa Hetu. All three texts of Vrihattrayi have given the sign and symptoms of Agnimandhya related to digestive system. Ajirṇa and Ama is the upadrava Agnimandhya. For curative purpose Samūodhana, Samūamana, Āhāra, and Acāra should be taken as directed in order to treat Agnimandhya.

CONCLUSION

"Rogasarvepimandaagnau", As stated by Acharya Bhagbhat all diseases occurs due to agnimandhya in present era mainly the aharaja and viharajahetu are the main cause for occurring agnimandhya.So Ayurveda has given a special attention to Agni. It act as a fuel in our body so by proper intake of food it can be protected.Therefore, according to the principles of Dinacharya, Pathya apathya, and Ausadha as described in our classics may be helpful in maintaining a balanced state of Agni, so that we can prevent and control many different kind of diseases. The object of Ayurveda is first explored and utilized the Bhaishajya Kala in the therapeutics i.e. time of administration of Bheshaja. Ausadha Sevana Kala was meant for Samana purpose and not to be advocated in emergency conditions. Bhaishajya Prinamakara Bhavas could be Agni, Vayu, Kaala and Samyoga. Treatment of the patients is made easier with the help of Aushadha Sevana Kaala, since food regulates the rate of metabolism of Bheshaja by the role of Agni.

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A STRATEGIC MARKETING COMMUNICATION PLAN: A PROPOSAL FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE DURING THE COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION

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ABSTRACT
This proposal presents a comprehensive Strategic Marketing Communication Plan designed for the Philippine National Police (PNP) to effectively communicate with the public during the Covid-19 public health crisis. In light of the significant role law enforcement agencies play in enforcing health protocols and ensuring public safety during pandemics, a strategic approach to communication is deemed essential. The proposed plan outlines objectives, target audience analysis, key messaging strategies, communication channels, and evaluation methods tailored to the unique context of the PNP in the Philippines during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. By aligning communication efforts with the PNP's mandate and the public health objectives with the national government.

I.INTRODUCTION
The COVID-19 pandemic reveals government capacities and how it responds and protects its people. Although governments have the mandate to prepare and coordinate the responses to such crises, the pandemic still was able to undermine these responses and severely drained state resources. Nevertheless, governments need to be resilient in times of crisis, and by partnering with different sectors of the society these capacities would be strengthened.

In this context, public health issues are addressed by health departments. Some countries have different health protocols as this depends on the budget allocated for public health. Although the health department is primarily responsible for establishing and implementing standards of care in crisis, stakeholders' contribution in the process is crucial especially the law enforcement agency - in this case, the Philippine National Police (PNP). Successful enforcement of health protocols will be ascertained by having a comprehensive communication plan to coordinate efforts in addressing the public health issue. In particular, communication plan interventions to guide the Department of Health (DOH), the PNP, and the local government units. Additionally, as a reinforcing force, the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) is created to be the lead agency and serves as the backbone of response to the pandemic.

II. BACKGROUND
The Department of Health (DOH) is the principal health agency in the Philippines. It is responsible for ensuring access to basic public health services to all Filipinos through the provision of quality health care and regulation of providers of health goods and services. Given the mandate, DOH is both a stakeholder in the health sector and policy and regulatory body for health. As a major player, DOH is a technical resource, a catalyzer for health policy, and a political sponsor and advocate for health issues on behalf of the health sector.

In the case of pandemics that require strict compliance with health protocols, the DOH seeks assistance from the LGUs and the PNP. The national police are mandated not only to enforce the law, prevent crimes, and maintain peace and order but also to ensure public safety and security. Health protocols are essential elements to protect people from severe public health situations.

STRUCTURE: POLICE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
The Police Community Affairs and Development (PCAD) is the unit of the Philippine National Police that covers the organization of the community for any project mobilization, particularly on concerns of crime prevention, lawlessness, and the overall security of the locality. It has three (3) functional sections, namely: the Community Organization, Mobilization and Intervention Section, the Foreign Nationals, Indigenous Communities Special Concerns Sections, and the **Community Safety and Security Assistance Section (CSSAS)** which refers to the measures/actions to be undertaken to ensure safety and security of the residents in a certain locality.
The **Community Safety and Security Assistance Section (CSSAS)** involves community leaders and various agencies working together to address persistent crime problems and disorders affecting the people in the area. Community Safety Programs also include equipping individuals in the community

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with the ability to address their safety concerns through several communicative approaches. Community Intervention is generally a combination of efforts of the Community Organizers and some local individuals resulting from continuous communication and evaluation processes to prevent dysfunction and promote well-being among the citizens.

On the other hand, the PNP Public Information Office (PNP-PIO) is the unit of the Philippine National Police responsible for the preparation of press releases. The PIO has a much broader task of developing better and more effective proactive media relations programs that would translate into sound public relations programs. It has the role of developing and implementing strategic **communication plans** tied to the PNP's goals and priorities in the areas of public awareness and advocacy.

Moreover, the said office is actively working out to contribute in the fight against the transmission of COVID-19 through the enforcement of local quarantine protocols by conducting regular public awareness on health safety measures such as the wearing of face masks and social distancing.

III. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

With a population of over a hundred million, the PNP is already struggling and overburdened in enforcing public health protocols for the COVID-19 pandemic. What communication interventions can the Philippine National Police implement that will convince the public to lessen non-compliance and strictly observe the health protocols placed by the IATF-EID?

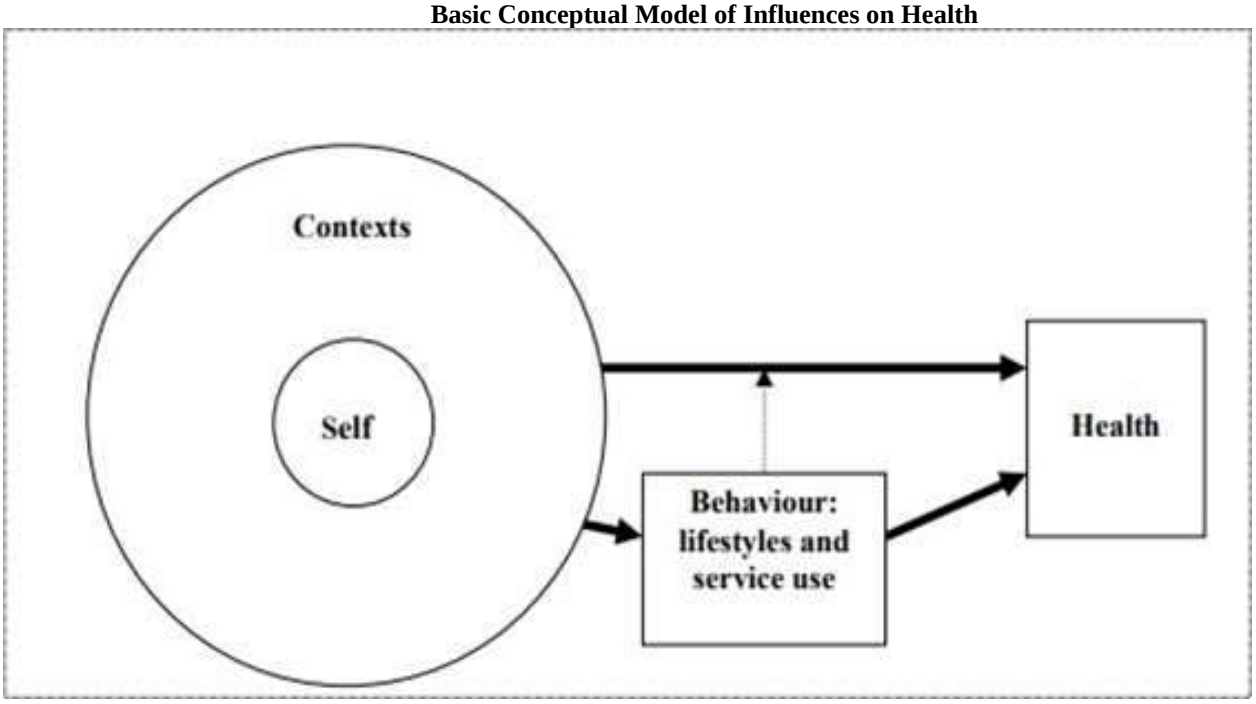
IV. PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

I. Understanding the Drivers of Public Health Protocols

The Department of Health is devising strategies to prevent quick transmission of COVID-19 and appealing to the public to help prevent the collapse of the health care system by observing minimum health standards. Recently, the Department has recorded more than 100, 000 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines (Ornedo, 2020). Accordingly, the poor implementation of Health Standard is one of the causes of the continued increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in the Philippines. The Secretary of Health recently said that there is no need for another ECQ as strict implementation and observance of the public health protocols is sufficient.

There are factors why people do not comply with the Public Health Protocol. The illustration below shows what affects people not to comply with health standards.

Basic Conceptual Model of Influences on Health



A. Health Education

The University of London found out that education is strongly linked to health and determinants of health such as health behaviors, risky contexts, and preventative service use. Their central hypothesis is that education impacts on health because:

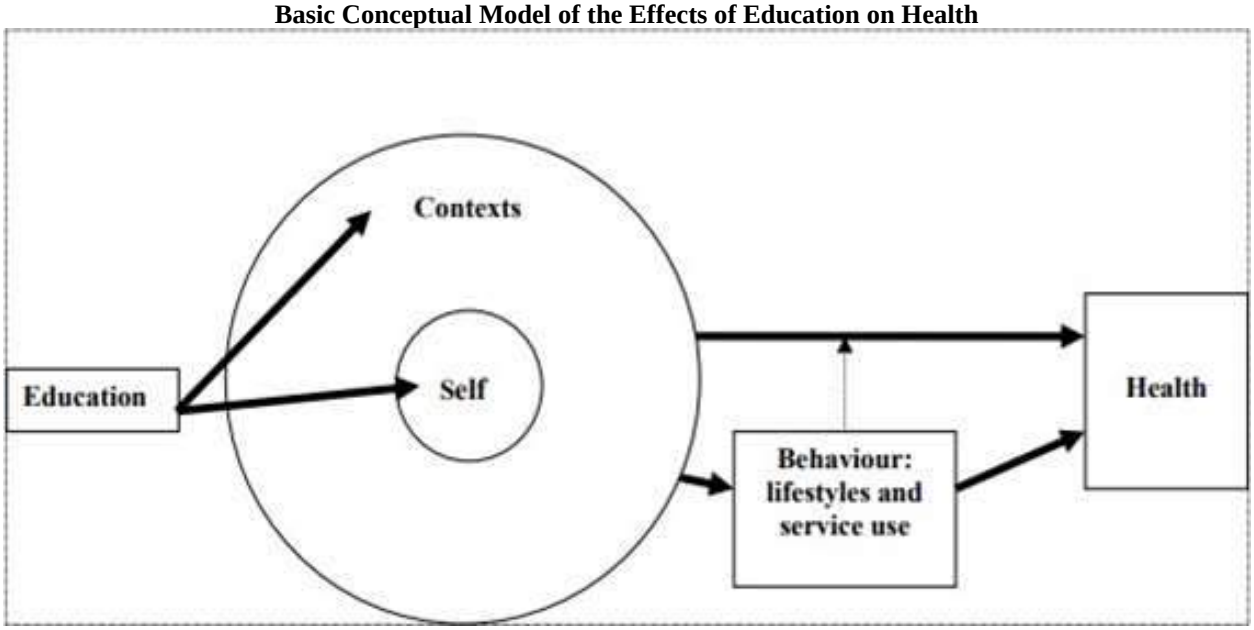
- Individuals exist in multiple, multi-layered and interacting contexts
- Each of these contexts is a domain of social relations and environmental health; and

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- Education impacts individuals in each context at each level.

Significantly, education changes the way individuals behave and the choices they make. Some uninformed people do not believe in the existence of COVID-19 and its vast effects on a person's health and global economy. Education matters to health firstly through direct effects on the people that engage in it and secondly because it impacts on the choices of environment and social relations. The model below is put forward as an aid to community leaders in better understanding the mechanisms for the effect of education on health.

Basic Conceptual Model of the Effects of Education on Health



Health Education aims to reduce morbidity and mortality through changing the behavior and beliefs of individuals; to foster the appropriate use of health services, and to create a general awareness of health issues.

1. Print/Audio-Visual Materials

Public Health Protocols printed in tarpaulin must be displayed in conspicuous places visible to the public. Another option is the screen presentation in public displaying public advisories about COVID as well as precautionary measures that the public can take such as maintaining proper hygiene, wearing face masks and face shields, and regular handwashing.

2. Information Operation (IO) through the internet

With the advent of Information Technology (IT), it has made communication faster and information more available to everyone. Public opinion on how to address pandemic situations nowadays shall be the primary concern. Health protocols shall be uploaded on different social media channels like Facebook, Instagram, Twitters, etc.

3. Risk Communication, Training, and Education

Provide posters, videos, and electronic messages, to increase awareness on COVID-19 among workers, and promote safe individual practices at the workplace, engage workers in providing feedback on the preventive measures and their effectiveness.Throughonline biosafety training, local chief ex ecutives must also train their respective health workers on COVID prevention, containment, and control, in coordination with the DOH. LGUs shall also conduct city and munic ipality-wide COVID prevention, containment, and control information campaigns to educate the public. Importantly, Health and Safety Measures shall be included in the Curriculum of the Department of Education.

B. Behavioral Problem/Reluctance

Indoctrinated with traditional beliefs, some people do not believe in the existence of COVID-19 causing them not to comply with health protocol. Self-concept as it is having beliefs and psycho-social capabilities feature as crucial elements in the determination of health. Stated below are the proposed solutions that require mandatory compliance with the law regardless of traditional beliefs and self-concept.

B.1. City/Municipal Ordinances

Since the Local Government Unit (LGU) is authorized by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) to take charge of local public health protocols, city/municipal/barangay legislative body should draft municipal/city/barangay ordinances that provide law on the mandatory wearing of personal protective equipment such as face masks, face shields, gloves, etc. (DILG, 2020). It is not new as we usually see people use protective equipment; however, strict enforcement of ordinances must be applied to convince people to abide by the health and safety protocols. Law is a necessary element required to put public

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health policy into effect. Around the world, legislative measures exist to set standards for public health protocol.

C. Increasing production of Personal Protective Equipment

Overpricing and hoarding of Personal Protective Equipment is an indirect factor that contributes to the non-compliance of the public health protocol by the people belonging to lower socioeconomic status. This modus calls the immediate attention of the Department of Trade and Industry to conduct regular inspections of overpriced Personal Protective Equipment and file necessary charges.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

A. TV or Radio Guesting

It is a powerful communication channel that informs health standards and convinces Filipinos to wear personal protective materials. Many people agree that the nature and transmission of COVID-19 must be visually presented and be viewed by the public. The vast effect of COVID-19 to everyone's health and the international economy with the emphasis that public health protocol is mandatory and wearing of personal protective materials is basic, everybody's concern and responsibility. The Philippine National Police in coordination with subject matter experts as their guests during TV guesting is airing its concern on the television. One example is the ubiquitous presence of Joint Task Force COVID Shield commander Police Lieutenant General Guillermo Eleazar guesting on GMA, CNN, and ABS-CBN.

B. Written Communication

The Philippine National Police as a member of the Joint Task Force COVID Shield uses written communication form in crafting resolutions among government agencies or members of the Inter-Agency Task Force to address the concerns on COVID-19 pandemic situation.

PNP-PIO Advocacy Plan

Activity	Expected Output	Time Allotment	Budget Resources
Specific Objective 1: To strictly implement public health protocol in the public.			
Quarantine Control Points	Implement mass wearing of health- protective materials (face shields and face masks)		No cost
	Continuously require quarantine passes to **non-** Authorized Persons Outside Residences (APOR).		No cost
	Continuously require Travel Authority to travelers with dispensable travel purpose.		
Specific Objective 2: To strengthen the use of social media platforms in disseminating the Minimum Health Protocol to the public.			
TV channel, local radio station, Facebook, Twitter, and iTV	Invite health champions to discuss facts about COVID; it's serious effect on a person's health to increase health awareness among televiewers and radio listeners		PNP shall sponsor the cost. Estimate cost is PhP100,000.00 to PhP300,000.00.
	Upload videos and information operation (IO) with the central theme on precautionary measures against COVID-19.		No cost

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Specific Objective 3: To address the behavioral problem/reluctance of the stakeholders towards minimum health standards.			
Online meetings	Conduct general meetings with the health workers in the Provincial/Rural Health Units to review, update, monitor, and evaluate data on COVID-19 cases in the local area.		No cost
Partnership Advocacy	Encourage LGU to draft city/barangay ordinances with regards to the enforcement of public health protocol,		No cost
	Conduct regular coordination with barangay officials and patrollers regarding the strict implementation of public health protocol and its corresponding penalties.		No cost

Specific Objective 4: To ensure a healthy environment to prevent transmission of COVID-19.			
Inspection of government and private offices, industrial companies	Establish decontamination hub and test booths in every entry of government and private offices, industrial companies		Government and private offices, industrial companies shall provide for the cost. Estimated cost is at PhP20,000.00 to PhP100,000.00
	Ensure availability of decontamination mat, alcohol, sanitizers, gloves, and other protective materials.		Government and private offices, industrial companies shall provide for the cost. Estimated cost is at PhP10,000.00 to PhP70,000.00

V. PRESENTATION

Shield and Mask Save Us! Advocacy Campaign

To promote the mandatory wearing of personal protective materials, an appealing campaign must come into two forms: television and radio programs since the direct distribution of print materials is discouraged. These are very entertaining and informative means to advance awareness about the importance of minimum health protocol across all ages. The campaign covers the following:

- Facts about COVID-19 and its effect on a person's health;
- Importance of health protocol—the mandatory wearing of face masks and face shields etc.;
- The anticipated possible shortage/limited resource of Anti-COVID vaccine which is to be released this December 2020 in the Philippines.

The opinions and persuasion of DOH Health Champions like Dr. Willie Ong, Dr. Rey Salinel, Judy Ann Santos, Sen. Manny Pacquiao, and Mayor Isko Moreno and other popular health advocates are essential for the campaign. The practitioners and celebrities can help influence the public to comply with public health protocol. This creative and informative advocacy campaign would easily hook up people's attention and transmit the message across the nation to promote health protocol. The fact that the cure to COVID-19 is not yet put into reality, prevention is indeed better than cure. Our advocacy is to keep every Filipino regardless of age, background, and economic status, to be safe, strong, and healthy.

VI. CONCLUSION AND LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES

Communication is simply the act of transferring information from one place, person or group to another (Yee, n.d.). It may look like a simple process but in reality, it is a complex matter which needs to be carefully studied and analyzed in order to effectively deliver the purpose.

Transmitting a message from a sender to a recipient can be altered and affected by several reasons and circumstances. Our emotions, status quo of our culture, our medium of communication and our location are some of those aforementioned factors that can influence the transmission of a message. Good communication skills are never easy to attain as it will require various practices and training. Leaders in the field of communication have a big

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role in helping to ease the problems during these trying times as information is being relayed day by day.

These leaders are expected to make understandable the surge of information, threshing out the truth from the untruth, violative from the non- violative, without sacrificing the three (3) types of persuasive appeal, i.e. logos, pathos, and ethos. It would not be insolent to say that the Implementation of Public Health Protocol has encountered communication breakdown as it resulted in non-compliance with protocol by the people. Many factors have contributed to this occurrence, as stated in the earlier part. Faced with this dilemma, the Department's leaders, especially the Philippine National Police, are continuously confronted with the challenge of strict implementation of public health protocol.

Given these challenges, the leaders of the different departments (especially Inter-Agency Task Force) must resolve to:

1. Speed up decision-making in addressing COVID-19 pandemic concerns.
2. Regrouping of the stakeholders to plan, execute better strategies, evaluate past strategies, and monitor present and future strategies in the management of emerging and infectious diseases.
3. Reiteration of municipal/city/barangay ordinances that provides penalty for violation thereof.
4. Continuous re-educating the public through health education programs.

To overcome these challenges, the leaders of the different departments may consider employing purposive communication strategy, has a clear message, utilizing an effective and active media od forum, with the public as viewers, with a credible and expert communicator/guest, considering the right timing of the message to be publicized and a feedback system. The authors of this paper are highly convinced that the key to implementing health protocol is through a continuing interface with stakeholders as possible or constant communication. Efforts must be channeled, therefore, to incessantly campaign for the mandatory wearing of personal protective materials through regular meetings, to have firm planning, and program assessment, mandatory health education, collaboration with LGUs, NGAs, NGOs, CSOs, religious sectors.

Social media must be utilized to the fullest so that the message be put across, appealing to the urgency of the public's concerns. Additionally, a leader can create relevant strategies on how to better respond to public health protocol. Although the government admits several challenges particularly the decision in shifting quarantine levels. Overall, a combination of situational leadership and having a clear communication strategy provides the people not only with stability but also trust in the government; a reason for the people to go on despite the hardships.

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A LITERATURE REVIEW ON THE EFFECT OF TENNIS BALL EXERCISE ON RHOMBOIDS TRIGGER POINTS

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ABSTRACT

Many ailments, including conditions like myofascial pain, trigger points, sports injuries and in some neurological diseases, benefit from using tennis ball exercises. This Literature review aimed to determine the effectiveness of tennis ball exercise on rhomboids trigger points.

OBJECTIVE: *The research was to evaluate the effect of tennis ball exercises on rhomboid trigger points.*

METHOD: *The authors conducted a PubMed, and Google Scholar search and collected the reviews consisting of total systemic reviews, randomized controlled trials, and experimental studies regarding the current evidence of effect of tennis ball exercise on rhomboids trigger points.*

RESULT: *Tennis ball exercise have a significant effect on rhomboids trigger points. The articles were compiled in full text. Total of 30 articles were identified, out of which 20 articles were selected for review.*

KEYWORDS: *Tennis ball, trigger points, myofascial pain, rhomboids muscle*

INTRODUCTION

Pain is described as "an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience linked with actual or potential tissue damage,". A well-known and widespread reason of pain is myofascial pain syndrome. MPS, a typical form of non-articular muscular discomfort, and characterised by presence of hypersensitive nodules, and referred as myofascial trigger points (MTPs), which are related with localised pain. A firm, constrained, and pressure-sensitive point that is present in the muscles or connective tissues is known as a myofascial trigger point. The myofascial trigger points are more often present in postural muscles. Trigger point is painful because of acute stress or overload of muscle caused by isotonic or isometric activity and poor posture. Myofascial pain syndrome is diagnosed using the following criteria first is identification of a tender nodule, and second palpation of taut band and reproduction of patient symptoms under sustain pressure. [1-2]

Chronic pain conditions can develop from untreated myofascial pain syndromes. chronic pain condition that not only causing disability due to pain, but it also triggers other conditions like depression, sleep disorders, behavioural and psychological issues. [3]

When muscle tissues are exposed to single or recurring periods of biomechanical overloading muscular injury can occur, and with this muscular injury trigger points is formed. The rhomboid muscles are continuously involved in stabilizing and moving the scapula. Both moving and stabilising the scapular are continuous functions of the rhomboid muscles. Due to this, the rhomboid muscles are vulnerable to development of the myofascial trigger points due to their biomechanical function. [4]

Trigger points were classified in active and latent trigger points. There're three main trigger points in rhomboid muscle. Rhomboid minor has one single trigger point which is situated at medial to the root of spine of scapula and rhomboid major muscle has two trigger points, which is present along the medial border of the scapula at rhomboid insertion site. Additional trigger points are also located at muscle belly of both the fibres of rhomboids.[5-6]

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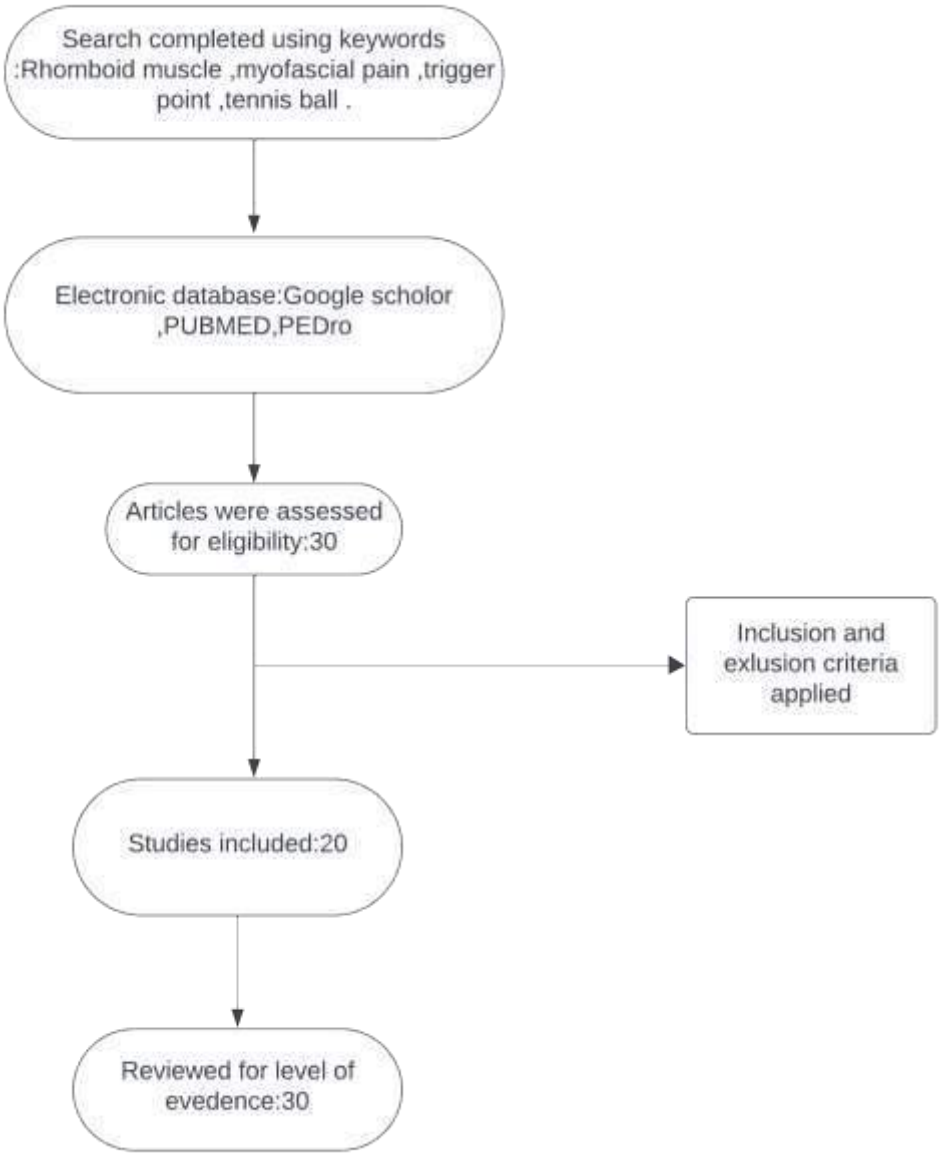
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1.	□ Aura Ligia Zapata, Ana Julia Pantoja Moraes, 2006	"Pain and musculoskeletal pain syndromes related to computers and video games use in adolescents"	-	A cross-sectional study	questionnaire and physical examination of the musculoskeletal system	Despite adolescents' extensive usage of computer and visual games, that were not related to occurrence of discomfort or musculoskeletal pain disorders.
2.	**Karen R. Lucas** 2009	"How common are latent myofascial trigger points in scapular positioning muscles"				Along with clinician opinion, the current investigation demonstrated a high occurrence of latent trigger point in scapular and positional muscles.
3.	Therese N. Hanvold 2010	"A Prospective Study of Neck, Shoulder, and Upper Back Pain Among the technical school Students Entering in Working Life"	One year and three years follow up			A significant the frequency of soreness around the neck, shoulder, and upper back across technological school students has been discovered.
4.	Reyhan Çeliker 2010	"Health-related Quality of Life in Patients with the Myofascial Pain Syndrome"			The Nottingham Health Profile, the Short Form-36 Health Survey Questionnaire, and Health Assessment Questionnaire	In patient with Myofascial Pain Syndrome, Quality of Life is affected in many aspect
5.	Chee Kean Chen, MD, and Abd Jalil Nizar, MD(2011)	'Myofascial Pain Syndrome in Chronic Back Pain Patients"	One year			The prevalence of MPS amongst chronic low back pain patients were notably high, with females representing an important risk factor.
6.	Lalhmunlien Robert Varte 2012	'Duration of use of computer as a risk factor for development of back pain among Indian office going women"	One year		The survey collected data of individual, work-related physical characteristics. and musculoskeletal Symptoms at both the upper and lower back throughout the last six months.	The current study found that back discomfort affects up to 25.3% of study population. Those who used computer for more than six hours each day had a statistically significant increased risk of acquiring low back pain.
7.	Alissa Deeter 2013	Tennis ball massage to alleviate trigger point pain				Self-massage with use of a tennis ball is a simple way to relieve painful trigger points and maintain a healthy muscle..

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8.	Young-In Hwang 2016	"Balance performance benefit of the myofascial release, with a tennis ball, in a chronic stroke patient'	Eight weeks	Pilot study	Berg Balance Scale (BBS) and the Timed 'Up & Go' (TUG) test	Myofascial Release Technique appears to enhance balance in patients with spastic chronic stroke.
9.	*Leon Chaitow 2017*	Trigger point release: Thoracic mobilization using tennis ball				there was a marked difference in thoracic mobility between those who performed the exercises, compared with those who did'nt.
10.	Younghun Jeong, Jihwan Park 2019	Immediate effect of release ball massage and self-stretching exercises on hamstring temperature, ROM and strength in 20s women	One year	Crossover study		These findings show that release ball massage and self-stretching are effective for increasing hamstring warmth, range of motion, and muscular strength.
11.	Mrs. Prayukta Jena,Dr. Mrs. Sandhya Adhyapak 2019	'A study to assess the effect of self-tennis ball massage therapy on low back pain among patients admitted in hospitals"	-	Quasi experimental	Wong Baker Numerical Pain Scale.	Self- tennis ball massage therapy is significantly effective in improving the low back pain in patients. Without the self- tennis ball massage therapy in low back pain patients worsened significantly among control group.
12.	yuen-Mei Hung, Shu-Wen Chen 2023	Tennis Ball Massage Therapy in Clinical Nurses: Effect on Relieving Musculoskeletal Disorders and Enhancing Self-Efficacy	Four weeks	Quasi experimental study	Visual pain Scale and the Pain Relief Self-Efficacy Scale	According to this study, tennis ball massage can reduce neck, shoulder, and back pain in nurses while also improving pain relief self-efficacy. Tennis ball massage is simple to use. This equipment may be used to successfully alleviate muscular pain, enhance the comfort of doing routine tasks, and increase work efficiency, so reducing the negative impact of muscle discomfort at work.
13.	D. Treaster, W.S. Marras	"Myofascial trigger point development from a visual and postural stressors during computer work"	-	-	A professional judgement, subject self-report and also electromyographic activity	This study found a link among visual and postural demands and trigger points. .
14.	Sholini Sookraj	"A pragmatic clinical	Two weeks	Randomised, controlled,	Pain pressure threshold algometry and the	The study's findings demonstrated that tennis ball-based ischemic

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		investigation of the comparative effectiveness of ischaemic compression and cryo ischaemic compression in treatment of rhomboid myofascial pain syndrome"		comparative clinical trial.	Myofascial Diagnostic Scale. Numerical Pain Rating Scale (NRS)	compression and cryo-ischaemic compression are equally efficacious in treating rhomboid myofascial pain syndrome. A straightforward, efficient, non-invasive substitute for traditional methods of cryo-ischaemic compression is the Tennis-ball with cold Technique.



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Literature Search Methodology

Online search engines which were used to collect journals which were Google Scholar and Pedro. Author identified articles based upon the keywords. All the articles were gathered in full text. A total 30 articles were identified, out of which 18 articles were selected for the review

Study Selection

Inclusion criteria:

1. Articles discussing the effect of tennis ball were included.
2. Articles published only in the English language were included.
3. Articles with full text from 2007-2023 have been included.

Exclusion criteria:

1. Articles were published in other languages excluded.
2. Articles were published below the year 2007 were excluded.

DISCUSSION

Myofascial pain syndrome affects up to 95% of people. It's a common source of discomfort and disability. The aim of the research was to identify the, effectiveness of tennis ball exercises in rhomboids trigger point.

According to the researcher Dr. Anagha Kadam et al., self-myofascial release with the help of tennis ball and helps in pain reduction and also raise the threshold for pain, offering a straightforward but efficient treatment option for pain from piriformis trigger points. Muscle relaxes when extended pressure is applied to the belly of the muscle. By enhancing blood flow to the muscles, it minimises ischemia and parasympathetic activity. It does this by releasing endorphins and relaxation hormones, which lower muscle neuromuscular excitability and lessen pain and muscular spasm. Another study also demonstrated that treatment of both side Self Myofascial Release to plantar aspect of both foot, immediately increased hamstring muscle and lumbar vertebra flexibility as indicated by increase in SRT scores. There are hypotheses which imply that when pressure is applied to trigger points, Golgi tendon organ (GTO) complex releases an inhibitory effect on muscle, make it less stiff and more flexible, which helps to increases joint range of motion.

CONCLUSION

However, after performing this study Tennis ball exercise was found effective in reducing rhomboids trigger points pain in students and also in computer professionals. Thus, Study concluded that Tennis ball exercises are effective in rhomboid trigger point pain.

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AN OVERVIEW OF BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA AND IMPACT OF TRADE WAR ON INDIAN ECONOMY

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ABSTRACT

The study evaluates the trading pattern between China and India, both of which have seen consistent economic growth since opening up to outside finance and trade in 1980. Primary goals include analyzing the changes in Indo-Chinese commerce, investigating prospective trade opportunities, and projecting trade estimates. The primary source of information for the paper is secondary data. The compilation of data and information from secondary sources involved reviewing several pertinent periodicals, export figures from the Export Promotion Bureau and Export and Import Bank, the Economic Review, a WTO periodical, and the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. The results suggest that trade can be an ideal solution and can be a key factor in enhancing bilateral relations with other global economies. China's and India's remarkable recent growth serves as evidence of this. This study aims to report on the bilateral trade relations between China and India.

KEYWORDS: *India, China, Trade War, Bilateral trade*

METHODOLOGY

The research relies heavily on secondary data sources. Secondary data and information will be gathered by studying many relevant periodicals, including EXIM Bank, Economic Review, World Bank, a WTO magazine, and the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India. To portray the recent trade and performance of the Indian and Chinese economies, information published in various publications and websites in recent times will be consulted.

OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

To Gain a better understanding of India's and China's complicated economic and trade relations.

INTRODUCTION

The bilateral relationship between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of India is referred to as India-China relations or Indo-China relations. The cultural and economic ties between India and China date back to ancient times, but the modern relationship began in 1950 when India was one of the first countries to cut ties with the Republic of China (Taiwan) and recognize the People's Republic of China (PRC) as the legitimate government of Mainland China (Kumar, 2017).

China and India are two of the world's most populous countries, accounting for 37 percent of the global population and 6.4 percent of worldwide output and income at current prices and currency rates (IMC- Economic Research & Training Foundation, 2017). With the liberalization of both economies in the 1980s, the trade relationship between India and China began to shift (Virmani, 2016). The bilateral relationship between India and China has grown in importance as political and financial issues have progressed. Despite their significant economic links, the two countries economic relations have been harmed by several geopolitical challenges. Bilateral commerce between India and China was negligible until the 1990s when globalization ushered in a paradigm shift in the trading relationship.

China's membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO), in particular, has completely altered China's economic and trade climate with its trading partners. The World Trade Organization has sought to remove trade barriers and create a better economic environment in collaboration with the governments of numerous countries (Surendar & Mishra, 2014).

The expansion of bilateral trade between India and China in recent years has paved the way for Indian companies to set up shops in China as representative offices, wholly-owned foreign enterprises (WOFEs), or joint ventures with Chinese companies involved in pharmaceuticals, wind energy, and other industries. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Infosys, Wipro, and Reliance Industries, to mention a few, are some of the most well-known Indian enterprises in China. Similarly, more than 100 Chinese businesses, including Huawei Technologies, Haier, Harbin Electric, Sany Heavy Industry Ltd., and others, have begun operations in India (Embassy of India, Beijing, 2017).

INDIA'S TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA

The similarities between China and India include:
1. Both are geographically located on the same continent and share a common border;
2. Both have populations exceeding one billion;
3. Both have ancient civilizations and rich heritage that was dominant until the 19th century; 4. Both have similar economic performances and development but differ in timing and intensity with different political systems.

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- Since the turn of the century, bilateral commerce between India and China has rapidly increased, propelling China to become, and remain, our top trading partner in terms of goods by 2008. Trade between the two nations has grown exponentially since the start of the current decade. Bilateral trade experienced strong two-digit growth in both 2017 and 2018. India was China's 12th-largest trading partner in 2019. The overall bilateral trade fell by 2.93% on a yearly basis to US $ 92.89 billion. The value of India's exports to China fell by 4.55% year over year to US $17.97 billion, and the value of India's imports from China fell by 2.54% to US $ 74.92 billion. Due to COVID's effects this year, total commerce with China decreased by 13.1% from January to September 2020 (USD 60.5 billion) compared to the same period in 2019. (USD 69.7 billion).
- While thriving commerce has all the benefits, including the availability of inexpensive goods in India, it has also resulted in the largest single trade imbalance we are now running with any country. Our concerns about the trade deficit are two-fold. The deficit's true size is one. The second is that the disparity has been steadily growing year after year, reaching US $58.04B in 2018. India's trade deficit with China decreased by 1.88% year over year in 2019, to US $ 56.95 billion, marking the first decrease in the trade imbalance since 2005.
- A small range of largely primary commodities that we sell to China and barriers to market access for the majority of our agricultural products and industries where we are competitive, such as medicines, IT/IteS, etc., are to blame for the growing trade deficit with China. Our main exports have been cotton, copper, and diamonds, and other precious stones. Over time, Chinese exports of machinery, power-related equipment, telephony, organic chemicals, and fertilizers have supplanted these raw material-based commodities. Chinese market access issues require ongoing engagement, and we must hold them accountable for their promises. Due to Covid-19 and the overall decline in our bilateral trade, the trade deficit with China decreased this year from USD 42.9 billion (Jan-Sep 2019) to USD 29.8 billion, a drop of 30.5%, even though Indian exports to China climbed by 14.9% year over year.
- The expansion of bilateral trade volumes has not been matched by an increase in bilateral investment. Mutual investment flows have not yet caught up, despite the fact that both nations have become popular investment destinations for the rest of the world. Chinese investments in India between January and September 2019 totaled US$0.19 billion, and up until the end of September 2019, total Chinese investments in India reached US$5.08 billion, according to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. Up till September 2019, India had invested a total of US$ 0.92 billion in China. However, these estimates do not account for investment that is channelled through third countries like Singapore, Hong Kong, etc., particularly in industries like start-ups where Chinese investment has grown significantly.
- The number of Indian banks in China has decreased over time to just two. The remaining banks are in the process of ceasing operations in China or have already done so. Mumbai is home to the branch offices of two Chinese banks, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and Bank of China (BOC).
- To serve both their Indian and MNC consumers in China, many Indian businesses have opened operations in China. They engage in manufacturing, IT and IT-enabled services, trading, banking, and related operations as wholly owned foreign enterprises (WOFE), representative offices, or joint ventures with Chinese corporations. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Aurobindo Pharma, Matrix Pharma, NIIT, Infosys, TCS, APTECH, Wipro, Mahindra Satyam, Essel Packaging, Suzlon Energy, Reliance Industries, SUNDARAM Fasteners, Mahindra & Mahindra, TATA Sons, Binani Cements, etc. are a few of the well-known Indian businesses in China.
- More than 100 Chinese businesses have opened branches or operations there. These include Chinese state-owned firms like Sinosteel, Shougang International, Baoshan Iron & Steel Ltd, Sany Heavy Industry Ltd, Chongqing Lifan Industry Ltd, China Dongfang International, and Sino Hydro Corporation that have won contracts in India and established project offices there, as well as firms that produce electronic, IT, and hardware like Huawei Technologies, ZTE, TCL, Haier, etc. Chinese businesses including Shanghai Electric, Harbin Electric, Dongfang Electric, Shenyang Electric, and others are active in EPC projects in India's power sector. Chinese mobile companies have seen impressive expansion in India, where they now account for about 60% of the country's mobile device market thanks to brands like Xiaomi, Huawei, Vivo, and Oppo.
- The Joint Economic Group (JEG), which is chaired by the commerce ministers of both countries, the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED), which is led by the vice chairman of NITI Aayog and the chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the NITI Aayog-Development Research Center (DRC) Dialogue, and the Financial Dialogue, which is chaired by the secretary of India's department of economic affairs, are just a few of the dialogue. The fifth NITI Aayog-DRC dialogue took place in Wuhan in November 2019, and the 11th JEG was held in March 2018. The 9th India-China Financial Dialogue was place on September 25, 2019, and the 6th India-China SED took place in New Delhi from September 7 to September 9.
- The Joint Working Group (JWG) on Trade, the Joint Working Group on Collaboration in Skill Development and Vocational Education, the Joint Working Group on Information and Communication Technology & High-Technology, the Joint Study Group and Joint Task Force on Regional Trading Agreement (RTA), and the India-China Joint Working Group on Agriculture are some of the other institutionalised dialogue mechanisms between the two nations.

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AN OVERVIEW OF BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA

History of India-China Trade Relations

Indian history dates back thousands of years to the Indus Valley civilization. Trade was the primary economic engine of that society. Animals were mostly used as modes of transportation throughout that time. Generally speaking, the vast majority of people relied on agriculture and raising animals for their needs in terms of milk and meat. They previously used custom-made wooden and metal bows and arrows. They also used to trade in pearls, gemstones, and silver and gold. Ships were once the primary means of trade, and they were employed both within a nation and with its neighbors. Trade operations were at their height during this time, and civilization had only begun (Liu,1988). The Indian subcontinent was mostly united during the Maurya Empire.

India's economy was the second largest in the world at the time. The Mughal empires had uniformly followed the tax system and related customary practices. According to estimates made by academics between the years 1000 and 1700, India's GDP made up close to 25% of the global total. The Marathas took control of India in the 18th century as the Mughals began to lose power and the Nawabs and Nizams founded minor kingdoms in the north and south of the country, respectively. This was also the time when British influence started to grow and the Indian industry started to decline.

INDIA-CHINA: 70 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

- **1950:** 1: On April 1st, 1950, India and China established diplomatic ties.

2: India was the first non-socialist nation to establish diplomatic ties with the
PRC, and the expression "Hindi Chini Bhai Bhai" quickly made headlines.

- **1955:** 1: Both nations supported the Bandung Spirit of solidarity, friendliness, and cooperation by attending the Asian-African Conference in Bandung, Indonesia, which included 29 participating nations.

2: As a result, all of Asia and Africa have been freed from colonial rule, and a Non-Aligned Movement has emerged as a third path between the two superpower blocs. In September 1961, the First NAM Summit Conference was held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

- **1962:** The border dispute caused a significant deterioration in bilateral ties.
- **1976:** Restoring ambassadorial links, bilateral relations between China and India grew over time.
- **1988:** 1: Rajiv Gandhi, the prime minister of India, started the process of improving bilateral ties by traveling to China.

2: The two parties decided to push ahead and actively advance their bilateral ties in other areas while looking for a compromise on boundary disputes.

- **1992**: 1: R. Venkataraman, the president of India, visited China.

2: Since the Republic of India's independence, he was the first president to travel to China.

- **1996:** 1: Jiang Zemin, the president of China, visited India.

2: He was the first head of state from China to visit India since the two countries' diplomatic relations were established.

3: The governments of China and India signed an agreement on confidence-building measures in the military field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas.

- **2000:** On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and India, Indian President K R Narayanan paid a visit to China.
- **2008:** The two governments came to an agreement on "A Shared Vision for the 21st Century."
- **2010:** 1: The 60th anniversary of China and India's official ties being established

2: The two nations released a Joint Communiqué in December.

- **2011:** 1: "China-India Exchange Year" was in effect.

2:Numerous intercultural and people-to-people interactions were held by both sides.

3: A joint compilation agreement for the "Encyclopedia of India-China Cultural Contacts" was signed by the two of them.

- **2012:** 1: It was the "Year of Friendship and Cooperation between China and India."

2: On the framework of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the 4th BRICS Summit, the heads of state and government met.

- **2015:** 1: The two parties got together outside of the Leaders' Meetings on East Asia Cooperation in Malaysia and the 7th BRICS Summit in Ufa, Russia.

2: China decided to let official Indian pilgrims to Xizang through the Nathu La Pass (Sikkim).

3: In China, India commemorated its tourism year.

- **2018:** 1: In Wuhan, the Chinese president met informally with the prime minister of India, creating a new framework for their interactions.

2: During his trip to China, the Indian Prime Minister attended the SCO Summit in Qingdao.

3: In Buenos Aires, the two presidents reconnected on the sidelines of the G20 Summit and the 10th BRICS Summit.

- **2019:** 1: The Wuhan consensus was reinforced at the second informal meeting, which took place in Mamallapuram, Chennai.

2: To advance exchanges and mutual learning between the two civilizations, both countries decided to forge a stronger partnership for development, improve in-depth strategic communication, and promote mutually beneficial cooperation in a variety of disciplines.

3: Both parties got together for the 11th BRICS Summit and the SCO Summit in Bishkek.

- **2020:** On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and India, Indian President K R Narayanan paid a visit to China.

THE IMPACT OF THE TRADE WAR BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA ON THE INDIAN ECONOMY:

The news that India has banned TikTok and 59 other Chinese apps recently shocked the Indian Internet. This was in response to the recent clashes with Chinese troops in Ladakh's Galwan Valley on June 15, in which 20 Indian soldiers died. Since then,

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there have been increasing calls for a boycott of items from the neighboring countries in the country. China's products, services, and investments are deeply embedded in India's supply chain, and the country's patriotic sentiment might lead to a trade war. Even though the fact that such a scenario is neither immediate nor looming, let us consider the economic consequences of a trade war. Let's start with the economic relationship between India and China.

Trade

China is India's greatest trading partner in the world, and the two countries have the world's highest trade deficits (which means that India imports more than it exports to China). In less than a decade, the deficit has more than doubled.

What is India's commercial relationship with China? Organic chemicals and raw resources such as iron ore, slag, cotton, natural pearls, and so on are our main exports. Our completed goods imports, such as machinery, power-related equipment, telecommunications, organic chemicals, and fertilizers, outnumber our raw material exports.

Investment

China has entered the Indian market through venture investments in start-ups and has penetrated the online ecosystem with its popular smartphones and apps, even though the fact that FDI between the two countries has not kept pace with commerce. A total of $4 billion has
been invested in Indian start-ups by Chinese IT investors. The video app TikTok had 200 million users and surpassed YouTube in India. Alibaba, Tencent, and ByteDance compete in India with Facebook, Amazon, and Google, which have similar penetration in the United States. Chinese smartphones such as Oppo and Xiaomi have a 72 percent market share in India, leaving Samsung and Apple in the dust.

What are its implications on markets?

Negative Consequences

For many Indian companies, Chinese items are an important element of their supply chain. With the economy still reeling from the outbreak, any escalation between the two countries might exacerbate operational and supply-chain vulnerabilities. India might explore alternatives to Chinese products, but this would be time-consuming and costly.

Key sectors affected would be :

• Pharmaceuticals: India imports 70% of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) used in pharmaceuticals from China, and any disruption would be detrimental to the sector.

• Consumer durables: India is strongly reliant on China for consumer durables components.

• Automobiles: China is a major provider of engine, electronics, and tire sub-components.

• Telecom: China supplies the majority of India's and the world's smartphone demand. As a result, any disruptions would likely lead to a rise in smartphone prices and a delay in the introduction of new technologies like 5G.

• Power: A large share of India's solar modules are imported from China.

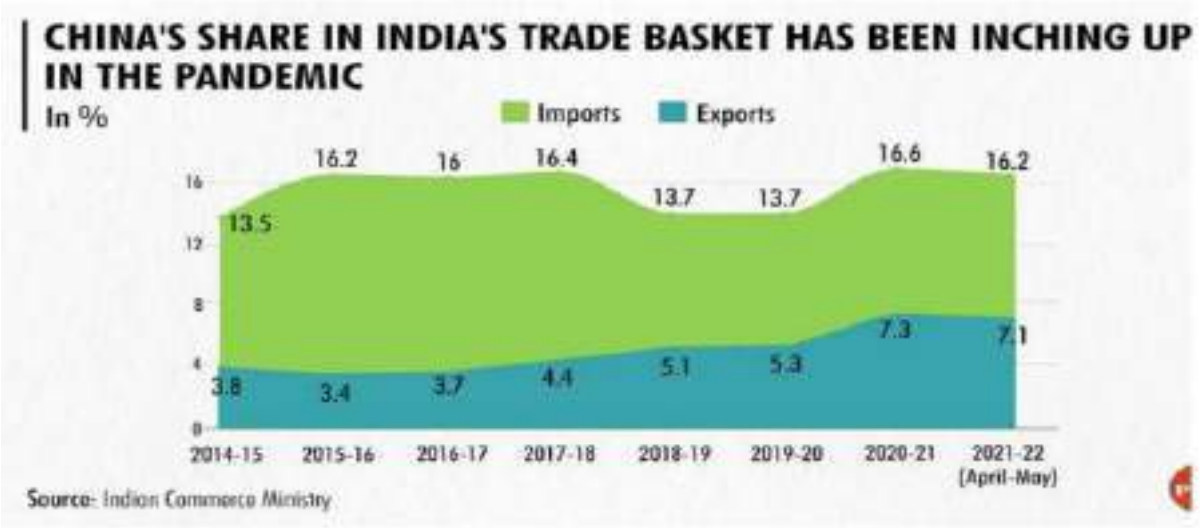
• Chemicals and agrochemicals: China is a major source of raw materials for the Indian agrochemical industry.

Positive Outcomes

This might be a terrific opportunity for Indian businesses to rise to the occasion and create goods and services that help India become more self-sufficient. As a result of this escalation, key infrastructure goods formerly allocated to Chinese corporations may now be available to Indian firms.

DESPITE BOYCOTT EFFORTS AND THE PANDEMIC, INDIA'S IMPORTS FROM CHINA HAS INCREASED. HOWEVER, THIS MAY NOT BE THE CASE IN THE LONG RUN.

The spike occurred despite demands to boycott Chinese goods during the 15 June Galwan conflict at the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh. Since then, the Modi government has tried to stimulate domestic production while discouraging imports by raising import charges. After the United States, China remains India's largest import and second-largest export market.



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LITERATURE REVIEW

Singh and Santpal (2014) In their work "A Comparative Study of India-China Bilateral Trade," attempt to investigate changes in India's balance of trade regarding overall imports or exports to China. According to the analysis, bilateral trade between these two countries is disadvantageous to India.

Wani and Dhami (2013) aim to discover how bilateral commerce between India and China assists in expanding their cooperation for mutual benefit in the future in their article "IndoChina Trade: Intensity and Potential for Future Trade." The growth rates of commerce between China and India reveal significant potential based on their political successes.

Kumari and Malhotra (2014) In their study "Trade-led Growth in India and China: A Comparative Analysis," attempt to determine the impact of export-import growth on both India and China's economic growth. The study concluded that China outperformed India due to the speed with which reforms were implemented, the style of political governance, and the speed with which policies were implemented.

Suresh (2012) attempts to determine how the Chinese Renminbi (RMB) affects India's commerce with China in his study "Exchange Rate Impact on Bilateral Trade between India and China." According to the findings, the RMB's appreciation will influence India's trade, mostly through increased elasticity for imports.

Kowalski (2008) In his research paper "China and India: A Tale of Two Trade Integration Approaches," contrasts the key elements of China's and India's trade integration processes and economic consequences. It demonstrates that China's industrial trade reforms are likely to be one of the main causes of the country's improved economic performance. On the other hand, while India has made significant progress in lowering tariffs on non-agricultural products, the manufacturing sector is likely to face challenges due to modest protection.

Kumari (2014) attempts to investigate the changes in India's trade relations with China, particularly regarding agricultural commodities, in her paper "India's Foreign Trade with China with Special Reference to Agricultural Commodities." According to the findings, trade liberalization has a favorable impact on India's relationship with the Chinese government. 9 During the previous two decades, the emergence of the external sector has aided both countries in improving their growth.

Siddiqui and Alam's (2017) In their research, try to figure out India and China's trade patterns from 2005 to 2016, as well as the proportion of Chinese electronic toys in India. According to the findings, economic reforms and liberalization helped both countries integrate into the global economy and achieve better growth rates. Chinese toys have flooded Indian marketplaces, posing a serious threat to the Indian toy industry's native producers.

Dimaranan, Ianchovichina, and Martinr (2007) In their working paper "China, India, and the Future of the World Economy: Fierce Competition or Shared Growth?" try to explore the consequences of India and China's growth on other emerging countries.

G. V.vijayasri, 2013, according to him, the various national economies around the world now are interdependent on one another. Today, examples of closed markets are hard to come by. The world's economies are all now open. However, there are differences in openness between different countries. As a result, no country in the modern world is independent. In this context, the term "self-reliance" refers to the proportion of a country's goods and services to its overall productivity. However, the degree of independence differs from one country to another.

Kumar and Khanna (2004) examined the structure and function of the WTO. In India, it is widely believed that multilateral trade negotiations are indispensable. India is in favor of the World Trade Organization and the multilateral trade agreement. It appears that legal and procedural arguments take center stage in talks when, instead, the international community should focus on advancing the development agenda. The Doha Round has India's full support. India is also negotiating bilateral agreements for regional economic cooperation with other nations and areas.

CONCLUSION

Despite having a significant trade imbalance with China, bilateral trade between India and China is generally strong. China is now India's top trading partner, surpassing both the United States and the European Union (EU). Their bilateral trade still has a lot of untapped potential. However, a detailed examination of this growing trade between the two nations would indicate that it barely makes a dent in the mutual mistrust, especially in the economic domain. China and India's connection is complicated. On the one hand, increased trust and confidence were facilitated by growing trade links, high-level political exchanges, and a shared knowledge of several global concerns. However, their main concerns are the ongoing border conflict, India's anti-dumping efforts against cheap Chinese commodities, the competition for oil and gas, and the naval competition in the Indian Ocean.

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SATISFACTION EXPERIENCED BY THE TUCBL CUSTOMERS

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ABSTRACT
UCBs is an umbrella term includes all type of UCBs functioning in India i.e., state owned, central and private owned. This study aimed to assess analyse the satisfaction experienced by the TUCBL customers. The article is ethnographic in nature, as it aims to analyse the satisfaction experienced by the TUCBL customers. The article is descriptive in nature and has used both qualitative and quantitative data for measuring the customers reaction towards the TUCBL services. Convenience sampling was applied by the authors for collection of data from 140 TUCBL customers. The study concluded that there exists gap between customers level of perception and satisfaction towards services offered by the urban co-operative banks. The samples were observed to be satisfied with the interest paid for their deposits, period of deposit holding and its maturity period. Similarly, there satisfaction level exceeds above their perception towards loans offered by TUCBL, physical feature of the TUCBL, routine customer service offered, counter service offered and customers guidance services offered by the bank. The study observed that customers perception towards staff behaviour has not meet to the satisfactory mark. The study suggests the TUCBL authorities to focus to bridging the gap between the customers perception and their satisfaction towards TUCBL services in order to attract more customers, to retain their existing customers and to earn new customers.

KEY TERMS: *Co-Operative Banks, Urban Co-Operative Bank, Customers Satisfaction*

INTRODUCTION
Cooperative banks are plays a crucial in the rural and urban economy development and in upliftment of middle and low-income section of the people living in the state. PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Society) and UCBs are the two CBs designated to service the urban i.e., "A" segment needs. UCBs is an umbrella term includes all type of UCBs functioning in India i.e., state owned, central and private owned. The functioning of UCBs is found to be knowledge sharing, resources pooling and offering mutual credit supply with support technology adoption and adhering to banking practices. UCBs aims to promote mutual co-operation through active thrifting, self-help and mutual assistance among the members (customers). UCBs provides arrays of services to its members like: SCBs and keeps its customers well connected with modern day technologies. UCBs are found to be highly success in mobilising more deposits from the lower and bank excluded population group in the society, at same time reaching the last-mile remote borrowers in a specific community. This feature of UCBs differs its operation from that of the formal SCBs.

PERSPECTIVE AND AIMS OF THE ARTICLE
Members (Customers) add strength to the functioning of UCB. Satisfied customers always like to come back and avail the services rendered by the UCB. At the same time, they will prefer to recommend the UCBs services to others and they try loyal to their respective co-operative banks.

- To identify nature of customers availing TUCBL services in Thrissur region.
- To analyse the satisfaction experienced by the TUCBL customers.

LITERATURE DISCUSSION
Reviews collected by the authors are briefly discussed in this section.
According to Gupta and Jain (2012) customers play active role in the co-operative banks' operation, in decision of board of directors and they influence the long-term sustainability of co-operative banks. Singh and Soni (2015) inferred that the UCBs dedication towards their customers and nature of the services offered by the UBCs are identified as the satisfaction influencing factors. Lokhande (2018) documented that 90 per cent of the UCB customers avail ATM facilities, debt card and internet services. Article of Sujith and Sumathy (2019) summarised that customers satisfaction towards primary lending agencies varies from one to another based on the different dimensions of operations like: location of the society, interest rate, behaviour of staff and long-term relationship build etc. Kulkarni and Metre (2020) also acknowledged that UCBs customers had expressed their satisfaction towards their banks in different dimensions or say parameters. Kundaragi (2021) customers expressed higher degree satisfaction with the tangible features of UCBs functioning in their district. Hemalatha and Devaraja (2023) documented that customers are highly satisfied with the digital banking services offered by UCBs.
It has been understood that there is dearth in the research studies comprehensive studies available on the customers satisfaction towards different dimension of UCBs service like: deposit,

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different categories of loan extension and offering of technology advanced services or on grievance redressal and other service. The identified research dearth has supported the researcher in conduct of this empirical study.

METHODOLOGY AND MATERIALS

The article is ethnographic in nature, as it aims to analyse the satisfaction experienced by the TUCBL customers. The article is descriptive in nature and has used both qualitative and quantitative data for measuring the customers reaction towards the TUCBL services. Convenience sampling was applied by the authors for collection of data from 140 TUCBL customers.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study comprised of data collected from female (72.93 per cent) and of them male (27.07 per cent) customers of TUCBL. About 53.17 per cent of the sample were aged between 26-35 years, majority of them are graduates (51.95 per cent), 69.02 of the sample as married and 60.49 per cent of the customers are small vendors. Prevailing gap between customers level of perception and satisfaction towards services offered by the urban co-operative banks was assessed by the researcher.

Ho: There exists gap between customers level of perception and satisfaction towards services offered by the urban co-operative banks.

TABLE: 1(A)
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CUSTOMERS LEVEL OF PERCEPTION AND SATISFACTION TOWARDS SERVICES OFFERED BY THE URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

Variables	Perception		Satisfaction		Correlation
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Deposits (Nature of Services Offered)					
Interest Provided on Deposits	1.934	0.883	**2.015**	0.948	.743
Period Provide on Deposits	1.988	0.777	**2.066**	0.889	.852
Deposits Maturity Procedures	2.073	0.769	**2.078**	0.861	.838
Types of Deposits Offered	**2.210**	0.769	2.056	0.791	.723
Loans Offered Based on Deposits	**2.163**	0.956	2.137	0.879	.873
Security Aspect of Deposits	**2.154**	0.914	2.080	0.896	.843
Pre-Closure Charges of Deposits	**2.110**	0.930	2.083	0.911	.709
Loans (Nature of Services Offered)					
Value of Loan Sanctioned	**2.227**	1.032	2.173	0.970	.771
Time Taken for Loan Sanctioned	2.222	1.061	**2.307**	1.046	.718
Interest Charged on Loan	2.195	1.054	**2.271**	1.066	.858
Loan Repayment Period	2.205	0.990	**2.295**	1.010	.824
Customer Relationship	2.022	0.947	**2.141**	0.953	.846
Service Quality of Urban Co-Operative Bank	2.073	0.927	**2.222**	0.985	.788
Staff Behaviour and Support	**2.154**	1.062	2.046	0.951	.750
Tangibility (Physical Environment Infrastructure)					
Atmosphere in the Bank	2.056	0.964	**2.063**	0.773	.868
Layout of the Bank	1.949	0.925	**2.017**	0.814	.843
Operation Timing	2.022	0.858	**2.083**	0.864	.746
Banks Parking Space	**2.034**	0.963	1.954	0.904	.748
Location of the Bank	1.954	0.915	**2.120**	0.878	.800
Cleanliness	1.998	0.889	**2.066**	1.012	.794
Grievance and Redressal	1.920	0.896	**2.010**	0.876	.700
Routine Operational Factors (Customer Services)					
Extended Banking Hours	1.956	0.814	**2.029**	0.890	.814
Waiting Period in the Line	1.944	0.833	**2.122**	0.920	.831
Accuracy in Transactions	2.002	0.835	**2.100**	0.952	.706
Quickly Rectifying Transaction Errors	1.998	0.939	**2.061**	0.981	.816
Time Taken in Operating an Account	2.090	0.958	**2.151**	1.026	.810
Easy and Accuracy of Statement	1.995	0.890	**2.107**	0.981	.741

Level of Significance: 5 per cent

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TABLE: 1(B)
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CUSTOMERS LEVEL OF PERCEPTION AND SATISFACTION TOWARDS SERVICES OFFERED BY THE URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

Variables	Perception		Satisfaction		Correlation
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Counter Services (Customer-Service)					
Withdrawal/Deposit of Cash	1.898	0.830	**1.929**	0.910	.808
Opening of Account	1.929	0.843	**1.990**	0.839	.765
Issue of Cheque Book	1.720	1.002	**2.090**	0.953	.719
Updation of Pass Book	1.990	0.856	**2.102**	0.996	.877
Renewal of Deposits	1.976	0.911	**2.000**	0.976	.877
Staff Factors (Relationship Maintenances)					
Courteous/Friendly People	2.002	0.861	**2.071**	0.910	.712
Accuracy in Completing Transaction	**2.129**	0.896	2.063	0.915	.878
Speed of the Services	**2.044**	0.867	2.037	0.926	.872
Sincerity in Problem Solving	**2.107**	0.950	1.978	0.891	.700
Promptness of the Services	1.944	0.911	**2.127**	0.914	.781
Reliability of the Employees	**2.066**	0.881	1.976	0.927	.785
Guidance Facility and Other Services (Infrastructure)					
Acceptance of Small Denominations Notes	2.054	0.960	**2.095**	0.916	.884
Exchange of Soiled/Cut Notes	1.961	0.922	**2.132**	1.029	.859
Intimation Regarding Maturity of Term Deposit	1.924	0.860	**2.020**	0.948	.744
Offer Instant Credit of Outstations/Local Cheques	1.954	0.944	**2.185**	0.870	.710

Level of Significance: 5 per cent

TABLE: 2(A)
PAIRED Z TEST
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CUSTOMERS LEVEL OF PERCEPTION AND SATISFACTION TOWARDS SERVICES OFFERED BY THE URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

Perception vs Satisfaction	Mean	SD	Z Value	DF	Sig
Deposits (Nature of Services Offered)					
Interest Provided on Deposits	0.080	0.776	12.100	409	**.006**
Period Provide on Deposits	0.078	0.702	12.252	409	**.025**
Deposits Maturity Procedures	0.005	0.788	10.125	409	**.000**
Types of Deposits Offered	0.154	0.762	14.085	409	**.000**
Loans Offered Based on Deposits	0.027	0.944	10.575	409	**.005**
Security Aspect of Deposits	0.073	0.865	11.713	409	**.007**
Pre-Closure Charges of Deposits	0.027	0.913	10.595	409	**.002**
Loans (Nature of Services Offered)					
Value of Loan Sanctioned	0.054	1.031	11.054	409	**.023**
Time Taken for Loan Sanctioned	0.085	1.035	11.670	409	**.006**
Interest Charged on Loan	0.076	1.104	11.387	409	**.016**
Loan Repayment Period	0.090	1.074	11.702	409	**.000**
Customer Relationship	0.120	0.905	12.673	409	**.008**
Service Quality of Urban Co-Operative Bank	0.149	0.969	13.109	409	**.002**
Staff Behaviour and Support	0.107	1.060	12.051	409	**.041**
Tangibility (Physical Environment Infrastructure)					
Atmosphere in the Bank	0.007	1.062	10.140	409	**.009**
Layout of the Bank	0.068	0.923	11.499	409	**.035**
Operation Timing	0.061	0.906	11.363	409	**.004**
Banks Parking Space	0.080	0.982	11.660	409	**.008**
Location of the Bank	0.166	0.897	13.746	409	**.000**
Cleanliness	0.068	1.051	11.315	409	**.019**
Grievance and Redressal	0.090	1.049	11.743	409	**.002**
Routine Operational Factors (Customer Services)					
Extended Banking Hours	0.073	0.925	11.602	409	**.010**
Waiting Period in the Line	0.178	1.016	13.549	409	**.000**

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Accuracy in Transactions	0.098	0.979	12.018	409	**.044**
Quickly Rectifying Transaction Errors	0.063	0.843	11.524	409	**.028**
Time Taken in Operating an Account	0.061	0.878	11.406	409	**.011**
Easy and Accuracy of Statement	0.112	0.899	12.526	409	**.012**

Level of Significance: 5 per cent

TABLE: 2(B)
PAIRED Z TEST
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CUSTOMERS LEVEL OF PERCEPTION AND SATISFACTION TOWARDS SERVICES OFFERED BY THE URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANKS

Perception vs Satisfaction	Mean	SD	Z Value	DF	Sig
Counter Services (Customer-Service)					
Withdrawal/Deposit of Cash	0.032	0.949	10.676	409	**.049**
Opening of Account	0.061	0.870	11.419	409	**.017**
Issue of Cheque Book	0.371	1.370	15.479	409	**.000**
Updation of Pass Book	0.112	0.955	12.379	409	**.018**
Renewal of Deposits	0.024	1.136	10.435	409	**.004**
Staff Factors (Relationship Maintances)					
Courteous/Friendly People	0.068	0.961	11.438	409	**.011**
Accuracy in Completing Transaction	0.066	1.010	11.320	409	**.017**
Speed of the Services	0.007	1.082	10.137	409	**.001**
Sincerity in Problem Solving	0.129	1.090	12.401	409	**.017**
Promptness of the Services	0.183	1.015	13.650	409	**.000**
Reliability of the Employees	0.090	1.003	11.821	409	**.009**
Guidance Facility and Other Services (Infrastructure)					
Acceptance of Small Denominations Notes	0.041	0.857	10.980	409	**.028**
Exchange of Soiled/Cut Notes	0.171	1.108	13.120	409	**.002**
Intimation Regarding Maturity of Term Deposit	0.095	0.867	12.222	409	**.027**
Offer Instant Credit of Outstations/Local Cheques	0.232	1.277	13.674	409	**.000**

Level of Significance: 5 per cent

The samples were observed to be satisfied with the interest paid for their deposits, period of deposit holding and its maturity period. Similarly, there satisfaction level exceeds above their perception towards loans offered by TUCBL, physical feature of the TUCBL, routine customer service offered, counter service offered and customers guidance services offered by the bank. The study observed that customers perception towards staff behaviour has not meet to the satisfactory mark. The calculated Z values are 12.100, 12.252, 10.125, 14.085, 10.575, 11.713, 10.595, 11.054, 11.670, 11.387, 11.702, 12.673, 13.109, 12.051, 10.140, 11.499, 11.363, 11.660, 13.746, 11.315, 11.743, 11.602, 13.549, 12.018, 11.524, 11.406, 12.526, 10.676, 11.419, 15.479, 12.379, 10.435, 11.438, 11.320, 10.137, 12.401, 13.650, 11.821, 10.980, 13.120, 12.222 and 13.674 found to be significance at five per cent level. Henceforth, the hypothesis framed is accepted.

CONCLUSION

The study concluded that there exists gap between customers level of perception and satisfaction towards services offered by the urban co-operative banks. The samples were observed to be satisfied with the interest paid for their deposits, period of deposit holding and its maturity period. Similarly, there satisfaction level exceeds above their perception towards loans offered by TUCBL, physical feature of the TUCBL, routine customer service offered, counter service offered and customers guidance services offered by the bank. The study observed that customers perception towards staff behaviour has not meet to the satisfactory mark. The study suggests the TUCBL authorities to focus to bridging the gap between the customers perception and their satisfaction towards TUCBL services in order to attract more customers, to retain their existing customers and to earn new customers.

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WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DOMESTIC DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN BANGLADESH: A SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

Given the prevalence of a patriarchal society in Bangladesh, it is customary for women to be subjected to dominance by their male companions. Gender incongruity in domestic decision-making is a common occurrence in Bangladesh. Men assume the leading position, whereas women are subordinate to their male counterparts. Women residing in rural areas should possess a clear understanding of their role within the household and strive to be self-reliant in order to actively engage in the decision-making process. The study's objective was to determine the involvement of women in the process of making decisions inside the home. This study is conducted using primary data gathered from Horikumaria, situated in the Madaripur district. The study employed a blend of quantitative and qualitative approaches to scrutinize the collected data and examine the findings. The study's findings unequivocally demonstrate that men possess a far higher degree of decision-making authority, amounting to almost 90%, in domains such as household infrastructure, financial matters, children's education, and other familial concerns. However, women have the power to make decisions in certain areas, such as cattle management and organizing specific events for women. Various factors, including education, occupation, religion, age, physical appearance, and family-related norms and values, have a direct or indirect impact on women's participation in household decision-making.

KEYWORDS: *women, decision-making process, domestic, role, issue, occupation, involvement.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The entire population of Bangladesh is 171 million, with 83.91 million men and 87.09 million women, according to BBS's Bangladesh Sample Vital Statistics (SVRS) 2023 report. Despite the substantial presence of women in Bangladesh, their autonomy is not always equal to that of males. The country has 81.1% male-headed households and 18.9% female-headed households, according to BBS. Bangladesh has a patriarchal social system. Women's ability to participate to all aspects of society is not always feasible. Women are falling behind in all aspects of society. Consequently, they have a greater level of engagement in domestic tasks compared to their involvement in social and economic endeavors. Women make substantial contributions to both domestic chores and the overall household income. However, women also have inequitable opportunities when it comes to household chores. The disparity in women's access to resources and opportunities contributes to their vulnerability inside the family setting. The head of the family always takes responsibility for maintaining domestic activities and is also the main decision-maker in the family. Typically, people regard the leading earner or the oldest family member as the head of the family. In a rural environment, the household acts as a vital unit for consumption and labor supply decisions. Compared to men, women are more involved in household management and activities related to family well-being. However, gender-based power imbalances within households and communities, as well as biased social norms across societies, influence women's involvement in domestic matters.

Domestic decision-making plays a crucial role in managing a family. In Bangladesh, gender inequality in household decision-making processes is prevalent, similar to other developing nations. Patriarchal norms also influence decision-making, which typically involves selecting a course of action from a range of options. It also varies by class, religion, culture, and geographic location, specifically in rural areas. Decisions in rural families are typically influenced by the overall welfare and financial condition of the family. The characteristics of the family, including age, gender, health status, farming experience, knowledge and skills of the family members, and relationships among them, also influence decisions. Various factors influence the decision-making authority of women in different activities. Therefore, this study wants to examine the involvement of women in domestic decision-making processes at Horikumaria under Madaripur district.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A literature review refers to an overview of previously published works on a specific topic. It's a summary, an evaluation, and a critique of the recent state of knowledge concerning a particular area of research. Researchers and scholars have worked on and studied the topic of women's

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involvement in domestic decision-making processes for decades.

Nadin Shaanta Murshid draws from bargaining theory and states that the overall decision-making in households is conflictual, but this conflict can be vanquished through bargaining. Access to micro financial aid and microloans influences women's participation in household decision-making. If they have economic power, women can make decisions about large or small purchases. Control over the household's resources is critical in bargaining, increasing the likelihood of having household decision-making power (Murshid et al., 2018). In their research article, Zohra S. Lassi, Anna Ali, and Salima Meher Ali concluded that a variety of socio-economic factors, including exposure to mass media, influence the empowerment of women in Pakistan. Patriarchal structures in society, discriminatory gender roles, and violence result in the vulnerability of women in the household, as well as in Pakistani society (Lassi et al., 2019). Biswas argues that the disparity in home and political decision-making between men and women demonstrates women's marginalization and absence of authority, thereby hindering the country's progress and its capacity to achieve maximum growth (Biswas, 2004). The active participation of women in the decision-making process is an essential prerequisite for addressing global poverty and safeguarding human rights (DFID, 2021). Rural women face significant constraints in accessing employment opportunities, regardless of their skill level, literacy, age, or socioeconomic status. They have substantial obstacles in overseeing their household and participating in self-employment. Regardless of whether it is agricultural or non-agricultural employment, individuals experience deprivation in all circumstances (Ara et al., 2005). Ghimire in his thesis argues that women don't possess the land and they lack other resources and sources of income, they are mainly dependent on their husbands to fulfill their needs. But when it comes to utilizing and get access to land resources, the women have the accessibility without having control of the benefits of resources (Ghimire et al., 2009). Fernandez (2016) found that according to recent studies, there is still a division of household chores by gender, depending on the particular gender role. According to Dr. Lorraine Corner, "Women are far from achieving equal participation in decision-making and leadership. For most of the cases, the scenario is rather gloomy. Women's share of decision-making and leadership is quite small and in most parts of the world, there show no clear and vivid trend toward progress." The literature acknowledges some gaps. Being economically independent, women cannot always participate in the family decision-making process. Decisions about their children's futures do not always give them priority. Because patriarchal social structures have privileges in Bangladesh, women are far behind in achieving their goals in rural areas of the country.

3. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

The theoretical framework functions as a fundamental review of existing theories, offering a guide for the development of the arguments that will be employed in this work. This section compiles pertinent and reliable theories that are pertinent to the investigation, enabling readers to capitalize on them through conceptualizations, explanations, and assumptions.

3.1 Conflict Theory of Gender

Conflict theorists contend that the best way to understand gender is when men try to maintain power and privilege at the expense of women. For this reason, we can view men as the dominant group and women as the inferior group. While conflict theorists concede that some gender roles may have been appropriate for hunting and gathering societies, they contend that the only reason these roles continue is because the dominant group naturally tries to hold on to its dominance and status. Dominant groups abuse and repress subordinate groups. Men have historically controlled the majority of societies. According to German sociologist Fredrick Engels, the nuclear family is the main cause of women's subjugation. It was a simple act of hypocrisy that led to the degradation of women or wives at the hands of their husbands, as well as the ultimate power inequality it produces. Marx, along with his close friend and compatriot Engels, asserted that the ruling class systematically oppresses women and views them as second-class citizens, aiming to elevate women's status in both the domestic sphere and the larger social milieu (Communist Manifesto). Marx believed that all inequality stemmed from the division of labor along sexual lines. According to Marx's succinct observation, the origin of inequality is the sexual division of labor, which results from the biological distinction between men and women. Marx's theory of capitalism clearly views the working class as nothing more than "instruments of production" that the "bourgeoisie" can employ for their own purposes. Many civilizations have failed to address the real "glass ceiling" issue, resulting in the underrepresentation of women in leadership roles in both industry and politics. Even women must deal with the glass ceiling that stands in the way of their professional advancement, care for the development of their children without much, if any, remuneration, and also shoulder the majority of the duties for unpaid household chores (Karl Marx, Hilary Rose, Heather Brown, Chistine Di Stefano).

3.2 Theory of Patriarchy

Smith defines patriarchy as consisting of two elements: an ideology that reinforces the belief that men hold more power and privilege than women. Lerner (1987) asserts that men and women historically created patriarchy over a period of over 5000 years. Additionally, he claimed that patriarchy had its origins in an ancient empire whose primary unit of government was the patriarchal family. These patriarchal families reflected society's norms and values, as well as continuously creating them. In this context, the relationship between the sexes is a "relationship of dominance and subordinance," alluding to "power-structured relationships" in politics. The patriarchal system gives rise to two significant ideas: male superiority and female inferiority. Since ancient times, men have consistently subjugated women through their relationships and ideologies. Additionally, men frequently associate patriarchal norms with wife abuse and beating, a tactic they use to exert control over women. According to Alvarez and Bachman (2008), patriarchal attitudes function by empowering individuals to exercise authority within their families, perpetuating the power imbalance between men and women, and perpetuating social

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structures that afford men additional privileges. Men often beat and humiliate their spouses in patriarchal countries, and this kind of behavior is both commonplace and fundamental to patriarchal ideas. These ideas give rise to a clear status and role for women in the family and in society. Every woman in the majority of traditional South Asian societies settles into extended families after marriage, where she is subordinate to all of the men and other elderly members of the family (Kandiyoti, 1998). Partner abuse may occur if they are indifferent to such behavioral rules. It is challenging for women to openly dispute these gender and status hierarchies because of the socialization of both men and women regarding gender roles, as well as cultural standards regarding the woman's role in marriage and obligations to her husband.

3.3 Gender Inequality Theory

The theoretical viewpoints on gender inequality Sociologists see gender inequality in many different ways. Some sociologists view gender inequality as consisting of many groups in conflict, competing for scarce resources. According to Schaefer (2007), gender inequality is defined as the denial of opportunities and equivalent rights to individuals and groups based on gender that result from a society's normal actions. Gender inequality denotes the difference in status, power, and prestige that are maintained by women and men in various contexts in society (Giddens, 2001). Anthropologist George Murdock (1949) argued that it is both practical and convenient that women should focus on domestic and family-related responsibilities while men work outside the home. The sexual division of labour exists in all cultures. All cultures assign men the role of hunting. They frequently stay away from home for long periods of time and focus their lives on collecting food for the family. Pregnancy, childbirth, and child pampering often limit women's activity, assigning them to domestic roles near the home such as gathering, subsistence farming, and caring for children and households. Women take the expressive, emotionally supportive roles, and men take the instrumental and more practical roles (Parsons and Bales, 1956). Women do not have the equal access to resources as men. They are deprived because of their specific gender identity and physical vulnerability. From her own home to her in-law's house, a baby girl faces gender inequality. Even women struggle to play a crucial role in household decision-making due to the dominance of male family members. In Horikumaria, women's access to all sectors is not equal to that of men. Within the family, the grandparents also give preference to their male grandson. The patriarchal social system prevails in this village, which has made women passive to the males. Their contributions to the family are often overlooked. They are exploited in various ways. Gender inequality is much noticed in village families.

4. METHODOLOGY

The purpose of the study is to investigate about the participation of women in domestic decision-making processes in Horikumaria, located in the Madaripur district. Therefore, the unit of analysis consists of married women who manage households and reside in that specific area. The purposive sampling strategy was employed in this study to gather data. It's a kind of non-probability sampling, as not all population members have an equal chance to participate in the study. Since the study is for women in a particular area, the study population is definite, and the researcher relied on his own judgment when choosing the population of the study to participate in the interview. For this reason, it is purposive. The entire sample size for this study consisted of fifty married women. For collecting the necessary information, a structured questionnaire and checklists with a series of closed-ended and open-ended questions were used. A face-to-face interview was conducted with the respondents. The entire sample size for this study consisted of fifty married women. The data is analyzed using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies, based on the study questions and objectives. The gathered data has undergone editing, refining, and classification in accordance with the research objectives. A few respondents are allowed to record their responses, and others need to note them down on paper. The next step involves carefully reading the note multiple times to grasp the key points. Then the answer was categorized by section according to the objectives, which are known as coding. The findings have been described with narrative discussion.

5. FINDINGS

The data analysis is the subject of this chapter, which is followed by a discussion of the research findings. The findings of the research provide a platform to present the information that was collected from participants. This section includes a discussion of existing literature, theory, and how current research contributes to the field. Fifty respondents residing in Horikumaria, Madaripur, participated in this study. The overall scenario has been drawn from the study.

5.1 Engaging in the Decision-Making Process for Family-Related Issues

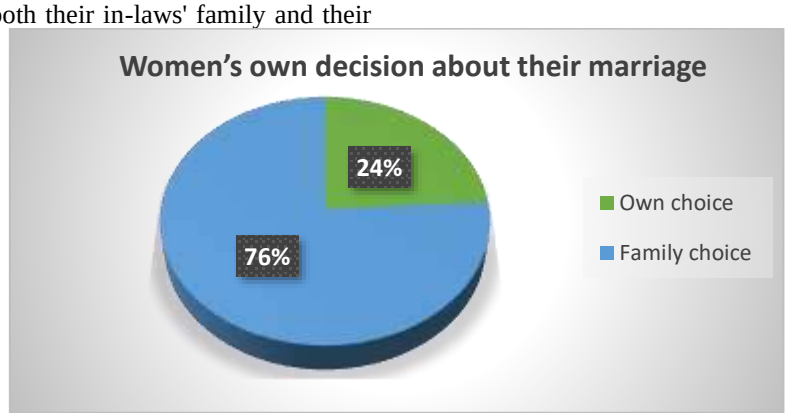
The participants exhibited reluctance in divulging information regarding their perspectives. Most of the participants stated a need for reassurance regarding the secrecy of the study. Despite this, the respondents provided extremely clear information. Out of the entire sample, more than 70% respondents reported having an arranged marriage.

5.1.1 Women's own decisions about their marriage

The majority of individuals in Horikumaria households either limited literacy skills or lack a high level of education. Consequently, the citizens of this area demonstrate a dearth of interest in education. The parents of the females are consistently enthusiastic about promptly sending their daughters to the groomsman. They don't want to delay their daughters' marriages. The majority of the males in this community reside overseas. The level of schooling in this region is subpar. The impoverished, uneducated parents experience feelings of insecurity regarding their daughters. They think that it's unnecessary to educate the daughters any longer. As their daughters grow older, arranging their marriages becomes more challenging. Before marriage, the girls don't have so much time to know about their groom. They never have the opportunity to meet their future husband. However, the groom's family members often judge the bride harshly. They compel a girl to marry without her consent, treating her as if she lacks the autonomy to make her own decisions. In 76% of cases, the groom chooses the bride. They have to rely on their family

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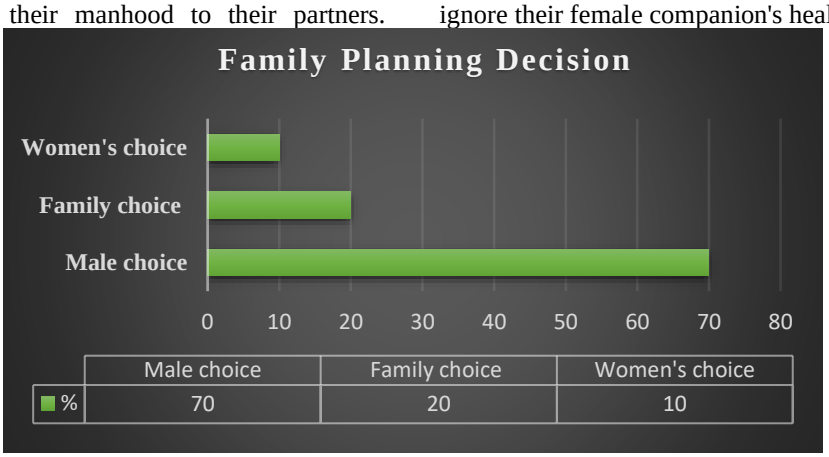
decisions. After being married, if women perceive a disparity between their mindset and way of life compared to their husbands, they often choose to maintain silence in order to preserve the reputation of both their in-laws' family and their own family. Women in that village adhere to the ancient custom of accepting their husbands as they are. Following marriage, a husband assumes a key role in a wife's life.



Source: Field Survey, 2023

5.1.2 Women's Decisions in the Family Planning Process

Contraceptives are used in birth control today. However, Horikumaria women cannot make contraceptive decisions. Husbands always see their wives as easily influenced. They also feel compelled to show their manhood to their partners. Husbands always recommend contraceptive pills over condoms for birth control. Regular pharmaceutical use has altered their bodies. Because many men work abroad, husbands and their families want children quickly after marriage. They often ignore their female companion's health.



Source: Field Survey, 2023

5.1.3 Women's decision to maintain the relationship with their relatives

After marriage, a woman is considered to be a good housewife if she can maintain a relationship with her relatives. In this situation, she must handle all matters using her knowledge. One of the respondents, Monira Akter, who is 28 years old, stated, "I am happy with my husband." He really cares for me. But my husband and my mother-in-law forbade me to continue any kind of relationship with my own family. After marriage, I used to pay two visits to my father's house. However, they are now insistent that I cease this practice. And I have to abide by their decision. There is no other option but to comply with the husband's decision. In the home of their in-laws, women are obligated to follow the rules set by their husbands and their in-law's family. A woman can't even decide for herself how to act or react with her relatives. Restrictions bind her everywhere she goes.

5.2 Participation in Decision-Making Regarding Children's Education

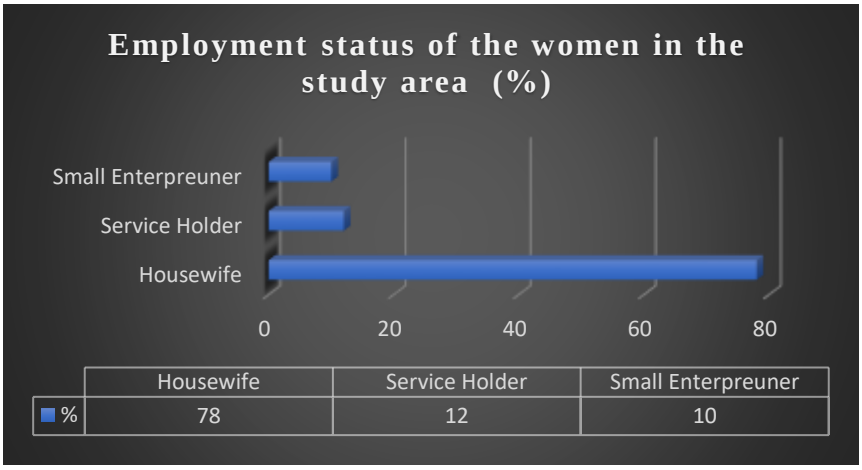
Husband and wife raise their kids. Socializing their children from birth is their responsibility. Rabeya Akter (35) stated, "My father- and mother-in-law have been sick for almost two years. We must stay in the village. Most of my neighbors' children attended top Madaripur City schools and institutions. I attempted to persuade my husband, but he said who would take care of the house and his parents if we moved to the city? As a woman, I can't educate my kids alone. My choice is irrelevant." Despite their lack of knowledge, Horikumaria women fight to convince their families of the need of their children's education and create a good learning environment. Every woman wants her children to be well-educated, yet she faces difficulties and can't always select their destiny.

5.3 Participation in the Decision-Making Process Regarding Financial Issues

There is no family that can make it without money. The decision of where and how to spend the money is made jointly by the husband and the wife. The differences between my

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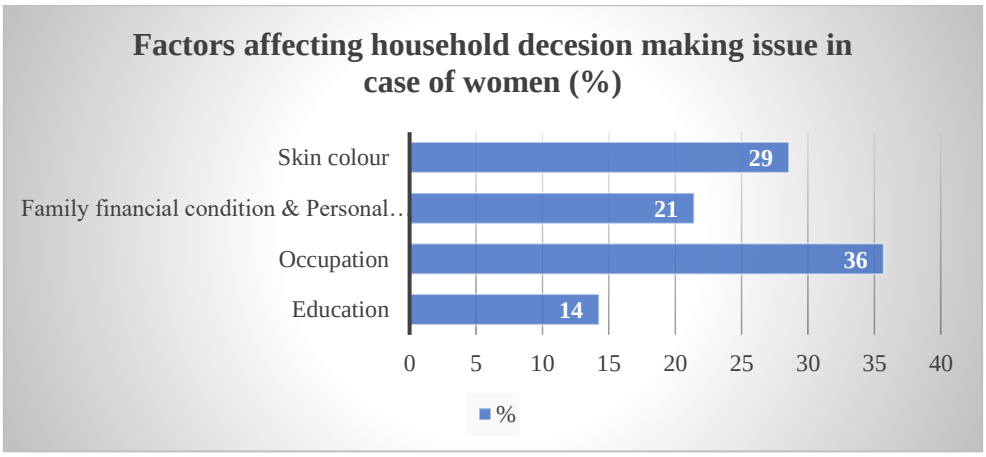
respondents, however, include. They do not always find a solution to the household's financial problems through their common decisions. The occurrence of this phenomena is restricted to situations in which women do not earn the majority of the household's income. In addition, the study looked at situations in which women were performing the role of service holders.



Source: Field Survey, 2023

5.3.1 Women's socio-economic background affects their financial decision-making in households

The socio-economic background of women significantly influences their decision-making process within the household. If a woman holds a lower social status, her family will treat her accordingly. Most of them came from very poor families. During my wedding, the groom family couldn't fulfill the demands of the bride family, but they didn't ask clearly about their demands. For that reason, women's have to face this issue, and bride family members somehow tease women because of this. Most women are not financially independent, which is why their husbands and other family members tend to avoid involvement in household financial matters.

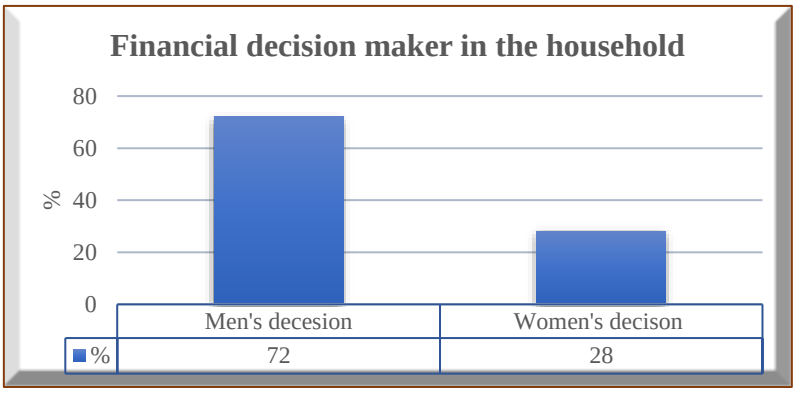


Source: Field Survey, 2023

5.3.2 Financial dependency affects women's domestic decision-making power

A woman's financial dependence on her father-in-law's family makes her vulnerable to household decisions after marriage. Without economic power, a woman can't make family decisions. The women in Horikumaria are economically dependent on their husbands. I used to sew people's clothes and earn money. One of the respondents said, "But I couldn't spend it on myself. My husband insisted I live off his salary. I quit sewing and relied on my husband's income after a few days. I apologize to him whenever I waste his money. He questions my authority to disperse money."

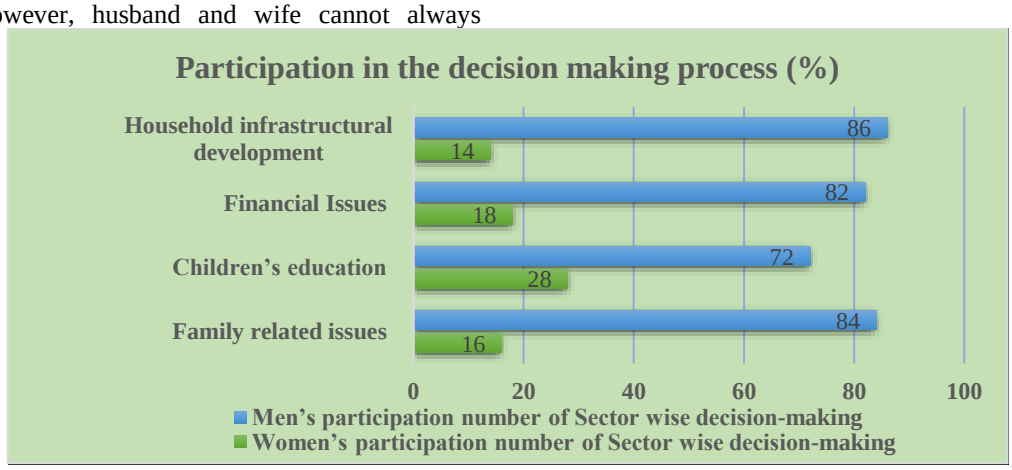
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Source: Field Survey, 2023

5.4 Participating in the Decision-Making Process for Household Infrastructural Development and Other Issues

Infrastructural development is a core matter in household management. However, husband and wife cannot always participate and make decisions on this issue equally. Husbands typically assume a dominant role in this regard.



Source: Field Survey, 2023

6. DISCUSSION

Overall, women's participation in household decision-making processes is poor. The women in Horikumaria are considered to be inferior to men. They have few opportunities to participate in household-related matters. The discussion section generally arranges the description of any research results in a logical sequence. This section's arrangement is consistent with the theory and review of the existing literature. The following is a discussion of the research results, which are based on the research objectives.

6.1 Role of Women in the Domestic Decision-Making Process

Women have to play many roles in the household. However, certain constraints limit her ability to make decisions. In Bangladesh, women are still lagging behind their male partners. It is worth mentioning that in a remote village area such as Horikumaria, women's roles in household decision-making are very limited. Even their continuous contributions to the family are considered minimal. Family members rarely seek the women's input in major decision-making processes. Horikumaria's women rarely engage in professional work outside the village. They work all day long for the family. Occasionally, people ask women for their opinions, yet fail to consider them. A woman, as a homemaker, gives importance to other people's decisions, but no one considers hers important. In some cases, women attempt to participate in family decision-making despite the negligence of their family members. As a housewife and mother, a woman is constantly concerned about her family members. Whenever she is unable to influence the main decisions of the family, she tries to do something secretly. One cannot overstate the importance of a woman's role in her family. But her role is always underestimated.

6.2 The Contributing Factors Influencing Women's Participation

The women of Horikumaria village lack a high level of education. Twelve of the 50 women interviewed had not even completed their primary education, and fifteen had not completed their secondary education. They are not conscious enough of their roles and rights in family decision-making. There are many more factors that affect the decision-making process. The decision-making process is influenced by various factors, including the educational background of women, family traditions, their tender nature, socio-economic status, religion, and the husband-wife relationship. The village women are not workaholics. They stay in the house all day and spend their time cooking, washing family members' clothes, cleaning the house, etc. Only 14 out of the 50 respondents in the research sample, either through service or as small entrepreneurs, generate income. But a few of their husbands don't allow it to be done at all. The village people are so traditional. They expect the housewives to be docile and kind

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by nature. They should respect the decisions made by their father-in-law's family members. The women also feel nervous, especially the newly married women, about altering the decision-making process in the household. The social construction of beliefs and norms always tries to suppress women. Husbands' opinions shape family perceptions of women's recognition. Family members see how a spouse treats his wife. If he performs appropriately and values his wife's decision, his parents and other family members will too. If her husband doesn't appreciate her decision, the family may not either. This is why the husband-wife relationship is essential for home decision-making. Some spouses find hearing their wives' decisions humiliating. The patriarchal society restricts women's speech. No need to make them family leaders. However, one of my participants insisted on working, despite her husband's warnings to send her back to her father's house or face divorce.

