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There was conspicuous response to the Conference, with 70 registration and participants who attended the Conference which included Academicians and Students from various colleges of Maharashtra and