6.3 The Value of Women as Family Members

The value of women as family members in the family affects their involvement in the domestic decision-making process. They are valued less than the family's earning members. Like all other active members of the family, they struggle to fulfill their needs and demands. The family simply views the women as caregivers. Her duty is solely to serve the family members, to understand their feelings and their suffering. Among the 50 respondents, it's evident that they find it difficult to discuss their issues with those closest to them. Even when they are sick, they get a little help from family members. To purchase a dress for herself, she must consult her husband for assistance. She is only responsible for managing domestic tasks, not domestic decisions. Whenever a wife visits her father's house, it becomes almost impossible for her husband to manage his daily necessities and cook food for daily consumption. It appears that her worth lies solely in her ability to prepare meals and maintain the house. Only the male partner's decisions in the house can pave the way for the family's progression. The family members of my research participants are ignorant about the quality of their female family members to decide about the household management system.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Generally, women in Bangladesh face many types of barriers to participating in the domestic decision-making process. These issues are particularly significant in rural areas. The rural areas are much more patriarchal than the urban areas. When a girl grows up in her father's house, she always abides by her parents' decisions. Her parents decide who will be her groom, and after marriage, she follows her husband's decision, sometimes forcefully or willingly. The structure of our society prevents a woman from exercising her own decision-making power. Socio-economic and other traditional factors influence the domestic decision-making process of women in Horikumaria, as observed among 50 respondents. Their family members do not always seek their opinion when making major decisions. Men's decisions are final in 70% of cases. They don't care about women's decisions. In Horikumaria, a woman who is dependent on her husband is also vulnerable to the decision-making process. Her husband and other family members also make decisions about the number of children they will have and their education. The women can't work outside without their husband's consent. Domestic decision-making mainly depends on the earning members and the eldest members of the household. The women can only give their opinion on some small matters. Most of her decisions are denied. The women must adapt their thinking to align with the decisions made by their families. The women in this village are also deprived of their skin color. Approximately 30% of husbands prioritize their attractive wives. Their appearance provokes their husbands and other family members to fall for them. On the other hand, those who are black or not attractive are lagging behind on all sides.

Recommendations

To improve the status of women's participation in domestic decision-making processes, some significant steps can be taken. These recommendations can be given below:

- Enhancing the education of women is necessary to ensure that their family members acknowledge their competence and include them in the decision-making process.
  Women with limited access to higher education have the opportunity to engage in non-governmental organizations (NGOs), tailoring, crafts, and online small businesses. These activities can provide them with income and improve their influence in the decision-making process.
- Women should increase their awareness of their rights and obligations. They should refrain from perceiving themselves as subordinate to their masculine counterpart. They should not rely on their male companion for every element of their lives.
  Women have the ability to effectively communicate the significance of their family members' participation in decision-making processes.

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DISENYO, BALIDASYON, AT KABISAAN NG KAGAMITANG PANTURO HINGGIL SA WASTONG GAMIT NG MGA SALITA AT KATAGA SA FILIPINO

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ABSTRACT

This study is about the design, validation, and effectiveness of instructional materials regarding the proper use of words and phrases in Filipino. The study utilized an experimental design and Cluster Sampling in selecting participants. The research aims to determine the design, validation, and effectiveness of instructional materials on correct language use in Filipino based on scores provided by eight teachers specializing in Filipino from Laguna State Polytechnic University, Santa Maria Integrated National High School, Famy Integrated National High School, and Siniloan Integrated National High School, along with the scores obtained from one hundred students (fifty students in the control group and fifty students in the experimental group) from Grade 7 in pre-test and post-test assessments. Findings from this study revealed that the instructional materials developed by the researcher were effective, thus recommending the development of additional materials such as modules for the Filipino subject, which could aid in enhancing student learning. Secondly, the use of modules was found to be effective in student learning, prompting schools to conduct training in module creation for comprehensive understanding and learning. Thirdly, researchers associated with this study discovered the benefits of using modules.

KEYWORDS – *Cogency, Design, Instructional Material, Proper words and phrases, Validation*

I. PANIMULA

Ang kagamitang panturo ay isa sa pinkaamahalagang instrument sa pagtuturo at sa pagkatuto. Isa ito sa mga kailangan upang mas lalong matuto ang mga mag-aaral. Batay kay Ramirez [1] ang kagamitang panturo ay isang mahalagang papel sa pagtuturo dahil isa ito sa nagsisilbing gabay sa mga paksang pag-aaralan. Ang kagamitang panturo ay isang sandata sa mas lalong pagkatuto at pagpapayabong ng kaalaman. Ito ay ginagamit sa pagtuturo na nagsisilbing gabay at pantulong sa mga guro sa pagbibigay at pagturok ng karunungan sa mga mag-aaral. Dagdag pa sa tinalakay ni Garcia [2] na ang bentahe ng kagamitang panturo ay mas napapadali ang paglalahad ng mga impormasyon lalo't higit sa pagkamit ng layunin at mababago nito ang gampanin ng mga guro patungo sa pagiging positibo at produktibo.

Sa kabila ng kahalagahang dulot ng kagamitang panturo tulad ng modyul, ang mga paaralan ay nagkakaroon pa rin ng pagkukulang sa mga ito. Ayon kay Ramirez [3] sa dami ng mga mag-aaral at sa dami ng kulang na guro sa paaralan, nagkakaroon din ng pagkukulang sa suplay ng mga kagamitang panturo sa mga paaralan. Dagdag pa ni Dela Cruz [4] dahil sa lumalaking bilang ng mga mag-aaral sa mga pampublikong paaralan sa bansa hindi na matugunan ng mga paaralan ang pagkakaroon ng mga libro o modyul bawat isang mag-aaral sa bawat asignatura.

Ang wika ay kakambal ng gramatika. Hindi nga maitatanggi na mas marami pa ang nagkakamali pagdating sa gramatikang Filipino kaysa sa Ingles. Bahagi ng kawastuang pambalarila ang tama ng gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa loob ng pangungusap. Ayon kina Rodriguez et.al sa pag-aaral ni Fundivilla [5], mahalaga ang retorika at balarila sa pagpapahayag. Ang retorika ay isang mahalagang karunungan ng pagpapahayag na tumutukoy sa sining ng kagandahan at kaakit-akit na pagsasalita at pagsulat. Ito ay sining ng maayos na pagpili ng wastong salita sa pagbuo ng pahayag upang maunawaan at mahikayat ang nakikinig o bumabasa. Dagdag pa ni Prof Catalig mula sa pag-aaral ni Fundivilla [6] na ang wastong paggamit ng mga salita at kataga ay tungo sa epektibong pagpapahayag.

Masasabi na maging ang mga nagsisipag-aral ay nagkakamali pa rin sa paggamit ng mga wastong salita. Batay sa inilahad ni Hanuel Kim [7] sa wattpad, kahit professional man o hindi, pasalita man o pasulat ay nagkakamali pa rin sa paggamit ng mga salita at kataga lalo na kapag mayroong kagamitang panturo patungkol dito. Ang kagamitang panturo ay mas lalong magbibigay ng kaliwanagan sa higit pang paghasa sa paggamit ng mga wastong salita at kataga sa Filipino. Ito ay maaring magsilbing hagdanan sa pag-abot ng kawastuan sa paggamit ng mga salita at kataga at ang mga kaalaman na matututunan ay magiging ilaw sa pagpapaunlad ng wikang Filipino.

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Siguro nga'y hindi ikaaangat ng buhay natin ang pagkabihasa sa wika, ngunit sa pamamagitan nito makikilala at mapauunlad hindi lamang ang ating sarili kundi ang wikang sariling atin na ating maipagmamalaki.

II. LAYUNIN NG PANANALIKSIK

Ang pananaliksik na ito ay naglalayong (1) makabuo ng isang modyul hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga (2) magamit nang wasto ang mga salita at kataga sa pangungusap sa pamamagitan ng kagamitang panturo (3)makatulong sa mga guro ng baitang pito sa pamamagitan ng dagdag kagamitang panturo (4) mahasa ang kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga (5) malaman ang kasalukuyang antas ng kasanayan ng mga mag-aaral sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga para sa lalo pang pagpapaunlad nito at (6) mabatid ang impluwensya at kahalagahan ng kagamitang panturo sa kaalaman ng mag-aaral hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga.

III. METODO NG PANANALIKSIK

Ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng "Pre-test – Post-test Design" at "Experimental Design". Ang mga kalahok ay oobserbahan ng dalawang beses. Una ay sa pagsasagot sa Pre-test at ikalawa ay ang pagsasagot sa Post-test. Ang pagkakaiba ng iskor sa Pre-test at Post-test ay ang magiging resulta. Isang daang (100) mag-aaral at walong (8) guro na may espesyalisasyon sa Filipino ang mga kalahok ng nasabing pag-aaral. "Cluster Sampling" ang ginamit sa pag-aaral na ito. Kung saan walang itinangi ang mananaliksik sa mga mag-aaral na kabilang sa dalawang section na kanyang napili sa magkaibang paaralan. Ang mananaliksik ay gumawa ng dalawang uri ng talatanungan: Paunang pagsusulit (Pre-test) at ang Pangwakas na pagsusulit (Post-test). Unang ipinamahagi ng mananaliksik ang paunang pagsusulit upang malaman ang kasalukuyang antas ng kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga mag-aaral sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino. Gumawa ang mananaliksik ng kagamitang panturo at ipinavalideyt sa kanyang mga ebalweytor at sa kanyang tagapayo. Matapos ipavalideyt ng mananaliksik ang kagamitang panturo nagsimula na siyang magturo at mamahagi nito.

Sa loob ng limampung minuto tatalakayin ng mananaliksik ang isang aralin, kasunod nito ang pagsasagot ng mga kalahok na kabilang sa control group at matatanggap naman ng experimental group ang aralin na katulad ng itinuturo ng mananaliksik sa control group na kailangan din nilang masagutan.

Ang pagtuturo ng mananaliksik at ang pamamahagi ng kagamitang panturo ay sa magkaparehong oras at araw. Mayroong siyam na aralin ang kagamitang panturo kaya't siyam na araw na nagturo ang mananaliksik at siyam na araw na nakatanggap ng modyul ang mga kalahok sa experimental group. Matapos talakayin at ipamigay ang bawat aralin ng modyul muling nagbigay ang mananaliksik ng pagsusulit, ang Post-test upang malaman kung naging epektibo ba at nagkaroon ba ng kapakinabangan ang ginawang kagamitang panturo para mapataas ang antas ng kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga mag-aaral hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga. Ang mga datos na nakalap ay nilapatan ng angkop na kagamitang pang-istatistika upang malaman ang naging resulta ng pag-aaral.

IV. RESULTA AT DISKUSYON

Talahanayan 1.1 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa disenyo

Disenyo	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Angkop ang disenyo ng pabalat sa nilalaman ng modyul.	4.62	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	1
2. Angkop ang disenyo ng mga pahina sa mga kalahok na gagamit.	4.37	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	4.5
3. Angkop at kaaya-aya ang mga larawang ginamit sa bawat gawain kaugnay ng akdang isinulat ng mananaliksik.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
4. Kaaya-aya ang ginamit na graphic organizer at larawan sa nakapaloob sa modyul.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
5. Ang margin, laki at uri ng titik/font, agwat ng mga titik at salita ay maganda at may kaayusan.	4.37	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	4.5
Kabuuan	**4.47**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Malinaw na ayon sa kinalabasan ng resulta na ang mga nagsilbing ebalweytor ng kagamitang panturo hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga ay lubos na sumasang-ayon batay sa disenyo nito. Mahalaga na isaalang-alang natin ang disenyo ng isang modyul dahil minsan hindi ito umuukma sa mga gagamit. Isa pang dahil ay kung ang disenyo ng modyul ang mas nabibigyang diin kaysa sa nilalaman, ang pokus ng mga kalahok ay matutuon na lamang dito. Ang disenyo ng modyul na ito umakma sa mga

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kalahok at kaaya-aya ang mga larawang ginamit. Ayon kay Chenorman (2017) mahalaga ang disenyo na gagamitin sa isang modyul o libro dahil isa ito sa nagbibigay kagandahan at nagbibigay kulay sa isang likha

Talahanayan 1.2 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa nilalaman

Nilalaman	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Ang modyul ay kasiya-siyahang basahin at maglulundo sa pagkatuto ng mag-aaral.	4.87	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	1
2.Nakapagbibigay kaalaman hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino.	4.75	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2
3.Nakatutulong sa paggamit nang wastong gramatika at nahahasa ang utka ng bata na gumawa at mag-isip.	4.62	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	3.5
4. Ang paliwanag sa bawat gawain ng modyul ay madaling maintindihan.	4.37	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	5
5. Nakapagpapaunlad ng pansariling pagkatuto at magbubusod sa tinatawag na “independent study.”	4.62	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	3.5
Kabuuan	**4.65**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Malinaw sa kinalabasan ng pag-aaral na ito na ang kagamitang panturo hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga batay sa nilalaman ay lubos na sinasang-ayunan ng mga respondente. Ang nilalaman ng modyul ay hindi lamang makapagpapaunlad sa kaalaman nila sa wastong paggamit ng mga salita at kataga kundi makapaghahatid din ng mga aral sa buhay mula sa mga akdang isinulat ng mananaliksik. Ayon kay Zyle Cho (2018) mahalagang isaalang-alang ang angkop na nilalaman ng isang modyul upang magamit at mapag-aralan ng isang estudyante na makatutulong kanyang sa pag-aaral.

Talahanayan 1.3 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa panuto at pagtalakay

Panuto at pagtalakay	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Mabilis at madaling unawain ang panuto sa mga gawain hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino.	4.50	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	2.5
2. Nasusubok ang aspeto sa pagsunod ng mga mag-aaral at kanilang husay sa komprehensyon at pag-unawa.	4.25	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	5
3. Nasusubok ang masusing pagbabasa upang makasunod at hindi magkamali sa nakasaad na panuto.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
4. Gumamit ng mga tiyak na salita at payak na pangungusap na madaling unawain.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
5. Hindi maligoy ang mga pangungusap at nakawiwiling basahin.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
Kabuuan	**4.45**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Mapapansin na may pare-parehong ranggo ang bilang isa (1) na mabilis at madaling unawain ang panuto sa mga gawain hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino, ikatlong bilang (3) na nasusubok ang masusing pagbabasa upang makasunod ikaapat na bilang (4) na gumamit ng tiyak na salita at payak na pangungusap na madaling unawain at ikalimang bilang

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(5) na hindi maligoy ang mga pangungusap at nakawiwiling basahin na may weighted mean na 4.5 at may berbal na interpretasyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon. Ang ikalawang katanungan (2) na nasusubok ang aspeto sa pagsunod ng mga mag-aaral at kanilang husay sa komprehensyon at pag-unawa na nasa ikalimang ranggo, may weighted mean na 4.25 at may berbal na interpretasyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon.

Sa pag-aaral na ito, ang kabuuan ng weighted mean ay 4.45 at lumalabas na lubos na sumasang-ayon ang mga ebalweytor batay sa panuto at pagtalakay sa ginawang kagamitang panturo ng mananaliksik. Ang panuto na ginamit ng mananaliksik sa ginawa niyang modyul ay mapauunlad ang aspeto ng pagsunod at pagbabasa ng mabuti upang hindi magkamali sa pagsagot at ang pagtalakay naman ay hindi maligoy. Batay kay Araya (2017) mahalagang madaling maunawaan ang pagtalakay sa isang libro dahil ito ang magsisilbing tagubilin, gabay o direksyon sa pag-aaral sa isang particular na aralin at kailangang sundin ang mga panuto sapagkat makatutulong ito sa tama, mas maayos at mas mabilis na paggawa ng mga gawain.

Talahanayan 1.4 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa pagsasanay at gawain

Pagsasanay at gawain	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Napauunlad ang kasanayan hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga.	4.50	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	4
2. Nagbibigay daan upang masusing makapag-isip ang mga mag-aaral at mahasa ang kritikal at mapanuring pag-iisip.	4.75	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	1.5
3. Nasusubok ang kanilang pag-alala, pagsusuri, pagtataya at pagkilala.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	4
4. Ang mga ginawang pagsasanay at gawain ay maaaring magbunsod sa pangmatagalang pagkatuto.	4.50	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	4
5. Ang mga akdang ginamit sa mga pagsasanay at gawain ay hindi lamang nakapagbibigay kaalaman kundi nakapagbibigay aral sa buhay.	4.75	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	1.5
Kabuuan	**4.475**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Ang kabuuang weighted mean ng pag-aaral na ito ay 4.55 na may berbal na interpretasyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon. Nangangahulugan na ang mga naging ebalweytor ng kagamitang panturo ay lubos na sumasang-ayon batay sa mga pagsasanay at gawain. Mahalagang bigyang pansin ang pagsasanay at gawain ng isang kagamitang panturo dahil dito masusukat ang kaalaman at malalaman kung may natutunan ba ang mga mag-aaral at mga gagamit nito o wala batay sa pagtalakay ng mga aralin o paksa. Ayon kay Garcia na napapanatili ng kagamitang panturo ang interaksyon sa pagitan ng guro at mag-aaral nang sa gayon ang mga talakayan partikular na sa mga gawain at pagsasanay ay maging epektibo.

Talahanayan 1.5 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa kapakinabangan

Kapakinabangan	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Kapaki-pakinabang ang modyul na ito sa mga mag-aaral sa pag-aaral ng wastong paggamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino.	4.87	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	3
2. Kapaki-pakinabang at malaking tulong sa mga guro sa kanilang pagtuturo hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino ang modyul na ito.	5	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	1

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3. Kapaki-pakinabang sa paaralan upang maging dagdag kagamitang panturo ang modyul na ito.	4.87	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	3
4. Makapagbibigay ng sapat na kaalaman ang modyul na ito sa mga mag-aaral hinggil sa pagtalakay sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga.	4.75	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	5
5. Makatutulong ang modyul na ito sa pagpapalakas ng pagsulat ng sanaysay at pagbuo ng mga pangungusap matapos malaman ang wastong salita at kataga sa Filipino.	4.87	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	3
Kabuuan	**4.87**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Malinaw sa kinalabasan ng resulta na ang mga nagsilbing ebalweytor ng kagamitang panturo hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga ay lubos na sumasang-ayon batay sa kapakinabangan nito. Kailangan na maging kapaki-pakinabang ang modyul upang ito'y maging epektibo. Ang modyul na ito ay isang malaking tulong upang madagdagan ang kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga at bilang dagdag kagamitang panturo. Ayon kay Andre Gantala (2016) ang libro at modyul ay kapaki-pakinabang at kailangan ng mga guro, estudyante, paaralan at iba pa dahill dito natin malalaman ang mga impormasyon na kailangan nating malaman. Batay kay Paragas (2016) mahalaga ang modyul at mga aklat sa mga guro at mag-aaral dahil ito ay naglalaman ng di mapapantayang karunungan ng isa o maraming tao sa iba't ibang larangan ng buhay. Maraming praktikal na impormasyon ang taglay nito, maaaring nakasulat din dito ang mahahalagang simulain sa buhay, mga batas, mga teorya at iba pang mahahalagang katotohanan sa buhay.

Talahanayan 1.6 Antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo batay sa wastong gramatika

Wastong gramatika	*Weighted Mean*	Berbal na Interpretasyon	Ranggo
1. Wasto ang gramatikang ginamit sa modyul na ito lalo na sa pagbuo ng mga pangungusap at talataan.	4.75	Lubosna sumasang-ayon	4.5
2. Ang mga ginamit na salita batay sa kahulugan ay angkop sa loob ng pangungusap.	4.75	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	4.5
3. Ang baybay o ispeling ng mga salita ay tama at ayon sa tunay na kahulugan.	4.87	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
4. Ang paggamit ng wastong salita at kataga sa loob ng pangungusap ay isinasaalang-alang sa mga gawain at akdang babasahin.	4.87	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	2.5
5. Ang mga bantas na ginamit sa bawat pangungusap ay wasto.	5	Lubos na sumasang-ayon	1
Kabuuan	**4.85**	**Lubos na sumasang-ayon**	

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Ang kinalabasan ng pag-aaral na ito ay may kabuuang weighted mean na 4.85 na may berbal na interpretrasyon na lubos na sumasang-ayon. Nangangahulugan na ang mga naging ebalweytor ng kagamitang panturo ay lubos na sumasang-ayon batay sa wastong gramatika ng modyul na ito. Ang kawastuan ng gramatika ng modyul na ginawa ng mananaliksik ay nakatulong upang magkaroon ng katibayan ang paksang tinatalakay sa modyul na wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga. Ayon kina Cruz at Bisa na hinalaw sa pag-aaral ni Minaol (2014) na higit na mabisa at malinaw ang pagpapahayag kung isasaalang-alang ang

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wastong gamit ng mga salita at paraan ng paghahanay ng mga salita sa isang pahayag.

Talahanayan 2 Antas ng kaalaman ng mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit at pangwakas na pagsusulit

Grupo (*Pre-test*)	***Mean Score***	***Standard Deviation***	**Berbal na Interpretasyon**
Control	22.62	5.229	Kasiya-siya
Experimental	27.18	5.029	Higit na kasiya-siya
Grupo (*Post-test*)	***Mean Score***	***Standard Deviation***	**Berbal na Interpretasyon**
Control	29.02	4.905	Higit na kasiya-siya
Experimental	42.04	1.442	Lubos na kasiya-siya

Ang talahanayan bilang 2 ay naglalahad ng antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) batay sa paunang pagsusulit at pangwakas na pagsusulit. Upang matukoy ang antas ng kaalaman ng dalawang grupo ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng istadistikong panukat na Mean at Standard Deviation.

Batay sa nakalahad na datos, ipinapakita na kasiya-siya ang paunang pagsusulit ng Control na group base nakuhang mean score na 22.62 at standard deviation na 5.229 at naging higit na kasiya-siya ang pangwakas na pagsusulit base sa mean score na 29.02 at standard deviation na 4.905, samantalang ang Experimental group ay may berbal na interpretasyon sa paunang pagsusulit na higit na kasiya-siya base sa nakuhang mean score nito na 27.18 at standard deviation na 5.029 at naging lubos na kasiya-siya ang pangwakas na pagsusulit batay sa nakuhang mean score na 42.04 at standard deviation na 1.442.

Lumalabas na naging epektibo ang kagamitang panturo na ginawa ng mananaliksik. Hindi naman nagkakalayo ang iskor na nakuha ng dalawang grupo pagdating sa paunang pagsusulit dahil lahat naman sila ay may alam na sa paksang ito. Makikita na malaki ang itinaas ng experimental group dahil mas naaaral nila ng sarilinan ang modyul na ibinahagi sa kanila kaysa sa control group. Ang pagtuturo ng mananaliksik sa mga control group at sa pag-aaral at pagbabasa ng mga experimental group sa modyul ay magkatulad lamang ang oras, kaya't ipinapakita nito na mas tumatatak sa mga mag-aaral ang kanilang pinag-aaralan kung kabilang sila sa pagtuklas ng mga kaalaman kaysa guro lamang ang siyang may hawak ng kagamitang panturong gamit sa pagtalakay.

Ayon kay Reddy (2010) *two matched of low achievers were constituted for the purpose of experimental and a control group was also formed in order to assess how far this multimedia based modular approach. The control group was taught traditional lecture method while the experimental group was taught through modular approach. The results showed that the modular approach has more effective than the traditional lecture method in teaching.*

Talahanayan 3 Makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit.

Grupo *(Pre-test)*	***Test***	***Mean Score***	***Standard Deviation***	***Mean Difference***	***T-Value***	***P-Value***	**Relasyon**
Control		22.6200	5.2290				**May pagkakaiba**
	T-test			-4.56000	-23.49	0.000	
Experimental		27.1800	5.0293				

Ang talahanayan bilang 3 ay naglalahad ng makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit upang malaman ito ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng istadistikong panukat na T-test.

Batay sa resulta ng datos, makikita na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit base sa nakuhang mean score ng control group na 22.6200, nakuhang mean score ng experimental group na 27.1800 at mean difference na -4.56000 na may T-value na -23.49 at P-Value na 0.000 at sa ganitong resulta ang null hypothesis ay hindi tanggap.

Ang resulta ay nagpapahiwatig na bago ang aplikasyon ng pagtuturo at pagbibigay ng modyul, ang mga kalahok ay may kaunting kaalaman patungkol sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at

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kataga at ang kaunting kaalamang iyon ay nagpapatunay sa kanilang nakuhang iskor kung saan ang mga paksa ay naituro na sa kanila sa mga nagdaang taon ng kanilang pag-aaral sa Filipino. Maaaring mas sineryoso at mas nagbigay tuon sa pagsusulit ng mga mag-aaral na kabilang sa Experimental group kaysa sa Control group at dahil sila ay sadyang marurunong kaya madali nilang natandaan ang tuntunin sa paggamit ng mga salita at kataga.

Base na nakuhang resullta ang pag-aaral ay may pagkakaiba sa pag-aaral ni Tuala (2015) *which stated that the students perform well in pre-performance for them to upgrade themselves through reviewing their past lessons covered by examination; otherwise, their post-performance under the retention test approved quite satisfying since the retention test aims to gauge the level of learning that the students were able to recall across the valid topics discussed to them.* Sinalungat naman ito sa pag-aaral ni Pedron (2016) *that the students performed well after the implementation of the treatment; his study reveals that their scores in post-test were higher than the pre-test scores.*

Talahanayan 3.1 Makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa pangwakas na pagsusulit.

Grupo *(Pre-test)*	*Test*	*Mean Score*	*Standard Deviation*	*Mean Difference*	*T-Value*	*P-Value*	Relasyon
Control	T-test	29.0200	4.9052	-13.020	-20.1	0.000	**May pagkakaiba**
Experimental		42.0400	1.4422				

Ang talahanayan bilang 3.1 ay naglalahad ng makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa pangwakas na pagsusulit at upang malaman ito ng mananaliksik ay gumamit ng istadistikong panukat na T-test.

Batay sa resulta ng datos ang mean score na nakuha ng control group sa pangwakas na pagsusulit ay 29.0200, standard deviation na 4.9052, samantalang ang nakuhang ang mean score ng experimental group sa pangwakas na pagsusulit ay 42.0400 at standard deviation na 1.4422 at ang kanilang mean difference ay -13.020, T-Value na -20.1 at P-Value na 0.000 na nangangahulugang may makabuluhang pagkakaiba ang antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (control/experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa pangwakas pagsusulit at ang null hypothesis ay hindi tanggap.

Ang resulta ay nagpapahiwatig na matapos gawin ang aplikasyon ng pagtuturo at pagbibigay ng modyul makikita na mas mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng experimental group. Maaaring ito ay dahil ang mga mag-aaral sa panahon ngayon ay visual learners na kung saan mas tumatagal ang kanilang pagkatuto kung mayroon silang nakikita at nababasang libro na maaari nilang pag-aralan anumang oras nila gustuhin. Ayon kay Marabillo (2018), isa sa mga mag-aaral ng experimental group na mas lalong naiintindihan ang isang aralin kung ito ay may sariling librong nababasa at naaaral dahil maaari mo pa itong balikan kaysa sa tinuturo ng guro na kailangan mong aralin ang isang paksa gamit lamang ang aspeto ng pakikinig dahil wala kang librong nababasa at nahahawakan. Sinuportahan naman ito sa pag-aaral ni Marie (2015) *affirmed that the modular approach treatment makes the students gained higher scores in the posttest compared to pre-test.*

Talahanayan 4 Antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga batay sa nakuhang iskor (gain score)

Grupo	*Mean Difference*	*Test*	*T-Value*	*P-Value*	Relasyon
Control Experimental	-8.46000	T-test	-12.65	0.000	May kaugnayan

Ang talahanayan bilang 4 ay naglalahad ng antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga batay sa nakuhang iskor (gain score) at upang malaman ito ang mananaliksik ay gumamit ng istadistikong panukat na Paired T-test.

Batay sa nakalahad na datos ang mean difference ng nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral sa control at experimental group ay -8.46000, T-Value na -12.65 at P-Value na 0.000 ito ay palatandaan na ang experimental group na binigyan ng modyul ay nakakuha ng mataas na iskor kaysa sa control group na tinuruan ng mananaliksik at ang null hypothesis ay hindi tanggap.

Mas mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng experimental group at nagpapatunay na ang kagamitang panturo na ginawa ng mananaliksik ay magbubunsod sa tinatawag na Independent Study ng mga mag-aaral. Ayon kay Barnes et al. (2000), *investigated that operational of modular approach helped in motivating the student ang they benefited more from this approach.on the whole, it appears that modular learning group*

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perform significantly better than the group taught by traditional method of teaching.

V. KONGKLUSYON

Batay sa lumabas na resulta ng pag-aaral na ito ang mananaliksik ay nakabuo ng mga kongklusyon. Batay sa antas ng kalidad ng kagamitang panturo lumabas na may pinakamataas na nakuha ang kapakinabangan ng kagamitang panturo hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga na ginawa ng mananaliksik. Lumabas na kapaki-pakinabang ito hindi lamang sa mga guro at mga mag-aaral kundi maging sa paaralan bilang dagdag kagamitang panturo. Sa antas ng kaalaman ng mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit at pangwakas na pagsusulit lumabas na mas mataas ang nakuhang iskor ng mga mag-aaral na kabilang sa experimental group mula pa lamang sa paunang pagsusulit, subalit mas lalong tumaas ang nakuha nilang iskor sa pangwakas na pagsusulit. Lumabas na may makabuluhang pagkakaiba sa antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga sa Filipino batay sa paunang pagsusulit at pangwakas na pagsusulit. Lumabas na may kaugnayan ang antas ng kaalaman ng mga mag-aaral (Control/Experimental) sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga batay sa nakuha nilang iskor (gain score). Sa pag-aaral na ito, lumabas na nagkaroon ng kapakinabangan at kabisaan ang modyul na ginawa ng mananaliksik hinggil sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga.

Batay sa mga natuklasan at konklusyon, nais imungkahi ng mananaliksik ang mga sumusunod na rekomendasyon; (1) Gumawa ng mga dagdag na kagamitang panturo tulad ng modyul na ginawa ng mananaliksik sa asignaturang Filipino na magagamit ng mga mag-aaral dahil makatutulong ito sa pagpapalakas ng kanilang pagkatuto. (2) Ang paggamit ng modyul ay isang kabisaan sa pagkatuto ng mga mag-aaral, ang mga paaralan ay maglayong magsagawa ng mga pagsasanay sa paglikha ng modyul na magagamit sa kanilang pag-aaral para sa lubos na pag-unawa sa aralin at pagkatuto. (3) Ang mga mananaliksik na may kaugnayan sa ganitong pag-aaral ay tumuklas pa ng mga kapakinabangang taglay sa paggamit ng modyul. (4) Dahil lumabas sa pag-aaral na mabisang gamitin ang modyul na ito kung kaya't iminumungkahi ng mananaliksik na magamit ito ng mga guro sa paksang aralin kaugnay sa wastong gamit ng mga salita at kataga.

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TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING: HOW PHENOMENON-BASED EDUCATION IS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

The current era is marked by a significant acceleration in the accumulation of knowledge. To satisfy their requirements, students must access pertinent information that is broadly applicable. It is crucial to ascertain the accuracy of this information, including its application in various contexts. Students must take an active role in managing their cognitive processes by evaluating their knowledge base. This introspection is vital for skill development across various domains. Engaging with empirical research to understand and forecast phenomena equips students with essential skills like communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork (Fields and Kennedy, 2020).

KEYWORDS: *empirical research, cognitive skills, practical application, team collaboration, critical analysis.*

Silander (2015) identifies five dimensions essential to the phenomenon-based learning approach, emphasizing a holistic and real-world perspective on education:

1.**Integrity**: This dimension involves a cross-disciplinary and holistic view of real-world events, moving away from traditional isolated subject lessons.

2.**Authenticity**: Students engage with real-world tools, methods, and materials, participating in authentic expert practices rather than theoretical classroom scenarios.

3.**Contextuality**: Learning is deeply embedded in the natural environment, making the study of phenomena relevant and systematic.

4.**Problem-Based Learning**: Students actively formulate hypotheses and gather information, fostering a participatory and inquiry-based learning environment.

5.**Open Learning Processes**: Learners independently plan and manage their learning tasks, enhancing their initiative and adaptability.

These dimensions place students at the core of their educational experience, encouraging them to explore topics of personal interest without predefined objectives, thereby transforming them into active participants in their learning journey.

Knowledge and skills are gained through more meaningful learning experiences by engaging students actively in real-world problem-solving. In this approach, students independently uncover knowledge and skills (Zhukov, 2015). The primary objective of the phenomenon-based learning (PhenoBL) approach is to achieve deep learning and comprehension. This method is designed to allow students to thoroughly explore topics of interest using various techniques and perspectives (Silander, 2015). Additionally, PhenoBL offers students a novel learning experience, fostering self-awareness, interpretation through action, and understanding of the material studied. Learning this way becomes a significant and effective activity for students (Kivelo, 2015).

The aim of the phenomenal approach to learning is to provide students with life experiences and opportunities that enhance their enthusiasm for learning (Zhukov, 2015). This approach emphasizes the necessity of creating a supportive social environment, along with fostering curiosity, motivation, self-regulation, and personal insights, aligning with trends in metacognitive awareness.

PhenoBL significantly boosts students' skills, enhancing creativity, critical thinking, communication, game-based learning, and collaboration. It involves studying real-world phenomena in a comprehensive manner, integrating all related entities, and transcending boundaries between subjects. The core requirement of this learning process is originality and authenticity. PhenoBL is not guided by a strict set of rules but focuses on the active role of students in understanding phenomena, unlike traditional learning where students had a passive role and relied on memorization.

Within the context of the subject, PhenoBL involves students in collaborative activities to solve problems and answer questions (Blogger, 2018; Silander, 2015; Zhukov, 2016). Moreover, it emphasizes experiential learning and fostering student self-reliance for deeper understanding.

PhenoBL offers four key benefits: holistic learning, interdisciplinary learning, group learning, and integrated learning. Students engaged in the PhenoBL curriculum are not passive listeners but active participants who contribute and learn through the subject matter (Raahan, 2016). Finland's implementation of the PhenoBL approach in their curriculum has garnered significant media attention. Their strategy involves teachers focusing on one topic per year for each student, conducted through the PhenoBL program. The innovative use of technology and the school's external environment play crucial roles in engaging and activating students (Spiller, 2017). These elements demonstrate how PhenoBL can enhance students' learning abilities, expand their

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knowledge across various subjects, and extend the duration for which they can apply their skills. Observing the effects of PhenoBL in different global contexts, including outside Finland, is essential to assess the effectiveness of this learning approach.

Simultaneously, phenomenon-based learning is integrated into a problem-solving environment, where teachers initiate the process by posing questions or problems, and students collaboratively develop answers related to a phenomenon of interest (Silander, 2015a, p. 17). Learning goals are discussed rather than imposed, and assessments serve as tools for self-reflection. This student-centered learning connects theories to practical situations and phenomena. Team teaching with subject specialists is considered vital for studying phenomena comprehensively (Silander, 2015b). In this process, teachers act as coordinators of learning tasks, using their expertise not just to convey information but to encourage and guide students in solving problems they have identified themselves (Silander, 2015b).

Finland, a geographically remote nation in Northern Europe, consistently ranks at the top of global education systems. This achievement is notable given that the country requires only one standardized exam at the end of 12th grade. Despite the success of its education system, Finland reformed its national curriculum in 2016. Since then, Finnish students have been participating in periods of phenomenon-based learning (PhenoBL), a type of research-driven learning. A phenomenon is defined as an observable event or a fact that can be seen, felt, or otherwise perceived, often something unusual or interesting. Examples include scientific breakthroughs, technological trends, and natural disasters. Investigating phenomena sparks curiosity. With PhenoBL, students engage with real-world issues to investigate problems or satisfy their curiosity from multiple angles. They study phenomena as holistic entities within their real-world contexts, incorporating relevant interdisciplinary information and skills. This approach involves using data collected during research, which is then analyzed against existing models and theories. The insights derived from their investigations lead students to new understandings. Finnish students use this practical approach to explore a wide range of topics, from entrepreneurship to space exploration.

PhenoBL in Action

In Finland, I observed the English Language School in Helsinki conducting a week dedicated to the concept of time using phenomenon-based learning. Students from preschool to sixth grade participated in this event. The students examined the concept of time from various perspectives: first and second graders learned about Finnish watchmakers and built their own grandfather clocks out of cardboard. Third graders created calendars representing different cultures throughout history. Fourth and fifth graders designed futuristic cityscapes with blueprints and maps. Sixth graders created visual itineraries for their annual trip to England, all stemming from questions they posed themselves. These inquiries about time motivated and guided the learning process.

Advantages of PhenoBL

Phenomenon-based learning allows students to explore and create. I saw sixth-grade students in Finland use advanced virtual reality equipment to explore Google Earth. They viewed locations around the globe in three dimensions and interacted with these environments using motion-tracking controllers. For selected countries, students prepared detailed itineraries and travel brochures based on their research.

PhenoBL encourages timely creativity. During a week of phenomenon-based learning focused on design, Finnish students studied famous Finnish designers and then used Tinkercad, a 3D design program, to create their own designs. These ranged from practical items like furniture to imaginative creations such as new modes of transportation.

Students employ PhenoBL for protection-related projects. For instance, some seventh graders in Finland explored water consumption in their communities and homes. They created graphs to display their findings, emphasizing the need for conservation through facts and statistics. Beyond research, these students programmed LEGO robots to perform various water-related tasks, such as locating, transporting, using, or disposing of water. At the end of the project, groups presented their research, robotics programming, and water-saving solutions to a jury. This initiative stemmed from the students' interest in real-life phenomena and their desire to develop practical models, which motivated them to take action.

PhenoBL also fosters teacher collaboration. At Espunlahti School in Finland, teachers from various disciplines collaborate to design and execute interdisciplinary phenomenal projects. For example, art and physics classes work together to understand the use of lighting in photography. Similarly, biology and cooking classes team up on projects that involve studying marine life before preparing special seafood dishes.

Long-term Impact

The impact of PhenoBL extends beyond the final presentation. Students gain familiarity with the research process, develop essential 21st-century skills, and discover or renew their passion for learning. The final product is a significant element of inquiry-based learning as it allows students to share their knowledge with an audience.

Students have multiple options for demonstrating their knowledge. PhenoBL encourages them to explore innovative ways to present their projects. I've observed students creating digital and physical posters, three-dimensional models, graphic designs, and short videos. These presentation methods, being visual, are highly effective. The presentations were engaging and, hopefully, had a positive impact on the audience.

Finland's new educational model is indeed based on exciting phenomena. However, without student participation in the research elements, this model would lack its core dynamism, akin to the Sun without its orbiting planets. The students' curiosity, their quest for information, and their efforts to create products that showcase their learning make this model so

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compelling. PhenoBL inspires students to reach for the stars and empowers them to pursue their dreams through a novel approach to learning.

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IMPACT OF WORK LIFE BALANCE ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES IN IT SECTOR

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ABSTRACT
The impact of work-life balance on women employee is a crucial issue that has gained significant attention recent years. The ability to balance the demands of work and personal life is referred to as having a "work-life balance.", including family responsibilities, leisure activities and personal development. For women employees achieving work life balance can be particularly challenging due to traditional gender roles, social expectations and the persistent gender wage group. Women are often expected take on more caregiving responsibilities than men, which can make it difficulties to balance work life and personal life. It can affect their physical and mental health, their job satisfaction and performance, and their ability to advance in career. Additionally, it can impact their families, as well as society as a whole. Achieving work-life balance can be more challenging for women, particularly those with caregiving responsibilities or family commitments. As a result, some women may prioritize their personal lives over career advancement, leading to slower career progression compared to the male counterparts. Balancing professional and personal responsibilities can lead to increase stress and burnout for women. Sample was selected from 135 women employees in IT Sector.

KEYWORDS: *Work life balance, Quality of life*

INTRODUCTION
In today's world of rapid technology developments and constantly evolving workingconditions, the concept of work-life balance has risen to prominence as a vital component impacting individuals' overall well-being and success. As the boundaries between professionalresponsibilities and personal goals blur, the search of a harmonic balance between work and life has become a top priority for both people and businesses. Work/life balance, in its broadestsense, is "defined as a satisfactory level of involvement or fit between the multiple roles in a person's life". Achieving work-life balance involves effectively managing the responsibilities of both one's job and personal life, including family responsibilities, leisure activities and personal developments. Work-life balance refers to the equilibrium that an individual attempts to attain between their professional and personal duties. It involves successfully managing andallocating time and energy to work-related duties as well as non-work-related activities such as family, hobbies, social contacts, and personal well-being. Maintaining physical and mental health, avoiding burnout, fostering relationships, and leading life to its fullest as a whole all need a healthy work-life balance. Another important aspect is quality of life. The term "quality of life" refers to an individual's or a community's general well-being and contentment in their daily lives. It is a broad conceptthat considers a variety of aspects that contribute to a person's happiness, health, and contentment. While quality of life is subjective and varies from one to another. This aspect is covered by basic medical care, annual health checkups, the ability to accomplish all daily tasks, mental health conditions, the opportunity to learn things in society, living happily in the community, current house conditions, a good health care system and services.

Women working today contribute significantly to the transformation of economies, businesses, and society. Significant progress has been achieved toward gender equality in the workplace throughout the years, however problems and discrepancies remain. Women have broken down barriers to hold positions of leadership, excel in numerous professions, and contribute to innovation and growth. Juggling multiple roles, such as being an employee, mother and partner can take a toll on their mental and physical wellbeing. According to Thangjam Ravichandran, Dr G Radhakrishna Murthy, Amit Verma, Dr Lakhvinder Kaur (2022), A female employee spends practically all of her time working and takes away our time with friends and family. Working women have limited time available. In the current competitive environment, everyone is working hard, leaving them with little time to complete both their individual and family obligations. Work-life balance and quality of life have a fundamental and interdependent relationship, with substantial consequences for individual well-being and overall life satisfaction. Achieving a harmonic balance between professional responsibilities and personal activities has a direct impact on the

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quality of life that individuals enjoy. Individuals who are able to properly manage their time, energy, and obligations create an atmosphere that promotes improved physical health, mental well-being, and meaningful connections. When women are given the ability to balance their work and personal life, it creates a ripple effect that affects their physical health, emotional well-being, relationships, professional satisfaction, and personal fulfillment. This interplay between work-life balance and quality of life emphasizes the crucial need of recognizing and supporting women employees' specific problems and objectives, eventually building an environment in which they can prosper both professionally and personally.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

This study is conducting on the topic "Impact of work life balance on the quality of life of women employees". It is conducted to know whether there is any impact of work life balance on the quality of life of women employees and to know the various factors of work life balance and the quality of life. The population of the study is the women employees in the IT. sector. The study also gives importance to the effect of demographic factors such as the age, marital status and experience on work life balance. Work-life balance can have an impact on the physical and mental health of female employees. Long work hours, job stress, and a lack of time for self-care can result in burnout, anxiety, and depression, as well as other physical health issues such as cardiovascular disease and obesity. It also has an effect on their job happiness and performance.

They are more likely to be satisfied with their jobs and perform better when they can combine their work and personal lives. This can also lead to increased retention and decreased absenteeism. It also has an impact on their capacity to spend time with their family and participate in social activities. Finally, it has an impact on societal well-being. Women who can attain work-life balance are more likely to participate in the labor force and contribute to the economy. Understanding work-life balance concerns unique to female employees helps to improve diversity and representation inside the organization. A person's quality of life is important because it affects not just an individual's personal well-being and happiness, but also has broader societal and economic implications.

Overall, researching the influence of work-life balance on a woman's quality of life is critical for understanding her particular issues, promoting gender equality, and establishing a more supportive and inclusive work environment for women employees and the business.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The study is conducted with the following objectives:

- To study the work life balance of women employees in IT sector
- To study the quality of life of women employees in IT sector
- To analyze the relationship of work life balance and quality of life of women employees
- To analyze the effect of age, marital status and experience on work life balance ofwomen employees

METHODOLOGY

The study is descriptive in nature. A population of women employees of IT sector was taken for the study. This study mainly focuses on the impact of work life balance on quality of life of women employees and the effect of demographic characteristics of the women employees such as age, marital status and experience.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The purpose of this study is to learn more about the relationship between work-life balance and the quality of life of women employees in the IT industry, as well as the relationship between these two variables and demographic factors like age, marital status, and experience.In addition, to determine whether there is a significant impact of work-life balance on women employees' quality of life. Major findings identified from the study are: -

- Family work conflict: - It refers to a situation where there is a struggle in the responsibilities and demands of work because of family related strain. This study reveals that 42% of the respondents facing family work conflict.
- Work family conflict: - It refers to a situation where there is a struggle in the responsibilities and demands of family because of work related strain. This study shows that 40% of the respondents facing work family conflict.
- Family satisfaction: - Family satisfaction refers to the overall contentment, happiness, and fulfilment experienced by members within the family. According to the study 52% of the respondents are satisfied with the family.
- Work satisfaction: - It refers to the level of contentment and fulfilment an individual experiences in their employment. 43% of the respondents are not satisfied with theirwork.
- Psychological health: - It refers to the state of well-being that involves emotional, psychological, social aspects of an individual's life. It shows that 47% of the respondents are having good mental health.
- Quality of life:- It refers to the overall well-being and satisfaction that an individualexperiences in various aspects of their life. This study reveals that 53% of the respondents are satisfied with their quality of life.
- The study finds that there is a significant impact of work life balance on quality of lifeof women employees in IT sector.
- The study reveals that there is significant relationship between the age and the worklife balance of women employees in IT sector.
- It shows that there is no significant relationship between the marital status and theexperience on the work life balance of the women employees in IT sector.
- From the Likert point scale analysis, it is visible that there is an impact but there is alimited influence of work life balance

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on the quality of life.

Suggestions of the study

- **Prioritize Tasks:** To prioritize tasks and concentrate on the most importantones, both at work and at home, use effective time management practices.
- **Practice Self-Care**: It is important to look after your physical and emotional health. To lessen stress, acquire regular exercise, adequate rest,and relaxation training.
- **Delegate and Share Responsibilities**: Share caregiving and home dutieswith other family members. Assign tasks and seek participation from everyone.
- **Set Clear Boundaries**: Set up definite boundaries of separation between work and family time. To manage expectations, let your family and employer know when you'll become accessible.
- **Practice Mindfulness and Meditation**: Deep breathing exercises or mindfulness meditation can help you manage stress and improve your emotional wellbeing.
- **Prioritize Sleep**: Get enough quality sleep each night. Establish a regularsleep schedule and create a relaxing bedtime routine.
- **Regular Exercise**: Physical activity is linked to improved mood and mental health. Aim for regular exercise, whether it's walking, yoga, or anyform of physical activity you enjoy.
- **Set Clear Goals**: Establish clear, achievable goals that provide direction and a sense of accomplishment. Regularly review your progress and celebrate your achievements.
- **Positive Relationships**: Build positive relationships with colleagues and supervisors. A supportive and collaborative work environment can greatlyenhance job satisfaction.

CONCLUSION

The study shows the work life balance and quality of life of women employees in IT sector. Work life balance includes the aspects, situation where there is a struggle in theresponsibilities and demands of work because of family related strain, a situation where there is a struggle in the responsibilities and demands of family because of work related strain, the overall contentment, happiness, and fulfilment experienced by members within the family, the level of contentment and fulfilment an individual experiences in their employment and the state of well-being that involves emotional, psychological, social aspects of an individual's life. Quality of life refers to the overallwell-being and satisfaction that an individual experiences in various aspects of their life. Achieving a healthy work-life balance is crucial for overall well-being and can affect various aspects of a woman's life, including physical health, mental well-being, family relationships, and personal fulfilment. Work-life balance for women employeesis an important and complex topic that takes into account the challenges and opportunities women face in managing their professional and personal lives. The study's objective is to analyse the relationship between work-life balance and the quality of life of female employees. It concludes that while there is a relationship between the two, it only has a little impact.

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INFLUENCE OF BUDGETING ROLE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLANS IN THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, KENYA

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ABSTRACT

In Nairobi County, just like the rest of Kenya, the county assembly is responsible for legislation, oversight, and representation of the county executive who implements the county strategic plans developed from the devolved functions of the devolution. However, the achievement of strategic plans is still with flaws despite this. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the influence of budgeting roles on the implementation of strategic plans in the Nairobi County Assembly in Kenya. The study was guided by the McKinsey 7s model, the Dynamic Capability Model, and the Resource-Based View Theory. The study was conducted using a quantitative research design. The target population was 123 members of the County Assembly, consisting of 85 elected and 38 nominated members. The population also included 3 officials from the County Assembly's Financial and Budget Office, Procurement Office, and Planning Department. The study involved 85 elected and 38 nominated county assembly members, using simple random sampling. Officials from the Financial and Budget Office, Procurement Office, and Planning Department were selected by census. Primary data was collected with 5-point Likert scales. SPSS regression analysis tested the relationships between dependent and independent variables, with multiple regression used due to activity interconnectedness. Results were presented in descriptive figures and tables, with regression outcomes shown in tables. The study's findings indicate that MCAs perceive their budgeting responsibilities favorably, and a positive correlation, ($r = 0.833$, $p < 0.01$) is found between their budgeting roles and strategic plan implementation. Following these findings, the study recommends the need to enhance Nairobi City County Government (NCCG)'s budgeting by training MCAs in advanced techniques and enabling them to oversee budget utilization in line with priorities. MCAs should continuously build capacity to understand compliance, ethics, risks, and plan adherence, promoting collaborative oversight.

KEYWORDS: *Budgeting Roles, Strategic Plans, Strategic Plan Implementation, County Government*

INTRODUCTION

A strategic plan is a business and management concept applicable in both public and private sectors, involving stages from setting visions and goals to implementation (Sadq et al., 2020). The process includes assessing the organization's current position (Gürel, 2017), examining its needs (Marrs and Helge, 2018), and setting up the right personnel and resources (Myende and Bhengu, 2015). Implementation involves using these resources and evaluating outcomes (Imende et al., 2020). The County Assembly's roles include making laws, overseeing government activities, and resource allocation, crucial for strategic plan implementation (Kabeyi, 2019; BalaSeshan and Kotturi, 2020). Effective strategic planning and implementation in decentralized governments, like in the USA, involves creating laws, monitoring government activities, and ensuring alignment with the Constitution (Pollack et al., 2018; Gürel, 2017). In Canada, strategic planning success is linked to management involvement and favorable conditions (Elbanna et al., 2016).

Low implementation of strategic plans in low-income African countries is often due to limited assembly involvement in the budgeting process (Mattes & Mozaffar, 2016). In Nigeria, assemblies' oversight is hindered by poor governance and conflicts of interest, affecting budget planning and resource allocation (Odalonu, 2020). Egypt's decentralized system sees assemblies actively participating in strategic planning and budgeting, enhancing accountability (Tobbala, 2019). In South Africa, provincial assemblies oversee strategic plans and budgets but face execution challenges due to capacity and budget constraints, and ineffective monitoring (Matebese-Notshulwana & Lebakeng, 2019; Makhado, 2016; Zantsi, 2020). Kenya's devolution system grants counties autonomy, with assemblies playing a key role in budget oversight to ensure accountability (Kabeyi, 2019).

In Kenya, since the establishment of the Kenya School of Governance 2012, the county assembly members have continued to be competent and thus increased their positive role in the implementation of strategic plans (Chirchir, 2019). Example of strategic plans from different Counties include the Elgeyo Marakwet County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP II) of 2018-2022; and the County Assembly of Elgeyo Marakwet Strategic Plan 2018-2022, which are but a few illustrations presented to show the documentations of strategic plans among Counties in Kenya. These plans share characteristics that display the stages of strategic plans. By

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analysing these strategic plans, one can be able to identify that they provide an area where similar plans (previous plans) were monitored and evaluated and results found to determine their success (Kabeyi, 2019). Importantly, these plans also define the roles of County Assemblies on the implementation of the plans, with the example of Chapter Five of the County Assembly of Elgeyo Marakwet Strategic Plan 2018-2022 reveals that the roles of the county assembly are risk assessment and management, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation.

The Elgeyo Marakwet County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP II) of 2018–2022 states on pages 119–121 that the County Assembly's responsibilities include drafting legislation, serving as the public's voice, and exercising oversight over county resources, including management of the public sector, financial management, and open governance. Based on the presentations of the background, devolution has been in existence for a period of nine years. Despite this period being averagely adequate, it is still efficient to study the roles of the County Assemblies in the implementation of the strategic plans, and thus the ability provides information that can be used in an academic study on the topic, 'The role of county assemblies in strategic plan achievement in Nairobi City County Government in Kenya'.

In Nairobi County, an example of a strategic plan is the Nairobi City County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022. The plan states the roles of County Assemblies on the implementation of the plans. For example, in the Nairobi City County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2018-2022, Chapter Four which is on the implementation framework, states that the County Assembly's roles include making laws, oversight of operations by the County Government, approving plans and policies on resource and institution management. To understand the implementation of the strategic plan being used as an example herein, the contents of the strategic plan are studied. The CIDP 2018-2022 plan aimed at increasing investments, working environment and making the County a better place to live in as its vision. The plan was also to make the County attain the characteristics of affordability, accessibility, high public service quality, attain high security, and improve the social and economic development of the City as its mission. Among the roles of the assembly is monitoring and evaluation. Chapter Two of the plan shows the review of the previous strategic plan CIDP 2013-2017. The same chapter also provides information regarding the performances of different areas which include revenue, sector achievements, the challenges of implementation and thus making recommendations. To touch on an important subject of the roles of assemblies in reviewing implementations of strategic plans, the performances of the CIDP 2013-2017 were found to be a steady revenue growth (by 40.7% or a change from Kshs. 17.7 billion to Kshs. 24.9 billion) with the highest revenue streaming sources being parking charges, land and property rates, single business permit payments, billboards and advertisement, and building plans permits fees respectively. In addition, the plan presented expectations and results of the previous plan. According to the presented report, the objective of promoting prudent financial management reported increased statutory compliance and net worth. The objective on o improving asset management presented the ability to properly manage assets. The objective on strengthening policy formulation, planning and budgeting saw the formulation of adequate policy, planning and budgeting. The objective on tracking strategies' policies being implementation reported heightened timely tracking. Finally, on promoting good governance, adherence to the law and public participation, the report indicated lower risk facing financial, service, and technological operations. There was also an increase in transparency and access to information to the public. These are examples of the County's strategic plan being implemented positively and thus an indicator of the assembly properly conducting its roles which include oversight, budgeting, coordination, and resource management (CIDP 2018-2022).

Previous studies have highlighted the challenges and delays in strategic plan implementation in Nairobi City County (Njeri et al., 2018; Makridis, 2019; Infotrac, 2020). Issues of transparency and accountability in county governments, including Nairobi City County, emphasize the need to study the county assembly's role in budgeting for strategic plan achievement (Wangui, 2020). Effective budget oversight by the assembly is crucial for promoting transparent and accountable governance. Additionally, Nairobi City County faces urbanization challenges like traffic congestion, housing shortages, and waste management issues (The World Bank, 2021; Cytonn, 2022). Examining the county assembly's influence on budget allocation and management can provide insights into addressing these issues and improving strategic plan implementation.

The role of county assemblies in strategic plan implementation and their influence on outcomes remain understudied, particularly in terms of members' knowledge and oversight capabilities (Karama et al., 2019; Wagikondi & Omwenga, 2019). As per the 2010 Constitution of Kenya, the county assembly is responsible for overseeing the county executive, enacting laws, and approving strategic plans and policies (CoK, 2010, Article 185). This legal framework emphasizes the significance of studying the county assembly's role in strategic plan achievement and assessing its impact on governance. These situations highlight the need for research to understand the extent to which the county assembly's involvement can positively impact strategic plan achievement.

Statement of the Problem

The implementation of strategic plans should strive to meet a threshold for success, with Makridis (2019) recommending a 50% threshold for project success. Ideally, the implementation of strategic plans should exceed the target, reaching 100% or even higher, termed as a stretch goal (Makridis, 2019). Achieving strategic plans requires timely execution, efficient resource utilization, and maximizing benefits for beneficiaries (Kagumu, 2018) while adhering to legal standards (Elbanna et al., 2016) and demonstrating improvements over previous performance records (Elbanna et al., 2016). In Kenya, the 2010 constitution established devolved governance through county governments, with county assemblies responsible for legislation, representation, and oversight of the county

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executive in implementing strategic plans derived from devolved functions (Constitution of Kenya, 2010). However, in Nairobi City County, there is a discrepancy between revenue collection and the implementation of strategic plans (Njeri et al., 2018; Makridis, 2019; Infotrac, 2020). Plans have been delayed, raising concerns about the ability of county assembly members and their committees to oversee and hold the executive accountable for quality implementation of the county strategic plans (Wairimu, 2019).

Nairobi County faces persistent challenges such as the growth of slums, sewer and water shortages, and budget constraints on infrastructure projects (The World Bank, 2021; Cytonn, 2022). These problems hinder the achievement of strategic plans, including the lack of space for essential facilities, delays in plan implementation due to slum displacement, and inadequate development, resource management, and accountability (Karakayaci & Agayi, 2020; Lemarleni et al., 2017; Infotrak, 2020). The role of county assemblies in strategic plan implementation and their influence on outcomes remain understudied, particularly in relation to members' knowledge and oversight capabilities (Karama et al., 2019; Wagikondi & Omwenga, 2019). As per the 2010 constitution, the county assembly is responsible for overseeing the county executive, enacting laws, and approving strategic plans and policies (CoK 2010's Article 185). This study aims to assess the county assembly's influence on achieving strategic plan objectives, specifically examining their role in legislation, oversight, and representation (coordination) (Odumbe, 2019; Mwangi & Rono, 2021). The study also recognizes the unique context of Nairobi City County Government, where challenges and the need for effective assembly involvement in strategic plan implementation are prominent.

In recent years, there have been concerns about the transparency and accountability of county governments in Kenya, including Nairobi City County. A study on the influence of the County Assembly's role in strategic plan achievement could shed light on how the Assembly can contribute to more transparent and accountable governance in the county (Wangui, 2020; Ogola & Ombati, 2020). Nairobi City County faces numerous challenges related to urbanization, including traffic congestion, inadequate housing, and waste management issues. A study on the budgeting role of the County Assembly in strategic plan achievement could help identify how the Assembly can contribute to addressing these challenges.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study was to determine the influence of budgeting role on the implementation of strategic plans in the Nairobi City County Government, Kenya.

Research Hypothesis

H_{01}: There is no significant relationship between the budgeting role and the implementation of strategic plans in the Nairobi County Assembly in Kenya.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Theoretical Review

The paper is supported by the Dynamic Capability Model. The model was proposed by Linblom in the 1960s and improved by Quinn in the 1980s. The model describes strategy as a dynamic, interactive and fragmented process entailing a serial of incremental decisions that are mutually adjusted towards ensuring proper coordination of activities. Managers promote and support activities that are always changing. The definition of strategic management states that continuous integration of the concurrent incremental process of strategy generation and implementation is the key to effective strategic management (Alford & Greve, 2017).

A unified vision of small decisions across organizational levels forms a strategic decision, distinguishing emergent from deliberate strategies. Emergent strategies arise from environmental interactions and ad hoc actions by various individuals, evolving organically and dynamically (Tapanainen et al., 2021). In contrast, deliberate strategies are proactive, requiring forethought, preparation, and an understanding of resources to achieve goals (Pirkkalainen, 2019). The study examines budgeting as a strategic process, crucial for implementing strategic plans. Effective budgeting involves setting financial goals, promoting fiscal responsibility, and providing necessary resources for organizational success (Takeuchi et al., 2020).

Parker, et al., (2019) observes that operational budgets cover all of our day-to-day expenses, such as supplies and wages, to ensure the efficient running of our operations. Capital budgets are budgets that involve allocating money for the acquisition or maintenance of fixed assets such as land, buildings, and equipment. A personal budget is a plan for the coordination of the resources (income) and expenses of staff in a project. Emergency budget refers to a scheduled revenues and expenditures added to rather a formal part of the ordinary County budget because of a rise in an unexpected event. In strategic plans, these types of budgets are placed to ensure a smooth flow of strategic plans.

According to Kamau, et al., (2017), the best budgeting approach the County Assembly applies in its roles in budgeting for strategic plans is a non-static budget. The Assembly allows for a dynamic budget that can reduce an increase depending on the level at which the projects inside the strategic plan are. In line with this study, the Dynamic Capability Model is a useful tool for explaining budgeting roles in government. This model helps to identify how budgeting resources and capabilities that can be developed over time, creating an understanding of the government's strengths and weaknesses when it comes to managing its finances. The Dynamic Capability Model also allows for different levels of complexity to be addressed in order to create an effective strategy for budgeting. By utilizing this model, County government's Assembly can better allocate resources while still having the flexibility needed to adapt and evolve with changing economic environments.

The Dynamic Capability Model is a suitable choice for studying the influence of county assemblies in strategic plan achievement in Nairobi City County Government in Kenya. This is because it focuses on the ability of an organization to adapt to changing circumstances and take advantage of opportunities to achieve its objectives. The model's three

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components, sensing, seizing, and transforming, are relevant to the study's specific objectives. For instance, the budgeting, oversight, coordinating, and resource managing roles of the Nairobi County Assembly can be examined in terms of their ability to sense changes in the environment, seize opportunities, and transform the organization to achieve its strategic plans. Therefore, the Dynamic Capability Model provides a framework for analyzing the role of county assemblies in achieving strategic plans in the Nairobi City County Government in Kenya.

The Concept of Implementation of Strategy Plans

Asikhia and Mba (2021) conducted a study on strategic decision-making in organizations, highlighting the importance of well-formulated and implemented strategies in achieving organizational objectives. The study found that successful strategy implementation requires a good fit between strategies and their means of implementation, which depend on input from all functional areas within an organization and have a direct influence on administrative and operational activities. Environmental factors, organizational factors, and decision-specific factors were identified as the three categories of factors that affect strategic decision-making processes.

Dietrich (2020) also explored the factors affecting strategic decision-making processes, emphasizing the need for strategists to assess the forces affecting competition in their industry and identify their company's strengths and weaknesses. The study highlighted the importance of taking appropriate action that addresses specific forces. Environmental factors, such as national culture, national economic conditions, and industry conditions, organizational factors, including organizational structure, culture, and decision-making bodies, and decision-specific factors, such as time, risk, complexity, and politics, were identified as the three categories of factors affecting strategic decision-making processes.

Wambugu and Waiganjo (2015) investigated the barriers to strategy implementation in organizations and found that individual barriers, such as conflicting priorities, insufficient top team functions, and poor communication, were prevalent. The study also identified three conditions that must be met for intended strategies to be implemented as envisioned: a clear understanding of the strategy by all members of the organization, a sense of ownership and buy-in from the members, and minimal unanticipated external influence.

Čater and Pučko (2010) examined the dimensions of strategy implementation, highlighting the importance of structural arrangements and the selection and development of key roles. The study emphasized that effective strategy implementation is influenced by the quality of people involved in the process, including their skills, attitudes, capabilities, experiences, and other characteristics required for a specific task or position. In their 2019 study, Demir and Kocaoglu examined the 7-S model developed by McKinsey and its applicability to successful strategy implementation. According to the study, there are seven elements that must be present for a plan to be executed successfully: strategy, structure, processes, staff, skills, style/culture, and shared values. The posture and actions taken by an organization in response to changes in the external environment in order to acquire a competitive advantage are referred to as strategy. Structure describes the specialization and division of roles, responsibilities, and power, as well as the coordination and grouping of tasks and reporting lines. The official and informal methods used to govern the organization are referred to as systems. These methods include control, measurement, planning, budgeting, and resource allocation. Staff refers to the individuals, their backgrounds and skill sets, as well as the organization's hiring, selection, training, socialization, career management, and promotion processes. The distinctive capabilities of a company include its skills in areas like people, management techniques, processes, systems, technology, and client connections. Style and culture are related to the management style, the corporate culture, and the symbolic actions that leaders do both consciously and unconsciously. Last but not least, when it pertains shared values, we're talking about the underlying set of values that are broadly shared inside the business, guiding principles of what is significant, and vision, mission, and values statements that provide all employees a broad sense of purpose. The study comes to the conclusion that successful companies establish integrated harmony between the four "soft" S's of skills, staff, style, and shared values and the three "hard" S's of strategy, structure, and systems. According to Cândido and Santos (2015), research investigations have shown that just 10% of strategies are implemented successfully. This may be because strategy formation has received such a strong emphasis at the expense of strategy execution. Strategic management must change its emphasis from a 90:10 formulation to implementation ratio to a 50:50 ratio in order to overcome this problem. Tzempelikos (2014) contends that senior management must exhibit their commitment to the strategic direction and encourage staff members to support their views in order to increase the chance of effective strategy implementation..

Banaeianjahromi (2018) supports the argument by Cândido and Santos (2015), stating that senior executives must understand that lower-level managers may not have the same perceptions of the strategy and its implementation, and therefore, must be persuaded accordingly. Middle managers are also critical to strategy implementation, as they play a key role in generating acceptance and motivation towards the project among employees (Tawse & Tabesh, 2021).

Additionally, Kombate et al. (2021) stress the importance of effective communication during the implementation process, including a two-way communication program that solicits questions and feedback, communicates new requirements and tasks, and covers the reasons for changed circumstances. An integrated communications plan is necessary to ensure that employees understand and accept the value of the selected strategy to be implemented.

Tawse and Tabesh (2021) conducted a study that found one of the main reasons for the difficulty and failure of strategy implementation processes is the vagueness of assigned responsibilities, which are often diffused throughout multiple organizational units. They argue that to avoid power struggles,

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a plan with clear assignments of responsibilities for implementation activities is necessary, as this will help avoid potential problems that may arise due to bureaucracy and a lack of clear accountability.

In a distinct investigation on the method of putting a plan into action, Rani (2019) underlines the significance of teamwork. It is commonly neglected, though, which causes variances in how procedures are seen and applied. Rani suggests the Myers-Briggs typology as a potential solution to this problem in order to build effective teams for the implementation of strategy. The best implementation results come from management teams that are knowledgeable and sensitive to personality types; these abilities may be acquired by knowing various personality types and learning how to deal with them.

Tadić and Barać (2022) argue that human resources are progressively becoming the key success factor in strategy implementation. In the past, human factors were often absent from strategic planning, leading to implementation failure. To address this, they suggest integrating people considerations into strategy implementation and taking into account the individual behavior of key players in different organizational departments, as the differences in personality require different management styles.

To aid in the implementation process, Rapitasari et al. (2018) advise using implementation instruments. They contend that the balanced scorecard is a perfect fit for fulfilling the requirements of a strategy implementation tool since it converts a company's strategic objectives into a consistent collection of performance measurements. Supportive software programs might also help to speed up the installation process. Malmi and Brown (2018) conducted a study on the integration of a strategic planning system with other control systems in organizations. They found that the balanced scorecard provides a framework for integrating strategic planning and meets the requirements of a strategic planning system. However, the application of software solutions in implementing strategies is often neglected, despite its growing importance.

Nawaz (2013) emphasized the importance of having the appropriate information tools so that strategic decision-makers could track their actual performance, identify who was responsible, and get early warnings when the strategy would need to be adjusted or reformulated. This would allow them to assess their progress toward strategic goals and objectives. The lack of mandatory installed business processes and underestimation of implementation time were identified as two of the top ten frequently occurring strategy implementation problems by Wołczek (2018), based on empirical work with 93 firms. Coordination of activities and distractions from competing activities, inadequate employee capabilities, insufficient leadership and direction, and inadequate training were other inhibitors to successful strategy implementation identified by Narikae (2017).

Effective plan implementation necessitates coordination and communication, as well as the involvement of middle managers as crucial stakeholders, claim Hermkens et al. (2020). The impact of an organization's present management controls, particularly its budgeting procedures, on the implementation of its strategies was also underlined. Despite criticism that they are bureaucratic, drawn out, and geared toward cost reduction rather than value maximization, budgets remain the major integrated management tool in many commercial enterprises..

Budgeting Oversight and the Implementation of Strategic Plans

Tina (2021) analysed the role of budgeting on strategic plan. The main aim was to determine how budget and strategic plans can be aligned. The study explained that leadership roles in budgeting involved clearly defining the objectives of the funds; being adaptable and open to re-assessment and restructuring of the budget; and finally, monitoring and adjusting expectations. The study also stated that the role of management in budgeting was identifying the organization needs; identification of risks affecting budget; collaborations with other departments in budgeting process; questioning unreasonable assumptions and expectations; implementing frequent schedules; reviewing progress of the budgeting process with the leadership and staff; and recommending changes required on the budgets. Furthermore, the study stated that employees are responsible for mitigating any misalignments that include temporary discussing and ascertaining the objectives of the budget; implementing the laws on budget use; and conducting specific assignments with the highest accountability.

The study by Tina (2021) had a good content that informed this research. However, it failed to provide information on the Nairobi City County's and any other County Government's budgeting process leaving a geographical and contextual gap that the researcher found a need to fill. The study was also based on different respondents other than the County Assembly members, thus creating a gap in terms of the origin of information. By filling these gaps, the study will have added knowledge in the academic world.

Another research was done by Biondi and Russo (2022) which focused on the relationship between strategic planning and performance management. The study established that the role of budget development involves assigning adequate resources. It involves providing a feedback loop for purposes of decision-making. The study by Biondi and Russo (2022) didn't adequately present findings on the roles played in budgeting process by officials. The research was conducted in terms of universities as the study areas. The inadequacy of the researcher led to the geographical and contextual gaps. These gaps will be filled by conducting further studies.

There was another study conducted by Bello (2021) on how planning and forecasting achieve managerial effectiveness. The study revealed that the roles of budget planning includes accurate forecasting on expenditure; enabling the organisation to react faster to changing conditions and altering long range plans. Another role is using financial information in strategic decision-making. The other role is validation and testing assumptions using institution attitude/culture. The study presented latest findings which filled the time gap. However, despite the study providing some important insight into the role

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conducted in budgeting process, it failed to link these roles to the County Assembly. Similar to Biondi and Russo (2022), the research by Bello (2021) left a geographical gap by not addressing studying its findings in a County Government's context.

Another study was conducted by Kamau et al (2017) conducted a study on the relationship between budgeting process and budget performance. The study found that the Counties are responsible for budgeting process by the people responsible ensuring the release of the exchequer allocations are timely according to senate schedule. Their role is to use previous expenditure and revenue for cash forecasts. The assembly is responsible for demanding reports for monthly cash flows to use them to identify patterns while monitoring cash flows. The assembly works closely with other departments in tracking and investigating budget allocation and divergences. The assembly's responsibility is to aligned cash flow projections with budget to make the right expectations per month.
The roles also include budgetary allocations being conducted based on annual development plans. Budgetary control involves the county assemblies estimating budgets and match the with a set ceilings inside the Budget Policy Statement (BPS). The assembly in charged with addressing budget challenges for the coming year's budget. Another role is ensuring there is the incorporation of stakeholders' views from public participation process in the creation of budgets. They also conduct budgetary allocations by accounting for the forecasted revenue and expenditure. They are responsible for making a simple budget that can be understood by all the employees of the county. They also put in place policy for budget making and vet budgeting staff with the right training and skills (Kamau, et al., 2017).

The study by Kamau, et al (2017) provided adequate information required for the study. It however had a tie gap. This is seen in that the study is 6 years old and by the time this research will have been completed, it will have accumulated up to 7 year of old findings. There was the need to fill this gap by using the variables provided in the study to conduct a fresh study to determine the current happenings in the field. It was also established that the study had left some methodological gap. There was lack of adequate responses from the County Assembly members as the sample of the study. Instead the study had collected data from junior staff who mainly provided the implementation perspective and thus the need to collect findings from county assembly members to show the adoption perspectives and also complement the perspectives provided by the other respondents in these reviewed studies.

In summary, the studies reviewed on budgeting oversight and strategic plan in Kenya's Nairobi County Assembly have some gaps that make it necessary to carry out further research. These gaps include the lack of information on the budgeting process in the Nairobi City County and other County Governments, leaving a geographical and contextual gap. The studies were also based on different respondents other than County Assembly members, creating a gap in terms of the origin of information. Additionally, the studies failed to link the roles played in budgeting to the County Assembly, and some studies were conducted in universities as the study areas, creating geographical and contextual gaps. Finally, some studies had a time gap, with findings that were several years old, creating a need for fresh

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study employed a quantitative research design to address gaps identified in previous studies, which primarily used qualitative approaches (Fischer et al., 2014). By incorporating quantitative methods, the study aimed to present findings in tables and figures, offering both descriptive and inferential analyses. It also integrated qualitative data from empirical studies to complement the quantitative findings. The study focused on Nairobi County Government, whose strategic plan implementation challenges highlighted the need for improved infrastructure and resource management (Pinchoff et al., 2021; Wangai et al., 2017).

The target population comprised 123 members of the County Assembly, including 85 elected and 38 nominated members, and key officials from the Financial and Budget Office, Procurement Office, and Planning Department (Nairobi County Assembly Records, 2023). These members and officials were selected to provide valuable insights into the county assembly's role in strategic plan achievement (Chepkorir & Kariuki, 2018). A systematic sampling method was employed to select a sample from the 123 MCAs in Nairobi City County Assembly (Kinyanjui, 2022; Nairobi County Assembly Records, 2023). Using Kothari's formula and a 5% precision level, a sample size of 101 MCAs was determined, distributed proportionately among elected and nominated MCAs. Additionally, interviews were conducted with key officials from various departments.

The sample size calculation for the MCAs used Kothari's (2004) formula, resulting in 101 participants. This included 70 elected MCAs and 31 nominated MCAs, along with 8 key officials from the Financial and Budget Office, Procurement Office, ICT, Planning Department, and other relevant offices. This distribution ensured comprehensive representation across different roles within the County Assembly.

Simple random sampling was used to ensure all respondents had an equal chance of participation, thus mitigating potential biases (Noor et al., 2022). The census approach was applied for selecting officials from specific departments, ensuring their complete inclusion. This approach was chosen for its fairness and to uphold ethical considerations in the sampling process.

Primary data was collected using questionnaires with closed-ended questions, designed to gather information on respondents' demographics and study objectives. A 5-point Likert scale was used to measure various variables, facilitating straightforward analysis and inferential statistical analysis (Mazurek et al., 2021). The validity of the instruments was ensured through expert consultation, and reliability was tested with a pilot study in Kiambu County, yielding a Cronbach's Alpha coefficient of 0.914, indicating high internal consistency and reliability of the research instruments.

Each variable surpassed the commonly accepted Cronbach's Alpha threshold of 0.7, indicating strong reliability. For

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instance, the Budgeting Role and Oversight Role variables both achieved high Cronbach's Alpha scores of 0.945 and 0.942, respectively, across 17 items each. The overall average Cronbach's Alpha for all variables was 0.914, suggesting consistent reliability throughout the questionnaire and validating its applicability for the research.

In the Methods of Data Collection, meticulous steps were taken to ensure the study proceeded ethically and efficiently. Obtaining necessary permits and permissions, organizing research days, and familiarizing with the study area were pivotal. The use of both hardcopies and digital tools for data collection, coupled with clear consent procedures in both English and Kiswahili, ensured participant understanding and voluntary involvement. The involvement of a professional research assistant streamlined the process, while interviews provided clarity for respondents, showcasing a comprehensive and considerate approach to data gathering.

In the subsequent Methods of Data Analysis, the study employed rigorous statistical techniques, notably regression analysis using SPSS software. Descriptive and inferential statistics were utilized to analyze collected data, supporting the testing of research hypotheses. Multiple linear regression was employed to ascertain the relationship between dependent and independent variables, with a clear protocol for hypothesis acceptance or rejection based on statistical significance. The study's commitment to methodological robustness and transparent reporting underscores its scientific rigor and reliability.

RESULTS

Response Rate

The survey yielded high response rates from both elected and nominated Members of County Assembly (MCAs), with 77.14% and 93.55% response rates respectively, showcasing significant engagement with the study. Additionally, all targeted staff participated, resulting in an overall response rate of 90.23%.

Demographic Characteristics Results

The demographic analysis revealed a significant gender disparity among respondents, with 91% male and 9% female elected MCAs. Despite this skew, efforts were made to include a representative sample of female MCAs. Age distribution indicated that the majority of respondents were above 35 years old (59.3%), followed by those aged 31-35 (29.7%), and 26-30 (11%). Educationally, the largest proportion of participants held diplomas (73.6%), followed by certificates (13.2%), degrees (11%), and masters (2.2%). Tenure analysis highlighted a predominant trend of shorter tenures, with 92.3% of respondents serving 1-2 years, suggesting a high turnover rate within the County Assembly.

Descriptive Statistics for Budgeting Role

The table 1 provides a comprehensive overview of the mean scores, standard deviations, skewness, and kurtosis for various statements reflecting the budgeting role and its influence on the implementation of strategic plans within the Nairobi City County Government, Kenya. The study collected responses from 91 Members of the County Assembly (MCAs). The respondents were asked to rate their agreement with each statement on a Likert scale ranging from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). The mean scores presented in the table offer valuable insights into the perceptions and attitudes of the MCAs regarding their role in budgeting and its impact on strategic plan implementation.

According to Table 1, the mean scores for the statements can be interpreted as follows: The mean scores for each statement reveal interesting insights into the MCAs' perceptions of their budgeting role and its impact on strategic plan implementation. A mean score of 3.0 indicates a neutral response, scores above 3.0 indicate agreement, and scores below 3.0 indicate disagreement.

Defining Fund Objectives (Mean: 3.45): The collective sentiment among MCAs towards defining fund objectives is moderately positive, as reflected by the mean score of 3.45. This indicates that MCAs acknowledge the significance of having clear and well-defined goals for allocated funds, aiming to align these objectives with the overarching strategic plans. While the results suggest a general recognition of this importance, there remains a potential for improvement, implying that refining the articulation and clarity of fund objectives could further enhance the alignment between resource allocation and strategic objectives.

Supervising Budget Laws (Mean: 3.53): The data reveals that MCAs view their role in overseeing budget utilization laws favorably, as indicated by the mean score of 3.53. This perspective highlights their proactive engagement in ensuring that budget allocations adhere to established regulations. By actively participating in the supervision of budgetary compliance, MCAs contribute to the potential congruence between financial allocations and strategic goals. This alignment can lead to more effective and targeted resource utilization.

Adapting and Restructuring the Budget (Mean: 3.42): The study shows that MCAs exhibit a moderate inclination, with a mean score of 3.42, towards suggesting changes and reassessing the budget. This inclination signifies their awareness of the necessity to accommodate changing strategic priorities. The results suggest that MCAs acknowledge the dynamic nature of strategic planning and budgeting, indicating a willingness to adapt and realign financial allocations to better match evolving objectives. This adaptive approach can enhance the overall effectiveness of budgeting processes.

Regular Review of Budget Progress (Mean: 3.56): MCAs demonstrate a strong consensus, as evident from the relatively high mean score of 3.56, in favor of frequent reviews of budget progress in collaboration with leadership and staff. This robust agreement underscores the perceived importance of consistently monitoring the advancement of budgetary processes. The findings emphasize that MCAs consider such periodic evaluations as critical to maintaining the alignment of budget execution with strategic plans, facilitating timely adjustments and ensuring goal-oriented financial allocation.

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Questioning Unreasonable Assumptions in Budget Proposals (Mean: 3.41): The MCAs indicate a moderate willingness to question unreasonable assumptions and expectations within budget proposals. This signifies their recognition of the importance of critical evaluation in preventing misalignment between budget allocations and strategic goals.

Identifying Risks Affecting Budget (Mean: 3.43): MCAs exhibit a relatively positive attitude towards identifying risks that could impact the budget. This suggests that they understand the significance of risk assessment in safeguarding the successful execution of strategic plans.

Identifying Organizational Needs (Mean: 3.53): The respondents, on average, strongly agree that identifying organizational needs is an integral part of their role in the budgeting process. This implies a shared understanding of the necessity to align budget allocations with the specific needs of the organization.

We monitor and adjust budget expectations (Mean: 3.40): The MCAs' average response suggests a moderate agreement with the statement. This indicates that while there is some level of attention given to monitoring and adjusting budget expectations, there might be room for improvement to enhance alignment with strategic plans.

We assign resources (Mean: 3.51): The respondents show a similar level of agreement with this statement. This suggests that resource allocation is considered in the budgeting process, potentially contributing to strategic plan execution. However, further analysis might be needed to determine the specific impact of resource allocation on plan implementation.

It is our responsibility to accurately forecast expenditure (Mean: 3.62): The relatively higher mean score indicates a stronger consensus among MCAs regarding the importance of precise expenditure forecasting. Accurate forecasting can enhance financial planning and increase the likelihood of strategic goal achievement.

We vet budgeting staff with the right training and skills (Mean: 3.53): The average response implies a moderate to high level of agreement. This suggests that the MCAs recognize the significance of having skilled and trained personnel involved in the budgeting process, which can positively influence strategic outcomes.

We use financial information in strategic decision-making (Mean: 3.75): With a relatively higher mean score, it appears that MCAs consider financial information crucial for making strategic decisions. This indicates a proactive approach in aligning budgeting practices with strategic plans.
We control monthly cash flows (Mean: 3.56): The responses reflect a moderately positive agreement with the practice of controlling cash flows on a monthly basis. This control mechanism can contribute to budget stability and strategic plan execution.

We track and investigate budget divergences (Mean: 3.42): The average response suggests that MCAs recognize the importance of monitoring and investigating budget deviations. This practice can help ensure that any deviations from the plan are addressed promptly, enhancing plan implementation.

The statement "We align cash flow projections with the budget" received an average mean score of 3.36 from the respondents, indicating a moderate level of agreement with this practice. The standard deviation of 1.07 suggests variability in responses, implying a diversity of opinions among MCAs regarding the efficacy of aligning cash flow projections with the budget. The skewness value of -0.162 indicates a minor skew towards agreement, with more respondents tending towards agreement than strong agreement. The distribution's negative kurtosis of -0.734 signifies a relatively flat shape, suggesting that responses are spread out and not heavily concentrated around the mean.

The average mean score of 3.52 reveals that respondents moderately agree, on average, that the county assembly establishes budget ceilings. With a relatively low standard deviation of 1.02 compared to the previous statement, there is less variance in responses. The slightly negative skewness value of -0.209 implies a gentle leftward skew, indicating that while more respondents lean towards agreement, it might not be a strong agreement. The negative kurtosis of -0.800 reflects a distribution that is less peaked than a normal distribution, indicating a relatively uniform spread of responses.

The statement "We address budget challenges for the coming year's budget" garnered an average mean score of 3.60, signifying a moderate level of agreement among respondents. Similar to the previous statement, the standard deviation of 1.02 suggests consistent responses. The negative skewness value of -0.289 indicates a mild left-skewed distribution, resembling the patterns seen in the other statements. The distribution's negative kurtosis of -0.489 suggests a shape that is less peaked, aligning with the characteristics of the previous statement's distribution.

The study's results suggest that there exists a perceived link between the budgeting role of MCAs and the implementation of strategic plans in Nairobi City County Government. The moderate mean scores reflect a nuanced perspective, indicating areas of strength and potential improvement. Further analysis, perhaps through qualitative methods, could help uncover the reasons behind these perceptions and provide insights into specific challenges or opportunities.

The results of this study are consistent with the findings of Biondi and Russo (2022) in the sense that they emphasize the crucial role of budget development and allocation of resources in strategic planning. The mean scores for various statements shed light on MCAs' perceptions of their budgeting role and its impact on strategic plan implementation. The moderate-to-high mean scores in areas such as supervising budget utilization laws, recommending changes in the budget, frequent progress reviews, and identifying organizational needs resonate with the findings of Bello (2021), who highlighted the importance of accurate forecasting, financial information utilization, and validation of assumptions in budget planning. Similarly, the

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study by Kamau et al. (2017) supports the idea that the County Assembly is responsible for tracking and investigating budget divergences, aligning cash flow projections with the budget, and ensuring stakeholder incorporation in budget creation.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for Budgeting Role

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Skewness		Kurtosis	
					Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
We clearly defining the objectives of the funds	91	3.45	1.01	-.222	.253	-.593	.500
We supervise laws on budget use	91	3.53	1.07	-.521	.253	-.517	.500
We recommend changes, re-assess and restructure budget	91	3.42	1.04	-.195	.253	-.773	.500
We frequent review progress of the budgeting process with the leadership and staff	91	3.56	1.02	-.484	.253	-.225	.500
We question unreasonable assumptions and expectations in the budget proposals	91	3.41	1.09	-.234	.253	-.564	.500
We identify risks affecting budget	91	3.43	1.07	-.203	.253	-.635	.500
We identify the organization needs	91	3.53	0.94	.085	.253	-.855	.500
We monitor and adjust budget expectations	91	3.40	1.05	-.214	.253	-.619	.500
We assign resources	91	3.51	1.00	-.554	.253	.084	.500
It is our responsibility to accurately forecast on expenditure	91	3.62	1.02	-.449	.253	-.139	.500
We vet budgeting staff with the right training and skills	91	3.53	1.10	-.405	.253	-.289	.500
We use financial information in strategic decision-making	91	3.75	0.95	-.424	.253	-.312	.500
We control monthly cash flows	91	3.56	0.91	-.274	.253	-.281	.500
We track and investigate budget divergences	91	3.42	1.08	-.138	.253	-.463	.500
We align cash flow projections with budget	91	3.36	1.07	-.162	.253	-.734	.500
The county assembly sets budget ceilings	91	3.52	1.02	-.209	.253	-.800	.500
We address budget challenges for the coming year's budget	91	3.60	1.02	-.289	.253	-.489	.500
Valid N (listwise)	91						

Descriptive Statistics for Implementation of Strategic Plans

The results presented in Table 2 provide descriptive statistics for the respondents' perceptions of the influence of resource-managing roles on the implementation of strategic plans in the Nairobi County Assembly in Kenya. The scale used for responses ranges from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree).

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics for Implementation of Strategic Plans

	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Skewness		Kurtosis	
					Std. Error	Statistic	Std. Error
The plans have been completed on timely	91	3.69	1.00	-.239	.253	-.685	.500
Tasks have been completed according to the standards set	91	3.71	1.00	-.475	.253	-.232	.500
The quality of services meets the plan's set threshold	91	3.70	1.01	-.175	.253	-.782	.500
The number of projects completed has increase when compared to previous plans	91	3.74	0.99	-.437	.253	-.174	.500
Level of satisfaction of the plan's success is high	91	3.58	0.83	.445	.253	-.717	.500
Diversification of delivered projects	91	3.63	0.91	-.072	.253	-.797	.500
There is high efficiency of services that the plan has accomplished	91	3.75	1.01	-.272	.253	-.453	.500
The county has had a high return on investment from the monitoring and evaluation of the output set in the plan	91	3.68	0.91	-.238	.253	-.250	.500
Valid N (listwise)	91						

The completion of plans within specified timeframes: With a mean score of 3.69 and a standard deviation of 1.00, respondents hold a moderate agreement that the plans have been completed on schedule. This indicates a certain degree of consensus among the respondents. The data exhibits a slight negative skewness (-0.239) and a negative kurtosis (-0.685), suggesting that while there is generally an affirmative perception of timely plan completion, a few respondents might

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strongly disagree, warranting further investigation. This finding implies that the execution of plans within designated timeframes is perceived positively, although there could be varying opinions within the respondents.

Execution of tasks in alignment with set standards: Averaging at 3.71 with a standard deviation of 1.00, respondents generally concur that tasks have been executed in accordance with established standards. The relatively low standard deviation indicates some agreement among respondents. The skewness is -0.475, and the kurtosis is -0.232, suggesting that while there is an overall agreement, there are a few respondents with more pronounced disagreements, necessitating further exploration. This outcome suggests that there exists a positive perception of alignment between completed tasks and the predetermined standards, although some respondents might hold stronger contrary viewpoints.

Meeting quality thresholds of planned services: With an average score of 3.70 and a standard deviation of 1.01, respondents moderately agree that services meet the prescribed quality thresholds of the plans. The standard deviation reflects some variability in responses. The skewness is -0.175, while the kurtosis is -0.782, indicating a relatively normal distribution, albeit with some flattening due to less extreme responses. This result implies that there is a perception of satisfactory service quality, though the variability in responses suggests that there might be differing perspectives.

Increased project completion compared to prior plans: At a mean score of 3.74 and a standard deviation of 0.99, respondents tend to agree that there has been an escalation in project completion compared to previous plans. The standard deviation suggests moderate consensus. With a skewness of -0.437 and a kurtosis of -0.174, the data implies some non-uniformity in responses, warranting further exploration. This outcome signifies a belief in enhanced project completion rates, while the distribution suggests that various viewpoints might exist.

High satisfaction level with plan success: Scoring an average of 3.58 with a standard deviation of 0.83, respondents moderately concur that there is a high level of satisfaction with the success of the plans. The standard deviation indicates variability in responses. The positive skewness (0.445) suggests strong agreement from some respondents, warranting deeper investigation. This finding indicates a positive perception of plan success satisfaction, potentially driven by the strong agreement from a subset of respondents.

Diversification of delivered projects: With a mean of 3.63 and a standard deviation of 0.91, respondents moderately agree that there has been diversification in delivered projects. The standard deviation indicates moderate consensus. The skewness is -0.072, while the kurtosis is -0.797, suggesting a fairly normal distribution with some flattening. This result implies a perception of diversified project delivery, with responses spread across a range of viewpoints.

High efficiency of accomplished plan services: With an average score of 3.75 and a standard deviation of 1.01, respondents generally agree that the accomplished plan services exhibit high efficiency. The standard deviation indicates variability in responses. The skewness is -0.272, and the kurtosis is -0.453, suggesting a relatively normal distribution. This outcome indicates a perception of effective service delivery efficiency, with responses spanning a normal distribution.

Substantial return on investment from plan output evaluation: Scoring an average of 3.68 with a standard deviation of 0.91, respondents moderately agree that there has been a significant return on investment resulting from the evaluation of plan outputs. The standard deviation indicates variability in responses. The skewness is -0.238, and the kurtosis is -0.250, implying a relatively normal distribution. This finding suggests a favorable perception of substantial returns resulting from output evaluation efforts, with varying viewpoints.

The findings suggest a positive overall perception of the interrelation between resource-management roles and the achievement of strategic plans in the Nairobi County Assembly. However, the variability indicated by standard deviations, skewness, and kurtosis values implies the existence of diverse perspectives among the respondents. Further exploration and analysis of the responses are crucial to comprehending the underlying factors influencing these perceptions and identifying potential avenues for enhancement.

The results of the current study are in agreement with findings from various literature sources. Asikhia and Mba (2021) emphasize the importance of well-formulated strategies for achieving organizational objectives, and the moderate agreement among respondents regarding plan completion within specified timeframes aligns with this concept. Similarly, the execution of tasks in alignment with set standards, as perceived by respondents, resonates with Dietrich's (2020) exploration of factors affecting strategic decision-making processes. The study's results also parallel the notion discussed by Wambugu and Waiganjo (2015) of barriers to strategy implementation, as indicated by the variability in responses and potential disagreements among participants.

Furthermore, the positive perception of enhanced project completion rates corresponds to the Cândido and Santos (2015)'s emphasis on successful strategy implementation. The importance of clear responsibilities in strategy implementation, highlighted by Tawse and Tabesh (2021), is echoed in the study's findings regarding plan execution efficiency. Additionally, the concept of involving middle managers in strategy implementation (Tawse & Tabesh, 2021) aligns with the study's recognition of diverse perspectives among respondents. Overall, while the results show positive perceptions of the interrelation between resource-management roles and strategic plan achievement, the variability in responses underscores the need for further exploration, as suggested by various literature sources.

Correlations

The study examined the correlation between the roles of Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) and the implementation of strategic plans within the context of

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budgeting role. The data in Table 3 revealed a significant positive correlation (r = 0.833, p < 0.01) between the budgeting role of MCAs and the implementation of strategic plans. This implies that MCAs who engage in budgeting activities are more likely to contribute to the realization of strategic goals. Proper alignment of financial resources with strategic priorities is crucial for effective implementation. This finding aligns with a study by Mwanzia and Kipyegon (2015), which emphasizes the importance of robust budgeting processes in achieving county development objectives.

Table 3: Relationship between Budgeting Role and Implementation of Strategic Plans

		Budgeting Role	Attainment of Strategic Plans
Budgeting Role	Pearson Correlation	1	.833**
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	91	91
Attainment of Strategic Plans	Pearson Correlation	.833**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	N	91	91

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

Regression Analysis

Model Summary

The Model Summary table 4 provides an overview of the regression model's performance in predicting the attainment of strategic plans based on the Budgeting Role variable. The R value of .833 indicates a strong positive correlation between the predictor and the dependent variable. The R Square value of .695 suggests that approximately 69.5% of the variability in the attainment of strategic plans can be explained by the Budgeting Role variable. The Adjusted R Square value of .691 indicates that the model's predictive power remains robust even after accounting for the number of predictors. The Standard Error of the Estimate (0.36214) reflects the average difference between the actual and predicted values of the dependent variable.

Table 4: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.833[a]	.695	.691	.36214

a. Predictors: (Constant), Budgeting Role

Analysis of Variances (ANOVA)

The ANOVA table assesses the overall significance of the regression model. The significant F value (202.421) with a p-value of .000 indicates that the regression model as a whole is significant in predicting the attainment of strategic plans. The Regression Sum of Squares (26.546) indicates the amount of variability in the dependent variable explained by the regression model, while the Residual Sum of Squares (11.672) represents the unexplained variability. The Total Sum of Squares (38.218) reflects the total variability in the dependent variable.

Table 5: ANOVA

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	26.546	1	26.546	202.421	.000[b]
	Residual	11.672	89	.131		
	Total	38.218	90			

a. Dependent Variable: Implementation of Strategic Plans
b. Predictors: (Constant), Budgeting Role

The Coefficients table presents the regression coefficients for the constant and the Budgeting Role variable. The constant term (1.071) represents the predicted value of the dependent variable when the Budgeting Role variable is zero. The coefficient for the Budgeting Role variable (.753) indicates that for every one-unit increase in the Budgeting Role, there is a corresponding increase of .753 units in the attainment of strategic plans. This coefficient is statistically significant with a t-value of 14.227 and a p-value of .000, indicating that the Budgeting Role variable has a significant impact on the attainment of strategic plans. The standardized coefficient (Beta) of .833 suggests that the Budgeting Role variable has a strong positive effect on the attainment of strategic plans.

Table 6: Coefficients

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	1.071	.192		5.580	.000
	Budgeting Role	.753	.053	.833	14.227	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Implementation of Strategic Plans

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Hypotheses Testing

Based on the provided data and the p-value criterion of $p < 0.05$, the study analyzes the acceptance or rejection of each null hypothesis and discusses the implications of the results in the context of the Nairobi County Assembly (NCA) in Kenya.

H01: There is no significant relationship between the budgeting role and the implementation of strategic plans in the Nairobi County Assembly in Kenya.

The p-value associated with the coefficient for the "Budgeting Role" is 0.000, which is less than 0.05. Therefore, the study rejects the null hypothesis (H01). This indicates that there is a significant relationship between the budgeting role of MCAs and the implementation of strategic plans in the NCA. In other words, MCAs who are involved in budgeting activities have a meaningful impact on the achievement of strategic plans in the county assembly.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The study's findings highlight MCAs' favorable perception of their budgeting responsibilities, including defining fund objectives and supervising budget utilization. Notably, a significant positive correlation is established between MCAs' budgeting roles and the implementation of strategic plans, underscoring their pivotal role in ensuring financial alignment with strategic objectives and enhancing goal achievement.

Recommendations

Based on the results, the study recommended as follows.

i. Given the significant positive correlation between MCAs' budgeting roles and the attainment of strategic plans, it is recommended that continuous professional development programs be implemented for MCAs. These programs should focus on enhancing budgeting skills, financial management, and strategic planning. By equipping MCAs with advanced budgeting competencies, the efficiency and effectiveness of budgetary oversight and alignment with strategic goals can be further improved, leading to more successful implementation of strategic plans.

ii. It is essential to foster a collaborative budgeting process that involves key stakeholders, including community members, civil society organizations, and financial experts. By promoting transparency and inclusivity in the budgeting process, MCAs can ensure that the budget reflects the community's needs and priorities. This approach can also enhance accountability and trust in the budgeting process, thereby strengthening the alignment between budget allocations and strategic objectives.

iii. The establishment of robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms is crucial to track the implementation of budgets and strategic plans. Regular audits, performance reviews, and progress reports should be institutionalized to assess the impact of budgeting decisions on the attainment of strategic goals. These mechanisms will help identify any discrepancies or inefficiencies in budget utilization early on, allowing for timely corrective actions to be taken, ensuring that financial resources are used effectively to achieve strategic outcomes.

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IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH REFERENCE TO FOOD SECURITY IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT
When all of a person's basic needs are met, they have the right to live a dignified life. Food, housing, healthcare, employment, education, and culture are all adequate impartially accessible to everybody. International Human Rights Law is based on this guiding principle has established rights for individuals and groups in civil, cultural, economic, and political matters as well as social spaces. The right to adequate nutrition is critical to enjoyment all other rights aside. The right to satisfactory food is unbreakable connected to the poise of a person, and it is necessary for the realization of the other human rights enshrined in the Global Bill of Freedoms. It is sad and dispiriting that, in this 21st 100 years, humankind faces a glaring persistence of extreme hunger, malnutrition, and degradation of the environment. It has been perceived at Worldwide and Public level that, issues of food security and neediness are deterrent to accomplish stable socio-world of politics, for practical growth in the economy. "Nourishment for all" is the authority announcement made at different international organizations, which aims to increase food availability and affordability for everyone in the world. One of the Eight was the end of hunger and poverty. By 2015, the Millennium Development Goals will have been met. The harsh reality, however, Around 170 million children under the age of 5 are among the 800 million people who do not eat and suffer from malnutrition. This present circumstance is a human misfortune for a huge scope, made worse by the fact that statistical data show that there is enough food available. In point of fact, the world's production is sufficient to provide for its populace. However, millions of people worldwide are said to be hungry. India is no different to it. India's food creation was 277.40 million tones as on February 2018 a 0.9% growth compared to the previous year, but millions of people are still starving at night.

The Meals and Farming association of UN has set the order for accomplishing "Zero appetite universes by 2030". A has been formulated by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) vision for 2020, that world would be liberated from neediness, craving, hunger and natural resource management that is not sustainable. In their official declaration, all international organizations repeatedly cited these circumstances, and heads of state have agreed upon measurable objectives pertaining to sustainable development, poverty reduction, and food security management setting. This study examines the effects of India's obligations under international trade law on how the National Food Security Act of 2013 ensures the Right to Food India has signed to the World Economic deal and it has a commitment to follow Settlement on Farming. However, the non-cooperative policies and attitudes of a state party to the WTO agreement prevent India from applying the Act appropriately and a minimum support price determined by policies of restraint and FDI in farming area and its connected issues. The specialist through the information introduced in the hypothesis of India's Human Rights was examined in various chapters of the research. By adhering to the, the obligation to provide its citizens with the Right to Food is hindered with obligations under the law of international trade. The specialist has analyzed and investigated the positive actions taken by domestic institutions and international state run administrations to accomplish the right to food.

KEYWORDS: *Food, necessity, human rights, trade, National Food Security Act, WTO, malnutrition.*

INTRODUCTION
Food is one of the most essential necessities for the presence of any human existence. While at the worldwide level Country States celebrate their progress of accomplishing independence in food creation and the accessible food stocks, and at the Public level the condition of Food security remains precarious. The Exceptional Rapporteur on the Right to Food in his report to the Commission of Common liberties communicated his anxiety that the quantity of Over 2 billion people worldwide now suffer from malnutrition, reaching 840 million individuals overall experience the ill effects of 'stowed away Appetite'; or deficiencies in micronutrients, specifically for instance, children's bodies are stunted and they do not grow and develop normally now and again distorted, similar to their mental abilities and resistant framework. Each day each seven second, kid or one more youngster younger than ten bites the dust from hunger or Diseases related to hunger. All individuals reserve the privilege to be liberated from hunger and furthermore to approach food and health. In the space of legitimate turn of events, the Food Security has to some extent in been given formal recognition as a human right everywhere. Food security is quite possibly of the most fundamental common freedom, firmly connected with the right to life. This right cannot be denied to the people by government policies or actions. Rights for people are unified and unavoidable in nature. The forswearing

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of one right not just influences the enjoyment of additional rights, but also influences the fundamental connection between the rule of regulation and the insurance of every basic liberty, including the Right to Food.

Legal Framework For Food Security In India

The acknowledgment of all basic liberties is connected with the Right to Food and Food Security. The development of the right to sufficient food set out in the General Announcement of Common freedoms, Article 25 (1) expressed that, "...and the right to security in case of joblessness, ailment, handicap, widowhood, advanced age or other absence of business in conditions outside of his reach. The Food and Drug Administration's Preamble According to the Agricultural Organization in 1965, ensuring that humanity is free from hunger is one of its essential purposes. Article 11 of the Worldwide Agreement on Financial, Social and Social Privileges guides state gatherings to perceive the right of each and every one to an adequate food and clothing, as well as an adequate standard of living for his family furthermore, lodging. A similar article perceives the basic right of each one to be free from hunger. Beyond that, the 1989 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child yearning and resolves the issue of kid nourishment. Article 24(2), (C) anticipates the state parties to take appropriate actions through the to combat malnutrition and the disease provision of health care, clean drinking water, and sufficient nutritious food. Article 27 (3) State parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child are required, if necessary, give material help and backing programs, especially concerning nourishment, housing and clothing. Because food is the foundation of everything else, food security is very important rights. India's legal framework for food security is recognized as an essential component of the course of the acknowledgment of Right to Life under Article 21 of Constitution of India.

Right to Food as a Fundamental Right

The practice of reflecting on the fundamental right is deeply ingrained in Indian culture pertaining to human food and the repercussions of violating the right to food. The native idea of Dharma, which has been featured in the Vedas and Upanishads, stresses the significance of developing and sharing food. The Indian's intriguing aspect sacred statute has stretched out the aspect given to Article 21 by the Zenith court. The judiciary has acknowledged the right to food in a number of rulings moving from the right to life ensured under the Constitution of India. In a few of its decisions that, in its true meaning, the fundamental right to food, clothing, and shelter is included in the Right to Life guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution. It is without a doubt astonishing that Prior to 2001 (Right to Food Case), the specific right to food was regarded as an integral part. The Supreme Court had not defined or enforced the right under Article 21. The Constitution's right to life extends beyond animal existence. The Constitution's guarantee of life includes not only physical existence but also includes the right to live a dignified life. The state has acted in light of this decision is under a commitment to fulfill least necessities like food, instruction, wellbeing care, among other things, so that a person can live a dignified life. The privileges ensured under the right to equality, the right to freedom, and the right to the foundation of the constitution is life, and its provisions stand for equality and Rule of Law.

International Legal Regime for Food Security

Any initial investigation into India's particular jurisprudential progression It is essential to keep in mind that when establishing a constitutional right to food, it is Prior to the establishment of a right, sufficient legal safeguards for the right to food were in place to food in India. Indeed, international law has established the right to food reports for over 50 years and is a piece of the cutting edge Worldwide Basic freedoms framework that has been influenced by India in both ways. But in contrast to more general international agreements and actions taken at the national level in support of the right to food, like the People's Association for Common Freedoms case in India, requires a work by the state to produce a more gritty improvement of the right and its logical operationalization. In the Indian homegrown setting in which the right is operationalized are adequately assorted with the end goal that both public and neighborhood activities are important to enough respond to local requirements.

Additionally, changing public and nearby circumstances too requires the construction of a framework for national action that is more adaptable so that Infractions of the right to food can be dealt with quickly. In this way, worldwide human rights, the right to food is largely implemented through national action under rights law. However, the national and international human right to food interact with one another and provide one another. Understanding the larger international context in which the Supreme Court operates is essential because progress at one level can translate into progress at another. case is open. Numerous public constitutions consider the food security arrangements or a few of its features. However, the provisions have been recognized by twenty nations unequivocally however a singular common liberty as free right it seems to be a food right. Ten of These nations acknowledge the right as a distinct and universal right specify the arrangement of food security for explicit classes of the populace just, such as youngsters. Five nations have sacred arrangements that specify the right to food unequivocally as being essential for another common liberty. This is many times phrased in manners like International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, Article 11.111 part of a human right to development, a high quality of life, and an adequate standard of living. A few Established rights safeguard parts of the right to food and allude expressly to the right to food part of the fundamental right being referred to it's possible that this subcategory portrayed as Protected freedoms that give express acknowledgment of one part of the right to food. The right to food is included in the subcategory as part of the right to work.

The constitution makes no explicit mention of food in the second situation or nutrition, but also guarantees other human rights that implicitly include the right to food, as per their typical importance in Global Regulation. One of these rights is the right to adequate or decent living conditions, well-being, and a means of life

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honorable life, to improvement, and to a way of life not underneath the resource level. Privileges, for example, the right to a lowest pay permitted by law guaranteeing presence viable with human dignity, access to social security, aid to the poor, and specialized care and protection for (orphaned) children, assistance for working mothers prior to and after childbirth, and support for elderly, disabled, and disabled people all implicitly protect aspects of food security. Some nations even provide extra protection in the event of a family member's death breadwinner.

Finally, many nations whose constitutions protect additional human rights which does not necessarily mean that there are provisions for food security. In this instance, especially in relation to the rights to life and freedom from torture and debasing treatment. Hence, the shortfall of direct acknowledgment of the squarely in a state. The country's constitution does not mean that the right to food is not well protected. Other human rights can be interpreted as based on a nation's legal tradition comprising the right mix of other established arrangements along with the general commitments to state policy or directive principles the exercise of this right. For, example, there might be state approaches or the advancement of prosperity, the option to work and the right to federal retirement aide (in the event of joblessness of incapacity to work), which can be used in conjunction with rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

As previously mentioned, the fundamental right to life has been expanded in India by court regarding order standards. As a result, the relationship between the Constitution's Direct Principles and Fundamental Rights, and a way to authorize the last option as individual privileges. As a result, it falls under the purview of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights and various other international legal documents that support economic and social rights, India depends for the most part on homegrown regulation and has committed most of its regard for incorporating human rights into the Indian Constitution, such as the right to food. Given that the right to food in the Indian setting has been established and battled inside a homegrown legal framework; our current discussion is centered on this framework.

Role of Central and State Government in providing Food Security

The researcher in this study would make every effort to collect unified and integrated perspective on the nation's food economy. While the policy on food is established by the Central Government to regulate the entire procurement system operated via the control order system. However, the State's function Legislatures to implement those orders is vital. The Food's procurement campaign Organization of India is enhanced generally by the state organizations, including the cooperative establishments. The majority of the food grains are produced and stored by state agencies benefit of the Food Company of India for which they are paid fundamental charges. There as a result, the state agencies and the central agencies work very closely together regarding food grain's strange availability and procurement. They must plan acquisition activity together. The Central Government of India has authority to regulate trade and trade, dispersion of staples and upholding cost control. A complex collection of The Central and State Governments have issued control orders under the arrangements of Act, for the guideline of exchange and trade in and dissemination of food grains and for cost control. In addition, in support of the aforementioned constitutional provisions, both the federal government and the state governments have enacted and enforced various improve grain distribution by controlling orders and food laws.

The control over food laws objectives are to:

- To make it possible for traders to engage in undesirable activities like hoarding and smuggling of grains for food on the market primarily rice and wheat,
- To stop the rise in food grain prices; and
- To ensure that consumers have access to existing food grains, particularly at reasonable prices, vulnerable low-income members of the community.

The study attempted to demonstrate that India's progressive legislation was facilitated by depends on how much civil society participates in drafting the law and its efforts in putting it into action by following it up. This suggests that common society needs to attempt effectively to generate political pressure from below and influence political will from above. The disadvantaged people of India will only be able to take advantage of their rights under the law. However, when the initiatives of civil society are hampered or defeated by the organization and Administration of the day, then, at that point, the law would only remain a tiger on paper. Civil society organizations' participation in previous judicial endeavors for upholding financial privileges could likewise be answerable for the overall achievements of the judiciary's approach to ensuring citizens' fundamental rights are protected.

The Freedom of Information Act has been successfully utilized by civil society organizations to distinguish abnormalities in the execution of the Public Appropriation Framework and power nearby specialists to open their books for security. So, the presentation of these privileges based public demonstrations and the strain to stretch out their domain to different subjects and areas mean "another government assistance design" with an unmistakable "common agreement" in current Indian democracy.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, Hunger and Public Action, Oxford University Press, Oxford and Newyork, 1989 pp. XVIII+373

The book looks at the issue of hunger in today's world. The authors offer a coherent perspective on the intricate economic, social, and political nutritional, social, and political issues associated with hunger. Through a series of case studies from around the world, the book examines how to prevent famine and talks about the issue of chronic malnutrition.

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Amartya Sen, Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1981

In his book Poverty and Famine, the author focuses on the causes of famine and starvation in particular. The creator has utilized an elective technique for examination - the qualification approach - concentrating proprietorship and trade. He has additionally given general investigation of the portrayal and estimation of neediness. In addition, the various political, economic, and sociological approaches are critically examined.

Mohiuddin Alamgir and Poonam Arora, "Providing Food Security for All". Published by Practical Action Publishing, 1991

The authors have attempted to investigate how variable production and supply, in addition to a lack of purchasing power and entitlement, affect food security. Long-term solutions like socioeconomic, environmental, and political factors are needed to guarantee food security. Through published and unpublished secondary data on food production, entitlement through land and income generation, and the internal and external macro environment, they have attempted to examine food security for all.

Swaminathan, "Science and Technology for Sustainable Food Security", Indian journal of Agricultural Economics, Vol 51, no 1-2 (1996)

Swaminathan has focused on the requirement for the presentation of Public Food Security Act to guarantee public feasible food security. He has also looked into how to combat poverty and ensure food security through scientifically sound and environmentally friendly agricultural food production. He has emphasized that food security would be the goal of a favorable macro-policy environment.

RESEARCH GAP

The legal system accords dignity to every human being. The goal of every law in the world is needed to safeguard human rights and dignity. Dignity is the foundation of rights of people. As a matter of fact, the underpinning of Basic freedoms is to guarantee human respect. Accentuation on Human pride is revered in UN sanction general announcement of human rights, international agreements, and India's constitution, which declares "dignity of Individual" as its preamble's foundation. Fundamental rights are enshrined in Part II includes the right to eat. The right to dignity includes the inalienable right to food. Life that cannot be endangered on any basis. Guarantee of the right to live in any society infers the right to food. In the context of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights Article 25 recognizes a high enough standard of living that "Everyone has the right to a high standard of living, including food, for his own and his family's health and wellbeing.

Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights recognizes that the right to an adequate standard of living includes the right to adequate food of living. The "fundamental right of every one to be free" is explicitly acknowledged in Article 11(2). Individually and through international cooperation, the measures to combat hunger must be taken. including specific programs to enhance production conservation techniques and distribution of food using all available technical and scientific information constructing and reforming agricultural systems, as well as taking into account the issues of nations that import and export food to guarantee an equitable distribution of global food resources in relation to food supply." The right to life and livelihood is envisioned in India's Constitution in Article 21, which implies that one needs food to live, and that food loss would explicitly imply a loss of the right to life Directive under Article 47, Part IV of the Constitution. The phrase "the state shall regard the raising of the level of" appears in the principles of state policy the nutrition, people's standard of living, and the improvement of public health are all factors that one of its primary functions. Despite this large number of above Worldwide Shows, Statements, Goals and laws, the harsh reality that this right has not been fully utilized persists even in this period of globalized basic freedoms. Despite India, the situation is as follows: being involved with Widespread Statement of Common liberties and Global shows on social, economic, and cultural rights, as well as the state's supreme law. The Constitution acknowledges the right to food as a fundamental right and a mandate for state policy as Right to Food is a responsibility of the state's welfare system. India comes in 63rd place of 120 nations in hunger positions according to Global food strategy research organization 2013 report. In 2013, the Indian government took a step forward by passing the National Food security for the nation's citizens is the goal of the 2013 Security Act.

The Demonstration cherishes opportunity of right to food and nourishment from the current welfare strategy to a Right-based strategy. Some pertinent questions are brought up by the National Food Security Act of 2013 pertaining to India's obligations under the International Trade Law. Since Because India is a member of the World Trade Organization, the act is regarded as a violation of obligations owed by countries to the WTO. This postures more serious gamble in the fulfillment of the respective nations' legal and constitutional obligations. Moreover, for providing subsidies, the WTO framework imposes certain obligations on the states. and measures for welfare. As a result, people in developing countries in particular nations like India are kept fundamental security from getting Right to food, Right to wellbeing and right to instruction. The purpose of this study is to investigate the ramifications of trade-related agreements that safeguard fundamental human rights like "Right to Food and Right to Free from hunger, defending the poise of the Person".

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

The following goals are the primary focus of the current study in light of the aforementioned objectives:

- The review is principally centered around to feature the insurance of Essential freedoms, for example, The implementation of the Right to Food in India.
- To investigate India's international obligations regarding the protection of the Individual rights like the right to eat

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and the right to not be hungry, both of which are protected by Widespread Announcement of Basic liberties and Global Shows on Friendly Financial Social ICESCR.

- The study's third goal is to focus on the interface between human protection and rights and the trade policies that India follows.
- Last but not least, the study will investigate implementation-related issues and obstacles. of the National Food Security Act of 2013 in India
- At last the review will propose a few ends and proposals for powerful enactment of the National Food Security Act of 2013 to safeguard the fundamental rights of people whose rights are protected by the Indian Constitution.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The scientist has utilized enlightening, insightful and information assortment methodology for achieving the study's objective. Participant in this study has primarily relied on the doctrinal method of research, focusing primarily on the statutes, the research commission, expert reports, and secondary sources such as books, journal articles, case law, and websites. The availability of the Internet a significant portion of the websites most recent and relevant information, which has helped the researchers investigate the topic from a variety of angles, opinion of Website-published expert also played a significant role in the research process. Information gleaned from books held in various libraries around the world agreements and summits. Right to Food reports, court rulings, newspapers, reports, articles and other applicable reports including survey of books have additionally been considered for the study.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The researcher looked at how the right to food was fulfilled in India assert that the case's successes are directly attributable to distinct aspects of India's Constitution and to a one-of-a-kind interaction between civil society, the litigation brought by the People's Union for Civil Liberties and the Commission established by the High Court to screen authorization of People's Association for Common Freedoms in-between time orders. The current study begins its examinations of right explanation and fulfillment to food in India by characterizing the food security and by framing how food security has been conceived within legal contexts. India's food security was primarily established in Indian law and, more specifically, the Right to Life clause in the Indian Constitution, scientists dedicate their exploration to components of Indian Established Regulation that made the legal authority for the PUCL litigation and the Indian interpretation of the Right to Food Constitution. The legal and policy measures for putting the provisions for Food Security into action are a component of the Covenant's Article 2 obligations to States The general remark suggests specifically the reception of structure regulation as a significant instrument in the putting into action a national strategy for the Right to Food Such a policy although not required, a legal framework would be extremely beneficial for the following reasons: would permit designation of clear liabilities to various legislative organizations, which would mean more accountability, and such legislation might make room for support in navigation by formalizing the job of local area, Non-Government.

The lawful ramifications of food security enjoy different benefits in embracing a framework law regarding food safety. The substance of the right as well as the commitments of state specialists can be illuminated; institutional plans can be made furthermore, a steady reason for a player dispersion of obligations; better coordination from there, the sky is the limit significant checking can give an exact meaning of the degree and content of this common liberty, set out commitments for State specialists and confidential entertainers, lay out essential institutional component and give the legitimate premise to auxiliary regulation furthermore, other vital measures to be taken by the equipped State specialists. It can likewise lay out an option to cure explain the job of common liberties foundation and give the reason for auxiliary regulation. By allowing for, the legal framework increases government accountability improved surveillance, accessibility to courts and administrative recourse mechanisms, and also by helping government authorities to have a superior comprehension of their job. The Board on Financial, Social and Social Privileges suggests the reception of a system regulation as an important tool for putting into action a national strategy for food security. The Legislating for Food Security Guide from the Food and Agriculture Organization offers a full investigation of the ideal substance of right to food structure regulation.

RESEARCH FINDINGS

By bringing an, the Right to Food ought to be included as a Fundamental Right. Modification to India's constitution, similar to the Right to Education. Present day Coronavirus - 19 pandemic circumstance, unanticipated monetary circumstance, flood circumstance demonstrated that it is difficult for individuals who are not eligible beneficiaries to meet two square meals there. Consequently, it is important to patch up Public Food Security Act 2013 to ensure that Food Security is available to everyone. The essential obligation of guaranteeing food security is on the Public Government. This cannot be accomplished by the government alone. The government must create association with NGO, corporate ventures, neighborhood government organizations, common social orders to work with food security and great sustenance. International organizations and the national government ought to collaborate and multilateral institution, in terms of technical assistance, financial support, and data, worldwide horticultural exploration, reasonable turn of events, neediness reduction, ensuring that the developing nations have the capacity to carry out their responsibilities. The method for determining who will benefit from public distributions system, should be more transparent and subject to rigorous inspection, monitoring, and periodic adjustments.

From top to bottom, the entire public distribution system process needs to be made open, monitored, and accountable to the

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community. The market should be permitted to work in a more liberated and more cutthroat condition. The issues of defilement and fakes connecting with food acquisition to circulation needs to be addressed with sincerity. The individuals from Global exchange establishments, especially emerging countries, and immature countries, ought to invest all amounts of energy to rebuild global trading system in order to ensure that it is equitable and beneficial to humanity.

Policies that promote trade liberalization ought to strengthen quality's position financial development, control populace development, situated to forestall metropolitan migration, development of rustic framework, advancement of worldwide and public horticultural research, arrangement of credit and specialized help to the ranchers. All the part conditions of global basic liberties associations and International trade organizations need to show that they have a lot of political commitment to working with other provinces to integrate.

CONCLUSION

The availability and accessibility of food are two indicators of food security. World Food Highest point in Rome, characterizes Food Security as "when all individuals consistently have access to sufficient, nutritious, and safe food to sustain a healthy and active lifestyle," four principal aspects of food security are grasped: (i) the actual accessibility of food (ii) food consumption, economic, social, and physical access to food, and (iii) the stability of the additional three dimensions India's food production is sufficient to provide for its population. The Public Food Security Act 2013 guarantees food security to its kin as a legitimate entitlement. Yet at the same time, a huge number of individuals in India head to sleep hungry.

The essence of the issue of food weakness is the non-openness of food. There are different elements which determine the food's accessibility. This study examines the effects of India's obligations under international trade law. on how the National Food Security Act of 2013 ensures the Right to Food India has signed to the World Economic deal and it has a commitment to follow Settlement on Horticulture. However, a few issues that frustrate India from applying the Demonstration sufficiently are, the non-cooperative strategies of a state party towards WTO understanding and their demeanor towards it and a minimum support price determined by policies of restraint and FDI in farming area and its connected issues The scientist through the information introduced in various parts of the Exploration investigated the speculation of India's Common freedoms By adhering to the, the obligation to provide its citizens with the Right to Food is hindered. commitment of Global exchange regulation. The researcher has scrutinized and examined positive activities attempted by Global Establishments and different homegrown governments in order to achieve the right to eat.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Human Rights Conventions Privileges, Global Agreement on Common and Political Freedoms 1966, Worldwide Contract on Monetary, Social and Social Privileges 1966, Shows of Freedoms of Youngster 1989, General Statement on the Annihilation of Yearning and Hunger, Food and Horticulture Association Rules perceives Right to food as Common freedom. India as is obligated to carry out the right because it has signed the UDHR, ICCP, ICESCR, and FAO. to food, of individuals living inside the region of India. Human Rights around the World regulation is a standard Worldwide Regulation and subsequently the right to food is enforceable even at the point when a country state has not sanctioned the contract. India is bound by the governing India has not interpreted the right to food through General Comment the Optional Protocol was approved. The analyst contends that India is under commitment to make a positive move to make privileges on the right to food according to the necessity of the Law of the World The Constitution of India assumes a central part in the acknowledgment of Right to Food and Food security; it is the preeminent rule that everyone must follow and is a hotspot for regulative, judicial and executive authority. The Indian overall set of laws gets its source from Constitution and as a duty to uphold the International Covenant on Human Rights, safeguard the right to food through regulations like Food Company Of India Act 1954, Fundamental Products Act 1955, counteraction of Food Contaminated Act 1954, The Mahatma Gandhi Public Country Business Assurance Act 2005, Food handling and Standard Demonstration 2006.and at long last Public Food Security Act 2013. However, the regulation has been achieved, but there is still a gap due to the absence of direct legislation protecting right to food.

According to the scientist perspective it is viewed that as, India has found the right to food is both legitimately reasonable and meriting a public regulation. This landmark is initiative by India to define and explain the Right to Food as an alternative to the welfare system to a right-based approach that led to the National Food Security Act of 2013 being passed. National Food Security Act of 2013 followed by the Standard Act of 2006. However, the regulation has been achieved, however there is still lacuna, as there is no immediate regulation to secure right to eat According to the analyst perspective it is seen that as, India has found the right to Food is worthy of national legislation and legally justifiable. It is this milestone drive by India to lay out and explain Right to food from government assistance way to deal with a right-based approach that led to the National Food Security Act of 2013 being passed.

SCOPE FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

The scope of the study is to look at the ramifications of Exchange related India's food security and the right to food are protected by international agreements. To examine the current laws at national and international levels regarding the right to food and the working. The National Food Security Act of 2013 and how the WTO can create an atmosphere where creating and immature nations can advance their perspectives and shows up at legitimate negotiations that would benefit the nation and its people.

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LIMITATIONS

- Both internal and international migration can occur. Internal migration is a sign of movement within a nation (from rural areas to urban areas or between two cities in the same nation). Inter-regional migration and international migration are two types of migration. to other nations in the region (migration within the region). The subject of the study is not inward movement as the point is to see work freedoms with regards to North-South Separation.
- Inter-regional migration from developing economies is taken into account by the study. The South-Asian subcontinent has received special attention. South Asia has been characterized in UN Statistics as a group of countries: India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bhutan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh of Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Iran, and the Maldives. Iran is not included in this research. the nations of South Asia. In a similar vein, the study will not include Bhutan and the Maldives because a lack of data.
- The subject of the examination is the transnational development of incompetent or semi-talented work force. In the beginning of the chapter, it was mentioned that developing economies have a labor surplus population deficient in particular skills. However, the study focuses on skilled worker migration. The study focuses on low-skilled or semi-skilled workers in specific instances.
- Negotiating power, earning capacity, wage comparison, and labor rights are being compared the labor of workers in developed and developing economies. No Workers from the same nation is placed in two distinct economies are subject of the comparison: The purchasing power of labor varies by nation of residence.

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INFLUENCE OF QUALITY CIRCLES ON LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY IN THE JUDICIAL SERVICE IN NYERI COUNTY

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ABSTRACT

Labour productivity was an important factor in the success of a company. A company's output was as much dependent on labour productivity as it was on capital productivity. The study sought to examine the influence of quality circles on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County. The study adopted the descriptive design. The target population comprised 43 Magistrates, 93 Court Administrators, and 145 Lawyers (members of the Nyeri Law Society). Using 30% representation, a sample size of 13 Magistrates, 21 court administrators, and 44 Lawyers (members of the Nyeri Law Society) was utilized. The study used cluster random sampling to select 8 clusters, stratified sampling to identify the sample within each cluster, and simple random sampling to choose respondents from each stratum. It collected quantitative and qualitative data using questionnaires and interviews, then used statistical analysis to organize, summarize, and present the data. Quantitative data was analyzed with descriptive statistics (frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviation) and presented in tables, graphs, and charts. The study demonstrates there is a very strong positive correlation between labour productivity in courts and quality circles, with a coefficient of 0.875 and a significance level of 0.000. This means that courts that implement quality circles tend to have higher levels of labour productivity The regression analysis shows that technology use significantly enhances productivity, with a one-unit increase resulting in a 0.265 standard deviation rise (Beta = 0.265, p = .026). The study recommended that the judicial service should improve the technology infrastructure to boost productivity and performance in the legal sector.

INTRODUCTION

Labour productivity in the judiciary service is crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 16 (World Bank, 2021). An effective and dependable judicial system is essential for foreign investment and economic development (World Bank Group, 2021). The National Center for State Courts has developed a framework for measuring court productivity (National Center for State Courts, 2022). In the UK, labour productivity in the judiciary service reduces waiting times for hearings (Ministry of Justice, 2022).

The concept of labour productivity in the judiciary service dates back to the 18th century (Lindert, 2004). Recent statistics show low productivity levels in many countries. In the USA, productivity in federal courts decreased by 3.4% in 2020 (Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 2021). In other countries, capacity and resource constraints lead to significant backlogs, such as Pakistan's backlog of over 1.9 million cases (Dawn, 2022) and Nigeria's 40% productivity level in 2021 (Fleming, 2023). Kenya also struggles with a backlog of over 500,000 cases as of 2021 (The Standard, 2021). These low productivity levels hinder the provision of justice to citizens.

Quality circles in the Judiciary service aim to improve productivity, reduce backlogs, and enhance the quality of justice delivery by bringing together judiciary staff to identify and address inefficiencies (Chavan & Jadhav, 2020). These circles involve regular meetings, data analysis, and action planning to address issues such as reducing case processing times and improving court operations (Ismail et al., 2021). While quality circles are more commonly implemented in developed nations like the USA and the UK (Miller & Jones, 2022), their implementation in developing nations like those in Africa is still beneficial, particularly in improving communication and teamwork among employees (Ngowi et al., 2018).

The Kenyan judiciary faces challenges such as case backlogs, corruption, and insufficient resources, negatively impacting labour productivity. A report by the Judiciary of Kenya (2020) recommends a study to identify areas for improvement. Studies by the National Council for Law Reporting (2021) and World Bank (2018) highlight inefficiencies, delays, and corruption. In Nyeri County, a study by the Judiciary Transformation Framework (2021) found significant delays in case processing, while another study by the National Council on the Administration of Justice (2022) revealed high absenteeism among judicial officers, leading to further delays.

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Problem Statement

Labour productivity is crucial for a company's success, impacting output, capital productivity, and various costs. Improving labour productivity reduces the need for workers, resulting in lower labor costs. In Nyeri County, low labour productivity in the judicial service has significant implications. Delays in case processing have led to a backlog of cases, denying justice to many litigants and overcrowding remand facilities. High levels of absenteeism among judicial officers have eroded public trust in the judiciary, leading some to seek alternative dispute resolution methods. The need to investigate the factors behind low labour productivity in the county is essential. Quality circles have been found to influence labour productivity, but studies did not focus on the judicial service in Nyeri County. Therefore, a study is needed to examine the factors influencing labour productivity in magistrate courts in Nyeri County. This will help identify areas for improvement and enhance efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery.

Objective

The main objective is to determine the influence of quality circles on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County.

Research Hypotheses

H_{O4} Quality Circles do not have a statistically significant influence on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County

LITERATURE REVIEW

Quality Circles and Labour Productivity

A study conducted in Malaysia by Hassan and Yusoff (2021) found that quality circles had a positive impact on labor productivity in the Malaysian judicial service, while a study by Ismail et al. (2021) found that quality circles were effective in improving productivity and job satisfaction among court employees. Another study in India by Chavan and Jadhav (2020) discovered that quality circles had a positive impact on labor productivity in the Indian judicial service, highlighting the importance of teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and employee involvement.

In India, a study by Kumar and Singh (2019) used a mixed-methods approach, including surveys and interviews, to evaluate the effectiveness of quality circles. The indicators for the study were participation, communication, problem-solving, and continuous improvement. The study found that quality circles had a positive impact on employee engagement and productivity in the judicial service.

A review of studies on the impact of quality circles on labor productivity in the judicial service in South Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana found a positive correlation between quality circles and labor productivity. Molekoa and Mavhunga (2021) examined the dimensions of employee motivation, job satisfaction, and problem-solving and found a positive impact on labor productivity. Mlambo and Chinyamurindi (2018) identified employee motivation and participation as key factors in improving productivity, while Adegbite and Elegunde (2019) found that quality circles improved employee performance and productivity. Sakyi et al., (2021) discovered that quality circles had a positive impact on employee satisfaction and productivity. Overall, these studies suggest that implementing quality circles can be an effective strategy to improve labor productivity in the judicial service.

A study by Niyonkuru and Ngaruko (2019) in Rwanda and Ngowi et al. (2018) in Tanzania investigated the impact of quality circles on labor productivity in the judicial service. Both studies used mixed-methods approaches, including focus groups, interviews, surveys, and interviews, to assess the effectiveness of quality circles. The dimensions of quality circles included employee engagement, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and continuous improvement. The findings suggest that quality circles are effective in improving employee engagement and productivity, as well as motivating employees and enhancing job satisfaction.

Quality circles are small teams of volunteers that meet regularly to identify, analyze, and solve problems in their area of work, promoting quality, productivity, and continuous improvement (Sparrow et al., 2015). Effective quality circles require autonomy, training in problem-solving methods, and support from management (Thomas et al., 2010). To succeed, quality circles must be staffed by volunteers, have representatives from different functional activities, and choose their own problems to address (Montana & Bruce, 2008). Additionally, they require appropriate training, a self-selected leader, and a mentor from management who supports their efforts without managing them directly. By following these guidelines, quality circles can lead to improved labor productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County.

In Kenya, a study (Miano & Mokaya, 2021) used a quantitative approach, including surveys and statistical analysis, to evaluate the impact of quality circles. The dimensions of quality circles may have included employee performance, productivity, job satisfaction, communication, and leadership. The study found that quality circles were effective in improving employee performance and productivity in the judicial service.

Labour Productivity in the Courts Models

In the United States, Dieterle (2021)'s examination of the productivity of judges in the federal courts found that increasing the number of judges could improve productivity and reduce the backlog of cases. In India, Kumar (2021) analyzed the factors affecting the productivity of judges and found that the use of technology could significantly improve the efficiency of the judiciary service. Similarly, a study conducted in 2022 in Canada examined the productivity of court clerks and found that providing training and resources could improve productivity and reduce errors (Smith, 2022). In South Africa Kriel (2022) found that providing language training and support could improve productivity of court interpreters and reduce delays.

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A study conducted by the American Bar Association (ABA) in 2020 found that the US judicial system had a backlog of over 400,000 cases, resulting in delays and increased costs (1). Similarly, a UK Ministry of Justice study in 2019 found that the average time taken to resolve cases in the UK had increased, leading to increased costs and reduced access to justice (2). In Malaysia, a study by the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (2018) found that the labour productivity of judges and court personnel was low compared to international benchmarks, recommending case management systems and more judges and court personnel (3). In India, a National Judicial Academy study in 2017 found that outdated case management processes and inadequate training led to low labour productivity among judges and court personnel, recommending technology adoption and regular training (4). These studies highlight the importance of adopting effective case management systems, technology, and training to improve labour productivity in the judicial service.

The labor productivity of judges and court personnel in Nyeri County can be improved by promoting diversity and representation in quality circles, fostering a culture of teamwork and collaboration, and streamlining decision-making processes. According to studies in South Africa (2016), Nigeria (2015), Ghana (2014), Rwanda (2013), and Tanzania (2017), labor productivity in the judicial service is affected by factors such as high caseloads, delays in appointments, inadequate infrastructure, and lack of training, human resources, innovation, and technology. To address these challenges, recommendations include recruiting more judges and court personnel, providing adequate infrastructure, and promoting a culture of teamwork and collaboration.

According to recent studies in Kenya, the labor productivity in the Judiciary Service is low due to a combination of factors, including a backlog of cases, lack of modern technology and infrastructure, and shortage of human resources (Otieno & Ongondo, 2022; Omondi et al., 2022; Kimani & Mwiti, 2022). The slow pace of trials and outdated case management systems contribute to inefficiencies in the delivery of justice, while the lack of sufficient judges, magistrates, and support staff leads to heavy workloads and burnout (Kimani & Mwiti, 2022). To improve labor productivity and efficiency in delivering justice, significant reforms and investment are needed in the sector.

The dimensions of labour productivity in the judicial service can be broadly categorized into three areas: efficiency, effectiveness, and quality. Efficiency refers to the ability of the judicial system to handle a large number of cases with minimal delay and cost. Effectiveness refers to the ability of the judicial system to deliver just and fair outcomes to litigants. Quality refers to the ability of the judicial system to produce well-reasoned, legally sound, and socially beneficial judgments.

Theoretical Framework

The study was guided by the Human Capital Theory by Schultz (1961) and the Diffusion Innovation Theory as proposed by (Rogers, 2003).

Diffusion of Innovation Theory (DOI)

This study applied the Diffusion of Innovation (DOI) theory to explore factors influencing labor productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County, Kenya. DOI proposes that innovations spread through social systems over time, influenced by characteristics such as relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability (Rogers, 2003; Greenhalgh et al., 2004). The theory suggests that employees' perception of skills and qualifications of workers in the judicial service is influenced by these characteristics. By applying DOI, this study examined how employees perceive the skills and qualifications of workers and their compatibility with current work practices. The theory highlights the importance of communication channels, social networks, and leadership in facilitating technology adoption within organizational settings (Rogers, 2003).

DOI is highly relevant to this study's objectives. The theory provides a framework for understanding how new ideas or practices spread and are adopted within a social system. It offers insights into the factors influencing the rate and extent of adoption, including perceived relative advantage, compatibility, and complexity. By examining the various stages of innovation adoption, including awareness, interest, evaluation, trial, and adoption, DOI helps identify the factors that facilitate or impede the utilization of technology within the judicial service. This framework allows for a comprehensive analysis of how technological advancements are integrated into work processes, influencing labour productivity in Nyeri County's judicial service.

HRM Ability Motivation and Opportunity (AMO) Theory

The Ability, Motivation, and Opportunity (AMO) theory suggests that companies that hire individuals with ability and provide motivation and opportunity to perform well will outperform their competitors (Delery & Shaw, 2001). The theory proposes that organizational success is achieved when all three components are present: employee ability, motivation, and opportunity (Jiang et al., 2012). The AMO theory can be applied to the judicial service in Nyeri County to analyze how various factors influence labour productivity.

The study examines the impact of skills, qualifications, technology, employee motivation, and quality circles on labor productivity in the judicial service in Nyero County using the AMO theory. This framework analyzes how employees' abilities, motivation, and work environment opportunities influence their performance and productivity. The study can assess how quality circles in the judicial service provide opportunities for employees to perform effectively and efficiently, influencing their productivity.

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study employed a descriptive research design, which was chosen for its ability to comprehensively explore and describe the factors influencing labor productivity in the judicial service of Nyeri County. According to Mugenda and Mugenda (1999), descriptive research involves fact-finding and inquiries that explain the current state of affairs. This design facilitated the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data, obtained through surveys and questionnaires, quantified factors such as the frequency and intensity of influences on productivity. Qualitative data, gathered via interviews and focus group discussions, provided deeper insights into the perceptions and experiences of judicial service workers regarding productivity (Creswell & Poth, 2018). The combination of these methods allowed for a holistic understanding of the productivity dynamics within the judicial service.

The target population of the study included magistrates, court administrators, and lawyers across various courts in Nyeri County. Magistrates, as key decision-makers in delivering justice, were crucial to assessing productivity. Court administrators played a pivotal role in ensuring efficient court operations, while lawyers' productivity was essential for the effective functioning of the justice system. The target population for this study, sourced from the County Government of Samburu (2023), encompasses a diverse group totaling 150,780 individuals. It includes local government officials (500), policy makers (30), project managers (180), communication teams (20), NGO representatives (50), and beneficiaries (150,000).

The research employed a stratified sampling technique to ensure a representative sample from each category of the target population. This method allowed for proportional representation of magistrates, court administrators, and lawyers based on their numbers in each court location. Cluster random sampling within each stratum further ensured that the sample accurately reflected the population diversity within Nyeri County's judicial service. the sample size comprised of 13 Magistrates, 21 court administrators, and 44 Lawyers (members of the Nyeri Law Society. The sample size of 80 respondents was determined based on the distribution across the courts and categories, ensuring adequate representation for robust data analysis (Orodho, 2003).

Reliability and validity were critical considerations in ensuring the robustness of the research instruments and the credibility of the study findings. Reliability, as defined by Mugenda and Mugenda (1999), refers to the consistency and stability of results obtained from a research instrument over repeated trials. In this study, reliability was assessed through a pre-test of the questionnaire in Muranga regional courts, involving 20 sampled employees. The use of Cronbach's Alpha helped gauge internal consistency, with scores expected to exceed the recommended threshold of 0.7, as per Franklin (2012). This process ensured that the questionnaire reliably measured variables related to labor productivity in the judicial service of Nyeri County.

Validity, on the other hand, pertained to the extent to which the research instruments accurately measured the intended phenomena. Piloting the questionnaire in Muranga regional courts enabled the researcher to identify and modify items that did not effectively capture relevant information. These adjustments were crucial in enhancing the validity of the research tools, ensuring that they appropriately measured factors influencing labor productivity in the study context (Mugenda and Mugenda, 1999; Orodho, 2005). By addressing reliability and validity concerns upfront, the study laid a strong foundation for conducting meaningful data analysis and drawing reliable conclusions.

In data analysis, both quantitative and qualitative data were collected and systematically analyzed to derive meaningful insights. Quantitative data underwent descriptive statistical analysis, including frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviations. This approach facilitated the organization and presentation of data through graphs and tables, aiding in the interpretation of findings related to variables such as skills and qualifications of workers, technology usage, employee motivation, and quality circles. Additionally, Pearson Correlation and regression analyses were employed to explore relationships among these variables and their impact on labor productivity in the judicial service of Nyeri County. This comprehensive analytical approach, guided by Orodho (2005), ensured that the study's objectives were met effectively, providing a nuanced understanding of factors influencing labor productivity within ethical guidelines that safeguarded participant confidentiality and minimized potential risks.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Response Rate

The study achieved an average response rate of 86% across the target population, demonstrating high levels of participation from magistrates (77%), court administrators (86%), and lawyers (89%). These figures exceed the typical response rates observed in research, as suggested by Nulty (2008), indicating excellent engagement and cooperation from the respondents. Such robust participation enhances the validity and reliability of the survey findings, ensuring a representative sample for investigating the determinants of labour productivity in Nyeri County's judicial service.

Demographic Characteristics

Regarding demographic characteristics, the study revealed a balanced gender distribution among lawyers (48.7% male, 51.3% female) and court administrators (50% male, 50% female). Age distribution analysis indicated significant representation among lawyers aged 29-38 years (41.0%) and 39-48 years (51.3%), while court administrators predominantly fell within the 29-38 years (50.0%) and 39-48 years (44.4%) age categories. Educational attainment was notably high, with a majority holding a University Degree (Undergraduate) among both lawyers (64.1%) and court administrators (66.7%). These findings underscore a well-

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educated workforce within the judicial service, critical for understanding factors influencing labour productivity.

Awareness of Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) among respondents

Furthermore, the study explored tenure and awareness of Human Resource Information Systems (HRIS) among respondents. It revealed that a significant proportion of lawyers (51.3% with 6-10 years) and court administrators (50.0% with 6-10 years) had served in their roles for 6-10 years. Moreover, a substantial majority were aware of HRIS applications (79.5% lawyers, 83.3% court administrators), indicating a high level of technological integration within the judicial service. This uniform adoption of ICT (100% in both categories) further highlights a technologically advanced environment, potentially impacting labour productivity positively.

The study's comprehensive analysis of demographic characteristics, including age, gender, educational attainment, tenure, and technological awareness among judicial service professionals in Nyeri County, provides a robust foundation for examining the determinants of labour productivity. These insights not only enhance the study's validity but also offer valuable considerations for improving organizational effectiveness within the judicial service context.

Quality Circles

Descriptive Statistics for Quality Circles: Lawyers Perspective

A five-point Likert scale questionnaire was used to collect data from lawyers, with a mean score of 3.2564 on the statement "Our quality circles include members with diverse skills and expertise." This suggests that lawyers somewhat agreed that their quality circles are diverse in terms of skills and expertise. The standard deviation of 1.25064 indicates a high variation in responses, implying that some lawyers strongly agree while others disagree. This mixed view may affect the quality of decisions and solutions generated by the circles. This finding is consistent with Kimani and Oloko's (2021) study, which found that diversity of skills and expertise is a significant predictor of performance in Kenya's judicial system.

According to the respondents' opinions, the selection criteria for quality circle members are based on experience and knowledge of the judicial system, with a mean score of 3.4103 and a standard deviation of 1.18584. This suggests that lawyers have mixed views on the selection criteria, with some agreeing and others disagreeing. This is consistent with Mwihaki's (2019) finding that performance management in the Kenyan judiciary faces challenges such as unclear promotion criteria, inadequate feedback, and low employee involvement.

The third statement in the table reflects the respondents' opinions on the representation of different departments in the judicial service in the composition of their quality circles. The mean score of 3.2564 indicates that the lawyers were slightly above neutral on this statement, suggesting that they somewhat agreed that the composition of their quality circles included representatives from different departments in the judicial service. The standard deviation of 1.11728 shows that there was a moderate variation in the responses, implying that some respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, while others disagreed or strongly disagreed. This result implies that the lawyers may have mixed views on the level of representation in their quality circles, and that they may perceive it as a factor that affects the communication and coordination among the circles and the departments. This result is consistent with the findings of Khamala (2022), who found that interdepartmental collabouration and teamwork were significant predictors of employee performance in the judicial service of Kitui County, Kenya.

The fourth statement in the table reflects the respondents' opinions on the diversity of backgrounds and experiences in the composition of their quality circles. The mean score of 3.5641 indicates that the lawyers were slightly above neutral on this statement, suggesting that they somewhat agreed that the composition of their quality circles included members from diverse backgrounds and experiences. The standard deviation of 0.88243 shows that there was a low variation in the responses, implying that most respondents had similar views on this statement. This result implies that the lawyers may be satisfied with the level of diversity in their quality circles, and that they may perceive it as a factor that enhances the creativity and innovation of the circles. This result is consistent with the findings of [Osewe and Gindicha (2021)], who reported that diversity of backgrounds and experiences was a significant predictor of employee satisfaction in the judiciary of Kenya.

The fifth statement in the table reflects the respondents' opinions on the frequency of meetings of their quality circles to discuss issues related to productivity in the judicial service. The mean score of 3.4359 indicates that the lawyers were slightly above neutral on this statement, suggesting that they somewhat agreed that their quality circles met regularly to discuss issues related to productivity in the judicial service. The standard deviation of 0.94018 shows that there was a low variation in the responses, implying that most respondents had similar views on this statement. This result implies that the lawyers may be satisfied with the frequency of meetings of their quality circles, and that they may perceive it as a factor that facilitates the identification and resolution of problems and challenges in the courts. This result is in line with the findings of Kimani and Oloko (2021), who reported that regular meetings were a significant predictor of performance in the judicial system of Kenya.

The sixth statement in the table reflects the respondents' opinions on the scheduling of meetings of their quality circles. The mean score of 3.4359 indicates that the lawyers were slightly above neutral on this statement, suggesting that they somewhat agreed that their quality circles had a fixed schedule for meetings. The standard deviation of 1.02070 shows that there was a moderate

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variation in the responses, implying that some respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, while others disagreed or strongly disagreed. This result implies that the lawyers may have mixed views on the scheduling of meetings of their quality circles, and that they may not perceive it as a consistent or convenient process. This result is contrary to the findings of Mwihaki (2019), who observed that performance management in the Kenyan judiciary was faced with challenges such as lack of clear timelines, inadequate resources, and competing priorities.

The seventh statement in the table reflects the respondents' opinions on the follow-up system of their quality circles to ensure the implementation of decisions made during meetings. The mean score of 3.4103 indicates that the lawyers were slightly above neutral on this statement, suggesting that they somewhat agreed that their quality circles had a system in place to follow up on the implementation of decisions made during meetings. The standard deviation of 1.09347 shows that there was a moderate variation in the responses, implying that some respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, while others disagreed or strongly disagreed. This result implies that the lawyers may have mixed views on the follow-up system of their quality circles, and that they may not perceive it as a reliable or effective process. This result is consistent with the findings of Khamala (2022), who found that a follow-up system was a significant predictor of employee performance in the judicial service of Kitui County, Kenya.

The highest mean score was for the statement "Our quality circles include members from diverse backgrounds and experiences" (3.5641), indicating that the respondents valued the diversity of their quality circle members. The lowest mean score was for the statement "Decisions made by our quality circles are based on consensus among members" (3.3077), implying that the respondents felt that there was room for improvement in the decision making process of quality circles.

The results imply that quality circles have a positive influence on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County, as they foster a culture of teamwork, problem solving, and continuous improvement among employees. Quality circles also enhance the communication, coordination, and cooperation among different departments and levels of the judicial service, which can improve the quality and efficiency of service delivery. The results are consistent with the findings of Heshmati and Rashidghalam (2018), who analysed labour productivity and its determinants in the manufacturing and service sectors in Kenya. They found that training and education were associated with higher labour productivity, and that a higher female share in the labour force reduced labour productivity. They also found that reliance on technologies such as emails and websites for communication had a positive but insignificant impact on firms' labour productivity.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics for Quality Circles: Lawyers Perspective

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Deviation
The composition of our quality circles is diverse in terms of skills and expertise.	39	1.00	5.00	3.2564	1.25064
Members of our quality circles are selected based on their experience and knowledge of the judicial system.	39	1.00	5.00	3.4103	1.18584
The composition of our quality circles includes representatives from different departments in the judicial service.	39	1.00	5.00	3.2564	1.11728
Our quality circles include members from diverse backgrounds and experiences.	39	1.00	5.00	3.5641	.88243
Our quality circles meet regularly to discuss issues related to productivity in the judicial service.	39	1.00	5.00	3.4359	.94018
Our quality circles have a fixed schedule for meetings.	39	1.00	5.00	3.4359	1.02070
Our quality circles have a system in place to follow up on the implementation of decisions made during meetings.	39	1.00	5.00	3.4103	1.09347
Decisions made by our quality circles are based on consensus among members.	39	1.00	5.00	3.3077	1.21728
Q2: Our quality circles have a well-defined process for decision making.	39	1.00	5.00	3.5385	1.09655
embers of our quality circles are encouraged to express their opinions freely during decision making.	39	1.00	5.00	3.3333	1.10818
Our quality circles have a system in place to monitor the implementation of decisions made	39	1.00	5.00	3.4103	1.06914
Valid N (listwise)	39				

Quality Circles: Court Administrators' Perspective

The results in Table 2 show that the lawyers generally had positive perceptions of quality circles, as the mean scores for all statements were above the midpoint of 3. However, the standard deviations indicate that there was considerable variation in the responses, suggesting that some lawyers were more convinced of the importance of quality circles than others. The highest mean score was for the statement "I believe that regular quality circle meetings are an important determinant of productivity in the courts" (3.5000), indicating that the lawyers recognized the value of frequent communication and collabouration among quality circle members. The lowest mean score was for the statement "I believe that involving judges and personnel in the decision-making process of quality circles is an important determinant of

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productivity in the courts" (3.2778), implying that the lawyers felt that there was a need for more participation and empowerment of the judicial staff in the quality circle decisions.

The results imply that quality circles have a positive influence on labour productivity in the courts in Nyeri County, as they create a culture of teamwork, problem solving, and continuous improvement among the lawyers and the judicial staff. Quality circles also foster the communication, coordination, and cooperation among different actors and levels of the judicial service, which can improve the quality and efficiency of service delivery. The results are in line with the findings of Mwangi (2021), who conducted a case study of quality circles in the High Court of Kenya. They found that quality circles improved the performance and productivity of the court staff, reduced the backlog of cases, enhanced the customer satisfaction, and increased the staff morale and motivation.

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics for Quality Circles: Lawyers Perspective

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev
I believe that having diverse and well-represented quality circles is an important determinant of productivity in the courts.	18	1.00	5.00	3.2778	1.60167
I believe that regular quality circle meetings are an important determinant of productivity in the courts.	18	1.00	5.00	3.5000	1.46528
I believe that involving judges and personnel in the decision-making process of quality circles is an important determinant of productivity in the courts.	18	1.00	5.00	3.2778	1.48742
Valid N (listwise)	18				

Labour Productivity in the Judicial Service: Lawyers' Perspective

The study explored perceptions of 39 respondents regarding labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County, Kenya. The results, as depicted in Table 3, shed light on various aspects of the judicial service, indicating the following implications.

The backlog of cases in the judicial service is a significant problem. The mean score for this statement is 2.9487, which is close to the neutral point of 3. This indicates that the respondents have mixed opinions on whether the backlog of cases in the judicial service is a significant problem. The standard deviation of 0.91619 shows that, there is a moderate variation in the responses. Some respondents may strongly agree or disagree with the statement, while others may be indifferent or unsure. The result implies that the judicial service in Nyeri County may have a backlog of cases, but the extent and severity of the problem may vary depending on the type, nature, and complexity of the cases, as well as the availability and capacity of the judges and personnel. The result also suggests that the respondents may have different expectations and standards of what constitutes a significant problem in terms of the backlog of cases.

A related study in Kenya is the one by Khamala and Makhamara (2022), who investigated the influence of work-life balance on judicial service employees' performance in Kitui County, Kenya. They found that the backlog of cases was one of the factors that contributed to stress at work, which in turn affected the employees' performance and productivity. They recommended that the judicial service should adopt flexible work schedule strategies to reduce the workload and improve the work-life balance of the employees.

The backlog of cases in the judicial service has a negative impact on the efficiency of the courts. The mean score for this statement is 3.0000, which is exactly the neutral point of 3. This indicates that the respondents have no clear agreement or disagreement on whether the backlog of cases in the judicial service has a negative impact on the efficiency of the courts. The standard deviation of 1.16980 shows that there is a high variation in the responses. Some respondents may strongly agree or disagree with the statement, while others may be neutral or ambivalent. The result implies that the judicial service in Nyeri County may face some challenges in delivering timely and effective justice due to the backlog of cases, but the impact may not be uniform or significant across all courts. The result also suggests that the respondents may have different definitions and measures of what constitutes efficiency in the courts. A related study in Kenya is the one by Mwenda and Mwenda (2020), who examined the factors affecting the efficiency of the judiciary in Kenya. They found that the backlog of cases was one of the major factors that hindered the efficiency of the judiciary, as it caused delays, congestion, and dissatisfaction among the litigants and the public. They recommended that the judiciary should adopt alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, case management systems, and performance management systems to reduce the backlog and improve the efficiency of the courts.

Negative Impact of Backlog on Efficiency and Quality: Respondents perceived the backlog to negatively affect both the efficiency (Mean = 3.0000) and the quality of judgments produced (Mean = 2.8205). These results underline the interconnectedness of efficiency and case backlog, emphasizing the need for streamlined processes. Ayub's (2022) study on employee performance and motivation in the Kenyan county assembly provides insights into potential factors influencing judicial productivity.

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Reasonableness of Cases Handled per Judge/Personnel: While participants found the number of cases handled per judge/personnel reasonable (Mean = 3.0256), this might indicate an acceptance of the workload. However, the standard deviation suggests variations in opinions, indicating diverse perspectives on an acceptable caseload. This resonates with Kemboi's (2022) examination of case backlog and productivity factors in Kenya's judiciary. Participants expressed varied views on the manageability of judges/personnel workload (Mean = 2.7949), reflecting uncertainties about the balance between the workload and available resources. This complexity in workload management is consistent with findings in Mureithi's (2020) study on the challenges facing the Kenyan judiciary.

Respondents generally perceived the quality of judgments as high (Mean = 3.2051), with consistency across all courts (Mean = 3.0256). These positive ratings suggest that, despite challenges, the judicial service maintains a commendable standard of judgment quality. Such insights resonate with Kemboi's (2021) study, emphasizing the importance of quality judgments in addressing backlog issues. Delays in the judicial service were acknowledged as a significant problem (Mean = 3.0769), negatively impacting productivity (Mean = 2.9231) and the quality of judgments produced (Mean = 3.1538). These findings correlate with studies emphasizing the detrimental effects of delays on overall judicial performance, such as Mureithi (2020) and Ayub (2022). Participants acknowledged a well-established system for monitoring and addressing delays (Mean = 3.0256), indicating an awareness of the need for proactive measures. However, the standard deviation suggests variations in confidence regarding the effectiveness of the existing system. These results highlight the multifaceted challenges faced by the Nyeri County judicial service, providing valuable insights for targeted interventions. The linkages to related studies underscore the complexity of factors influencing judicial productivity, offering a basis for informed policy decisions and improvements within the Kenyan judicial system.

Table 3: Labour Productivity in the Judicial Service: Lawyers' Perspective

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev
The backlog of cases in the judicial service is a significant problem.	39	1.00	5.00	2.95	0.92
The backlog of cases in the judicial service has a negative impact on the efficiency of the courts.	39	1.00	5.00	3.00	1.17
The backlog of cases in the judicial service has a negative impact on the quality of judgments produced.	39	1.00	5.00	2.82	1.19
The number of cases handled per judge/personnel in the judicial service is reasonable.	39	1.00	5.00	3.03	1.16
The workload of judges/personnel in the judicial service is manageable.	39	1.00	5.00	2.79	1.06
The quality of judgments produced by the judicial service is high.	39	1.00	5.00	3.21	0.89
The judicial service has a well-established system for ensuring the quality of judgments produced.	39	1.00	5.00	3.05	0.94
The quality of judgments produced by the judicial service is consistent across all courts.	39	1.00	5.00	3.03	1.01
Delays in the judicial service are a significant problem.	39	1.00	5.00	3.08	1.06
Delays in the judicial service have a negative impact on productivity.	39	1.00	5.00	2.92	1.16
Delays in the judicial service have a negative impact on the quality of judgments produced.	39	1.00	5.00	3.15	1.14
The judicial service has a well-established system for monitoring and addressing delays.	39	1.00	5.00	3.03	1.06
Valid N (listwise)	0				

Labour Productivity in the Judicial Service: County Administrators' Perspective

The study investigated the perceptions of 18 county administrators in Nyeri County, Kenya, regarding labour productivity in the judicial service, using a Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). The results from Table 3 revealed valuable insights into various aspects of labour productivity. The results were as provided below. Consistently striving to meet and exceed customer expectations: With a mean score of 2.2222, administrators displayed a moderate inclination towards meeting and exceeding customer expectations. The standard deviation of .94281 indicates a considerable variability in responses. This suggests a need for more consistent efforts in aligning service delivery with customer expectations. The findings resonate with a study by Kamau (2021) that emphasizes the importance of customer-centric approaches in enhancing organizational performance within Kenyan public institutions.

The mean score of 2.2778 suggests a moderate level of satisfaction among customers with the service provided by administrators. The wide standard deviation of 1.01782 indicates varying degrees of satisfaction. This calls for a closer examination of the factors influencing customer satisfaction. The results align with findings from a study by Nyaga (2020), which emphasizes the need to prioritize customer satisfaction for improved organizational performance in Kenyan public service. Administrators scored an average of 2.1667, reflecting a moderate agreement in their effective problem-solving skills. The standard

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deviation of .92355 indicates moderate variability in perceptions. Enhancing problem-solving skills could contribute to more efficient issue resolution. This finding aligns with a study by Ouma (2022), emphasizing the significance of effective problem-solving in organizational efficiency within the Kenyan public sector.

Administrators scored an average of 2.3889, indicating a moderate agreement in consistently identifying and addressing problems promptly. The standard deviation of .91644 suggests variations in perceptions. To improve overall efficiency, a more concerted effort may be needed. This result correlates with a study by Wanjiru (2021), highlighting the importance of proactive problem identification and timely resolution for organizational effectiveness in Kenyan public institutions. With a mean score of 2.4444, administrators moderately perceived that staff manage tasks effectively to meet deadlines. The standard deviation of 1.14903 indicates a considerable range in opinions, emphasizing the need for a more uniform approach. This aligns with a study by Mutua (2023), emphasizing the critical role of effective task management in achieving organizational goals within the Kenyan public service.

Administrators indicated an average score of 2.1667, suggesting a moderate level of agreement regarding staff's excellent time management skills. The standard deviation of 1.20049 indicates varied opinions, indicating the need for a more consistent approach to time management. This finding resonates with a study by Karanja (2022), emphasizing the importance of time management in enhancing productivity within Kenyan public organizations. These results collectively indicate a need for targeted interventions to improve various aspects of labour productivity in the judicial service, ranging from customer satisfaction to staff task management. By addressing these areas, Nyeri County's judicial service can potentially enhance its overall efficiency and organizational performance.

Table 4: Labour Productivity in the Judicial Service: County Administrators' Perspective

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std. Dev
I consistently strive to meet and exceed customer expectations.	18	1.00	4.00	2.22	0.94
Customers are highly satisfied with the level of service provided by me	18	1.00	5.00	2.28	1.02
I have been able to demonstrate effective problem-solving skills to resolve issues efficiently.	18	1.00	4.00	2.17	0.92
I am able to consistently identify and address problems in a timely manner.	18	1.00	4.00	2.39	0.92
The staff effectively manages their tasks and responsibilities to meet deadlines.	18	1.00	5.00	2.44	1.15
The staff consistently demonstrates excellent time management skills in handling their workload.	18	1.00	5.00	2.17	1.20
Valid N (listwise)	18				

Correlations

The table demonstrates that there is a very strong positive correlation between labour productivity in courts and quality circles, with a coefficient of 0.875 and a significance level of 0.000. This means that courts that implement quality circles tend to have higher levels of labour productivity, and vice versa. Quality circles are a management strategy that involves groups of workers who meet regularly to identify and solve problems related to their work. This result is compatible with a study Kariuki & Waiganjo (2017) that indicates that quality circles can improve productivity by enhancing the communication, collabouration, and innovation of workers.

Table 5: Correlations

		Labour Productivity in Courts
Quality Circles	Pearson Correlation	.875**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000
	N	39
Labour Productivity in Courts	Pearson Correlation	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	
	N	39

Regression Analysis

The presented regression analysis examines the impact of Quality Circles on Labour Productivity in Courts. The Model Summary table indicates a very strong correlation between Quality Circles and Labour Productivity in Courts, with an R value of .930. This suggests that 86.4% (R Square = .864) of the variability in Labour Productivity can be explained by Quality Circles. The Adjusted R Square value of .861, which adjusts for the number of predictors in the model, confirms the model's robustness. The high R Square value signifies that the model explains a substantial portion of the variance in Labour Productivity, indicating a strong relationship between these variables

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Table 6: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.930[a]	.864	.861	.34120

a. Predictors: (Constant), Quality Circles

The ANOVA results further support this by showing the overall model fit is highly significant. The ANOVA table shows that the regression model is highly significant (Sig. = .000), indicating that Quality Circles significantly predict Labour Productivity in Courts. The F-statistic value of 235.667 is very high, suggesting that the model explains a significant portion of the variance in Labour Productivity.

Table 7: ANOVA

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	27.436	1	27.436	235.667	.000[b]
	Residual	4.307	37	.116		
	Total	31.744	38			

a. Dependent Variable: Labour Productivity in Courts
b. Predictors: (Constant), Quality Circles

The Coefficients table provides insights into the individual contributions of the predictors to the model. The unstandardized coefficient (B) for Quality Circles is .897, indicating that for each unit increase in Quality Circles, Labour Productivity in Courts increases by .897 units. The standardized coefficient (Beta) of .930 signifies the strength of the relationship. The t-value of 15.351 and a significance level (Sig.) of .000 highlight that the contribution of Quality Circles to the model is statistically significant. The coefficient for Quality Circles indicates a positive and significant impact on Labour Productivity. This suggests that implementing or enhancing Quality Circles in court environments could lead to notable improvements in productivity. Given the high t-value and low significance level, we can be confident in the reliability of these findings.

Coefficients

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.400	.175		2.291	.028
	Quality Circles	.897	.058	.930	15.351	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Labour Productivity in Courts

H_{O4} (Quality Circles): The beta coefficient for Quality Circles is 0.897 with a high p-value of 0.000. This failure to reject H_{O4} indicates that Quality Circles do not have a statistically significant influence on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County within the context of this model.

Conclusions

The study examines the impact of quality circles on labour productivity in the judicial service in Nyeri County, Kenya, and concludess the varied views and experiences of lawyers and court administrators regarding the diversity, frequency, and decision-making of quality circles in the courts. The study shows that lawyers have positive perceptions of diversity and frequency, but mixed opinions on scheduling and follow-up systems, while court administrators have positive perceptions of all aspects, but with varying degrees of agreement. The study also finds that quality circles foster a positive work culture, and have a statistically significant influence on labour productivity in the judicial service of Nyeri County.

Recommendations

Based on the conclusions of the study, the following are recommendations for the study.

i. Promote diversity and representation in quality circles: The study found that the highest mean score was for the statement "Our quality circles include members from diverse backgrounds and experiences" (3.5641). This suggests that lawyers value diversity in their quality circles. To build on this, the study recommends promoting diversity and representation in quality circles by ensuring that members come from different departments, levels, and backgrounds. This can lead to more innovative and effective solutions to challenges faced by the judicial service.

ii. The study found that quality circles have a positive influence on labor productivity in the judicial service. To build on this, the study recommends fostering a culture of teamwork and collaboration among employees by encouraging regular communication, problem-solving, and continuous improvement. This can be achieved through

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regular training sessions, team-building activities, and recognition of employees' contributions.

iii. The study found that decisions made by quality circles are not always based on consensus among members. To address this, the study recommends streamlining decision-making processes by establishing clear guidelines and procedures for decision-making. This can involve setting clear goals and objectives, establishing a clear decision-making hierarchy, and providing training on effective decision-making strategies.

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CHALLENGES OF CREATING LINGUISTIC CORPORA

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ABSTRACT
The development of linguistic corpora has been instrumental in advancing the field of corpus linguistics, providing researchers with vast collections of authentic language data to analyze. However, the process of creating high-quality, representative, and useful corpora is fraught with a number of significant challenges. This article examines some of the key challenges faced in the creation of linguistic corpora, including issues related to data collection, corpus design, annotation, and corpus management. It discusses the complexities involved in sampling, balancing, and representing the diverse range of language use across different genres, registers, and modalities. The article also explores the challenges of ensuring data quality, consistency, and replicability, as well as the ethical and legal considerations surrounding corpus compilation. Furthermore, it highlights the technological and computational hurdles associated with the processing and analysis of large-scale language data. By addressing these multifaceted challenges, the article underscores the importance of rigorous methodologies and ongoing research to overcome the obstacles in creating linguistic corpora that can fully capture the richness and complexity of natural language.

KEYWORDS: *linguistic corpora, corpus design, data collection, corpus annotation, corpus management, ethical considerations*

Linguistic corpora have become an indispensable resource for researchers, language professionals, and practitioners in a wide range of fields, from theoretical linguistics to applied language studies. These large-scale collections of authentic language data have revolutionized the way we study, describe, and understand the structure, use, and evolution of natural languages. However, the process of creating high quality, representative, and usable linguistic corpora is fraught with a number of significant challenges that must be addressed to ensure the validity and reliability of corpus-based research and applications.

CHALLENGES IN DATA COLLECTION AND CORPUS DESIGN

One of the primary challenges in creating linguistic corpora is the process of data collection and corpus design. Researchers must grapple with the complexities of sampling language data that accurately represents the diversity of language use across various genres, registers, and modalities. [1] This includes striking a balance between the breadth and depth of language coverage, as well as ensuring the appropriate representation of different demographic and sociolinguistic factors, such as age, gender, ethnicity, and geographic location. [2] Additionally, the collection of spoken language data, which is essential for understanding the nuances of spontaneous language use, presents unique challenges related to transcription, segmentation, and the preservation of paralinguistic features. [3]

OBSTACLES IN CORPUS ANNOTATION AND METADATA MANAGEMENT

The annotation of linguistic corpora, which involves the assignment of various linguistic labels and tags to the text, is another area fraught with challenges. Ensuring the accuracy, consistency, and replicability of annotation schemes across large-scale datasets requires robust theoretical frameworks, well-defined guidelines, and extensive training of human annotators. [4] Furthermore, the management of metadata, which provides important contextual information about the corpus, can be complex, particularly when dealing with diverse sources and varying levels of detail. [5] Inadequate or inconsistent metadata can severely limit the utility and interpretability of corpus-based analyses.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL HURDLES

The rapid growth of linguistic corpora, both in size and complexity, has also introduced a range of technological and computational challenges. The processing, storage, and analysis of large-scale language data require specialized hardware, software, and algorithms that can handle the volume and complexity of the information. [6] Issues such as data compression, indexing, and retrieval can pose significant obstacles, particularly when dealing with multimodal corpora that include audio, video, or other non-textual data. [7] Additionally, the development of advanced computational tools for corpus querying, visualization, and statistical analysis remains an ongoing challenge, as researchers strive to create more user-friendly and sophisticated interfaces for corpus exploration and interpretation.

ETHICAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The compilation of linguistic corpora also raises important ethical and legal considerations, particularly regarding the use of personal or sensitive data, the protection of individual privacy, and the adherence to copyright laws. [8] Researchers must navigate a complex landscape of consent, data anonymization, and licensing agreements to ensure the ethical and legal compliance of their corpus-based research. These considerations become even more critical when dealing with data from vulnerable populations or in multilingual and multicultural contexts.

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The creation of linguistic corpora also raises a number of ethical considerations, which must be carefully navigated.
Privacy and consent:

- Ensuring the collection and use of language data respects the privacy of individuals or communities involved;
- Obtaining informed consent from participants whose data is included in the corpus.

Bias and representation

- Addressing issues of bias and underrepresentation in the corpus data;
- Actively seeking to include diverse and marginalized voices to avoid perpetuating societal biases.

Dual-use and misuse

- Considering the potential for the corpus to be used for unintended or harmful purposes, such as surveillance or discrimination;
- Developing governance and usage policies to mitigate risks of misuse.

Ownership and intellectual property

- Addressing questions of ownership, licensing, and intellectual property rights associated with the corpus;
- Clearly defining and communicating the terms for use and distribution of the corpus.

Some key strategies corpus creators can employ to address these ethical challenges include

- Implementing robust data protection and privacy measures;
- Obtaining informed consent from participants;
- Actively diversifying corpus data to be more representative;
- Developing clear governance and usage policies;
- Defining ownership and licensing terms transparently.

The ethical challenges can be addressed by

- Implementing robust data protection and privacy measures, and obtaining informed consent from participants;
- Actively seeking to include diverse and underrepresented voices in the corpus;
- Developing governance and usage policies to mitigate the risks of dual-use or misuse;
- Clearly defining and communicating the ownership and licensing terms for the corpus.

ONGOING CHALLENGES AND THE NEED FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

The challenges faced in the creation of linguistic corpora are multifaceted and require ongoing research and collaboration across disciplines. Linguists, computer scientists, ethicists, and legal experts must work together to develop innovative solutions and best practices for addressing the issues related to data collection, corpus design, annotation, computational processing, and ethical considerations. [9] Additionally, the continuous evolution of language, the emergence of new modes of communication, and the changing landscape of digital data collection and sharing further underscore the need for adaptable and robust methodologies in corpus creation and management.

The creation of linguistic corpora, though essential for advancing our understanding of language, is fraught with a range of significant challenges. From the complexities of data collection and corpus design to the obstacles in annotation, metadata management, and computational processing, the development of high-quality, representative, and useful linguistic corpora requires a concerted effort and the integration of expertise from various fields. By addressing these challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration and ongoing research, the corpus linguistics community can continue to push the boundaries of language research and its applications, ultimately contributing to a deeper understanding of the richness and complexity of natural language.

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CENTRAL ASIAN AND EUROPEAN EPICS

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ABSTRACT

This article reveals the study of the epics "Kitabi Dada Korkut", "Song of Roland", "Beowulf" and "Odyssey" comparatively. The view point is explained with thorough descriptions and quotes to depict main ideas of the epics.

KEY WORDS: *Central Asian epic, European epics, loyalty, courage, determination of hero, main characters.*

The main essence of the "Dada Korkut book" is the protection of the country and the people, the life-and-death battle of the ancient Oguz against foreign invaders, which represent the good forces, and constitutes a number of moral didactic views that have not lost their importance until now.

Shortly before the time of the Prophet, there appeared in the Bayat tribe a man by the name of Korkut Ata. He was the wise man of the Oghuz people. He used to prophesy and bring reports from the unknown world beyond, having been divinely inspired. Korkut Ata was an advisor of the Oghuz people in all vital matters, and nothing was done before he was consulted. Whatever advice he gave was accepted and acted upon.

Quotes in "Kitabi Dada Korkut"

1. Nothing happens if it wasn't already written down in the beginning
2. A young man may gather mountains of wealth
3. He can dispose of only as much as his appointed time
4. No hill can be made of ash
5. A slave woman doesn't become a lady by putting on expensive clothes
6. Allah doesn't love the haughty or help him to prosper
7. Dark homes unfrequented by visitors might better fall down
8. Fame can not be gained without generosity
9. Only the patient knows where the pain is
10. For the brave, a stick is as good as a word and an arrow
11. Nothing goes well without mentioning the name Allah
12. No one can prosper without the will of Almighty Allah
13. The son should be a worthy one, carrying on the fame of the father [pages 3-5].

The manuscript of the epic "Beowulf" dates back to the 10th century, and it was written in the Anglo-Saxon language, which is the basis of the English language. The epic appeared on the basis of the legends of pagan English and Saxons who moved to the British Isles. The epic was written down in the Christian era on the basis of these oral narratives, and the author of the work is unknown. The epic recounts the heroic deeds of Beowulf, who saved Denmark from the terrible sea creature Grendel. When Beowulf and his fourteen knights come from Denmark to help King Hroth, Grendel drags them to the bottom of the sea and kills them. Beowulf wins over him and returns to his homeland. He ruled his country for fifty years, and when a fire-breathing dragon invaded his land, he defeated it in battle, but he himself was wounded by the creature's poisonous teeth and died.

There are fairy tale motifs in the epic, and various creatures and dragons participate in it, at the same time, God's intervention in the events taking place in the text of the epic and names from the Bible (Abel, Noah) are found, and Grendel is said to be a descendant of Cain. All this indicates that the author was greatly influenced by the Christian religion.

In "Beowulf" the major themes include reputation, good versus evil, the heroic code, generosity, revenge, loyalty and courage. Loyalty is a constant motivator when characters take action and it is one of the aspects of the heroic code. Beowulf operates on the ideals of the heroic code to define what makes a great person. These ideals are strength, courage and loyalty. Beowulf is a very strong warrior, capable of felling terrible monsters. He is also courageous, never shying from fight despite what he faces.

Beowulf is an epic poem that retells the deeds of the hero Beowulf. He arrives at the mead-hall called Heorot after a monster named Grendel begins terrorizing people killing them despite their efforts to fight back. Beowulf defeats Grendel, as well as his mother, and over time he becomes the king the Geats. Later in his life, a dragon stirs and begins terrorizing the land. Beowulf faces the dragon in combat and despite his old age, defeats the dragon as well.

However, Beowulf is mortally wounded in the encounter, and dies some time later. His legacy lives on due to his great deeds.

Quotes in the epic "Beowulf":

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1. We have gone through with a glorious endeavor and been much favored in this fight we dared against the unknown [lines 957-959].
2. "Wise sir, do not grieve. It is always better to avenge dear ones than to indulge in mourning" [1384-1385].
3. For every one of us, living in this world means waiting for our end. Let whoever can win glory before death [lines 1386-1388].
4. When a warrior is gone that will be his best and only bulwark. [lines 1388-1389].

The epic "Song of Roland" is considered the most famous among many epics that appeared in France in the 11th-14th centuries. These sagas, whose authors' names have not been preserved, were written by trouvers, and joglers performed them by musical instruments such as harp or viola.

Most of the epics are dedicated to the great deeds of King Charlemagne and his comrades-in-arms. "Song of Roland" also praises Charlemagne and his loyal knight Roland.

The epic was created in the 1100s, and it tells the story of Charlemagne's march to Spain. The text of the 18th century chronicle, which reflects these events, reports that the rearguard of King Charlemagne's army was defeated in the Pyrenees, and Hronland was among the dead, who was the leader of the Breton border troops.

This historical event becomes the central theme of the epic. However, many things have been changed in the work; The campaign of the young king Charlemagne in 778 years is described as a seven-year war, and he himself is described as an old man, Saracens took the place of the Basques who attacked the rearguard.

The epic contains many events related to the march of the Franks to Spain, The negotiations with the Saracens, Ganelon's betrayal, Roland's battle with his small army against the Saracens' army twenty times larger in number will be the culmination of the work, it is in this episode that the courage of Roland, the intelligence of his loyal friend Oliver, and their sacrifice for the interests of the country are shown.

Quotes in the epic "Song of Roland":

1. God, how beautiful is this world, despite all its sorrows and pains
2. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it
3. True knight fights not for valor and glory, but for honor and justice
4. The strength of a warrior is not measured by his physical proves, but by the purity of his heart
5. The greatest victory is to conquer oneself
6. We may lose battles, but we shall never our honor
7. There is no true victory without sacrifice
8. A hero is not defined by his strength, but by his compassion
9. To betray one's own conscience is to lose one's soul
10. True love is not possessive, but selfless
11. A true leader always leads by example

Homer's "Odyssey" is an ancient epic poem, is believed to have been composed around the 8th century BCE. It is one of the two major ancient Greek poems, the other being the "Iliad" and is considered one of the foundational texts of western literature. The Odyssey is an epic tale that follows the adventures of the hero Odyssey as he attempts to return home after the fall of Troy.

The work consists of 24 songs, and the hero of the work, Odysseus, is both wise and cunning. "Odyssey" shows the return of the Greek heroes to their homeland and sea adventures, and at the same time family drama.

The narrative depicts the main protagonist Odysseus, who has been wandering the seas for ten long years. This journey is fraught with numerous challenges and encounters with mythical creatures, such as the Cyclops, the Sirens, and the witch-goddess Circe. Odysseus displays great cunning and resourcefulness in navigating these obstacles, relying on his wit and cleverness to outsmart these opponents.

However, Odyssey continues to captivate readers to this day, offering a riveting narrative filled with adventure, character development and profound insights into the human experience. It remains a testament to the enduring legacy of ancient Greek storytelling and its lasting impact on the literary tradition.

The epic "Odyssey" is a complex and multifaceted work that explores themes such as heroism, the power of storytelling, the relationship between gods and mortals, and the importance of home and family. It is renowned for the rich and vivid descriptions, its use of powerful and evocative language, and its timeless portrayal of the human condition.

In Odyssey the themes of loyalty and fidelity are very important. Faithful dog Argos, to Penelopa's unwavering loyalty to her husband highlights the significance of staying true to loved one's.

Next the power of perseverance: Odysseus faces numerous challenges and obstacles on his journey home, but he never gives up. He remains determined and single-minded in his quest, teaching readers the importance of persistence in the face of adversity. Thirdly, the consequences of arrogance and pride in the book emphasizes the destructive nature of hubris, as seen in the characters such as the Cyclops Polyphemes and Odysseus himself through their actions, Odyssey warns of the negative consequences of pride and arrogance.

Furthermore, the complexity of heroism is included, Odyssey challenges traditional notions of heroism by portraying Odysseus as a flawed and imperfect hero. He is depicted as cunning and resourceful, but also as someone who makes mistakes, struggles with pride and must learn from his experiences. Finally, the Odyssey is story within a story, as Odysseus recounts his adventures to various characters. The importance of storytelling in preserving history and cultural identity is realized throughout the epic.

1. The blade itself incites to deeds of violence

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2. An empty words are evil
3. Each man delights in the work that suits him best
4. Some things you will think of yourself, … some things God will put into your word
5. Sleep, delicious and profound, the very counterfeit of death
6. A man who has been through bitter experiences and travelled far enjoys even his sufferings after a time
7. For a friend with an understanding heart is worth no less than a brother
8. Men are so quick to blame the god's, they say that we devil their misery. But they themselves in their depravity
9. There is a time for many words, and there is also a time for sleep
10. Of all creatures that breathe and move upon the earth, nothing is bred that is weaker than man

Importance of time, true friend, moral weakness of man, will of God, hastiness of people, death, power of the word.

In conclusion, by comparing key notions of these epics, we tried to categorize the basic features as the following:

	Kitabi Dada Korkut	Beowulf	Song of Roland	Odyssey
1	Believing in Fate,	Avenge	Courage,	Importance of time
2	Bravery	Glory	Purity of heart	Moral weakness of man
3	Believing in fate	Bravery	True love	Will of God
4	Blessings of parent	Deeds of hero	Compassion of hero	Hastiness of man
5	Generosity	Defence of native land	Betrayal	Absoluteness of death
6	Bravery	loyalty	Justice	Power of the word
7	Being hard-working	Determination of hero	Glory	Overcoming the difficulties
8	Patience	Heroic code	Valuing honor	Patience
9	Hospitality	Courage	Loyalty	Loyalty

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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF RP-HPLC METHOD FOR ESTIMATION OF TRIMIPRAMINE MALEATE IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM

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ABSTRACT

A simple, precise, rapid, accurate and economic reverse phase high performance liquid chromatographic method have been developed for the estimation of Trimipramine maleate in various pharmaceutical dosage form like tablet, capsule, gel, etc.

The selection of mobile phase as well as stationary phase is finalized after assessing the solubility of Trimipramine maleate in different organic solvent as well on the basis of literature survey. The Trimipramine maleate having anti-depressant activity, it is odourless, white crystalline powder. Also soluble in different organic solvent and sparingly soluble in aquatic buffer.

KEYWORDS: *Trimipramine maleate, RP-HPLC, Validation,*

INTRODUCTION

HPLC is an analytical process utilizing special instruments designed to separate, quantify and analyse components of chemical mixture. RP-HPLC is the choice for the majority of samples. It consists of a non-polar stationary phase and an aqueous, moderately polar mobile phase. One common stationary phase is silica which has been treated with alkyl dimethyl silylchloride (RMe2SiCl), where R is a straight chain alkyl group such as octadecyl ($C_{18}H_{37}$) or octyl (C_8H_{17}). The retention time is therefore longer for molecules which are more non-polar in nature, allowing polar molecules to elute more readily.

By using the reverse phase HPLC method for the estimation of Trimipramine maleate in different pharmaceutical dosage form like Tablet, Capsule, etc. the new precise, economical, simple, rapid & accurate method are developed and validate. For the estimation chromatographic analysis method used. As per the study of different literature survey selection of column, Selection of stationary as well as mobile phase is good for accurate result. In the estimation of Trimipramine maleate the analysis of single dose formulation of Trimipramine maleate tablet can also be successfully performed by the RP-HPLC method. No interference of additives, matrix etc. is encountered in these methods.



Figure 1.1: Typical HPLC Waters System

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DRUG PROFILE

Trimipramine Maleate

Structure

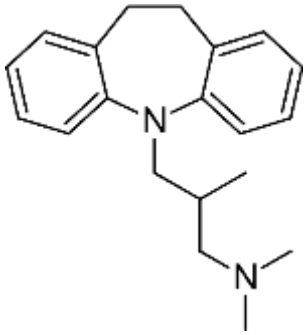


Fig. 6.1 Trimipramine Maleate.

General profile of Trimipramine maleate

Category	Anti-depressant agent.
Chemical Name	3-(5,6-dihydrobenzo[b][1]benzazepin-11-yl)-*N*,*N*,2-trimethylpropan-1-amine
Molecular Formula	$C_{20}H_{26}N_2$
Molecular Weight	294.434 g/mol
Odour	Odourless
Description	White crystalline powder.
Solubility	soluble in organic solvents such as ethanol, DMSO, and dimethyl formamide (DMF), it is sparingly soluble in aqueous buffers.
Melting point	45°C
Odour	Odourless
PKa	9.24 (Strongest Acidic)
LOG P-	4.2

Reported Analytical Method

After the study of different literature survey on drug Trimipramine maleate following analytical methods are found to be reported and research gap are also found.

Sr. No.	Name of Drug	Mobile Phase composition	Discussion	Ref
1	Trimipramine maleate	Methanol: acetonitrile (20:80, v/v)	The retention time of Trimipramine maleate was 10.4 min in plasma and 10.9 min in urine.	1
2	Trimipramine maleate	ammonium formate: Methanol (25:75V/V)	Retention time of Trimipramine maleate was 1.67Min for R configuration & 1.48 Min for S Configuration.	2
3	Trimipramine maleate	Methanol: water (60:40 % v/v)	The retention time of Trimipramine maleate was 9.1 min	3
4	Trimipramine maleate	sodium hydrogen phosphate solution -acetonitrile (60:40, v/v)	The retention times of Trimipramine maleate were 4.3 and 5.2 min. respectively	4
5	Trimipramine maleate	hexane/isoamyl alcohol 98:2 (v/v)	The retention time of Trimipramine maleate was 9.1 min.	5
6	Trimipramine maleate and Opipramol	ammonium formate with 0.1% formic acid:methanol 25:75(v/v)	The retention time of Trimipramine and Opipramol were found to be 1.67 min and 1.48 min respectively.	6

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CONCLUSION

- The develop new, simple, sensitive, accurate, and economical analytical method for the determination of assay of Trimipramine maleate in capsule dosage form by RP-HPLC.
- Validate the proposed method in accordance with USP and ICH guidelines for the intended analytical application i.e., to apply the proposed method for analysis of the drug in its dosage form.
- The method shows good reproducibility; moreover, the RP-HPLC method is accurate, precise, specific, reproducible and sensitive.
- The analysis of single dose formulation of Trimipramine maleate tablet can also be successfully performed by the RP-HPLC method. No interference of additives, matrix etc. is encountered in these methods.
- Further studies on other pharmaceutical formulations would throw more light on these studies. Suitability of these methods on biological samples needy also studies.

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CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF AJIRNA – A LIFE STYLE DISEASE

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda consider Health and Disease both as the products of food and life style. Today when population is moving with modernization in the 21st century a lot of new diseases emerge out due to faulty life style, unhealthy food, lack of exercise, mental stress and disturb sleep. All these disturbs the biological clock of human being and produce new life style diseases. Ajirna is a common disease which originates from digestive power insufficiency (Agni) due to all above factors of modern Era. Ayurveda is the ancient Indian system of medicine, deals with management and prevention of disease. It has given prime importance to Agni, as it is one of the basic biological elements of the living body. It is having Its own physical characteristics, location,function and secretions like digestive juices and enzymes which participate in the digestion and metabolic functions. Therefore, Ayurveda considers Dehagni as the cause of life, Complexion, Strength, Health, Oja, Teja (energy) and Prana. Derangement of Agni is one of the root cause for development of diseases. Ajirna arises as a result of less/excessive/ irregular digestion of food and this further produce Ama which circulate all over the body. Ama combine with other Dosas and Dushyas, vitiate them, produce many diseases. Preventive measures like Dincharya, Ratricharya, Ritucharya, Sadvrita, pathya bhojana Grahan are helpful to reduce the Ajirna Avastha in patient.

KEYWORDS: *Ayurveda, Ajirna, Agni, Ama, Life style diseases.*

INTRODUCTION

The literary meaning of the term - 'Ajirna' is indigestion or no digestion, the name indicate that food is being digested with difficulty. It is an important digestive disorder caused by the malfunctioning of "Agni". This disorder produced number of other disease as mandagni is the root of all disease. The definition of Health in Ayurveda goes like this "Samadosha Samagni Samadhatu Malakriya Prasannatma Indriya Mana Swastha iti Abhidayate".[1] (S.S.15/41). It means a person is said to be Healthy when there is balance in his Dosas (Vata, Pitta, Kapha) Agni (Metabolic factor) Dhatu (tissue) Mala (Excretory products) and harmony in mental factors like Indriyas, Manas, Atma. These signify the role of Agni in maintenance of normal health.

Human body is made up of three Doshas, Seven Dhatus and three Malas. In Samyavastha these Dosha, Dhatu and Mala maintains the Health of the Body and their imbalance creates various type of disease condition. These factors are also very important for proper Digestion, without proper digestion we cannot receive our nourishment for overall Well-being. [2] Excessive diet without the concern of Kaal, Matra, Rashi, Guna intake of opposite characteristics at a Time, Excessive Sweet, Excessive Bitter or Salty food, repeatedly consumption of food, Chinta, Shoka, Bhaya etc causes Annavaha Srotas Dushti which leads to Indigestion (Ajirna). [3]

Digestion is performed by various digestive juices (Pachka Rasas) which in Ayurveda are termed as Pachaka ptta[4] or Pachaka Agnis. In modern sense these are called Enzymes. Thus the Ajirna is caused due to the deficient functioning of the Pachaka Pitta a state known as Mandagni and it is responsible for causation of Ajirna and when food eaten is not digested properly that lead to formation of Ama which is root of many diseases. The Pachaka Pitta governs digestion stimulates digestive enzymes and separate nutrient and waste products located in between the Amasaya and Pakvasaya[5] . It is composed of five Mahabhutas out of which Tejobhuta is predominant and Apabhuta is less predominant that's why it is devoid of the quality of liquids. By the support of Vata, Kledata and other factors it perform its normal functions like digestion and metabolism, hence it is called "Agni". It transforms the food substances into usable form for the nutrition of Cell and Tissues. It separates the essence and waste products of the digestion. Residing in its own place it supports the other pittas to perform their normal function and also Dhatvagnis. Its unbalance condition produce many pathological manifestations in body. Indigestion is one of the most common diseases due to, Pachaka Pitta insufficiency.

The above said verse explains that this Ajirna due to agnimandya is the root cause of many diseases

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AIM AND OBJECTIVES

(1) To understand the concept of Ajirna.
(2) To understand the importance of Agni in Ajirna.
(3) To understand the role of Agni in creation of different life style disorders.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Literature search- Review of literature regarding is collected from 1. Charaka Samhita 2. Sushruta Samhita 3. Ashtanga sangraha. All Compiled matter is reorganized and critically analyzed for the discussion and attempt has been made to draw some fruitful conclusions.

Types of Ajirna

According to predominance of vitiated doshas - Ajirna is classified in three types;

A. Amajirna - vitiated kapha dosha.
B. Vidagdh Ajirna - vitiated pitta dosha.
C. Vishtabdh Ajirna - vitiated vata dosha.

Vistabdha Ajirna: caused due to vitiation of vata dosha. It is characterised by pain abdomen, bloated stomach or gaseous distension, pain all over the body, fatigue, non elimination of stools and flatus.

Vidagdha Ajirna: caused due to vitiation of pitta dosha. It causes burning sensation in the chest and throat region, different kinds of pain, increased feeling of thirst, sour eructation or belching, tiredness, fainting and giddiness.

Ama Ajirna: caused due to vitiation of kapha dosha. The feature of this are puffiness of around the eyes and face, frothy and increased salivation in the mouth, nausea, repeated belching having the smell of the food you ate and feeling of heaviness in the body

Rasasesha Ajirna: This is caused due to heavy and late-night dinner.

Nidana (Causative Factors) –

The Nidana factors of Ajirna are broadly of four types.[6,7,8]

1.Food Related(Aharajanya)	2.Life Style(Vihara Nidan)	3.Psychological	4. Agantuj Nidan
1.Atyambupana (excess water drink) 2.Atimatra Bhojan 3.Atilanghan 4.Vishamasama (irregular meal 5.Asatmyaahara (incompletable food) 6.Kaphakara Ahar 7.Food Related- Atiruksha, Atisnigdha Gurubhojan, Vidahibhojan, Amabhojna, Vishtambhi Pishtabhojan etc.	1.Vegadharana (suppression of natural urges) 2.Swapanaviparayaya (sleep distubances) 3.Ratrijagran/Divashayan 4.Aversion to Dinchrya, Ratrichrya, Ritucharya Sadvritacharya	Jealousy (Dwesh), fear (Bhay), worry (Chinta), anger (Krodha), Moha, Raga, Lobh and eating food when there is aversion for it	1.Virechana Snehanvasti Vyapad 2.Sneha Vibhram 3.Desh Kala Vaishmaya 4.Vyadhi Karshana (due to any illness)

Samprapti (Pathogenesis)

Due to excessive usage of above factors the power of Agni or digestive fire becomes very week, hence it cannot digest the food properly even in very small amount. In this disorder Pachakapitta, Samanvata and Kledak Kapha are vitiated mostly. Vitiation of Tridosa occur with predominance of Kapha Dosha[9,10].

Intake of Aaharaj, Viharaja, Mansika, Agantujnidan

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Vitiation of Tridosha with Kapha Dominating

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Impairs Jathragni

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Agnimandya (digestive Insufficiency)

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Ajirna (Indigestion)

Samprapti Ghataka

1. Dosa- pathogenesis of this disease the involved doshas are Samanvata, Pachaka Pitta, Kledaka Kapha. Samanvata -It controls all the secretion and motility function of the two Ashyas and help in the action of digestive enzyme, assimilation of end product of food and their separation into various tissue elements and when vitiated it caused indigestion. Kledaka kapha- situated in Amashya. It moist the solid food and any

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abnormality in its function leads to impairment of Agni any kind of disturbance in Agni may start the pathogenesis of Vishmagni, Tikshagni and Mandagni.
2. Dushya (Rasa)- Rasa is the first Dhatu to receive the Ama Annrasa i.e., Rasa is Dushya
3. Adhithana- Amashya, Grahani
4. Srotas (Annavaha)– The disease involved Amashya Grahani and Pakwashaya.
5. Sroto dushtiprakara- Sanga
6. Asaya- Amasaya
7. Agni- Jathragni
8. Marg- Abhyantara

Purvarupa (Prodromal Features)[11]
1. Annabhilasha (dislike for food)
2. Aruchi (Anorexia)
3. Chardi (vomiting)

Clinical features
1. Pain or burning sensation in the upper abdomen
2. Feeling of undue satiety after eating
3. Nausea, heartburn, bloating and belching
4. Regurgitation, vomiting (occasionally)
5. Heaviness in the body
6. Headache and body ache
7. Thirst
8. Loss of taste etc

Specific Sign and Symptoms of Various Types of Ajirna:

- Amajirna- Food which has attended sweetness is known as Amajirna. Characterized by heaviness in abdomen, nausea, swelling on the cheeks and eyes and belching similar to those occurring just after meal. [12-13]
- Vidagdhajirna- food which has attained sourness and slightly digested characterized by giddiness, thirst, fainting, sour and hot belching, burning sensation inside and other symptom of aggravated Pitta. [14-15]
- Vishtabdhajirna- It is characterized by pricking pain long stasis, tympanitis, abnormal moment of Vata obstruction to stool and flatus, delusion, general malaise and other symptoms of Vata vridhi. [16-17]
- Rasasesajirna- it is characterized by dislike for meals pure belching heaviness and turbidity in the heart, excessive salivation and heaviness.[18]
- Dinapakiajirna- The fifth Ajirna is Dinapaki, in which the digestion completes within one day and one night. This occurs due to overeating of food and waiting alone is required for such condition and hence it is not harmful. [19]
- Prakritaajirna – It prevails till the consumed food is completely digested. After the completion of digestion it manifest symptom like hunger, thirst, defecation etc.

UPADRAVA of AJIRNA[20] –

Fainting, Delirium, Vomiting, Excess salivation, Debility, Giddiness, and death. Effect of Ajirna- When Ajirna is combined with Pitta causes a burning sensation, thirst, oral diseases and other Pittaj vikaras. When Ajirna combined with Kapha causes Rajyakshma, Pinasa, Prameha, and other Kaphaja Vikara. When Ajirna combined with Vata leading to the manifestation of various Vataj Vikara. When Ajirna afflicts urine, stool, and Dhatus gives rise to urinary disorders gastro intestinal disease, and disease of Dhatus respectively .

UPASHAYA • The first line of treatment for all types of Ajirna is "Langhan" (fasting). • Never suppress the natural urges. • Always prefer light food in moderate quantity. Ayurveda has mentioned everyone should eat up to half or three fourth capacity of the stomach. Also mentioned for regular use of Deepan Dravya like Ushna, Tikshna Dravya as Jeerak, Pippale, Rasona, and Shunthi for proper digestion of food. • Take some freshly grated ginger, sprinkle some rock salt on it and chew it just before beginning the meal. It will eliminate digestive problems, like gas, belching, etc. • Avoid drinking excessive water during hunger because it can weaken the digestive fire. • Acharya Susruta has mentioned the person is awake during the daytime and his heart is open like the flower of a Lotus and the body tissue is not soaked with more moisture, so consuming food in day time, is beneficial though the person is suffering from indigestion, but during night time the heart being closed because of sleep and the body tissues having more moisture so, consuming food at night is not beneficial for the Ajirna patient

ANUPASHAYA - Guru, Vidahi and Vishtambhi bhojan, Asatmya Bhojan, Virudha bhojan, Atiambupana, Tikshna Virechan, Vegadharan, Adhhyashana, Samshan, Vishmation, Raktmokshan etc.

DISCUSSION

Now a days Ajirna patients increased mostly due to lifestyle changes such as increasing sedentary life style which is due to growing use of technologies in daily life causing higher level of physical inactivity.A unwholesome diet, disturb sleep pattern and wrong Dietary habits. These factors changes the mechanism of internal vital organ and related systems of the body. At first they directly hamper the digestive juice and enzymes (Pachaka pitta), therefor food converted into undigested material which leads to onset of Ajirna. Continuity of these condition produce "Ama" which is the main reason for majority of disease because this Ama is circulated in all the Srotas and create different type of Srotorodha and Srotodushti and produce disease. For prevention of Ajirna, there are many scientific principles found in Ayurveda. Like Acharya Charak has mentioned Astahar vidhi vishes Ayatana. As well as Acharya Shushrut has also mention "Dashvidha Ahara Vidhividhan. Both principles have some important point like Prakriti, Karanam, Samyog Rashi Desha, Kala, Upayogsanstha, and Upyokta are mentioned by Acharyacharak, also he said that Shitahara, Ushnaahara, Snigdhahara, Rukshahara, Dravahara, Shushkahara, Ekakalika, Dvikalika, Aushadayukta, Matraheena, Prashaman Karak, Vrittiprayojak Ahara are the rules[21] for diet intake. A people who intake food according to describe above rules and follow a proper Dinacharya, Ratricharya and Ritucharya, Sadvrita and Pathya Palana then he will never suffer from Ajirna (Indigestion) along with any type of digestive and other system related abnormalities.

CONCLUSION

The Prognosis of Ajirna is Krichhasadhya, usually improper food habit and Digestive Insufficiency for a long time converted into Ajirna Disease. Ajirna helps in formation of "Ama" and

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further Ama is responsible for all type of disorders in the body. So all the Acharyas have described Ajirna in detail including its Aetiology, Symptoms, Fatal sign, and treatment. Avoidance of the etiological factor is the preliminary step in any disease management. There are many type of Ajirna according to Doshas. Though it is Krichhsadhya but can be treated by Nidan Parivarjanam & proper management of Agni for the digestion of ingested food. Proper lifestyle in Ayurveda comprises of Rules and regulation of Ahara and Vihara includes Uchit Dincharya, Ratricharya, Ritucharya. According to Some important principles like Ahara Vidhi Vidhan and Ashtahar Vidhi vishes Ayatanam, quantity of food intake depends on Agni of a person and Swarupa of Ahara Dravya i.e. Guru or Laghu. So everyone should follow the rules and regulation for Diet and Life style prescribed in Ayurveda for Prevention of life style disorders like Agnimandya and Ajirna.

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SEFERİHİSAR AS A CITTASLOW

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ABSTRACT

Inspired by the Slow Food Movement, the main purpose of the Cittaslow approach is to inspire a healthier lifestyle by disseminating the Slow Food philosophy to local communities and city governments and implementing eco-gastronomy concepts in daily life practice. Accordingly, food consumption should be seasonal, and respect for health should be the first practice. The second obvious practice is to ensure that places such as works of art, squares, theatres, shops, cafes and restaurants are protected and used in the spirit of ancient culture and traditions. Thus, it is desired to resist the homogenization and globalization of the city by protecting the environment and preserving the cultural diversity and originality of the city. A third sign is that slowing the pace of life and traffic flow in settlements increases everyone's quality of life. Seferihisar, Turkey's first calm city, offers very special historical heritage items from the past, natural beauties and handmade products of today. Their promotion and protection are extremely important. Again, this example is intended to be a criterion for candidate settlements that will enter this group in the future.

KEYWORDS: *Eco-friendly settlements, social justice, safety, sustainable environment, good living.*

INTRODUCTION

Today, cities have become living spaces where people work fast, live fast, consume more than produce, and are not self-sufficient. Cities have ceased to be places where people live together safely, which was their founding purpose, and have turned into places designed for people to move and work faster. Cities, which are increasingly moving away from being social shelters where people take shelter in each other's warmth, socialize and offer their handicrafts to each other, have become scenes where people live for consumption. As a result of the acceleration of life, people are running around at a certain pace to eat faster, shop faster, and reach their destination faster. Cittaslow philosophy advocates living life at a pace that makes living enjoyable. The Cittaslow movement set out with the goal that cities where people can communicate with each other, socialize, are self-sufficient, sustainable, protect their handicrafts, nature, traditions and customs, but at the same time do not have infrastructure problems, use renewable energy resources and benefit from the convenience of technology, will be a realistic alternative.

In other words, Cities have ceased to be places where people with founding purposes live together safely and turned into places designed for people to move faster and work faster. Today, cities have become self-sufficient living spaces that work fast, live fast and consume more than produce. Cities, which are getting more and more away from being social shelters where people take refuge in each other's warmth, socialize and offer their labor, have become the scenes where people live for consumption. As a result of the acceleration of life, people keep running at a certain tempo to eat faster, shop faster, and reach their destination faster.

Quiet cities, on the other hand, are the places where those who want to be frugal, reduce their footprints, rediscover traditional know-how and make the best use of resources through recycling and reuse. It is the choice of those who want peace and tranquility among quality residents and its inhabitants, not unlimited enrichment. It is to increase the quality of life among the settlers who have a common sense of social responsibility, without giving up social justice and solidarity. The Cittaslow philosophy advocates that life is lived at a pace to enjoy life. Cittaslow movement has set out to be a realistic alternative for cities where people can communicate with each other, socialize, self-sufficient, sustainable, handicraft, possessing nature, traditions, and customs, but at the same time, use renewable energy sources, which do not have infrastructure problems, and benefit from the convenience of technology.

The Cittaslow movement began in October 1999 under the leadership of Greve mayor Paolo Saturnini in Chianti in Tuscany, Italy. It was originally established between Greve, Orvieto, Positano and Slow Food Association in Chianti as the association "Rete Internazionale Delle Città Del Buon Vivere" shortly "Cittaslow" . Today, it has spread to 30 countries. The figure consisting of modern and historical buildings on an orange-coloured snail is the logo of the association (Figure 1).

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Figure 1: The logo of the Cittaslow Association

The association has three types of membership categories: These

1. Cittaslow town (population less than 50,000)
2. Cittaslow Supporter (population over 50,000)
3. Cittaslow Friend

There are some criteria and requirements to become a cittaslow. The 72 excellence criteria in seven main titles are applied in cities with less than fifty thousand populations that protect the spirit of their communities to be a slow city. These are as follows:

I. Energy and Environmental Policy (12 Criteria)
II. Infrastructure Policies (9 Criteria)
III. Quality of Urban Life Policies (17 Criteria)
IV. Agricultural, Touristic and Artisan Policies (10 Criteria)
V. Social Cohesion (11 Criteria)
VI. Partnerships (3 Criteria)

OBJECTIVES

There are some unique settlements. It is extremely important to protect their nature and maintain their quality of life. Seferihisar is also one of the settlements in this context. The aim of this study is to present a key study to determine the potential of settlements with unique identities all over the world, such as Seferihisar, in terms of quiet city criteria, to adopt the local development model and make a difference, and to create road maps for the priority ones.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA: SEFERIHISAR-IZMIR

Seferihisar is a life-friendly settlement where the scent released from the gardens of satsuma tangerines, grapes, gum, olive trees, and endemic Narcissus flowers (*Amaryllidaceae*), Audouin's gull (*L. audouinii*) mingle with the iodine smell of the Aegean Sea.

Seferihisar, which was accepted as the first Cittaslow of the country in December 2009, is a district of Izmir (Smyrna) Province. Seferihisar, located 45 kilometers south of İzmir, was established on the plains of the average 28 meters of the Kocaçay valley, west of Kızıldağ, 5 km from the shore (Figure 2). Seferihisar district area borders on Urla to the west and Menderes to the east, and touches İzmir's westernmost metropolitan district of Güzelbahçe in the north.

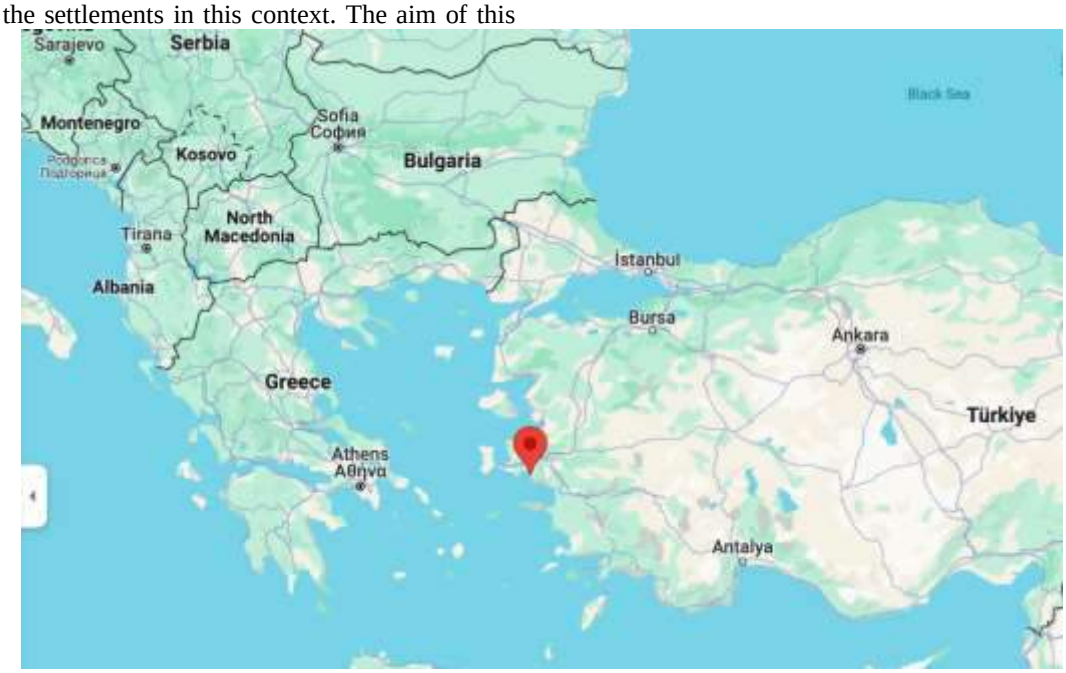


Figure 2: Location of the Seferihisar

The establishment of the settlement is based on military reasons. It was founded in the 2nd century BC as the accommodation for the army of the Roman General Tysaferin. Therefore, the first establishment name was "Tysaferinopolis". Until the Seljuk State, it was called "Tysaferin". In the Ottoman era, “Hisar/Fortress” was added to the end of the settlement name and became “Tysaferinhisar”. The current name "Seferihisar" comes from here.

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The district economy is largely based on agricultural activities. Satsuma Mandarin production is the most important trade item. Greenhouse floriculture, olive production, Gum artichoke, viticulture, Sakız sheep breeding, and fishing are other economic interests.

The settlement preserves the image of a pleasant holiday village with the characteristics of the typical coastal zone of the Aegean Region. For this reason, boutique tourism potential has increased in recent years.

The cultural heritage elements such as the ruins of civilizations that have left their mark here since ancient times, blue flag beaches interspersed with a 50-kilometer coastal zone, and food culture are the values that give Seferihisar calm city characteristics.

Teos, one of the biggest ports and art cities of its time, is one of the 12 cities of Ionian Civilization. The Temple of Dionysus, Ancient Port, Agora, Odeon, and Ancient Theater are cultural heritage assets of this civilization.

Lebedos, another of the 12 cities that make up the Ionian Union, was founded by the Karians. It was ruled by the King of Egypt Ptolemy in 266 BC and was called Ptolemy for this while. The fact that Dionysos artists, who were excluded from the cities of Teos and Ephesus, acquired the homeland was the beginning of a trend that left a mark for Lebedos. The geographer Strabon mentions that the festivals and competitions organized by Dionysos artists brought great charm to the city.

Another ruin, Myonnesos (Çıfıt Castle), was built on the 60-meter slopes of an elevation extending in the form of a peninsula. Due to the dissolution processes occurring over time, the peninsula has been torn apart and turned into an island far from the mainland. This piece of land, now called Doğanbey Island, is connected to the mainland by a tombolo. Its slopes are attractions for rock climbing. Traces of Cyclopean walls on the island indicate the presence of a very special ruin. It is located on the Doğanbey coast after the Ömür Town turn on the 18th kilometer of the Myonnessos Seferihisar highway.

In the center, known as Karakisse, 4 km west of the ancient port of Lebedos near Myonnesos, there are hot water sources and Byzantine bath dating back to the Hellenistic Age (300 BC) and a square planned temple.

Sığacık harbor area which has a history from Genoese to the Ottomans 5 km from Seferihisar offers a feast of taste with its fish restaurants.

The historical Seven Girls Aqueducts, which served as a north-south water bridge over the depression in Beyler Village, is another historical ruin.

Kasım Çelebi Madrasa and Ulamış Bath are the architectural structures of the recent periods.
The 1000-year-old plane tree in Düzce Village draws attention as a monumental tree.

In the Seed Exchange Festival, which is held every year, local seeds are distributed to farmers. Seferihisar, which produces 50,000 tons of satsuma tangerines per year, also crowns this production with the Tangerine Festival. Also, Hıdırellez, one of the traditional cultural events of Seferihisar, is celebrated in Beyler Village on 6 May. Gödence settlement serves with the agro-tourism concept.

Akkum Beach, Ürkmez İpekkum beach, the coastline of Doğan Bey, and Sığacık beaches are among the most attractive beaches of the Aegean Sea. Besides, the Doğanbey shores are home to sand lilies that are under protection.

The flavors such as samsades, tangerine dessert, stuffed artichoke, chickpea ravioli, bread stuffing, rolling pin, traditional armola, loklok, sweet tarhana, and yuvalaça are local traditional flavors.

Products such as tarhana, noodles, pickles, Karahan paste, soap, citrus and fig jam, bags, scarves, and aprons are produced and sold in Ulamış and Doğanbey Women's Labor Houses.

RESULTS

There are unique assets and values that ensure seferihisar receiving the title of cittaslow city. The iconic ones are as follows:

- Teos, and Lebedos ancient city ruins
- Myonnesos Island
- Ancient port
- Branded satsuma mandarin

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Photo 1: Ancient City Teos



Photo 2: Myonnesos Island



Photo 3: Ancient port

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Photo 4: Satsuma Tangerines

Cittaslow applications that make life easier and calmer in seferihisar are noteworthy. These applications, which have to indispensable for every settlement, are listed below:

- Preservation and restoration of traditional buildings
- Use of local aromatic plants in the landscape
- Using renewable energy
- Use of solar-powered street lighting
- Reducing vehicle usage
- Noise pollution prevention
- Improving air quality
- Recommending non-motor vehicles such as bicycles
- Reducing carbon emissions
- Promoting recycling
- Building compost plants
- Maintaining local dishes
- Protection of handicrafts
- Preserving domestic seeds
- Supporting organic agriculture
- Existence of producer markets where the producer can sell his products without intermediaries

SUGGESTIONS

In order to become a slow city, 59 criteria under seven headings must be implemented, namely environmental and infrastructure policies, urban quality of life, policies on agriculture, tourism, tradesmen and craftsmen, protecting local production, plans for hospitality, awareness and education, social harmony and partnerships. A few of them are as follows:

- The population is less than fifty thousand
- Preservation of traditional buildings
- Reducing traffic
- Using local products
- Using renewable energy
- Supporting restaurants serving local food instead of fast food shops
- Restoration of old buildings
- Preventing noise pollution
- Improving air quality
- Producing organic products
- Handicrafts need to be protected

In Seferihisar, on Cittaslow day, which is celebrated every year on December 8, locally produced olive oil, grapes, molasses, tarhana, fruits and vegetables are served. Particularly visiting this place on this day provides priceless benefits. Transportation here should be provided by bicycle, not by car, whenever possible. Turabiye Mosque, Teos Ancient City, Lebedos Ancient City, Karaköse Ruins, Myonnesos Island, Sığacık Castle, Akkum and Ekmekçi beaches can be visited. “Windsurfing” can be done on these beaches.

CONCLUSION

Good living means having the carefree life apart from the complexity of the modern world. Good living is a ideal life by slowing down and rediscovering our identity, our territory and our local culture. Living a cittaslow cities are part of the sustainable, a target priceless and lead us towards happiness. Living in a Cittaslow settlement means having a cleaner environment, eating wholesome man-made food, participating in a rich social life that respects the values of tradition and opening ourselves to the citizens of other cultures.

Cittaslows have much opportunities both natural and artificial enjoying solutions. Slowcity is just a particular way of carrying on an ordinary life-style rather than today’s fast trends. They also offer will be more human, environmentally correct and sensible. The slogan of people who enjoy life should now be `being slow for a better life`.

If we want to live under the safe and quality of life with extending lives, we have to live settlements where old rich of theatres, squares, cafes, workshops, restaurants and spiritual places focusing on the environment. Moreover, these settlements offer untouched landscapes and charming craftsman, genuine hand made products respecting tastes, health and spontaneous customs. These applications also promote the use of technology oriented to improving the quality of the environment and of the man-made local produce and in addition the safe-guarding of the production of unique products the contribute to the character of the citta-slow cities. Therefore, slow cities provide environmental conservation, the promotion of sustainable development, and the improvement of the urban life.

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AN EVALUATION OF STATE – WISE IMPLEMENTATION OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT
'Health for all' is the fundamental notion of a progressive nation. It assumes accessible healthcare facilities for all residents regardless of their socio- economic differences. Good health and well-being of human beings aim to achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs) through Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana is a flagship initiative of government of India targets to achieve universal health coverage for lower income groups and vulnerable classes of population that are 40% of total population. This scheme is implemented in all states and union territories except for Odisha, West Bengal and the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. This research paper attempts to analyse state wise implementation through Ayushman card created, hospitals empanelment and authorised hospital admissions etc. For this purpose, we are using secondary data from government websites, articles and reports. The results show that the implementation of Ayushman Bharat has been uneven across India's diverse states and union territories. Responding factors for this diverse status are mainly state level governance and implementation procedures. This will provide valuable insight in utilization and adoptability of scheme across states and Union Territories.

KEYWORDS: *Universal health coverage, Ayushman Bharat PM- JAY, SDGs, India*

INTRODUCTION

Health is a universal right of human being. It is the wealth for a person as well as for nations to achieve sustained growth and development. Health symbolises, "A state of full physical, emotional, and social well-being of the person, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity," according to the 1948 report by World Health Organization (WHO). Universal health coverage should be provided for diagnosis, curative and preventive measures so that a healthy community can emerge. Healthy residents enhance accomplishments and performance of community to take progressive and robust steps towards social and economic excellence. As it is well known that a nation's prosperity is not just determined by its wealth and physical amenities but its people's health and living standard, social and economic integrity. Hence it proves that "Health is Wealth". There is anomaly that most advanced countries are far away from best performers in SDGs index although small nations like Finland and Sweden top the list.

Adversity effects health negatively that requires more financial resources and assistance from government. Government has the prime responsibility to take necessary actions to avail healthcare facilities to common man. Government of India is dedicated towards health and wellness of population and continuously has taken remarkable initiatives to uptake health standard of nation. It promotes both structural and fundamental reforms to create a healthy society as per the requirements. National Health Mission, Janani Suraksha Yojana, RSBY, PMSBY, PMSSY, Ayushman Bharat PM- JAY and many else are innovative and progressive initiatives of government of India. Health insurance is highly recommended as it provides financial protection against healthcare expenses to the individuals. These insurances can be both private and government based. Government health insurance schemes include Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM- JAY), Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) and Central Government Health Schemes (CGHS).

Ayushman Bharat, a flagship initiative of government of India, was launched on 23 September 2018 on the recommendation of National Health Policy 2017. It aims to achieve the vision of Universal health Coverage (UHC) and fulfilling its SDGs commitments. According to a study around 63 million people fall below the line of poverty each year because of expensive healthcare expenses. Ayushman Bharat scheme has two components. [A] Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs), [B] Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
Health and Wellness Centres are formed by transforming existing Sub Centre (SCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) for providing comprehensive primary health care services. The Government of India declared the creation of 1,50,000 Health and Wellness centres in February 2018. These health and Wellness Centres are fulfilling this motto.

The second component of Ayushman Bharat is Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM- JAY). This

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scheme targets lower income groups of country who have not enough resources for medical expenses and saves them from penury. Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is the biggest wellbeing affirmation plot in the world which points at giving a wellbeing cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for auxiliary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 12 crores destitute and helpless families (roughly 55 crore recipients) that shape the foot 40% of the Indian populace. The families included are based on the deprivation and occupational criteria of Socio-Economic Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) for rustic and urban zones individually. PM-JAY was prior known as the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) sometime recently being rechristened. It subsumed the at that point existing Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) which had been propelled in 2008. The scope specified beneath PM-JAY, hence, too incorporates families that were secured in RSBY but are not display in the SECC 2011 database. PM-JAY is completely supported by the Government and fetched of execution is shared between the Central and State Governments. In States, it incorporates with health schemes of respective states and collabs with State Health Authority (SHA).

Total expenditure on health is ₹ 79,221 crore in 2023 – 24 and increased to ₹ 90,171 crore in 2024- 25 while Allocation to Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY) increased from ₹7,200 crore in 2023-24 to ₹7,500 crore in 2024-25.
At slightest 10.74 crores (107.4 million) of destitute and helpless families that frame the foot 40% of the Indian population are anticipated to be qualified for protections scope. Advance, numerous states and Union Territories (UTs) have on a level plane extended the qualification criteria to cover extra recipients either beneath PMJAY or beneath state-specific plans. National Health Agency later known as National Health Authority was set up in March 2018. NHA has full autonomy and accountability to drive its mandate of implementing the PM-JAY through an efficient, effective and transparent decision-making process This research paper seeks to explain the utilisation and adoptability of PM- JAY in States and UTs of India. There are variances in performance of scheme due to diverse conditions of states.

This research paper attempts to analyse state wise implementation through Ayushman card created, hospitals empanelment and authorised hospital admissions etc. For this purpose, we are using secondary data from government websites, research articles and reports. This will provide a valuable insight in utilization and implementation of scheme in states and UTs.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Pushpendra Singh et al (2017) observed low health insurance coverage under different government health schemes in Uttar Pradesh by using unit level rounds of the 71st round of National Sample Survey Office. Only 4.8% population was covered by any health insurance scheme in Uttar Pradesh. Reduction of high out of pocket expenditure through health insurance coverage can make the health care more affordable and accessible. The present study reflected an interesting finding of higher insurance coverage among the scheduled caste population of UP along with other social groups.

Arti Gupta et al (2017) provided the comprehensive understanding of the efforts of India towards Universal health Coverage (UHC). The results indicated poor coverage of universal health in Africa, Asia, Middle East and high out of pocket health expenditure on health in India that is at 71% in 2008-2009. This study was conducted before PM – JAY scheme. Inefficient and inequitable distribution of resources are major bottleneck in achieving UHC in India.

Kesari V. R. et al (2019) journal elaborated the challenges and opportunities of PM-JAY and Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs). Exclusion of outpatient care, interstate variations in health insurance coverage, transfers of funds from poor performing states to better performing states, simultaneous implementation of the scheme in a similar pattern across all states and inadequate budget allocation are the major bottlenecks of PM-JAY however the scheme has created more sustained ambience of health insurance in India.

Radhika Bhanja and Koel Roychowdhury (2020) have assessed the performance of India in achieving sustainability in all arenas by 2030. This study highlights that at the sub national level some states have performed well in index while rest of the states need to focus on developing the quality of life of their people and provide infrastructure services and utilities to both their rural and urban counterparts.

Gaikar Vilas B. (2021) observed the public health schemes in Maharashtra and reflected that growth in public expenditure boosts directly health outcomes. However, it is necessary to provide health facilities to all the cities and villages as it is known that real India lies in villages.

Sriee and Maiya (2021) This was a cross-sectional study based on 300 samples for data collection. The findings revealed that financial burden of healthcare expenses is lower in the household covered under health insurance schemes but due to lack of sufficient awareness the utilization of the scheme among many respondents is not satisfactory.

Annual report (2021-22) of PM- JAY provides vision & mission, salient features, institutional structure and implementational models of the PM- JAY that present an overview of the scheme.
Pugazhenthi V. (2022) examined the performance of government funded health insurance schemes (GFHIS) prevailing presently in India along with states. The results showed that the southern states like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Goa are performing better than the other states and Union Territories (UTs). It emphasized the goal of the quality and timely care to the needy poor also.

Report of **WHO (2022)** emphasized the need of establishing a global knowledge repository for health insurance experiences that will be of great value. It acknowledged PM- JAY as a milestone for India in its journey towards UHC. The convergence between centre and states is the epicentre in driven up the success of the scheme. However, it accoladed the creation of National Health Authority (NHA) as in par with global standard practice.

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Priyanka Agarwal et al (2022) this review paper observed that there are lot of health initiatives to address health well- being of individuals but the poor implementation, lack of awareness and coordination between different agencies lead to poor results. **S. K.**

Mohanty et al (2023) investigated the coverage of public health insurance in India of pre and post period of PM-JAY scheme through NFHS [2015-16 and 2019-21]. The result estimated that PM- JAY coincided with increased health insurance coverage along with decreased inequality in the coverage. Although insufficient to attain the aim of universal coverage for the poor.

Sweta Dubey et al (2023). This paper assessed the evolution of GFHIS (government funded health insurance scheme) with a special focus on RSBY and PM-JAY. PM- JAY expanded the coverage and utilization of RSBY but it depicted systematic skews across geography, sex, age, social groups and healthcare sectors. Such inequities cause limited success of scheme.

DATA

OBJECTIVES

The major objective of this paper is to summarize the utilisation and adaptation of PM- JAY scheme across all states and union territories to understand it's coverage and implementation.

METHOD

We have used data from Setu Dashboard of the PM- JAY from National Health Authority. It provides real time data on Ayushman card created, authorised hospital admissions and authorised hospital empanelment across all states and UTs. We have used this data to assess the utilisation and performance of PM- JAY in states and UTs and seek to get an overview of scheme. We are conducting a comparative analysis of performance of states and UTs with respect to utilisation of PM – JAY.

Table: 1

States and UTs	AC card created (in crore)	Authorised Hospital Admissions	Hospitals empanelment
UTTAR PRADESH	5,08,18,093	20,78,788	5,555
MADHYA PRADESH	3,99,10,421	26,55,634	1,013
BIHAR	2,88,66,567	5,81,810	967
MAHARASHTRA	2,75,72,117	8,21,742	1,006
GUJARAT	2,53,43,941	40,16,358	2,600
CHHATTISGARH	2,17,64,769	37,83,330	1,585
RAJASTHAN	2,15,84,131	57,41,363	1,936
ASSAM	1,70,45,001	6,88,382	361
KARNATAKA	1,64,71,418	49,95,516	3,873
ANDHRA PRADESH	1,54,68,299	34,69,015	2,413
JHARKHAND	1,20,58,443	15,95,110	584
HARYANA	1,17,34,449	8,00,642	1,539
PUNJAB	86,96,738	14,95,735	740
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	85,39,876	8,24,770	251
TELANGANA	82,50,783	8,10,923	1,374
KERALA	76,24,333	50,97,897	573
TAMIL NADU	72,67,445	88,75,258	2,184
UTTARAKHAND	56,19,291	7,90,766	292
MEGHALAYA	19,39,370	6,04,104	171
TRIPURA	19,07,228	2,22,078	153
HIMACHAL PRADESH	13,17,532	1,67,824	273
NAGALAND	6,96,277	38,764	143
MANIPUR	6,01,519	96,324	103
MIZORAM	5,57,735	92,482	88
PUDUCHERRY	5,06,219	43,486	30
Ladakh	1,88,699	4,252	10
CHANDIGARH	1,82,371	1,04,091	31
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1,37,933	3,004	63
GOA	81,285	11,075	17
SIKKIM	74,133	12,067	22
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	71,741	548	7
LAKSHADWEEP	33,537	55	5
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	13,289	27	NA

Source: National Health Authority, Dashboard PM – JAY as of 10.05.2024

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FINDINGS

Table 1 represents data of Ayushman card created, authorised hospital admissions and hospital empanelment of PM- JAY scheme across states and union territories from the date of implementation to April 2024. It is the status of scheme as on 10 April 2024 as it varies per day. As this scheme is not adopted in Odisha, West Bengal and Delhi so we didn't include them. We have graphically represented utilization of Ayushman card created, authorised hospital admissions and hospital empanelment in each state and UTs. A summarised comparative analysis of this is as under:

Figure- 1

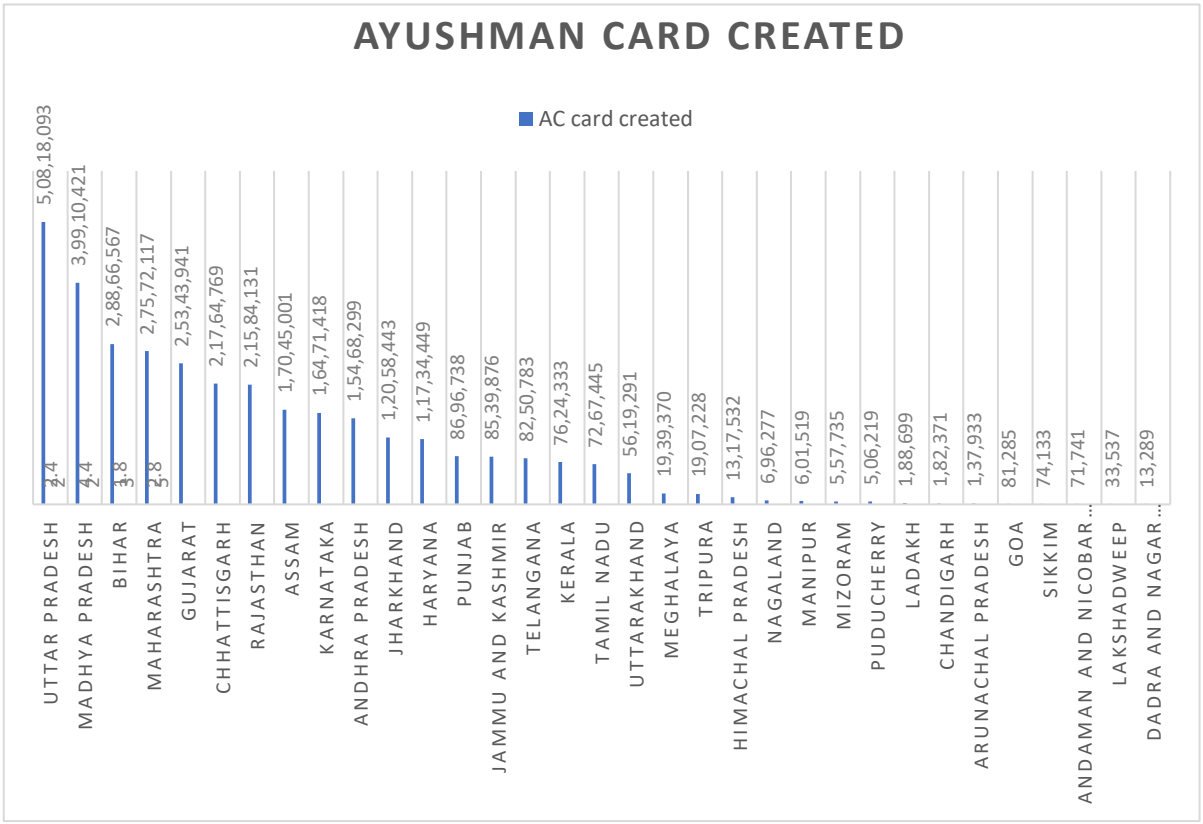


Figure 1 illustrates number of Ayushman card created in different states and UTs. Ayushman card creation is the most prior activity under PM-JAY and requires consistent efforts that each beneficiary should have a card to avail the benefits of the scheme. The total number of AC card created are 342,944,983 across all states and UTs. Out of 33 states and UTs, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Gujrat are the top five states in term of Ayushman card creation whereas UTs are the least in table. As it is evident that union territories are small in geographical and demographical perspective but variances among large states are significant. Uttar Pradesh tops the list with 5,08,18,093 Ayushman card created while most of the states are of north India are in top position in Ayushman card creation.

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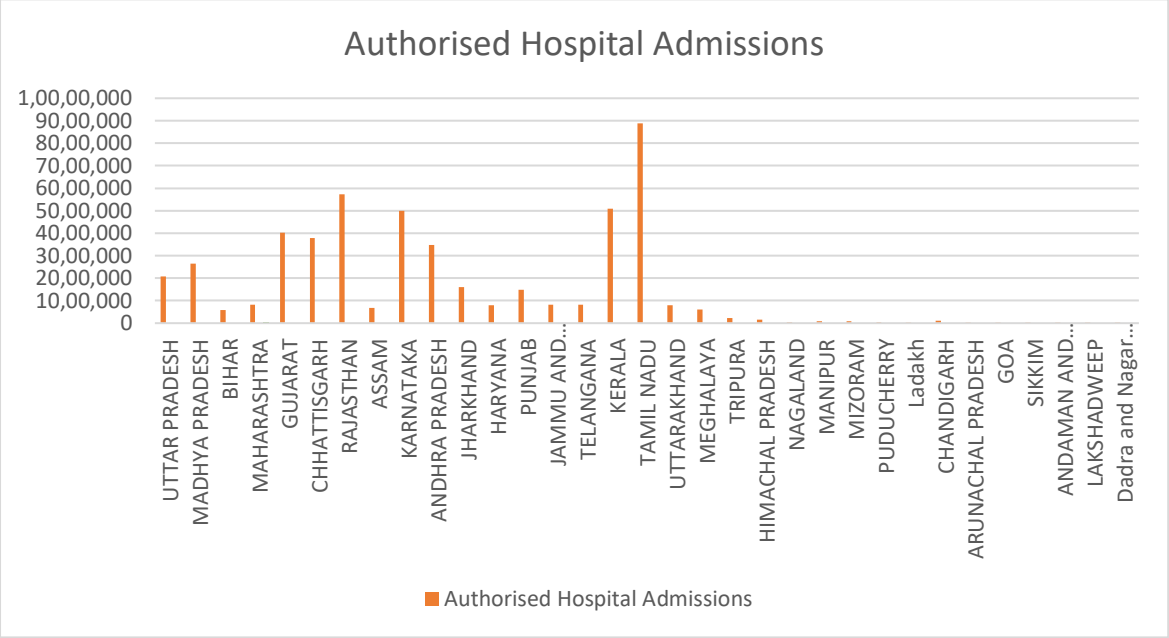


Figure-2

Figure– 2 describes number of authorised hospital admissions that vary across states and UTs and puts a clear picture of utilization of PM – JAY scheme before us. Tamil Nadu tops the list with 88,75,258 authorised hospital admissions while Rajasthan is the second with 57,41,363 authorised hospital admissions. There is anomaly between Ayushman card creation and authorised hospital admissions of top performers that is determined by multiple structural and functional factors. In state Uttar Pradesh, Ayushman card creation is highest but the authorised hospital admissions are just 20,78,788. It represents low participation of beneficiaries for availing benefits under scheme.

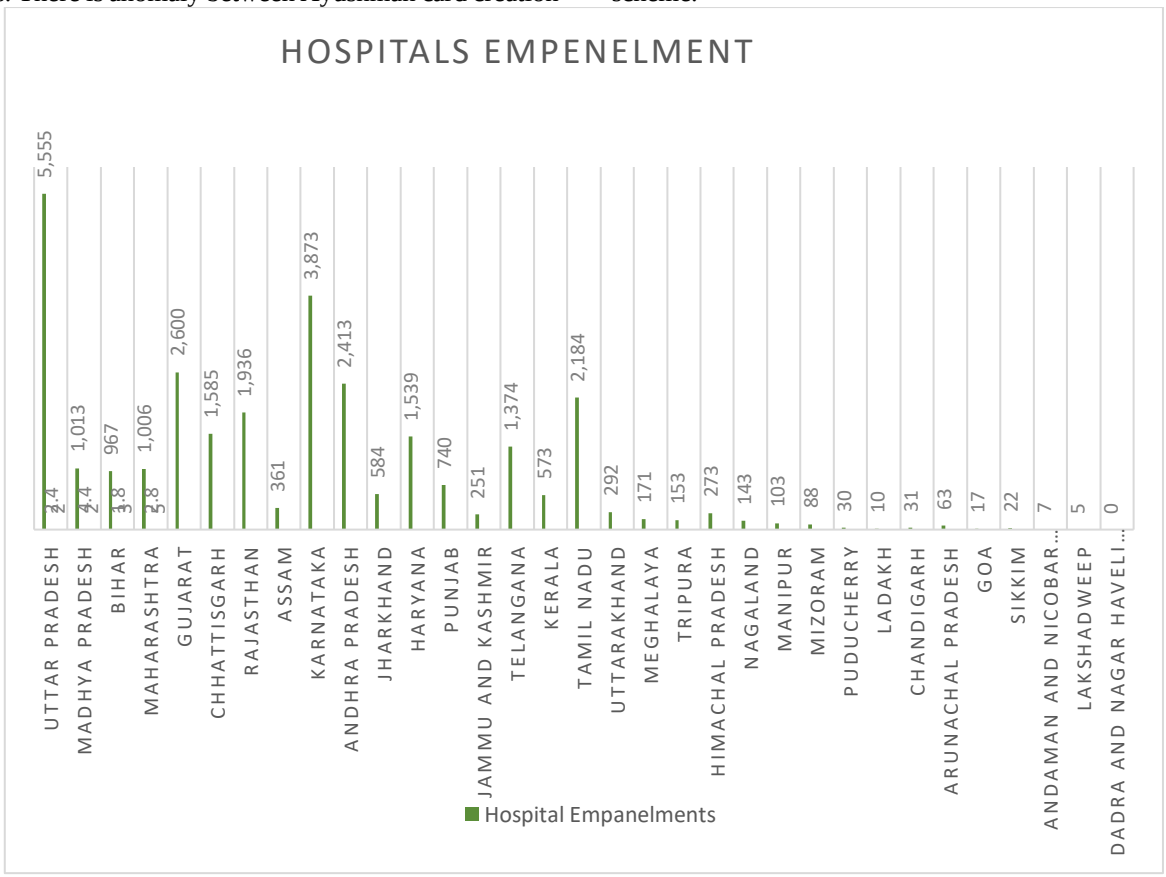


Figure- 3

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Figure – 3 denotes authorised hospital empanelment's in states and UTs across public and private sectors. Public hospitals are more leaned toward empanelment than the private ones.

Beneath Ayushman Bharat –Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), all open healing centres (Community Health Centre and over), in the States actualizing PMJAY, are considered empanelled. Clinics associated with Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) may moreover be empanelled based on the bed inhabitancy proportion parameter. All National establishing run by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as well as Organized of National Significance are portion of the empanelled healthcare supplier organize for PMJAY. As distant as private clinics are concerned, they are empanelled by State Health Authorities (SHAs) of individual States. For empanelment, rules have been issued to all the States laying down the point-by-point criteria and prepare. The rules & list of empanelled hospitals are accessible on the website.

CONCLUSIONS

This paper highlights the utilisation and current scenario of PM-JAY in states and UTs of India to understand its implementation. The results show that the implementation of Ayushman Bharat has been uneven across India's diverse states and union territories. Responding factors for this diverse status are mainly state level governance, awareness and implementation procedures. As this scheme targets most poor and vulnerable groups of society and helps them to avail financial protection against expensive healthcare expenses. This health insurance scheme reduces out of pocket as well as catastrophic expenditure in health sector that relieve burden on individuals and protect them. There are variances among states and UTs on the basis of Ayushman card creation, hospital admissions and hospital empanelment. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar Maharashtra and Gujrat are top in card creation as they have more population related to deprived groups and comparatively northern states are mostly in top positions. Tamil Nadu has the highest authorised hospital admissions that resembles awareness and implementation of PM – JAY whereas it is not in top five in card creation. Southern states perform well in this category. The effectiveness of any scheme is decided by the participation of individuals and their awareness. That creates a positive impact on outcomes and achievements of initiative as it can fulfil its objectives. Government intervention and policies to encourage the utilization of initiatives should be applied on ground level so that target beneficiaries can get advantage of it. Health expenses are major cause of dragging individuals towards below poverty line that can only mitigate by universal health coverage. PM-JAY is successfully achieving its goal but more constructive efforts are required for attributing to Universal Health Coverage. As per the National Sample Survey 75th round, around 50% of the population positioned between the deprived and affluent sections are devoid of any financial health protection. These missing middles largely consist of the self-employed class in rural areas, and several organized and unorganized occupations in urban areas. Additionally, a more comprehensive and vide spread strategy need to be adopted for achieving SDG 3.8 of universal health coverage in India.

SUGGESTIONS

As a matter of concern, health insurance is must desired in developing countries to boost well- being of individuals. We have to exhibit a health ecosystem that entails financial protection and feasible health services to most vulnerable individuals. According to NITI Aayog's, 'Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle' published in October 2021 states that total covered or eligible individuals under any health insurance scheme (govt. or private) are around 94.5 crore which are 70% of total eligible population of India and thus 40.5 crore of eligible individuals are uncovered that accounts for 30% of total population of the country. As there is not any specific health insurance scheme for this missing middle of country. An integrated effort with keeping in view the needs and diversity of nation must be undertaken in achieving universal health coverage (UHC). Expansion of current scheme PM – JAY and increasing consumer awareness of health insurance through information, education and communication (IEC) for communities will be highly fruitful.

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SANITIZABLE ACCESS CONTROL AGAINST MALICIOUS DATA PUBLISHERS

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ABSTRACT

Significant worries about data security and privacy have arisen because of the quick expansion of data sharing and interchange across a variety of applications. Sensitive information is seriously threatened by malicious data publishers, who compromise data security and integrity. This research study offers a fresh paradigm for "Sanitizable Access Control Against Malicious Data Publishers," which gives recipients of data the ability to efficiently filter and cleanse data they obtain from sources they don't trust. The suggested system makes use of access control methods and cryptographic techniques to offer a safe and adaptable setting for data exchange. Techniques for data encryption and sanitization guarantee that private information is kept safe even when handled by unscrupulous publications. To avoid unwanted access, trust management and verification procedures confirm the identity of data publishers and recipients.The sterile access management system

KEYWORDS—*Data security, Trust management, Access control policies, Sensitive information*

I. INTRODUCTION

Sensitive data must be protected against unwanted access due to the explosion of digital information and the quick development of data-driven applications. To implement security regulations and guarantee that only authorized entities may access certain resources, access control techniques are frequently used. But these conventional Access control systems frequently aren't strong enough to prevent hostile data publishers from purposefully introducing false or damaging material into the system. This study article suggests a unique solution to this problem called "Sanitizable Access Control Against Malicious Data Publishers." This framework's main objective is to enable data receivers to effectively filter and sanitize information from unreliable sources while maintaining data integrity and confidentiality. Through the integration of cutting-edge data sanitization methods with conventional access control concepts

II.LITERATURE SURVEY

The research study "Sanitizable Access Control Against Malicious Data Publishers" conducted a literature assessment that uncovered a significant amount of material pertaining to data security and privacy in the context of access control methods. Numerous scholars have examined various strategies to tackle the obstacles presented by malevolent data producers and guarantee the secrecy and integrity of data. A prominent area of study is secure program partitioning, which processes data on untrusted hosts while maintaining secrecy Lorch et.al [2]

Other research has looked at useful methods for decrypting data so that receivers may access information without disclosing private information Song et.al [1]

Researchers have suggested ways to do data mining activities while maintaining data privacy, which has also generated interest in confidentiality-preserving data mining Li et.al [3] Furthermore, to improve privacy beyond k-anonymity and l-diversity, the idea of "t-closeness" has been proposed, guaranteeing that sensitive information cannot be deduced from quasi-identifiers Li et.al [4]

Secure provenance, which aims to track the origin and access history of data in the cloud, has been highlighted as a crucial component of data forensics in the context of cloud computing Lu et.al [6] It has also been suggested to use Crypt DB, a solution for encrypted query processing that preserves secrecy, to secure private information while allowing query operations Bindschaedler et.al [7]

Additionally, developments in completely homomorphic encryption systems have made it possible to do calculations on encrypted data directly, adding another degree of privacy protection Gentry et.al [8]. Research has been done on atomic proxy cryptography and divergent protocols, which enable middlemen to handle encrypted data on behalf of the data

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owner. Guaranteeing safe handling and use of data Blaze et.al [5]

Additionally, to manage access to certain parts inside XML data structures, fine-grained access control systems for XML documents have been studied Damiani et.al [10]. To safeguard users' identities and facilitate easy access to a range of services, privacy-enhancing identity management strategies have also been investigated Fischer-Hübner et.al [9]

III. EXISTING WORK

"Privacy-Preserving Access Control Against Malicious Data Publishers in Cloud Computing Environments "The authors of this study suggest a privacy-preserving access management system for cloud computing environments that is intended to shield sensitive data from unscrupulous data publishers. The mechanism guarantees that receivers of data may effectively access and make use of cleaned data while preserving confidentiality and data integrity.

The main elements of the suggested framework are policies for access control, trust management, and data encryption and sanitization. Sensitive information is kept safe during transmission and storage thanks to data encryption, which also prevents unwanted parties from accessing it. By using sanitization procedures, data recipients can reduce the risk posed by malicious data publishers by filtering and removing information from the received data that may be dangerous or unneeded.

When it comes to confirming the legitimacy and validity of data producers, trust management is essential. By keeping track of data publishers' actions over time, the system creates a reputation database that helps data receivers recognize potentially dangerous sources and take necessary action.

Policies for access control specify who can access particular data and under what circumstances. In order to enforce limitations on data consumption based on the identities and responsibilities of the receivers, the framework includes fine-grained access controls. It also allows updates for dynamic access control, which helps it adjust to changing needs and prevent security lapses.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The goal of the suggested technique is to create a sanitizable access control system that is both secure and effective in protecting sensitive information from nefarious data publishers. The following are the main steps in the methodology: Encryption and Data Sanitization: Before being made public by data, the sensitive information is first cleaned and encrypted. A few sanitization strategies, including k-anonymity, l-diversity, and t-closeness, can be used to anonymize the data without compromising its privacy or usefulness. Modern encryption techniques like homomorphic encryption and proxy re-encryption are also used to guarantee the privacy of the data both during transmission and storage
Trust Management and Verification: To confirm the legitimacy of data publishers, a trust management system is put in place. In order to do this, trust measures and reputation ratings must be defined using past data publication patterns and user reviews.

To ascertain the dependability of a certain data publisher and if the published data satisfies the necessary privacy criteria, data receivers can refer to the trust management system.

Access Control Policies: Access control policies are designed to manage access to data by considering user roles, permissions, and needs for sanitization. Based on their credentials and the reliability of the data publisher, receivers of the data are allowed access to the cleaned data. The purpose of the access control policies is to protect the privacy of the data by making sure that only authorized parties may access and use it.

Processing Sanitization Query: The system allows data receivers to submit sanitization queries that indicate the required level of sanitization as well as the data properties they want access to. The suggested architecture handles these requests while taking the data publishers' reliability and access control guidelines into account. The data receiver receives the cleaned data once it has been processed and meets their needs.

Accountability and Audit Trail: All access requests, query processing operations, and data disclosures are recorded in the system's audit trail. In the event of any security breaches or attempts at illegal access, this guarantees traceability and responsibility. Forensic analysis and the detection of potentially harmful activity may be conducted using the audit trail.

V. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

A. Sanitization techniques

The framework leverages both static and dynamic sanitization techniques:
Static Sanitization: Predefined rules and patterns to remove known types of harmful content.
Dynamic Sanitization: Real-time monitoring and updating of sanitization rules based on detected threats.

B. Access Control Mechanisms

Policies that combine role-based, attribute-based, and context-awareness are used to impose access control. These safeguards guarantee that data may only be accessed or altered by authorized personnel, and that any modifications are recorded and looked for irregularities.

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C. Anomaly Detection

To find irregularities in the patterns of data access, machine learning methods are used. Methods including regression analysis, categorization, and clustering aid in the detection of potentially harmful activity

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

system is essential to achieving the efficacy and efficiency of the suggested framework. In order to ensure data integrity and confidentiality while reducing the risks posed by hostile actors, the system is built to give data recipients the capacity to filter and sanitize data received from untrusted data publishers.

The first step in the implementation is the creation of a strong access control model that safeguards sensitive data using sanitization and encryption methods. To ensure that only authorized receivers may access and decode the data, the system encrypts the data at the source prior to transmission using cryptographic techniques. This stops fraudulent data publishers and other unauthorized parties from obtaining the raw data.

The system adds a trust management and verification component to enable sanitization. This part evaluates data publishers' credibility and reputation by looking at past performance along with other pertinent indicators. Data receivers can choose which publications' data they will accept by setting trust levels. A publisher's data is deemed untrustworthy and is either rejected or reported for additional examination if their trust rating is below the cutoff. Policies and procedures for access control are crucial to the implementation. Recipients of data can decide who can access certain data and under what circumstances by defining fine-grained access controls. These guidelines are dynamic and can be changed in response to evolving needs and degrees of confidence. To improve accountability and facilitate monitoring, the system keeps track of all access attempts and actions through an audit trail.

Because of the system's seamless connection with current infrastructures, it may be used in a variety of real-world settings, including cloud-based data storage, IoT networks, and healthcare data exchange. Considerations for scalability and performance are also made, maximizing the system's effectiveness to manage massive amounts of data streams and the need for real-time processing.

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SARCOMAS SCOPING REVIEW

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SUMMARY

Introduction: *Soft tissue sarcomas are a heterogeneous and relatively uncommon group of tumors that arise from mesenchymal tissues and form almost anywhere in the body. The mainstay of treatment is surgery; wide excision for low-grade lesions and wide or radical (compartmental) resection for high-grade tumors. Adjuvant preoperative and/or postoperative radiotherapy improves the likelihood of local control and maintains function when adequate margins cannot be achieved.*
Objective: *to detail current information related to sarcomas, description, etiology, epidemiology, presentation, evaluation and treatment.*
Methodology: *a total of 47 articles were analyzed in this review, including review and original articles, as well as clinical cases, of which 32 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: sarcomas, soft tissue tumor, oncologic surgery, cancer, osteosarcomas, brachytherapy, radiotherapy.*
Results: *The rate of progression and the probability of hematogenous spread, usually to the lung, are determined mostly by the grade of the tumor. The probability of regional spread is low. Prognosis is determined by multiple factors, such as: age, tumor size, histologic grade, depth, histologic subtype and site. About 90% and 98% of recurrences are seen between 5 and 10 years, respectively. Overall 5-year survival rates are between 60% and 80%. When combining systemic treatment with chemotherapy and*

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control of the primary tumor by surgery and/or radiation, survival rates for localized disease are between 70% and 75%. In the extremities, they are most frequently found in the proximal limb, with the thigh being the most common site 44% of the time.
Conclusions: *It is important to know how to recognize, evaluate and adequately treat soft tissue sarcomas, these sometimes represent a challenge, both diagnostically and therapeutically due to their special character, the infrequency of their occurrence and the difficulties in predicting outcomes. A proper differential diagnosis of the pathology must be made in order to better direct management. Developments in imaging, improvements in surgical techniques and complementary treatment methods such as radiotherapy, brachytherapy, among others, have enhanced the treatment of individuals affected with these rare disorders. A diligent preoperative study is required, consisting of an MRI to show the extent of the tumor. The current surgical approach for sarcoma resections consists of a wide en bloc resection. Surgery alone for high-grade sarcomas has a recurrence rate of 33% at 5 years, so adjuvant radiotherapy is recommended.*
KEY WORDS: *sarcomas, tumor, treatment, cancer.*

INTRODUCTION

Soft tissue sarcomas are a heterogeneous and relatively rare group of tumors that arise from mesenchymal tissues and form almost anywhere in the body. Sarcoma is a cancer that originates from cells of mesenchymal origin, such as bone, cartilage, muscle, adipose, vascular or hematopoietic tissue. It is rare with more than 50 histological subtypes(1).

Appropriate imaging, predictive immunological and genetic studies, optimized surgery and newer adjuvant and neoadjuvant treatment methods should lead to optimized outcomes for individuals with these tumors(2).

The rate of progression and the likelihood of hematogenous spread, usually to the lung, are determined mostly by the grade of the tumor. The likelihood of regional spread is low. Evaluation prior to treatment includes CT scan of the primary site, chest and MRI of the primary tumor. The mainstay of treatment is surgery; wide excision for low-grade lesions and wide or radical (compartmental) resection for high-grade tumors. Occasionally the procedure cannot be performed because of the location and extent of the sarcoma or the anticipated functional deficit. Adjuvant preoperative and/or postoperative radiation therapy improves the likelihood of local control and maintains function when adequate margins cannot be achieved. The role of adjuvant chemotherapy presents data suggest that doxorubicin-containing regimens may improve the likelihood of cure of high-grade lesions. Prognosis is determined by multiple factors including: age, tumor size, histologic grade, depth, histologic subtype and site. About 90% and 98% of recurrences are seen between 5 and 10 years, respectively. Overall 5-year survival rates are between 60% and 80%(3).

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The choice of bibliography exposes elements related to sarcomas, description, etiology, epidemiology, presentation, evaluation and treatment.

DEVELOPMENT

Malignant bone tumors and soft tissue sarcomas make up about 14% of childhood malignancies. Successful treatment of individuals with sarcoma depends on a multidisciplinary therapeutic approach, with collaboration of various teams such as oncology, surgery, orthopedics, radiation oncology, radiology, pathology, and physiatry. By combining systemic treatment with chemotherapy and control of the primary tumor by surgery and/or radiation, survival rates for localized disease are between 70% and 75%. Children with metastatic or recurrent disease have dismal outcomes. A better understanding of the underlying biology of bone and soft tissue sarcomas is needed to optimize outcomes in infants with these tumors(4).

Soft tissue sarcomas (STS) are a group of about 60 neoplasms that can occur anywhere in the human body and affect individuals at extreme ages. They can involve skeletal muscle tissue, adipose tissue, connective tissue, blood, lymphatics and peripheral nerves. They can be found in various forms from benign lipomas to aggressive metastatic angiosarcomas(5-7).

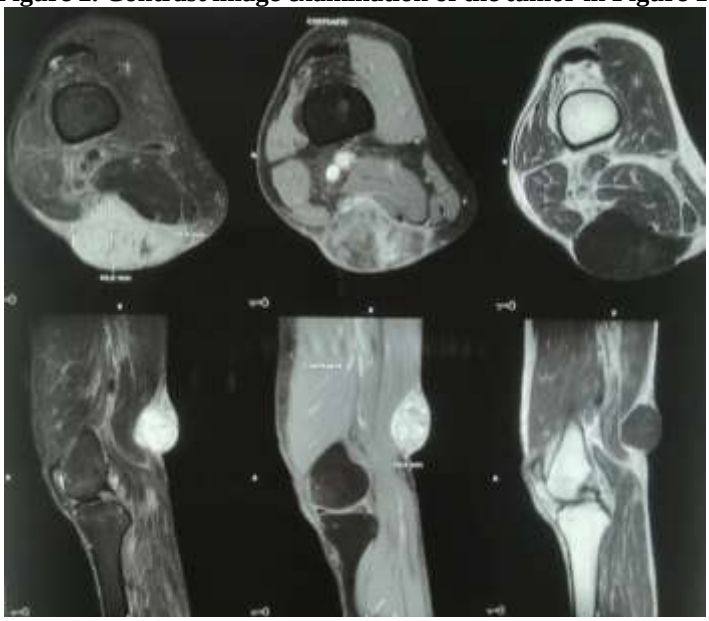
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Figure 1. Tumor in the posterior region of the lower limb.



Source: The Authors.

Figure 2. Contrast image examination of the tumor in Figure 1.



Source: The Authors.

Etiology

There are multiple causative factors.

Germline Mutations.

1. Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1) Von Recklinghausen's disease.

- Autosomal dominant condition, encodes a protein called neurofibromin.
- A tumor suppressor of the ras oncogene signaling pathway.
- Mutations in the NF1 gene trigger various cutaneous neurofibromas.

2. Li-Fraumeni syndrome

- A rare AD disorder caused by mutations in the TP53 gene (17p13.1), which encodes p53. Some individuals will present with rhabdomyosarcoma by the age of 4 years.

3. Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)

- AD disorder with a mutation in the APC gene (5q21-q22).
- Tumor suppressor gene, which inhibits the localization of B-catenin in the nucleus.
- The mutant protein fails to inhibit generating an uncontrolled cell cycle and proliferation.
- It presents innumerable colonic polyps or extracolonic manifestations such as epidermoid cysts, osteomas and desmoid tumors.

4. Radiation

- Significantly contributes to a patient's long-term risk of developing STS.
- Effects are dose-dependent.
- Children who develop post-radiation STS do so on average 11.8 years later and in a dose-dependent manner.

5. Carcinogens

- Arsenic
- Thorotrast.
- Polyvinyl chloride.

6. Chronic lymphedema

- Chronic lymphatic blockage is thought to stimulate proliferation of lymphatic vessels and lymphatic vessels or lead to local immunodeficiency leading to the development of malignant disease. Common post radical mastectomy, especially post radiotherapy.

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- Individuals with parasitic nematode infections, such as filariasis, may also present with these malignant neoplasms.
- High risk of angiosarcoma formation.
- Stewart-Treves syndrome.

Epidemiology

Soft tissue sarcomas are infrequent, in 2014 in the United States 12,020 new cases and 4740 deaths were reported, representing about 1% of all cancer incidence in this country, as well as accounting for 2% of cancer-associated deaths. These are divided as to their location within the body and extremities, STS of the trunk being more common than intraperitoneal and retroperitoneal STS. In the extremities, they are most frequently found in the proximal limb, with the thigh being the most common site 44% of the time. Age at diagnosis and histologic subtype are usually related to rhabdomyosarcoma, hemangioma, neurofibroma and alveolar sarcoma, which are more common in children and young adults(8).

Pathophysiology.

Sarcomas are connective tissue tumors that may involve bone, cartilage, fat, muscle, vascular or hematopoietic tissues. Sarcomas are more infrequent compared to carcinomas. They usually grow locally and invade adjacent tissues, presenting as a hard mass or as pain due to pressure on nerves and soft tissues.

Evaluation.

Indications for preoperative imaging and biopsy assess the extent of the mass on physical examination and the expected neurovascular involvement. The possibility of lymph node involvement or distant metastasis should be considered, as well as relative resectability and functional deficits(5).

Imaging such as MRI is usually found to be the most informative for STS of the trunk and extremities. Chest CT with contrast is used in cases with high metastatic potential. The use of PET/CT has not yet become the standard because it has not shown value in distinguishing between benign and malignant disease, however, it has shown promise in assessing response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy(9,10).

When performing a biopsy, the choice is a core needle biopsy, if there is no favorable response with the diagnosis, an incisional biopsy can be performed. There is evidence that about 74% of individuals who undergo unplanned resection of sarcoma of the trunk or extremities have residual disease at the time of the next resection.

Close postoperative surveillance is appropriate due to the high risk of recurrence. A physical examination should be performed every 3 to 6 months for 2 to 3 years and then every 6 months for the next two years and finally once a year. Complementary examinations such as chest, abdominal and pelvic X-rays, as well as indications for follow-up MRI are based on the peculiarities of each affected individual in addition to those of the tumor(5).

Treatment

- **Leiomyosarcoma:** the second most common subtype of soft tissue sarcoma. It is a malignant smooth muscle tumor that can originate anywhere in the body and is usually found between the sixth and seventh decades. It is frequent in the retroperitoneum and uterus in females and in other locations in males. They are heterogeneous and well circumscribed tumors with cystic or necrotic central areas, they present positive staining for desmin and smooth muscle actin and their first line of treatment is surgical resection with negative margins(11).
- **Desmoid tumors:** infrequent forms of fibroblastic tumors, usually sporadic or related to familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP). Sporadic cases are related to pregnancy and previous trauma. They are more common in women and between 30 and 40 years of age. They can be seen in the extremities, intraperitoneal space, abdomen and/or chest wall, slow growing but aggressive. They use the WNT signaling pathway. In radiographs they are seen as homogeneous and solid in appearance with a distinct or infiltrative border(12).
- **Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST):** they are the most frequent visceral soft tissue sarcoma, usually sporadic. They originate in the interstitial cells of Cajal within the gastrointestinal myenteric plexus. The most common location is the stomach, small intestine and rectum. GIST tumors have a marker for CD117, which encodes a transmembrane tyrosine kinase receptor called c-kit. Their clinical manifestations vary from being asymptomatic to symptomatic with pain, nausea, hematemesis and gastrointestinal blood loss. Metastases are frequent, the common sites being the liver and peritoneal surface(13).
- **Angiosarcoma:** a malignant tumor arising from the endothelial lining of blood vessels and can occur anywhere in the body. It usually occurs between the seventh and eighth decade of life and is most common on the scalp, head, neck and viscera. Tumors larger than 5 cm and with evidence of epithelium are considered indicators of poor prognosis(14).
- **Lipomatous tumors:** benign adipocytic tumors can arise in any area of the body and cause symptoms due to mass effect. They are usually encapsulated, homogeneous with no evidence of nodules or septa, and may contain calcifications or hemorrhage resulting from trauma. Excision beyond the tumor capsule should be performed. There is some degree of clinical overlap with the potentially malignant form and the most common soft tissue sarcoma; liposarcoma. Liposarcomas are tumors larger than 10 cm in size, with thick internal septa and lesions that typically have less than 75% adipose tissue. The treatment of liposarcoma is surgical resection with wide margins and local recurrence is frequent. Well-differentiated liposarcomas usually present a low risk of distant metastasis(15).
- **Retroperitoneal and visceral sarcomas:** they represent 15% of all soft tissue sarcomas. The average age of presentation is 54 years, with a great diversity of clinical presentations, sometimes being asymptomatic or presenting abdominal pain, weight loss, early satiety, nausea, vomiting, back or side pain, paresthesia and weakness. Gross resection is the treatment of choice(16).

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- **Sarcoma of the trunk and extremities:** several types are chemoresistant and there are conflicting results regarding the usefulness of neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy. Evidence supports a surgical margin of 1 cm with respect to adequate resection(17).

Differential Diagnosis

It is extensive, ranging from benign changes to metastatic disease. Usually, benign lesions tend to be more superficial in the dermal or subcutaneous soft tissue. Possible differential diagnoses for a soft tissue mass include:

- **Benign:** acrochordons, myositis ossificans (look for history of physical trauma), lipoma, dermoid cyst, neurofibromas, hemangioma, keloids, ganglion cyst,, pilonidal cyst, angiofibroma, rickets, among others.
- **Infectious:** abscess, cellulitis.
- **Malignant:** melanoma, keratoacanthoma, squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, Merkel cell carcinoma, cutaneous metastasis, Ewing's sarcoma, soft tissue sarcoma, cutaneous lymphoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, non-rhabdomyosarcoma soft tissue sarcoma, pediatric neuroblastoma, pediatric osteomyelitis, pediatric osteosarcoma, pediatric rhabdomyosarcoma, pediatric non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, among others.

Treatment

Medical Oncology.

The treatment of metastatic STS has changed over time, previously the standard first line treatment for individuals with metastatic STS was doxorubicin with ifosfamide, single agent doxorubicin or gemcitabine plus docetaxel and in those with contraindications to anthracycline treatment a gemcitabine based chemotherapy regimen was considered. Those with poor performance status or multiple comorbidities can be treated with pegylated liposomal doxorubicin or single agent gemcitabine(15).

The use of systemic chemotherapy in the treatment of non-pediatric extremity and trunk sarcomas has been extensively studied, systemic therapy can be used in neoadjuvant, adjuvant, metastatic and recurrent settings. The most common adjuvant/neoadjuvant regimens are AIM (doxorubicin/ifosfamide/mesna) and gemcitabine/docetaxel. There is a meta-analysis of adjuvant chemotherapy that showed improvement in local and distant recurrence. It is thought that the benefit of chemotherapy is likely to be small. Temozolomide, an alkylating agent, has been used as a single agent in patients with advanced, pretreated STS. Trabectedin, eribulin and dacarbazine are other therapies used(5,17,18).

Currently, trials using targeted agents and immunotherapy have been conducted. Pazopanib, an oral multi-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor, showed single agent activity in non-lipogenic STS. Other tyrosine kinase inhibitors, such as sunitinib and crizotinib, have shown efficacy in solitary fibrous tumors and inflammatory myofibroblastic tumors. Pembrolizumab, an anti-PD-1 antibody, shows encouraging activity in undifferentiated sarcomas(5,19).

Isolated limb perfusion (ILP) is a technique that allows the administration of significantly higher doses of chemotherapy in individuals with primary or recurrent STS who would otherwise require amputation. Agents used include melphalan, dacarbazine, doxorubicin and tumor necrosis factor (TNF), showing treatment response rates of 76%, as well as 3-year limb preservation of 71%. Concurrent chemoradiotherapy using three cycles of preoperative MAID (mesna, doxorubicin, dacarbazine and ifosfamide) with 44 Gy of split radiotherapy interdigitated with chemotherapy has also been studied showing superior overall survival, distant metastasis and disease-free survival, but at the cost of significant hematologic toxicity(20).

Figure 3. Image After Mass Excision.



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Figure 4.Tumor Removed by Surgery.



Source: The Authors.

Surgical Oncology

Surgical resection is critical in sarcoma; currently, amputations account for <5% of all sarcoma surgeries. A diligent preoperative workup is required, usually an MRI to show the extent of the tumor. The current surgical approach for sarcoma resections consists of a wide en bloc resection to leave at least a 1 cm margin of unaffected tissue in all directions. A 2 cm margin may be considered for tumors with infiltrative borders. If the tumor is close to or displaces neurovascular structures, it is not necessary to resect them if the adventitia and/or perineurium are removed. Bone is rarely involved, resection may be required if it is involved. The margins are classified as intralesional, marginal, wide or radical. Intralesional margins go through a tumor and leave residual tumor. Marginal margins have a surgical plane through the reactive zone and a high recurrence rate. Wide margins have surrounding normal tissue but remain within the same compartment. Radicals remove the tumor and the affected compartment. The skin surrounding the biopsy site must be completely removed. Keep in mind that if the tissue defect is expected to be large, a myocutaneous flap will sometimes be necessary(21,22).

Figure 5. Marking at the site where the subsequent flap is to be cut.



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Figure 6. Myocutaneous flap with gastrocnemius musculature.



Source: The Authors.

For locally recurrent tumors, surgery may be an alternative with wide excision or amputation. Studies show that in wide excision, local recurrence-free survival at 5 and 10 years was 66% and 50%, conversely in amputations, the recurrence rate is less than 10%. Local control rates for low grade sarcomas are around 5% and can usually be treated with surgery alone. Surgery alone for high-grade sarcomas has a recurrence rate of 33% at 5 years, so adjuvant radiotherapy is recommended. Affected individuals will require significant post-treatment follow-up and ongoing physiotherapy(5,23,24).

Figure 7.Postoperative tumor excision plus myocutaneous flap.



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Nutritional Intervention

A proactive assessment of the clinical changes that occur in cancer is paramount to select the right nutritional intervention with the best possible impact on nutritional status, body composition, efficacy of management and reduction of complications, as well as optimizing survival and quality of life. To decrease the response to surgery-related metabolic stress and catabolism in malnourished individuals, the enhanced post-surgical recovery program is advised for all individuals with cancer undergoing curative or palliative surgery. In oncologic surgical individuals with moderate to severe nutritional risk, nutritional support is indicated before and after surgery. When there is significant malnutrition, the delay of surgery should be considered. When the affected individual undergoes major surgery, adequate nutritional support should be routinely provided, with special emphasis on individuals with sarcopenia for many years(25-27).

Radiation Oncology

Radiation

As limb-sparing soft tissue sarcoma resections began to replace amputations, radiation therapy was seen as a means to maintain high rates of local control while maintaining limb function. Radiation therapy can be incorporated into any phase of trunk and extremity STS treatment. Indications for radiotherapy include high-grade disease, stage II+, inoperable, recurrent disease or positive margins. The most commonly used techniques are external beam radiotherapy and brachytherapy. Preoperative radiotherapy has become the preferred form of treatment when possible. Postoperative radiotherapy can be useful in the case of positive margins, either as a boost after preoperative treatment or alone(5,28).

External beam radiation therapy (EBRT)

It is frequently used to treat sarcomas. It can be administered definitively, preoperatively or postoperatively by 3D conformal or intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT). Preoperative radiotherapy is the preferred method because it allows easier target delineation, simple set-up, lower radiation doses, smaller radiation field size and better functional results. However, adjuvant therapy may be required when there are positive margins or a high-grade tumor where preoperative treatment was not planned. The dose of radiotherapy correlates with margin status, resectability and timing: individuals with resectable high-grade and intermediate-grade sarcomas where preoperative radiotherapy is planned. Usually a dose of 50 Gy is administered in 25 fractions. For preoperative radiotherapy, target delineation by CT/MRI fusion is essential(17,29,30).

Brachytherapy

Brachytherapy (BRT) is used post-surgically as monotherapy combined with external beam radiotherapy as a boost, as well as for recurrent disease. It is highly conformal, thus limiting dose to adjacent structures by optimizing dwell time positions. It is usually given at a high dose rate (HDR - > 12 Gy/h), a low dose rate (LDR - 0.4 to 2 Gy/h) or a pulsed dose rate (PDR). The HDR technique, using a high-energy radionuclide Iridium-192 with a remote afterloader, can be given on an outpatient basis, unlike previous brachytherapy techniques such as LDR implants, however it is underutilized compared to EBRT.

Individuals with excised high- and intermediate-grade sarcomas managed with adjuvant LDR BRT monotherapy have superior local control rates compared to resection alone. HDR brachytherapy showed local control rates between 78% and 90%. Brachytherapy offers highly conformal radiation plans that can help minimize dose to many previously irradiated tissues.The dose of brachytherapy will depend on the technique (LDR or HDR), margin status and the use of EBRT. As monotherapy for high/intermediate grade sarcomas with negative margins, the dose is 45 to 50 Gy for LDR and 30 to 54 Gy in 2 to 4.5 Gy/fraction given twice daily. As a boost, the preoperative EBRT dose is considered. The HDR dose ranges from 12 to 20 Gy for 2 to 3 days every 12 hours, while LDR ranges from 15 to 25 Gy. High-quality imaging is critical for radiation therapy planning, especially in individuals with sarcoma, especially MRI.

In brachytherapy, the patient will have catheters placed along the surgical site, ideally with a spacing of 1 to 1.5 cm. Catheters should not be placed over critical structures, cross catheters, or displace tissue. Catheters are implanted parallel to each other; it is also possible to have multiplane implants. Treatment usually begins 2 to 4 days after surgery. The clinical target volume (CTV) should encompass the entire tumor bed with a longitudinal margin $\geq$ 2 cm and a radial margin $\geq$ 1 cm. For each treatment, the site and integrity of the catheters should be examined. For organs at risk, various dose constraints can be used(12,31,32).

CONCLUSIONS

It is important to know how to recognize, evaluate and adequately treat soft tissue sarcomas, these sometimes represent a challenge, both diagnostically and therapeutically due to their special character, the infrequency of their occurrence and the difficulties in predicting outcomes. A proper differential diagnosis of the pathology must be made in order to better direct management. Developments in imaging, improvements in surgical techniques and complementary treatment methods such as radiotherapy, brachytherapy, among others, have enhanced the treatment of individuals affected with these rare disorders. A diligent preoperative study is required, consisting of an MRI to show the extent of the tumor. The current surgical approach for sarcoma resections consists of a wide en bloc resection. Surgery alone for high-grade sarcomas has a recurrence rate of 33% at 5 years, so adjuvant radiotherapy is recommended.

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A TALE OF TWIN CITY: ANALOGY OF GROWTH AND DECAY IN PRESENT AND FUTURE

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a comparative spatial analysis of urban growth and decline trends in the Indian cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. While geographically proximate, the two cities have experienced markedly different urbanization trajectories shaped by their contrasting origins, planning regimes, and governance. Historic Cuttack reflects an organic morphology with a dense, convoluted core and incremental peripheral growth. Planned Bhubaneswar exhibits an orderly layout with designated functional zones radiating from the center. However, both cities grapple with emerging challenges including deteriorating heritage cores, unmanaged peri-urban expansion, inadequate infrastructure in informal settlements, and spatial disparities.

Through mapping of past and projected future patterns, the study delineates locations of growth and decline and their spatial correlations. Findings highlight the significance of economic drivers, land use policies, transportation networks, and other determinants in divergent urbanization. The research recommends integrated planning approaches embracing inclusion, sustainability, and participatory governance principles to address these complex dynamics. By comparing Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, insights emerge to inform policies fostering economically vibrant yet livable cities, applicable across urbanizing India.



Figure 1 Odisha Map showing Cuttack (green) and Khordha (Yellow)
Source: MyMaps

2.BACKGROUND

2.1 Location

Cuttack and Bhubaneswar are the two largest urban centers in the state of Odisha, India. Located in the Mahanadi River delta region, the cities are only 30 kilometers apart. However, they have distinct historical identities and spatial patterns of growth.

With a population of over 600,000, Cuttack serves as the former capital and oldest inhabited city in Odisha, dating back to the 9th century. The city is situated at the head of the Mahanadi delta and was a major port and trading center in medieval times. However, the city lacks orderly planning and has congested old quarters interspersed with open spaces.

In contrast, Bhubaneswar is a planned city established in 1948 to serve as the new capital of Odisha. It has expanded considerably in recent decades with a current population of around 850,000. Located inland from the coast, Bhubaneswar enjoys orderly growth and development coordinated by the Bhubaneswar Development Authority.

While both cities are now heavily urbanized, Cuttack has a longer history and complex spatial structure. Bhubaneswar reflects post-independence urban planning ideals. Comparing their urban growth and morphology would provide insights into the evolution of urban form in India. The contrast also highlights the impacts of planning versus more organic development patterns.

2.2 History

Cuttack City

Over the past few decades, the inner city of Cuttack has experienced significant growth in various areas, including population, urbanization, and infrastructure development.

Population growth has played a crucial role in the city's expansion. According to the Census of India, Cuttack's population increased from 4,81,873 in 1991 to 5,34,654 in 2001, and to 6,06,007 in 2011. This rapid increase in population has resulted in a demand for more housing and other essential facilities such as schools, hospitals, and shops.

Urbanization is another factor that has contributed to the growth of Cuttack's inner city. Urbanization refers to the process of people migrating from rural areas to urban areas. As Cuttack became more developed, it attracted more people from neighbouring towns and villages. This influx of people has led to the establishment of new industries and businesses within the city, thereby contributing to its economic growth.

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Infrastructure development has also played a significant role in the city's growth. Over the years, the government has invested heavily in improving the city's transportation network, including the construction of new roads, bridges, and flyovers. This has made it easier for people to travel within the city and to neighbouring areas.

For instance, the construction of the Subhas Bose Bridge in 2018, which connects the twin cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, has significantly improved connectivity and accessibility between the two cities.

The inner city of Cuttack has experienced significant growth over the past few decades, driven by various factors such as location, culture, transportation, government policies, and education. One critical factor contributing to the growth of Cuttack's inner city is its strategic location. Cuttack is situated on the banks of the Mahanadi River, providing a crucial source of water for the city's residents. Moreover, the city's proximity to the river has made it an essential center for trade and commerce. (Kumar, 2020)

Cuttack's rich cultural heritage has also played a vital role in the city's growth. Cuttack's cultural heritage, dating back to the Kalinga period, has also played a vital role in the city's growth. The city has several significant temples, including the Cuttack Chandi Temple, which attracts thousands of pilgrims every year. In addition to the temple, the city has several other tourist attractions such as the Barabati Fort, the Netaji Birth Place Museum, and the Maritime Museum. These sites draw in large numbers of tourists, contributing to the city's economy. The city is home to several temples, including the Cuttack Chandi Temple, a major pilgrimage center for devotees of the Goddess Chandi. The temple attracts thousands of visitors every year, contributing significantly to the city's economy. (Times of India, 2016)

Transportation is another factor that has contributed to Cuttack's growth. The city is located at the crossroads of several major highways and rail networks, making it an essential transportation hub. transportation hub. The city's transportation network is another crucial factor contributing to its growth. Cuttack is well-connected to other parts of the country through several national highways, including NH 16, NH 53, and NH 55, as well as the East Coast Railway network. The city also has an excellent intra-city transportation system, with several bus routes, taxis, and auto-rickshaws. The government has initiated several projects, such as the Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Project, to further enhance the city's transportation infrastructure. (Government of Odisha, 2023). This has led to the establishment of several industries and businesses in the city, contributing to its economic development. (Planning Commission, 2014)

The government has also played a crucial role in Cuttack's growth by implementing various policies and initiatives. For instance, the Smart City Mission was launched to transform Cuttack into a smart and sustainable city. The mission aims to use technology to improve the city's infrastructure and services, enhance its livability, and promote economic growth. (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, 2015).

The government's policies and initiatives have also contributed significantly to Cuttack's growth. The city has been included in the Smart Cities Mission, a flagship program launched by the government to promote sustainable urban development. The mission aims to leverage technology and innovation to improve the city's infrastructure, services, and overall liveability.

Finally, Cuttack's educational institutions have also contributed to the city's growth. Ravenshaw University, one of India's oldest and most prestigious universities, is located in Cuttack. The university has provided quality education to the city's residents and attracted students and scholars from all over the world. (Ravenshaw University, n.d.). There are Sri Sri University and the National Law University Odisha. These institutions attract students and scholars from all over the country and abroad, contributing to the city's intellectual and cultural vibrancy.

Bhubaneswar City

Bhubaneswar city, located in the state of Odisha, has seen substantial growth and development in recent years. The city's inner areas have undergone significant transformations, with several factors contributing to this growth. One of the key drivers of Bhubaneswar's growth has been its designation as the capital city of Odisha in 1948. Since then, the state government has invested heavily in the city's infrastructure and services, making it a hub for administration, education, and commerce. (Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, n.d.)

The population of Bhubaneswar has grown from around 300,000 in 1991 to over 1 million in 2021, making it one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. This growth in population has resulted in the expansion of the built-up area of the city. The built-up area of the city has increased from around 25 square kms in 1991 to over 135 square kms in 2021, reflecting a growth rate of over 400%. (Bhubaneswar Development Authority, 2011; Census of India, 2021)

The city's transportation network has also played a crucial role in its growth. Bhubaneswar is well-connected to other parts of the state and country through several national highways, including NH 16, NH 55, and NH 16A, as well as the East Coast Railway network. In addition, the city has a well-developed intra-city transportation system, with several bus routes, taxis, and auto-rickshaws. (Government of Odisha, 2021)

Bhubaneswar's education sector has also played a significant role in its growth. The city is home to several prestigious universities and colleges, including the Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, National Institute of Science Education and Research, Xavier University, and KIIT University. These institutions attract students and scholars from all over the country and abroad, contributing to the city's intellectual and cultural vibrancy. (Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, n.d.)

The city's cultural heritage, dating back to the Kalinga period, has also contributed to its growth. Bhubaneswar has several significant temples, including the Lingaraj Temple,

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Mukteswara Temple, and Ananta Vasudeva Temple, attracting thousands of pilgrims every year. In addition, the city has several other tourist attractions such as the Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves, the Dhauli Peace Pagoda, and the Regional Science Centre. These sites draw in large numbers of tourists, contributing to the city's economy. (Odisha Tourism, n.d.)

The government's policies and initiatives have also contributed significantly to Bhubaneswar's growth. The city has been included in the Smart Cities Mission, a flagship program launched by the government to promote sustainable urban development. The mission aims to leverage technology and innovation to improve the city's infrastructure, services, and overall liveability. (Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, 2015)

2.3 Importance

As Odisha's former capital, Cuttack remains an important commercial, educational, and cultural hub. However, Bhubaneswar now eclipses Cuttack in economic and political significance as the modern capital. With major institutions and rapid growth, Bhubaneswar is a rising tech and education hub. While Cuttack retains its heritage, Bhubaneswar leads development as the prime urban center driving Odisha's future. Their shifting prominence mirrors the state's progression.

2.4 Objectives of the study

This study undertakes a comparative spatial analysis of urban growth and decay patterns in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.
Cuttack has grown incrementally over centuries into a dense, convoluted urban fabric with congested old quarters and pockets of decline.

Bhubaneswar was planned post-independence as a modernist capital city, reflecting rational ordered layouts.
These contrasting urban forms provide an analytical lens to examine how growth and decline have manifested spatially.
The study will:

- Map current and projected spatial patterns of expansion and deterioration in each city using geospatial techniques
- Identify and compare locations of growth versus decay
- Assess correlations between influential factors like planning policies and outcomes using spatial statistical tools

By doing so, the research aims to:
•Elucidate complex interrelationships between planning paradigms and spatial dynamics of growth and decay
• Advanced understanding of sustainable urban morphologies
•Offer insights into strengths and weaknesses of planned development versus organic growth patterns found in Indian cities.
The comparative approach examines how divergent origins and planning regimes shape the spatial manifestation of urban change processes. Findings will enhance knowledge on managing growth and decline for liveable, efficient cities.

2.5 Overview of theories and factors influencing urban growth and decline

There are some theories advocating spatial growth in the twin city such as:

1. Central place theory helps explain the dominance of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar as urban hubs providing goods and services to surrounding rural hinterlands. Their strategic locations allowed them to emerge as central places for regional administration, commerce, and cultural activities.
2. Migration theory provides insights into the urban expansion of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar driven by rural-urban migration within Odisha. Migrants are attracted by greater employment opportunities, education, healthcare, and amenities in these major cities.
3. Suburbanization theories elucidate the more recent centrifugal growth and sprawl of built-up areas into the peripheries of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. Population and economic decentralization to the urban fringes are shaped by factors like inner-city congestion, transportation networks, lower land costs, and aspirational housing demand.
4. Human ecology theories assist in understanding how neighbourhoods in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar have evolved distinct social and physical characteristics based on the interplay between their inhabitants and environments. Different community identities, incomes, ethnicities, and migrant origins interact with the built environment.

These foundational urban theories provide frameworks to analyze the locational advantages, migratory flows, sprawling morphologies, and socio-spatial segregation patterns that have shaped the divergent growth trajectories of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

Key factors influencing growth and decline include:

- Economic drivers - industrialization, influx of investments creating jobs and opportunities
- Infrastructure development - transport networks, utilities facilitating growth
- Governance - proactive planning and policies to attract people and investments
- Geography - locations near resources, transport corridors, or hindered by hazards
- Demographic shifts - influx of working age populations due to migration and natural growth
- Sociocultural trends - evolving cultural preferences shaping settlement patterns
- Environmental issues - pollution, hazards, climate risks degrading urban areas

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Figure 2 Cuttack City Map with ward boundaries



Figure 3 Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation in shaded pink area

3. DISCUSSION OF MODELS AND FRAMEWORKS FOR ANALYZING SPATIAL PATTERNS

a. The concentric zone model outlines the tendency for cities to develop in concentric rings, with Cuttack exhibiting older commercial cores surrounded by transitional neighborhoods and industrial peripheral zones. Bhubaneswar reflects sectoral development radiating from the city center.
b. The multiple nuclei model recognizes the clustered growth around scattered nodes seen in Cuttack's organic fabric. Bhubaneswar reflects the unitary planned nature of its layout.
c. Spatial interaction models analyze the flows of people, goods and information between places. These flows differ greatly between the congested lanes of Cuttack and highway networks of Bhubaneswar.
d. Cellular automata models simulate urban morphologies emerging from localized interactions between adjacent city blocks. These can show how small-scale incremental development in Cuttack creates more complex forms than Bhubaneswar's planned structure.
e. Agent-based models represent human behaviors shaping urban growth. Custom models could examine how migrants' housing location choices differ in the two cities.

3.1 Data-Based Analysis

Year	Cuttack city	Cuttack district	Bhubaneswar city	Khordha district
1971	232975	1624470	137811	1517133
1981	273871	1840214	223200	1695464
1991	406918	2021738	411542	1951646
2001	534654	2371541	648032	2633203
2011	606007	2624470	837737	2251171

Table 1 Population Analysis over last five deacdes

Source: CMC, BDA

The table data reflects divergent demographic trajectories for Cuttack and Bhubaneswar from 1971-2011.

- Bhubaneswar's population grew remarkably from 138k to 838k, far outpacing Cuttack's growth from 233k to 606k.
- Bhubaneswar exhibited massive expansion as Odisha's new capital city, aligned with the state's economic and urban development.
- Cuttack's growth slowed as it ceded administrative importance, though it maintains cultural and commercial significance.

Similar trends are seen at the district level:

1. Khordha district grew rapidly by 35% in 2001, reflecting Bhubaneswar's metropolitan expansion.
2. But its 14% decline in 2011 indicates the separation of Bhubaneswar into its own urban agglomeration.
3. Cuttack district showed steady moderate growth between 10-17% each decade, in line with Odisha's overall population growth rate.
4. The divergent patterns underscore the breakneck urbanization of Bhubaneswar-Khordha versus the more gradual growth in Cuttack's historical hinterland.

Bhubaneswar's ascendance as the capital city is the prime demographic driver differentiating the two interconnected districts

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Regression Equation for Population Growth:
POPULATION=0·1.0261^{YEAR}
Correlation: r= 0.9861
R-squared: r^2= 0.9724
Equation of straight line is $y=mx+b$, where Slope is m and Intercept is b
$m=n\sum xy-\sum x\sum yn\sum(x2)-(\sum x)2$
$b=\sum y-m\sum xn$

The values are calculated using the following table

X	***y***	***x*=(*X*-199110)**	***x*2**	***x*·*y***
1971	232975	-2	4	-465950
1981	273871	-1	1	-273871
1991	406918	0	0	0
2001	534654	1	1	534654
2011	606007	2	4	1212014
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$\sum X$=9955	$\sum y$=2054425	$\sum x$=0	$\sum x2$= 10	$\sum x\cdot y$=1006 847

Table 2 Regression Equation Table for Population growth

To find the value of Slope m

$m=n\sum xy-\sum x\sum yn\sum(x2)-(\sum x)2$

$\therefore m$=5·1006847-0·20544255·10-(0)2

$\therefore m$=100684.7

To find the value of Intercept b

$b=\sum y-m\sum xn$
$\therefore b$=2054425-100684.7·05

$\therefore b$=20544255

$\therefore b$=20544255

$\therefore b$=410885

So the required equation is $y= mx+b$

y=100684.7x+410885

$\therefore y$=100684.7(X-199110)+410885

$\therefore y$=10068.47X-19635438.77

The (x,y) points and line y=-19635438.77+10068.47X on a graph

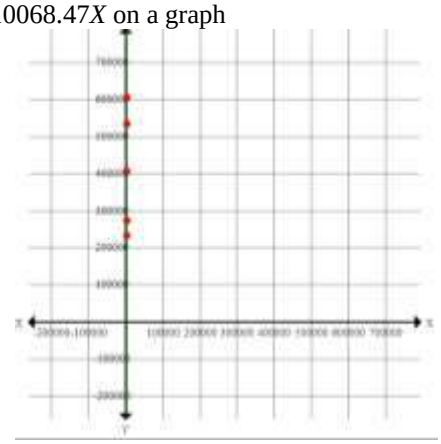


Figure 4 Plotted Graph for population regression analysis
Source: Author

4. PRESENT-DAY SPATIAL PATTERNS OF GROWTH AND DECLINE: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

Cuttack:

- The old city areas near the Mahanadi riverbank like Buxibazar, Manglabag have experienced depopulation and decline due to congestion, dilapidated housing, and lack of infrastructure. Residents have shifted to newer planned areas in the western, southern and southeastern periphery.
- Peri-urban expansion is occurring rapidly in villages and settlements in the south and southeast sectors like Tangi, Choudwar and Banki which are less constrained by the river and offer vacant land for development. Unplanned

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growth has led to the emergence of slums and squatter settlements in these areas.

- Satellite towns are emerging along major transportation corridors leading out from Cuttack such as Khurda Road, Jajpur Road, Paradip. This indicates decentralized population growth in the regional hinterland.

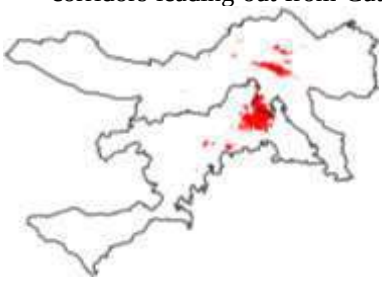


Figure 5 Built up Area 2005-06

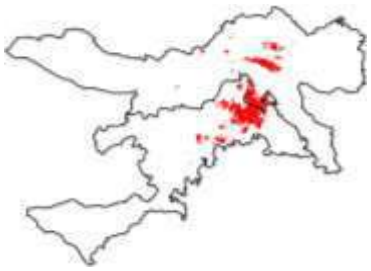


Figure 6 Built up Area 2011-12

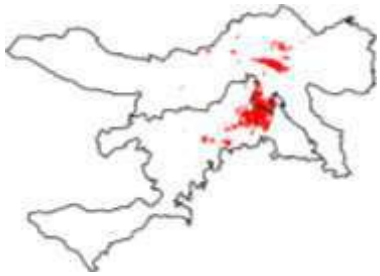


Figure 7 Built up Area 2015-16

Source: Author

Bhubaneswar

- As a planned city, most population growth has been concentrated in the designated residential neighborhoods of the city's master plan such as Chandrasekharpur, Sahid Nagar, and Patia. These areas have seen rapid in-migration from within Odisha.
- Uncontrolled peri-urban areas like Jatni, Khurda, Balianta have also seen haphazard development and in-migration, leading to the growth of informal settlements and pockets of decline due to lack of infrastructure.
- The city's east-west physical expansion is constrained by geographical features on both sides. So most growth has followed a north-south corridor along NH-5 and the rail line.
- In the southern periphery, affluent gated communities and luxury apartments have sprung up, catering to high-income professionals. These areas exhibit stark contrasts with informal settlements nearby.

5. PRESENT-DAY SPATIAL PATTERNS OF GROWTH AND DECLINE: ECONOMIC GROWTH

Cuttack

- The old city center areas like Chandi Chawk, Buxi Bazar have declining economic activity and investments due to congestion and encroached public spaces.
- New commercial nodes are developing along major transportation routes, like Bidanasi on the Cuttack-Puri road. Retail, offices, and logistics facilities are concentrating in these areas.
- Industrial growth is occurring in the western outskirts in villages like Kanpur, Rasulgarh where land is available for factories and ancillary services.

Bhubaneswar

- As the state capital, major public sector and IT companies concentrate in the designated zones like Chandaka Industrial Park, Infocity, and Patia IT Hub.
- New malls, commercial complexes, and business districts are emerging in the western planned neighborhoods like Rasulgarh, Jaydev Vihar.
- Unplanned peri-urban areas struggle to attract formal economic activity and rely on informal retail, services, and small-scale manufacturing.
- Promoted as a tourism hub, activity is expanding near Bhubaneswar's temples and historic sites. But congestion hampers growth in areas like old Bhubaneswar.





Figure 8 Contrasting Economy of Cuttack and Bhubaneshwar Source: Google

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6. PRESENT-DAY SPATIAL PATTERNS OF GROWTH AND DECLINE: PHYSICAL GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Cuttack:

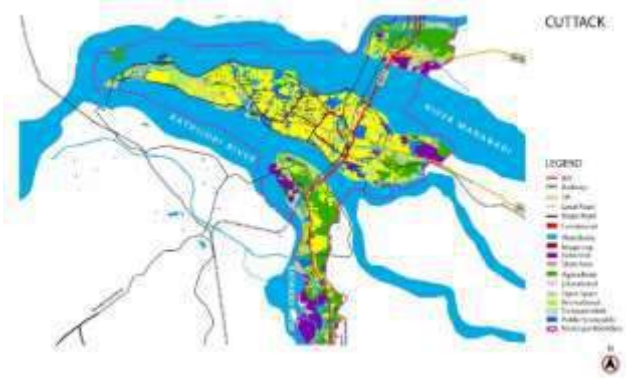


Figure 9 Landuse Map 2018 Cuttack City Source: CDA

- Old city areas like Chauliaganj suffer from congested housing, narrow streets, and lack of water supply, sewerage, and drainage. This infrastructure deficit repels residents and businesses to newer areas.
- Peripheral areas like Tangi, Choudwar have seen unplanned housing and commercial growth. But lack of commensurate infrastructure like roads, power, sanitation has led to emergence of informal settlements and slums.
- New townships like Bidanasi and CDA and Trishulia along highways boast better-designed houses, water supply, power, accessibility. These attract migrants from the hinterland.

Bhubaneswar

- Planned neighborhoods like Saheed Nagar, Jaydev Vihar offer orderly growth, amenities, open spaces, attracting investment and high-income residents.
- In contrast, unplanned peri-urban areas have seen haphazard construction and lack public transit, sanitation, green spaces. This spurs irregular migration and slum proliferation.
- East-west expansion faces constraints like hills, forests. But recent new highways have opened up north-south corridors like Sukhua-Kalinga Nagar to growth.
- Water supply, sewerage, drainage remains inadequate in old Bhubaneswar. Development is hampered despite the area's tourism potential.

7. MAJOR FACTORS OF GROWTH AND DECLINE IN TERMS OF SPATIAL VANTAGE

Economic Drivers

1. Areas with investment, employment hubs and presence of formal sector attract migrants and spur growth (e.g. IT hubs in Bhubaneswar)
2. Decline in traditional commercial areas with congestion, encroachments due to lack of new investment (e.g. old Cuttack city center)

Infrastructure Development

1. Areas with better connectivity, housing, amenities and infrastructure facilities see progress (e.g. planned neighborhoods in Bhubaneswar)
2. Inadequate basic infrastructure like water supply, sewerage leads to decline (e.g. old city areas of Cuttack)

Governance and policies

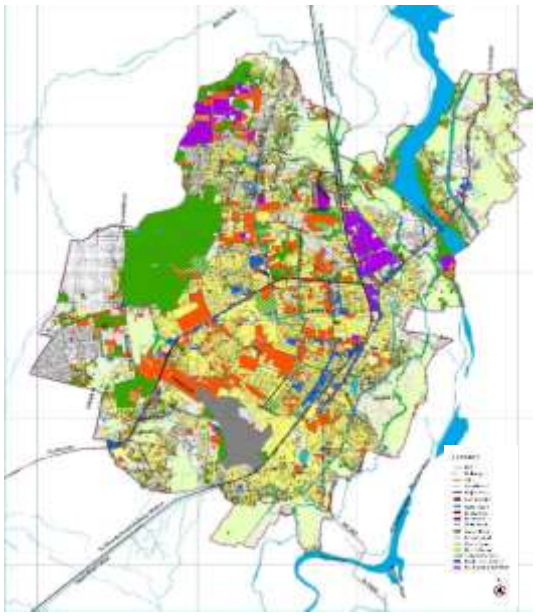
1. Proactive planning, zoning and policies enable growth in intended areas (e.g. designated zones in Bhubaneswar master plan)
2. Unplanned areas see haphazard, insufficient developments (e.g. peri-urban fringes with informal housing)

Geography and location

1. Outlying areas with vacant land, transport links attract new developments (e.g. Cuttack peripheries along highways)
2. Constraints like hills, forests, rivers limit growth in certain directions (e.g. east-west expansion of Bhubaneswar)

Demographic shifts

1. In-migration and population concentration in areas with jobs, amenities (e.g. Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar)
2. Depopulation where liveability declines (e.g. old Cuttack city)



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7.1 Future spatial patterns based on projected population and economic trends:

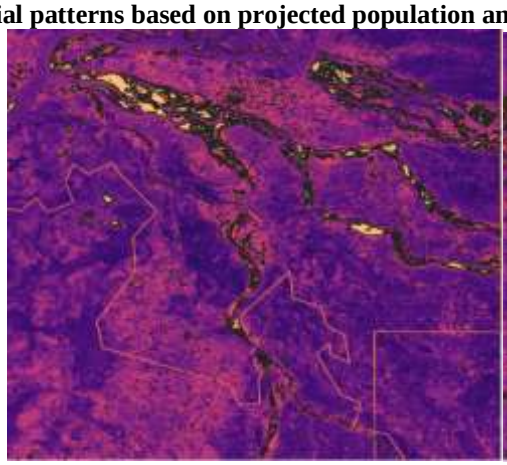


Figure 10 Growth of Cities 2000s (Yellow Shaded)

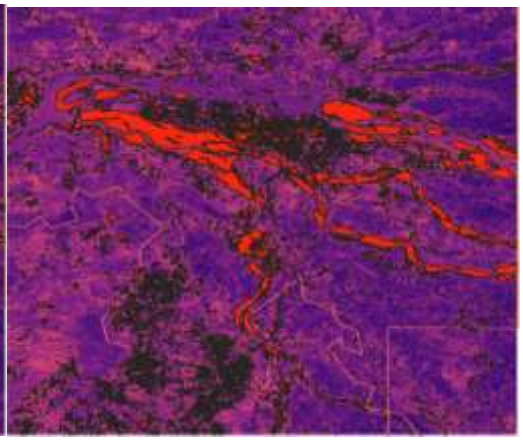


Figure 11 Growth of Cities 2010s (Red Shaded)

Cuttack

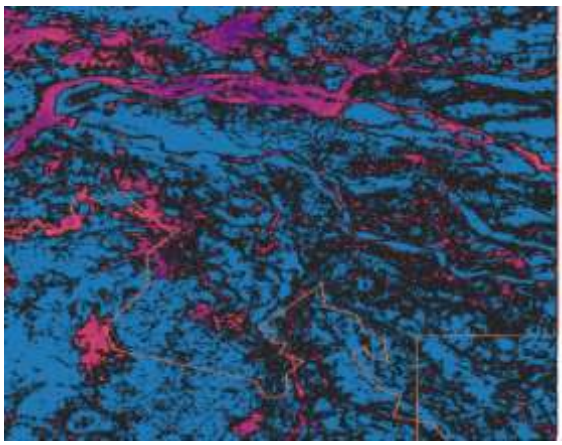


Figure 12 Growth of Cities 2020s (Magenta Shaded)

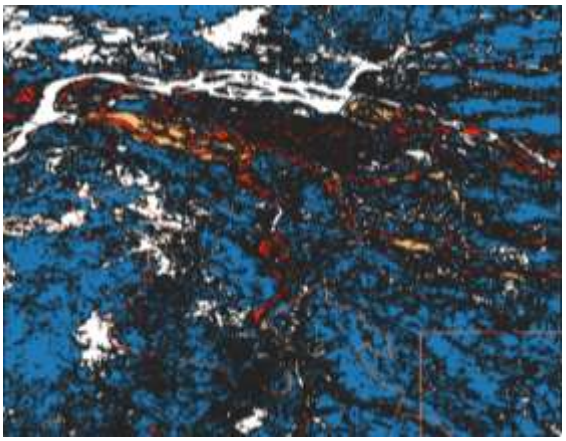


Figure 13 Current situation of Cities 2022 (Red composite)

Source: Author

- Population is projected to grow at a moderate pace driven by births and intra-state migration. This could concentrate in emerging peripheral townships along major transportation routes.
- Economic expansion predicted in tertiary sector services, retail, small-scale manufacturing. Could accelerate growth around newly planned commercial nodes on arterial roads.
- Industrial growth projected near proposed SEZs in western periphery. Would expand built-up area outwards via rail/road connectivity.

Bhubaneswar

1. Population projected to grow rapidly with continued in-migration of working age groups seeking jobs. Likely to intensify housing demand in western planned areas.
2. Robust economic growth predicted, especially in IT/ITES, education, healthcare, tourism and hospitality sectors. Would bolster expansion in designated zones of the master plan.
3. Peri-urban areas could see haphazard mixed developments without commensurate infrastructure. Risk of deteriorating livability and congestion.
4. Environmental protection needed as growth pressures encroach on forests, wetlands surrounding the city's fringes.

8. SOME KEY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN CUTTACK AND BHUBANESWAR AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS:

Cuttack

I. Proposed Metro rail project could ease congestion and boost connectivity between the old city, new areas and periphery. Needs integrated land use planning to maximize accessibility.

II. Development of new Cuttack Choudwar Urban Complex across 30 sq km on the city's southeast with residential, commercial and industrial areas. Could drive peri-urban growth if infrastructure kept pace.

III. Expansion of Bidanasi-CDA township and Trishulia township with improved housing, amenities, and road networks. Would attract more population but increase pressures on groundwater, environment.

Bhubaneswar

I. Khurda-Jatni Urban Complex planned across 95 sq km to channel metropolitan expansion in eastern corridor. Success depends on transit connectivity and structured growth.

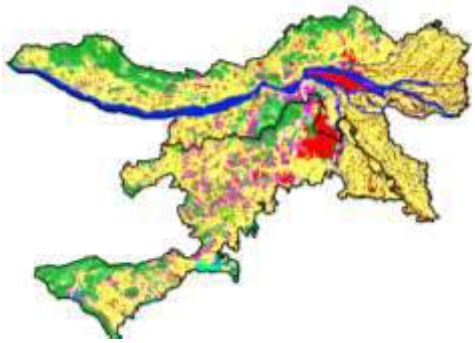
II. Proposed for Puri-Konark urban agglomeration to boost tourism-based economy. Need coordinated efforts to balance growth across the urban system.

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III. Master plan envisions new zones for residential, institutional and recreational areas. But space constraints could complicate implementation.

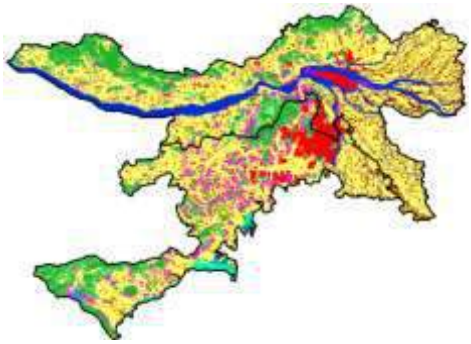
IV. Transit-oriented development is needed along proposed Bus Rapid Transit and Metro routes to fully leverage infrastructure.

9. SPATIAL GROWTH AND DECAY SHOWING SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN GROWTH AND DECLINE SPATIAL PATTERNS:



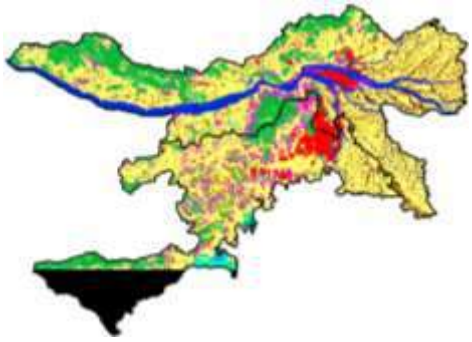
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Figure 14 Spatial Growth of built up areas and decay of the green patches of the region 2005-06



Source: Author

Figure 15 Spatial Growth of built up areas and decay of the green patches of the region 2011-12



Source: Author

Figure 16 Spatial Growth of built up areas and decay of the green patches of the region 2015-16

Differences

- Cuttack reflects more clustered growth patterns in old city and around traditional nodes. Bhubaneswar shows sectoral expansion from city center.
- Cuttack growth along major transit corridors has fostered emerging satellite townships. Bhubaneswar growth remains concentrated within official planning boundaries.

Similarities

- Both cities exhibit declining old city cores with congestion, lack of investment and infrastructure deficit repelling populations.
- Peri-urban areas in both cities undergoing rapid unplanned growth leading to emergence of informal settlements, slums due to lack of commensurate infrastructure.
- Spatial concentration of economic assets and high-income neighborhoods in planned zones with good amenities versus deprivation in unplanned areas.
- Outward spread into peripheral villages facilitated by major transportation networks and availability of vacant land.
- Cuttack has less spatial constraints, so growth proceeds rapidly in all directions. Bhubaneswar has major east-west barriers shaping linear north-south growth.
- Cuttack's decline more localized in old neighborhoods. Bhubaneswar has scattered pockets of deprivation based on planning gaps.

While divergent in morphology, spatial inequalities persist in both cities warranting urgent policy attention.

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10. OVERVIEW OF THE RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE OF FACTORS INFLUENCING THE DIVERGENT URBAN FORMS AND STRUCTURES OF CUTTACK AND BHUBANESWA

- Cuttack's organic and incremental growth over centuries has produced a more clustered and convoluted urban form. Key factors include:
- Tradition and culture shaping the location of old temples, marketplaces and settlements along the Mahanadi riverbank. This defined the historic city core.
- Economic trends leading to the shift of commercial nodes along new transportation corridors that emerged with industrialization and globalization.
- Limited governance in planning and infrastructure provision, especially in newly developed peripheral areas.

In contrast, Bhubaneswar's planned development as a modern capital has yielded a more orderly structure:

- Urban design principles and architecture influenced the city's concentric layout with designated functional zones.
- Local geography constrained the east-west expansion, funneling growth along a north-south corridor.
- Institutionally coordinated planning and infrastructure provision, attracting investments to intended growth poles.
- However, both cities grapple with emergent slums, congestion and decline in older areas warranting deeper policy interventions.

In summary, Cuttack's form has evolved more organically over time while Bhubaneswar reflects strong planning conceptions.

However, dynamic economic and demographic forces continue to reshape these cities warranting adaptable, equitable and sustainable planning approaches.

11. IMPLICATIONS ON EXISTING URBAN PLANNING AND POLICIES IN THE TWIN CITY REGION

- Integrated planning is needed to coordinate land use, transportation networks and infrastructure development. This can address gaps leading to unplanned growth and decline across both cities.
- Inclusive zoning policies and equitable provision of basic amenities to lower income areas can mitigate emerging disparities between formal and informal settlements mostly the old areas.
- Transit-oriented development should be prioritized along major transportation corridors and metro rail networks to steer growth toward intended nodes.
- Stricter development controls are required for environmentally sensitive peripheral areas to conserve wetlands, forests and prevent haphazard sprawl.
- Capital investments and incentives can help revive traditional commercial districts through façade improvements, decongestion and local economic development plans.
- GIS-based land information systems can improve monitoring and transparency in land use planning if adopted across municipal agencies.
- Improved urban data collection and monitoring mechanisms to track demographic shifts, infrastructure gaps, land use changes. This can inform dynamic planning.
- Heritage conservation plans needed to preserve historic assets and revitalize old city areas, especially in Cuttack.
- Housing policies to expand affordable and well-designed options for the influx of migrants and lower-income groups.
- Slum rehabilitation programs to upgrade informal settlements with in situ development providing basic amenities.
- Green space requirements for all new developments to strengthen environmental quality and community health.
- Form-based codes to promote mixed land use, walkability and context-sensitive designs, especially in new zones.
- Coordinated capacity building across planning agencies on topics like GIS, urban economics, sustainable transport etc. to strengthen technical expertise.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

To address the divergent spatial patterns of growth and decline in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, an integrated regional planning approach is crucial. This should involve a coordinating body overseeing harmonized strategies across municipal boundaries. Inclusive zoning policies and equitable infrastructure provision, especially in underprivileged areas like Cuttack's old quarters (Chauliaganj, Buxi Bazar) and Bhubaneswar's unplanned peripheries (Jatni, Khurda), can mitigate socio-economic disparities.

Transit-oriented development along proposed metro/BRT corridors (e.g., Cuttack-Bhubaneswar route, Puri-Konark urban agglomeration) should promote compact, mixed-use neighborhoods. Environmental conservation measures, like stricter regulations and green initiatives, are needed in sensitive areas surrounding both cities, such as the Mahanadi riverbank in Cuttack and forested fringes in Bhubaneswar.

Comprehensive heritage conservation plans should revitalize Cuttack's historic precincts (Chandi Chawk, Buxi Bazar) through adaptive reuse, public-private partnerships, and local economic development strategies. Affordable housing policies and slum rehabilitation programs (in-situ development) are essential, particularly in informal settlements like Tangi and Choudwar (Cuttack), and Balianta (Bhubaneswar).

Data-driven planning, leveraging GIS and land information systems, can improve monitoring and decision-making across agencies. Capacity building, especially in sustainable transportation and climate-resilient planning, should strengthen municipal institutions. Participatory approaches involving stakeholders are vital for community-driven, inclusive development.

Regular master plan updates and adaptive management strategies are needed to keep pace with rapid urbanization. By implementing these location-specific recommendations, Cuttack and Bhubaneswar can foster sustainable, equitable growth while preserving their unique identities.

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13. CONCLUSION

This comparative study analyzed the divergent spatial patterns of growth and decline in the adjacent cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. While located proximately, their distinct histories and planning regimes have produced markedly different urban forms. Cuttack evolved organically over centuries into a convoluted fabric with congested old quarters and peripheral sprawl. In contrast, Bhubaneswar was planned post-independence on modernist conceptions of order and functionality. However, both cities now exhibit challenges like deteriorating cores, unmanaged peri-urban growth, and socio-economic disparities.

The analysis identified the relative significance of factors like policies, geography, and investments in shaping urban morphology. It illuminated how these forces interact to produce varying patterns of progress and decline across space. The research underscores the need for coordinated governance, integrated planning, and inclusive policies that address emerging inequities. As Cuttack and Bhubaneswar rapidly urbanize, leveraging their divergent strengths while mitigating common shortfalls is essential for twin goals of economic dynamism and livability. The study provides vital insights to inform policies and planning practices for sustainable urban development in these and similar Indian cities.

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CONGENITAL DEVELOPMENTAL MALFORMATIONS OF THE HEARING ORGAN (REVIEW)

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SUMMARY

The paper provides an overview of scientific sources relating to congenital malformations of the external ear, including changes in the size, position, structure of the auricle, etc.

Purpose of the study *the mechanism of formation of malformations of the external ear, their classification and methods of diagnosis and treatment.*

Material and methods. *The work uses bibliosystematic and analytical methods for searching and analyzing scientific information obtained from available scientific publications.*

Results. *Congenital malformations can be complex and varied , and considerable attention has been paid to their unification. The article describes typical defects of the tubercles, combined defects, their classification by severity and location. A wide range of clinical and instrumental research methods have been developed that are used to diagnose hearing defects, as well as methods for treating ear defects.*

Conclusions. *Malformations of the hearing organ are a complex pathology that requires careful attention and highly qualified doctors. Treatment of patients with this pathology is complex, multi-stage and expensive. Implant prosthetics can provide patients with full-fledged hearing.*

KEY WORDS: *developmental defects; outer ear; middle ear; curls; classification; prosthetics.*

INTRODUCTION

According to WHO, about 15% of children are born with developmental abnormalities. Congenital in development are persistent disorders of structure, function or metabolism that arise in utero as a result of disturbances in the development of the embryo, fetus or, sometimes, after the birth of a child - as a result of a violation of the further formation of organs. Given the complex embryological development.

Since the ear, these defects can affect its individual parts or occur in various combinations. Defects of the external ear include changes in the size, position, structure of the auricle, annotation , anteriorization of the auricle, parotid enlargements , auricular sinuses and fistulas. The external auditory canal (EA) can be aplastic (atretic) or hypoplastic.

The outer ear is formed in the 5th week of embryonic development . According to Helms (1994), defects of the outer ear often appear without defects of the middle or inner ear, and vice versa. This is explained by the different development of embryogenesis [9]. Ishimoto et al . (2005) believed that with certain defects of the auricle, 6–33% have additional defects of the ossicles, 6–15% have defects of the round and oval window, 15% have pneumatization of the mastoid process, 36% have a malformation of the facial nerve and 42% have shortcomings of the sulfur chloride [10]. The inner ear is formed at 4 weeks of intrauterine development. According to Marangos (2002), defects of the oval and, less commonly , round windows may occur [30]. Most often this occurs due to arrest or disruption of embryonic development. Aplasia, hypoplasia and labial defects occur - r int and sensory pathways. The aqueduct of the vestibule may be narrow or widened (Sennaroglu ,Saatci , 2002)[40]. The internal auditory canal may have defects, in particular, arteries and nerves (especially the facial nerve) may be displaced (Swartz , Faerber , 1985) [45].A combined ear defect known as congenital auricular atresia (malformations of the outer and middle ear with atresia of the external ear) occurs in 1:10,000–1:15,000 newborns (Ishimoto et al ., 2005; Klaiber , Weerda , 20; in 15–20% of cases, bilateral defects are observed [10].

Epidemiology

According to Thorn (1994), the frequency of ear defects is 1:3800 among newborn defects [47]. The incidence of malformations of the external ear is 1:6000 (Brent , 1999), severe malformations occur in 1:10,000–1:20,000 newborns (Weerda , 2004), very severe malformations or aplasia - in 1:17,500 newborns . The prevalence of microtia is 3:10,000 (Schloss , 1997) [39].

In 58–61% of cases, defects of the outer and middle ear concern the right side, of which 70–90% are unilateral (Weerda , 2004; Swartz , Faerber , 1985; Thorn , 1994) [52]. Defects can also be bilateral (Marangos , 2002; Sennarogl) [30, 40].

Etiology. Approximately 30% of birth defects are associated with syndromes that include other defects or loss of function of an organ or organ system. In particular, the following genetic syndromes are known, in which congenital ear defects are observed: otofascial dysostosis (Thriller- Collins syndrome , Goldenhar syndrome), craniofacial dysostosis (Crouzon syndrome , Apert syndrome), otopervical dysostosis (Klipp syndrome), otoskeletal dysostosis (Van der Hoewe D e Klein syndrome, Albers -Schoenberg syndrome), chromosomal syndromes (trisomy 13 chromosomes - Patau syndrome ,

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trisomy 18 chromosomes - Edwards syndrome, trisomy ; 21 chromosomes - Down syndrome, 18q syndrome).
There are non-syndromic ear defects. These include only ear anomalies without any defects. Jahrsdoerfer Kim (2004) suggests a high probability of the frequency of spontaneous gene mutations in genetically determined defects (syndromic and non-syndromic) [16]. Autosomal recessive type of inheritance in 90% and an X-linked type of inheritance in 1% (Thorn , 1994) [47].
Acquired defects arise due to the negative influence of exogenous factors during pregnancy: infections (Coxsackie virus , rubella, cytomegalovirus , ECHO virus, etc.), radiation, chemicals (quinines, cytostatics , antibiotics), factor incompatibility , hypoxia (Thorn , 1994)[47]. According to Katzbach et al . (2006), the risk factor is bleeding in the first trimester of pregnancy and metabolic disorders (for example, diabetes mellitus (DM)) [20].

There are several options for classifying ear defects:
– classification according to Weerda (2004) – includes deficiencies of the auricle and the auricle [39];
– classification according to Altmann (1955) – includes congenital malformations of the inner ear [2] ;), Jackler et al . (1987), Jackler , De La Cruz (1989) – include defects of the inner ear [30, 40,13].

Disadvantages of the auricle include, in particular, ear fistulas and ear cysts. Most often, cysts and fistulas are first discovered when inflammation occurs . Upper cervical fistulas and ear fistulas are rootstocks of the CSC due to changes in the first branchial cleft. Fistulas and cysts are lined by squamous epithelium , and their most common location is preauricular and the area around the helix of the auricle (Weerda , 2004) [39].

The following types of hands and fistulas are distinguished:
Type I is a “doubling” of the SSC, lined with skin, running parallel to it and ending blindly above or lateral to the facial nerve. Most often found in the area behind the ear.
Type II are true duplications of the SSC, lined by skin and often containing cartilage. Such cysts and fistulas can :
– blindly end in the transition area between the cartilaginous and bone parts of the SSC;
– opens in the area of the anterior part of the musculus sternocleidomastoideus .
Figure 1 depicts the embryological periods of development of the auricle and the reflection of its tubercles (Weerda , 2004) [39].
As the degree of dysplasia increases, the severity of the defects increases (Weerda , 2004) [39].
There are several classifications of ZSP flaws. By Weerda et al ., 2004 [39] distinguish:
– stenosis of the spinal cord type A – noticeable narrowing of the spinal cord along the entire length;
– stenosis of the spinal cord type B – characterized by the temporary development of the spinal cord with complete atresia in the medial part;
– type C stenosis includes complete bony atresia of the spinal cord .

Due to the close interconnected development of the CSC and the middle ear, combined defects called congenital atresia can occur. Altmann (1955) identified them in a separate classification [2]. Three degrees of severity are described (Fig. 2):

Defects of the 1st degree - mild deformation, small deformities of the spinal cord, normal or somewhat hypoplastic tympanic cavity, deformed auditory ossicles and well- pneumatized soscope and - body process.

Defects of the II degree – moderate deformation; blind ending of the third or absent third, narrow tympanic cavity, deformation and fixation of the auditory ossicles, decreased pneumatization of the mastoid cells.

Defects of the 3rd degree – severe deformations; The SSC is absent, the middle ear is hypoplastic, and the auditory tassels are significantly deformed; complete absence of pneumatization of the mastoid process.
Middle ear defects can be isolated or combined.

Kosling et al . (1997), Müller (1991) distinguish three degrees of severity of isolated middle ear defects:
Light defects – normal configuration of the tympanic cavity + dysplasia of the auditory ossicles. Moderate defects - hypoplasia of the tympanic cavity.

us + vestigial or aplastic auditory tassels .
Severe defects – aplastic or slit-like tympanic cavity [26, 31].

In 10–47% of cases, severe middle ear defects (sometimes with CSC defects) can be combined with inner ear defects, especially in combination with microtia (Swartz , Faerber , 1985; Ishimoto et al ., 2005) [45], [10].

Following the Kösling classification et al ., 1997) isolated defects of the auditory ossicles are classified as a mild group and are described as “minor” defects of the middle ear [31].

To diagnose hearing defects, a wide range of clinical and instrumental research methods are used .

Audi Iometry is the most important functional study for patients with ear defects. Physiological tests for children under 3 years of age include tympanometry , otoacoustic emissions (OAE), and auditory evoked potentials. For older children, traditional total or behavioral audiometry is used. In young children and in patients with multiple defects, a repeat study should be carried out for accuracy (Weerda , 2004; Klaiber , Weerda , 2002; Katzbach et al ., 2006)[52, 24, 20].

Genetic testing is recommended for patients with an autosomal recessive or X-linked recessive disease (heterozygous testing) (Lehnhardt , Koch , 1994; Katzbach et al ., 2006; Aretz et al ., 2006) 3].

Clinical examinations (newborns with ear deformation should undergo examination of craniofacial structures. A thorough examination of the skull , face, neck is performed regarding

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facial proportions, configuration, symmetry, occlusion, masticatory apparatus, swallowing, sensory functions, speech, voice). Perform a thorough examination of the functions of the middle ear. In addition to examining the ears, attention is paid to anatomical features that may jeopardize the successful operation (adenoids, severe curvature of the nasal septum, the presence of a cleft palate, etc.).

According to Schüller , Stenvers and Maier , traditional radiography is of little value in the diagnosis of ear defects. High-resolution computed tomography (HRCT), with its clear imaging of bony structures, is useful in depicting changes in the outer ear, OH, middle ear, and mastoid . anatomical considerations when planning cochlear implantation (CI) (Weerda , 2004; Kösling et al ., 1997; Siegert et al ., 1996; Greess et al ., 2002) [52, 26, 42, 7].

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is suitable for imaging the membranous labyrinth, the neural structures of the internal auditory canal, and the pontine angle. MRI is the only method for demonstrating senohelical non - r- VA simultaneously with the assessment of intracranial segments of the facial nerve.

There are certain signs of ear defects that can be detected on a CT scan . For example, impaired aeration of the tympanic cavity, defects of the ossicles, deformation of the auditory ossicles, caudal-stapedal joints, hypoplasia of the tympanic cavity, stenosis/occlusion of the oval and round window, incomplete development of the helix (normally 2.5 turns) , dysplasia of the vestibule, abnormal course of large vessels base of skull and facial nerve To assess the possibility of performing reconstructive surgery on the middle ear in a patient, a middle ear CT scale was developed (Table 2). Patients with unilateral congenital atresia and a score of 8 or more are considered suitable candidates for surgery; those with bilateral ear involvement and a score of 5 or less are not considered for surgery (Jahrsdoerfer et al ., 1992) [16].

Treatment of ear defects includes combined reconstruction of congenital auricular atresia and severe microtia . For example, for patients with grade III microtia and congenital ear atresia, an operation is performed that includes extraction of autogenous cartilage, production and implantation of an auricle frame. The eardrum and SSC are prepared in advance and stored in a subcutaneous pocket. During the next stage, a new frame is lifted, which is combined with an operation for atresia, using the tympanic membrane and 3D. At the third stage, the cavity of the concha is deepened, the SSC is opened and closed with a skin graft. When auricular plastic surgery is combined with functional middle ear surgery, no additional operations are required . Prefabrication of the TSC and tympanic membrane (creating them from custom-made tissues for use in reconstructive surgery) produces reliable and desirable results.

To restore and improve hearing function, implant prosthetic systems are used: bone conduction implants (BAHA and Bonebridge ; BB) and active middle ear implants (Vibrant Soundbridge ; VSB), stimulating wax cells of the cochlea and CI, stimulating nerve structures. All implantable hearing aid systems provide the desired results for patients with hearing loss.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Malformations of the hearing organ are a complex pathology that requires close attention and highly qualified physicians.
2. Treatment of such patients is complex, unpredictable and expensive.
3. Thanks to the possibility of implantation hearing prosthetics , it is possible to provide patients with full-fledged hearing, which contributes to their integration into society.

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AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE GENDER-BASED INEQUALITIES IN INDIAN EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

In India the previous educational policies along with NEP-2020 advocates the universalisation of education and equal opportunities of education in every sphere. But the present-day scenario for women is quite different, especially in the rural parts of the State. Girls face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination in society which denies their Right to Education 21(A). At every transitional phase of education, the girls are segregated and face significant challenges in accessing equal and inclusive educational opportunities. Increase of numerical data in favour of girl child inclusion in educational sectors does not uphold equalization of education in its true sense. Those who are vulnerable and marginalised are more prone to be denied of their rights, in spite of having a good number of inclusiveness in the education sector in the last few years. The present article seeks to find out the answer of few pertinent questions regarding equal opportunity of girl education in India. Policies ensuring enrolment only and not preparing a balanced society may spoil the true spirit of equal opportunity concept. This cannot define equality as a whole, until it satisfies the parameters of quality education and empowerment, which uphold women in the same strata with that of male counterparts. This article envisages the problems and challenges faced by women in gaining equal opportunity of education.

KEYWORDS: *Empowerment, Equal opportunity, Gender, Psycho-physical, NEP-2020, Inclusive*

1. INTRODUCTION

The answer to a very popular question - What does equal opportunity in education mean? -is beyond any simple explanation as it follows multiple layers of interpretation in terms of gender, ethnicity, belief, economic status, psycho-physical barriers etc. The girl children are denied of their fundamental rights in many ways in spite of several programmes, projects and initiatives undertaken by both the central and state governments, along with constitutional provisions. Gender inequality in Indian education is a serious issue. Inequalities are important in various dimensions- Education, health, employment etc. During the last few decades, we have seen a rapid change in the enrolment ratio in schools and colleges in favour of women. This has reduced the gap quantitatively. But in real situation, the women are still deprived of their societal, economic, domestic accessibility. In present times, there have been several opportunities and rights which are available for girls to increase their rapid representation in Indian education. Universalization and concepts like equalization of education has promoted their situation. Although the fact in reality is quite different, as the picture shown by our societal viewpoint does not approve girls to be the decision makers. Rather, we have seen them as subjugated towards the patriarchal constructs. Until or unless you provide the power of decision making to the girls, the real measure of their participation with their male counterparts is invalid. This Paper seeks to find out the causes behind these poor conditions of women even in 21st century, in spite of several provisions of the Constitution and government policies running. Therefore, mere increase in the number of girl students does not satisfy the argument that women are being empowered. Their qualitative upliftment is the utmost important thing in establishing the concept of equalization of education because giving scope only and not availing societal benefits does not make any sense.

2. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF EDUCATION

According to Kothari Commission, "On grounds of social justice as well as for furtherance of democracy, it is essential to make special efforts to equalize educational opportunities."

Equal opportunities for each individual follow the elimination of all factors that cause exploitation and inequality. Sex, caste, religion, language, race, colour, political opinion, national or social origin, economic considerations, place of birth, etc. are a few examples of these factors. Equality does not presuppose that every person possesses the same abilities. When someone is competent, they should have equal access to educational opportunities regardless of their gender, caste, religion, language, race, colour, political viewpoint, country of origin, economic status, or place of birth. This is known as equality in education. The concept of equality does not entail that every person has the same potential. Every person should be afforded opportunities commensurate with their inherent abilities.

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The following perspectives on the idea of equal educational opportunity are presented by B. R. Goyal (1983), with particular relevance to India:
(i) All Indians should receive a minimal degree of education. (ii) The primary criterion for allocating educational opportunities should be the students' intrinsic potential and ability.
(ii) In India, neighbourhood school systems are preferable to common school systems, and need-based curricula are preferable to common curricula since they help students build competencies.
(iii) If a student is unable to support himself, he should be prepared to take advantage of educational opportunities through loans or scholarships.
(iv) Taking advantage of educational possibilities and recognising the value of education in gaining employment or a place in life should go hand in hand.

The prevailing perspective of the notion of equal educational opportunity holds that it encompasses the subsequent three dimensions: (i) Equality in educational opportunities; (ii) Equality in the benefits of education (Common School System); (iii) Equality in the social standing attained through educational achievements.

In addition to this, following concerns must be considered in defining equal opportunity: Various scholarships, stipends, exemptions (e.g., from examination costs and tuition fees), educational loans, and other subsidies. Free education up to the primary level. 3. No cost midday meals, clothes, and literature 4. Opportunity for personalised instruction; 5. Removing the financial crisis for opportunity disparities.

The Directive Principle states in Article 85 that "the State shall endeavour to provide free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen." This implies universal retention, universal physical facilities, and universal enrolment. Universalization of primary education refers to the broad enrolment, infrastructure provision, and retention policies. Equal educational opportunities are important because:
Equal educational opportunities are essential for a country's rapid development; they will expand the search for talent among all citizens; they will help to establish a close relationship between the need for skilled labour and a society's workforce needs; they are required for the establishment of an equitable society; and they are important because they guarantee that all citizens in a democracy receive an education. A gap in societal achievement without it will exist, and the economy will suffer as a result. All students can acquire the information and abilities necessary to engage with society and contribute positively when there is equity in the educational system. Furthermore, granting every child an equal start will benefit people on a personal, regional, and national level in terms of the economy and society.

3. CONSTITUTION AND EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY

i. Equality Before the Law: In accordance with Article 14 of the Indian Constitution, the state shall enact and implement laws that are equal for all. No person on Indian territory would be denied the protection of equality or equal law by the state. Each person shall have the right to petition the court to have his rights upheld.

ii. Elimination of Discrimination on the Basis of Religion, Race, Caste, Sex, or Place of Birth: The Indian Constitution's Article 15 declares that no one shall be subjected to discrimination by the state on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth, among other things. This includes the elimination of discrimination based on these factors. No citizen will be prohibited from using public restrooms, hotels, movie theatres, tanks, wells, or baths.

iii. Equal Opportunities for State Services: Article 16 of the Constitution states that no citizen shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, religion, caste, or class in order to be appointed to a government job or office. That means that any position in India, no matter how high, is open to all Indian citizens. Men and women will not be treated differently.

iv. Eradication of Untouchability: Untouchability has been permanently abolished by Article 17. Any restriction resulting from untouchability has been deemed illegal.

v. Prohibition of Titles: During British control, individuals were prohibited from receiving decorations based on their possessions, among other factors, which led to social discrimination. According to Article 18 of the Constitution, a citizen cannot accept an award from a foreign state without the President's approval, with the exception of military and educational honours.

vi. RTE, 2009: All children aged 6 to 14 are entitled to free and compulsory education.

The aforementioned constitutional articles, which uphold the principles of equality and freedom, also outline the equality of men and women in all sectors of life. As such, they are necessary to establish equal opportunity in education.

4. PRESENT SCENARIO IN EDUCATION

Following India's independence, the government increased the standard of education for women there by implementing a number of policies. Because of this, the rate of female literacy has increased over the past three decades, growing at a faster rate than the rate of male literacy. By the end of 2001, 54.16% of Indian women had obtained a formal education, compared to just 22% in 1971. The rate of increase in female literacy is 14.87%, whereas the rate of increase in male literacy is 11.72%. Again, in 2011, we observe the rate increasing and reaching the 65.46% milestone. This definitely poises a great positive picture of women being uplifted at least in the field of education. Even our daily experiences in schools, colleges, universities depict the same picture, the number of female-participation in education is increasing. But this massive increased scenario dims when we reach the higher classes. NEP-2020

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envisages the GER for higher education at 50% by 2035. Therefore, the decreased enrolment in higher studies is visible and so is the situation.

Table 1:

Years	Persons	Growth	Males	Growth	Females	Growth
1951	19.33	-	27.16	-	8.86	-
1961	28.30	8.97	40.40	13.24	15.35	6.49
1971	34.45	6.15	45.96	5.56	21.97	6.62
1981	43.57	9.12	56.38	10.42	29.76	7.79
1991	52.21	8.64	64.13	7.75	39.29	9.53
2001	65.38	13.17	75.13	11	54.16	14.87
2011	74.04	8.66	82.14	7.01	65.46	11.3

Source: Census of India Reports

Literacy Rate and Decadal Growth Rate: 1951-2011

4.1 The term 'Enrolment' and its complexities

Enrolment of students does not satisfy the criteria for equal opportunity in education. There lie several other factors like retention, provide quality education, societal upliftment etc. Increase in quantitative data may not be the true reflection of equal opportunity in education. If you push the idea of Enrolment maintaining the previous patriarchal mind-set then it is not possible to fume up the girls in our society. We may feel that the numbers are increasing, hence this is a good sign; No! That's not true. Numbers do not qualify the quality of the concept because to fulfil the objectives can only define the term in its true sense. So, my view is to define and explain the term from Multiple facets, otherwise it may not be understood or misunderstood. Despite effort to educate women, the dropout rate for girls is still high after secondary education. So, a thought must be paid to it. We must understand- Why quantitative gender inclusive data may curtail the very spirit of equal opportunity of education? The quantitative gender inclusive data may work as a pseudo picture for equal opportunity of education. This very concept is like a skeleton with out its spirit. The spirit lies in its objectives: i. To empower the women in larger context, ii) to make them decision makers, ii) to take part in social activities just like their male counterparts, iv) to utilize resources equally, V) to make society where no patriarchal constructs exist. If we are failing to gain these objectives, which evidently structures the female position in society, shows the inevitability of curtailing the true definition of equal opportunity of education. An example of the previous phenomena can be seen here:

Table 2:

Share of participation at work across India from 2014 to 2022, by gender

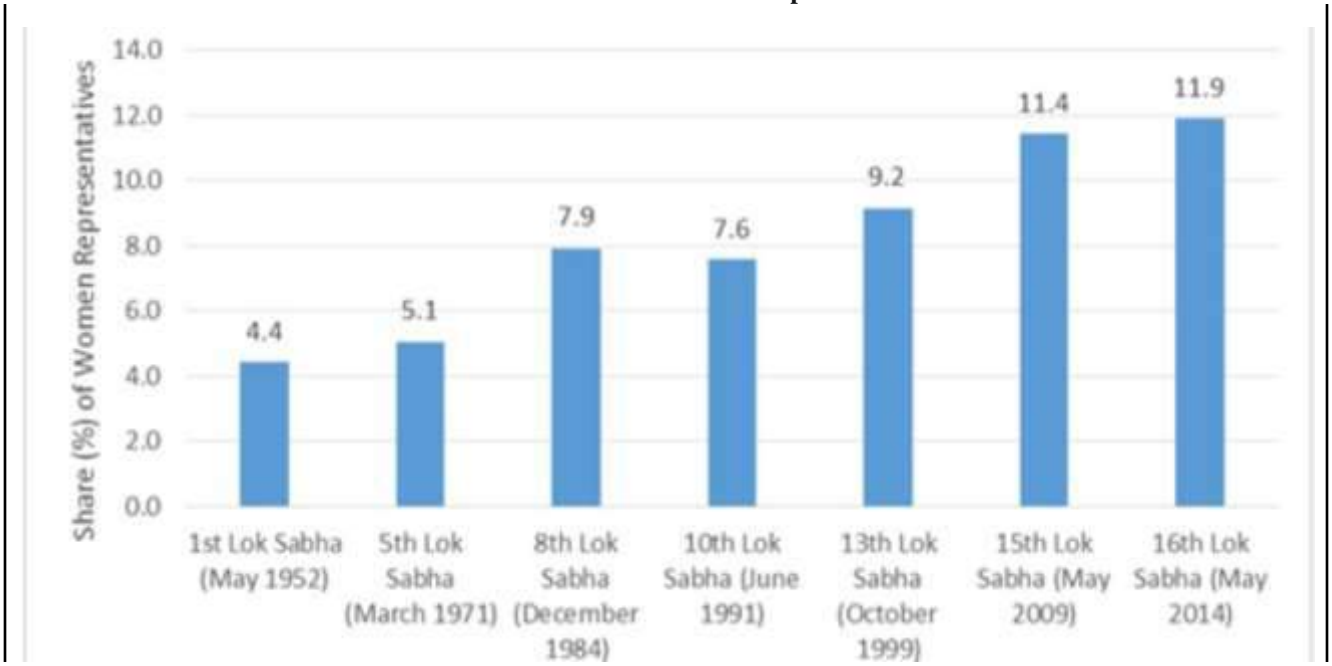
Years	Male (%)	Female (%)
2022	67%	33%
2021	64%	36%
2020	77%	23%
2019	75%	25%
2018	77%	23%
2017	71%	29%
2016	68%	32%
2015	70%	30%
2014	71%	29%

Retrieved from: https://www.statista.com/statistics/1043300/india-work-participation-by-gender/

The above chart shows a glimpse of what number of women ar participating at work place which shows a poor correlation and uphold social backwardness for women. The male participation rate in work place is double the female participation.

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Table 3:
% Share of women in Indian parliament



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This data shows the poor female participation in decision making especially in political decision making. Only about 12% of women in 2014 (by latest) participates in democratic decision making. This scenario is even poorer when looked at into domestic field. Therefore, my argument lies in the fact that if this is reflection of equal opportunity of education and huge number of enrolments in primary, secondary and higher studies, then there is few obvious constraints. Either we are failing to gain the objectives or there is problem in understanding the spirit of equality of opportunities in education. Policies, provisions are there for the betterment of women life in every sphere, if we can't provide that then it would be an entire failure.

5. FACTORS FOR INEQUALITY IN EDUCATION

- **Lack of Decision Making:** One of the major constraints of inequality lies with the lack of decision-making power in favour of women. Domestically, Socially, Politically they lack this and the Patriarchy remains strong.
- **Family:** Lack of awareness and familial pressure is a hurdle for Inequality. Gender biased decisions in family against girl child cause problems in participating in education. Besides that economic condition of the family is another serious concern.
- **Society:** Patriarchal society doesn't allow women to take any upper hand. Even though they are given any opportunity that is bound to another direction. Thus the politics of Patriarchy and society restraints women from several opportunities even education.
- **Personal issues:** Women having personal psychological, societal issues may themselves come in between education and equality. Their personal choice sometimes brings Inequality.
- **Population, Child marriage:** Taboos may be cause behind sudden closure in education. Early marriages, pressure of population curtail the opportunity of equality in education.
- **Scholarship only means of earning:** Scholarships now-a-days become a mode of income for students. They enrol their names only to gain the monetary benefit. They have no interest in education. Wasting of these leads to inequal access to education as this leads to educational failure.
- **Lack of infrastructure:** Infrastructural deficiencies in schools, colleges lead to inequality. If girls are not provided with basic amenities in the institutions then that would be a major constraint.
- **Security:** Another issue is security. If girls don't feel secured and there have been security issues then that may cause inequal access of education too. In Indian society unwanted situations are very common especially for women. Hence, Security must be ensured for equal opportunity of education.

6. NEP-2020 & GENDER INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

The NEP 2020 seeks to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" by 2030. The NEP 2020 intends to meet this challenge through its Gender Inclusion Fund (GIF). The fund will be used to provide

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quality education to all students. The policy further says, "This fund will also enable states to support and scale effective community-based interventions that address local context- specific barriers to female and transgender children's access to and participation in education". Building of toilets, girls' hostels are recommended. Another remarkable proposal made in the policy is to enhance the number of women in several institute heads. Recruitment of female teachers and reduce gender gaps are major concern of this policy. The NEP 2020 will also focus on the safety and security of school-going girls both inside and outside the campus. This policy focuses more on quality so as to achieve the true spirit of 100% enrolment in primary education.

7. CONCLUSION

Policies ensuring enrolment only and not preparing a balanced society may spoil the true spirit of equal opportunity concept. This cannot define equality as a whole, until it satisfies the parameters of quality education and empowerment, which uphold women in the same strata with that of male counterparts. This article tried to highlight the problems and challenges faced by women. Increase of numerical data in favour of girl child inclusion in educational sectors do not uphold equalization of education as it fails to fulfil the objectives and parameters associated with this concept. Therefore, if we can address this fundamental area of explanation then at least we might face equality of opportunities in education by keeping the spirit

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INVOLVEMENT OF DOSHA IN RAKTA PRADOSHAJA VIKARA – A REVIEW ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

"दोषधातुमलमूलं हि शरीरं" [1]

In ayurveda the tripods of life in human body are Dosha, Dhatu and Mala.

"Dharanaya poshanaya iti Dhatu"

Dhatus are important structures as they hold the body and provide nutrition to the body. Any kind of disturbance in dhatus can affect body to a large extend and could be a result of various disorders. Knowledge of involved Dosha, creating structural or functional disturbance in any particular Dhatu is highly beneficial in the field of treatment. Rakta dhatu is the second Dhatu which is responsible for Jivan or life in the body[2]. If Rakta Dhatu gets vitiated by the Doshas then it leads to Rakta pradoshaja vikara. Acharya Charak has considered Kushtha, Visarpa, Pidaka, Raktapitta, Asrigdara, Gudapaka, Medhrapaka, Ashyapaka, Plihavridhi, Gulma, Vidradhi, Nilika, Kamala, Vyanga, Piplu, Tilakalaka, Dadru, Charmadala, Switra, Pama, Kotha, Ashramandala[3] under Raktapradoshaja Vikara which are seen widely now a days. Hence an attempt is made to elaborate the involvement of different Doshas in Rakta pradoshaja vikara for getting accurate treatment.

KEYWORDS: *Dosha, Rakta, Rakta pradoshaja vikaras*

INTRODUCTION

Human body is composed of Dosha, Dhatu and Mala. The three Doshas Vata, Pitta and Kapha are the functional unit. Dhatus are important in the body as they provide base to the body and maintain equilibrium in the body. According to Acharyas Dhatus are seven in number i.e Rasa, Rakta, Mansa, Meda, Asthi, Majja and Sukra. Rakta dhatu is the main poshak in the body and it provide base to the body. According to Acharya Sushruta

"देहस्य रुधिरं मूलं रुधिरेणैव धार्यते|
तस्माद्यत्नेन संरक्ष्यं रक्तं जीव इति स्थितिःII[2]

The gunas *Visrata, Dravata, Raga, Spandan, Laghuta[4]* signifies the panchabhoutika property of Rakta Dhatu. Doshas affect the gunas of Rakta Dhatu and produce disease.

The Rakta pradoshaja vikaras are Kushtha, Visarpa, Pidaka, Raktapitta, Asrigdara, Gudapaka, Medhrapaka, Ashyapaka, Plihavridhi, Gulma, Vidradhi, Nilika, Kamala, Vyanga, Piplu, Tilakalaka, Dadru, Charmadala, Switra, Pama, Kotha, Ashramandala[3]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To find out the doshic involvement in Raktapadoshaja vikara as per Ayurvedic perspective. . This paper is a sincere effort to understand doshic involvement in Raktapradoshaja vikara, which will be beneficial for treatment as well as preventive purpose.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

This is based on the conceptual study of *Ayurveda Samhitas*, available research updates on internet and journals were searched, compiled and analyzed.

CONCEPT OF RAKTAPRADOSHAJA VIKARA

KUSHTHA [5]

Due to intake of Nidanas the vitiated three doshas Vata, Pitta and Kapha along with impaired Twak, Rakta, Mansa, Ambu together constitute seven essential entities which play role in pathogenesis of Kushtha. Kushtha can be classified into seven Mahakushtha and eleven Kshudrakushtha. Single Dosha can't cause Kushtha on its own i.e Kushtha isn't a Nanatmaja disease.

The Mahakushtha are seven types that are Kapala, Udumbar, Mandala, Rushyajihwa, Pundarika, Sidhma, Kakanaka Kushtha.[6]

KAPALA KUSHTHA

In Kapala kushtha ; due to intake of nidana Vyana vayu get vitiated and it vitiated Rasa Dhatu. Due to vitiation of Rasa Dhatu it vitiated Rakta Dhatu. As pitta is the Ashrayi of Rakta[7]; Pitta (Bhrajak Pitta) gets vitiated. Bhrajak Pitta present in skin[8]

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and vitiated twak. As more Vata vitiated; Vatik lakshan produce on skin.

UDUMBAR KUSHTHA
In Udumbar Kushtha; due to intake of nidana Pitta Dosha get vitiated. As Rakta is the Ashraya of Pita;[7] Rakta gets vitiated and it moves all over the body due to Vyana Vayu.[9] Due to more vitiation of Bhrajak Pitta it reflects on skin.[8] As more pitta get vitiated; Paittika lakshan produce on skin.

MANDALA KUSHTHA
In Mandala Kushtha Kapha dosha get vitiated. As Rasa Dhatu and Mansa Dhatu are the Ashraya of Kapha[7] so Kapha get vitiated. Due to vitiation of Rasa Dhatu; Rakta Dhatu gets vitiated and due to sanga of Kapha; Vyana vayu takes Pitta and Kapha all over the body. As more Kapha vitiated, Slaishmika lakshan seen on the skin.

RISHYAJIHWA KUSHTHA
In Rishyajihwa Kushtha; due to nidan sevan Vyana Vayu and Bhrajak Pitta vitiated more. Vyana Vayu present all over the body and Bhrajak Pitta present on skin.[8] So, on skin Vatika and Paittika lakshan developed.

PUNDARIKA KUSHTHA
In Pundarika Kushtha Kapha Dosha get vitiated. As Rasa Dhatu is the Ashraya of Kapha;[7] Rasa Dhatu get vitiated and it vitiated Rakta Dhatu.Pitta is the Ashraya of Rakta[7] so Pitta (Bhrajak pitta)[8] get vitiated.In Pundarika Kushtha there is more vitiation of Pitta and Kapha, so in twak paittika and slaishmika lakshana are developed.

SIDHMA KUSHTHA
In this case Vyana Vyu get vitiated and it vitiate Rasa Dhatu. As Kapha is the Ashrayi of Rasa Dhatu[7] so Kpha get vitiated Vyana Vayu takes Kapha all over the body and sthana sanshraya on Raktavaha srota and it produce on skin.

KAKANAKA KUSHTHA
Due to nidan sevan vyana vayu get vitiateds and it vitiated Rakta Dhatu. Due to vitiation of Rasa Dhatu it vitiated Rakta Dhatu. As Pitta is Ashrayi of Rakta;[7] Pitta and Lasika get vitiated. Due to vitiation of Rasa Dhatu mansa get vitiated as Ashraya of Kapha. In this case there is more vitiation of tridosha and it reflect on skin.

VISARPA [11]
Due to mithya ahara vihara Vatadi Dosha get vitiated and then it vitiated twak, mansa and Rakta. The kapha obstruct the channel and vata takes pitta all over body and the dosha which in bahirmarga get sthana sansraya in twacha and create bahyashrita visarpa. The dosha which is antahamargasrita get sthana sansraya in antaha Dhatu and create Avyantara Visarpa and the dosha which is uvayasrita marga create uvayasrita Visarpa. Extensive and low rises of sotha produce rapidly and spread all over the body due to Rakta Dhatu.

PIDAKA [12][13]
In Madhumeha/Prameha patients, due to long persisting Dosha imbalance, the body gets deteriorated owing to vitiate Medo-dhatu (adiopose tissue) and increased Kleda (metabolic waste/moisture). Ultimately, aggravated doshas exhibit their symptoms in the surface skin. As Bhrajak pitta get vitiated it vitiate Rakta Dhatu. These Pidaka occurs in mansala pradesha, marma sthana and sandhi. The names of these seven pidaka are Sharavika, Kachhapika, Jalini, Sarshapi, Alaji, Vinata and Vidradhi. All of these pidaka Saravika, Kachhapika, Jalini are kapha pradhan Dushadhya Pidaka. Sarshapi, Alaji, Vinata, Vidradhi are Pitta Pradhan Sadhya Pidaka. Sushruta has 10 nos. of Pidaka, extra three Pidaka from Charak that are Masurika, Putrini, Vidarika.

RAKTAPITTA [14][15]
Due to Nidan sevan Pitta get vitiated and the vitiated Pitta moves from their place to Rakta Dhatu. As Rakta is the Ashraya of Pitta it also vitiated Pitta more and the Pitta vitiated Rakta. The ushna of Pitta excrete the drava of Mansadi Dhatu and the Drava guna of Rakta increases and increase Rakta Dhatu and it moves upward, downward and all Romakupa.So it is divided into three types as per their marga that are Urdhwahga Raktapitta, Adhoga Raktapitta, Uvayashritta Raktapitta. The Pitta gets the name Lohita pitta because after mixing with blood it acquired the colour and smell of blood.

RAKTAPRADARA [16]
The women who consumes excessive salty, sour food, heavy food, fatty diets, meat of domestic and aquatic animals, Krushara,Payasa, Shukta, Mastu etc. causes vitiation of Vata Dosha. Along with this, vitiated Rakta increases its amount and such increased Rakta stays in the Artava vaha srotas and hence immediately increases the menstrual blood. The increased Raja is by virtue of mixture with increased Rakta. The experts named it as Ashrigdara and because of excessive flow of menstrual blood it is called Pradara.

GUDAPAKA AND MEDHRAPAKA[10]
Due to Pittakaraka ahara vihara pitta get vitiated and vitiate Rakta Dhatu. Paka occurs in Guda and Medhra due to ushna guna of Pitta. This Gudapaka and medhrapaka are Pittaja Nanatmaja disease.

MUKHAPAKA [17]
Due to paittika ahara vihara pitta get vitiated, Vayu take the vitiate pitta and enter raktavaha srota. Due to vitiation of Pitta and Rakta paka occurs inside mouth which is Mukhapaka. Movement of Vayu occurs inside all over the Mukha. It produces Arun colour and dryness of wound. Lips become coppry colour and the skin becomes peels off, the tongue doesn't endure cold. The tongue becomes heavy, cracked and full of thorns and the patient opens his mouth with difficulty. In Pittajanya Mukhapaka; daha,pain and bitterness in mouth and ulcer in mouth similar to those touched with kshyara. Symptoms of Raktajanya Mukhapaka is similar to Pittajanya Mukhapaka.

PLIHAVRIDHI/PLIHODARA [18]
The Plihodara is caused by activities like travelling excessively, heavy exercise, that involve violent jerky movements of the body and are done immediately after the meals, ativyavaya, lifting heavy objects, excessive vomiting and emaciation due to

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chronic illness. By the jerky movements etc. the Pliha located on the left side, enlarges and descends to cause enlargement of the abdomen or else, a veriety of dietary factors leading to increament and morbidity of Rasa, Rakta etc. which in turn causes enlargement of Pliha. As Pliha is the mula of Raktavaha srota it vitiates Rakta.
According to Sushruta excess intake of Vidahakaraka ahar and Avisyandi ahara caused vitiation of Rakta and Kapha and vridhi occurs in Pliha.

GULMA [19]
When a person of Vatika constitation, particularly ematiated due to one of the debiliting factors like Jwara, Vamana, Virechana and Atisara, consumes Vata aggravating food or excessively cold food, without snehan and svedan if Virechan dravya consumes, after consuming heavy meals, drinks a lot of fresh water or travels by an excessively jerking vehicles, intensive physical exercise, uses uneven postures in sitting, sleeping, standing and walking, Vata gets vitiated or aggravated. Such vitiated Vata, on entering the Mahasrotas become hardens due to dryness forming a mass or swelling localised in the regions of Hridaya, Vasti, both Parswa and Navi. The condition Gulma is painful and can take the shape of a single swelling or multiple nodules of various type.

VIDRADHI [20]
Due to mithya ahara and vihara vitiated Vatadi Doshas firstly vitiated Twak, Mansa and Meda Dhatu then Ashraya inside Asthi Dhatu and gradually produce Sotha. When this sotha ashraya in Mahamoola, getting painful, round, rectangle shape.

NILIKA [21]
It is Pittaja Nanatmaja vikara. Vata get vitiated and combined with Pitta and suddenly generates a mandala which is painless, black in colour and produce in face and other region of skin.

KAMALA[22]
If a patient of Pandu, excessively follows Pitta vitiating diet and regimen, the Pitta so aggravated by involving the Rakta and Mansa causes Kamala. This Kamala is caused by excess of Pitta is known as Koshthasakhasritta Kamala. Koshthasrita Kamala which occurs as a result of Pitta vridhi in Rakta Dhatu after the use of its aggravating causes has similarity with the mechanism of pre hepatic jaundice or haemolytic jaundice in which more bilirubin is found in blood due to excessive destruction of R.B.C and is not excreted. Shakhashrita kamala is produced due to obstruction of normal pittavaha srotas by kapha and vata, resulting in pitta vridhi in the rakta dhatu. In obstructive jaundice, there is same mechanism in which the bile ducts are obstructed by gall stone or other causes and bile is accumulated in liver, resulting in elevation of blood bilirubin level responsible for yellowness of eye,skin and stool become clay coloured due to lack of bile in the intestine.

VYANGA [23]
Due to Krodha and heavy work, vitiated Vata combined with Pitta comes to the face and suddenly generates a mandala which is painless, small and shyava in colour.

TILAKALAKA [24]
Due to vitiation of Vata, Pitta and Kapha it becomes black colour, painless, sesame seed like mark is called Tilakalaka.

DADRU[25]
This is a type of Kshudrakushtha. Due to vitiation of Pitta and Kapha itching, reddish discolouration, round eruption occurs in skin.

CHARMADALA [25]
It is a type of Kshudrakushtha, due to vitiation of Pitta and Kapha. On the place of Kushtha reddish discolouration, itching, blister formation, pain occurs. No toleration of touch, when touching the Kushtha there is more pain occurs.

SWITRA [26]
Whitish discolouration on skin is called as Switra. Vitiated Dosha combined with Rakta Dhatu produce reddish discolouration. When combined with Mansa Dhatu produce coppery discolouration. When combined with Meda Dhatu produce whitish discolouration called as Switra. When hair follicles in the region get whitish then it is sadhya.

PAMA [25]
The Pama is Pitta-Kapha predominance. When Kushtha is sweta, aruna, shyava colouration and so many Pidaka and itching occur is called as Pama.

KOTHA [27]
Due to intake of cold air, ayoga in Vamana karma or Vegadharana of Chardi, Sitta and Ushnaeffect at a time, Virudha ahara, Vata and Kapha get vitiated and combined with Pitta and affected Twak and Rakta Dhatu produce Kotha.
Ayoga in Vamana karma and Vegadharana of Vamana, then obstruction of Pitta, Kapha and Anna occurs and it produce reddish patches on skin is called as Kotha.

DISCUSSION
Due to vitiation of Pitta and Rakta the disease reflects on the skin because the skin is the site of Bhrajak Pitta.[8] Ranjaka Pitta is responsible for normal colouration of Rakta[8] which gives colour to the skin e. g. in Kamala affected Rakta Dhatu causes yellowish colouration of skin. Due to more intake of Pitta vardhaka ahara vihar it increased Pitta Dosha and direct effect on Rakta Dhatu and Rakta dushti occur. Rakta spreads all over the body.

CONCLUSION
As Rakta is the life of our body, we protect blood by Nidan parivarjana. Due to vitiation of Pitta; Virechan is said to be the best treatment for Pitta and Raktamokshana is for Rakta Dushya and Pitta Dosha. The proper knowledge of Doshic involvement in Rakta pradoshaja vikara as stated in ancient treatise helps the physician in planning proper treatment.

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A PHENOMENOLOGICAL STUDY ON THE ROLE OF SCHOOL HEADS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS

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ABSTRACT

This phenomenological study aimed to explore the roles and experiences of public-school heads in Laak North District, Davao de Oro Division. The study is grounded in Social Learning Theory and Cognitive apprenticeship paradigm which emphasizes the influence of social interaction and observational learning in facilitating the transmission of specialized expertise and competencies. Using purposive sampling, ten (10) public school heads from elementary and secondary who have at least one newly hired teacher in Laak North District were chosen as the participants of this study. The data were analyzed through thematic analysis. Results revealed that the lived experiences of school heads are the following: insufficient time to conduct IPBT; limited funds and resources for the IPBT implementation; lack of readiness of teachers; constant guidance in the induction process; conduct the monitoring and supervision of beginning teachers; and providing support and mentorship to the beginning teachers. To reduce the challenges of the IPBT implementation, school heads have the following coping mechanisms: support and guidance from experienced colleagues and superiors; careful planning of the IPBT activities with the mentors and mentees; regular communication with the beginning teachers and mentors; coaching and mentoring sessions in the induction process; flexibility of school heads in the implementation of IPBT; and habitual reading of IPBT modules and related issuances. Furthermore, the insights of school heads are summarized by the following four (4) themes: continuous professional development for school heads; collaborative effort in the school with the stakeholders; effective communication between mentors and mentees; and strategic planning with the stakeholders. The result of this study is beneficial to public-school mentors, beginning teachers, and DepEd authorities in the implementation of IPBT. These findings provide a comprehensive understanding of the practical realities of IPBT implementation and suggest pathways for enhancing the program's effectiveness through improved support, planning, and communication strategies.

KEYWORDS: *Education, IPBT, Induction Program to Beginning Teachers, mentors, thematic analysis, mentees, Davao de Oro*

INTRODUCTION

The evolution from the Teacher Induction Program (TIP) to the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) introduced by DepEd Order No. 11 series of 2019 marked a significant transformation. However, some school heads are having trouble leading the implementation of the IPBT in their schools, which is challenging. This could be due to a variety of causes, including a lack of resources, insufficient training on the new program, or a lack of clear rules for incorporating the changes into the existing educational system. As a result, there may be discrepancies in IPBT implementation, with some institutions failing to provide the structured and comprehensive support intended for newly hired teachers. This disparity in implementation may impede teacher inductee adaptability and affect the program's overall effectiveness in preparing them for the demands of teaching. Addressing these difficulties is critical to ensure consistent and effective IPBT implementation throughout all schools, in line with the initial mandate outlined in DepEd Order No. 43 series of 2017 and objectives set in DepEd Order No. 11 series of 2019.

In Australia, unclear guidelines for new teacher induction led to variations in program support, resulting in uneven assistance for beginning teachers. This lack of standardization hampers overall effectiveness, emphasizing the need for a coordinated approach (Kearney, 2021). Conversely, in Indonesia, school heads play a crucial role in induction success, but their training varies, risking inconsistent experiences and uneven professional development for beginning teachers (Manoppo et al., 2019). In addition, a study in Turkey highlighted that beginning teachers need strong support systems to adjust to the demands of the teaching profession. Excellent mentoring and induction assistance from school leaders can result to satisfactory teaching performance and yield high student achievement (Hayes et al., 2019).

In the Philippines, the education sector experiences a worker turnover rate of 7.5%. (Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022). Bulawat (2020) points out that insufficient implementation of teacher induction programs may contribute to teacher turnover, focusing on the critical need for improved policy formulation, resource provision, and the paramount significance of an effective Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT). In Cebu, Moral and Zayas (2022) found that more assistance from school heads increases novice teachers' chances of completing the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT), stressing the vital role of leadership in overcoming implementation problems and achieving a 100% completion

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rate. In Sultan Kudarat, challenges encountered in the implementation of induction programs included a lack of financial support from the school, an attitude of lack of commitment, and inadequacy of instructional materials and facilities (Araneta, 2021).

In Laak North District, Division of Davao de Oro, IPBT was introduced last October 2022. The program was immediately implemented in our District in compliance with DO 11, series of 2019, and DepEd Order No. 43, series of 2017. Administrators and mentors underwent 3-Day training on the most recent IPBT, its forms, modules, and administration. Additionally, the IPBT structure is administered in a school-based context under the tight supervision of the primary implementer which is the school head. However, it is worth noting that most school heads in our District may experience difficulties in carrying out their responsibilities in the implementation of IPBT. The observation is based on the fact that their training has been limited to a three-day session covering six modules indicated in the DepEd Order. The primary focus is on the need for additional knowledge and training for school heads to effectively lead the IPBT implementation process.

In my literature reading, numerous studies were conducted on teacher induction programs. A study by Del Rosario and Vargas (2021) recommends having an induction training method that can touch recruits' hearts so that new teachers have long-term retention. Meanwhile, Sanchez-Tarazaga (2022) stated that mentor selection and training are key elements for the success of the induction programs. However, no scholarly studies have focused on the role of school heads in the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) implementation.

Moreover, the need for this study arises from the observed struggles of school heads in the district with the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT), which could lead to issues such as teacher turnover, disrupting the school system, and compromising student learning. This study is conducted because of the larger benefits that orientation programs offer in terms of providing teachers with a thorough understanding of professional practice. Additionally, the study can contribute to improved induction programs, reduced teacher attrition, and the nurturing of highly competent and motivated teaching staff. The findings are anticipated to be used to inform policy, educational practices, and teacher preparation programs. Furthermore, to effectively disseminate the research findings, an outreach strategy involving presentations at academic conferences, publication in peer-reviewed journals, and collaborative partnerships with educational institutions will be employed. This ensures that the research will have a concrete influence on the wider educational sphere.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of this phenomenological study was to explore and understand the role of school heads in the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT). Furthermore, it investigated the roles and experiences of public school heads in Laak North District, Davao de Oro Division.

At this stage of research, the role of school heads in the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) was generally defined as the involvement of school heads in effectively executing the program in their schools. This includes the lived experiences, obstacles, coping mechanisms, and insights gained by school heads in carrying out the IPBT.

RESEARCH QUESTION

The study aims to answer the following research questions:

1. What are the lived experiences of school heads on the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT)?
2. How do the school heads cope with the challenges they encounter in the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT)?
3. What are the insights of school heads on the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) that can be shared with others?

METHODS

This study used the qualitative approach of research, through the phenomenological technique to explore the lived experiences of school heads in the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers. In this study, a phenomenological approach was used to examine the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) implementation. I looked at the different points of view, understandings, and emotions of key persons, particularly school heads overseeing the IPBT.

This phenomenological study involved ten (10) school heads who have at least one newly hired teacher in Laak North District. They were the participants because they had first-hand insight and excellent data sources on IPBT implementation. The ten (10) participants were subjected to a face-to-face or virtual in-depth interview (IDI) to obtain their IPBT implementation experiences. The said number of participants was aligned with the recommendation of Creswell and Poth (2017) that there should be at least three to 15 individuals as participants for a phenomenological study. In this study, the selection of participants from Laak North District was based on the following inclusion criteria: (a) must be an elementary or secondary public school head in Laak North District, Division of Davao de Oro; (b) must have at least one newly-hired teacher with 0-3 years from hiring date who are undergoing or completed the IPBT program; and (c) must be willing to share their experiences. Moreover, exclusion criteria were based on the following parameters: (a) individuals who do not hold the position of school head or who are not designated as Officer-in-Charge (OIC); and (b) school heads whose current assignment is outside the geographical scope of Laak North District were not included in this study.

Moreover, thematic analysis was utilized to analyze the data of the study, using the method outlined by Braun and Clarke (2022) to discern and examine noteworthy elements in the in-depth interview conducted. This procedure entails breaking down and reassembling ideas into broad themes (Creswell et

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al., 2013). Additionally, it involves organizing and converting textual information into practical transcripts using a coding framework.

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Induction Programs for Beginning Teachers

Frederiksen (2020) broadens the definition of induction to include distinct phases, structured organizational frameworks, and cognitive processes, thereby establishing it as an essential pedagogical process rather than merely a transitional phase. This viewpoint enhances the comprehension of induction as a holistic and continuous procedure, as opposed to a simple commencement into the vocation. According to McGeehan (2019), the induction period can have a profound impact on the decisions of newly appointed teachers concerning their ongoing dedication to the field, functioning as a period of development or unease. He added that it is a critical stage in the professional development of an educator which necessitates an immediate and smooth assimilation into the duties and obligations of teaching.

Additionally, comprehensive induction programs are multifaceted structures that include mentorship, professional development, observation, and reduced teaching burdens (Keese et al., 2022). More so, in Israel, support systems are given significance throughout the induction phase, providing insights into the implementation of mentoring programs and seminars (Harmsen et al., 2019). Mamba (2020) also noted the universality of supervised training or induction for recently certified professionals across various industries, providing a global perspective. Further, Sikma (2021) highlights the preponderance of emphasis in teacher preparation programs on the intellectual dimensions of teaching, while frequently disregarding the socio-emotional coping mechanisms that are imperative for achieving success.

Moreover, DepEd Order No. 43, series of 2017, established the Teacher Induction Program (TIP) within the Teacher Education Council (TEC), which provides complete support to newly hired teachers. In 2020, the National Educators' Academy of the Philippines (NEAP) took over the program as part of its restructuring, and NEAP, TEC, and the Research Center for Teachers Quality (RCTQ) collaborated to develop Version 2 of the TIP Module (Teacher Education Council, 2020). In addition, Department Order No. 11, series of 2019, led NEAP's transformation, with RCTQ providing essential technical assistance. These fundamental instructions and joint efforts serve as the framework for administering the Teacher Induction Program (TIP) or its enhanced version, the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (Philippine National Research Center for Teacher Quality, 2020).

Keller-Schneider and Hericks (2019) highlighted that it is important to establish a comprehensive induction program for newly employed educators to assist them in navigating the distinct obstacles that accompany their professional careers and the teaching vocation as a whole. Recognizing the pivotal role induction programs play in shaping the experiences of novice teachers at the commencement of their teaching careers is paramount. Moreover, Schellings et al. (2023) offer valuable insights into the heterogeneous field of induction practices in the Netherlands, elucidating discrepancies that span from rudimentary orientation programs to all-encompassing mentoring endeavors within academic establishments.

Furthermore, induction programs have a far-reaching effect on the professional growth of novice teachers and make significant contributions to the field of education as a whole (Bourne et al., 2020). In addition, Reeves et al. (2022) highlight the current deficiencies in knowledge regarding the optimal approaches to retain and enhance the efficacy of teachers. They stress the nature of these concerns and the necessity for additional research to rectify them.

Also, the contextual significance of induction programs is stressed by Hanita et al. (2020), who emphasized the need to take into account curriculum, technology, and the extent of support offered. Podolsky et al. (2019), added that the adoption of novel teacher induction programs has the potential to enhance the professional growth of inexperienced educators and thereby augment their aspiration to remain in the teaching profession. In addition, Wiens et al. (2019) emphasize the criticality of mentor-mentee compatibility, identifying it as a fundamental determinant of induction program success.

In addition, Miller and Youngs (2021) make a valuable contribution to the academic conversation by emphasizing the crucial importance of teacher education programs in augmenting prospective teachers' comprehension of their vocational aspirations and personal identities. They further underscore the interdependence between induction programs and larger educational frameworks, placing particular emphasis on the influence that teacher education has on the professional development of aspiring teachers.

Further, mentorship programs have been identified as essential elements of teacher induction, as mentioned by Loeb and Myung (2020), who noted the capacity of mentoring to retain inexperienced teachers. More so, factors affecting novice instructors are identified by Whalen et al. (2019), including school policy awareness, effective mentoring, and school culture comprehension. Nonetheless, the study exposes a disparity between anticipated theoretical outcomes and their actual application, indicating the necessity to harmonize theoretical concepts with practical applications.

Thus, governmental adoption of induction program training as a means to enhance the capabilities of educators is vital (Khan et al., 2022). More so, Milliken (2019) proposes online professional development in classroom administration as a pragmatic alternative. Moreover, G No et al. (2022) identify discrepancies between the expectations and experiences of educators, suggesting that improved support programs and an increased emphasis on teacher well-being are necessary. The complexity of teacher induction is highlighted by this multifaceted viewpoint, which demonstrates its influence on the teaching profession.

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School Heads and Teacher Induction

According to Wexler (2020) and Reitman and Karge (2019), the efficacy of preservice and induction programs is contingent upon the caliber of mentorship. Further, the significance of teacher relationships with influential individuals, including school administrators, in fostering positive professional environments is essential (Mommer et al., 2021).

Further, Scotts et al. (2023) mentioned that experienced and consistent teaching staff is vital in maintaining educational continuity and facilitating students' academic progress. This emphasized the significance of expertise and stability among the teaching staff, which cultivates a constructive and uniform educational milieu. Additionally, the significance of customized professional development for novice teachers is emphasized by Gopang and Kazimi (2022), who demonstrate how inductive training can enhance the managerial capabilities of teachers.

In addition, Salim et al. (2021) stated that principals should improve the quality of education as a whole, and establish a correlation between proficient educational leadership and favorable results for educators and learners alike. Moreover, the vitality of the principal's role as a learning leader in determining school efficacy is underscored by Bafadal et al. (2019), whereas Pont (2020) and Gunawan and Adha (2021) emphasize the critical nature of effective leadership when it comes to educational restructuring. Additionally, teacher induction programs entail that school administrators weigh the advantages and benefits of assuming leadership positions against the additional obligations and responsibilities that accompany such decisions. To enhance leadership abilities, school heads must seek counsel from administrators and former school leaders, in addition to pursuing ongoing professional and personal development (Arrieta & Ancho, 2020).

Costa et al. (2019) examines the notion of induction as a socialization process, placing particular emphasis on the critical influence that school administrators possess over instructors. They are identified as the second most influential factor in pupil learning, which highlights the significance of their influence on the dedication, motivation, working conditions, and organizational culture of teachers. This viewpoint is supported by Van der Pers and Helms-Lorenz (2021), who mentioned the importance of ensuring that formal induction structures follow the norms, values, and practices of the professional culture. They contend that the efficacy of induction arrangements is contingent upon the dedication of school administrators and the shared accountability of the entire academic community.

Additionally, Flores (2019) underscores the significance of mentorship in assisting inexperienced educators, with a particular focus on the contributions of teacher mentors and school administrators. Kutsyuruba et al. (2019) added that effective teacher induction programs heavily rely on the caliber of mentoring and the strategic coupling of mentees and mentors. It includes a wide array of duties that mentors undertake, including organizing curricula and cultivating a sense of community, focusing on the need for comprehensive assistance for novice educators.

The significance of mentoring relationships in aiding novice teachers' well-being and resilience is also emphasized by Squires (2019). In addition, Shanks et al. (2022) propose that novice instructors and mentors should set aside specific time to cultivate their relationships. More so, Woulfin and Jones (2021) accentuate the vitality of tailored professional development for educators, acknowledging the unique obstacles that they encounter.

In addition, Marz and Kelchtermans (2020) provide insights into the beneficial effects of mentoring and networking in reducing attrition rates among inexperienced educators. Additionally, Zhang et al. (2019) underscore the critical significance of capable principal leadership in the implementation of induction programs, placing particular emphasis on the assistance rendered by school leaders to instructors. Moreover, Kelchtermans (2019) points out the positive impact new teachers have on schools and stresses the important role of school heads in creating effective induction programs. He believes that school heads should see new teachers as valuable assets with unique strengths and make the most of their contributions.

Furthermore, Anthony et al. (2019), illuminate the critical functions performed by mentors, principals, and teacher leaders in facilitating the induction process for newly hired educators. This acknowledgment necessitates diverse stakeholders to work together to establish a nurturing atmosphere for inexperienced educators. Additionally, the enduring importance of mentorship and support programs is underscored by Shuls and Flores (2020), who establish a direct correlation between such initiatives and increased rates of teacher retention, thereby bolstering the stability of the teaching workforce as a whole. More so, a study conducted by Milton et al. (2022) examines the intricate variations in perspectives regarding mentoring and induction procedures between school administrators and general teaching staff. Comprehending these variations is critical in customizing support programs to effectively address the varied requirements of educators.

Additionally, the multifaceted functions of school principals, including those of administrators, leaders, and influencers, are emphasized by Arif et al. (2019). According to Ancho and Villadiego (2022), the establishment of ethical environments within institutions is a moral obligation that educational administrators ought to uphold. Particularly during periods of uncertainty, Valenzuela and Buenvinida (2021) accentuate the criticality of proficient management skills among school administrators. In addition, Nobleza and Villocino (2023) underscore that school principals should establish a paragon of behavior through the demonstration of compassion and the provision of support to educators. More so, Maggi (2023) stated that supportive administration is paramount in establishing optimal working conditions within an academic institution.

Also, Langdon et al. (2019) mentioned the lack of connection between induction and mentoring programs and the majority of staff, including leaders. They argue that this issue of disconnection must be resolved immediately to provide the optimal learning environment for new instructors. Antonio

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(2019) added that supervision in the execution of the induction program as a strategic method to improve instructional practices is vital; furthermore, he stresses the necessity for ongoing enhancements in teaching methodologies.

However, Chang et al. (2022), mentioned that overreliance on administrative support may hamper teachers' independence and self-efficacy. Although coaching is crucial, a balanced approach that promotes support and autonomy may help teachers become resilient. Further, Abrasado (2021) stressed that the successful application of induction programs by school heads results in very great teaching performance among new instructors. Improved teaching performance can yield to increase the students' academic performance.

Barriers and Difficulties in Implementing Teacher Induction Programs into Practice

Cushman (2019) stresses that induction programs are crucial in facilitating the smooth transition and ongoing growth of inexperienced educators. He highlights several barriers and difficulties that need to be considered. These include concerns about the quality of the programs, the effectiveness of support and delivery methods, meeting individual requirements, and determining the appropriate frequency and duration of the programs. Additionally, he added that the presence of inconsistent terminology further complicates the support provided to novice teachers. It is important to address these obstacles to effectively implement teacher induction programs and ensure the professional growth of educators.

During the initial phases of the IPBT implementation, novices encounter obstacles such as limited access to professional development, self-doubt, and a dearth of practical experience. These difficulties arise from the lack of established unified induction programs that require collaboration among various education stakeholders (Tammets et al., 2019). Inexperienced educators are additionally involved in the intricate process of developing their professional personas, which is impacted by both personal and contextual factors (Van der Wal et al., 2019).

Moreover, in their examination of the obstacles encountered by novice educators in California, Ramirez and Faltis (2020) found continuous mentoring, support, and professional development. Further investigation is warranted to assess the effectiveness of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT), as recommended by the study. In addition, Erawan (2019) looks at the difficulties that arise in rural environments and advocates for individualized induction programs for educators working in disadvantaged areas. Additionally, natural barriers in education are investigated by Stewart and Jansky (2022), who stated the importance of discussion and reflection as pedagogical approaches.

Further, Voss and Kunter (2020) identify the disillusionment and apprehension experienced by inexperienced educators. Additionally, Lindqvist et al. (2023) recommends that the emotional difficulties that arise in rigorous academic environments are associated with divergent perspectives and interpersonal discord. Further, Qadhi et al. (2020) stated that the insufficiency of confidence in teaching responsibilities can be attributed to a lack of self-efficacy and increased anxiety in the formative years.

Moreover, the acknowledgment of the complex induction processes and difficulties encountered by school heads has expanded over time. The discrepancy between academic settings and the professional development acquired in teacher preparation programs has implications for pedagogy, social interactions, and emotional welfare, as cited by Kaplan (2021). Similarly, novice educators face challenges when participating in seminars designed for novices, which may result in burnout, social isolation, and a sense of obligation that goes against their will (Peria & Torres, 2019).

In their study, Ergunay and Adiguzel (2019) establish a clear correlation between the efficacy of induction programs and the difficulties encountered by novice educators. Insufficient mentoring support, procedural performance evaluations, and procedural approaches to teacher induction are identified as substantial barriers by Ekinci (2020). Moreover, Qureshi and Kalsoom (2022) provide additional insights into the discussion surrounding the impact of problem-oriented experiences on the efficacy of induction programs

Enhancing the Resilience of Teachers and Advancing their Professional Growth

According to the findings of Morettini et al. (2020), novice educators cultivate resilience when they experience acceptance from the school community; mentoring is identified as an essential factor in promoting these sentiments. Moreover, the study by Redding et al. (2019) emphasizes the critical role of administrative support in shaping teacher attrition rates. The study highlights that when administrators are exceptionally supportive, it helps reduce the number of new teachers leaving the profession. This effect goes beyond just creating a strong professional community within the school and includes other important factors. The findings stress the need for supportive administrators who address various aspects that contribute to teacher retention.

The provision of different possibilities for growth and collaborative involvement is the cornerstone of assisting novice educators, with the goal of fostering a profound sense of belonging, continuous improvement, and long-term professional networking (Wilcoxen et al., 2020). When considering emerging countries, the dynamic nature of the educational environment presents unique obstacles that require sophisticated strategies. An increasing number of scholars are acknowledging the transformative capacity of tailored induction programs and ongoing professional development for novice teachers as a means to raise national educational standards (Gallagher, 2019).

Mentorship and coaching fellowships, as emphasized by Hollweck (2019), provide significant advantages to newly hired educators, serving as a critical component in the enhancement of professional growth, improvement of instructional methods, and general welfare of seasoned educators. Also, Billingsley et al. (2019), emphasize the primary aims of induction programs, which encompass enhancing the efficacy of educators,

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improving the educational experiences of students, and strengthening the retention of teachers.

Moreover, Susilowati (2021) presents an all-encompassing viewpoint, conceptualizing induction as an all-encompassing process of professional development rather than a solitary program. Adaptation is a process by which individuals improve their proficiency and competence. Additionally, Lisenbee and Tan (2019) underscores the substantial contribution of peer mentorship and dialogues to the complex formulation of meaning in this process. Therefore, it is crucial to organize a wide range of comprehensive support activities during the teacher induction process.

Further, Aarts et al. (2020), stressed that school leaders can surmount challenges given adequate support, a mentor who can be relatable to them, and occasions for informal feedback. Research has demonstrated that the introduction of induction programs expedites the development of teaching skills, leading to enhanced student achievements and decreased rates of attrition (See et al., 2020). Stewart et al. (2021) emphasizes the significance of enhancing teacher resilience and advancing their professional growth. They highlight those interventions targeting contextual factors and integrating resilience programs at the school level are crucial for creating safe and collaborative environments where teachers and students can thrive.

In addition, Van den Borre et al. (2021) highlight the focus on the effectiveness of induction programs in current educational discussions. These programs aim to provide additional support and opportunities for educators, fostering long-term commitment to the field. However, their success depends on the quality of modules and mentor expertise. Furthermore, Smith-Norman (2023) scholarly work illuminates the perspectives and practical experiences of school heads as mentors, providing insight into optimal mentoring methodologies. This inquiry motivates administrators of school districts, accredited schools of education, and new teacher programs to engage in a thorough evaluation and potentially improve current programs.

Additionally, Admiraal et al. (2021) present an integrative viewpoint regarding educational institutions as learning organizations. They identify seven fundamental components that serve to unify the efforts of a school. These components highlight the complex and diverse characteristics of successful onboarding programs in the wider framework of educational institutions as dynamic learning communities. These cohesive frameworks that are put forth underscore the interdependence of professional development, support systems, and organizational culture as critical elements in fostering impactful and long-lasting educational experiences for inexperienced educators.

Further, in schools, "learning communities" foster collaboration for overall school improvement (Gracia-Carrion et al., 2020). Gratacós et al. (2023) see schools as complex learning environments influenced by a variety of circumstances, emphasizing a 'complexity thinking' approach. Teacher resilience is critical for dealing with adversities, particularly in new teacher induction programs. Mansfield and Gu (2019) indicate the relevance of relationships and school environments in preparing resilient teachers, noting the value of informal discourse and in-class coaching in professional development. Graduate teachers in Western Australia receive a comprehensive introduction program that includes financial assistance, time allowances, and a unique In-Class Coaching Program to help their professional growth.

To sum up, this chapter digs into the complexities of teacher induction programs, highlighting their vital role in teachers' professional growth. The evaluation of related research reveals the varied nature of comprehensive induction programs, which include mentorship, and professional development. It emphasizes the global perspective on supervised training, underlining the sometimes-overlooked socio-emotional components in teacher preparation. The study underlines the importance of school administrators, mentors, and leaders in effective induction programs and their connection to educational frameworks. The chapter acknowledges the program's value but recognizes implementation constraints. The research emphasizes the transformative impact of induction programs on national educational standards and the worth of continual professional development for teacher resilience and success

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Table 1
Major Themes and Core Ideas on the Lived Experiences of School Heads on the Implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT)

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Insufficient Time to Conduct IPBT	• needing to strike a balance between teaching and administrative tasks • having limited time available for mentorship activities • needing to have advance time to review the reading materials related to teaching practices • overlapping schedule of activities • not enough time to implement the IPBT • having an overloaded schedule of teachers

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Limited Funds and Resources for the IPBT implementation	• no allowance for internet connectivity to download required memorandums. • limited information and orientation provided to school heads about IPBT content and discussions • needing funds to conduct IPBT training or seminars • limited school supplies and materials for completing IPBT reports • having no funds available for IPBT activities • insufficient materials for the printing of the IPBT modules and other related issuances
Lack of Readiness of Teachers	• teachers are unprepared to undergo the IPBT program • teachers prioritize the overlapping activities rather than IPBT activities • varying levels of teacher readiness for the IPBT program
Constant Guidance in the Induction Process	• teaching and guiding new teachers through regular discussion sessions and constructive feedback and addressing concerns • assisting beginning teachers through one-on-one orientation to guide them in their tasks in their transition • facilitating regular meetings, conferences, sharing of ideas, and Learning Action Cell (LAC) sessions with new teachers. • providing tips for improvement, and listening to their concerns • instructing newly hired teachers about their work
Conduct the Monitoring and Supervision of Beginning Teachers	• ensuring that new teachers understand the objectives and importance of the Induction Program • making follow-up and leading the implementation of the IPBT • overseeing the orientation process for new teachers • ensuring that mentors and teachers fulfill their respective tasks. • monitoring progress and providing necessary support and encouragement to ensure compliance with program requirement
Providing Support and Mentorship to the Beginning Teachers	• assisting beginning teachers by providing the necessary skills and knowledge to make them proficient • facilitating access to essential resources for teaching and learning like providing the internet • collaborating and organizing workshops with teachers to create a positive learning atmosphere • facilitating the mentoring process • becoming a mentor well-equipped with ideas and information related to IPBT • serving as role models by demonstrating effective teaching practices. • providing technical assistance to newly hired teachers, helping them understand • assisting the beginning teachers to be aware of DepEd Orders and guidelines

Insufficient Time to Conduct IPBT

The challenges include time management because, in my school, a multi-school, time management is a challenge for us, and the need to strike a balance between teaching and administrative tasks. IDI-02

The struggle that I experienced is that it is time-consuming because you have to read and review so that you can mentor well. IDI-04

So, that is the overlapping of schedules in which several activities are done in the school, and the time is much more important. IDI-07

The most common theme that emerged from the lived experiences of school heads on the implementation of IPBT is the insufficient time to conduct IPBT, notably in managing teaching obligations and administrative tasks. The participants pointed out how time-consuming it is to prepare for IPBT. Tasks include extensive reading of the IPBT modules, examining IPBT materials, and researching related articles and issuances.

Certainly, the result of the study is consistent with the study of Shanks et al. (2022) which advocates for the allocation of dedicated time by beginning teachers and mentors to nurture their relationships. This suggestion aligns with the theme of

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insufficient time to conduct IPBT, highlighting the importance of deliberately carving out space within busy schedules to prioritize mentorship and collaboration. By setting aside specific time for interactions, newly hired teachers and mentors can foster deeper connections, exchange valuable insights, and provide meaningful support to one another. This intentional allocation of time acknowledges the challenges posed by limited time and invests time and effort into building strong mentor-mentee relationships.

Limited Funds and Resources for the IPBT implementation

Struggles and challenges of IPBT implementation include the limited resources, like the internet connection and load allowance since, some of the resources or materials in the modules, you should download the memorandums. IDI-10

There is indeed a struggle since the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT) is new to me as a school head because my induction program before happened only twice, at the Division and District levels. While, IPBT now has modules, modules 1 to 6. IDI-05

My struggle with this is the funds because we need the materials for completing the reports. The printing of the 6 modules and other related issuances. Teachers also need to have money to load in download the IPBT materials. IDI-04

The responses regarding limited funds and resources presented a glimpse into the difficulties encountered in implementing the IPBT into practice. Some highlight the issue of insufficient resources, such as load allowance for internet connectivity, which hinders the smooth execution of the program. Meanwhile, it has been pointed out that school heads have not received adequate communication or orientation regarding the program's content, which has left them in the dark and dependent on teachers for guidance.

Cushman (2019) stressed concerns about program quality, support mechanisms, and delivery methods, all of which can be affected by resource constraints. Moreover, issues like inconsistent terminology further increase the difficulties faced by inexperienced teachers, impeding the provision of effective support. Despite these challenges, addressing limited resources is essential to ensure that induction programs can adequately meet the diverse needs of beginning teachers and facilitate their professional development effectively.

These findings revealed the impact that inadequate funding can have on the effectiveness of support initiatives of school heads to beginning teachers. Insufficient financial resources may limit the scope and quality of support programs, leaving teachers feeling overwhelmed and unsupported in their roles. In line with this theme, in Western Australia, teachers benefit from a comprehensive induction program that includes financial assistance to cover the program's expenses (Mansfield and Gu, 2019). In addition, the research conducted by G No et al. (2022) sheds light on the disparities between the expectations and realities experienced by teachers, emphasizing the need for enhanced support programs and a greater focus on teacher well-being. Addressing the lack of funds is imperative to ensure teachers receive the necessary resources and assistance to thrive in their profession.

Lack of Readiness of Teachers

Some teachers are not ready to be in DepEd. IDI-06
Struggle and challenges. The challenge Sir is, if you are not going to keep on reminding the mentees, they will not prioritize that IPBT, because of overlapping of activities, and they also have classes. IDI-09

Varying levels of teacher readiness. Some are open to change while others are not open to constructive criticism. IDI-10

The collective responses of participants draw attention to challenges with teacher readiness and competing commitments in the implementation of IPBT. While some teachers may not be ready for the program, others may find it difficult to fit it in between their other tasks. Teachers' differing degrees of openness to change can make the task more difficult.

According to Gratacos et al. (2023), to ensure that the IPBT is successfully integrated into the educational system, teachers need to be strong when facing challenges in new programs. Similarly, Voss and Kunter (2020) talk about how new teachers often feel unsure and worried. Additionally, Qadhi et al. (2020) mention how feeling confident in teaching can change a lot, affecting how well teachers do their jobs. These studies show that new teachers have different feelings about IPBT programs, so there is a need for support that fits their unique experiences.

Constant Guidance in the Induction Process

Teaching and guiding the new teachers become a part of my daily responsibilities. So, in assessing or assisting the new teachers, I conduct regular consultations or sessions, providing constructive feedback, and addressing their concerns. IDI-02
In the implementation of the IPBT, I assisted the beginning teachers in a way of one-on-one orientation and sharing of ideas with them. So, yes, it was effective, and it was an effective way since she/he can already do her/his tasks, as teacher-guided with or from our orientation. IDI-03

Checking on their progress to ensure they're learning what they need to know. As leaders, it's our responsibility to guide our new teachers. We support them by regularly conversing with them, to connect with them. We're also always available to offer improvement tips and listen to their concerns so that we can assist them. These efforts will help them feel confident and improve their teaching skills. IDI-06

Techniques like one-on-one orientations, feedback sessions, frequent consultations, instructing newly-hired teachers about their work, and creating a friendly environment are the practices essential in helping new teachers develop. By addressing issues, providing improvement tips, and fostering confidence, these initiatives could help newly hired teachers feel competent and at ease in their new responsibilities. To ensure success, the school community must be committed to fostering a collaborative and supportive learning environment, which is shown in the emphasis on constant guidance of school heads in the induction process.

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The study conducted by Van der Wal et al (2019) indicates that inexperienced teachers face the task of shaping their professional identities, influenced by personal and contextual factors. The constant guidance is needed as new teachers navigate the complexities of their profession. They require ongoing support to overcome challenges and uncertainties, receive timely feedback, and build confidence and competence in their roles. By providing consistent support, school heads enable beginning teachers to thrive in their careers and contribute meaningfully to education.

Conduct the Monitoring and Supervision of Beginning Teachers

For me, when doing IPBT, as the leaders of the school, we have some important tasks. We make sure new teachers understand what the program is all about. We must clearly explain to the teachers what our program entails and assist them in getting started. Our roles are vital in ensuring the success of the IPBT, so it's crucial that we effectively communicate to the teachers the importance of the program. IDI-06

A school head, the role of the implementation of IPBT is school head is to lead or spearhead the IPBT implementation in the school. IDI-08

During the implementation of IPBT, my roles as school head include monitoring and supervision, overseeing the orientation of new teachers, and ensuring that they understand the program's objectives. IDI-10

The implementation of IPBT to the beginning teachers involves various elements that fall under the purview of school heads' responsibilities. To guarantee the success of the implementation process, the first responsibility of the school head is to oversee and supervise it. This could be accomplished by making sure that newly hired teachers are aware of the goals of the program and by offering support throughout their early stages. Even with their hectic schedules, school heads still need to follow up and make sure that the program's standards are being followed and that mentors fulfill their respective tasks. Particular responsibilities include keeping an eye on things, supervising others, and helping newly hired teachers.

Through the consistent monitoring and supervision conducted by school heads, educational institutions can foster an environment conducive to the growth and retention of teachers while promoting continuous improvement in teaching practices. This finding supports the study of Antonio (2019) which reveals that monitoring and supervision conducted by school heads play a great role in the execution of induction programs, contributing to the improvement of instructional practices and ongoing enhancements in teaching methodologies.

In addition, the support provided by school heads is crucial in reducing teacher attrition rates, with highly supportive leadership fostering a positive professional community within educational institutions (Redding et al., 2019). Moreover, this emphasis on supervised training and induction aligns with global practices across various industries, underlining the universality of structured support for newly certified professionals (Mamba, 2020). Further, effective leadership is highlighted as essential for educational restructuring, particularly during uncertain times, emphasizing the importance of proficient management skills among school administrators (Gunawan & Adha, 2021; Valenzuela & Buenvinida, 2021).

Providing Support and Mentorship to the Beginning Teachers

I would describe my role as vital in the successful execution of IPBT. I serve as a facilitator ensuring that the beginning teachers are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to be proficient teachers. IDI-10

As a school head, we can assist them by providing support. For instance, if they have questions about certain tasks, such as filling out forms, we can offer resources and ensure internet connectivity in the school to alleviate financial burdens. It is challenging without an internet connection because most of the materials are on the web. IDI-09

So, I serve as a mentor of the teacher, modeling effective teaching practices while ensuring the smooth execution of their induction program. IDI-02

School heads are providers of resources and mentorship in the successful implementation of the IPBT. They serve as facilitators, ensuring that beginning teachers acquire essential skills and knowledge for proficient teaching. More so, school heads provide resources and ensure internet connectivity to alleviate financial burdens and facilitate research of the beginning teachers. Additionally, school heads organize workshops, collaborate with teachers, and foster a positive learning environment, aiming to strengthen the impact of IPBT and enhance the overall teaching and learning experience. These emphasize the indispensable role of school heads as providers of resources and mentorship in facilitating the effectiveness of the IPBT and improving educational outcomes.

In line with this theme, Nobleza and Villocino (2023) suggest that when school heads show care and provide assistance to beginning teachers, it creates a positive atmosphere in the school. Additionally, Maggi (2023) cited the importance of supportive leadership in creating optimal working conditions within educational institutions. According to Maggi, when administrators are supportive and understanding, teachers feel more valued and motivated in their roles.

Furthermore, Flores (2019) stressed that mentorship is essential in supporting inexperienced teachers, emphasizing the contributions of both teacher mentors and school heads. This aligns with the theme of providing mentorship to beginning teachers, indicating the importance of effective mentorship in guiding beginning teachers. More so, Kutsyuruba et al. (2019) emphasized that the success of teacher induction programs heavily depends on the quality of mentoring and the strategic pairing of mentees with mentors. The diverse responsibilities shouldered by mentors, such as curriculum organization and community-building, underscore the necessity for comprehensive support for new teachers. Together, these studies emphasize the importance of mentorship in facilitating

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the professional growth and development of beginning teachers, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of teacher induction programs.

Table 2
Major Themes and Core Ideas on the Coping Mechanism of School Heads on the Challenges Encountered in the Implementation of Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT)

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Support and Guidance from Experienced Colleagues and Superiors	• seeking guidance and assistance from experienced teachers • consulting immediate superior and full-fledged principals for implementation support • having experienced teachers to share their knowledge and best practices to aid school heads in overcoming challenges and improving teaching strategies • valuing colleagues' specialized knowledge and seeking assistance from the administrators and master teachers and those with specific skills and experience • having a support system as a mentee and mentor • sharing of skills and abilities of teachers to the mentees • seeking guidance from the principals and the PSDS who are experienced in the implementation of the IPBT • co-mentoring and sharing of best practices from my immediate supervisor and co-administrator • providing additional knowledge and enthusiasm from fellow teachers and administrators in facing challenges
Careful Planning of the IPBT Activities with the Mentors and Mentees	• addressing the challenges through careful planning and alignment with IPBT objectives that lay the foundation for smooth implementation • conducting and assigning co-mentors on assigned tasks, and regular monitoring to address challenges effectively. • creating a matrix of activities and timelines • providing proper scheduling of activities and time management • contextualization based on local capacities enhances implementation effectiveness • overcoming and coping with challenges through strategic planning
Regular Communication with the Beginning Teachers and Mentors	• regular communication with teachers is essential for the effective implementation of IPBT • ensuring everyone understands that IPBT is not for compliance but for professional growth • maintaining open and frequent communication with the beginning teachers
Coaching and Mentoring Sessions in the Induction Process	• assigning master teachers to mentor and coach newly hired teachers to guide responsibilities • conducting LAC sessions and organizing collaborative activities to create a positive learning atmosphere and promote peer learning • collaborating between mentors and mentees
Flexibility of School Heads in the Implementation of IPBT	• being flexible in overcoming challenges • being open to altering plans that can help address issues effectively • being open to change and adapting strategies to fit the demands of the new teachers
Habitual Reading of IPBT Modules and Related Issuances	• regular reading and review of the IPBT modules • reading pieces of literature, issuances, and memoranda and mentors should stay ahead of their mentees by being well-informed of the IPBT materials • having a stock knowledge to help mentor the mentees

Support and Guidance from Experienced Colleagues and Superior

So, my co-teachers as my co-mentors who were well experienced as teachers. In a way of giving their ideas on lesson planning, managing their pupils in a classroom, and other duties of a teacher. IDI-03

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Based on my experience, with IPBT as I mentioned, if we're not familiar with certain things, or certain situations, sometimes I refer to my immediate supervisor, colleagues, the full-fledged principals, or those speakers during IPBT orientation. IDI-01

These individuals support us by teaching us and sharing what they know that works well, especially for those who have been in service and teaching for a long time. They have a lot to share from their experiences so that we can improve our teaching and help us figure out problems. IDI-06

Experienced school heads also provide mentorship and assistance to their peers. From sharing best practices to offering advice and resources, the collaborative efforts of teachers, administrators, and mentors can contribute significantly to the successful implementation of the IPBT program.

The outcome of the study validates the finding of Harmsen et al. (2019) which stressed the importance of ongoing support systems for school heads, providing valuable insights into the implementation of mentoring programs and seminars. In addition, supportive relationships with colleagues and school other administrators cannot be overstated, as noted by Mommer et al. (2021). These relationships are valuable in cultivating positive professional environments where teachers can thrive.

Furthermore, Hanita et al. (2020) emphasize the contextual relevance of induction programs, highlighting the need to consider factors such as curriculum, technology integration, and the level of support provided. School leaders, in particular, can benefit from seeking guidance not only from school heads but also from former immediate supervisors, as suggested by Arrieta and Ancho (2020). By actively seeking advice and engaging in continuous professional and personal development, school heads can enhance their leadership skills.

Careful Planning of the IPBT Activities with the Mentors and Mentees

So, addressing the challenges involves careful planning. Ensuring that everyone is aligned with the objectives of the IPBT, lays the foundation for a smooth implementation so that I can easily understand the new teachers. IDI-02

So, to cope with the challenges that I encountered, we scheduled it when to conduct and assign my co-mentors on their assigned tasks, and regularly monitor or follow up on what went well in the implementation of the activity. IDI-03

I have created a matrix for the implementation, it was subdivided into different modules and timelines, with specific target dates, and how to manage it. IDI-05

Careful planning of the IPBT activities within the IPBT framework emerges as an important aspect in addressing the challenges encountered during its implementation. The responses shared by school heads point out the importance of strategic planning, alignment of objectives, making a matrix of activities, and effective time management.

A study conducted by Woulfin and Jones (2021) shed light on this aspect, which cited the importance of customized professional development initiatives tailored to meet the diverse needs and challenges faced by teachers. By recognizing and addressing these unique obstacles through careful planning, educational institutions can create more effective induction programs that better support the growth and development of beginning teachers. This includes strategic and thoughtful planning to ensure the success and efficacy of IPBT activities.

Regular Communication with the Beginning Teachers and Mentors

So, strategies include regular communication with teachers. IDI-02

Effective communication with beginning teachers. Ensuring that everyone is on the same track to contribute to the smooth implementation of IPBT. IDI-10

To address challenges, we need to communicate extensively with teachers, be prepared for unexpected circumstances, and seek advice for improvement. IDI-06

The responses of the participants underscored the importance of regular and meaningful communication with the beginning teachers, emphasizing the program's significance beyond mere compliance. By fostering an understanding of IPBT's role in professional growth and journey towards proficiency, school heads can inspire commitment and engagement among beginning teachers.

This outcome of the study validates the findings of Costa et al. (2019) who stated that induction is a socialization process, where school administrators have a great part in shaping the beginning teachers' experiences. School heads are identified as the second most influential factor in student learning since they influence teachers' dedication, motivation, and working conditions.

Moreover, Van der Pers and Helms-Lorenz (2021) pointed out the importance of aligning formal induction structures with the norms and values of the professional culture. They stress that the success of induction efforts hinges on the commitment of school heads and the collective responsibility of the academic community. In essence, regular communication with beginning teachers, spearheaded by dedicated school heads, is vital for their successful integration into the educational community.

Coaching and Mentoring Sessions in the Induction Process

As I said a while ago, that is through mentoring and coaching, because it is nice that the teachers, the newly-hired teachers are guided on what specific responsibilities they have to do. So, as I have said after grouping the teachers, I assigned one mentor per group, the master teachers. IDI-07

In facilitating the implementation of IPBT. It involves conducting a LAC session, maybe 1-2 hours during the afternoon, organizing collaborative activities like mentoring, and creating a, creating a positive learning atmosphere. It is like peer learning. Learning from each other. These practices, for me, contribute significantly to the effectiveness or successful implementation of IPBT. IDI-10

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Okay, the school head addresses it, by the cooperation and collaboration of mentor and mentee. IDI-08

The success of IPBT implementation hinges upon effective mentoring and coaching practices, as emphasized by the responses of the participants. Providing coaching sessions to newly-hired teachers by assigning master teachers as mentors to the mentee to coach ensures clarity regarding specific responsibilities and fosters professional growth.

In connection to that, this finding supports the study of Gallagher (2019) that expressed that conducting coaching and mentoring sessions, commonly known as LAC (Learning Action Cell) sessions, emerges a vital strategy in fostering the development of beginning teachers and improving overall educational standards. These induction programs and ongoing professional development initiatives are increasingly recognized for their transformative potential in raising educational benchmarks nationwide. Hollweck (2019) cited the advantages provided by mentorship and coaching fellowships for newly hired teachers, highlighting their role in enhancing professional growth, refining instructional methods, and supporting the well-being of seasoned teachers.

Further, Lisenbee and Tan (2019) underscores the substantial contribution of peer mentorship to the intricate process of meaning-making. Recognizing the importance of these support mechanisms, it becomes imperative to organize a comprehensive array of activities, including LAC sessions, during the teacher induction process. Through these initiatives, teachers can benefit from targeted guidance, collaborative learning experiences, and ongoing support.

Flexibility of School Heads in the Implementation of IPBT

So, flexibility is also the key to addressing challenges. If you are flexible, you can address any problems that will arise in the implementation of IPBT. IDI-10

So, we need to be able to change or alter our plans to address the problems effectively. IPBT helps us become better leaders by being able to change, If you are a leader, Sir, you must change what is good. IDI-06

That is what you call flexibility. So, flexible, and you are very much committed to change or adjust to achieve the purpose and to successfully conduct the IPBT program. IDI-07

Flexibility emerges as a factor in effectively addressing challenges encountered during the implementation of IPBT, as emphasized by the school heads. By remaining adaptable and open to change, school heads can overcome unforeseen obstacles and adjust their plans accordingly to ensure the smooth progress of the program.

With this theme, Arrieta and Ancho (2020) emphasize the importance of enhancing leadership abilities through ongoing professional and personal development efforts. This flexibility allows school heads to adapt to the evolving needs and challenges within their educational institutions, fostering a conducive environment for effective teacher induction and professional growth. Further, Susilowati (2021) suggests the importance of flexibility and evolution within teacher induction initiatives. This necessitates for induction programs to remain dynamic and responsive to the evolving needs and circumstances of teachers.

Habitual Reading of IPBT Modules and Related Issuances

You are going to read the IPBT modules, and then you are going to review them thoroughly so that you can mentor well. IDI-04

You have to read a lot of relevant literature, such as issuances and memorandums regarding the implementation, because as a mentor, you need to be ten steps ahead of your mentees. You should be prepared to answer their queries accurately so that the mentees will have the correct information. IDI-05

When you are a school head, you must have stock knowledge so that you can help the mentor and the mentees. Because I believe that we cannot teach what we do not have. So, as a school head, it is very important also that we will be upgraded, as leaders. IDI-09

The sentiments shared by the participants underscored the importance of thorough preparation and continuous learning for mentors and school heads involved in the IPBT implementation. Emphasizing the necessity of comprehensive reading and review of the IPBT modules and related issuances, school heads should be well-prepared and knowledgeable to effectively mentor teachers. Additionally, they need to stay ahead of their mentees by immersing themselves in the relevant literature and understanding the modules extensively.

Moreover, in the study of Reeves et al. (2022), there is an existing gap in our understanding of the most effective methods to maintain and improve the effectiveness of Induction Programs for teachers. Their findings underscore the importance of addressing these gaps by conducting further reading. By recognizing the nature of these challenges and the need for additional investigation, educators and policymakers can work towards developing strategies and interventions that promote continuous improvement in teaching practices. Thus, making reading a habit among educators can catalyze staying informed about the latest research findings and best practices in education.

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Table 3
Major Themes and Core Ideas on the Insights of School Heads on the Implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT)

Major Themes	Core Ideas
Continuous Professional Development for School Heads	• improve teaching and leadership skills • equip oneself with knowledge on DepEd policies and guidelines • facilitate the conduct of IPBT to improve teaching skills • be involved in the system and adhere to DepEd guidelines • keep on learning • monitor and facilitate the professional growth of teachers • have a stock knowledge to help mentor the mentees • prioritize effective scheduling for IPBT implementation • give importance of ongoing professional development and keep on learning
Collaborative Effort in the School with the Stakeholders	• accept support and conduct collaborate planning with the various sectors of the school • ensure the continuous collaboration with the beginning teachers and stakeholders • communicate and work together with both new and experienced teachers • give grouped and one-on-one mentoring and coaching to mentees • collaborate tasks with the teachers to share their skills • solicit ideas from mentees and co-mentors
Effective Communication Between Mentors and Mentees	• require clear communication • conduct district level orientation and make follow-up about the IPBT • have an open dialogue and heart-to-heart conversations among mentors and mentees • develop one's skills in communication concerns • have been able to see the significance of communication and giving praises
Strategic Planning with the Stakeholders	• collaborative planning from the various sectors of the school • the need for structured event planning and activity organization to create an optimal learning environment • establishing activity matrices, and assigning tasks to co-mentors to provide effective support to mentees

Continuous Professional Development for School Heads

Improve my teaching and leadership skills. Training as both a teacher and administrator provides a deeper understanding of school dynamics.IDI-02

The IPBT helps me improve my skills in leadership. Being an implementor of IPBT, it is necessary to be equipped with many ideas regarding the DepEd policies and guidelines sir. IDI-03

I facilitate the IPBT by sending the mentees or mentors to attend IPBT training or orientation to enhance their teaching skills. As they improve, it will benefit both the learners and the school. The IPBT also enhances my professionalism, as school head. IDI-04

School heads involved in implementing the IPBT program recognize its diverse benefits. It enhances teaching and leadership skills, ensures compliance with DepEd guidelines, and serves as an orientation for new teachers, fostering continuous growth. They stress adherence to mandates, ongoing learning, and the essential role of school heads in supporting mentors and mentees. Proper scheduling and monitoring of professional development are also highlighted as important components. These insights collectively underscore the program's comprehensive impact on the school heads' growth. Continuing professional development for school heads is paramount in ensuring effective leadership within educational institutions.

Research by Wilcoxen et al. (2020) emphasizes the importance of providing diverse growth opportunities. These efforts aim to cultivate continuous improvement, and long-term professional networking among new teachers. However, the initial stages of implementing programs like the IPBT often present challenges such as limited access to professional development, feelings of self-doubt, and a lack of practical experience.

Similarly, Smith-Norman (2023) research delves into the perspectives and practical experiences of school heads acting as mentors, offering insights into effective mentoring methodologies. This research motivates administrators of

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school districts, to engage in professional development and potential improvements to current programs. By investing in professional development, school heads can foster environments conducive to continuous growth and learning.

Collaborative Effort in the School with the Stakeholders

Collaborative planning, and accepting support from various sectors of the school. The comprehensive approach aims to enhance the IPBT experience. IDI-02
Continuous collaboration is important, not just with the beginning teachers but also with the stakeholders to ensure the success of this program. IDI-04

To achieve success, ensuring the effectiveness of the IPBT involves active communication, thorough planning, and assistance for both beginning and seasoned teachers. Engaging in these collaborative efforts optimizes the functionality of the IPBT program. IDI-06

The success of induction programs like the IPBT hinges on collaborative efforts among various stakeholders within the educational community. This collaborative approach involves continuous planning, communication, and support, not only for beginning teachers but also for school heads. By fostering a culture of shared responsibility, and mutual assistance, these programs can effectively address the diverse needs of beginning teachers and ensure a smooth transition into their roles. This includes group dynamics, one-on-one mentoring, soliciting ideas from mentees and co-mentors, and ongoing support mechanisms to further enrich the induction experience.

Moreover, Tammets et al. (2019) highlight the difficulty of establishing unified induction programs. It requires collaboration among different education stakeholders. Despite these challenges, fostering collaboration among educators, administrators, mentors, and other stakeholders remains significant for the success of induction programs.

Lindqvist et al. (2023) also added about how tough school can be, especially when people have different ideas. Thus, collaboration is vital.

Effective Communication Between Mentors and Mentees

In my view, success in implementation requires clear communication. IDI-02

We conducted one and also the mentor and mentees attended the District IPBT orientation, along with facilitators, master teachers, and principals. In our school, this is typically held every Friday, with follow-up sessions nearing deadlines to ensure everyone is guided and reminded daily. IDI-05
Talk well, speak openly, and have a heart-to-heart discussion of the issues faced by your teachers, have heart-to-heart conversations and ensure everything is going smoothly. IDI-06

Clear and open channels of communication ensure that all stakeholders, including mentors, mentees, facilitators, and administrators, are well-informed and aligned with program objectives. Regular orientations and follow-up sessions provide opportunities for dialogue and clarification, fostering a supportive environment where concerns can be addressed and progress can be monitored. By encouraging heart-to-heart conversations and active listening, educators can better understand and respond to the needs of their peers, promoting a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. More so, communication skills development and providing timely feedback are important to further enhance the program's effectiveness.

In line with this, research by Gracia-Carrion et al. (2020) mentioned the importance of "learning communities" within schools, which promote overall school improvement. Additionally, Stewart and Jansky (2022) investigate natural barriers in education and stress the importance of discussion and reflection as pedagogical approaches to overcoming these challenges. Effective communication strategies, such as learning communities and in-class coaching programs, play a crucial role in ensuring the success of educational initiatives.

Strategic Planning with the Stakeholders

In my view, ahh, success in implementation, it requires collaborative planning, and accepting support from various sectors of the school. IDI-02

Yes sir, so for me sir, making IPBT work means we need to plan events, and organize activities, so that is very important sir, and make sure the atmosphere is right for learning. So, these things all help IPBT to be better.IDI-06
For the school heads who have experienced the same challenges, better to schedule the meeting of the mentee in a way with a matrix of activities or assign the co-mentors their tasks to help in mentoring the mentee. IDI-03

The successful implementation of programs like the IPBT relies on collaborative planning from various sectors within the school community. Soliciting ideas from different stakeholders fosters an environment conducive to program success. Strategic planning and creating a favorable learning atmosphere, as emphasized, play a great role in enhancing the IPBT's effectiveness. Additionally, structured mentoring approaches, such as scheduling mentee meetings and assigning tasks to co-mentors, are vital in providing comprehensive support to beginning teachers. By integrating these strategies, schools can optimize the IPBT experience, facilitating beginning teachers' professional development.

Strategic planning is essential for the effectiveness of induction programs, as highlighted by research conducted by Ergunay and Adiguzel (2019). Their study establishes a clear correlation between the success of such programs and the challenges faced by beginning teachers. Identified barriers include insufficient procedural performance evaluations, and procedural approaches to teacher induction, as pointed out by Ekinci (2020). Additionally, Milton et al. (2022) delve into the intricate variations in perspectives regarding mentoring and induction procedures between school heads and general teaching staff. Understanding these variations is important in customizing support programs to effectively address the diverse

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needs of teachers. By strategically planning and tailoring induction programs to address specific challenges and varying perspectives, educational institutions can enhance the overall effectiveness of their induction initiatives and better support the professional growth of new teachers.

CONCLUSION

The findings of the study reflect the lived experiences of school heads regarding the implementation of the Induction Program for Beginning Teachers (IPBT). Despite facing numerous obstacles, the implementation of IPBT proved to be a challenging endeavor. However, these findings offer valuable insights that can be utilized to enhance the implementation process.

For beginning teachers, the research points out the significant role of mentorship, guidance, and ongoing support from school heads during their early career stages. Initiatives such as one-on-one orientations, feedback sessions, and mentorship programs can be very helpful to teachers as they work through the challenges of their work. Additionally, for the IPBT program to be successfully integrated into the educational setting, it is imperative to cultivate a culture of ongoing learning and adaptability. More so, the results of the study may help the beginning teachers better grasp the experiences of their school heads.

Moreover, for school heads, the leadership, resources, and assistance they provide to beginning teachers are essential in ensuring that IPBT is implemented successfully. It is essential to place a high value on collaboration, strategic planning, and effective communication when establishing a work atmosphere that is welcoming to both new and experienced teachers. Strategic Planning is collaborative planning from the various sectors of the school. Effective communication means that there should be open dialogue to have clear communication.

For DepEd officials, the implications emphasize the importance of allocating adequate time for IPBT activities and providing funds, resources, support, and training to school heads to address the challenges identified in IPBT implementation. Providing funds for the school heads' ongoing professional development is necessary to enhance their leadership skills and guarantee the success of induction programs. In addition, policymakers should prioritize funding and assistance for teacher induction programs to meet the diverse needs of beginning teachers and facilitate their professional development effectively.

Moving forward, it is recommended that other researchers replicate this study in diverse settings. By expanding the participant pool and conducting interviews with a broader range of individuals, researchers can validate the identified themes and explore potential variations across different educational environments. Additionally, conducting further research on the skills of school heads to conduct IPBT, and coping mechanisms of beginning teachers during IPBT implementation can provide complementary insights into the effectiveness of the program.

This area of research warrants continued attention and exploration to gain a comprehensive understanding of IPBT implementation. By delving deeper into the experiences of both school heads and beginning teachers, researchers can uncover details that may influence the success of induction programs. Ultimately, this ongoing research endeavor will contribute to the continuous improvement of teacher induction practices and support the professional development of educators.

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THE ROLE OF THE JADIDISM MOVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF ENLIGHTENMENT AND PEOPLE'S SPIRITUALITY

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ANNOTATION

In this article, the Jadids, who came to the stage of history at the end of the XIX century, devoted their lives to the idea of national awakening, mobilized all their forces and capabilities to save the nation from ignorance and backwardness. It is also stated that national independence, development and prosperity can be achieved, first of all, through enlightenment, secular and religious knowledge, and deep mastery of modern sciences.

KEYWORDS: *jadid, education, upbringing, religious knowledge, secular knowledge, ignorance, devotion, nation, Renaissance, national, mancurt, enlightenment.*

Progressive, progressive intellectuals who strive for innovation and reform, engaged in innovative activities, have been called "Jadid" in history. The emergence of the Jadidism movement was directly related to the socio-political environment and situation in the internal and external international arena of that time. The state of social life in a certain period did not satisfy most of the members of the society. As a result, they move to change the social order or to bring it out of a stagnant, stagnant state, or to revolutionize or reform it. The emergence of Jadids also happened as a result of dissatisfaction with a certain social reality. Science and technology developed economically and militarily in the 18th and 19th centuries. Including Turkestan, which was conquered by the Russian Empire in the middle of the 19th century, fell into the grip of national oppression[1]. The representatives of the oppressed peoples who wanted to regain the independence of their will tried several ways to get rid of the chains of talent. Some of them believed that it is possible to enter the battlefield and achieve freedom from the yoke of the world-loving Western countries by encouraging people's sense of religious affiliation. As a result, a struggle against Western globalism, which went down in history under the name of "pan-Islamism" [2], was born. Others wanted to enter the path of national liberation by ethnically uniting the oppressed peoples. In the West, the idea of Turkism, called "pan-Turkism", appeared in this way to some extent. Others understood well that the goal is not only to break the chains of talent of the Westerners, but also to get rid of the medieval ignorance and reach the level of developed countries. They believed that it was necessary to reform the systems that could not meet the demands of the new era in all spheres of social life. Such people, regardless of which social class they belong to, turned out to be supporters of innovation, development, enlightenment and culture. The Arabic word "jadid" meaning "new" became their social term. Thus, in Egypt, Turkey, the Caucasus, Turkestan and other countries, Jadids emerged as a political movement.

Turkestan Jadids considered their main goal to see their Motherland independent and free. Success in the struggle for national liberation could not be achieved by force of arms alone. An example of this: the national liberation movements in the form of revolts and uprisings that took place at the end of the 19th century - the Polatkhan uprising, the "plague uprising" in Tashkent, the national liberation movements in the Fergana Valley and the Zarafshan Valley were defeated, and the participants of the rebellion and uprising were severely punished. Turkestan Jadids understood very well that they could not gain freedom under such conditions, that they could not get rid of the warriors of a violent and insidious kingdom like Russia with primitive weapons. Therefore, they analyzed the reasons why they fell into national power and realized that it is necessary to destroy their roots. As a result, the moderns thought that it is necessary to give enlightenment to the people above all else. Only then could the people realize that they are enslaved to their situation, the national consciousness could be awakened, and only then it would be possible to consistently fight for national freedom.

Jadidism emerged as a guide to progressive science and a new era of secularism in Islam. The emergence and development of modernism was strongly influenced by the following democratic, national-liberation reform movements that developed in Eastern and Western countries:

- Russian social democratic and revolutionary movements that achieved great victories in 1905-1907 and 1917 from the 90s of the XIX century and their influence on Turkestan

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- Reformation and "nahda" (awakening) movements in the Muslim world founded by Jalaluddin Afghani (1839-1897) and Muhammad Abdolar (1848-1903).
- Anti-monarchist constitutional democratic social national revival movements in Turkey: Tanzimat, Young Ottomans, Young Turks (1889-1918) and (1908-1909) democratic revolutionary movements
- The contribution of Crimean Ismailbek Gaspirinsky (1851-1914) to the emergence and development of the Jadidism movement was enormous.

The main ideas and goals of Jadidism: liberating Turkestan from medieval feudal backwardness and superstitions, rejecting the "Old Method" and leading the country, the people, the nation to the path of modern development, building a national state, constitutional, parliamentary and presidential freedom and building a prosperous society consists of giving Turkic languages the status of a state language, forming a national army, and others.

Jadidism in Turkestan is distinguished by the fact that it was a social movement that arose in the process of the national-liberation struggle and started to open a new page in the history of the Uzbek people. Their worldview was led by ideas such as patriotism, nationalism, enlightenment, and progress. They prioritized liberating the country from tyranny. Jadid intellectuals noticed the need to develop national consciousness in order to achieve freedom and independence. Those who want to create a national revival through this. They considered this to be in education and training. That is why the Jadids worked tirelessly to establish a new education and training system.

At the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, the historical significance of this movement was finally great. During these times, the moral crisis of the society deepened, and it was impossible to create an opportunity for social, political, and economic development without raising the national culture, without enjoying the universal values, and without spreading the educational works. Jadids, that is, enlighteners, were devotees who were ready to mobilize all their strength and talent for the spiritual development of the nation.

While the Jadids were working to bring the nation out of the swamp of backwardness and superstition, they put forward the idea of reforming the education system in schools and madrasas on the basis of imparting worldly knowledge by strictly observing the conditions, and they themselves showed a practical example in this regard.

According to the essence of its goal, the Jadidism movement was a cultural-educational and political reform movement from the very beginning. But in order to liberate and improve the homeland, to bring the nation and the people to freedom, to make it prosperous and civilized, the Jadids focused their attention on spiritual and cultural affairs.

In 1884, Ismailbek Gaspirinsky addressed the Muslims through the "Tarjiman" newspaper: "My dear friends, the most beautiful work for us is the work of knowledge and education. The most holy aspiration is the aspiration to knowledge and education. Because what makes a person human is the knowledge and experience. Knowledge is a means of achieving spiritual life (civilization)" [3].

In 1884, I.Gaspirinsky taught twelve children in a new method – "usuli jadid" - sound method and completed their literacy in forty days. In 1892, he sent a special letter to the Governor General of Turkestan, N.O.Rosinbakh, in which he proposed reforming schools, establishing modern schools and adapting one of the madrasas to modern higher education [4]. But these proposals will not be implemented. Therefore, he came to Tashkent in 1893 and met with intellectual scholars. It will be in Samarkand. From there, he went to Bukhara and persuaded the emir to open a Jadid school and gave the school the name "Muzaffaria". The idea of modernism spread in Turkestan in the second half of the 80s of the XIX century. In the 90s of this century - at the beginning of the 20th century, modernism appeared as a regular spiritual and cultural movement.

The movement of Jadidism began with the establishment of Jadid schools based on the "Savtiya" (sound) method of advanced and rapid teaching, which had not been seen in the Islamic world until now. In these schools, children become fully literate in two years and learn to read and write perfectly. For this, it would be necessary to study in ancient traditional Muslim schools for 5-6 years. It can be said that the modern school of "Savtiya" method enriched the series of great discoveries in the history of our country.

Jadid school was a completely new school not only in terms of the teaching method, but also in that it introduced religious (theological) and secular education on the basis of mutual moderation, and children were taught at comfortable desks, using maps and pictures in lessons. It later became the basis for the modern national school. Mathematics, geography, mother tongue, Russian, Arabic languages, singing and physical education were taught in these schools along with physical sciences.

According to some information, in 1903, the number of such schools reached twenty in Tashkent alone. Jadid schools will be opened in the cities of Bukhara, Samarkand, Andijan, Khiva, Tokmok, New Margilon, old Margilon, Kattakurgan, Kyzil Orda, Turkestan, Chust, Chorjoi, Termiz, Marv.

One of the main issues of the struggle was the promotion and development of the national press and journalism to the masses. Turkestan jadids also effectively used the achievements of the Russian democratic and revolutionary movement.

On October 17, 1905, the Tsar of Russia signed a special manifesto and was forced to introduce democracy, freedom of the press and speech, and freedom of assembly. The Jadids welcomed this with great joy. Because they knew very well that the freedom of the press and speech has been transformed into a long-standing dream hope of the people and a daily social necessity. That's why the Jadids fought very hard to establish a modern newspaper and magazine, which is a fighting shield and a huge pulpit for the protection of the nation.

Finally, Ismail Obidi "Taraqqiy" Munavvarqori Abdirashidov "Khurshid" Abdulla Avloni "Shukhrat", Akhmadjon

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Bektemirov “Asia”, Ubaydullahhoja Abdullahojaev “Sadoi Turkistan” newspapers in Tashkent managed to publish the magazine “Sayyoh”, the loyal son of Abdurakhman.

One of their aspects is dramaturgy and theater art, so that the ideas of Jadid spread to the people and give practical results. That is why most of the great representatives of modern writers conducted their creative and practical activities in connection with drama writing and theater.

Before the October coup of 1917, more than thirty dramas, tragedies, and comedies were written in drama magazines, and most of them were staged in theaters. The writer Makhmudhoja Bekhbudi [5] was the first founder of modern Uzbek dramaturgy and theater. His drama “Padarkush” was performed for the first time on February 27, 1914 at the “Kolizei” theater in Tashkent and was a great spiritual and cultural event. This day went down in history as the date of the foundation of the Uzbek theater. Thus, national modern literature, dramaturgy and theater appeared. Literary criticism and artistic translation were also formed.

To sum up, the Jadids, while trying to get the nation out of the swamp of backwardness and superstition, put forward the idea of reforming the education system in schools and madrasas on the basis of imparting worldly knowledge by strictly following Sharia, and in this regard they showed a practical example of action. In Turkestan, the Jadidist movement has risen from a cultural-spiritual and educational movement to a reformist and political movement.

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ACHARYA VINOBA BHABE'S EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS AND IT'S RELEVANCE IN NEW EDUCATION POLICY

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ABSTRACT

Philosophical thoughts of Vinoba Bhave based on spirituality, which is very important in present day context. Bhave supported the craft education which makes children self-reliant. He believed in nonviolence which is very important to character building of a child. Research question of this study were What were the contribution of Vinobha Bhave to social reform? And What is the relation between Vinoba Bhave's educational thought and New Educational Policy-2020? The method used in present study is historical method. Present study used primary and secondary sources of data. The analysis of data shows that Bhave established a classless and castles society through Sarvodaya which give an opportunity for all round development. Bhoodan movement of Vinoba Bhave has an important role to build equality in present society. Vinobhaji set out on a 13-year journey on foot. He covered 70,000 km-s in India to redistributed 42 lakh acres of land. According to Bhave, education would life-centric and he emphasized the handcrafts of Gandhi's Wardha education system, which reflected in the NEP-2020.

KEYWORDS: *Vinoba Bhabe, Gramdan movement, Bhoodan movement, NEP-2020.*

INTRODUCTION

Bhave is a philosopher whose actions, words and thoughts continue to inspire in different ways Non-violence is a hall mark of his philosophy. He built his philosophy on the principles of Gandhian rules. He adopted the elements of Basic education propounded by Mahatma Gandhi. He is a spiritual person and an ardent follower of Gandhian philosophy. The principles of his philosophy were himsa, Satya, non-violence and truth. Gandhiji said "By education I mean an all round drawing out of the best in child and man body, mind and spirit…… I would therefore begin the child's education by teaching it as useful handicraft and enabling it to produce from the movement it begins its training". Bhave supported the craft education which makes children self-reliant. He believed in nonviolence which is very important to character building of a child.

BACK GROUND OF THE STUDY

Vinayak Narahari Bhave was born on 11 September 1895 in Gagoji in kolaba, Konkan which is known as Maharashtra. His father was Shambhu Rao and mother was Rukmini devi. He is the eldest son of their five children, four were sons, respectively vinayak, Balakrishna, shivaji and Dattatreya and one daughter. His father was a great modernist trained weaver. He was used to work in Baroda. He grew up with his uncle shamburao Bhave. He was on his childhood deeply influenced by his mother Rukmini Devi, she was a pious woman from Karnataka. At his young age he was inspired to read the Bhagavad Gita. He read Mahatma Gandhi's writing and he wrote a letter to Gandhiji. After reading the letter of Vhabe Gandhiji advised him to meet him personally at the kochrab Ashram in Ahmedabad. On June 7, 1916 Bhave meat with Gandhiji and joined the ashram. After joined the ashram Bhave do some work of teaching, studying, spinning wheel, improving the quality of collective life etc. On 8th April, 1921 Bhave took the charge of Wardha Ashram. Vinoba Bhave's educational thinking has many similarities with the principles of the NEP-2020. As he emphasized on handicrafts, he was opposed to rote learning in which education would be useful for life. Curriculum will change as society changes and will not remain constant for long time. He emphasized on free thinking and moral development. In NEP-2020, emphasis is placed on handicrafts from class six onwards. Life style education is said to develop communication, cooperation, teamwork and flexibility. Six class will have ten day bagless period during which they will intern to learn local skilled person from such as carpentry, gardener, folk potters, Farmer. He laid emphasis on developing non-violence and patriotism among the students which can be seen reflected in the NEP 2020.

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OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

I) To critically analyse the educational ideals put forth by Chaya Vinoba Bhave and their under lying principles.
II) To explore the contribution of Vinobha Bhave to the social reform.
III) To evaluate the historical context and cultural factors that shaped Acharya Vinoba Bhave's educational ideals.
IV) To analyse the Vinoba Bhave's educational thought in the light of New Educational Policy-2020.

RESEARCH QUESTION

I) What were the educational ideals proposed by Acharya Vinoba Bhave and what were the underlying principles behind them?
II) What were the contribution of Vinobha Bhave to social reform?
III) How did the historical context and cultural factors influence the development of Acharya Vinoba Bhave's educational ideals?
IV) What is the relation between Vinoba Bhave's educational thought and New Educational Policy-2020?

EDUCATIONAL THOUGHTS

Vinobha finally met Gandhiji on 7th June 1916. Gandhiji was so impressed by his thought that he invited Vinobaji to stay at Sabarmati Ashram. Vinobaji's lifelong dream was fulfilled after he received the invitation. He participated in initiatives like khadi at the Ashram with full dedication and shared his knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita with the members there. Vinobhaji also supported Gandhiji in the freedom struggle apart from working at the ashram. Then he became a special member of the Ashram. Mama Phadke honoured him with the title of 'Vinoba' who was a member of the Ashram. 'Vinoba' means freedom fighter. In1948, Gandhiji passed away for it Vinobaji was shattered. Then he understood the importance of continuing the work and legacy of Gandhiji. Vinobaji says that "I am very dissatisfied with today's education. Today schools are opening everywhere, but I see all these lifeless. In these schools, you get some alphabetical knowledge but you do not get knowledge that is useful for life". He supported Gandhi's wordha education. He believed that education would always make life oriented and actionable. He emphasized on handicrafts which would make the child self-reliant. In that the curriculum will not be constant for a long time but the curriculum will be timely and will lead to all round development of the student, such as physical, mental, social, economic, spiritual etc.

SOCIAL REFORM

In 1923 he was published Maharashtra Dharma, a Marathi monthly which became a weekly magazine he wrote some works based on his knowledge about Upanishads. He lead a non-violent Movement against British empire in the 1940s. Bhave whotes two books one was lshava syavrtti and other was sthitpragna Darshan. He know four South Indian languages. He published a book 'Talks on the Gita' and translated it many languages in many countries. Bhave believe that if his other works would be forgotten but their impact would be permanent. In 1940 Bhave was nominated as a single satyagrahi against British Rule. Bhave was a member of quit India a movement. He was associated with Mahatma Gandhi in the Indian independence movement. He stayed for some time at Gandhi's sabarmati Ashram in a cottage that was named after him 'vinoba kutir' there he gave a series of talks on the Gita' in his native language Marathi to his follows. **Bhoodan Movement:** . In 1948 a revolution was raging in Telangana against the landlords. There the communists had formed a guerrilla army along with poor villagers. This army would forcibly take the land from rich land owners and distribute it among the villagers. For handling this situation the government had sent the army but the situation did not controlled. Then vinobha came to stopped the violence and went to talks with the communists. He talked with 40 poor families and he realized that they were hard working person but they have not any land. On this problem he find out a solution that was he prayed a meeting which was attended by landowners and thousands of villagers. There the landowners were ready to donate their lands. In that way every problem can be solved with a peaceful gesture. In 1951, he started the Bhoodan movement. Through this movement he wanted to tour the entire country to peacefully convince the rich landowners to donate some part of their land to the fastest people in the country. Vinobhaji set out on a 13-year journey on foot. He covered 70,000 km-s in India to redistributed 42 lakh acres of land. For this work he awarded with the highest award the Bharat Ratna. Vinobhaji selfless efforts millions of poor people got the opportunity to earn their livelihood. **Sarvodaya movement:** Sarvodaya means "the welfare of all". Sarvodaya movement is the movement which aim at rural reconstruction and uplifting the people of rural India by peaceful and co-operative means. Mahatma Gandhi borrowed it from the philosophy of Ruskin and became a part of his construction philosophy for the welfare of the people of rural India. Sarvodaya provides opportunity for the all round development of the individual and the society. It is a comprehensive, social, economic, political, moral and spiritual philosophy. After Gandhi it was subsequently adopted by Acharya Vinoba Bhave. Vinoba Bhave established Sarvodaya samaj. Sarvodaya movement focuses upon economics, politics and society. **Gramdan Movement:** Gramdan movement was an action for Sarvodaya by Vinobha Bhave. Here the whole village will achieve ownership for Gramdan. In 30 January 1953 the mangroth village in Orissa became first Gramdan village. The purpose of Gramdan movement was equal sharing of resources among all community there was no personal land ownership. Bhave walked thousand by thousand miles to appealing for land. Many landowners donate a part of their land as Gramdan.

Bhave established the Sarvodaya samaj where the 18 programmes given by Gandhiji were carried out. There are communal unity, removal of untouchability, prohibition, khadi, other rural industries, Nai Talim, Adult education, Education in Health and Hygiene, upliftment of women, National language, provincial language, economic equality, uplift of labour, upliftment of kisans, uplift of lapers, uplift of students and uplift of Adivasi. Bhave Gandhiji's Wardha Education system, which emphasis on handicrafts teamwork, cooperation and respect for all tasks, is reflected in NEP-2020 through life style education

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students will develop communication skills, cooperation team work, flexibility. It was a small community. In 1954 he started Bramha vindya mandir at panver. It was an open platform for women for women empowerment and education. By establishment of Bramha vindya mandir. He wanted to realize their power. They followed Gandhi's beliefs about sustainability and social justice. The community perform prayer every day the Isha upanishad at dawn, the Vishnu sahasranama at mid morning and Bhagavad Gita in the evening.In 1959 members of Brahma Vidya mandir became an intentional community for struggle of translating Gandhian values such as self-sufficiency, non violence, and public service.

NEP-2020

Vinoba Bhave say's that "I am very dissatisfied with today's education. Today schools are opening everywhere, but I see all these lifeless. In these schools, you get some alphabetical knowledge but you do not get knowledge that is useful for life". NEP-2020 emphasis for replacing rote learning and studying for tests. According to Bhave, education would life-centric and he emphasized the handcrafts of Gandhi's Wardha education system, which reflected in the NEP-2020. NEP-2020 states that students from class vi to viii will take an interesting course. In this course they will learn practical crafts like carpentry, electrical work, metal work, gardening etc, through a hands-on experience survey. There will be bagless period of ten day's when they will learn as interns from local vocational experts such as carpenters and gardeners. Bhave emphasized on moral education and similarity in NEP-2020 emphasized on ethical human and constitutional values like compassion respect for others transparency ethics, democratic thinking, service thinking, scientific thinking, fairness. From the point of view of curriculum, Vinoba falls in the category of experimental philosopher. According to him, the curriculum will not remain constant for a long time along with the changes in the society, the curriculum will change according to the needs of the society. He emphasizes on the development of the learner's inner being which NEP-2020 calls for identifying the special abilities of each child and making efforts to develop them. Bhave Gandhiji's Wardha education system, which emphasizes on handicrafts teamwork, cooperation and respect for all tasks, is reflected in NEP-2020 through life style education. Through life style education students will develop communication skills, cooperation team work, flexibility.

CONCLUSION

Philosophical thoughts of Vinoba Bhave based on spirituality, which is very important in present day context. Bhave supported the craft education which makes children self-reliant. He believed in nonviolence which is very important to character building of a child. He translated Geeta. Which helped to the development of morality. He started Bramha vindyamandir in 1954 at panver. This ashram was a platform for women empowerment and education. Bhave established a classless and castles society through Sarvodaya which give an opportunity for all round development. Bhoodan movement of Vinoba Bhave has an important role to build equality in present society. Vinobhaji set out on a 13-year journey on foot. He covered 70,000 km-s in India to redistributed 42 lakh acres of land. Sarvodaya is a step to bringing social change in India. Vinobha Bhave established socioeconomic justice for all through Gramdan movement. The purpose of Gramdan movement was equal sharing of resources among all community there was no personal land ownership. According to Bhave, education would life-centric and he emphasized the handcrafts of Gandhi's Wardha education system, which reflected in the NEP-2020. NEP-2020 states that students from class vi to viii will take an interesting course. In this course they will learn practical crafts like carpentry, electrical work, metal work, gardening etc, through a hands-on experience survey. There will be bagless period of ten day's when they will learn as interns from local vocational experts such as carpenters and gardeners.

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INTEGRATIVE MANAGEMENT OF DYSLIPIDEMIA WITH AYURVEDA MEASURES

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ABSTRACT

Blood lipid levels that are abnormally high are referred to as dyslipidemia. It is a metabolic condition that shows up as higher plasma concentrations of total cholesterol, triglycerides, or lower levels of high-density lipoprotein. The primary etiology of cardiovascular disease is atherosclerosis, which in turn is mostly caused by dyslipidemia. According to the Ayurvedic perspective, dyslipidemia is comparable to an aggravated Dusta Meda Dhatu in the body, which is brought on by a hypo-functioning Medo-Dhatwagni and results in Medovaha Srotodusti Vikara. The basic therapeutic principle of Ayurveda is Nidanparivarjana (Avoiding disease causing agents).A Laghu, Ruksha, Kaphamedohara, and Srotoshodhana property diet should be maintained to treat dyslipidemia. While Guru, Snigdha, Kaphamedokara and Abhishyandhi food should be avoided. Using healthy diet rich in complex carbohydrates, vegetables, and fruits seasonedwith adequate quantity of spices with minimum amounts of oils and fats are ideal for management and prevention of dyslipidemia. Article is aimed for explanation of Pathyaand Apathyawith their mode of action in prevention and management ofdyslipidemia.

KEYWORDS: Dyslipidemia, *Medovaha Srotodushti, Nidan Privarjana,Pathya.*

INTRODUCTION

Dyslipidemia is a disorder of disturbed lipid metabolism involving abnormality in any or all of the lipoproteins in blood.Lipids, such as cholesterol or triglycerides, are absorbed from the intestines and are carried throughout the body via lipoproteins for energy, steroid production, or bile acid formation. Major contributors to these pathways are cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), triglycerides, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL)[1]. An imbalance of any of these factors, either from organic or nonorganic causes, can lead to dyslipidemia.

Lipids or fats are building blocks of life and provide energy to cells. Lipids include:

- **LDL cholesterol**, which is considered bad because it can cause plaques to form in the blood vessels.
- **HDL cholesterol**, which is regarded as good because it can help to remove LDL from the blood.
- **Triglycerides**, which develop when calories are not burned right away and are stored in fat cells.

Types and Causative Factors of Dyslipidemia[2]

1. Primary Dyslipidemia- Mostly have genetic relation.
   - Familial combined hyperlipidemia
   - Familial hypertriglyceridemia
   - Homozygous familial or polygenic hypercholesterolemia

2. Secondary Dyslipidemia-Develops due to environmental factors.
   - Obesity
   - Diabetes
   - Hypothyroidism
   - Alcoholism
   - Polycystic ovary syndrome
   - Metabolic syndrome
   - Cushing syndrome
   - Severe infection such as, HIV

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Atherosclerosis and dyslipidemia jointly leads to pathogenesis of cardiovascular diseases[3]. Dyslipidemia related cholesterol buildup causes it to be oxidized, which speeds up the description of ICAM-1 and E- selectin for monocyte adhesion and the subsequent sequencing of monocyte inflow and cytokine production. To further encourage the inflow of TG monocytes, the monocytes develop into macrophages and produce monocyte chemoattractant protein (MCP)-1. Additionally, monocytes produce cytokines like interleukin (IL)-6 and speed up the oxidation of cholesterol by releasing oxidizing agents.

Macrophages take up oxidized cholesterol and transform into foam cells, which are then deposited on the blood vessel walls.

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This method triggers the development of plaque and results in atherosclerosis. In this way, dyslipidemia increases the probability of developing atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. According to theory, atherosclerotic lesions form when plasma LDL is transported and retained beyond the endothelial cell layer and into the extracellular matrix of the subendothelial region.

LDL undergoes chemical revision in the arterial wall via oxidation and nonenzymatic glycation; moderately oxidized LDL then draws monocytes to the artery wall.The subsequent conversion of these monocytes into macrophages raise LDL oxidation. An atherosclerotic plaque eventually develops a fibrous covering to protect the inner core of lipids, collagen, calcium and inflammatory cells like T lymphocytes after repeated injury and repair to prevent plaque rupture and ensuing coronary thrombosis, the fibrous plaque must be maintained.

As the elevated formation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) is intimately associated to endothelial dysfunction and the activation of the vascular inflammatory response, oxidative stress constitutes one of the fundamental pathogenetic processes of atherosclerosis. The rapid production of ROS is linked to common conditions that are also recognized as cardiovascularrisk factors that predispose to atherosclerosis, such as hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, diabetes, and smoking are associated with accelerated generation of ROS.

Atherosclerosis is also recognized as an inflammatory disorder of the medium and large arteries. Repeated injury and repair within an atherosclerotic plaque eventually result in a fibrous cap protecting the underlying core of lipids, collagen, calcium and inflammatory cells such as T lymphocytes. Maintenance of the fibrous plaque is essential to prevent plaque rupture and ensuing coronary thrombosis. Oxidative stress represents one of the fundamental pathogenetic processes of atherosclerosis.

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE

Screening can take place postprandially or during a fast (the latter having a higher TG), but if altered, two fasting samples taken at least two to three weeks apart must be used for verification, for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, the mean value between these two numbers is being used[4]. By deducting HDL from the Total Cholesterolin the postprandial sample, non- HDL cholesterol is determined[5]. The first three weeks after an infection should not be used for lipid profile screening due to the possibility of inflammation, secondary to severe infections, which can significantly accelerate TG[6]. It is recommended to take a fasting lipoprotein profile measurement, that includes total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and triglycerides, for which classification is mentioned in [Table 1] with normal range.

Table 1: Classification of total LDL, HDL, Cholesterol and triglycerides

Total Cholesterol	
<200mg/dl	Desirable
200-239mg/dl	Borderline high
>/240mg/dl	High
LDL Cholesterol	
<100mg/dl	Optimal
100-129mg/dl	Near or above optimal
130-159mg/dl	Borderline high
160-189mg/dl	High
>/190mg/dl	Very high
HDL Cholesterol	
<40mg/dl	Low
>/60mg/dl	High
Triglycerides	
<150mg/dl	Low
150-199mg/dl	Borderline high
200-299mg/dl	High
300-500mg/dl	Very high

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF DYSLIPIDEMIA IN *AYURVEDA(SAMPRAPTI)*

Elemental aspects of pathophysiology of dyslipidemia as per *Ayurveda(Sampraptighatak)*is being mentioned in [Table 2

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***Table 2 : Samprapti Gathaka of* Dyslipidemia**

Element	*Status of Abnormality*
Dosha	*Kapha and Pitta*
Dushya	*Rakta* or *Rasa*
Srotas	*Raktavaha and Rasavaha*
Srotodushti	*Atipravritti*and *Sanga*
Udhbhavasthana	*Amasaya*
Sancharasthana	*Rasa- Raktavaha Srotas*
Vyaktasthana	*Dhamani*
Rogamarga	*Abhyantara*
Agni	*Jatharagni or BhutagniMandyta*

According to *Ayurveda* a person following *Apathya* like *Avyayama* (lack of exercise) , *Achinta* (stress-free life *),* *Diwaswapna* (day sleeping*) Atisnigdha* (excessive oily food intake), *Madhura* (sweet food), *Adhyashan* (frequent eating), *Atimatra Ahara* (over eating) in diet and *Beeja Swabhavaj* (hereditary or genetic trends) leads to *Medovaha Srotodushti*. In due course of time blockage of *Medovaha Srotasa* propagates defective tissue metabolism which leads to *Medoroga* and its associated disorders like *Sthaulya, Premeha, Kustha*, disorders of *Ama, Napunsakata*, dysuria. The *Ayurvedic* methods of lifestyle modification and *Aptarpana Ahara* prevent Dyslipidemia and provide better management over modern methods of management which leads to adverse effect of drug intake for long time period, drug dependency also causes a financial burden over society[7] in comparison to Ayurveda, and Ayurveda provide cost effective, least adverse effects. Ayurveda also had a holistic approach to treat any disorder which cures the deformity by strengthening the natural life process of the body thus also corrects Srotodushti with time[8].

Specific Protocols for the management of Dyslipidemia

PATHYA* AND *APATHYA AHARA

The uniqueness of *Ayurveda* is the concept of *Pathya* and *Apathya*. The distinction between *Pathya* and *Apathya* is that the former refers to substances or lifestyle choices that do not negatively impact the body and mind, while the later is applied to those that do[9]. The *Pathya Apathya* that is stated in the *Ayurvedic* texts for *Prameha* and *Medoroga* might also be employed here as dyslipidemia is an entity that is type of *Medo Dushti*.The way that *Pathya* is categorized here is based on its effectiveness as a treatment for dyslipidemia (*Medo Roga*) at different levels of *Samprapti Ghatak. Pathya- Apathya* is classified below on basis of *Ahar (*Dietarychanges*) [Table 3], Ahara Vidhi* (DietaryProtocol) [Table 4] and *Vihara*(lifestyle modification) [Table 5].

Table 3 :*Pathya & Apathyaahara*

Pathya Ahara	***Apathya Ahara***
Rakta Shali (Oryza Sativa), Takra(buttermilk*)*	*Aavi Dugdh (milk* of Sheep)
Patola(Trichosanthes dioica) , kushmand (Zingiber officinale) ,Shunthi (dried Zingiber officinale) , Vilepi(porridge made of rice *)*	*Madhuka (Madhuca longifolia)*
Kadliphala (Musa paradisiaca) , Dadima (Punica granatum) , Draksha (Vitis vinifera) , Haritki (Terminalia chebula)	*Virrudha Anna* (Intake of food opposite in nature/properties)
Yavani (Trachyspermumammi),Lasuna (Allium sativum) , Purana Madhu (old honey) *, Ardraka (Zingiber officinale)*	*GuruPaki Ahara* (food article which are heavier to digest)
Purana Guda (old Jaggary *) ,Saindhavlavan (rock salt) ,Mulaka (Raphanus sativus)*	*Purana PatraShaka* (non -fresh leafy vegtables)
Mudgayusha (Phaseolus mungo porridge) , Kullathayushsa (Ayurveda recipe made withMacrotyloma uniflorum*)*	*Naveen Anna (* newly precured millets) , *Ksheer-Ikshu Vikrati* (milk products and sugarcane derived products *)*
Kodo, Katu Tikta Kashaya Dravya, Sarshap Taila, Ela Patra Shaka, Ushan Jala, consumption of water before food	*Madhura Dravya,* consumption of water after food, *Matsya* (fish) , *Mansa* (flesh)

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Table 4: *Ahara Vidhi* (Dietary Protocols)

Meal/Time	Menu	Quanitity	Instructions
Early morning	Double toned milk/coconut water. Fruits– banana/pomegranate/pear/apple/ musk melon/guava/watermelon	1 glass/ 1cup 1nos	Prepare fresh. No canned, packed juices. Do not add sugar. Sprinkle citrus fruit with *Lavanbhaskar churna*.
Breakfast	Roasted oats upma with vegetables, poha. Fermented foods- idly, dosa,upma etc. Sprouts, soyabean , kala chana Boiled egg/ omelet- 2 eggs	1 bowel 1 serving Half bowel	Used olive oil/mustard oil/ sesame oil No sauce, pickle Millets>cereals(bajara, ragietc)
Lunch	Chapati Vegetable- methi/ bhindi/ brinjial /lauki,lashun/palak/capsicum Salad- chakundar, cucmber, tomato, lemon Dal- mudga(green gram)/ kulatha(horse gram) Brown rice Butter milk	2-3 nos 1 bowel 1 plate 1 bowel 1 plate 1 glass	avoid heavy pulses (urad, masha) sprinkle cinnamon or kalimaricha on salad. Add jeera powder and saindhavlavan in butter milk according to need
Evening	Green tea Lemon tea with honey Soup- corn / vegetable/ tomato etc (avoid spices)	1 cup 1 cup 1 bowel	No biscuits, cookies, candy, pancakes etc.
Dinner	Chapatti Dal – green gram (light) Vegetable-(light) methi/ bhindi/ brinjial /lauki,lashun/palak/capsicum	1-2 nos 1 bowel ½ bowel	No curd, milk at night Dal and vegetables to be prepared in less oil and spices.

Table 5: *Vihara* (Lifestyle modification)

Smoking cessation	• Results in 36% reduction in the relative risk of mortality from coronary artery diseases[10].
Diet	• **1** saturated and trans fats • 1 simple sugars and refined carbohydrates • Fruits and vegetables • Whole grain cereals • Proportion of mono and polyunsaturated oils, including omega- 3 fatty acids
Optimal waist circumference[11]	• < 94 cm (37 inches) for men • <80cm (32 inches) for women • Differs by ethnicity with lower cut- offs appropriate for south and east Asians
Optimal BMI	• <25kg/m^2

Language formation for below points in paragraph with reference

Do's

1. Include foods high in HDL such as almonds, walnuts, oats, flax seeds.
2. Include fatty fish such as tuna, sardine, salmon, mackerel.
3. Consume egg white and skin out chicken.
4. Whole grains, legumes, vegetables and fruits is beneficial as they are rich in fibre.
5. Include low fat milk products.
6. Include 1 cup of green tea and physical activity in Daily routine.
7. Include foods high in soluble fibre such as banana, oats, apple, guava, barley, quinoa, flax and chia seeds, figs, coconut, okra.
8. *Swedan, vaman, virechan, lekhan basti, langhan*
9. *Pranayam*, meditation, *Agarulepa*

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Don'ts

1. Avoid red meat, organ meat, and shell fish as they rich in cholesterol.
2. Avoid consumption of foods made by reheated oil.
3. Heavy oils foods, foods high in cream and cheese.
4. Avoid saturated fat such as palm oil, butter, ghee.
5. *Trishana, mala mutradivegadharan*
6. *Rakta mokshana, diwaswapana*

DISCUSSION

A metabolic condition linked to improper fat metabolism is dyslipidemia. It is a risk factor for atherosclerosis, stroke, and cardiovascular disease (CVDs). However, it can be avoided by adopting a healthy lifestyle and diet. The American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists advises screening for the early diagnosis of excessive blood lipid levels to prevent heart problems.

According to *Ayurveda* it can be correlated with *Dushta Meda Dhatu*. So, the *Pathya* useful in dyslipidemia might have the properties such as Deepan, *Pachan*, *Ushna Virya*, *Ruksha*, *Tikshana*, *Srotoshodhana*, *Hridya*, *Lekhan*, *Kaphaghna* and having *Medo Nashak* property.

Each *Ahara Dravya* has specific pharmacological actions, such as acting on *Agni Deepan Pachana*, *Srotoshodhana* property, and some directly acting on *Medo Dhatu.* This study provides lipid lowering *Pathya Aahara Vihar* in prevention and management of dyslipidemia based on *Ayurveda* and research evidences.

CONCLUSION

A successful and comprehensive approach to treating dyslipidemia is integrative management of the situation, which combines Ayurvedic treatments and specialty medications Ayurveda is common with herbs, dietary recommendations and lifestyle practices and can be used with modern medical approaches Dyslipidemia -Effectiveness of Ayurvedic treatments in management is supported by scientific research, which also confirms the ability of these interventions to improve lipid metabolism, improve heart health, and reduce complications so but more clinical research is needed to validate the use of these results to optimize treatment for patients and validate health improvements as long as research continues to bridge the gap between treatment the brink between traditional and modern medicine

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ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE: STIGMA ON INDIAN SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT

Alcoholism refers to heavy and unmediated drinking. People suffering from alcoholism drink excessively without any form of control or discipline.

Alcoholism can also be defined as an addiction to alcohol. It is a habit that is dangerous to the health of an individual and often leads to negative social impacts as well as health complications. Depression is a mental illness that is caused by various factors such as the loss of a loved one, the lack of self-esteem, unhappiness, despair, and dejection. A person who is depressed finds life an unbearable burden and to overcome all the unpleasant thoughts, finds comfort in alcohol. Unfortunately, alcohol is a depressant and as much as the person taking it may achieve that temporary high, once the effect wears off, the depression sets in and this time much worse than before. It, therefore, becomes a habit as the affected person continuously drinks to stay high and keep away the bad memories and thoughts. Mental Stress can be caused by anxiety, tension, worry, excessive workload or trauma. When your desk is full of pending work, coupled with the need to balance family and work life, mental stress may set in. Anxiety, worry, or tension caused by unsolved issues may also lead to mental stress. To cope with the pressure, one might find alcohol an attractive solution. People who find it difficult to strike a balance between their professional and personal lives may become alcoholics as the pressure becomes too much bear. The same may happen in a situation of marital strife that leads to mental stress. The affected spouse or spouses may turn to alcoholism to cope with the ensuing stress.

KEY WORDS- *strategy, efforts, suggestions, eradication, problems etc*

INTRODUCTION

Some people start off as social drinkers then eventually become alcoholics. The habit of taking a few drinks after work or during the weekend may turn into an alcohol addiction especially for a person who does not have the ability to regulate his or her drinking. Taking alcohol for pleasure can create a social life pattern that results in alcoholism.

There are people who work as wine-tasters. They taste wine and write reviews based on texture, smell, and the actual taste of the product. It is a job that may turn into an alcohol addiction if left unchecked. Individuals in such areas of work may develop compulsive habits and end up as alcoholics.

Young people are the most affected with peer influence. The need to fit in can often lead o the development of bad social habits such as alcoholism. The constant parties and weekend rendezvous are basically characterized with a lot of boozing and other illicit substances. Bad peer influence is one of the leading causes of alcohol and substance abuse among young people. The group mentality is an ideal foundation for social vices and bad habits that may affect an individual for much of his or her adult life.

Risk Factors / Effects

1. Mental disorder: Alcoholism affects the functioning of the brain and can lead to memory loss and psychological problems. A person can become disoriented all the time and may have trouble remembering events. Since alcohol is categorized as a depressant, it may amplify mental disorders such as depression and stress. A depressed alcoholic can develop suicidal tendencies more so when the effects of alcohol wear off.

2. Health impact: Alcohol abuse has several negative impacts. People addicted to alcohol, especially the hard liquor, prefer drinking over food. They may become frail and of poor health as a result of poor eating habits. This opens the door for diseases and a host of infections. Excessive drinking can also cause liver cirrhosis which is a common killer health condition among alcoholics. Gout disease is also frequently found in people who take too much beer and red meat. Since judgment is usually impaired when one is drunk, poor decision-making can lead to risky sexual behaviour and thus sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

3. Abuse: Alcoholism leads to alcohol abuse. A person with a compulsive drinking habit will keep on drinking even when he or she is inebriated. To such people, there is never a point when alcohol becomes too much. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcohol poisoning when there is too much liquor in the body system.

4. Wastage of money: Alcoholics will prioritize drinking over other important life decisions. An alcoholic can spend a lot of money on liquor at the expense of feeding the family or making serious investment decisions. The need to get high and the desire to taste alcohol dents one financially because it is a habit that requires money for sustenance. Poor judgment when an individual is drunk can also lead to bad financial decisions. A person can buy an item that he or she does not need and thereby cause wastage of money.

5. Low self-esteem: Alcohol addiction can lead to low self-esteem. An addict may believe that he or she is not good enough because of the perceptions that the society has about people

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who abuse alcohol and other substances. It can lead to the inability to pursue dreams or take advantage of existing opportunities due to the low self-esteem.

6. Unfulfilled career: A person addicted to alcohol may never truly realize his or her potential career-wise. Alcoholism kills motivation and affects job performance leading to career stagnation. An alcoholic cannot be trusted with the management of an organization and may often be overlooked when promotion opportunities arise.

Drug Abuse and Addiction in India

Drug abuse refers to the habit of regular intake of illegal drugs characterized by mis-use of drugs. There is a thin-line of difference between drug abuse and addiction. In case of drug abuse, the person may or may not be addicted to these harmful drugs. However, in case of drug addiction, the person is severely addicted to these drugs. Thus, drug abuse may often lead to drug addiction.

Drug abuse and addiction is one of the great evils of our time. It has become a serious problem in India. Young and old alike everywhere are addicted to drugs. It has resulted in increased crime, tension, disease, horror and lack of peace and security.

The cities have attracted large number of youth who come in search of employment. Such people live a lonely and isolated life and become anti-social. They fall into evil company and get addicted.

The children who are deprived of the loving care and affection, and do not get right type of education are prone to be addicted to drugs.

Causes: In India drug abuse has become wide-spread and a cause of concern for the people and the government. The major causes of drug abuse and addiction are given below:

1. It is to be noted that despair very often drives many to drug addiction. Students who remain far away from parents and guardians and live in hostels and messes become victims of addition.
2. Their keeping contact with bad company pushes them to be addicts. There is no proper direction, no goal or objective before young men and women to move forward and reach.
3. Our education is such that it does not prepare students to fit into life. Coming out of the schools and colleges, they find that they have no future, no prospects in life.

Remedial measures: Parents, teachers, educationists and governments should think how best to improve education, so that it brings a full development of the personality and teaches the essence of life and the art of decent living.

1. Moral instructions should form a part of teaching.
2. Mass media and voluntary organizations should do their best in the field and highlight the dangers of drug addiction.
3. The various drugs are capturing the market and holding young and old alike in their grip.
4. The Anti-Narcotic Squads and Drug Enforcement Agencies should work in a more vigilant manner to prevent drug trafficking and trade.

Conclusion

The radio, television and newspapers must come in with vigorous campaigns against drug abuse and addiction. Legislation alone cannot put an end to the evil practice.

An increased social awareness is the key to the solution of this problem. People are to realize that drugs are killers and rare to be killed. They must learn to say ‘No’ to drugs and save their families from ruin. Persuasion, and not compulsion, can bring good results.

Alcoholism can be prevented by discouraging drinking. The government and relevant stakeholders can carry out awareness campaigns to educate the society on the dangers of alcohol addiction. The campaign can be done on social media, print media, and television so that it can reach the target audience. Drinking while driving should also be prohibited. This can be made effective by having traffic checkpoints to arrest drivers who are intoxicated.

Taking alcohol does not treat depression. If anything, it only makes it worse. Psychiatrist treatment and not alcohol is the solution for depression. Depression treatment centres would, therefore, serve as a good treatment mechanism for those suffering from depression. It would reduce the number of people seeking comfort in the bottle for their depressing thoughts. Many people in the society do not really understand that depression is a mental disorder. Having treatment centres and creating awareness would destigmatize it and get help to those in meeting. People addicted to alcohol can get professional help and kick the bad habit. Rehabilitation centres are ideal places for detoxification. An addict will be accorded treatment and given the necessary support to overcome alcoholism. The body undergoes detoxification and is then tuned to function without alcohol in the system. Rehab is usually a good treatment option for those that are too far gone that even the intervention of friends and family members cannot get them to overcome the habit. An individual may be directed to attend a rehabilitation centre by a court of law, employer, or in other cases forcibly taken to the centres by concerned friends and relatives.

The overview of taking drugs can be dangerous not only because of the physical impact they can have on your body but they can also limit your ability to set limits. Be aware of your environment and realize when you are in danger. Addiction is defined as a chronic, relapsing brain disease that is characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences. It is considered a brain disease because drugs change the brain. Drug abuse has changed its structure and works. These brain changes can be long lasting and lead to the harmful behaviours seen in people who abuse drugs. Addiction is a lot like other diseases, such as heart disease. Both disrupt the normal, healthy functioning of the underlying organ, have serious harmful consequences, and are preventable and treatable, but if left untreated, can last a lifetime. Mind-altering drugs interact with naturally occurring chemicals in the brain

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that are used to send messages throughout the central nervous system, brain and body. Central nervous system depressant drugs a sedative, leaving individuals feeling relaxed and loose. All of these drugs disrupt natural brain chemistry. Most act on the brain's natural of reward system and interfere with the normal production, transmission, and absorption dopamine.

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INTEGRATING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS INTO MODERN EDUCATION: AN ANALYSIS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY (NEP) 2020

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ABSTRACT

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in India represents a significant overhaul aimed at revitalizing the country's education system. Central to its objectives is the integration and revitalization of the Indian knowledge systems (IKS), aiming to restore and promote traditional knowledge alongside contemporary education. This paper examines the implications of NEP 2020 on the Indian knowledge system, analyzing its potential impact, challenges, and opportunities for the educational landscape in India. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 marks a significant shift in India's approach to education by emphasizing the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS). This paper explores the historical context, the rationale behind this integration, and the potential impact on contemporary education. Through an analysis of NEP 2020, we investigate how traditional knowledge, including ancient sciences, languages, arts, and philosophical systems, can be harmoniously blended with modern educational practices to foster a holistic learning environment. This research paper provides a structured overview of how NEP 2020 aims to target the Indian knowledge system, examining its objectives, strategies, potential impacts, and challenges.

KEYWORDS: *National Education Policy, Educational Values, Updated Curriculum, Indian Knowledge System, Educational Material*

INTRODUCTION

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is a comprehensive framework designed to transform the Indian education system to meet the challenges of the 21st century. One of its fundamental aspects is the recognition and integration of the Indian knowledge systems (IKS), which encompass traditional and indigenous knowledge that has been integral to India's cultural and intellectual heritage. This paper explores how NEP 2020 seeks to target and revitalize the Indian knowledge system, examining its objectives, strategies, and potential implications.

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) encompass a vast array of disciplines, including Ayurveda, Yoga, Sanskrit, classical arts, and ancient Indian mathematics and sciences. NEP 2020 recognizes the importance of these systems and proposes their integration into the modern curriculum. This policy aims to rejuvenate India's rich educational heritage while promoting a more inclusive and diverse learning framework. The term "Indian Knowledge Systems" (IKS) refers to the diverse traditional knowledge systems and practices that have been developed and transmitted over centuries within various communities and regions across India. These systems encompass a wide range of disciplines including but not limited to medicine, agriculture, astronomy, philosophy, linguistics, and arts, often rooted in indigenous cultures and practices.

> ***"Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) refers to the comprehensive and diverse knowledge systems developed and nurtured in the Indian subcontinent over centuries. These systems encompass traditional knowledge in various domains such as science, technology, medicine, arts, and social organization, deeply rooted in India's cultural and philosophical heritage." (Indian National Science Academy, 2018)***

India has a long-standing tradition of knowledge and education, dating back to ancient universities like Nalanda and Takshashila. These institutions were renowned for their diverse curriculum, attracting scholars from across the globe. The colonial era, however, disrupted this indigenous education system, replacing it with a Western model that often disregarded native knowledge.

NEP 2020 outlines several key objectives related to the Indian knowledge system

- **Integration and Revitalization**: To integrate IKS into the mainstream education system, thereby ensuring its preservation and transmission to future generations.
- **Promotion of Local Languages**: To promote education in regional languages and dialects, which are often repositories of traditional knowledge.
- **Research and Development**: To encourage research and development in traditional knowledge systems and practices.
- **Interdisciplinary Approach**: To foster an interdisciplinary approach that bridges modern and traditional knowledge systems.

The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) proposes several subject areas of IKS that require further investigation and analysis. This covers the study of astronomy, mathematics, art, and culture, as well as health and wellbeing. For every individual, community wellbeing and quality of life are crucial, particularly in today's

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technologically advanced and quickly evolving world. The literature currently in publication recommends developing AI for medical applications. The proposed work to be carried out in the IKS Lab has relevance in the context of the National Education Policy of the Government of India (NEP2020) as well as IKS for holistic development of students and improved community wellness because the work has not been focused on exploiting the IKS domains, yoga, consciousness, and mindfulness practices.



The Government of India formed the IKS division within the Ministry of Education with the goal of advancing multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all facets of IKS and sharing IKS knowledge for future innovations and societal applications. In order to revitalize IKS research in India, the IKS division supports unique, serious, and in-depth academic study in a variety of IKS disciplines. The traditional knowledge in astronomy and mathematics, chemistry and material science, health, wellness, and awareness studies, political and economic ideas, arts, traditions, and rich culture are all included in the IKS division.

Contribution to India's IKS Mission- The Indian Knowledge System (IKS) is heavily emphasized in the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP2020) for the overall development of pupils. In addition to all-around professional growth, students must be given traditional knowledge of medicine, mindfulness practices (Vipassana), heritage, etc. in order for them to appreciate the significance of IKS disciplines for optimum wellbeing. Thus, the primary goal of this AI intervention-based research is to fulfill the NEP2020's most significant expectation.

NEP 2020: Key Provisions for Indian Knowledge Systems
NEP 2020 outlines several key initiatives to integrate IKS into the modern education system:

1. Curriculum Development: Introducing IKS at various educational levels, from primary to higher education, ensuring students gain a comprehensive understanding of their cultural heritage.
2. Teacher Training: Special programs for educators to equip them with the knowledge and skills required to teach IKS effectively.
3. Research and Innovation: Establishing research centers dedicated to the study and advancement of IKS.
4. Language Preservation: Promoting classical languages like Sanskrit, Pali, and Prakrit alongside contemporary languages.
5. Interdisciplinary Approach: Encouraging the blending of traditional knowledge with modern scientific and technological advancements.

The Rationale for Integrating IKS
The integration of IKS offers numerous benefits:

- Cultural Identity and Heritage: Strengthening students' connection to their cultural roots and promoting a sense of pride in their heritage.
- Holistic Education: Providing a well-rounded education that includes moral, ethical, and spiritual dimensions.
- Innovation and Sustainability: Drawing from traditional practices and wisdom to address contemporary issues such as sustainability and wellness.

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Potential Impact on Contemporary Education

Integrating IKS into the curriculum can transform the educational landscape in several ways:

i. Enhanced Critical Thinking: Exposure to diverse knowledge systems encourages critical thinking and a broader worldview.
ii. Inclusive Education: Recognizing and valuing indigenous knowledge promotes inclusivity and respect for diversity.
iii. Global Competence: Equipping students with unique perspectives and skills that can be valuable in the global arena.

Strategies and Implementation

NEP 2020 proposes several strategies to achieve its objectives concerning the Indian knowledge system:

I. Curriculum Reforms: Revision of school and higher education curricula to include modules on IKS and promote a holistic understanding of India's cultural and intellectual diversity.
II. Teacher Training: Training programs for teachers to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to teach IKS effectively.
III. Resource Mobilization: Allocation of resources for the documentation, preservation, and dissemination of traditional knowledge systems.
IV. Collaboration and Partnerships: Collaboration with academic institutions, research organizations, and traditional knowledge holders to bridge the gap between theory and practice.

Impact and Implications:

The implementation of NEP 2020 targeting the Indian knowledge system is expected to have several implications:

- Cultural Revitalization: Preservation and promotion of India's rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge systems.
- Educational Equity: Inclusion of diverse perspectives and knowledge systems, contributing to a more inclusive and equitable education system.
- Innovation and Sustainability: Integration of traditional knowledge with modern scientific advancements to foster innovation and sustainable development.
- Challenges: Challenges such as resistance to change, resource constraints, and the need for capacity building in IKS research and education.

Challenges and Recommendations

While the integration of IKS presents exciting opportunities, it also poses challenges:

- Resource Allocation: Adequate funding and resources are required to develop and implement IKS curricula.
- Teacher Preparedness: Comprehensive training programs are essential to prepare teachers for this new approach.
- Curriculum Balance: Ensuring a balanced curriculum that harmonizes traditional and modern knowledge without overwhelming students.

To address these challenges, the following recommendations are proposed:

i. Collaborative Frameworks: Establishing partnerships between educational institutions, government bodies, and IKS experts.
ii. Continuous Evaluation: Implementing robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the effectiveness of IKS integration.
iii. Public Awareness Campaigns: Raising awareness about the benefits of IKS through community engagement and outreach programs.

CONCLUSION

The National Education Policy 2020 represents a paradigm shift in India's approach to education, particularly in its emphasis on integrating and revitalizing the Indian knowledge system. While the policy outlines ambitious objectives and strategies, its successful implementation will depend on overcoming challenges and harnessing opportunities to realize the full potential of IKS in shaping India's educational landscape for generations to come. The NEP 2020's emphasis on Indian Knowledge Systems represents a visionary approach to education that honors India's rich intellectual legacy while preparing students for the future. By thoughtfully integrating IKS into the modern curriculum, India can create a more inclusive, holistic, and innovative educational environment that benefits individuals and society as a whole.

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WIND-DRIVEN NATURAL VENTILATION – THE WIND TOWER AS A STRATEGY TO REDUCE ENERGY USE IN LOW-RISE BUILDINGS IN HOT CLIMATES

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ABSTRACT
Wind-driven natural ventilation is a topic of interest in the field of sustainable architecture, particularly in the context of low-rise buildings located in hot climates. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive assessment of the wind tower as a prominent model for reducing energy consumption in such buildings. A look at the Wind tower as a significant model to cut down on energy consumption in low-rise buildings located in hot climates is presented in this article as part of a discussion on wind-driven natural ventilation. A comprehensive examination of wind-driven natural ventilation is presented herein, with a particular focus on the efficacy of the Wind tower as an exemplary model for mitigating energy consumption in low-rise structures situated in hot climatic conditions. The utilisation of natural ventilation and cooling has been crucial in ensuring optimal comfort conditions. They can greatly impact the reduction of cooling loads and provide the required ventilation rate for buildings. This paper seeks to offer a review of the latest advancements and uses of wind towers in contemporary architecture. The efficiency of a wind tower is also analysed based on its pertinent parameters, such as height, configuration, and cross-section. The potential of wind towers in modern architecture and urban planning is demonstrated by their application in contemporary buildings, their integration into the urban context, and the development of innovative designs and technologies for wind towers.

KEYWORDS: *Wind tower, Natural ventilation, Passive cooling, Thermal comfort, Energy efficiency*

INTRODUCTION
The process of ventilation involves the exchange of air within an enclosed space. Air should be frequently extracted and substituted with air coming from a clean, outside source to sustain excellent indoor air quality, which is considered a condition whereby no identified impurities are present at unhealthy levels. Excessive humidity, condensation, overheating, and the accumulation of contaminants, odours, and smokes can result from a lack of ventilation. Huge fans, ducts, air-conditioning, and heating devices are typically included in HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning) systems that are highly energy-intensive in buildings used for business and industry. Ventilation is a component of these systems. The primary ventilation mechanism in domestic buildings is sustainable, based on natural ventilation by means of openings and passage of air [1, 2]. Building mechanical cooling systems are also significant contributors to carbon dioxide emissions, resulting in detrimental effects on the environment and exacerbating global warming, especially in hot climates [3]. Utilising natural ventilation is a viable passive approach to enhance the quality of indoor air [4]. The natural ventilation method effectively introduces fresh air into a space, thereby reducing the concentration of indoor pollution. Increasing the ventilation rate leads to a decrease in pollutant concentration within the indoor environment. As the need for ventilation rate increases, so does the energy load and demand. Hence, the utilisation of natural ventilation is a more effective approach for minimising energy expenses when compared to mechanical systems. Allard [5] proposed that natural ventilation is a more cost-effective option when considering the expenses associated with mechanical systems, such as capital, maintenance, and operational costs.

Wind-driven ventilation versus Stack Effect – The stack effect and wind-driven ventilation are the two primary fundamental principles that are involved in natural ventilation. The stack effect is a phenomenon that occurs when the temperature within a building is greater than the temperature outside the building. This phenomenon is created by temperature variations between the inside and exterior environment of a building. As the warm air from the interior of the structure rises and comes out of the apertures in the building, it gets substituted by the air from below, which is cooler and denser. In their study, Naghman et al. [6] found that the stack effect is diminished when there is a relatively minor temperature differential between the inside and outside

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environments of buildings. When conditions are hot and humid, there is not much of a difference in temperature between the indoor environments and the outdoor environments. The stack ventilation method cannot provide a larger airflow to achieve satisfactory air changes for the people who are occupying the building because of the low temperature difference. Research conducted by Hughes and Cheuk-Ming [7] found that wind-driven ventilation offers 76% greater interior airflow than buoyancy effects. In accordance with Elmualim [8], it is recommended that natural ventilation through the utilisation of wind towers be utilised wherever it is feasible, particularly during the peak of the summer season.

WIND TOWERS

Ventilation systems are very important to the planning of buildings. Wind towers were used for a long time as an integral ventilation feature designed to facilitate passive ventilation in structures with a range of climates. A wind tower is a tall structure that looks like a chimney and is built on top of buildings. It works well in all kinds of weather to collect air from the outside and direct it to the room below [9]. Wind towers are made in different ways depending on the weather in a certain area and the need for air flow. More care is taken by designers to keep the humidity level in check in warm and subtropical areas. In other places, though, airflow and taking advantage of the winds or breezes are essential things to think about when designing a building. In dry and semi-dry areas, shade and safety from dust storms can be among the most important things. Most of the time, both scenarios are considered when designing buildings near the coast or in wind corridors. In hot and dry climates, however, passive ventilation and cooling are crucial for buildings, especially in suburbs or rural areas where regular power sources are hard to come by.

A wind tower lowers the interior temperature providing thermal comfort and renders the incoming airflow comfortable [10]. Scientists agree that in areas away from urban centres, wind towers are effective. Thus, wind towers make for a sensible and ecological building ventilation system [11]. Particularly in cases when the fresh wind cannot enter through openings in every corner of a structure or buildings with restricted openings, wind towers are efficient for buildings with insufficient ventilation. Passive ventilation depends on wind entering and changing direction, which is not achievable in these conditions. In buildings with a limited frontage or a low height, wind towers also become practicable [12]. Furthermore, wind towers aid in producing a buoyancy effect in low-velocity air [13,14]. From its windows, a fresh cool and heavy breeze fills a structure, from the wind tower, warm and light wind escapes. The heavier air causes light polluted air to exit, producing airflow.

Wind towers have been used for ventilation since before the advent of electricity, and they can also be effective in densely populated urban areas. Wind towers exhibit greater air circulation capabilities compared to other building fenestrations. A well-designed and adapted wind tower can offer purified air, a feature not achievable with standard urban windows [15]. Research on adapted wind towers on city buildings with poor natural ventilation has demonstrated that the addition of wind towers has improved passive ventilation in these structures. According to the findings, installing wind towers was especially helpful for keeping buildings cool throughout the summer. Additionally, the study noted that wind towers outperformed regular windows in terms of functionality and efficiency [16].

CATEGORIES OF WIND TOWERS

Wind towers have been categorised into many types based on factors such as the number of apertures, number of floors, cross-section, and interior partitions [17].

Wind towers based on the quantity of apertures – Wind towers are categorised based upon the number of apertures, Unidirectional wind towers, Bidirectional wind towers, quadrilateral wind towers, hexagonal wind towers, and wind towers with eight sides [18]. The one-sided wind tower, also known as a windcatcher, is designed with an inlet that allows chilly northern winds to enter inside rooms. It does not have any openings in the east, west, or south directions [17,18]. However, just a mere 3 per cent of wind towers in Yazd are unidirectional. Wind towers that are designed with only one side are more resilient to storms compared to other wind tower designs [19]. The term "twin wind towers" refers to two-sided wind towers [20]. Brick blades are utilised to divide them into two distinct sections. According to Roaf [21], 17 per cent of wind towers in Yazd are two-sided and were exclusively utilised by wealthy individuals. Quadrilateral wind towers are more elevated and larger compared to other wind towers. Traditionally, these wind towers were employed in regions characterised by arid conditions. Their heights are subject to variation based on climate conditions [22]. The predominant type of wind tower is the four-sided variety [23]. Wind towers in hot and humid regions are all quadrilateral in shape. Around 2 per cent of the wind towers in Yazd are of the octagonal variety, which is typically utilised for water storage [21, 22].

Wind towers based on cross-section types – There are five primary cross-sectional classes of wind towers. Different types of wind towers include cylindrical, square, and rectangular, hexahedral and tetrahedral wind towers. Cylindrical wind towers are harder to build than square, rectangular, tetrahedral, and hexahedral ones. However, cylindrical wind towers are efficient because they are designed for wind aerodynamics. Square wind towers outnumber circle, hexahedral, and tetrahedral ones. However, rectangular wind towers are most common [18]. Hexahedral and tetrahedral wind towers are shorter and used to store water [21, 22].

Wind towers based according to positions of blades – Wind tower efficiency is also determined by interior blades. They split up wind tower cross-sections and modify airflow velocity and turbulence. Thus, wind towers with different divisions have different properties and perform differently. Four divisions exist in square wind towers [24]. Hexahedral and tetrahedral wind towers have one division each. In these divisions, blades link to tetrahedral and hexahedral tips. X, +, H and K blades are used in rectangular wind towers. Wind towers are 1.5 times taller than wide. The most common dividing is rectangular wind tower and + blades [25].

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WIND TOWER PERFORMANCE

Wind towers have greater advantages than other openings [26, 27, 28]. In dense metropolitan areas, windows are inefficient, therefore wind towers can provide the necessary ventilation. A three-story house with poor ventilation studied by Drach [29] found that a wind tower increased natural ventilation in this house. High pressure coefficient is another benefit of wind towers over conventional openings. Pressure coefficient at opening determines ventilation rate [30]. In urban Australia, Sadeghi et al. [31] compared wind tower performance to window ventilation. The study found that the pressure difference among the intake (wind tower) and outflow (window) was three times greater than when the window was employed for ventilation. An optimised wind tower has three times the average interior airflow velocity of window ventilation in Sydney's six warm months. Thus, wind towers are an effective passive cooling technology that can lower cooling loads in modern buildings [32].

Novel approaches to wind tower design – Conventional wind towers, however, had certain drawbacks in addition to their benefits. The shafts of wind towers allow dust and insects to enter interior rooms. Occasionally, a portion of the airflow that enters interior regions disappears through a different opening and does not circulate inside. In situations where the wind velocity is low, wind tower efficiency is low. Some or all these limitations must be addressed by contemporary wind towers. When combined with innovative designs and cutting-edge technologies, they have an increased probability of success [33].

- ***Scoop / Wind cowls* –** Wind cowls are roof ventilators. The terms "cowl" and "scoop" are employed interchangeably at times. A scoop is a device that admits air into buildings and cowl is an air extractor. Scoops can be static or spin about an axis to face the wind. Cowls are similar, but the opening faces leeward. This exploits partial negative pressure from wind-blown apertures or cowl rotation. Windcatchers often use wind cowls and scoops [34].
- ***Wind towers with moist columns and surfaces* –** Two innovative wind towers with moist columns and surfaces were compared to classic ones by Bahadori et al. [35]. This comparison shows these two novel models outperform traditional ones. The suggested wind tower has a revolving head and stationary column. Pumps wet the inlet grid pad and the wetted pad and revolving head improved wind tower efficiency substantially [18].
- ***Down-draft evaporative cool tower* –** A novel sort of wind tower, the PDEC wind tower operates in three phases. The first step involves using a pressure differential to let air into a wind tower. The second step is spraying water. By undergoing this process, the air that is entered becomes denser. In the last step, the air is infused with the kinetic energy of the sprayed drops, and the denser air is forced to descend. The weather determines how effective this wind tower will be [36]. When the weather is dry, water spraying works better than when it is humid [37]. A high-density wind tower is used at the Torrent Research Centre in India [38].
- **Air tree –** A cluster of sixteen wind towers, each with a metal frame and a plastic covering of two layers make up the Air tree. It is situated on a major street in Madrid. Shadowing, ventilation, and cooling through evaporation are the three ways in which Air trees raise the temperature of the surrounding air. An electrical fan and numerous water pipelines around the floor have been used for ventilation and cooling by evaporative means [39].
- ***Adsorption cooling channel aided by wind tower* –** An absorption chiller and wind tower are used in this system to provide both natural ventilation and cooling. The inside temperature can be lowered from 10°C to 20°C with this approach. This system operates more efficiently in dry settings than in humid ones [40].
- ***Earth-to-air heat exchanger with wind tower* –** The earth's soil temperature at shallow depth is close to the annual average. The soil depth is warmer in winter and cooler in summer than outside. Thus, leveraging such a benefit could boost thermal comfort [41]. The earth-to-air heat exchanger adjusts temperature based on ground depth. A few pipes are arranged in the soil's depth in this arrangement. These pipes pump air and exchange heat with the soil. Pumping air over the surface heats or cools the environment depending on pipe length, depth, soil type, and diameter [42–45]. This technique is efficient, according to Baghdad climatic research by Dwivedi and Sharma [46–48].

External influences affecting wind tower ventilation – The performance of the wind tower also depends significantly on various factors such as the direction of the flow of wind, solar radiation, neighbourhood typology of the building, the roof design and various other factors. The roof design can be controlled by the architect and therefore logically could be used to impact the performance of the wind tower most effectively.

- ***The impact of the roof design of the building* –** Roof topology is an important design component that affects ventilation. Understanding the impact of roof shape on wind tower efficiency helps guide the integration of both systems to achieve ventilation requirements [49]. CFD modelling by Su et al. [50] examined the performance of a circular four-sided wind tower on a level and pitched roof. The results showed that flat roofs are less efficient than sloped ones. Flow separation was greater on the flat roof. Ameer et al. [49] used the wind tunnel and CFD approach to examine the ventilation efficiency of a four-sided (square) wind tower with constricted, tilted, curved, flat, and pitched roofs. Roof design affects wind characteristics and can increase wind tower ventilation and air dispersion if planned well.

CONCLUSION

This paper seeks to review old wind towers and modern wind tower technologies to see how the new wind tower is successfully being used in conjunction with other techniques to improve ventilation in buildings in hot climates. The major consideration being the exploitation of natural ventilation in two stages namely, buoyancy and wind-driven force. Wind towers have many advantages over other openings in a building. Wind towers outperform mechanical ventilation economically

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hence using a wind tower saves energy and money. The number of apertures, velocity, wind angles, and configuration characteristics affect wind tower performance. Understanding these criteria helps choose and employ the right type. One-sided wind towers work best in one-direction wind, but in changeable wind directions other types must be used. New wind towers use dampers, louvres, fans, rotating head wind towers and thus engineer inventiveness. Air trees cool the environment through ventilation, evaporation, and shadowing. These technologies and innovative wind tower designs can help adapt to a new lifestyle and contribute to sustainable architecture and cooling load reduction, especially in hot and dry areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORKS

A review of the wind tower research has been done to identify the key parameters that influence the ventilation performance. The wind tower's geometric properties, external design factors influenced by the surrounding environment, and how it interacts with other passive natural ventilation systems have been reviewed. Prior researchers have mostly focused on studying various wind tower geometry and design factors, including cross-section, internal partitions, apertures, height, roof, louvres, and dampers. Several studies have examined the impact of external design variables, particularly the shape of the building roof, on the efficiency of wind towers. There are still undiscovered applications for wind towers, even though the technology has advanced significantly. Microclimates in urban contexts provide several challenges, including issues related to thermal comfort, the quality of the air, and the heat island effect. Wind towers can be employed, particularly in regions with high temperatures, where it has the potential to lower air temperature, based on research findings.

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PROACTIVE FAULT PREDICTION IN TABLET PRESS EQUIPMENT USING MACHINE LEARNING MODE

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ABSTRACT

In the swiftly developing pharmaceutical industry, the efficiency and reliability of the tablet press equipment play a central role in ensuring continuous production and maintaining the quality of products. This paper investigates the use of machine learning models for predicting faults in tablet press machines to create a proactive maintenance system that can forestall potential failures and prevent operational halts. With a synthetically created dataset cycling the real operational parameters and past failure occurrences of a tablet press machine, proposed and assessed various machine learning models – Random Forest Classifier, Support Vector Classifier, K-Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes, and Gaussian Process Classifier – capable of detecting patterns indicative of imminent failures. The Random Forest Classifier posts the best results by far. The performance evaluation metrics – Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score – indicate that the Random Forest Classifier records the best performance, correctly predicting both failure and non-failure instances. This paper ascertains that machine learning can be applied to build models that adequately predict faults and mitigate downtime and wastage associated with pharmaceutical production. It paves the way for more advanced ML-based fault prediction systems in industries.

KEYWORDS — *Machine Learning, Regression Model, Tablet press, pharmaceutical.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The pharmaceutical industry is the pillar of modern healthcare, characterized by relentless innovation and an uncompromising emphasis on quality. The intricate process of tablet pressing is central to pharmaceutical manufacturing, a vital step that converts powdered components into a solid oral dosage form. Tablet press, like any other machinery [1], suffers from various operational problems in its production course which may hamper the manufacturing process and product quality. If not managed in advance, tablet press machinery's production challenges can result in a possible downtime, waste of resources, and loss of resources among others. The purpose of this investigation is to establish a predictive system that can aid in forecasting the occurrence of defects in tablet press equipment so that it could be prevented [2]. Machine learning (ML) classification models will be utilized to establish this prediction system.

In conclusion, the paper's main goal was to design a sustainable predictive maintenance scheme capable of guaranteeing the uninterrupted and dependable functioning of the tablet press machine. The proposed system utilizes machine learning coded with a large data set [4] combining numerous operation variables and prior fault outcomes. Through analysis of the outcomes of the former and determining any trends associated with the current impending fault condition, the proposed system [6] enables timely provision of the relevant corrective actions, preventive maintenance. Therefore, the scheme not only reduces the likelihood and frequency of production halts but also makes the optimal use of the resources and improves the overall pharmaceutical production efficiency.

To meet these goals, a carefully designed synthetic dataset was used. While real-world datasets might be constrained by incomplete data and confounding [5] variables, a synthetic dataset allows for the creation of a controlled system in which the intricate processes of a tablet press can be modeled. This entails being able to investigate many failure modes [7] and operating conditions to ensure that the machine learning models created are reliable and flexible. The synthetic dataset, while simply a representation, is constructed to accurately mirror actual behavior and provide a reliable basis for model training and assessment.

This work's importance could be the novel and disruptive findings that it can cause on the predictive maintenance strategies in the pharmaceutical industry [6]. By tipping the balance from a reactive to a proactive maintenance framework, manufacturers drastically [9] reduce the number of unplanned downtimes and the cost associated with it. Additionally, a predictive maintenance system increases tablet press machinery's reliability, enabling stable output quality and compliance with stringent regulatory requirements. These processes' ramifications are vast, promising increased

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efficiency, economic gain, and measurable patient recovery and well-being.

Since machine learning can analyze massive amounts of data and pick up subtle patterns, it is suitable for a fault prediction task. Different machine learning models have been implemented to determine which one is most effective in failure prediction, such as Random Forest, Support Vector Classifier, K-Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes, and Gaussian Process Classifier. The performance of each model includes accuracy, precision, or positive predictive value, recall or sensitivity, and F1-score.

In the presented analysis, the Random Forest Classifier demonstrated the brightest performance [11], as evidenced by the final accuracy of 1.0. This model can identify not only instances of non-failure but those of failure as well, which directly supports the hypothesis. Although the other models, namely, the Support Vector Classifier and the Gaussian Process Classifier also showed a high level of accuracy, it is the exceptional performance of the Random Forest Classifier that makes is perspective for the targeted prediction [2]. The comparison of the models is useful for the identification of the strongest model which will be suitable for the actual prediction in practice.

The practical implementation of the predictive maintenance system is an essential component of this research. The system was embodied as an interactive interface that allows users to enter the operational data and see the anticipated maintenance recommendations in real time. [4] In fact, this interface helped to implement the theoretical model in a real manufacturing setting. The developed system is very user-friendly, which, I assume, will allow the manufacturing personnel to easily pick it up. In turn, this will let the workers get more autonomy in making maintenance interventions decisions. The ability to address potential [8] issues in a preventive way allows improving the tablet press reliability and efficiency, which will facilitate the continued sustainable excellence of the pharmaceutical manufacturing process.

Therefore, the findings of the current research hold broad implications for the pharmaceutical industry [3]. Thanks to this research, which proved the possibility and efficiency of machine learning-based fault prediction, pharma enterprises can make use of such predictive maintenance [10] strategy in additional areas of their manufacturing facilities. This change coincides with the general trend within the industry of digitalization and acquisition of new technologies for better performance.

Ultimately, the results of this research emphasize the transformational promise of machine learning in terms of significantly improving the dependability [11] and responsiveness of tablet press machinery. The creation and verification of a predictive maintenance mechanism represent a significant leap forward in this department, ushering in a new era of proactive fault management focused on advancing manufacturing into a more sustainable and adaptable future. The pharmaceutical industry is likely to continue its evolution throughout the next decade [13], and the implementation of machine learning-based solutions provides the potential to raise the bar of operational standards, which would ensure continued high-quality product output and support the sector's righteous cause. As such, this research, through the lens of thorough analysis, model creation, and practical application [15], introduces an essential instrument for pharmaceutical manufacturers the world over as it strive to maintain the state of operational perfection, bringing value to both producers and, most importantly, patients.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The given area relies heavily on machine learning and is increasingly becoming an area of focus for industrial systems. In one of the groundbreaking works on this subject, (Lee et al.) successfully used the Random Forest Classifier to predict faults in manufacturing.[1] Their model yielded an accuracy of 95%, marking it as an efficient way of addressing predictive maintenance for systems with a high dimensionality. The study exposes the potential of ensemble machine learning models in predicting events based on data input with many features and illustrates [4] how multiple models outperform individual ones [5]. Another related research by Wang and Liu focused on employing Support Vector Machines for industrial fault prediction. The report was with an accuracy of 93.5% [6] and, unlike in the previous study, emphasized SVM's significance in the n-dimensional problem space. It is especially beneficial for areas where the input features' relation to the target is multi-faceted and non-linear [10].

Deep learning methods have demonstrated significant potential in the predictive maintenance field. For example, (Zhang et al.) used a deep learning model to predict failures, reaching an accuracy of 97.2%. [11] This example highlights the capacity of deep learning to capture complex patterns from large datasets, an essential feature of predictivity.[12] In addition, Chen and Zhao used Long Short-Term Memory networks on time-series data to predict failures with an accuracy of 98.1%. This study demonstrates that [13] LSTM is superior in dealing with sequential data; in particular, it accurately learns and predicts outcomes based on time dependencies.

Apart from the above examples, traditional machine learning methods also have a considerable share in predictive maintenance. For example, in the study by Kim et al., the K-nearest neighbours' algorithm was used to predict the fault in hydraulic systems, being 92.4% accurate. [13] As the authors emphasized, [12-14] KNN algorithms are effective for crowded and result in contact with each other data points; hence, such an

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algorithm is also suitable for manufacturing applications. Moreover, Martínez and González employed a Naïve Bayes classifier for the predictive maintenance of the automation system in automotive works, which had an accuracy of 90.6% [15]. Accordingly, this study showed the strength of probabilistic models, mainly used for class imbalance cases, in manufacturing applications.

Moreover, recent research has sought to combine the approaches and models discussed above to improve on each other's limitations. For instance, (Patel et al.) developed a hybrid model that integrates [4-8] CNNs and RNNs for PM and achieved an accuracy of 96.8%. A hybrid model combines CNNs' capability to extract spatial [11] features and that of RNNs to work on time-series data and is suitable for industrial applications with complex features [9]. In addition, Smith and Jones developed a hybrid model using Random Forests and GBM and achieved an accuracy of 97.5% [15]. Therefore, the findings presented in this review indicate that an increase in accuracy and robustness can occur if multiple machine learning approaches are combined.

Moreover, in addition to the cases above, Gupta et al. used Decision Trees for predictive maintenance with 89.7% accuracy [14]. It emphasizes the high interpretability of the model, which was a critical factor in their case. At the same time, Johnson and Miller employed a Logistic Regression model with predictive maintenance in the aerospace industry with 88.3% accuracy [15]. Although it was a straightforward model, it helped to identify the deciding factors of equipment failure [17].

Moreover, the article of Brown et al. used a Gradient Boosting Machine for fault prediction in power plants and, as a result, the accuracy of 94.5% was achieved [6]. The authors have proved the positive effect of boosting on model's performance by decreasing both bias and variance [8]. Also, the study of White et al. applied an Artificial Neural Network for predictive maintenance in oil and gas industry and found an accuracy of 95.9% using this model [12]. This result suggests that ANN can accurately learn complex relationships between variables in a large dataset [12-15].

These studies jointly demonstrate the different kinds of machine learning models utilized in the study of predictive maintenance together with their features based on industrial settings: The record showed a steady improvement in the predictive capabilities of the models, and the continued growth of the technology [1]. From simple techniques such as KNN and Naive Bayes to cutting-edge deep learning and ensemble methods, each model has several potential benefits that are appropriate for specific types of data and operational conditions. [15] The user's usage of these predictive maintenance models has grown in sophistication as industries have improved more trustworthy and efficient maintenance approaches.

III. METHODOLOGY

To develop a proactive fault prediction for tablet press equipment, There was the utilization of foundational engineering approaches such as machine learning. The broad guideline of the proposed model is shown in Figure 1 below, which consists of data collection to when the result is validated. The first step involved collecting a wide range of faults, and operational parameters determine the fault characteristics. Then, the data was preprocessed, that is, cleaning the data and preparing it for learning. In the third phase, scientific and machine learning decision-making tools were used with several algorithms such as the Random Forest, Naïve Bayes, Support Machine Vector, and K-Nearest-Neighbors used to build the model. The performance metrics for each used were accuracy, Precision, accordance, and F1. The best model was then used to train and test, and with results validated by Cross-validation and performance comparison. Having followed our systematic methodology, it is expected that the fault prediction system will be robust enough to predict faults and minimize downtime. and enhances the reliability of tablet press operations in pharmaceutical.

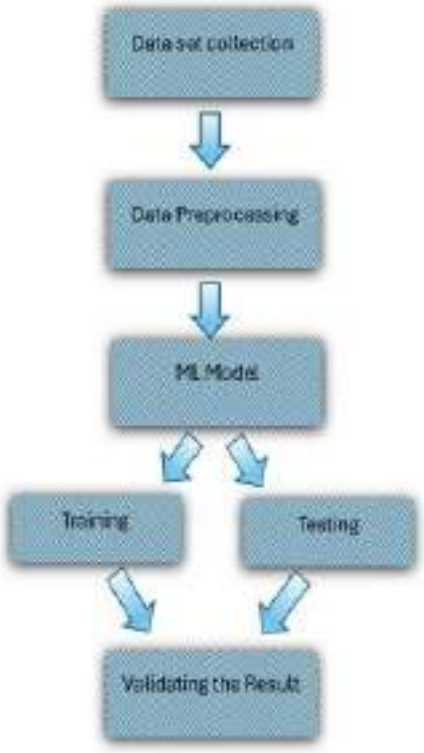


Figure 1. Proposed method Architecture.

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A. Data Set

The dataset used in the current study is essential for building the fault prediction system for the tablet press. It is composed of multiple operating parameters, such as pressure, temperature, speed, vibration, humidity, and maintenance cycles, as well as the target variable indicating failure. The target variable consists of binary values: "1" indicates failure, and "0" indicates a lack of failure. To understand the relationship between these variables, the correlation matrix for the entire dataset was created refer to Figure 2. This correlation matrix in the form of a heatmap is a particularly valuable visualization tool for understanding how different variables correlate and what parameters have a higher level of correlation in terms of the impact on fault prediction system performance. The correlation analysis helps to gain insight into the complex interaction of factors influencing the performance of tablet press, which is a prerequisite for further feature selection and model training. Additionally, preprocessing steps, such as missing values handling and data normalization, were performed to ensure the dataset's quality so that machine learning models would be able to learn from it effectively.

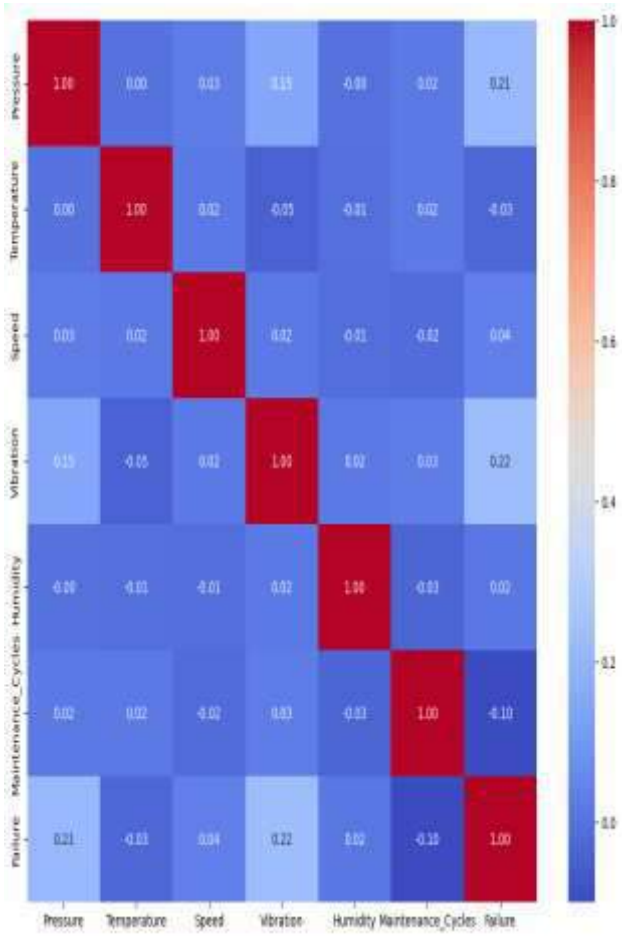


Figure 2. Heat map describing the dataset details.

B. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is performed as a preparatory procedure to clean and obtain the model dataset for the training process. The procedure removes missing values, normalizes the data, and encodes the categorical data where necessary. The role of the missing value is to ensure that the data set is entirely available and that there are no gaps through which the model might experience challenges inferring the data. Normalization standardizes the numerical data to a scale that is palatable for the model to learn from for better convergence and performance in different machine-learning algorithms. Preprocessing also converts the data in the form of the categorical variable to a format that is compatible with the model, in this case, a numerical form. The procedures ensure that the data set is cleaned and structured and ready for the other stages of training and evaluation.

C. ML Models

Machine learning is the use of computational algorithms to recognize patterns in data, and hence facilitate predictive analytics. Several machine learning models are included in the prediction algorithms of the faults of tablet press equipment. As a result, it is easier to predict when the unit is likely to fail, perform preventive maintenance, and thus reduce the overall downtime. Some of the classifications that have been used in this project are the Random Forest Classifier, the Support Vector Classifier, the K-Nearest Neighbors, the Naive Bayes, and the Gaussian Process Classifier.

a. Random Forest Classifier

Random Forest Classifier is an example of ensemble learning. This means that it creates multiple decision trees, training the Random Forest classifier, and hence it does not aim to alter all the classes. It thereby mitigates overfitting and consequently perfects its performance in prediction. The analysis above perfects the model with an accuracy of 1.0. Additionally, the precision, recall, and f1-score values in the failure and non-failure classes are both 1.00. This analysis also proves to be robust and relied on emphasizing accurate fault prediction in the tablet press machine. Figure 3 shows how the Random Forest classifier works.

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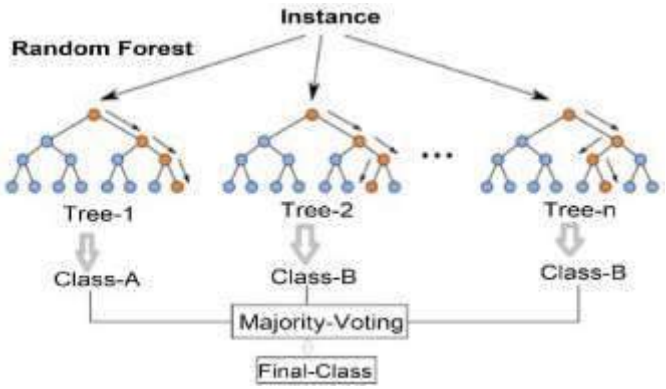


Figure 3. Random Forest Classifier

b. Support Vector Classifier (SVM)

The Support Vector Classifier as shown in Figure 4 is a supervised learning model that determines the hyperplane that separates the data into classes. It is most compatible with high-dimensional spaces and areas where the number of dimensions is greater than the number of samples. The high accuracy levels of our SVM model at approximately 96.99% suggest high recall and precision values, which were evident in differentiating between failure and non-failure instances.

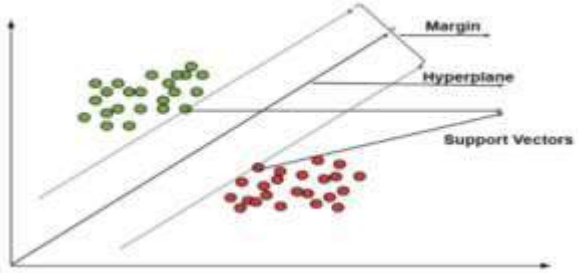


Figure 4. Support vector classifier

c. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

K-Nearest Neighbors is a simple non-parametric technique used for classification and regression. As shown in Figure 5, it is based on classifying the majority class found among the k-nearest samples in the feature space. The KNN model's accuracy in this project was 95.28%. Additionally, high precision in detecting non-failures indicates that KNN can capture the dataset's local patterns. The K-Nearest Neighbors technique is dependable on fault forecasting due to its simplicity and effectiveness.

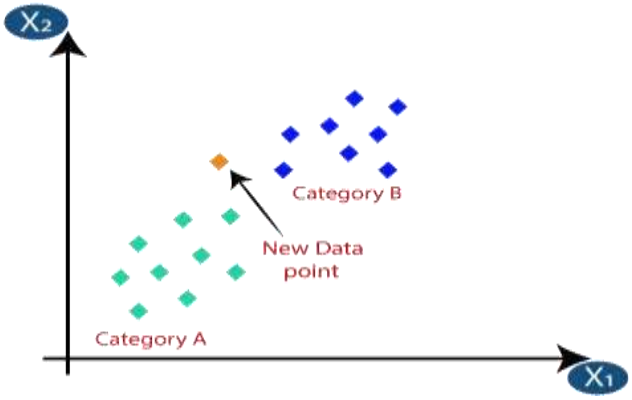


Figure 5. K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

d. Naive Bayes

Naive Bayes is a simple probabilistic classification based on Bayes' theorem with very strong maturity assumptions between the features. It was argued that nevertheless the assumption, Naive Bayes turned out to be remarkably well in small and large samples and different applications. Our model obtained an accuracy of 91.61%. Even though its precision and recall were well balanced, but our model's result showed a little less than other models. Regardless, it is a good model to correctly diagnose non-failure as well as failure events.

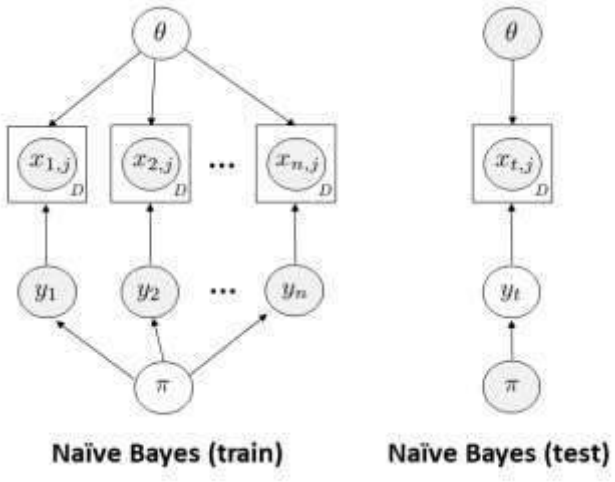


Figure 6. Naive Bayes Model

e. Gaussian Process Classifier

The Gaussian Process Classifier is a non-parametric model that operates on a probabilistic classification by capturing the probability of a sample belonging to a class shown in Figure 7. Due to its capability to capture complex relationships between data points, the model performed quite well, with an overall accuracy of 96.20% and high precision and recall values for both classes. Finally, considering that the model can capture non-linear relationships and assess targets' uncertainty, the

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Gaussian Process Classifier proves to perform effectively in the prediction of faults in the tablet press.

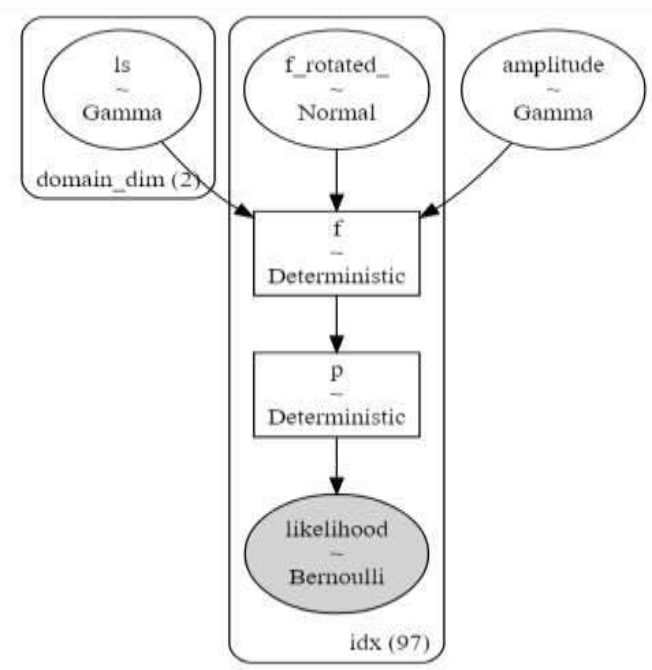


Figure 7. Gaussian Process Classifier

IV. RESULT

The project's main aim is to create a tablet press machine's predictive fault model as a modest way to predict faults in the computerized system of interest. The goal of this model is to reliably predict device failure, limit the downtime of idle for such machines, increase productivity, reduce wastage of resources, and help to make competent or informed decisions regarding the manufacturing process. The models' performance was established using the following metrics which were: accuracy, precision, recall, and F1- Score. Accuracy is the number of proper predictions divided by the aggregate number of predictions. Precision is calculated as the correct prediction of the positive divided by the total of the positive prediction. Recall divides the correct prediction of the positive by the actual positive cases' total predictions. The precision and recall are combined into an F1 measure. The measures will help to estimate the model's adaptability in predicting the failure and non-failure cases.

All performance summaries of the machine learning model are shown in two tables, namely the Classification Report and the Accuracy Comparison. The former provides a sequential, detailed, and standardized presentation of the ability of a model to predict each class. This is done in terms of the total sums of values of each metric for both classes. The Classification Report tabulated below is followed by the Accuracy Comparison, which gives an overview of the performance of the models.

Table I. Model Evaluation Metrics Summary.

Model	Class (0- failure, 1- non-failure)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Random Forest Classifier	0	100	100	100
	1	100	100	100
Support Vector Classifier	0	95	100	97
	1	100	94	97
K-Nearest Neighbors	0	92	100	96
	1	100	90	95
Naive Bayes	0	93	90	92
	1	90	93	91
Gaussian Process Classifier	0	93	100	96
	1	100	92	96

The Classification Report indicates the precision, recall, and F1-score for each class out of 0 for non-failure and 1 for failure across models. The Random Forest Classifier scores perfect 100% in all metrics for all classes, which means it correctly identifies all failures and non-failures. The Support Vector Classifier and Gaussian Process Classifier also achieve close to 100% in precision and recall for both classes. K-Nearest Neighbors and Naive Bayes have slightly lower results but are still very good, especially the precision and recall for the failure class.

Table II. Model Accuracy Comparison.

Model	Accuracy (%)
Random Forest Classifier	100
Support Vector Classifier	97
K-Nearest Neighbors	95
Naive Bayes	92
Gaussian Process Classifier	96

In the Accuracy Comparison table, the overall accuracy of each model is shown. The Random Forest Classifier has an accurate score referred to as perfect, with 100%, to all instances in the dataset. The Support Vector Classifier with 96.99% is number two followed by the Gaussian Process Classifier, which had an accuracy of 96.20%. K-Nearest Neighbors and Naive Bayes, with 95.28% and 91.61% respectively, also performed well but are a little weaker than the top three.

The Tables II offer a well-rounded comparison of performance metrics for each model. It is innately clear from the analysis that the Random Forest Classifier performed as the most optimal model, recording score performances of 100% in all metrics.

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The perfect classification in both cases demonstrates the highest level of accuracy, making it a highly dependable model for predicting faults arising from the tablet press machine.

The Support Vector Classifier also performs very well with high precision and recall, achieving an accuracy of 96.99%. It is excellent at separating the failure and non-failure point, this model is suitable for any application that demands high accuracy. The K-Nearest Neighbors and factors of Naive Bayes also performed well though achieved less accuracy. KNN has high precision on non-failure which indicates that it's robust at capturing the local patterns in the data. Naive Bayes also is effective because it's balanced in precision and recall, the model body identifies the true failure and non-failure points even though its accuracy is small compared to the other model. The accuracy of the Gaussian Process Classifier was 96.20%, which demonstrates its effectiveness in capturing complex relationships in the data. Additionally, the performance of all metrics was quite balanced. For these reasons, this model could be an excellent tool for fault prediction in this case. Although all models performed well, the Random Forest Classifier proved to be the most accurate and reliable model in predicting faults in tablet press equipment. Given the model's classification matrix with perfect levels, it could be used as a central tool in the pharmaceutical industry, enabling the manufacture of tablets to become a more proactive system.

V. CONCLUSION

The results obtained within this research attest to the substantial potential of machine learning models for enhancing the dependability and performance of machine press equipment within the domain of pharmaceutical manufacturing. It showed how utilizing synthetic data generating various operating conditions is beneficial for testing the capacity of such models as Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, K-Nearest Neighbors, Naive Bayes, and Gaussian Process Classifier to forecast the occurrence of failures. Random Forest Classifier outperformed competitors due to its accuracy that reached one, which confirms its ability to pinpoint with great precision instances of failure and non-failure. This aspect is essential for pre-maintenance activities and timely interventions free of worry about production downtime.

To conclude, the deployment of both machine learning models described above represented significant progress around predictive maintenance as applied to the pharmaceutical industry. Well-estimated risk levels and timely forecasts of possible malfunctions promote efficient activity and may secure high-performance pressure from the standpoint of product quality. From now on, similar types of predictive systems can be embedded in actual production contexts. The consequence of such a development is likely to be a restructuring of equipment control methods with a concomitant drop in resource usage. All the above is expected to happen as manufacturers take practical steps in the direction shown in this study. Additionally, this research work contributes to the enhanced opportunities for scientific inquiry and innovation within the limits of machine learning possibilities.

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ASSESSING CENTRE STATE RELATIONSHIP IN THE LIGHT OF OBJECT ORIENTED PARADIGM: A STUDY IN SEARCH OF SOCIALLY OPTIMUM

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ABSTRACT

State-centre structural duality is one of the main reasons behind the systematic backwardness of the states in India. One of the major mechanisms to address the problem of dual economy is the bottom-up decentralised development planning. But decentralised participatory planning suffers from serious problems related to implementation. Apart from many reasons behind the implementation problem it is the incentive incompatibility which creates serious impediments in the path towards the said implementation. Unless this problem of incentive incompatibility is minimized the idea of decentralised participatory planning will not be able to implement itself successfully. This type of inclusive decentralised planning can help India to become a super power through the path of holistic growth. To wipe out the structural duality it is needed to evolve a method where the problem of incentive incompatibility is minimized along with accommodating the preferences of beneficiaries with in the top down method. Actually, these decentralised planning has failed to deliver desired result due to the existence of centralised components inside the method and incentive incompatibility. This failure is compared here with the non-existence of abstract relationship between the centre and state. Abstract relationship as described here fails to deliver desired outcome when the methods declared at the centre class fail to find proper agent for execution at the derived state class. This mismatch between the method and the agent is described here as the failure of the development program or failure of runtime polymorphism. Thus, this work wants to explain this structural phenomenon through Object Oriented Paradigm. It is concluded here that this backwardness arises due to the non-existence of abstract relationship between the centre and state areas. This impediment can be corrected through development of interface using the concept of successive approximation.

KEYWORDS: *State Development, State–Centre dualism, Object Oriented Paradigm, Abstract behaviour, runtime polymorphism, interface planning, successive approximation.*

INTRODUCTION

It is observed that, in India due to state-centre duality the state areas fail to participate in the development process properly. It is one of the main reasons behind the systematic backwardness of the state areas. This work wants to explain this structural phenomenon through Object Oriented Paradigm (OOP). It is deduced that this backwardness arises due to the non-existence of abstract relationship between the centre and state areas. This impediment can be corrected through the development of interface space with the concept of normative value judgement and multiple regression analysis through successive approximation. The development of these interactive planning techniques will open new vistas of development planning through due importance to localisation.

EXISTING LITERATURE REVIEW

State centre dualism is the existence of two separate economic sectors within one country, divided by different levels of development, technology, and different patterns of demand. The concept was originally created by Julius Herman Boeke (Boeke, 1953) to describe the coexistence of modern and traditional economic sectors in a single economy. Dual economies are common in less developed countries, where one sector is geared to local subsistence needs and another to the modern market-oriented needs. These characters are not homogenous throughout the economy and varies substantially from space to space.

One of the major mechanisms to address the problem of dual economy is the bottom-up decentralised development planning(Pal, 2008). A decentralized-planned economy is a type of economic system based on decentralized economic planning, in which decision-making is distributed amongst various economic agents or localized within different geographical spaces. Decentralized planning is held in contrast to centralized planning where economic information is aggregated and used to formulate a plan for production, investment and resource allocation by a central authority. Recent proposals for decentralized-economic planning have used the term participatory planning to highlight the cooperative and democratic character of this system(Rao, 1989). Proponents present decentralized and participatory economic planning as an alternative to centre centric market-oriented growth.

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But in parallel it has also been observed that the decentralised planning has failed to deliver desired result due to existence of centralised components inside the method and incentive incompatibility (Rao, 1989). A mechanism is called incentive-compatible (IC) if every participant within a set can achieve the best outcome to him/herself just by acting according to his/her true preferences (Ledyard, 1989).

This failure is compared here with the non-existence of abstract relationship(Schildt H. , 2002)between the centre and state. Abstract relationship as described here fails to deliver desired outcome when the methods declared at the centre class fail to find proper agent for execution at the derived state class. This mismatch between the method and the agent is described here as the failure of the development program or failure of runtime polymorphism(Mat Marcus, 2007).

This work wants to explain this structural phenomenon through Object Oriented Paradigm(Lafore, 1999). It is concluded here that the backwardness of the state areas arises due to the non-existence of abstract relationship between the centre and state areas. This impediment can be corrected through development of interface using the concept of successive approximation within interface planning. Interface planning evolves new method through continuous interface between the existing methods and the agents. The child class will implement the evolved method with the help of this interface(Schildt H. , 2017) This interface is facilitated through the process of normative value judgement and multiple regression analysis (Maddala, 2001).

The failure to deliver optimum result by the planning procedure may be compared with the non-existence of abstract behaviour (Schildt H. , 2002)between the centre and state areas. A relation which is declared at abstract class and defined at derived class is called abstract relationship. A class whose objects or instances cannot be created elsewhere is known as abstract class. Here it is considered that centre area is the parent abstract class and state is the child class. Here the method which is declared in abstract and define on the derived child class acts on data according to their access control specifications. With the help of OOP (Lafore, 1999)this relationship can easily be constructed.

The object-oriented paradigm took its shape from the initial concept of a new programming approach, while the interest in design and analysis methods came much later. Object-oriented programming uses objects, but not all of the associated techniques and structures are supported directly in languages that claim to support OOP. The object-oriented design paradigm is the logical step in a progression that has led from a purely procedural approach to an object-based approach and now to the object-oriented approach. The progression has resulted from a gradual shift in point of view in the development process. The procedural design paradigm utilizes functional decomposition to specify the tasks to be completed in order to solve a problem. The object-based approach, typified by the techniques of Yourdon, Jackson and Booch, gives more attention to data specifications than the procedural approach but still utilizes functional decomposition to develop the architecture of a system. Abstract relation and abstract class, Polymorphism, inheritance are three of the main features provided by OOP.

Abstract base classes are useful for creating polymorphic methods. An abstract base class defines an interface without an implementation. Each abstract base class has one or more well-defined derived classes. Derived classes implement the interface defined by the method of abstract base class. Graf and Saidi (Graf & Saidi, 1997) developed a technique for automatically creating a finite-state system (for which a fixed-point analysis will terminate) from an infinite-state (or very large finite-state) system (for which a fixed-point analysis will, in general, not terminate). With abstraction relationship, the concrete states of a system are mapped to abstract states (or classes) according to their valuation under a finite set of predicates. Predicate abstraction has been used to construct abstractions of hardware and protocol designs in the model-checking community. In this work we have also followed the same technique where the polymorphic method failed to find the finite state.

Smith (Smith, 2002)has proposed the use of runtime polymorphism in An Elemental Design Pattern Catalogue. Starting from the initial pattern designing of 16 pattern's, they are broken down into three main groupings: Object Elements, Type Relation, and Method Invocation. In our proposed work these patterns can be treated as polynomial. These patterns, precisely important in possible formalization. Here the object elements can be treated as data of our defined class and type relation is treated as methods, invocation of method can be treated as technique as polymorphism.

Tandon(Runjhun Tandon, 2016)has applied polymorphism in pharmaceutical compounds and their intermediates. It is very important and an integral part of drug development. He has tried to explain the isomerism properties of different drugs through polymorphic methods. As a corollary of this work we can also formulate different technique and methods through the polymorphic technique as has been used by this cited work.

Abrahams (Abrahams, 2003)has used Runtime polymorphism to Build Hybrid Systems with Boost. Python. Boost. Python is an open source C++ library which provides a concise IDL-like interface for binding C++ classes and functions to Python. The author developed meta programming techniques which is achieved entirely in pure object-oriented programming without introducing a new syntax. Like our work we can treat it as a technique of polymorphism such that in different cases we can construct different polynomials.

These polymorphic methods can fail due to the mismatch of data and method. this mismatch appears due to the wrong approximation of the child class by the abstract class. This failure can be treated as the failure of alternative development plans or abstract relationship. To rectify the problem of broken abstract relationship we introduce here a new concept of interface planning. Where the existing methods will interface

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with the agents and the new methods would be evolved. The existing methods would be improved through the influence of the agents of the child class. Here the child agents will influence the original methods and new methods will be evolved. This new method is nothing but a new technique represented by a new polynomial. Now the child class will implement that the evolved method with the help of this interface instead of inheritance(Lafore, 1999).

An interface contains definitions for a group of related functionalities that a class or a structure can implement. When the primitive goal is to include some behaviour from different sources, interface comes into action. In C# there is no possibility to introduce multiple inheritance. Here interface plays a important role. Any class or structure that implements the interface must contain a definition for the method that matches the signature that the interface specifies. When a class or structure implements an interface, the class or structure must provide an implementation for all of the members that the interface defines. The interface itself provides no functionality that a class or structure can inherit in the way that it can inherit base class functionality. However, if a base class implements an interface, any class that's derived from the base class inherits that implementation(Schildt H. , 2002).

In Visual Basic *Interfaces* define the properties, methods, and events that classes can implement. Interfaces allow to define features as small groups of closely related properties, methods, and events; this reduces compatibility problems because the programmer can develop enhanced implementations for interfaces according to need without jeopardizing existing code. One can also add new features by developing additional interfaces and implementations if needed(Jerke, 1999).

An interface in the Java programming language is an abstract type that is used to specify a behaviour that classes must implement. They are similar to protocols. Interfaces cannot be instantiated, but rather are implemented. A class that implements an interface must implement all of the non-default methods described in the interface, or be an abstract class. Object references in Java may be specified to be of an interface type; in each case, they must either be null, or be bound to an object that implements the interface. Implementing an interface allows a class to become more formal about the behaviour it promises to provide. Interfaces form a contract between the class and the outside world, and this contract is enforced at build time by the compiler. If your class claims to implement an interface, all methods defined by that interface must appear in its source code before the class will successfully compile(Sarang, 2012).

In object-oriented paradigm, the term interface is often used to define an abstract type that contains no data or code, but defines behaviours as method signatures. A class having code and data for all the methods corresponding to that interface is said to implement that interface. Furthermore, a class can implement multiple interfaces, and hence can be of different types at the same time.

The creation of new technique through interface can follow the process of successive approximation(Skinner, 1953). Let us use the definition of “shaping” to explain successive approximations. Our definition of "shaping" is: "a behavioural term that refers to gradually moulding or training a method or technique to perform a specific response by reinforcing any responses that come close to the desired response. Successive approximation is used for determining the range where the solution can possible exists instead of finding the exact solution.

Finally, the statistical significance (Wooldridge, 2013) of the developed model will be tested over a sample of 320 households drawn through multi-stage stratified random sampling without replacement(Das, 2010).

CONTEXT

It appears from the above discussion that the poverty level and the development status of the state areas in is significantly different from that of the centre areas. The main reason behind this divergence can be attributed to the idea of state-centre dualism. Till date different forms of development planning have tried to address this dualism though all the efforts have culminated to sub-optimal output. One of the major components of these development plans is the participatory decentralised planning. But due to the existence of incentive incompatibility in the benefit delivery process the final receivers fail to participate in the bottom-up information gathering system and the planning execution fails to deliver the optimum output. Here the relationship between the planner set and the receiver set can well be documented through abstract relationship as developed by Object Oriented Paradigm. It can be said that the planning methods declared at the abstract class are defined at the derived state class through the techniques of runtime polymorphism. Thus the state centre dualism is nothing but the non-existence of this abstract relationship and the failure of state development plans are failure of polymorphic methods. In this perspective this work wants to develop a new method of development planning called ‘interface planning’. Under this conceptual procedure an interface space would be created where the existing plans or methods will interface with the beneficiary agents. This interface instead of inheritance between the methods and the agents will develop new planning techniques or methods by incorporating the actual characteristics of the agents. To that interface successive approximation can deliver desired support to construct the optimum method. Here numerical methods of differential equation can felicitate this successive approximation. Such that the specific objective or hypothesis of this study is as follows.

HYPOTHESIS

State-centre dualism exists due to the failure of abstract relationship between the centre and state areas. Successful development planning procedures can be developed on interface space through successive approximation.

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INTERFACE MODEL

It is accepted that centre and state areas are two distinctly different spaces with respect to their development status. Let us assume that the state class has been inherited from the centre class following the idea of Core-periphery Hypothesis. Such that the centre class can be denoted as the abstract class and the state class as the derived class or the child class. A class whose objects or instances cannot be created elsewhere is known as abstract class. This abstract class consists of method as well as data whereas the derived class only consists of data or agents. The methods are declared at the abstract class and defined at the state class. A relation which is declared at abstract class and defined at derived class is called abstract relationship. Here the method which is declared in abstract and define on the derived child class acts on data or agents of the derived class according to their access control specifications. With the help of Object Oriented Paradigm this relationship can easily be constructed(Lafore, 1999).

Here the centre class is denoted by UC and child class is denoted by RC and the methods are denoted by M_i and the data are denoted by d_j. Here i and j both lies from 1 to n. i,e $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$. Here the polynomial is denoted by PM and polymorphism is denoted by PP. So we can write

$UC=\{M_i,d_j\}$, . i,e $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$. M_i X D Ↄ R. where R is the relation between method set and data set.
i,e the Cartesian product between methods set and data set.

RC=I(UC) ie,I:UC→RC . her I is a function which maps RC to UC.

$PM=PP(d_i)$, where i=1 to n and PP: $d_i \rightarrow PM$

As the polymorphic operations act on the data of the child class, the child class can be considered as a finite group. Let us assume RC as a group and the operations are PP. So RC is as a finite group which can be denoted as (RC,PM).

This very relationship can be treated as development plan. The type of this linkage is determined centrally and executed at state areas. The abstract relationships as describe here or the development plans may fail to deliver desired outcome when the methods fail to find proper agent for execution. This mismatch between the method and the agent is nothing but the failure of the development programs. So the construction of the abstract relationship is very important for delivery of optimum desired output. Any breach of abstract relationship will make the planning process void. The declared planning methods are executed through runtime polymorphic methods. Polymorphism (Schildt H. , 2002) means ability to make more than one form. Actually it means that same function performs different operations on different circumstances (considering different parameters). Under runtime polymorphism (Mat Marcus, 2007) the binding between data and function is occurred at the run time, that is at the execution time. In this situation the code of a particular method to be executed is not decided at the time of function call, it is decided only at the run time with respect to call of that particular method or function.

It may happen that in some scenario all the polymorphic methods declared, may not work at all or fail. Failure of each of the polymorphic method is nothing but the failure of abstract relationship.

Let us consider f(x) as a development method declared at the centre class. Let us assume that this method is defined as randomised polynomial at the derived class as $\sum a_i(x_j)^n$where $0 \leq i \leq n$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$.Here a_i(where i=1,2,3,…….n) are coefficient and x_j (where j=1,2,3…n) are parameters. Through polymorphic methods we can form more than one polynomial and each polynomial can be treated as single method. Let us assume that f_j(where j=1,2,3..n) are different defined methods and they are defined as $f(x_i)=fj$. Here i=1,2,3…n and j=1,2,3, …….n.

The breaking of the abstract relationship or the proper interface between the agents will create dynamic loop of backwardness. This vicious circle of backwardness which arises out of improper abstract relationship can only be rectified through due information about the child class to the parent class. Again the incentive incompatibility of the derived class can also be minimized through acquiring proper development requirements of the agents.

To rectify the problem of broken abstract relationship we introduce here a new concept of interface planning. Where the existing methods will interface with the agents and the new methods would be evolved. The existing methods would be improved through the influence of the agents of the child class. Here the child agents will influence the original methods and new methods will be evolved. This new method is nothing but a new technique represented by a new polynomial. Now the child class will implement the evolved method with the help of this interface (Schildt H. , 2017) instead of inheritance (Lafore, 1999). Due to the existence of interface set the problem of incentive incompatibility will disappear or be minimised to a greater extent.

Let us conceder IN as an interface which contain only data and abstract method. Where the method and data are already denoted so IN can be considered as a set of method and data ie, $IN=\{M_i,d_j\}$, $M_i(d_j)$ is not valid i.e. $M_i \rightarrow d_j$ does not exist. Let us consider that R is a relation which is define as R⊄ M_i X D. where D is the data set which is defined as $D=\{d_j\}$ where $1 \leq j \leq n$.

The creation of new technique through interface can follow the process of normative value judgement through successive approximation and multiple regression analysis (Maddala, 2001). Let us use the definition of “shaping” (Skinner, 1953)to explain successive approximations. Here the definition of "shaping" is: "a behavioural term that refers to gradually moulding or training a method or technique to perform a specific response by reinforcing any responses that come close to the desired response. Successive approximation is used for determining the range where the solution can possible exists instead of finding the exact solution.

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The essence of this modelling is that the state areas can be pulled at the status of the centre areas when plans are formulated through continuous interface between the development plans and development outcomes. This interface planning method is unique in the discourses of development planning and will open new vistas of development planning ideas as well as methods through the application of computational techniques.

FINDINGS

The model delivered above by OOP here is finally tested over a set of 320 households. It is observed that bottom up approach of decentralised planning can be executed successfully in its true sense by using OOP through minimising incentive incompatibility and excluding centralised components.

CONCLUSION

This work wants to develop a model where the decentralised plan can be executed successfully. So far, this decentralised plan is failure due to the presence of abstract relationship which exist between State child class and the Centre parent class. Actually, this abstract relationship is failure due to improper formulation of polymorphic method. These polymorphic methods are actually nothing but the plans which are sent by the abstract Centre class to the State child class. For this purpose, a detailed algebraic model has been developed with the help of successive approximation and normative value judgement. The whole model is implemented through object oriented paradigm in an interface area. In this model the beneficiary agents are came from State child class and plans will come from the Centre parent class and they interact with each other and make the proper method with respect to beneficiary requirement. To implement the model and to test the outcomes of the algebraic model primary level data is collected through door-to-door questionnaire-based survey.

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COPING STRATEGIES AMONG CRIMINOLOGY STUDENTS: BASIS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUPPORT PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

Criminology students face a range of academic and non-academic stressors that can significantly impact their well-being. These stressors include maintaining academic success, poor sleep schedules, and financial burdens. This study aims to identify the primary challenges faced by criminology students and the coping strategies they employ, providing a foundation for developing a comprehensive support program to enhance their well-being and academic success. The descriptive design was used in this study. Descriptive research is used to describe characteristics of a population or phenomenon being studied. The respondents of this study were 200 Criminology students. A questionnaire-checklist was used. The statistical used were frequency and percentage distribution. The study identified key stressors, including upcoming tests and exams, maintaining academic success, homesickness, excessive homework, balancing social life, managing financial burdens, and poor sleep schedules. Among these, maintaining academic success, poor sleep schedules, and managing financial burdens were the most significant stressors. Effective coping strategies included making time for relaxation, positive thinking, avoiding procrastination, engaging in self-care, building resilience, learning to say "no," planning breaks, limiting technology and social media use, connecting with campus resources, and seeking help when needed. It can be concluded that, College students face significant stressors related to academic success, poor sleep schedules and financial burdens. These stressors impact their overall well-being and academic performance. Effective coping strategies include making time for relaxation, positive thinking, engaging in self-care and time management. Understanding these effective coping strategies can help educational institutions develop better support systems to enhance students' well-being and academic success. The necessity for educational institutions to provide comprehensive support systems to assist students in managing these stressors effectively is very important.

KEYWORDS: *Coping strategies, Criminology Students, Support Programs, Challenges*

I. INTRODUCTION

Stress and coping are both complex processes that develop and change through all phases of life because of biological changes, individuals' personal skills and behaviors, personal adaptations, and social influences (Aldwin, 2004). Stress is a very familiar condition faced by the students when they are unable to bear the risks involved in higher education (Ramya & Parthasarathy, 2009). College students are not exempt from this scenario. College is a stressful time for many students as they go through the process of adapting to new educational and social environments (Yazon et al. 2018). Majority of the College students strive and try to handle the stress in a positive way. Whereas some of the students do not know the ways to cope with their problems and therefore adopt unhealthy ways (Ramya & Parthasarathy, 2009). Students who can handle stress well have effective stress coping skills. According to Earnest & Dwyer (2010), Stress coping skills are defined as the ability to apply strategies that minimize and manage the stress response. Likewise, coping skills are factors that determine how a person responds to a task and how well they succeed (Pajares, 2002).

Moreover, Criminology students often find themselves engaged in the study of Criminal Behavior, Law Enforcement, and Justice System. This academic quest can be intellectually stimulating and fulfilling but it also bears challenges. In their daily lives, students have faced a wide variety of demands, both academic and non-academic, that could affect their well-being. Coping with the demands of Criminology education requires flexibility and effective strategies to cope with their difficulties and eventually succeed in life. In the study of Donkoh & Yelkpieri (2011), stress was made up of many things including the most related experiences, pathways, responses and outcomes caused by a range of different events or circumstances. Further, Criminology discipline engages in the examination of crime, criminal behavior, societies responses and comprehensive criminal justice system. This multifarious field can significantly intensify stress levels and emotional exhaustion.

This research study aims to determine the coping strategies that criminology students adopt in response to the challenges they encounter in life. This study aims to determine the Coping strategies among criminology students as a basis for the development of a support program. Specifically, it seeks to answer the following: (1) What are the primary challenges that criminology students encounter? (2) What coping strategies do criminology students employ to manage the challenges they encounter in life? (3) Proposed support program that will contribute to the well-being of criminology students.

Further, the researcher, as a faculty from the College of Criminology and currently assigned as the Guidance Coordinator believes that the outcome of this study will serve as the foundation for the development of a comprehensive support program that can empower criminology students holistically.

II. MEHODOLOGY

Descriptive research is used in this study. It describes characteristics of a population or phenomenon being studied. It does not answer questions about how/when/why the characteristics occurred. Rather it addresses the "what" question. The respondents of this study were 200 Criminology students. A questionnaire-checklist was used. The statistical used were frequency and percentage distribution.

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III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

PART I: Challenges that criminology students encounter

INDICATOR	WM
1. Upcoming Test/Exam Worry about getting a good grade or simply making time to study if there is more than one upcoming test/examination	3.24
2. Maintaining academic Success - Trying to maintain a healthy GPA through graduation.	3.86
3. Dealing with Homesickness - Going to college is getting used to the idea of being away from home for an extended period of time.	3.29
4. Too much homework - Overwhelmed or frustrated by homework, like unable to complete assignments.	3.10
5. Building new friendships - Learning how to make new friends can be a difficult, uncomfortable process. Being exposed to people from different backgrounds can make things more challenging because it may force a student to associate with people outside of their normal comfort zone.	3.08
6. Balancing social Life - Parties, late nights, road trips, concerts and sporting events. These things are often all college students' dreams, but if they are not kept under control, they can become a nightmare.	3.24
7. Handling Roommate Drama - Some people come to college without any experience sharing a room or possessions with anyone else. Being suddenly tossed into a living arrangement. It can even more stressful when the two individuals do not get along as the semester goes on.	3.10
8. Lack of organization -Poor organizational skills tend to experience more stress in school.	3.16
9. **Managing Financial Burden** - Some students take it upon themselves to get jobs during the school year to help offset some of costs associated with going to college.	3.43
10. **Too little "Down time"** - Students with busy schedules can quickly become overwhelmed because they are left with no free time.	3.43
11. **Poor sleep schedule** - Not getting enough sleep makes it difficult for students to concentrate and learn effectively.	4
12. Participation in class - The thought of being called on in class and speaking in front of their classmates can be very terrifying.	2.97
13. **Lack of Support** - Lack of support from parents or teachers, even if it's only perceived. They may feel that a lot is expected of them, but that they don't have a strong enough support system to achieve their goals.	2.78
14. **Transitioning to a new environment** - Making a major move can be a stressful time for many students, whether it's starting at a new school, new classes, new teachers and new routines can all be stressful.	3.08
15. **Classes that are too hard** - Taking subjects that can increase difficulty. It can cause stress for students.	3.27
16. **Difficulties with personal relationships** - (Ex. Splitting up/broken hearted)	2.54

As can be inferred from the table, (1) Upcoming test/exam obtained a weighted mean of 3.24. It shows that students are concerned about achieving good grades and managing study time, especially with multiple exams. (2) Maintaining Academic success obtained a weighted mean of 3.86. This implies that a high level of stress is associated with trying to maintain a healthy GPA (Grade Point Average) until graduation. (3) Dealing with homesickness obtained a weighted mean of 3.29. This signifies that students experience stress due to being away from home for extended periods. (4) Too much homework obtained a weighted mean of 3.10. This reveals that overwhelming homework leads to frustration and difficulty in completing assignments. (5) Building New Friendships obtained a weighted mean of 3.08. This indicates that making new friends and interacting with people from diverge backgrounds can be challenging and stressful. (6) Balancing Social Life obtained a weighted mean of 3.24. It presents that managing social activities and ensuring they do not interfere with academic responsibilities is a significant stressor. (7) Handling Roommate drama obtained a weighted mean of 3.10. This shows that sharing living spaces and possessions, especially with incompatible roommates, adds to stress. (8) Lack of organization obtained a weighted mean of 3.16. This establishes that poor organizational skills correlate with higher stress levels. (9) Managing Financial Burden obtained a weighted mean of 3.43. It implies that financial pressures, including working part-time jobs to offset college cost, are significant stress factors. (10) Too little "Down Time" obtained a weighted mean of 3.43. This indicates that busy schedules and lack of free time contribute to feelings of being overwhelmed. (11) Poor Sleep schedule obtained a weighted mean of 4.0. This reveals that not getting enough sleep is a major stressor, affecting concentration and learning effectiveness. (12) Participation in class obtained a weighted mean of 2.97. This implies that fear of speaking in front of classmates causes stress for many students. (13) Lack of Support obtained a weighted mean of 2.78. This explains that perceived lack of support from parents or teachers adds to stress,

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especially when expectations are high. (14) Transforming to a new environment obtained a weighted mean of 3.08. It signifies that adjusting to new schools, classes, teachers, and routines is a stressful process. (15) Classes that are too hard obtained a weighted mean of 3.27. This proves that difficult subjects and heavy coursework cause significant stress. (16) Difficulties with personal relationships obtained a weighted mean of 2.54. This indicates that personal relationship issues, such as breakups, are among the less intense stressors.

The data emphasizes that the most significant stressors for students are maintaining academic success, poor sleep schedules and managing financial burdens. These stressors are closely tied to academic performance and overall well-being.

According to the study of Khan (2023) he found a relationship in the college academic setting among academic self-efficacy, stress-coping skills, and academic performance. These findings emphasize the crucial nature of nurturing students' self-confidence to maximize their learning potential and academic success. Likewise, poor sleep quality was significantly associated with elevated levels of stress (Alotaibi et al. 2020). In the study of Herawati & Gayatri (2019), students with poor sleep quality have a higher risk of experiencing moderate to severe levels of stress compared to students who have a good sleep quality. Further, research regarding sources of stress confirms the influential role that personal financial problems play in the lives of college students. Financial difficulties are often cited among college students as sources of stress (Heckman et al. 2014).

PART II. Coping Strategies Criminology Students employ to manage the challenges they encounter in life

INDICATOR	WM
1. Build Resilience - Develop resilience by learning from setbacks and challenges, which can help you bounce back from stressors more effectively.	3.37
2. Learn to say "No" - Avoid overcommitting to extracurricular activities or social obligations	3.21
3. Plan Breaks and Vacations - Schedule regular breaks throughout the semester and plan vacations to recharge.	3.25
4. Limit Technology and social media - Reduce screen time, especially before bedtime, to improve sleep quality and reduce stress associated with social media.	3.51
5. Connect with Campus Resources - Utilize resources like tutoring centers, writing labs, or academic advisors to get support in your studies.	3
6. Avoid Procrastination - Create a to do list and tackle tasks one at a time.	3.56
7. Time for relaxation - Make time for hobbies and activities that you enjoy. - Engage in activities that help you relax and take your mind off stressors.	3.78
8. Positive Thinking - Challenge negative thoughts and replace them with more positive and constructive ones.	3.62
9. Break task into smaller steps - Divide overwhelming tasks into smaller, manageable steps to prevent feeling overwhelmed.	3.51
10. Seek help - Don't hesitate to seek help from college counselling services or mental health professionals if you're struggling with stress or emotional issues. - Talk to professors or academic advisors about academic concerns or workload.	3.24
11. Self-Care - Take time for self-care activities, such as reading, taking baths, or pursuing hobbies you enjoy.	3.67
12. Social Support - Connect with friends, family, and peers to share your feelings and experiences. - Join support groups or counseling services on campus if needed.	3.43
13. Healthy Lifestyle Choices - Get a regular exercise to boost endorphins and reduce stress - Maintain a balanced diet and stay hydrated. - Ensure you get enough sleep to support overall well-being.	3.35
14. Stress Reduction Techniques - Practice relaxation techniques like deep breathing, meditation, or progressive muscle relaxation. - Engage in yoga, tai chi, or mindfulness exercises to reduce stress and improve mental well-being.	3.29
15. Time Management - Create a schedule of use a planner to manage your time effectively. - Prioritize tasks and allocate sufficient time for studying, relaxation and socializing.	3.62

It can be deduced from the table the coping strategies used by students to manage stress. (1) **Build Resilience** obtained a weighted mean of 3.37**.** This explains that Developing resilience through learning from setbacks helps in coping with stress effectively. (2) **Learn to Say "No"** obtained a weighted mean of 3.21. It reveals that Avoiding overcommitment to activities helps manage time and reduce stress. (3) **Plan Breaks and Vacations** obtained a weighted mean of **3.25.** It signifies that Scheduling regular breaks and vacations aids in recharging and managing stress. (4) **Limit Technology and social media** obtained a weighted mean of 3.51. It indicates that Reducing screen time, particularly before bed, improves sleep and reduces stress linked

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to social media. (5) **Connect with Campus Resources** obtained a weighted mean of 3.00. This establishes Utilizing campus resources like tutoring centers and academic advisors provides academic support. (6) **Avoid Procrastination** obtained a weighted mean of 3.56. This proves that Creating to-do lists and tackling tasks one at a time helps in managing workload efficiently. (7) **Time for Relaxation** obtained a weighted mean of 3.78. It implies that engaging in hobbies and activities that provide relaxation is crucial for stress management. (8) **Positive Thinking** obtained a weighted mean of 3.62. It shows that Challenging negative thoughts and fostering positive ones helps in coping with stress. (9) **Break Tasks into Smaller Steps** obtained a weighted mean of 3.51. This establishes that Dividing tasks into manageable steps prevents feeling overwhelmed. (10) **Seek Help** obtained a weighted mean of 3.24. This reveals that Seeking assistance from counseling services, professors, or advisors is essential for managing stress. (11) **Self-Care** obtained a weighted mean of 3.67. It signifies that engaging in self-care activities supports overall well-being and reduces stress. (12) **Social Support** obtained a weighted mean of 3.43. This explains that connecting with friends, family, and peers provides emotional support. (13) **Healthy Lifestyle Choices** obtained a weighted mean of 3.35. It shows that Regular exercise, balanced diet, and proper hydration are important for reducing stress. (14) **Stress Reduction Techniques** obtained a weighted mean of 3.29. It indicates that Practicing relaxation techniques like meditation and yoga helps in managing stress. (15) **Time Management** obtained a weighted mean of 3.62. This implies that Effective time management through scheduling and prioritizing tasks is crucial for balancing academic and personal life.

Coping strategies that are most effective include making time for relaxation, positive thinking, self-care and time management. These strategies suggest that students benefit greatly from structured and balanced approaches to managing their time and stress.

In the study of Agrawal et al. (2020) practice relaxation techniques, including deep breathing exercises to manage stress effectively, especially in busy individuals with high cognitive load is imperative. Managing academic stress and mental anxiety requires a systematic approach to academic and personal duties. Planning skills help students create realistic plans, schedule enough leaving time and set achievable goals. Likewise, students can rest physically and mentally with planned study breaks. Short breaks during study sessions prevent burnout, improve concentration and boost productivity. Moreover, in the study of Islam & Rabbi (2024), prioritizing self-care through healthier lifestyle choices can help students overcome anxiety. A holistic approach to well-being, including physical and mental health, helps students tackle academic stress with more energy and positivity.

PART III. PROPOSED SUPPORT PROGRAM

The support program proposal is entitled: Empowering Criminology Students: Effective Coping Strategies for success and well-being.

This program aims to provide a holistic support system addressing major stressors and equipping students with effective coping strategies. Components include an academic Excellence program, Sleep and Wellness Workshops, Seminar on Financial Literacy, Mental Health and counselling Services, Social Integration activities and Time Management and Organizational Skills training.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions were drawn from the study:

1. College students face significant stressors related to academic success, poor sleep schedules and financial burdens. These stressors impact their overall well-being and academic performance.
2. Effective coping strategies include making time for relaxation, positive thinking, engaging in self-care and time management. Understanding these effective coping strategies can help educational institutions develop better support systems to enhance students' well-being and academic success.
3. In conclusion, the necessity for educational institutions to provide comprehensive support systems to assist students in managing these stressors effectively is very important.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Enhanced Academic support by providing tutoring services, study groups and academic advising.
2. Promote Healthy Sleep habits by implementing programs that educate students on the importance of sleep by conducting workshops on sleep techniques and quiet hours in dorms.
3. Offer financial literacy workshops to help students manage their finances.
4. Increase the availability of mental health resources including counseling services, stress management workshops and peer group support.
5. Facilitate programs that help students build new friendships and adjust to college life such as orientation events, social mixers and cultural exchange programs.
6. Provide training on effective time management and organizational skills through workshops.

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REPRESENTATION OF ETHICAL IDEAS IN "AVORIF UL-MAARIF" BY SHIHOBIDDN SUHRAVARDI

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ABSTRACT

In this article, one of the main works of Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi, "Avorif-ul Maarif", is discussed about the moral and educational ideas in it. Also, the ethical standards that form the basis of the behavior of Sufis, their views on teacher-disciple etiquette are analyzed.

KEYWORDS: "*Avorif-ul Maarif", cheerfulness, contentment, renunciation of hatred and anger, behavior, moral qualities, internal and external culture, external and internal purification of the soul.*

INTRODUCTION

Today, research on the understanding of national identity, the study of the roots of the nation, the emergence and development of the pedagogical worldview of the Turkic peoples is becoming an urgent need. For this reason, one of the famous figures of Sufism, It is important to study the work of the founder of the Suhravardiya sect, Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi (1145-1234), and his moral, educational, and pedagogical views.

Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi was one of the famous representatives of religious and philosophical thinking of the 12th-13th centuries, diplomat, orator and literary figure. It should be noted that Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi should not be confused with another philosopher, representative of Sufism, his compatriot Shihobiddin Yahyo Suhravardi (1154-1191). Shihobuddin Yahya ibn Habash ibn Amirak al-Suhravardi was a Persian philosopher and Sufism scholar who, like Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi, was born in the city of Suhravard, Jibal province. He is the author of "Al-Ishrak" philosophy and is known as "Shaykh al-Ishrak". Shihobiddin Abuhafs Umar Suhravardi, the central figure of our study, is more famous for his works on ethics, Sufism.

LITERATURE ANALYSIS

Shihobiddin Suhravardi was born in 1145 in the village of Suhravard, Jibal region of Iran. According to the sources, the family of Shihobiddin Suhravardi goes back to Abubakr Siddiq, the uncle of the Prophet (pbuh), one of the righteous caliphs [4]. He studied under his uncle Ziyauddin Abu Najib Suhravardi in Baghdad and Nizamiyya madrasah, and learned the religious sciences of his time, religious law, Arabic language, grammar, literature and rhetoric. At the age of twenty, he dropped out of the Nizamiyya madrasah, began to live a hermit life, and traveled to many countries. He arrived in Isfahan, where he started to study under Ahmad al-Ghazali.

Between the years 1194-1225, "Umar Suhravardi befriended Caliph Nasir-addinallah (1180-1225) and was in his service and was sent to a number of countries as his ambassador to fulfill important task [2]". It should be noted here that Shihobiddin Suhravardy founded his tariqa (religious order) which was called "Suhravardiya" and "later Suhravardiya spread in India (Sind, Punjab, Molton, Gujarat) and it was the most influential tariqa along with Chishti. So, the tariqa played an important role in uniting few Muslims who came to this country in the early period [1]". For many centuries, the Suhravardiya tariqa united many thinkers, theologians and followers in Central Asia, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

Among the works of Shihobiddin Suhravardi, the work that stands out for its comprehensiveness and strong ideological content is "Avorif-ul Maarif", which Suhravardi had finished writing in 1216. The pamphlet "Avorif-ul Maarif" dedicated to Caliph an-Nasir is the most famous of his works. This work was created as a guide for Sufis and has been translated into many languages. "This book was considered a manual of ethics and practice for all subsequent generations of Sufis [1].". The work "Avorif-ul Maarif" serves as a textbook for representatives of various Sufi sects in Iran, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

One of the main works of the thinker "Avorif-ul Maarif" consists of an introduction and 63 chapters. the reasons for the emergence of Sufi science, its advantages, its effect on the purification of the soul (tasfiyat al-qalb); the virtues of Sufi sciences are analyzed in this work (chapters 1-4); the essence of Sufism and the etymology of this concept, to whom Sufi terms are attributed, Mutasavvuf and Mutashabbeh are discussed (chapters 5-9); Sufi sheikhs are explained (chapters 10-15); the obligations of Sufis on a journey, their return from a journey, entering the rabat and issues related to etiquette are considered (chapters 16-18); Mutasabbib Sufis are described,

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single and married Sufis are mentioned (chapters 19-21); simo' and its rules are described (chapters 22-25); the rules of Sufi chilla are given (chapters 26-28); ethics of Sufis (chapters 29-30); rules of behavior, conversion, ablution, praying, fasting, sleeping and waking up, clothes and food (Chapters 31-43); dress of Sufis, night prayer, daytime actions are considered (chapters 44-50); Etiquette of murid and sheykh (chapters 51-52); conversation etiquette (chapters 53-56); Sufis' respect, memory, thoughts (chapters 56-61); as well as comments and conclusions on Sufi terms (Chapters 62-63).

It follows from the content of the work that Shihobiddin Suhravardi paid special attention to the practical aspects of Sufism. He carefully analyzes the behavior and learning process of "travellers" (Sufis) following the mystical path based on Islamic jurisprudence, and supports his thoughts with Quran verses, exemplary stories and sayings of various Sufis.

Shihobiddin Suhravardi's work "Avorif-ul Maarif" is distinguished by the fact that it embodies the ideas of education, upbringing, and ethics. Although it was written in a Sufistic spirit, its central essence has not lost its importance to this day. In addition to this, the moral actions aimed at perfecting a person, character improvement, mature behavior, moral qualities, internal and external culture, purification of the soul, self-reformation, generosity and such issues as adornment with good manners are presented. So, the thinker proves his thoughts with examples of our Prophet's behavior. In "Avorif-ul Maarif" Suhravardi cites the words of our Prophet: "I was sent to perfect good manners [5]" also confirms our opinion.

Sh.Murtozayev said, "Suhravardi means the qualities of the prophet when he says praiseworthy qualities. The moral meaning of fate represents the result of people's behavior. The meaning of people's life is the path they have chosen and followed, the good deeds they have done to society and humanity. In it (i.e., the greatest character) four things are included: generosity, friendship, admonition, and mercy [2]". Suhravardi When talking about the image of virtues, every mature person emphasizes the need to have the behavior and manners found in our Prophet. Also, Suhravardi cites conscientiousness, gentleness of heart, patience, forgiveness, sympathy, compassion, humility, obedience, calmness, contentment and politeness as examples of virtues. In his opinion, people who want to reach high knowledge should decorate them with all the beautiful qualities characteristic of our Prophet Muhammad. They must free themselves from the rule of the soul, which enslaves them, so that they can become a true Sufi. Good manners require a long period of training, constant observation and compliance with the rules of etiquette. People with bad morals cannot make a good impression on others. In addition, their personality and moral qualities can arouse admiration or hatred among others.

In addition, Suhravardi examines the moral standards that form the basis of the behavior of Sufis in "Avorif-ul Maarif". A list of such moral standards enjoined upon the Sufi includes:

Submission (humility).According to Suhravardi, whoever places humility in his heart, his communication with God will be easy, and he will achieve peace in communication with Allah. Suhravardi considers humility to be one of the noblest qualities of a Sufi. A person realizes the truth only when the rays of thought (observation) fall on his heart and he surrenders to the mind, and his soul melts under this light. As it melts, arrogance and conceit disappear, and humility and submission emerge. If someone shows arrogance, it shows that his heart is weak and frail.

Courtesy and gentleness. Showing courtesy to people is necessary for a Sufi, says Suhravardi. Just as everything has its own essence, the essence of human is intelligence, and the essence of intelligence is patience. Showing kindness to people helps to remove poison, lightheartedness and anger in the heart, and assists to maintain love and respect between friends, explains the sheikh.

Make a donation. Charity shows the abundance of love and compassion, says Suhravardi. Sufis give to those in need, and are patient even if they don't have everything, even if they can find nothing.

Forgiveness (afv dar muqobili ranj). Suhravardi writes: "Forgiveness is doing good to someone who has done you harm." Generosity is measured by the ability to forgive the actions of brothers and friends.

Happiness, cheerfulness and joy of heart and soul(hushtaby). Suhravardi says that happiness indicates the light of the heart.

To be satisfied. Contentment in Sufism means to be satisfied with what you have, life. It is necessary to be content with what God has given and be patient. This feeling is to persevere regardless of the presence or absence of possessions, and it makes a person happier than possessions themselves. Satisfied people do not have an addiction to possessions and do not chase after them. Suhravardi distinguishes between the concepts of satisfaction (satisfaction with existing things) and riza (satisfaction with little things).

Renunciation of hatred and anger (tarki husumat). The sufis should cleanse their heart and body of indifference, enmity, malice and revenge.

Thanksgiving. This feeling is to recognize and realize the blessings that have been given to us, to use these blessings according to their purpose and to thank God for these blessings. Suhrawardy notes that it is necessary to distinguish between shukr (gratitude) and hamd (praise). Hamd is praise expressing admiration and beauty for greatness, while Shukr is expressing gratitude for a given benefit or favor.

Suhravardi pays great attention to the manners of Sufis in dealing with their sheikh. According to Suhravardi, the most important thing for people learning is to maintain manners. The disciples should not oppose or challenge the teacher. They should follow their teacher's instructions, not raise their voice when talking to the teacher, not wave hands, and express the thoughts briefly when speaking. They should salute their teacher by bowing head. Students should not exchange their

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teacher with another teacher and not deceive him. The disciples should feel the mood of their teacher and should not hide their actions from him.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, it should be noted that Shihabiddin Suhravardi's work "Avorif-ul Maarif" is one of the most important works in the science of Sufism in his time. So the work mentions virtues such as humility, obedience, calmness, contentment, and courtesy. In "Avorif-ul Maarif", Suhravardi describes the moral standards that form the basis of the behavior of Sufis. and emphasizes the importance of cheerfulness, joy, contentment, relinquishment of hatred and anger along with gratitude.

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GLOBAL STRUCTURE AND OPERATING STATUS OF SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGES - COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

Social Stock Exchanges provide a forum for several financing sources, including CSR, philanthropy, and impact investing, to work together and support nonprofit organisations with a social objective. A social stock exchange acts as a meeting place for social organisations and investors with shared values and interests. Several countries, notably the United Kingdom, Brazil's Socio-Environmental Impact Exchange, and Jamaica, Canada, and Singapore, already have active social stock exchanges. It is at the development stage in India, and SEBI, the regulatory body, has acted swiftly to address the situation by establishing working groups and technical groups to investigate and examine the situation and provide appropriate recommendations.

The primary purpose of this article is to use a descriptive study approach to examine the functioning of various SSEs across the globe. So, The Indian Social Stock Exchange may benefit from suggestions made in light of knowledge of the activities of other SSEs around the world.

KEYWORDS: *Impact Investing, Social Stock Exchange, Social Enterprises, Non-Profit Organisations*

1. INTRODUCTION

While still in its early stages, environmental and social investment is increasing, It was not taken seriously in previous decades, but now, every nation is attempting to improve its environmental and socioeconomic conditions.(*Support Sustainable Development and Climate Action | United Nations*, n.d.) The continuous worldwide push for sustainable development, along with the establishment of more widely accessible regulatory and investment platforms with the help of respective stock exchanges, are both factors that are likely to hasten this trend (Boffo & Patalano, 2020). The reality is far more complex, so it is always interpreted as such. Impact corporations, social enterprises, and non-profit organisations are just a few of the organisations that can help advance the cause of sustainable and inclusive financing. These organisations require funding to function, and Social Stock Exchanges are an important tool for connecting them with investors. Rather than focusing on raising more money for charity, Social Stock Exchanges have successfully attracted investors and the regular finance sector as a whole.(Ambrose et al., 2021)

There are numerous entities working for the social good including nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), Nonprofit organisations, voluntary organisations of citizens as well social enterprises or for-profit organisations with the primary goal of achieving social good. Nowadays, businesses are more concerned with solving problems than making a profit, and we have established innovative solutions to the complex problems faced by these social good members(OECD, 2011). A slew of major challenges is affecting today's world. The most important issues are global poverty and climate change. By recognizing the magnitude of the issues, governments around the world have begun to form alliances with the support of private sector and nonprofit organizations in order to standardize strategies to address the triple bottom line such as social, environmental, and financial (Slaper & Hall, 2011)

Unlike NGOs and charitable institutions, social enterprises will perform like traditional businesses, with profits reinvested into social causes rather than returned to investors. The social sector funding comes primarily from government, High Net Individuals, donations, international aid and CSR expenditure.(Katz & Page, 2010)Hence social funding is sometimes challenging also Impact investment was introduced in the past decades and resembles development work that blends financial investments with the attainment of objectives. Impact investments, as defined by the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN), are financial investments made in businesses, nonprofits, and funds with the dual goal of making a positive social and environmental impact while also earning a financial return.(Global Impact Investing Network, 2021). There are two best components of impact investing: the desire for financial gain and the desire to make a good social impact through investments. (GIIN, 2019).

For the time being, our markets are designed to meet a variety of social welfare objectives related to increasing financial inclusion. As a result, we must establish an exchange for them to regulate, assess, and list on, and these exchanges are the birth of social stock exchanges in India,(Abraham, 2013). The Social Stock Exchange (SSE) is a meeting place for investors with a

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social or environmental objective to purchase stock or bonds in companies that are publicly traded on the SSE and whose goals align with those of the investors. Like a typical stock exchange, it facilitates the listing, trading, and settlement of various financial products. SSE gives organisations a way to raise money while staying true to their social and environmental goals.(KPMG, 2020)

The researcher makes an effort in this study to understand the structure and design of social stock exchanges, as knowing the structure will be useful in establishing new SSEs.As a result, this study will identify the structure of SSEs in various countries in order to recommend better structures that are appropriate for each country.

2. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

SSEs have been formed all over the world to direct capital and resources to social enterprises and Non-profit organisations. However, its organisational framework and layout have evolved over time and among various tiers of the financial and charitable sector. This paper demonstrates how successful the global structure and design of social stock exchanges is and to know the features of it.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To study the structure and design of social stock exchanges around the world.
- To learn about the possibilities of India's forthcoming social stock exchange.

4. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

The SSEs will attempt to access large pools of social finance. This would help to raise awareness and understanding of the economic contributions of social enterprises among all stakeholders, particularly funders, customers, and issuers.The current study provides insight into the structure of social stock exchanges.

5. LITERATURE REVIEWS

The present literature on social stock exchanges does not include research studies. However, there are only a handful published articles in the journal database.

(Dadush, 2015) According to their study, which was published as “Regulating Social Finance: Can social stock exchanges meet the challenge?" demonstrates that a commonplace source of funding for improving the world while also doing good deeds is social finance. Impact of investing in underserved populations. Impact investors and social enterprises seek financial and social returns. Hence, Connecting investors with social firms looking for funding is the mission of the Social Stock Exchange (SSX) in the United Kingdom, the Social Venture Connection (SVX) in Canada, and the Impact Exchange (IX) in Singapore (Mauritius).. It describes three SSEs and mechanisms and proposes solutions to the issues identified.

(Ravi et al., n.d.) From the report "The Promise of Impact Investing in India" In today's world, governments are setting up a new strategy for social services. In this article, they looked at the ecosystem and market for impact investments in India with a focus on those that are already in place, and they went in-depth on areas of interest and creative financing methods. This paper is an evidence-based study to develop the impact investment in India and is intended to serve as a public policy document for regulators, industries, and academics. Purposive-driven Finance analyses India's impact investment market and its social impact. It enhances private-public partnerships by emphasising performance and other factors. Impact bonds allow social goals to be measured economically. In the conclusion, India ecosystem for responsive impact investments needs to be driven by efficiency innovation, risk assessment, and quantifiable social returns must drive India's responsive impact investment ecosystem.

(Zandee, 2004) article entitled BOVESPA and the Social Stock Exchange: Mobilizing the Financial Market for Development, In this article discusses how BOVESPA and social stock exchanges can help the financial sector grow. It states that BOVESPA introduced the first SSE in the world, which enables the traditional stock exchange's value creation environment by connecting NGOs in need of funding with social investors or donors who are eager to support social programmes. In this article, SSE and BOVESPA are intertwined, strengthening the legitimacy, accountability, and other aspects of social investments made through SSE. The numerous funding initiatives that have benefited children and young people living in underprivileged communities also receive a lot of support from the neighbourhood, including from NGOS, charitable organisations, and other organisations. When discussing the number of SSE projects, frameworks, and operations. When participating NGOs have sold all of their "social shares," as this article explains, they make room for the listing of new projects. It is supported by the Global Compact Office and encourages other stock exchanges to take the initiative into consideration as well as investors who are thinking about investing in SSE.

(Vijay & Miss, 2014) the authors define "social finance" as "the emergence of a new market paradigm characterised by a proliferation of complex structures, instruments, and actors." in their paper titled "Social Stock Exchanges - Innovative Financing for International Development". This paper discusses the social stock exchange, a brand-new institution for social finance that already exists in South Africa, Brazil, and other countries. Investors with concerns about how a company operates and its potential effects are willing to fund ventures with a dual corporate and social mission. Look at the differences between SSE in the UK and SSE in South Africa. I finally realised that the market can be used to help the poorest billion people get out of poverty and give them hope for a better future in a world that is changing.

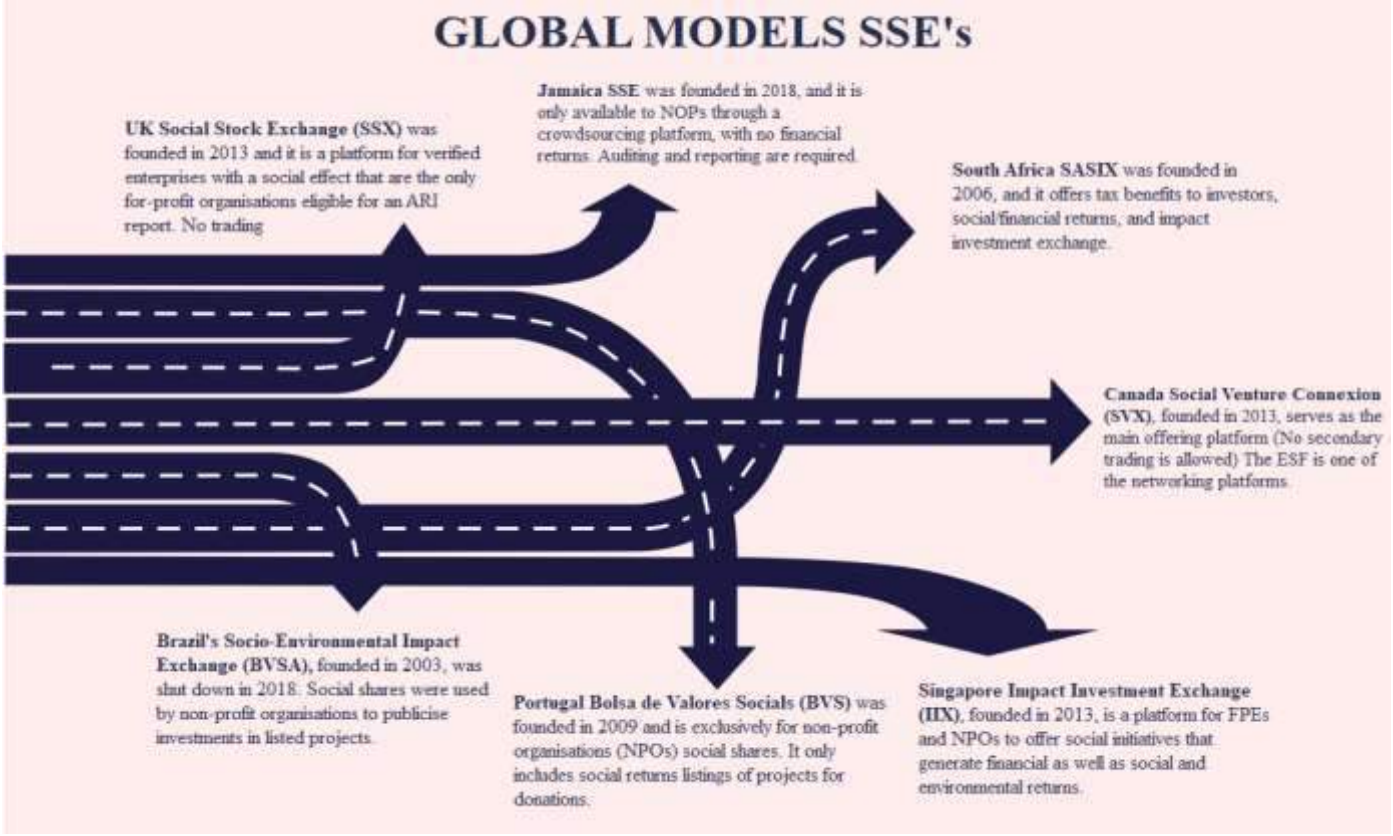
(Patel & Patel, 2022)In their article mentioned "India's Social Stock Exchange (ISSE) - A 360° Analysis - Today's commitment for tomorrow's action," conceptual research that examines the essential elements of India's first SSE, explains about the structures, rules, eligibility, and other factors. The study demonstrates that acts as a bridge between social enterprises that are eager to invest and remedies were enlarging the pattern of charitable giving into social investment. This

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suggests that generating a profit for social goals is an important aspect of sustainability. SSE has the potential to influence social change. Some of the possible benefits of an SSE include the simplification of regulations, the promotion of equity, the introduction of new means for donors to fund operations, and the creation of an ecosystem of supportive frameworks for civil society.

Ribeiro Galina et al., (2013) "Determinants of attractiveness in Social Stock Exchange" This article's authors traced the path from the attractiveness of social project patterns to the successful funding of projects in SSE funding rounds. Descriptive statistics and multilinear regression were used to analyse the 155 projects included. As a result, no simple correlation was found between attractiveness and social project. Two essential contributions of the study show how SSE's openness helps investors identify projects with social impact. Second, it sheds light on a common investment pattern, making it easier to find social enterprises with solid financial potential.

Global Models of Social Stock Exchange



Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports: - Figure1 : Global SSEs

Name of the SSE	**Year of Establishment**	**Status**
Brazil's Socio-Environmental Impact Exchange (BVSA)	**2003**	***Non-Active***
South African Social Investment Exchange (SASIX)	**2006**	***Non-Active***
Bolsa de Valores Sociais (BVS)	**2009**	***Non-Active***
Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)	**2013**	***Active***
Social Venture Connexion (SVX)	**2013**	***Active***
Social Stock Exchange (SSX)	**2013**	***Non-Active***
Jamaica SSE	**2019**	***Active***

Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports :- Operating Status of SSE

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Name of the SSE	Operating Model
Brazil's Socio-Environmental Impact Exchange (BVSA)	NPO promotion of social investment and social share projects.
South African Social Investment Exchange (SASIX)	Yearlong projects. NPOs and social enterprises Predictions were made. a platform for NPOs and social investors to profit from community-related companies.
Bolsa de Valores Sociais (BVS)	It boosts NGO-supported environmental and social projects. It lists two-year social projects like the Brazilian SSE and is managed by the VHL Association. SWOT analysis is done on applications.
Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)	The IX-listed company for traditional Mauritius stock exchanges FPE:Equity,PS,Bonds NPO: Bonds offer financial, social, and environmental returns.
Social Venture Connexion (SVX)	private investment platform. No secondary market first EMD-registered online portal. investing in social, environmental, and financial enterprises.
Social Stock Exchange (SSX)	SSX received the application and prepared a third-party impact report. Global retail and institutional investors used it for non-trading. It certifies social impact businesses and builds capacity.
Jamaica SSE	List NPOs and social impact companies. It is an independent company registered under Jamaica's Company Act. Crowdfunding platforms, JSIM and JIIM help donors get financial returns from social impact companies.

Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports :- Operating Model of different SSEs

Name of the SSE	Structure
Brazil's Socio-Environmental Impact Exchange (BVSA)	Housed under Brazilian Stock Exchange (B3)
South African Social Investment Exchange (SASIX)	Housed by Johannesbury Stock Exchange
Bolsa de Valores Sociais (BVS)	BVS is managed by VHL Association
Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)	IX is operated by SEM and regulated by Financial Service Commission
Social Venture Connexion (SVX)	Jointly of several independent NPOs
Social Stock Exchange (SSX)	Just an information portal for investors to learn about impact investing, opportunities and only for-profit companies can list on CSE approval
Jamaica SSE	Jamaica social and investment market

Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports :- Structure

NAME OF THE SSE	TYPE OF ORGANISATION
BRAZIL'S SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EXCHANGE (BVSA)	Non-Profit Organisation
SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL INVESTMENT EXCHANGE (SASIX)	Social Business Non-Profit Organisation
BOLSA DE VALORES SOCIAIS (BVS)	Non-Governmental Organisation Non-Governmental Association Cooperatives
IMPACT INVESTMENT EXCHANGE (IIX)	Developmental Financial Institution NGOs, Social Enterprises, MFIs, Social Investment Funds(SIFs)
SOCIAL VENTURE CONNEXION (SVX)	Non-Profit Organisations For Profit Enterprises Cooperative Organisations Charitable Organisation
SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE (SSX)	For profit companies social or environmental impact at company Score
JAMAICA SSE	Social Impact Enterprises- JIIM NPOs - JSIM

Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports :- Organisational type

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Name of the SSE	Govt (Regulator, Sponsor, Promoter, Financier)
Brazil's Socio-Environmental Impact Exchange (BVSA)	Regulator, Promotor
South African Social Investment Exchange (SASIX)	Regulator, Promotor
Bolsa de Valores Sociais (BVS)	-
Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)	Regulator
Social Venture Connexion (SVX)	Regulator (Govt of Ontario)
Social Stock Exchange (SSX)	-
Jamaica SSE	Regulator (Jamaica Stock Exchange)

Source: Compiled by author from various articles and reports :- Government role

Social Stock Exchange of India (SSE) (Novel Concept)

A Social Stock Exchange (SSE) for the listing of social enterprises, voluntary organisations, philanthropy, etc. was proposed by the Hon. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech for 2019–20. The SSE would fall under the regulatory ambit of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). In the world, there are three properly functioning social stock exchanges with India standing out. They are primarily headed by private-sector organisations. In India, the SEBI announced constitution of working group on September 2019 but they have been widely chastised for their lack of public engagement, and they have offered high-level recommendations on the structure of the Indian social stock exchange.(*Budget Speech 2019-20*, 2019). It is a distinct segment of the existing stock exchange that enables social enterprises to raise capital from the public via the stock exchange mechanism. The SSE will serve as an intermediary between social enterprises and investors.(NSE, n.d.)

SEBI published the SSE framework, which gives social enterprises another way to raise funds. There are 16 different types of social activities that a social enterprise must participate in. Among the eligible activities are those aimed at eradicating hunger, poverty, malnutrition, and inequality.(SEBI icdr, 2022)

Figure : Timeline of SSE in India

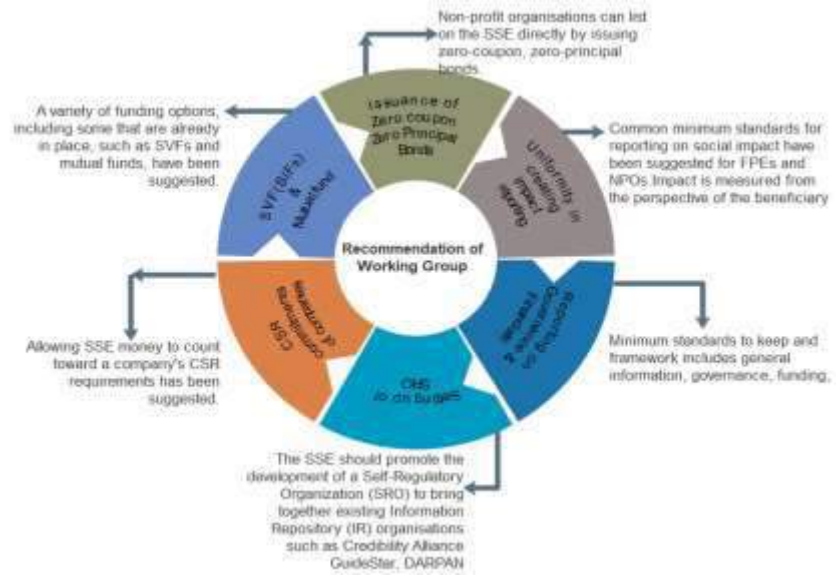


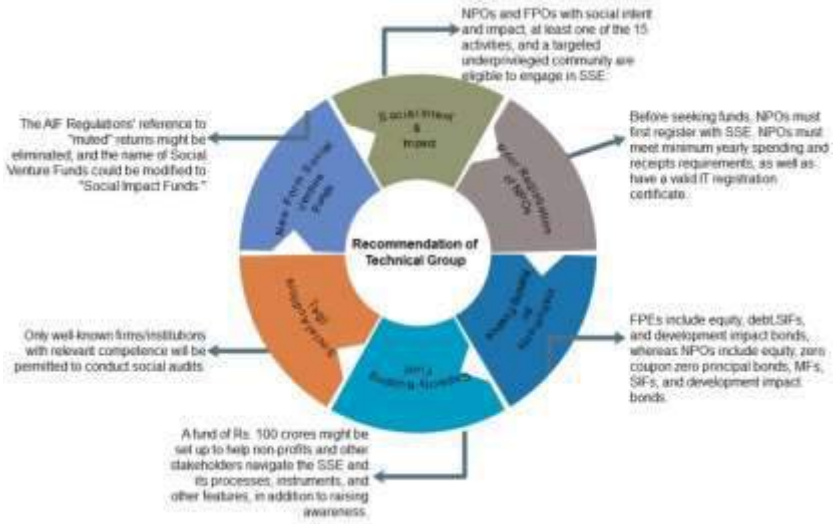
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In 2020, SEBI convened a Technical Group including of representatives from several sectors of civil society to work on defining social enterprises, disclosing relevant information, and creating norms for social impact assessment, auditing, and regulatory guidelines. NPOs are listed as a separate segment in stock exchanges by the SSE. Charitable non-profit organisations benefit society or the local community. SSE hopes to provide them with a new method of fundraising.(Sharon & Sharma, 2021)

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Recommendation of Working Group and Technical Group(Sebi & Sebi, 2021)





Source: Complied by author from various articles and reports

In September 2022, the SEBI board established a framework in this regard. To do this, the regulator updated the regulations for alternative investment funds (AIFs), listing obligations and disclosure requirements (LODRs), and issuer capital and disclosure requirements (ICDRs).(*SSE - A Detailed Framework Issued by SEBI - KPMG India*, n.d.)

A social enterprise may be eligible for SSE onboarding if it demonstrates that its primary goals are social intent and impact, and it reports on such impact. The TG has also recommended a list of activities to establish the primacy of the enterprise's social objective, which is detailed in the following sections. Registration in order to instill a cultural shift and facilitate the transition to a disclosure-based regime, the TG has proposed that non-profit organisations be required to register prior to soliciting funds through SSE and has proposed a set of registration requirements.TG has recommended that after registration, NPOs can list directly on SSE by issuing Zero-Coupon Zero-Principal Bonds.

Donations from mutual funds, development impact bond structures, and social venture funds are some other options for non-profits. The TG proposed mandating annual disclosures on social effect from nonprofits and for-profits designated as social enterprises, including information on their strategic goal and planning, strategy, impact score card, and other similar metrics (Agarwal, 2022). Furthermore, FPEs must follow the disclosure requirements of the segment in which they are listed, whereas NPOs may have a separate set of annual disclosures on governance and financial aspects. Such institutions must hire social auditors who have completed a NISM-accredited certification course.(*SEBI | Framework on Social Stock Exchange*, n.d.)

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It is recommended that ICAI create a new department called the Sustainability Directorate, where Social Auditors will be needed to work. A Rs. 100 crore Capacity Building Fund (CBF) would be set up to help non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other stakeholders figure out how to use the SSE and all of its processes, tools, and so on. *(Student Company Secretary, 2021)*

CONCLUSION

Everyone is aware of social stock exchanges, which serve as a link between investors willing to support social causes and social enterprises in need of funding. The global models of social stock exchanges vary from one another. Social stock exchanges are a link between investors willing to support social causes and social enterprises in need of funding. In India, investors are able to purchase shares in social enterprises that have been approved by an official exchange known as Indian SSE.SSX is an evidence-based outcome for targeted capital deployment with social and environmental considerations. In Jamaica, JSSE promotes social capital, CSR and JSE-listed companies sponsor this social initiative. BVSA is a platform for fund raising that has a solid reputation for coordinating social investment projects. The Singapore Exchange for all types of trading, including bonds and stock, is an example of an impact investment exchange. Its aim, like that of a crowdfunding model, is to provide regular people with a channel through which they can aid in the betterment of society and the natural world. Securities issuance serves the purpose of capital-raising.

The SSE aims to provide them with an alternative method of funding in India. SSE will list non-profit organisations (NPOs) on stock exchanges and will also work to improve societal or community welfare. Additionally, they are driven primarily by social impact and intent. Hunger, poverty, malnutrition, and inequality are just a few of the 16 broad activities that the SEBI has identified as qualifying as social work from the list. Nonprofits should prioritise the things on this list alongside equity, zero-coupon zero-principal bonds, social impact funds, and other sources of funding.

To sum up, understanding the SSE is important as it follows some stock exchange models. It is true that the government's policies, rules, and frameworks will determine how effective the SSE proposal in India is. As a result, we can expect more from the SEBI and from the presence of traders like market makers, brokers, and speculators, whose profits should be shared among enhancing societal benefits.

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TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING THROUGH THE BITES PROGRAM: EVALUATING ITS IMPACT ON THE TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCY OF RESIDENTS IN BARANGAY SAN GABRIEL, BORONGAN CITY

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ABSTRACT

This study determined the impact of the Basic Information Technology Education Services (BITES) program by the College of Computer Studies at Eastern Samar State University on the technological proficiency of barangay officials in Barangay San Gabriel, Borongan City. Using a descriptive research design, the study measured participants' proficiency levels before and after the training through surveys. Results showed significant improvement, with initial proficiency rated as partially proficient (2.00) and post-training proficiency as highly proficient (4.29). A paired t-test confirmed this improvement was statistically significant ($p < .001$). The program's overall impact was rated as highly impactful, especially in practical training sessions and job performance relevance. The study recommends replicating the BITES program in other communities, updating training materials, optimizing training duration, and providing ongoing support to maintain proficiency. This research highlights the vital role of IT education in empowering local officials and fostering sustainable community growth.

KEYWORDS: *impact, extension, higher education, SUC, ICT*

INTRODUCTION

For a state university to achieve success, it must excel in its mandated four-fold functions: instruction, research, extension, and production (Medina, 2019). While instruction and research are undeniably important, state universities and colleges (SUCs) must also prioritize community extension. Community extension programs are essential because they allow universities to apply their knowledge and resources to address local needs and challenges (Angima & Gaebel, 2018). By engaging directly with the community, universities can foster social and economic development, enhance the quality of life for residents, and promote sustainable practices. Moreover, these programs provide valuable experiential learning opportunities for students and faculty, helping them to develop practical skills and a deeper understanding of societal issues. In doing so, SUCs not only fulfill their mission of education and research but also contribute to the broader well-being and progress of the communities they serve. Universities and higher education institutions play a vital role in improving communities in several significant ways. Firstly, they act as hubs of knowledge creation and dissemination (Berchin et al., 2021). Through research and innovation, universities generate new ideas, technologies, and solutions that address pressing community issues, ranging from health and environmental sustainability to economic development and social justice (De Amorim et al., 2020). By applying their research findings to real-world challenges, universities help foster advancements that improve the quality of life for community members.

In today's rapidly evolving digital world, technological proficiency has become a critical skill for personal, educational, and economic development. However, many communities, particularly in rural or underserved areas, often lack access to essential Information Technology (IT) education and resources. Santiago et al. (2021) mentions that there are several constraints in the performance of barangay officials in the Philippines, one if this is the use of ICT. To address this gap, the Basic Information Technology Education Services (BITES) program was introduced by the College of Computer Studies of Eastern Samar State University Main Campus, aiming to provide comprehensive IT education and training to residents of selected communities. The program predominantly implemented in Barangay San Gabriel, a selected service community of the institution. The BITES program is designed to enhance the technological skills of individuals, enabling them to navigate and utilize various digital tools and platforms effectively. This initiative is not only focused on bridging the digital divide but also on fostering a culture of lifelong learning and adaptability in a technology-driven society.

This research seeks to evaluate the impact of the BITES program on the technological proficiency of the barangay officials of Barangay San Gabriel. By assessing the program's effectiveness, we can understand how well it equips participants with the necessary IT skills and knowledge. The study aims to identify the transformative changes in participants' ability to use technology for various purposes, such as education, employment, and daily life tasks. Furthermore, this study will explore the broader social and economic implications of improved technological

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proficiency among the residents, including better job opportunities, increased productivity, and improved quality of life. By documenting these outcomes, the research will provide valuable insights into the role of IT education programs like BITES in community development, addressing the critical gap in understanding how such programs contribute to sustainable community growth and empowerment.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

This research aims to evaluate the impact of the Basic Information Technology Education Services (BITES) program of the College of Computer Studies of Eastern Samar State University - Borongan on enhancing the technological proficiency of Barangay San Gabriel officials, with the aim of improving barangay services and operations. Specifically this study aims to:

1. Determine the demographic profile of respondents;
2. Measure the initial and post-training levels of technological proficiency among barangay officials who participated in the BITES program;
3. Determine if there is a significant difference between the initial and post-training level of technological proficiency among barangay officials; and
4. Evaluate the level of impact of the BITES program in achieving its intended goals and objectives, including participant satisfaction and program delivery.

METHODS

Research Methods

This study employed a descriptive research design facilitated by a survey questionnaire. This approach was chosen because it enables a thorough exploration of the quantitative component, which includes pre- and post-program assessments to gauge shifts in technological proficiency. Descriptive research is particularly suitable for this purpose as it facilitates a comprehensive examination, identification of patterns, and recognition of trends (Akdemir et al., 2015). Its non-experimental nature aligns with the study's objective of observing and describing existing phenomena within the real-world context, without manipulating variables.

Respondents

The respondents for this study will include barangay officials who have participated in the BITES program in Barangay San Gabriel, as well as a representative sample of community members who have interacted with or benefited from the services provided by the barangay officials. This approach ensures a comprehensive understanding of the program's impact from both the participants' and the community's perspectives.

Instrumentation

The questionnaire was developed by the researchers by incorporating the existing institutional impact assessment tool and adding specific parts such as feedback and perceptions of the conducted activity. It was validated by non-participants as they answered the questionnaires while statistician examined the degree of reliability.

Data Analysis

For this study, descriptive statistics was used employing univariate analysis through computations of frequencies, means, and percentages for objectives numbers 1, 2 and 4. For objective 2 and 4, the scale shown below was used to determine the level of technological proficiency of respondents and the impact of the BITES program.

Technological proficiency

4.20 – 5.00 - Highly Proficient
3.40 – 4.19 - Proficient
2.60 – 3.39 - Moderately Proficient
1.80 – 2.59 - Partially Proficient
1.00 – 1.79 – Poorly Proficient

Program Impact

4.20 – 5.00 - Highly Impactful
3.40 – 4.19 - Impactful
2.60 – 3.39 - Moderately Impactful
1.80 – 2.59 - Partially Impactful
1.00 – 1.79 - Low Impact

Paired t-test was used to assess the significant difference between the initial and post-training levels of technological proficiency among barangay officials. The level of significance is set at .05 level of significance for rejecting and accepting the null hypotheses. For objective 5, topic modelling specifically the Latent Dirichlet algorithm was employed to determine the hidden themes within the collection of feedback and responses.

Ethical Considerations

During the conduct of this study, the researcher addressed several ethical issues and concerns to ensure the study was conducted with full confidentiality and anonymity. Adherence to study protocol assessments and standards was observed, particularly in gathering and managing the population and data. Voluntary participation was emphasized, with the purpose and aims of the study explained to respondents to respect their decision to participate. Privacy and confidentiality were strictly maintained, with all data used solely for the study's completion. Plagiarism was avoided by using tools like Turnitin to ensure originality, and the study showed no evidence of fabrication or exaggeration, maintaining the integrity of the research findings.

RESULTS

As can be gleaned in table 1, respodents of the training program were mostly females comprising 71% of the total number of respondents. This suggests a higher participation rate among women in the BITES program, potentially reflecting broader trends in community involvement or interest in technological proficiency among female residents. Meanwhile, the involvement of community leaders, such as the Chairman and Kagawads, underscores the program's potential to influence policy and decision-making processes within the barangay. These findings imply that the BITES program is reaching key stakeholders who can champion the integration of technological proficiency in various community functions. The program's impact is likely to

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be multifaceted, affecting not only individual skill sets but also broader community development and governance.

Table 1. Distribution of Respondents based on Demographic Profile

Demographic Profile	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender		
Male	4	29%
Female	10	71%
Position		
Chairman	1	7%
Kagawad	5	36%
Secretary	1	7%
Treasurer	1	7%
BHW	6	43%

Table 2 shows the initial and post-training levels of technological proficiency of the barangay officials who underwent training under the BITES program. The initial training level was rated at 2.00, indicating that participants were only partially proficient in technological skills before the training. After the training, the proficiency level increased significantly to 4.29, categorizing participants as highly proficient. This improvement suggests that the BITES program was effective in enhancing the technological skills of the participants. This is further shown in table 3 where the results of a paired t-test comparing the initial and post-training technological proficiency levels is elucidated. The p-value of less than .001 indicate that the difference between the initial and post-training proficiency levels is statistically significant. This means that the observed improvement in technological proficiency is not due to random chance, but is a reliable and significant outcome of the BITES program. The results demonstrate that the BITES program had a substantial positive impact on the technological proficiency of barangay officials. The significant increase from partial proficiency to high proficiency, as confirmed by the paired t-test, underscores the effectiveness of the program. These results imply that similar IT education initiatives could be highly beneficial in other communities, potentially leading to widespread improvements in technological skills and overall community development. Further, the result in consistent with the finding of Khoir and Davison (2019), mentioning that ICT play a significant role in helping the community members to develop themselves in terms of both economic development and social tie maintenance.

Table 2. Initial and Post-training Levels of Technological Proficiency

Training	Average	Interpretation
Initial Training	2.00	Partially Proficient
Post Training	4.29	Highly Proficient

Table 3. Paired T-test of the Initial and Post-training

Measure 1	Measure 2	t	df	p	Interpretation
Initial Training	Post Training	16.27	23	<.001	Significant

The impact of the BITES program on the participants is clearly demonstrated through various measures, with results showing that the program was highly impactful overall, achieving an average rating of 4.39. Specifically, the relevance of the content to the participants' needs received a rating of 4.3, indicating that the training was highly aligned with what the participants required. The trainer's expertise was rated at 4.23, also reflecting a high level of impact and satisfaction. The training materials provided were deemed impactful with a rating of 4.19, suggesting that while effective, there might be slight room for improvement in this area.

The hands-on practice sessions were particularly beneficial, receiving a rating of 4.5, highlighting the importance of practical experience in learning ICT skills. The duration of the training was rated as impactful at 4.17, indicating that while the length of the training was adequate, some participants might have preferred a different duration. Confidence in using ICT tools after the training was rated at 4.4, and the improvement in performing ICT skills

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was equally rated at 4.4, both showing significant gains in participants' technological capabilities.

The impact on participants' ability to perform their jobs was rated at 4.6, the highest individual rating, emphasizing the direct benefit of the program on job performance. Lastly, the overall quality of the training program was rated at 4.7, indicating that participants found the program to be of exceptionally high quality.

These results suggest that the BITES program was highly effective in meeting the needs of the participants and significantly enhancing their ICT skills and job performance. The high ratings across various aspects of the program imply that it was well-designed, well-delivered, and highly beneficial. This success underscores the potential for such programs to be replicated in other communities to similarly enhance technological proficiency and job performance. Future initiatives could focus on maintaining the strengths of the program while exploring minor adjustments in training materials and duration to maximize impact.

Table 4. Impact of the BITES Program

Relevance of content to your needs	4.3	Highly Impactful
Trainer's expertise	4.23	Highly Impactful
Training materials provided	4.19	Impactful
Hands-on practice session	4.5	Highly Impactful
Duration of the training	4.17	Impactful
Confidence in using ICT tools after this training	4.4	Highly Impactful
Improvement in the performing ICT skills	4.4	Highly Impactful
Impact on your ability to perform your job	4.6	Highly Impactful
Overall quality of the training program	4.7	Highly Impactful
Overall impact	4.39	Highly Impactful

CONCLUSION

The BITES program has demonstrated considerable success in enhancing the technological proficiency of barangay officials in Barangay San Gabriel. Participants exhibited a marked improvement in their ICT skills, progressing from a basic level of proficiency before the training to a highly proficient level after the program. This significant enhancement in skills is supported by statistical evidence, underscoring the effectiveness of the training. Participants reported that the program was highly relevant to their needs and praised the expertise of the trainers. The hands-on practice sessions were particularly impactful, helping participants gain practical experience and confidence in using ICT tools. Additionally, the program had a positive effect on participants' job performance, highlighting its practical benefits in their roles as barangay officials. The program was well-received and considered of high quality, indicating its success in meeting the goals of technological empowerment and skill development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To build on the success of the BITES program and ensure its continued impact, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Replicate the BITES program in other barangays and communities to enhance technological proficiency and job performance on a wider scale.
2. Continuously update and diversify the training materials to keep them relevant, engaging, and effective.
3. Evaluate and adjust the training duration based on participant feedback to better meet their preferences and optimize learning outcomes.
4. Establish a follow-up mechanism to provide ongoing support and resources to participants, ensuring sustained proficiency and addressing emerging challenges.

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AWARENESS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS IN TAMIL NADU

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ABSTRACT

Violence against women is a pervasive and severe issue that affects millions worldwide. It encompasses a range of abusive behaviors, including physical, sexual, emotional, and economic abuse. The research aimed to evaluate the level of knowledge and attitudes toward various forms of violence, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. A stratified random sampling method ensured diverse representation in terms of gender, age, and educational background. A structured survey was administered via Google form to a sample of 100 students across various disciplines in Tamil Nadu. The college students were directly connected to the Google platform. Therefore the present web survey study does not require approval by ethical committee. The final data based was downloaded as a Microsoft excel sheet. The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics in SPSS software to summarize the levels of awareness among the students. The findings revealed female students demonstrated higher awareness levels compared to their male counterparts. Despite high awareness of physical and sexual violence, many students underestimated the prevalence and impact of non-physical forms of abuse. The research underscored the need for comprehensive educational programs that address all dimensions of violence against women, aiming to foster a more informed and proactive student body in combating this critical issue.

KEYWORDS: *Violence Against Women, Domestic Violence, Gender-Based Violence,*

INTRODUCTION

The United Nations defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life" . Intimate partner violence refers to behaviour by an intimate partner or ex-partner that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm, including physical aggression, sexual coercion, psychological abuse and controlling behaviours. Sexual violence is "any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or other act directed against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting. It includes rape, defined as the physically forced or otherwise coerced penetration of the vulva or anus with a penis, other body part or object, attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching and other non-contact forms."

PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Globally, an estimated 736 million women almost one in three have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both at least once in their life (30 per cent of women aged 15 and older). This figure does not include sexual harassment. The rates of depression, anxiety disorders, unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, and HIV are higher in women who have experienced violence compared to women who have not, as well as many other health problems that can last after the violence has ended. Most violence against women is perpetrated by current or former husbands or intimate partners. More than 640 million or 26 per cent of women aged 15 and older have been subjected to intimate partner violence. Of those who have been in a relationship, almost one in four adolescent girls aged 15–19 (24 per cent) has experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner or husband. Sixteen per cent of young women aged 15 to 24 experienced this violence in the past 12 months (World Health Organization, 2021).

Globally, 6 per cent of women report that they have been subjected to sexual violence from someone other than their husband or partner. However, the true prevalence of non-partner sexual violence is likely to be much higher, considering the stigma related to this form of violence (UNESCO, 2019).

Fifteen million adolescent girls worldwide, aged 15–19 years, have experienced forced sex. In the vast majority of countries, adolescent girls are most at risk of forced sex (forced sexual intercourse or other sexual acts) by a current or former husband,

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partner, or boyfriend. Based on data from 30 countries, only 1 per cent have ever sought professional help (UNICEF. (2017).

In 2020, for every 10 victims of human trafficking detected globally, about four were adult women and about two were girls. Most of the detected victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation (91 per cent) are women. Analysis of court cases shows that female victims are subjected to physical or extreme violence at the hands of traffickers at a rate three times higher than males. During the past decade, the global rate of child marriage has declined, with the global proportion of young women aged 20–24 years old who were married before the age of 18 decreasing from nearly one in four in 2010 to almost one in five (19 per cent) in 2022. However, the profound effects of the pandemic are threatening this progress, with up to 10 million additional girls at risk of child marriage in the next decade due to the pandemic (UNODC, 2022).

School-related gender-based violence is a major obstacle to universal schooling and the right to education for girls. Globally, one in three students, aged 11–15, have been bullied by their peers at school at least once in the past month, with girls and boys equally likely to experience bullying. While boys are more likely to experience physical bullying than girls, girls are more likely to experience psychological bullying, and they report being made fun of because of how their face or body looks more frequently than boys (World Health Organization,2021).

RELATED STUDIES

A study conducted by Martinez et al. (2018) assessed awareness of domestic violence among university students in the United States. The researchers used a survey method, distributing questionnaires to 600 students across multiple campuses. The study found that while most students could identify physical violence, fewer recognized emotional or psychological abuse as equally damaging. Gender differences were notable, with female students demonstrating higher levels of awareness and sensitivity towards all forms of domestic violence compared to their male counterparts. This research suggests a need for comprehensive educational programs that address all forms of violence, not just the most visible or physical.

Johnson and Thompson (2019) explored perceptions of sexual violence on campus among college students in Canada. They conducted a mixed-methods study involving surveys and focus groups with 450 students. The results indicated that while students were generally aware of the issue of sexual violence, many underestimated its prevalence and the severity of its impact on victims. The study also highlighted a gap in understanding consent and healthy relationships. The findings underscore the importance of incorporating consent education and discussions on healthy relationships into university curriculums to improve awareness and prevention efforts.

A quasi-experimental study by Singh et al. (2020) in India examined the impact of an educational intervention on students' awareness of violence against women. The intervention included workshops and seminars conducted over a semester. Post-intervention surveys showed a significant increase in students' knowledge about various forms of violence against women and the available support services. The study found that continuous and interactive educational sessions were more effective than one-time lectures. This research highlights the effectiveness of sustained and engaging educational programs in raising awareness and suggests that universities should adopt similar strategies.

A study by Ahmed and Rahman (2021) in Bangladesh focused on gender differences in understanding and attitudes toward violence against women among college students. The researchers used a cross-sectional survey with 800 participants. The study revealed that male students often had less awareness and more misconceptions about violence against women compared to female students. Traditional gender norms and cultural beliefs significantly influenced these attitudes. The findings point to the need for gender-specific educational approaches that challenge traditional norms and promote gender equality.

Lee and Kim (2017) investigated the psychological impact of awareness programs on college students in South Korea. They used a longitudinal design, following students before and after participating in a semester-long awareness program. The study found that increased awareness led to greater empathy towards victims and a stronger sense of responsibility to intervene in potential violence situations. However, some students also reported increased anxiety and distress after learning about the prevalence and severity of violence against women.

OBJECTIVES

1. To elicit the personal profile of the College students
2. To assess the Awareness level of Different Forms of Violence
3. To analyse the Perception of Prevalence of Violence

METHODS

The study utilized a quantitative methodology to assess the awareness of violence against women among college students in Tamil Nadu. A stratified random sampling method ensured diverse representation in terms of gender, age, and educational background. A structured survey was administered via Google form to a sample of 100 students across various disciplines. The survey comprised 20 questions covering different types of violence, including physical, emotional, sexual, and economic abuse, as well as questions about the perceived prevalence and seriousness of these issues. Students were directly connected to the Google platform. Therefore the present web survey study does not require approval by ethical committee. The final data based was downloaded as a Microsoft excel sheet. The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics in SPSS software to summarize the levels of awareness among the students.

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RESULTS

Table 1: Personal Profile of the College Students

Variables	Frequency (n=100	Percentage
Gender		
Male	45	45 %
Female	55	55 %
Age		
18-20	30	30 %
21-23	50	50 %
24-26	20	20 %
Academic Discipline		
Social Science	30	30%
Science	30	30%
Commerce	20	20%
Engineering	20	20%

Table 1 provides a comprehensive personal profile of the college students who participated in this study. The sample consists of 45% male and 55% female students, indicating a slight majority of female participants. This gender distribution is essential for understanding potential differences in awareness and attitudes towards violence against women, as previous studies have shown that awareness levels can vary significantly by gender.

The age distribution shows that half of the participants (50%) are between 21-23 years old, making it the most represented age group. Students aged 18-20 comprise 30% of the sample, while those aged 24-26 make up the remaining 20%. This spread reflects the typical age range of undergraduate and early postgraduate students, providing a relevant context for examining awareness levels within this demographic.

The academic disciplines are evenly represented across Social Science (30%), Science (30%), Commerce (20%), and Engineering (20%). This balanced representation ensures that the findings are not biased towards a particular field of study and can offer insights into how awareness of violence against women may vary across different academic backgrounds. The diversity in academic disciplines allows for a nuanced understanding of how curriculum and academic culture might influence students' awareness and attitudes towards violence against women. For example, students in Social Sciences might have more exposure to topics related to gender studies and violence compared to their peers in Engineering or Commerce.

Table 2: Awareness of Different Forms of Violence

Type of Violence	Awareness Level	Frequency (n=100)	Percentage (%)
Physical Violence	High	80	80%
	Moderate	15	15%
	Low	5	5%
Emotional Abuse	High	60	60%
	Moderate	25	25%
	Low	15	15%
Sexual Violence	High	70	70%
	Moderate	20	20%
	Low	10	10%
Economic Abuse	High	40	40%
	Moderate	35	35%
	Low	25	25%

Table 2 indicates that physical violence is widely recognized, with 80% of respondents having a high awareness of it. However, 20% (15% moderate + 5% low) still have varying degrees of lower awareness. Efforts might be needed to increase awareness among this segment. Emotional abuse shows slightly lower overall awareness compared to physical violence. 15% of respondents have low awareness, suggesting a need for education and outreach to improve recognition. Sexual violence has a high awareness level overall (70%), but 30% still have moderate to low awareness. This highlights the importance of continued education and awareness campaigns. Economic abuse shows the lowest high awareness level at 40%, with a significant 60% (35% moderate + 25% low) having moderate to low awareness. This suggests a critical need for more targeted education and information dissemination. There is considerable variation in awareness levels across different types of violence. Physical

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violence and sexual violence generally have higher awareness compared to emotional and economic abuse. Tailored interventions are necessary to address gaps in awareness. For instance, strategies might include community workshops, educational programs in schools, and campaigns through media to reach broader audiences.

Table 3: Perception of Prevalence of Violence

Perception of Prevalence	Frequency (n=100)	Percentage (%)
Very High	20	20%
High	30	30%
Moderate	35	35%
Low	10	10%
Very Low	5	5%

A significant portion of respondents perceive violence to be prevalent to some degree, with 50% (20% very high + 30% high) considering it at higher levels. 35% perceive violence to be at a moderate level, indicating a nuanced understanding among a considerable portion of respondents. There might be a disparity between awareness (from Table 2) and perception (Table 3). For instance, while awareness of specific types of violence might be high (as seen in Table 2), perceptions of overall prevalence vary, with only 20% perceiving violence as very high

Table 4: Sources of Information About Violence

Source of Information	Frequency (n=100)	Percentage (%)
Educational Programmes	40	40%
Media (TV, Newspapers, etc.)	30	30%
Social Media	20	20%
Family and Friends	10	10%

Educational Programmes: This is the most cited source, with 40% of respondents obtaining information about violence through educational programs. This suggests that structured educational initiatives play a significant role in raising awareness and providing knowledge about violence.

Media (TV, Newspapers, etc.): Media sources are also important, with 30% relying on TV, newspapers, and other forms of media for information. Media coverage can influence public perception and awareness of violence, making it a crucial avenue for dissemination of information.

Social Media: 20% of respondents use social media as a source of information about violence. Social media platforms provide real-time updates and discussions, influencing public discourse and awareness on various social issues, including violence.

Family and Friends: 10% rely on information from personal networks such as family and friends. This indicates the role of informal conversations and personal experiences in shaping individuals' understanding of violence.

Table 5: Knowledge of Support Services

Knowledge of Support Services	Frequency (n=100)	Percentage (%)
Aware	60	60%
Somewhat Aware	25	25%
Not Aware	15	15%

Aware (60%): A majority of respondents (60%) are aware of support services available for individuals affected by violence. This indicates a relatively strong awareness base among the sample surveyed.

Somewhat Aware (25%): Another significant portion (25%) indicates they have some knowledge of support services, although their awareness might not be as comprehensive as those who are fully aware.

Not Aware (15%) : 15% of respondents are not aware of any support services for victims of violence. This segment represents an area where there is a need for increased outreach and education to improve awareness and accessibility of support services.

Implications for Support and Intervention:

- **Access to Services:** High awareness among 85% (aware + somewhat aware) suggests that a substantial portion of the population can potentially access support services when needed. This is crucial for ensuring victims of violence receive timely assistance and support.
- **Targeted Education:** Efforts should focus on reaching the 15% who are not aware of available services. This could involve public awareness campaigns, educational programs, and partnerships with community organizations to improve dissemination of information.
- **Improving Accessibility:** Awareness alone does not guarantee accessibility. Efforts should also consider the accessibility, affordability, and effectiveness of support

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services to ensure they meet the diverse needs of individuals affected by violence.

CONCLUSION

The findings revealed that while there is a general awareness of physical and sexual violence, significant gaps remain in understanding emotional and economic abuse. Female students demonstrated higher levels of awareness compared to male students, highlighting the need for targeted educational interventions to address these disparities. The age distribution of the participants, with a significant portion being between 21-23 years old, indicates that the majority are in their prime college years, a crucial period for shaping attitudes and knowledge. The balanced representation of students from Social Sciences, Sciences, Commerce, and Engineering provided a comprehensive view of how different academic backgrounds influence awareness levels. Despite the high awareness of physical and sexual violence, the study identified prevalent misconceptions and a lack of understanding of the subtler forms of abuse. This underscores the necessity for comprehensive and continuous educational programs that go beyond the basics, addressing all forms of violence and fostering a deeper understanding among students. In conclusion, while there is a foundational awareness of violence against women among college students, significant work remains to be done in bridging the knowledge gaps, especially concerning emotional and economic abuse. Tailored educational programs, gender-specific interventions, and curriculum integration are essential steps towards fostering a more informed and proactive student body. This study highlights the importance of a holistic approach in addressing violence against women, ensuring that all dimensions are understood and appropriately acted upon by future generations.

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IN THE INTERPRETATION OF "AT-TA'VILAT AN-NAJMIYA". COMMENTARY ON THE WORD "ZIKR"

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ANNOTATION
In this article highlights in the interpretation of "At-ta'vilat an-najmiya" and commentary on the word "zikr".
KEY WORDS: *"At-ta'vilat an-najmiya", zikr, commentary, religion.*

In 26 chapters of the Holy Qur'an [1: 226]. The use of the word "zikr" in 51 places, its place and the ranks of zikr and zakir are revealed. In the commentary on verse 152 of Surah Al-Baqarah, the rewards given to the reciter are listed, they are as follows:

1. The mention of language is optional.
2. Arkon zikr - karamat.
3. Remembrance of the soul is the light of Islam.
4. Remembrance of the heart - forgiveness.
5. Zikr of the soul - monotheism and sacrifice.
6. The zikr of the secret is the frog

"Zikr" in Tafsir: Zikr of the tongue - with confession, Zikr of the Ark - with obedience, Zikr of the soul - by doing what is ordered and returning from the deeds that are returned, Zikr of the soul - with morality, Zikr of the soul - with divine love alone, and Zikr of the secret - moving away from the worries of existence. By drowning in the ocean of thought, their definitions and methods of application are described [2: 229].

It is stated in many mystical works that zikr should be accompanied by thanksgiving at the same time. Shukur also consists of two types.

The first thanksgiving: the health of the body and the five senses, and the wealth of the world in your hands.

Thanks to the body: keeping all the organs in our body healthy and not harming them. It is also important to give thanks for the existence of the five senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch). Because in the 15th verse of Surah "Fatir" in the Holy Qur'an, people are dependent on the Creator in three places: wounding, the presence of five senses, and the possession of blessings, and he distinguishes five senses from wounding. The importance of the five senses is that they are separated from the body. With the body, there would be no need to repeat it. The five senses are as important as wounding, and if one of them is absent, it will affect the perfection of the body.

Giving thanks to the Creator for the given material blessings, this is part of external thanksgiving, and you can see these blessings with your eyes. Najmuddin Kubro considers the concept of "worldly goods" to be the necessary material wealth to eat, drink, wear, have a place to live and maintain health. The amount of this is calculated by the person's own team's expenses.

In the work, he proves asking God for material wealth with the following hadith: "The Prophet (pbuh) and his companions were in such a state in the fabric of the world. He used to say: "O Allah! Bless the family of Muhammad." Bless them with the things (material wealth) that sustain their lives," they used to pray [3:7].

This topic is considered an important topic among mystics, and there are different views on the ownership of worldly wealth. As mentioned in the above examples, the work says that the possession of material wealth should be the wealth that satisfies the needs of people in the society.

It is necessary to understand the meaning of the word "Tarku-d-dunyo" (to leave the world - - ترك الدني) found in Sufi works. The word "Tarku-d-dunyo" is originally called "Tarku hubbi-l-mali-d-dunyo" (abandoning greed for the rich world - trk حب المال الدنيا). In addition to the necessary material wealth for living, it is understood to abandon excessive luxury and conceit.

The second gratitude: inner, sincere gratitude of the heart. This includes giving thanks for the spiritual wealth (intelligence, faith) given by the Creator.

In the work, the theme of gratitude is repeated in many places, the reason for this is to remember the material and spiritual blessings given to people by the Creator. A sign of gratitude is shown by preserving blessings.

In his commentary on the word "zikr" in verse 58 of Surah "Oli Imran", Najmuddin Kubra informs about the history of the birth of Jesus (a.s.) and says that he was created by divine wisdom like Adam (a.s.) in his creation.

At this point, in the commentary on the word "Nutfa" (نتفة) in verse 77 of Surah Yasin, he called "Nutfa" the water of divine grace. From this we can see that he was able to reveal the essence of the word by approaching each word in the work with maturity and eloquence.

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Such an approach is also seen in the commentary on the word "weakness" (دیفا) in verse 28 of Surah "Nisa". "Weakness" is not physical and mental weakness, but weakness in perfection (karamat). To be born with such a gift is a rare occurrence. He says that a person achieves perfection through his own work [4: 135].

The content of the above verse 58 of Surah "Oli Imran" and verse 77 of Surah "Yasin" is about the creation of man, and in the commentary of both verses, Najmuddin Kubra glorifies man and says that he was created without defects in body and mind with the water of God's mercy.

In interpreting the verses addressed to people in the work "At-Ta'wilot an-Najmiya", Najmuddin Kubro's approach, in any case, glorifies the human rank, separates it from other creatures (eighteen thousand worlds) and says, "You people!" He says that this is divine praise. The existence of zikr in the heart with the tongue is mentioned in many works.

In the approach of Najmuddin Kubro, it is emphasized that the zikr of the soul should be manifested in morality. If it is not manifested in morals, the zikr of the soul is considered incomplete. The fact that people have good behavior is a sign of purity of heart. The real essence of Sufism is the purification of the soul by obeying the command of the Creator with kindness, charity, humility and politeness.

In the commentary on the word "Zikr" in verse 91 of Surah "Maida" the meaning of remembering with the heart is given. A Muslim enters into prayer with the Creator through his heart during prayer. Because prayer is the goal of believers, he says. Remembrance is also important.

Continuous dhikr is forgetting everything and remembering only Allah. It is said in the Holy Qur'an: "Remember Allah when you forget." The word forgetfulness here means forgetting other than Allah. If the dhikr is not continuous, one cannot reach the level of maturity with munqati (continuous) dhikr [5: 20].

Here, continuous zikr means the verbal zikr of the people of zikr. Vocal zikr is said to be very beneficial. The purpose of remembrance is to make God known to the heart. Because the soul needs a voice. The purpose of this is not to inform Allah, of course. It doesn't matter if it's near or far, with or without sound. Those who interfere with vocal dhikr and do not consider it good, but on the contrary, consider it unnecessary, are considered ignorant of the status and secrets of Sufism.

"La ilaha illallah" in Zikr is the word of tawheed. This word is a divine word derived from the words "useful" and "acceptable". This word "Tawheed" is the most virtuous of Dhikrs, because it contains various healing elements, just like "Giyah". Allah, Allah or Hu, Hu is more virtuous than dhikr. Because there is only the word of God in such words. But the meaning of the word "Tawheed" includes the oneness of God and the absence of any other god.

Dhikr is light. He enlightens both the soul and the eyes of the soul when he takes the soul under his judgment. In this way, even in the dark areas that prevented them from seeing before, they can see things with the same eyes of the soul. After all, even a person lying on his deathbed can see things that he did not see when he was present. About this in the Holy Qur'an: "So, We have opened your veil from you. Now this day your eyes are very sharp" [6: 157], it is said.

The purpose of dhikr is to satisfy the soul, and the purpose of continuous dhikr is the continuous dhikr of the people of Khilvat in language. The goal is to constantly provide the remembrance of the soul. Recitation of the tongue has its own effects. The purpose of vocal zikr is not to hear God, but to hear the deaf and blind soul. Because God does not care about anything that is loud or silent, far or near. Allah is all-perceiving.

Najmuddin Kubro says that uzlat is turning away from living with a dead people through isolation. Bayazid Bistomi (d. 875) said: "I have been talking to Haq for thirty years, and the people think that I am talking to them." While Bistomi paid attention to the inner truth of the people, the people paid attention to the outward appearance of Bayazit [7: 143].

According to Imam Ghazali, he defines uzlat as "Uzlat dar anjuman" (to be with the Truth among the people). Many good aspects have been revealed about Uzlat by mystic scholars. There are enough points about the benefits of Uzlat.

Imam Ghazali gives information about the benefits and harms of uzlat and says that the harm of uzlat can be seen in six places. The first harm: uzlat excludes a person from learning. Imam Ghazali says, "Anyone who has not learned the obligatory sciences, then it is forbidden for him." This opinion is repeated by other Sufis, who mention many times that one cannot enter the path of the Tariqat without knowing the knowledge of Sharia. For example, as Sufi Allayor said: "Those who do not know Sharia are the people of Satan, if they consider a thousand years as deeds, they are people" [8: 12]. Every work done without knowledge is said to be futile.

The second damage; a person who retreats to the throne will be deprived of benefit and benefit. His family and children will be neglected. Therefore, if he separates his family and does not satisfy their needs, he is a sinner. Imam Ghazali says: "Giving alms to the needy by engaging in an honest profession is better than charity, and if the way to the enlightenment of the Most High is opened in a person's heart, if it is given to him through prayer, this is better than all obedience" [9: 194].

The third harm: a person falls behind in mujahada and da'wah (calling people to good deeds). A person who separates himself from the people will be left behind from benefiting people, from the actions he performs in the midst of society, such as guiding a lost person.

The fourth harm: the mind can hate the zikr by winning the victory in the uzlat. Different things can happen in solitude, but if it is among people, it will be free from all kinds of satanic

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tricks thanks to the grace of the perfect person. Because the enemy is afraid of multitudes. Lonely people are easy to get over. Satan is the enemy of perfection.

The fifth harm: in uzlat, a person will be deprived of seeing sick people, funeral and other meritorious deeds. In the words of Alisher Navoi: "Rejoice in memory of the one who has broken heart, but if the Kaaba is destroyed, be happy." Oksik says that cheering up will get the reward of rebuilding the Kaaba. To have such great knowledge, one must be among the people.

The sixth harm: pride is also a type of arrogance, from people is to demand attention and respect. It is known that Imam Ghazali discussed the issues of khilavat and anjuman in the 10th century and analyzed its benefits and harms. Ghazali dreams of a person who combines these two opposite spiritual needs, he believes that the person who is spiritually with the Truth and physically with the people is the greatest of the great.

According to Sufism, the human soul, if it is inclined to purification, naturally requires seclusion. If the human soul does not go through the stages of tajrid (separation) and tafrid (solitude), it will not be completely purified. Uzlat is performed by the Sufis' chill sittings and hilvats [10: 23].

In conclusion, the purpose of dhikr is to remember the Creator and to thank for all His blessings, and thanksgiving is expressed by preserving the body, five senses, and material wealth given to people. Remembering the Creator reminds the servant of Allah, and thanksgiving causes the blessings to increase.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM OF THE SAMANID STATE

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ABSTRACT
The article covers the formation of the Samanid state, the formation of the state system of government and the introduction of administrative positions on the basis of primary sources and scientific literature.
KEYWORDS: *Movarounnahr, Khurasan, samanids, saffarids, zeidites, emir, mamluk, turk, divan, dargah, vezir, kazi, waqf, kharaj, jizya.*

INTRODUCTION

The spread of Islam to Central Asia made a fundamental turn in the history of the region. One of its results was the introduction of the Arab caliphate management system into the region, which had a great impact on the development of Uzbek statehood in later periods. During the VIII-XII centuries, the system of administration in Central Asia, which absorbed Islamic rules, became one of the important segments of the history of national statehood. Islam initiated the development of new forms of governance in Central Asia. As a result, the principles of the national management system that emerged remained valid until the 20th century.

The second half of the 9th century is considered the beginning of the "age of weak caliphs" in the history of Islam. By this time, internal conflicts in the Abbasid caliphate increased, rebellions increased, the caliphs' mistrust of the governors from the Arabs increased, and as a result, the appointment of commanders and governors of Persian and Turkic origin to the regions caused the weakening of the central authority, as well as the loss of control over both the western and eastern regions.

First, the Tahirites led by Tahir ibn Husain (776-822 AD) in Khurasan, and then the Saffaris declared their independence, and the Samanids, who had been faithfully serving the caliphs in Movarounnahr, also managed to establish an independent government, taking advantage of the situation.

The Samanids sought independence from the Tahirites, the emirs of Khurasan, but never opposed the Abbasids and never sought independence from Baghdad[Ibn Hawqal, 2011, p. 196]. Therefore, before the caliph Mamun left Marv for Baghdad, he ordered the appointment of Nuh ibn Asad (d. 842) and his brothers, descendants of Saman, who were loyal to him, as governors. In 204/819-20, Khurasan emir Ghassan ibn Abbad appointed Nuh ibn Asad as governor of Samarkand, Ahmad as governor of Ferghana, Yahya as governor of Shosh and Ustrushana, and Ilyas as governor of Herat, according to the Caliph's instructions. The brothers were officially independent rulers, but in practice they were subordinate to Nuh ibn Asad[4:253]. He is the eldest of the four grandsons of Somonkhudot and is considered the founder of the Somonid dynasty [Gardizi, 1991, p. 48].

Nuh ibn Asad waged jihad wars against Turks of other religions. In 225/ 839-40, he captured the city of Isfijab and built a defensive wall that included vineyards and fields in it [4:253]. In the inscriptions on the coins minted in the cities of Samarkand, Shosh and Ferghana during the reign of Nuh ibn Asad, his name is mentioned after the name of the caliph. This means that he was independent from the rulers of Khurasan, the Tahiris, and was subject only to the caliph[4:254].

According to Narshahi's "History of Bukhara", Nuh ibn Asad (819-864 AD) lived in Samarkand until his death and appointed his brother Ahmad ibn Asad as his successor. Ahmad ibn Asad was a scholar and a philanthropist, very philanthropic and conscientious [Narshahi, 1991, p. 147]. Ibn al-Asir gives the following information about him: "About Ahmad, his son Nasr says: he (Ahmad ibn Asad) did not receive bribes during his 30-year reign. When he died, his servants even starved" [Ibn al-Asir, 2006, p. 66]. The information given by the above-mentioned historians also confirms that among the Samanid rulers there were ascetic and people-loving emirs and civil servants, such as the Arab caliphs Umar ibn Khattab and Umar ibn Abdulaziz.

At the beginning of the Samanid rule (the beginning of the 9th century), Movarounnahr was a separate administrative unit, and from the 10th century Khurasan was also part of it[4:142]. The Somanites ruled two large regions - Bukhara, Samarkand, Ustrushana, Ferghana, Shosh, Isfijab, Khorezm, Kesh, Nasaf, Chaganiyan, Khuttalon, Movarounnahr and Badakhshan, Balkh, Takharistan, Georgia, Marv, Herat, Gur, Nishapur and They united Khurasan, which included Gurgan. Therefore, in the literature, their property is sometimes called the "Empire of the Somonites" [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 127].

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Movarounnahr consisted of four regions. There were two capitals of Sughd region, which were the cities of Bukhara and Samarkand. Khorezm, Fergana, Chaganiyan and Shosh regions are also included in this area. The western part of the Samanid state, that is, the Khorasan region, consisted of four parts, the capital of the first was Naisabur (Nishapur), the second was Marv, the third was Herat, and the fourth was Balkh [Shaykh Muhammad Sadiq Muhammad Yusuf, 2018, p. 188].

Sources show that the city of Marv was very influential in the Middle Ages. The power of the Abbasid caliphs also began in Marw, and their black flags were raised here for the first time. Caliph Mamun (caliphate years 813-833) ruled here for ten years. That's why people called it Shahijan, that is, Shah Jahani - "The Residence of Kings" [Balozuriy, 2017, p. 59]. Marv was the residence of the Viceroy of Khurasan, directly subordinate to the viceroy who ruled the eastern part of the caliphate (he lived in Kufa)[History of the Uzbek SSR. Volume II, 1970:191]. Nevertheless, Bukhara, one of the most developed cities of Movarunnahr, was chosen as the capital of the Samanid state.

In 261 - 379/875 - 892, the capital of the Samanid state was Samarkand, and in 279 - 395/892 - 1005, it was Bukhara. The Samanid were legally the emirs of Khurasan, and the lands of Movarounnahr and Khurasan belonged to them. Therefore, their residence, Bukhara, was considered the capital of Movarounnahr and Khurasan in the 10th century. It was the closest city to Khorosan in Movarounnahr. While the Tahirites ruled Khurasan from Nishapur, Ismail ibn Ahmad chose Bukhara as his residence and made it the capital of the state. The main reason for this is that his pre-Islamic ancestors (El Arslan and El Tegin) lived in Bukhara and were buried here [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 121-196]. During the time of his descendants, the capital remained Bukhara. Until then, the rulers of Movarounnahr lived in Samarkand, sometimes in Shosh, and sometimes in Fergana [Narshahi, 1991, p. 159].

The Samanid dynasty were the first non-Arab Muslim rulers in Movarounnahr and ruled for over a hundred years. The essence of the management system of this period was formed by the principle of inheritance of power from father to son. It is worth noting the services rendered by the Samanids in the spread of Islam in Movarounnahr. As a result, this dynasty played a special role in establishing a system of governance based on the teachings of Islam in Central Asia. His experience served as a model for the management of subsequent dynasties.

The states of the Karakhanids, Ghaznavids, Seljuks, and Khorezmshahs, which ruled in Central Asia in the 9th-12th centuries, adopted the management system from the Samanids, while remaining faithful to their local traditions, and brought some innovations to management. A clear proof of this is the introduction of official positions such as *pardador, dovotdar, tashtdar, jashnigir, qutvol, salor, sarhang, sipohsalor, biruk, agichi, qushchi, chavush, khailboshi*. It follows that although the independent Muslim dynasties that emerged in Central Asia adopted the management system from the Arab caliphate, it developed on the basis of national traditions.

The Samanids, like the Abbasids, adhered to and served the Sunni school of thought. They preached the sermon in the name of the Abbasids and minted their money in their name. On the other hand, the Abbasids also valued the Samanis and kept them close to them. The Samanids helped the Abbasids destroy the states that opposed them, such as the Saffarids and the Zaydis. Especially Ismail Samani's conquest of Khurasan and its annexation to his state played an important role in the end of the Saffarian state in the Shiite stream[Shaykh Muhammad Sadiq Muhammad Yusuf, 2018, p. 187].

After the administration of Khurasan was lost to the Saffarids, the Samanids were given the title of amir as the governors of Khurasan, one of the eastern provinces of the caliphate called "Dewan al-Mashriq". In addition, like the governors of other regions, they were called "maula amir al-mo'minin", that is, "maula of the leader of the believers" [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 119]. The Samanids were regarded as the emirs or governors of the Abbasid caliphs in Khorasan [4:123].

According to Narshahi, the rulers of Samanids up to Mansur ibn Nuh (reign years 961-976) were called amir, Mansur ibn Nuh and later were called malik [Narshahi, 1991, p. 163]. Ismail ibn Ahmad (849-907 AD) called himself the "ruler of Movarounnahr". When Narshahi Samani described the rulers, he called their authority "imarat" (emirate) and only from the reign of Abdul Malik ibn Nuh (343-350/954-961) the term "property" was used. According to other sources, on a coin of Abd al-Malik ibn Nuh, he is called "al-Amir al-Muayyid" or "al-Malik al-Muayyid". The word "Al-Muayyid" when translated from Arabic means "supportive, merciful" [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 156].

In order to reward officials and rulers who loyally served the Abbasids, the caliphs gave them such titles as "dynasty friend" and "dynasty support". "Adud ad-Dawla", "Taj al-Milla", "Baha ad-Dawla" and others are among them. From the second half of the 10th century, the prestigious title "Adud ad-Dawla" became customary in all lands of the caliphate, from the Somanites in the north to the Fatimids in the east [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 161].
According to court etiquette (etiquette), when addressing the caliph, all his subordinates were obliged to address him as "mawlana" - "our master" or "amir al-mo'minin" - "chief of the believers". As the viceroys of Khorasan, which was part of the Arab Caliphate, the Samani rulers took the title of "emir". Unlike other dynasties, they are commemorated with their kunyas. For example, Ismail ibn Ahmad with the nickname "amir al-adl" (the just emir), Nasr ibn Ahmad "al-amir as-sa'id" (the happy emir), Nuh ibn Nasr "al-amir al-hamid" (the honorable emir), Abdul Malik al-Nuh "al-amir-al-muayyad" (faithful amir), and Mansur ibn Nuh "al-amir as-sadid" (successful amir), Nuh ibn Mansur "al-amir ar-riza" (to the satisfaction of good) amir) and called by the nicknames "al-amir ar-rashid" (smart amir) [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 156].

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After the death of Ismail Somani, he was called "amiri mozi" i.e. "the emir who passed away" [Narshahi, 1991, p. 159].

The main support of the country in the Somanid system of government was a strong, centralized army. The foundation of this army was formed by the Turkic peoples mentioned in the sources for their courage, bravery and fearlessness. From the reign of Caliph al-Mu'tasim (794-842 AD) (833 AD), Turkish slaves even became the support of the Caliph's personal guard [Yurii Bregel, 2003, p. 20].

Ibn Havqal gives the following information about the socio-political situation in Movarounnahr during the Samanid period, the state's military power, army and its soldiers in his book "Kitab surat al-ard". Because all the borders of Movarounnahr are close to the land of the infidels. Among all the nations, their armies are superior to other nations in terms of determination, courage, courage and fortitude. The peasants of Movarounnahr became the commanders, relatives and loyal servants of the caliphs with their kindness in service, beautiful clothes, royal appearance and obedience, and even became the most special people and soldiers of the caliphs. Ferganians and Turks led the troops from them and became the most reliable guards of the caliphs. Among them, the Turks who prevailed with their courage and bravery were Afshin and Ibn Abu-s-Saj from Ustrushan, Ikhshad from Samarkand and Marzuban ibn Turkash from Sughd, Ujaif ibn Anbasa from Sughd, Bukhorkhudot and others were the emirs, commanders and soldiers of the caliphs" [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 20-21].

The army of the Turkic peoples was divided into military-administrative units (thousands, hundreds, tenths) and not according to the clan system, like the armies of other nomadic countries. Turks took part in great campaigns and were often far from their homeland. Therefore, separate clans of Turks were divided into regions from Crimea to Altai and from Siberia to Iran. This means that the Turkic-speaking tribes that have lived in these areas since ancient times are related. Therefore, in the first century of Islam, the Turkic-speaking population of Central Asia considered all Turks as brothers and considered Arabs and Persians as strangers [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 138].

At the beginning of the 9th and 10th centuries, the Samanids carried out the Abbasid policy of introducing Islam to the local population of Central Asia, and actively waged wars of aggression against the foreign Turks living in the upper reaches of the Syr Darya, in the regions of Eastern Turkestan [Balozuri, 2017, p. 73].

The first of the caliphs, the Abbasid caliph Mansur (reigned 754-774), invited several nobles from Central Asia to Baghdad and appointed them to high military positions. Among them, Afshin led the Islamic troops and succeeded in suppressing the Khurrami revolt against the Arabs led by the Mazdakian Babak in Azerbaijan [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 229].

As in the case of the Turkish khanate, the weight of chokars in the army was high in the Samanid state. Chokars are loyal to their master and are ready to give their lives for them. Qutayba ibn Muslim had an army of 10,000 Turkic and Sugdian nobles who were skilled in archery. They served Qutayba faithfully until the end of his life and did not leave him even when his own family turned their backs on him. Later, the chokar system spread widely in the Arab caliphate and was called the Mamluk slave system. Among the Abbasid caliphs, Ma'mun was the first to employ chokars as his bodyguards. His brother Mutasim's mother was Turkish, so his army consisted of chokars brought from Sughd, Ustrushana, Fergana and Shosh. Turks made up the main part of the military forces of the Samanid state.

Ismail Somani was the first to form a regular army consisting of Turkish slaves, peasants and mercenaries [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 113]. During his rule, the "Kampirak Wall", which was built to defend the city of Bukhara from the attacks of the Turks and was regularly repaired, and required a lot of expenses, was repeatedly repaired, putting the inhabitants to hardship. Amir Ismail said that "as long as I am alive, I will be the wall of the Bukhara region" and always participated in the battles himself [Narshahi, 1991, p. 112]. The strengthening of the central administration and the formation of a strong army allowed Ismail to abandon the construction of a fortress and the strengthening of walls against settlers [A. Askarov, 1992, p. 91].

During the Samanid period, there were Ghazis who voluntarily joined the army and fought for the spread of Islam. In particular, in the 9th century, in the rabats of the borderlands of Shash and Fergana, the troops of the Ghazis were stationed, and they were composed of Muslims who came voluntarily from different countries. Samarkand is also a center where ghazis gather, and they are located in rabots on the outskirts of the city. The number of soldiers in these armies reached 40 thousand and they were led by clerics. The Samanid rulers had close relations with them and patronized them. The funeral of the deceased ghazis was often read by the emir himself [Balozuriy, 2017, p. 73].

During the reign of the Samanids, the prestige of the Turks in Khurasan and Mavrounnahr increased greatly. In the 9th century, they made up the majority of officials in the central administrative system of the Samanids. The same happened in the provinces. Most of the regional governors appointed by the Somonites were from them. The Turks also controlled the defense of the province and the rule of law. One part of the Samanid army was made up of nomadic Turks, and another part was made up of free Turks, that is, Turks living a sedentary lifestyle [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 132].

As mentioned, Ismail ibn Ahmad was the first of the Samanids to form a regular army composed of his loyal slaves - mamluk slaves. Until then, the armies were subordinated to the peasants and priests. The mamluk-slaves selected for military service had a high status and were different from ordinary servants and ordinary citizens. They were well-dressed, well-armed and considered trustworthy people who could easily enter the presence of the supreme ruler. He held high positions

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and lived a luxurious life typical of rulers [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 127].
In 280/893, Ismail Samani launched an attack against the Qarluqs living in the deserts beyond the Syrdarya and captured their capital, Talas. With this, they ensure the economic stability of the country while establishing control over the caravan routes passing through Central Asia [Bosworth, 2007, p. 80].

In the Samanid state, there was also the position of "shihnat al-buldan", i.e. "city mirshabs", along with maintaining order in the city. They also served very loyally like Mamluk slaves. About this, Ibn Hawqal gives the following information: "They are nourished by the correct administration of a well-conducted policy, the authorities take care of their families during their travels. If he does a good deed, his good will not be lost. If he commits a crime, he will receive the punishment for his sin and crime. If there is a need to take revenge or revenge on a relative or close person, this matter is entrusted to the mercy of Allah. If it is necessary to collect a sentence or something from a stranger, he will be dealt with without departing from the instructions of Allah Almighty" [Ibn Hawqal, 2011, p. 26]. It can be seen that the administration in the Somani state was carried out in the spirit of social justice based on Islamic Sharia, care for subordinates. The legal system is also established on this basis.

The Samanid system of government was adopted from the Abbasid, and in turn, the Abbasid government was formed on the basis of traditions left over from the Sassanid Empire. Ismail Somani was one of the first to introduce a centralized management system in Movarounnahr. The basis of this system was the dargah (palace) of the supreme ruler and a set of devans (ministries) [Azamat Ziya, 2001, p. 94].

According to recent studies, the legal basis of the Samanid state was based on Islamic Sharia, and other peoples subjugated by the Arabs also participated in the state building of the caliphate. Their pre-Islamic traditions were widely used in state administration. The main force of the Arab caliphate in the military and state administration was the Khorasanites, most of them from the Turks of Central Asia. In the early centuries of Islam, the first works in the genre of "Policy" containing the basics of state administration were written based on the translation of works such as "Nightmare", "Kalila and Dimna" into Arabic.

Some pre-Islamic rules and procedures were observed in Mavarounnahr during the Samanid period. Although the Samanis were loyal to the religion of Islam and the Arab caliphs, they also respected the religion and customs of their ancestors in some places. In particular, symbols related to Buddhism and Monism are depicted on the walls of the family mausoleum of Samanids in Bukhara, as well as on some coins minted by them. A silver dirham-shaped medallion minted in Bukhara in 968 by Mansur I ibn Nuh (reign years 961-976) depicts the ruler looking to the right on the front side, with Pahlavi inscriptions on both sides [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 127].

In the 9th century, the Arabs and Persians were the leaders in the Samanid government system, and the role of the Turks was not very noticeable, but from the beginning of the 10th century, the Turks managed to occupy all important functions in the state. For this, the Turks studied the Arabic language in depth. In the first half of the 9th century, Islam had taken deep root among the masses. In particular, the work related to management was mainly carried out in Arabic. But from the middle of the 9th century, due to the consistent policy of the Samanid state, the Persian language became the state language. Arabic has retained its importance as a language of science.

Local farmers, landowners, and religious leaders served in the Samanid administration system. For this, they had to know Arabic and Persian, as well as religious and secular knowledge. People who have such knowledge are called "ahl al-kalam" (that is, the people of the pen) [A. Askarov, 1992, p. 6].

The central government in the Samonian state mainly consisted of ten divans. Narshakhi mentions the name of these devans in his "History of Bukhara". During the reign of Nasr II (914-943), a separate building and court was built for them in Registan square. Provinces also mainly have ten devans, which are subordinate to the local governor or minister. The administration of the city was in the hands of the chairman, who was appointed by the ruler. The influence of scholars was strong in the life of the country. Their leader was called Ustad, later Shaykhul-Islam. The commander of Khurasan was a "sipohs" and exerted his great influence on state administration. Chief Hajib and his staff were responsible for the security of Dargah and a number of other important government agencies.

According to the "History of Bukhara", the distance from the western gate of Bukhara Hisori to the temple gate was called Registan. Ismail Samani ordered to build a palace in Registan. He built a building for his officials in front of the gate of this palace. Each official had a separate office in his own space built in front of the gate of the royal palace [Narshahi, 1991, p. 106]. In addition to the minister's office, there are ten more offices, each of which is located in a separate building and performs a specific task.
The main tasks of the executive power of the Somani state include:
The cabinet of the minister or the boss buzrug - managed all branches of the executive power, and the rest of the cabinets were subordinate to him. At the same time, he also served as the Minister of War and was considered the commander-in-chief of all troops. Only persons from the Jayhani, Balami, and Utbi dynasties were appointed to the post of prime minister.

Dewani served as the Ministry of Finance. The Minister of Finance kept the account of the state's income and expenditure. He served as a treasurer under Mustavfi. Systematized the financial affairs of the state.

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Dewani amid (Dewani rasoil or Dewani essay) is a special central ministry that dealt with official documents. All important documents of the state passed through it. In addition, this department maintained diplomatic relations with other countries. "Devan ar-Rasail" played an important role in the political life of the state not only in the Samanids, but also in the Ghaznavids.

Shurat, the owner of Devani, led the Samoni Guard. This department dealt with the training, discipline, food, economic supply and salary issues of the army. Civil servants were paid four times a year - every three months.

Dewani barid (postal service) - was a ministry serving the needs of the state during the Somanids period. At the discretion of the head of the postal service, the owner barid, postal officials and their servants were on duty with their horses in individual cities. Postal officials were subordinated only to the central governing body, not to local governors in individual regions.

Dewani muhtasib - the main task of the muhtasib was to control the stone scales and weight measurements in the markets. In addition, the muhtasib and his assistants also controlled the accuracy of the quantity of products made by craftsmen in the cities. The mutasib also had the right to prevent substandard products from entering the market, and to prohibit the increase in prices of meat, bread, and similar products that were important in consumption.

Dewani mushrif - the official who established general control over state expenses was called mushrif. It is worth noting that in feudal society, it was up to the mushrif to separate the state treasury from the ruler's treasury and, in general, control the allocation of funds from the state treasury to the palace officials. People who have won the attention of many people and are equally fair to everyone have been assigned to such a responsible task.

Court of Justice - the court headed by the Chief Justice mainly dealt with legal issues.
Dewani ziya was a devan who controlled the study process in the madrasa.
Dewani Property is a ministry that controls and manages state lands, properties and profits coming to the treasury. Such lands included very large areas, where peasants lived as a community.
Dewani Waqf is a ministry that controls the income and expenditure of properties donated to Muslim institutions. Waqf lands are lands given to Muslim institutions for temporary or lifetime use.

Dewani ariz (Dewani harb) - ariz was a ministry that controlled the salaries of the Somanii army. Such a salary was given four times a year, every three months. In addition, this ministry was also responsible for military discipline, troop supply and armaments.

The above-mentioned departments also have representatives in the regions, and in addition to the central departments, they also worked in cooperation with local authorities under the authority of local governors. The exception was the mail service department, whose local departments also reported only to the center. They secretly controlled local governors and officials.

In the Samanid state, the salaries of civil servants were paid from the tax collected from the population. According to Ibn Havqal, "In the Samanid state, the amount of taxes and tributes collected from the population was small, and there was not much money in the treasury. The tribute given by Khorasan and Mowarunnahr to Abu Salih Nuh ibn Mansur was collected twice a year, in the amount of twenty thousand dirhams every six months. If the circumstances require that the tax be paid in two parts, it is forty thousand dirhams. I witnessed that the salaries of civil servants are paid regularly and without delay four times a year. Each time allowance is given at the beginning of each ninety days, first to slaves, courtiers and military commanders, then to other servants. The sum of the allowance distributed each time is five thousand dirhams, the sum of the allowances distributed four times is equal to the khiroj collected once. People pay their taxes with open hearts and cheerfulness, full of satisfaction at being treated fairly. This is due to justice towards the raiyat, honesty towards the common people and great responsibility in the hands of the governors. There are many judges, inspectors, supervisors and managers in the provinces, and their salaries are equal to each other, and their duties are almost the same" [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 22-23].

It should be said that the deadlines for the payment of salaries were observed without deviation, otherwise there were large protests and they reached the point of bloodshed. For example, Abu-l-Fazl, the minister of Nuh ibn Nasr, was executed by soldiers who were late for his salary in 946 [Narshahi, 1991, p. 166].

In addition to the regular army of salaried soldiers, there was also an army of ghazis made up of local landowners. They were allotted land by the government as iqta property, and the income from it was used to cover all their expenses, including feeding their families, weapons and horses. Also, from this income, they engaged in trade and gave donations to the poor. In return, at the call of the government, they gathered in rabots with their military equipment and weapons and fought against the enemies [Balozuriy, 2017, p. 73].

The Somanites also adopted the tax system of the Arab caliphate. Terms such as "gezit" (life tax) and "kharag" (land tax) were synonymous with the Arabic jizya and khiroj. The iqto system was mainly used for land ownership [Sh. Kamoliddin, 2019, p. 128].

The main tax levied on state lands is the khiroj, and this type of tax was practiced in Central Asia until the end of the 19th century. This tax was appropriated from the Arab caliphate, which was what the Arabs called any taxes levied on the

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inhabitants of conquered countries. The amount of the tax was 1/3 of the harvest, and sometimes it was reduced to 2/5. Khiroj was received both in goods and in money. The tribute in goods was collected at the time of harvest, and the tribute in money was collected every three months, sometimes every month [Ibn Havqal, 2011, p. 122].

In the early Islamic era, the Arabs called local rulers of large and small cities and provinces in Central Asia "peasants". Some of them were very powerful and could invite even the king as a guest. Even though the status and status of farmers decreased a little during the Somonites period, they still played an important role in the political and economic life of Central Asia [Balozuriy, 2017, p. 148].

In order to strengthen the central power, the Somonites conducted a harsh policy against the peasants, that is, large landowners in Central Asia, and even destroyed their palaces and castles. As a result, there were frequent uprisings by the inhabitants of the regions against the Somonites. Although the peasant institution was destroyed during the reign of the Somonites, the role of peasants in political and economic life was still significant.

The Samanid dynasty was the first non-Arab Muslim dynasty, ruling for over a hundred years and power being passed down from father to son. The Samanis also took an active part in the spread of Islam. During the reign of this dynasty (IX-X centuries), the religion of Islam spread to the banks of the Syrdarya and to the regions to the north - Ettisuv and Eastern Turkestan. In the first half of the 9th century, the inhabitants of the Tashkent oasis accepted Islam [K. Shoniyozov, 2001, p. 272].

CONCLUSION

- The Samanids were the first local Muslim dynasty in Mowarounnah, and were completely independent in internal administration, subservient to the caliph in foreign policy. This is evidenced by the fact that the Samani rulers minted coins in their own names and mentioned themselves after the name of the caliph in the Friday sermon.

- The Somanids and the independent Turkish-Muslim dynasties that followed them turned the Central Asian region, which had developed in a scattered manner for a long time, into a centralized unified state. As a result of the establishment of a centralized administration in Movarounnahr, internal conflicts were cut off, trade, crafts, agriculture, gardening developed, and living conditions increased.

- The two largest Turkic tribes - the Qarluqs and the Oghuzs - accepted Islam thanks to the efforts of the Samanis; The Karakhanids, Ghaznavids, Seljuks, Khorezmshahs, Ottomans, and Tulunids founded centralized Muslim states with strong governance fed by Islamic teachings, and also served as a model for state administration in later periods.

- The type of regular army consisting of Turkish and Sugdian chokars, which was first established by the Somanites, later became widespread in the Arab caliphate and entered history under the name of the Mamluk slave system. One of the factors that ensured its vitality was a centralized administration based on Islamic teachings.

As a final word, it should be noted that the Komonites played a special role in the establishment of the administration system based on the teachings of Islam in Central Asia.

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INFLUENCE COMPETENCY BASED CURRICULUM HAS ON LEARNERS' CREATIVE THINKING SKILLS AMONG GRADE THREE LEARNERS IN KISUMU WEST SUB COUNTY

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ABSTRACT

This research investigated the influence of the Competency Based Curriculum on attainment of 21st century competencies among learners in Kisumu West Sub-County. The research problem was based on a growing concern among researchers and educators that the learner centred curriculum had initially been largely flawed, hurried and lacking proper strategies as well as wide consultation. Major education stakeholders such as parents also received the Competency Based Curriculum with a lot of negativity and resistance claiming that the system is financially oppressive and burdensome. Learners too were caught in between and almost lost confidence in the curriculum due to the cynical talks about it from their parents, social media and the general public. The study therefore strived to identify the degree to which the competency-based curriculum has improved learners' creative thinking. The study was guided by the constructivist theories. Mixed research methodology was adopted. A descriptive survey design was used. Purposive sampling was used to identify 32 schools out of 105 primary schools. A total of 133 respondents were involved in various segments of data collection tools; focus group discussion schedules, questionnaires, observation schedules and document analysis schedules, mainly to elicit information from school principals, teachers and parents within public, private, special and integrated schools. The study instruments were found to be reliable with a Cronbach's Alpha 1.0. Collected data was analysed using both descriptive and inferential statistics. The data was presented in tables and figures. The coefficients the independent variable was positive and statistically significant. The study found creative thinking the most significant variable (97.5%). The study findings indicated that the independent variable was the predictor of acquisition of 21st century competencies among learners. The study recommended that supervision in schools should be intensified and appropriate support rendered to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the curriculum in order to help the curriculum fully achieve its objectives.

KEY WORDS: *Competency Based Curriculum, Learners' Creative Thinking Skills, Grade Three Learners, 21st Century Competencies*

INTRODUCTION

The direction and content of primary education in Kenya since independence has been a source of continuous controversy (Indire, 2022). According to Akala (2021), the discriminative nature of the education offered by the colonial government necessitated the first reforms in education in Kenya. As Muricho (2023) clarifies, the Ominde Commission of 1946 recalled for education to serve Kenya's national development and abolish racial segregation that had been championed by the colonial government, following the recommendations of the Frazer commission of 1909, whose aim was for Africans to create skilled labour to the white settlers.

Transformation is a permanent phenomenon that man has to contend with in every aspect of life. To keep up with it, the universal systems of education must adopt certain trends to empower for the 4th Industrial Evolution. The Kenyan education system has not been left out. Since independence, Kenyan education system has been metamorphosing in attempt to take care of the ever- growing needs of the society. As Shah (2020) claims, the changing demographics of students, the society and the more client centred culture in today's society have produced a climate where the use of learner centred teaching is thriving.

The first system of education in Kenya according to Oxford Business Group (2023) was 7-4-2-3, introduced in 1964. Wanjohi (2011), as cited by the Oxford Group (2023), argues that the 7-4-2-3 system did not possess what was required to deal with the emerging needs of Kenya's human resource in terms of new skills, technologies and attitudes to work. Regarded not meeting Kenyans needs, the 7-4-2-3 system was replaced by 8-4-4following the Mackay Commission. Launched in 1985, it was also criticized as being theoretical, and does not focus on the development of the learner's competencies and the pedagogical practices termed as authoritarian, rigid and teacher centred (Inyenga et al 2021). Ongesa (2020) also faults the system which is just being overhauled as the competency-based curriculum will soon be fully rolled out in the entire education cycle, of its assessment which he claims that only tests memorization.

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As policy documents indicated, the system was not adapted to suit into the current constitution of Kenya, some levels were not in accordance with the learners' ages, it as well hindered pursuance of individual interests and development of talents, as the country still lacked manpower with skills to steer it up for vision 2030's economic development, therefore, arousing the desire for globally competitive work force through education reforms. (UNESCO 2017, as cited by Mulenga and Kabombwe 2019) also claims that the gaps in 8-4-4 hindered learner's growth and development as pathways ware not provided for.

In the current times, there need to equip learners with the 21st century competencies which will enable them adopt to the socio-economic demands of the fourth industrial era, and to embrace post modernism at all levels of education in order to have a society that is able to live up to the innovative needs and cope with the challenges of the era and beyond. As Shkak and Hassan (2022) states, the world around us is changing and we must prepare our children to face the new challenges in the twenty-first century. Haze and Kenyon (2013) as cited by Akyildiz (2019) points out that in this era, learners should take the centre stage in the learning process. Competency Based Curriculum is a student-based system founded on the belief that learning should be related to real life by basing it on the real-life experiences rooted on the knowledge previously acquired (Epher 2022).

The current system of education in Kenya is a competency-based system known as 2-6-6-3 or 2-6-3-3-3. As contained in the basic education curriculum framework, the system is organised into three levels namely early years education; which constitutes of two years in pre-primary and three years in lower primary, the middle school education; which comprises of three years of upper primary and three years of lower secondary; and senior school, tertiary, and university. According to the Ministry of Education report (2018), the system was recommended by a task force chaired by Professor Douglas Odhiambo, tasked to conduct an investigation Kenya's educational status.

Curriculum reform was necessitated by the need to address the gaps created by 8-4-4 system, need to realign to the East African Community harmonization framework and to the global standards (BECF 2017). Kenya therefore adopted the competency-based curriculum to avoid being left behind by the new wave in education that would have otherwise made the county's human resource redundant in the universal job market. Kenya being part of the universal community needs to take part in the production of manpower for universal consumption. Therefore, the education system being the backbone of the social and economic growth of any country should be able to adequately produce a population that is competent to handle the dynamic needs of the society.

The previous education models, 7-4-2-3 and the 8-4-4 were teacher centred, produced social and economic hierarchies, where many parents engaged in malpractices so as to secure their children admission in Maranda, Limuru, Starehe among other national and extra county secondary schools systematically eliminating the children from poor backgrounds, there was an increasing gap in performance of private schools and public schools to an extent that private primary schools were taking almost all slots available in good performing public and private secondary schools, learners and parents were both weighed down by the fact that those who could not do well in examinations were forced to repeat classes (Amutabi 2019). Such are the disparities Competency-Based Curriculum is trying to solve by applying the crucial practical learner centred methods.

According to Amunga et al 2020, CBC focuses on learner's ability to show case competencies acquired from schooling. Pichette (2019) asserts to the above interpretation by pointing out that Competency based Education focuses on what students are able to do. In CBC, schools are also organized to provide timely and differentiated support to ensure equality (vlc.ucdsb.ca 2022). With the needs as the main focus, shifting of pedagogical models from teacher centred to learner centred with more emphasis on competencies rather than content memorization is the key objective of CBC (Rwigema and Andala 2022).

The new curriculum was meant to close the gap created by the previous system (Kabita and Ji 2017, as cited by Amunga et al 2020). The curriculum was meant to improve and guarantee the quality and equitability of education (Kereriet al 2021). However, Mwarari et al (2020) clarifies that lack of time, absence of induction inadequate knowledge and skills, lack of resource are also hampering the implementation of CBC in Kenya.

Statement of the Problem

Akala (2021) argues that CBC implementation report has several issues among them lack of thorough consultation, limited strategies as well as insufficient try-out time. Indire (2022) concurs with the above claim but further explains that the government has made some efforts to reform the quality of instructions. After the release of the recommendations of the presidential working party on education reforms (PWPER), the law makers expressed their anger over poor implementation of CBC and disapproval of the ministry of education implementing the reforms claiming that the recommendations were against several laws as well as the constitution of Kenya. The Teachers Service Commission on the other hand complained that its input on critical matters that involve the teaching service were not put to consideration by the education commission (ministry of education -Kenya)

However, the world bank report in June (2022) indicates that even though the education sector faces ingenuine results and uneven quality problems are being experienced, efforts are being made towards improvement of quality including proper implementation of CBC. The Global Partnership for Education (2023) is in agreement too that Kenya is improving the quality and relevance of education as the organisation claims to have supported the introduction of CBC as well as its assessment, (CBA).

It is therefore of great importance that an investigation to establish the influence of the competency-based curriculum on attainment of 21st century competencies such as digital literacy, critical and creative thinking and soft skills (communication

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skills) among learners be carried out and parents, teachers and administrators' perceptions of CBC be found out to help solve the problem of cynicism towards CBC among education stakeholders.

Based on the articles by many scholars, it is evident that competency-based curriculum was negatively received in Kenya by various education stakeholders including teachers' unions which constantly criticized the system over media channels, parents were not supportive of the system as they complained of it being too expensive, educators too lamenting of being left out and not actively involved in evaluation, the general public relied on the rumours from the mass media and teachers were rigid to the curriculum change. The negativity may have been caused by lack of awareness or simply the fear of the unknown almost causing stagnation of its implementation, thus necessitating a review even before giving it time for full implementation in order to see how the whole system would unfold.

However, the competency-based curriculum is slowly but steadily getting rooted into the education system with the pioneers being in junior school at the moment. In order to tackle the myriad of problems mentioned, the study strived to find out the influence of competency-based curriculum in enhancing digital literacy, identify the degree to which the competency-based curriculum has improved learners' creative thinking, establish how competency-based curriculum has improved learners' communication skills by the end of grade three and to establish the trend in the stakeholders' perception towards the competency-based curriculum.

Objective of the study

1. To establish the influence Competency Based Curriculum has on learners' creative thinking skills.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Theoretical Literature Review: Constructivist learning theory

Theories underpinning the competency-based the constructivist theories. Constructivist learning theory has historical roots in the work of Brunner (1961) and Vygotsky (1962) as claimed by Pande and Bharathi (2020). Brau (2022) reflection and active structuring of knowledge in the process of learning is a constituent of constructivism. As explained by Driscoll (2005) as cited by Merve (2019), it is until a learner gets a personal experience with knowledge that the sense will be made from the experiences leading to construction of knowledge. Stanley (2007) as cited by Mulenga and Kabombwe (2019), claims that this approach requires that within or outside classrooms, learners should be given opportunities to work together with others and be provided with models to prepare them for taking active roles in the society.

Relationships created between already existing ideas (blue dots) to come up with new knowledge (red dot). The socio-cultural theory (SCT) according to Vygotsky (1896-1934) As explained by Ameri (2020) argued that social interactions have an upper hand in the formation of a learner's way of thinking as culture forms the basis of a child's behaviour. Vygotsky's socio-cultural theory According to Rahmatirad (2020), is a theory stresses the socio-cultural main role in human intellectual development through integration of biological, social together with cultural elements in the process of learning. Vygotsky's greatest contribution according to Brau (2020) is when self-organisation, emergence and interaction results from learning when development of competencies occur the ZPD. Group work during learning is encourages to enable time takers to learn from those who have mastered the required competencies. This theory supports competency-based education in terms of creating rich learning environments through formation of groups to make learners benefit from various abilities amongst them. The concept of scaffolding and zone of proximal development are salient in designing the pedagogical shifts for teachers to facilitate CBC in basic education

Empirical Literature Review

Creative thinking is a pertinent skill in the global market today. It helps learners to invent new learning ideologies by, being analytical organized, and having open minds. With the current dynamism in almost every aspect of life, the school curriculum needs to equip learners with the abilities to handle the ever-changing needs of the 21st century. Suherman and Vidakovich (2020) support this by explaining that creative thinking is important in improving the formation and discovery of learning ideas in the 21st century.

The nature of CBC being learner centred enables the learner to explore their learning environment as they directly interact with the learning materials which brings out the cognitive abilities of every learner in terms of problem solving as they create new ideas or improve the already existing ones as they also develop fluency, flexibility and originality. Hence Ndiung et.al (2019), agrees that learners would have opportunities to ask unique questions and provide relevant responses which would enable them come up with appropriate solutions as well as new ideas. Thus, promoting national as well as individual development and self-fulfilment.

The rigid and academic oriented nature of 8-4-4 which put much emphasis of memorization of content and scoring high in the summative assessments rather than considering hands on learning to identify special abilities of various learners denied many learners opportunities to express and develop their talents as learner who could not pass the examinations which only tested ability to memorize were condemned and could not find a chance to further their education within the system. Thus, with CBC learners will be enabled to interact among themselves with ease and understand lessons and develop liking towards learning as well as creativity as stated by Sumarni and Kadarwati (2020). Even so customised creativity needs to be stressed on.

RESEARCH METHODOLOY

Mixed method of both qualitative and quantitative research was used. Descriptive survey was used to solicit information on the learner centred strategies employed in the competency-based curriculum. The study was carried out in selected private and public primary schools Kisumu County: Kisumu west Sub County. The study took place in each of the zones including

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Chulaimbo, Nyahera, Ojolla, Otonglo and Sianda. The study was done among 105 grade three teachers, 500 grade three parents and headteachers 105, the target population was drawn from the following categories of schools; 80 public, 25 private, (special, regular and integrated) schools. According to Kregie and Morgan (1970),12.774122807% or 13% to the nearest whole number is a representative sample by showing that 133 out of 710 (18.73% and 19% to the nearest whole number) was adequate representation. Mugenda and Mugenda (2003), approves of as a representative sample, a threshold of 30%. The researcher ensured that the variance sample of the key informants adequately represented the target population. The study used a population of 49 parents, 32 teachers, 32 head teachers, within Kisumu West sub-county.

Closed ended questionnaires which were in form of Likert scale were administered to the head teachers to give them freedom of response and also enable them respond to the same questions in a defined manner. Direct Observation of grade three instructional sessions was done and recorded in the observation schedule to enable involve grade three learners in the research due to the directness of the tool. Past documents belonging to grade three learners were also analysed to identify the deviations on the performance of learners. Focus group discussions were held with parents to identify their perception and attitudes concerning the Competency Based Curriculum.

A pilot test was carried out before the main data collection exercise. Since the research used a descriptive research design approach, the findings can be generalized through all the primary schools in Kenya, hence have external validity. The face validity was brought out by the sensible appearance in measuring the variables. Content validity index was used to establish whether the research tools measured what was intended. A Cronbach's alpha of 0.7 or more indicates good correlation between the test and retest. Reliability statistics from the current study findings revealed a Cronbach's alpha of 1.000, indicating that the questionnaire was very fit for the study

The instruments Errors were checked after data had been collected from the field. Thereafter, coding was done and Scientific Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) used to analyse the data and presentation done through tables, histograms and column charts. The qualitative data was then entered and analysed quantitatively using descriptive analysis. The qualitative data collected was used to explain the quantitative results. The qualitative data was then analysed to determine the trends and relationships between the twenty first century skills and learners' competencies.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The researcher sought **to establish the influence competency-based curriculum has on learners' creative thinking skills**. The collected data was coded into five categories (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree and strongly agree). The data was analyzed and the results presented using a frequency distribution table and stacked column chart (Table 1 and Figure 1 respectively).

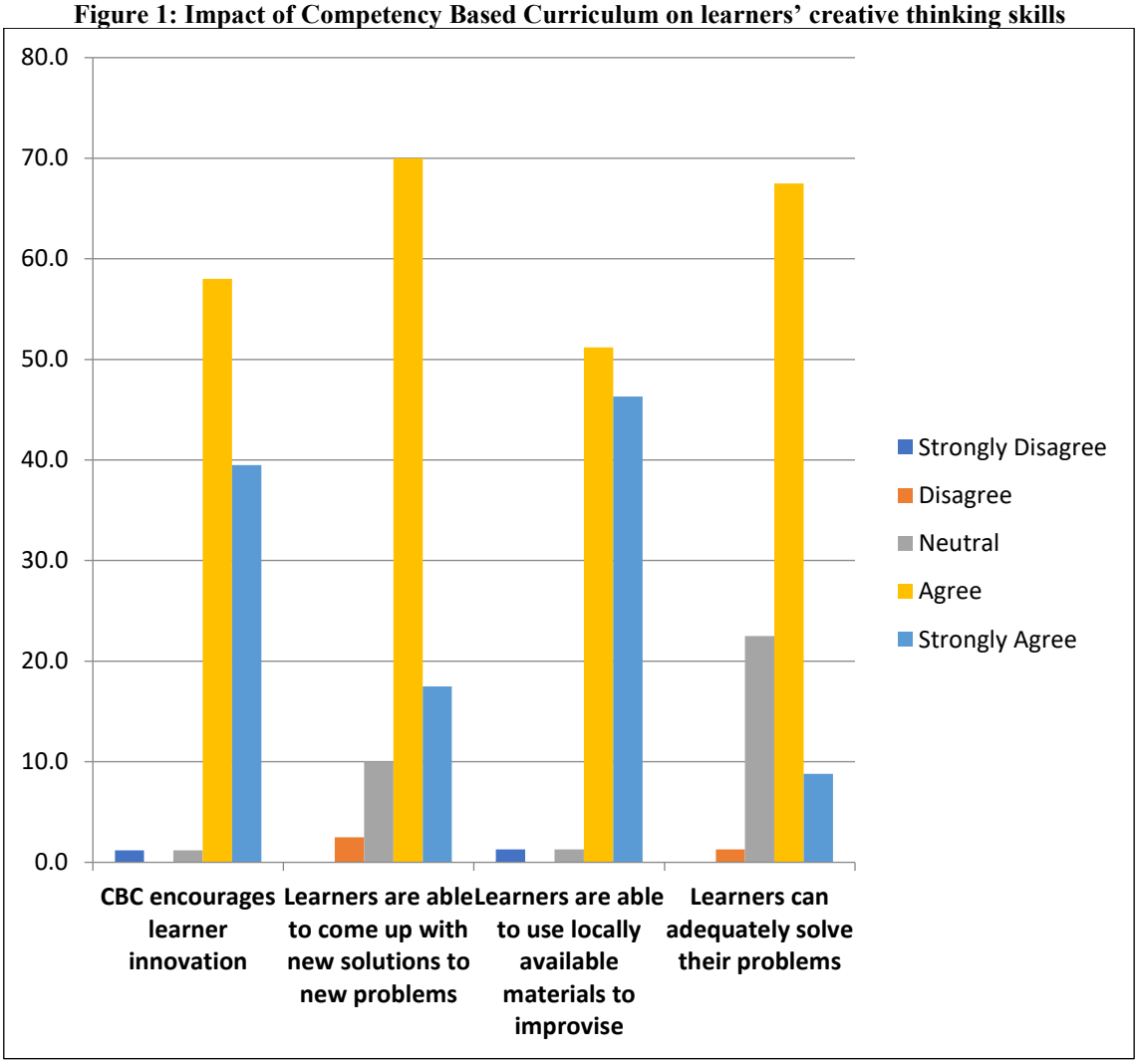
Table 1: Impact of Competency Based Curriculum on learners' creative thinking skills

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree		Total	
CBC encourages learner innovation	1	1.2%	0	0.0%	1	1.2%	47	58.0%	32	39.5%	81	100%
Learners can come up with solutions to new problems	0	0.0%	2	2.5%	8	10.0 %	56	70.0%	14	17.5%	80	100%
Learners can improvise locally available materials	1	1.3%	0	0%	1	1.3%	41	51.2%	37	46.3%	80	100%
Learners can adequately solve their problems	0	0.0%	1	1.3%	1 8	22.5 %	54	67.5%	7	8.8%	80	100%

Source: Author (2024)

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Figure 1: Impact of Competency Based Curriculum on learners' creative thinking skills



Source: Author (2024)

Of the 81 respondents who were asked this question, all (100%) responded to this question.1 respondent (1.2%) strongly disagreed, no respondent disagreed, 1 respondent (1.2%) was neutral, 47 respondents (58.0%) agreed while 32 respondents (39.5%) strongly agreed. The findings indicate that this is the leading claim under this variable with 97.5%) respondents in agreement to the claim that competency-based curriculum encourages innovation among learner. This variable scored a very good rating. The researcher also investigated if through inquiry learning, learners are able to break new ground and come up with new solutions to new problems. The collected data was coded into five categories (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree and strongly agree). The data was analyzed and the results presented using a frequency distribution table and stacked column chart (Table 1 and Figure 1 respectively).

Of the 81 respondents who were asked this question, 80 (98.77%) responded to this question. No respondent strongly disagreed, 2 respondents (2.5%) disagreed, 8 respondents (10%) were neutral, 56 respondents (70%) agreed while 14 respondents (17.5%) strongly agreed. The findings indicate that 87.5% of the respondents supported the claim that through inquiry learning, learners are able to break new ground and come up with new solutions to new problems. The respondents were asked if learners are able to make use of locally available materials to improvise. The collected data was coded into five categories (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree and strongly agree). The data was analyzed and the results presented using a frequency distribution table and stacked column chart (Table 1 and Figure 1 respectively).

Of the 81 respondents who were asked this question, 80 (98.77%) responded to this question.1 respondent (1.3%) strongly disagreed, none disagreed, 1 respondent (1.3%) was neutral, 41 respondents (51.2%) agreed while 37 respondents (46.3%) strongly agreed. The findings indicate that this claim is also leading under this variable with 97.5% of the respondents agreed to the claim that learners are able to make use of locally available materials to improvise. This as score a very good rating as well.

The researcher sought to find out if learners are able to adequately solve their problems. The collected data was coded into five categories (strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree and strongly agree). The data was analyzed and the results presented using a frequency distribution table and stacked column chart (Table 1 and Figure 1 respectively). Of the 81 respondents who were asked this question, 80 (98.77%) responded to this question. None strongly disagreed, 1

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respondent (1.3%) disagreed, 18 respondents (22.5%) were neutral, 54 respondents (67.5%) agreed while 7 respondents (8.8%) strongly agreed. The findings indicate 76.3% of the respondents agreed to the statement that learners are able to adequately solve their problems. Which is a good rating as well.

On the influence the system has on learners' creative thinking skills, the study found competency-based curriculum has significant effect on development of creative thinking abilities among learners. From the analysis this is the most significant variable. The claim that Competency based curriculum led to increase in acquisition of creative thinking skills was supported by 97.5% of respondents. The descriptive analysis indicated the significance of competency-based curriculum in enhancing creativity among learners through practical learning which leads to innovativeness, ability to come up with new solutions to new problems, improvisation of learning materials from their environment and being able to solve interpersonal problems between them. This is in line with John Dewey's theory of social constructivism.

One of the respondents in the FGD also commented that the rate at which competency-based curriculum fosters creativity in learners is in comparable to the traditional method she displayed one of the items made by a grade three learners: a skipping rope made out of plastic bottle tops Hence in agreement with Thummaphan et.al (2022), that competency-based curriculum aims to develop high order thinking. In agreement with the above findings the question as to whether CBC has any impact on learners' creativity recorded 51.7% from the analysed records and 72.7% from the observation of lessons. This is an indicator that the curriculum is in line with Vygotsky (1896-1934) as explained by Ameri (2020) that social interactions have an upper hand in the formation of a learner's way of thinking as culture forms the basis of a child's behaviour.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings from the study, it is evident that competency-based curriculum (CBC) significantly enhances learners' creativity and problem-solving abilities. The majority of respondents, agreed that CBC encourages innovation and the use of locally available materials for improvisation. Moreover, majority acknowledged that learners can effectively solve their problems, indicating the curriculum's practical effectiveness. These results align with social constructivist theories like John Dewey's, emphasizing practical learning and interaction for fostering creativity. The study supports CBC's role in developing higher-order thinking skills, reinforcing Vygotsky's notion that social interactions and cultural contexts shape cognitive development.

RECCOMMENDATIONS

Practically, it is recommended to prioritize comprehensive teacher training programs that equip educators with the skills and knowledge to effectively implement CBC. These programs should emphasize innovative teaching methods and strategies that encourage practical learning experiences and foster creativity among students. Additionally, promoting project-based learning approaches within schools can provide learners with opportunities to explore real-world problems, innovate solutions, and utilize locally available materials for improvisation, thereby enhancing their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. Ensuring adequate access to learning materials is crucial. This includes STEM kits, arts supplies, and tools necessary for practical experiments, which can facilitate hands-on learning and creativity in CBC classrooms. Creating collaborative learning environments where students engage in group projects and collective problem-solving activities also promotes peer interaction and idea exchange, further enhancing their learning experience.

From a policy perspective, integrating CBC into national or regional curriculum standards is essential. This ensures consistency and quality in educational outcomes across different schools and regions. Adequate funding allocation for CBC implementation is crucial to support teacher training, develop learning materials, and improve infrastructure necessary for effective educational delivery. Furthermore, supporting research and development initiatives that explore the long-term impacts of CBC on learners' cognitive development and preparedness for future challenges is recommended. This includes investing in studies that evaluate the effectiveness of CBC in fostering creativity and problem-solving skills, which can inform evidence-based educational policies and practices.

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FEMALE VOICE IN MARGERET ATWOOD'S NOVEL 'THE BLIND ASSASSIN'

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the paper on the novel 'The Blind Assassin' is to demonstrate, the social position of women of Canada in 20th century, a century which was gloomy and pessimistic. Iris, the female character suffers extreme violence at the hands of her husband Richard Griffin, raises her voice against that torture and through a memoir unfolds all the mysteries of her life.

The novel 'The Blind Assassin' revolves around the character of Protagonist, Iris Chase and her sister Laura Chase. Both the sisters were raised well off but motherless in a small town Southern Ontario. Eighty seven years old Iris recalls the events of her life under the name of her deceased sister Laura who committed suicide at the age of twenty five. She gives a detailed account of her grand parents and parents, her childhood memories, her unhappy married life with Richard Griffin and her extra-marital love affair with a culprit Alex Thomas.

The novel is multilayered having three parallel embedded storie. In her old age between 1998 and 1999, Iris Chase Griffin reflects on her family history living in a small Ontario town of port Tichonderoga. Her sister Laura Chase, her husband Richard Griffin and her daughter Aimee – all have died earlier. Now she only has a grand daughter Sabrina but she bears ill feelings for her. Iris, even at her old age runs a small business taking help from Myra, a local ship-owner and daughter of old house helper of chase family. The narration shifts alternately between Iris present and memoirs of her childhood of early life. Laura, her younger sister , died in a car accident or some said it was a suicide. After her death, Iris found, in her belongings the manuscript of a novel 'The Blind Assassin' which was published posthumously. The novel describes many meeting episodes of two unknown lovers. The lovers tells the beloved a strange story about a distant planet called Zycron. Along with this novel within novel we read reports from newspaper clippings about the major events of the city.

According to Karen F. Stein The Blind Assassin is "constructed like a Russian wooden doll, i.e. nested series of stories; and like the nested dolls, one story hides another until it is opened to reveal another one surprisingly similar to it." (P.N.. 35)*. Here is another science fiction narrated by the male protagonist about Sakiel- Norn), fantasy of virgin sacrifices by the blind assassin. This romance fiction is the creation of Iris herself under the disguise of Laura. It is about the secret meeting of two unnamed lovers who are none other than Iris Chase and Alex Thomas. In the novel, " there is a continual blurring of borders not only in fiction and Iris' real life memoir but also between the Sakiel-Norn fantasy and the lives of two lovers in Toranto.* (P.N.165)

In the novel, all the events of Iris and Laura's childhood are remembered and recollected by the author. She also narrates the incident of incident of Laura 's death in the blooming years of her life. She tries to investigate her untimely death and in this venture comes across all those factors which were responsible to make a woman passive, marginalized and merely a puppet in the hands of male. Iris "Appropriates her voice and writes her untold story thus becoming a subject that shapes instead of remaining an object that has been shaped by patriarchal assumptions"*

Atwood, in the novel, tries to deconstruct the binary of subject/object that assigns a woman secondary position in society and gains the power to fight the oppressors. In the words of Fiona Tolan, " Novel is profoundly connected with representation of female body, female victimization and female power."* The novel shows how girls are treated as sexual commodity, only a toy to play with. Iris as well as her sister Laura are sexually molested by Richard who is presented as embodiment of masculinity. Iris says, " when he married me, he figured he'd got a bargain, two for the price of one"(BA617) Richard, after the marriage uses her as toy, teases her for amusement and treats her merely as sexual object without making any emotional bondage. In the words of Greer "Woman has been dictated and made to believe that her identity exists in her body, she is exploited and oppressed on account of her sexuality, she is the sexual object sought by all men and all by all women (67)

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Iris experiences her marriage as violence behind a beautiful veil where everyday she gets bruises purple, blue and yellow. He finds pleasure inflicting pain, Thighs were his special place where it wouldn't show. Iris' position was no better than that of animal, to obey Richard's command and gratify his sexual needs. Her "job was to open her legs and shut my mouth." (BA407) She was there merely as sexual object meant to satisfy Richard's lust. So "the method that is used to subjugate women as the objectification of women in sexual terms; the male perspective on society is dominant one ….. the relationship is found on gender hierarchy in which men are dominant and women are subordinate, socially economically, politically and sexually." *(121)

Iris in writing the novel proves Helen Cixous' concept of 'Ecriture Feminine'. However 'Ecriture Feminine' is defined as female writing but in true sense of words it is a unique style of writing marked by new images. Helen Cixous introduced new feminine language that would subvert "these patriarchal binary schemes where logo centricism colludes with phallocentrism in an effort to oppress and silence women." Cixous argues that women can make patriarchal oppression passive by using feminine writing which "the passage towards more than self towards another than the self, towards the towards the other."*(112)

Atwood's female characters are often recognized as 'coded bodies' that suffers torments, torture and subjugation on account of their sex. Iris on seeing the bruises over her body by Richard's sexual act as a "kind of code which bloosomed , then faded like invisible ink held to a candle, but if they were a code , who held the key to it," (BA455)

Iris leads a passive life after her marriage, having no control over her body and life. Her body is like a site where, Richard carve, construct and mould. She tries to liberate herself from that enslaved position, Cixous writes, "Women must write herself, must write about women and bring women to writing, from which they have been driven away as violently as from their bodies…… Women must put herself into the text … as into the world and into history….. by her own movement."* (Medusa 245)

Cixous wants women to "break out of the snare of silence"*(Medusa 251), Women can only liberated themselves from the boundaries of patriarchal society only by giving voice to their silence. For centuries women had been deprived from her identity as a human being , the power to speak against her own exploitation, suppression is snatched from her. Iris writes the story not only to make her conscience free before death, but also to make her grand daughter but also to make her granddaughter Sabrina realize her own identity. She reveals in the memoir for Sabrina "your real grandfather was Alex Thomas and as to who his father was, well sky is the limit…your legacy from him is the reality of infinite speculation. You are free to reinvent yourself at will." (BA513)

All the mysteries and hidden facts about Iris and Laura are exposed at the end of the novel. Iris by recounting and rewriting the memoir unfolds all the layers and factors responsible for gender identity of the sisters. She breaks the lifelong silence and unfolds the truth before the readers.

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EXPLORING MULTIMODAL TEACHING STRATEGIES AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION LEADING THE WAY TO ENHANCE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

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ABSTRACT

Multimodal teaching strategies use a variety of approaches and instruments to give education while accommodating diverse learning styles and preferences. This method combines visual, aural, kinesthetic, and textual elements to improve comprehension and retention. Examples include video, interactive exercises, hands-on experiments, and written resources. This research used the mixed method research design to explore holistically the effect of using multimodal teaching strategies and integration of culture in teaching English Language Arts. The results show a considerable improvement in pupils' academic performance from pretest to posttest. The mean score rose from 18.47 (SD = 1.98) in the pretest to 24.83 (SD = 2.93) in the posttest. The t-value of 16.79 and mean difference of 6.36 indicate a statistically significant difference ($p < 0.0001$). This significant rise indicates that the interventions used between the pretest and posttest had a beneficial effect. These results highlight the efficacy of multimodal teaching methodologies and cultural integration in improving comprehension, engagement, and overall academic achievement. As a result, using a variety of teaching approaches and culturally relevant materials is critical for fulfilling students' unique needs and achieving higher educational outcomes (Philippe et al., 2020; Magwenya et al., 2022; Harris & Nguyen, 2022; Escalaw, 2022).

KEYWORDS: *Multimodal Teaching Strategies, Culture Integration, Mixed-Method, Pegagogical Innovation*

I. INTRODUCTION

Multimodal teaching strategies involve using multiple methods and tools to deliver instruction, catering to different learning styles and preferences. This approach incorporates visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and textual elements to enhance understanding and retention. Examples include using videos, interactive activities, hands-on experiments, and written materials. By engaging multiple senses and modes of learning, multimodal teaching aims to create a more inclusive and effective educational experience (Anis and Khan, 2022; Forlin et al., 2018), accommodating diverse student needs and improving overall comprehension and engagement.

Integration of culture in education involves incorporating students' diverse cultural backgrounds into the learning environment. This includes recognizing, respecting, and valuing cultural differences in curricula, teaching methods, and school policies. It can involve using culturally relevant materials, celebrating various cultural traditions, and fostering an inclusive atmosphere that reflects the diverse identities of students (Garca-Pastor & Gómez-Martnez, 2020). This approach aims to enhance students' sense of belonging, promote cultural awareness, and improve educational outcomes by making learning more relevant and meaningful to all students.

Students' academic achievements refer to the measurable success and accomplishments attained by students in their educational pursuits. This includes grades, test scores, awards, and the completion of educational milestones such as grade promotion and graduation. Academic achievements reflect a student's understanding and mastery of subjects, as well as their ability to apply knowledge and skills effectively. These achievements are often used as indicators of a student's progress, potential for future success, and the overall effectiveness of the educational system.

The Yup'ik people, who make up the majority of the town, have rich traditions that are intricately woven with the culture of Hooper Bay School. The school serves as a center for cultural education, combining traditional knowledge with a cutting-edge academic program. Through a variety of cultural programs, such as Yup'ik language classes, subsistence activities, and involvement in local festivals, Hooper Bay School students are encouraged to embrace their ancestry. Elders interact with pupils on a regular basis, imparting wisdom and life lessons that have been passed down through the years. Students who experience this cultural immersion are better able to navigate both their traditional and modern environments and develop a sense of identity and pride in themselves.

Hooper Bay School, which has about 90 middle school students enrolled, strives to provide a small, nurturing learning community. Strong ties and individualized attention between students and educators are made possible by the small student body. With a focus on cooperation and respect for one another, the school environment is caring and community-focused. Every student should feel respected and empowered in a safe, welcoming environment, which is what the staff and faculty are

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dedicated to establishing. Notwithstanding the obstacles presented by its isolated location, the school is committed to delivering high-quality instruction and opportunities for individual development. Hooper Bay School is an exceptional and dynamic environment for learning and growth because of its unique combination of cultural diversity and a focused educational framework.

Multimodal teaching strategies involve using various methods and tools to engage different learning styles, enhancing understanding and retention (Si et al., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey et al., 2021). Integrating culture in education means incorporating students' diverse cultural backgrounds into the learning environment, fostering inclusivity and relevance. Both approaches aim to improve students' academic achievements by making learning more engaging and meaningful. This is a pilot study that shows that combining multimodal teaching strategies with cultural integration can significantly enhance students' academic achievements. By addressing diverse learning preferences and cultural backgrounds, educators can create a more inclusive and effective learning environment. This holistic approach supports better comprehension, engagement, and academic success.

The present study explores the impact of multimodal teaching strategies and cultural integration on students' academic achievements. By examining these elements together, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how diverse instructional methods and cultural inclusivity contribute to enhanced educational outcomes. This integration is crucial for developing effective teaching practices that cater to all students, ultimately fostering higher academic performance and overall success.

Consistent with the related literature and studies and their relation to the present study, this research was conducted in the school year 2022-2023 to determine the effectiveness of multimodal teaching and the integration of culture in teaching English Language Arts.

II. METHODOLOGY

This study used the mixed method research design to get the holistic aspect of utilizing the multimodal teaching strategies and integration of culture in teaching English Language Arts and its impact to academic achievement of the learners.

Research Design

To determine the effectiveness of multimodal teaching and the integration of culture in teaching English Language Arts, the performance of the learners before and after the implementation will be measured based on their pretest and posttest performances. Then the remaining research questions were answered using a qualitative research design. A qualitative research design that employs a phenomenological approach.

Phenomenology is derived from the word "phenomena," which means a person's real-life experience. It refers to the study of how people find their experiences meaningful, and its primary goal is to make readers recognize how different human beings experience and enjoy that sure phenomenon (Baraceros, 2016). A phenomenological study delineates the meaning of lived experiences for several individuals (Creswell & Creswell, 2018). A phenomenological research design is a research method designed to gather information on the lived experiences of the participants with a certain phenomenon and, at the same time, describe what all members share practically speaking as they experience it.

Participants of the Study

The participants of the study were grade 8 learners. There were 30 learners in the Hooper Bay school. All learners are part of the study, as this research used a complete enumeration in the quantitative data collection. For the qualitative stage of this study, to understand the perceptions of the learners on the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and the integration of culture in teaching, nine learners were interviewed. Likewise, to know the challenges encountered by teachers in the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and the integration of culture in teaching, reflection notes were analyzed and triangulated with related literature and pedagogical experts.

Research Instrument

The following are the research instruments of the study: the pretest and posttest, the lesson plan, PowerPoint presentation, audio materials, activity sheets, and all other materials that are taken from the community itself as part of culture integration in teaching. Moreover, an interview protocol has been prepared that matches the research question of the study. The interview questions were semi-structured to allow other questions to emerge during the interview process and additional concepts or ideas to be explored. The use of the interview guide allowed for more structure, which helped the researcher's task of organizing and analyzing interview data. The general atmosphere of the interview was casual, with the interviewees giving full attention. Moreover, the quality of the interviewers as to their ability to concentrate, their communication skills, and their ability for self-reflection contributed greatly. A tape recorder and mobile phone were used with permission from those interviewed. Interview guide questions run through the validation of experts in the field of education and research.

Data Gathering

A letter was sent to the school administrator regarding the conduct of the study. After it was approved, the researcher sent a letter to the parents of the learners for consent permitting their child to be part of the study. Once the informed consent of the participants was sought, they were asked to specify their preferred venues for the interview. Permission to audiotape the interviewee was obtained, and all interviews were recorded both by note-taking and audio-visual recording. During the interview, the researcher explained the nature of the study, its purpose, and its worth. Those who were inclined to participate in this research had signed a form. The participants were also informed that in the event that any of the participants would not permit the face-to-face interview, the researchers would use an online platform using an online application available on the internet.

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Data Analysis

To determine the effectiveness of multimodal teaching strategies and the integration of culture in teaching, a t-test was used. Then the remaining research questions utilized thematic analysis. To analyze data for qualitative studies, use thematic analysis. Thematic analysis is a method of analyzing qualitative data. For thematic analysis, researchers need to become familiar with the data, generate initial codes, search for themes, review themes, define themes, and write them up.

Research Ethics

All research activities must adhere to the highest ethical standards, ensuring the protection of participants' rights and well-being. Informed consent, confidentiality, and privacy must be maintained throughout the study. Any potential conflicts of interest should be disclosed, and data must be collected, stored, and analyzed responsibly. Researchers are obligated to report findings truthfully and avoid any form of misconduct, such as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism. Ethical approval from relevant review boards is required before commencing the study.

III RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Multimodal teaching strategies use various methods to cater to different learning styles, enhancing understanding and retention. This approach includes visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and textual elements, such as videos, interactive activities, and written materials. Incorporating cultural diversity in education promotes cultural awareness and enhances learning. Academic achievements, such as grades, test scores, and milestones, reflect a student's understanding and mastery of subjects, indicating progress and the effectiveness of the educational system. These are the concepts that were explored in this study and will be discussed in the preceding section.

Table 1 shows the result on the performance of the students before and after the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and integration of culture in teaching.

Table 1. Result of the significant difference between the pretest and posttest.

Test	Mean	SD	t	Mean-Diff
Pretest	18.47	1.98	16.79	6.36
Posttest	24.83	2.93		

*** - Test is Significant @ p-value<0.0001*

The results indicate a significant improvement in students' academic performance from the pretest to the posttest. The mean score increased from 18.47 (SD = 1.98) in the pretest to 24.83 (SD = 2.93) in the posttest. The t-value of 16.79 and a mean difference of 6.36 demonstrate a statistically significant difference at $p < 0.0001$. This substantial increase suggests that the interventions applied between the pretest and posttest had a positive impact.

The findings support the effectiveness of multimodal teaching strategies and cultural integration in enhancing students' academic achievements. The significant improvement in posttest scores indicates that these approaches contribute to better comprehension, engagement, and overall academic performance. This underscores the value of employing diverse instructional methods and culturally relevant materials to meet the varied needs of students, thereby promoting higher educational outcomes.

The result of the study was supported by Liu (2022). According to the study of Liu (2022), multimodal teaching strategies, which involve the use of various modes of instruction such as visual, auditory, and kinesthetic, significantly enhance student engagement and learning outcomes (Si et al., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey et al., 2021). The result (Liu 2022; Si et al., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey et al., 2021) emphasizes the importance of considering both verbal and non-verbal elements in teaching, suggesting that multimodal approaches cater to students' cognitive and emotional nuances, thereby enriching the learning environment and improving academic performance. Additionally, integrating cultural elements into teaching has been found to make learning more relevant and engaging for students from diverse backgrounds. This inclusivity can lead to improved academic achievements as students feel more connected to the material. The study by Dewaele et al. (2019) highlights how understanding and incorporating students' cultural backgrounds can positively affect their learning experiences and outcomes (Eden et al., 2024).

Although, there was no recent study conducted these two concepts, consequently, Burić et al. (2016) stated that the combination of multimodal teaching and cultural integration creates a holistic educational approach that addresses the diverse needs of students. The research by Burić et al. (2016) supports the idea that addressing both the cognitive and emotional aspects of learning through multimodal methods can lead to significant improvements in academic performance.

These studies collectively reinforce the conclusion that employing multimodal teaching strategies and integrating cultural elements can lead to substantial improvements in students' academic achievements. By making learning more inclusive and engaging, educators can better support their students' academic growth and success.

On the perception of the learners on the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and integration of culture in teaching

Learners perceive multimodal teaching strategies and cultural integration in teaching positively, with three main themes emerging:

First is the enhanced engagement. Students report increased interest and participation when diverse instructional methods, such as visual, auditory, and kinesthetic, are employed. The variety keeps lessons dynamic and caters to different learning styles, thus maintaining student attention and motivation (Smith, 2020; Si et., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey, et al., 2021; Escalaw, 2021; Escalaw, 2022).

Secondly, there is an improved understanding. Integrating cultural elements into lessons makes the content more relatable and easier for learners to comprehend. By connecting new

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information to students' cultural backgrounds, educators can enhance cognitive processing and retention of material (Johnson & Wang, 2021; Si et., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey, et al., 2021; Escalaw, 2022).

Lastly, there is the significance of an inclusive environment. This approach fosters a supportive and inclusive classroom, promoting cultural awareness and sensitivity. It helps create an educational space where all students feel valued and understood, which is crucial for effective learning and positive social interactions (Brown et al., 2019; Si et., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey, et al., 2021; Escalaw, 2022).

Overall, these strategies are seen as significantly enhancing the educational experience by making learning more engaging, comprehensible, and inclusive (Si et., 2022; Qushem et al., 2021; Bouchey, et al., 2021; Escalaw, 2022).

On the challenges encountered by teacher-researcher in the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and integration of culture in teaching

Teachers encounter several challenges in implementing multimodal teaching strategies and integrating culture into teaching, with three main themes emerging:

First are the resource limitations. Teachers often face a lack of adequate resources, such as technology and culturally relevant materials, which hampers effective implementation.

Secondly, there are professional development needs. There is a significant need for ongoing professional development to equip teachers with the skills and knowledge required to effectively employ multimodal and culturally integrated teaching methods (Magwenya et al., 2021).

Lastly, one of the most important competencies that a teacher should have is classroom management. Balancing diverse teaching strategies and cultural elements can complicate classroom management, making it challenging to maintain an organized and focused learning environment (Harris & Nguyen, 2022).

These challenges highlight the need for systemic support and resources to optimize the benefits of these teaching approaches (Philippe et al., 2020; Magwenya et al., 2022; Harris & Nguyen, 2022; Escalaw, 2021; Escalaw, 2022).

The results indicate a significant improvement in students' academic performance from the pretest to the posttest. The mean score increased from 18.47 (SD = 1.98) in the pretest to 24.83 (SD = 2.93) in the posttest. The t-value of 16.79 and a mean difference of 6.36 demonstrate a statistically significant difference at $p < 0.0001$. This substantial increase suggests that the interventions applied between the pretest and posttest had a positive impact. These findings accentuate the effectiveness of multimodal teaching strategies and cultural integration in enhancing comprehension, engagement, and overall academic performance. Therefore, employing diverse instructional methods and culturally relevant materials is crucial to meeting the varied needs of students and promoting higher educational outcomes (Philippe et al., 2020; Magwenya et al., 2022; Harris & Nguyen, 2022; Escalaw, 2022).

Recommendations

Based on the significant improvement observed in students' academic performance following the implementation of multimodal teaching strategies and cultural integration, the following recommendations are proposed:

There may be an increase in resources in the schools. Schools may invest in the necessary technology and culturally relevant materials to support diverse teaching methods. Adequate resources are crucial for the effective implementation of multimodal strategies (Philippe et al., 2020; Escalaw, 2022).

In addition, teachers may have a continuous professional development program. Continuous professional development opportunities should be provided for teachers to enhance their skills in multimodal instruction and cultural integration. Training programs should focus on equipping teachers with practical strategies and tools (Magwenya et al., 2022).

Educational policy-makers may have supportive policies. Educational policymakers should develop and enforce policies that promote the integration of multimodal teaching and cultural elements into the curriculum. These policies should also address the need for systemic support to ensure successful implementation (Harris & Nguyen, 2022; Escalaw, 2021).

It is recommended that schools foster a collaborative learning environment where teachers can share best practices and experiences related to multimodal and culturally integrated teaching. Peer support can enhance the effectiveness of these strategies.

Most importantly, there should be regular assessment and feedback. Implement regular assessments and gather feedback from both students and teachers to continuously improve the effectiveness of multimodal teaching and cultural integration. This approach ensures that teaching methods remain responsive to students' evolving needs.

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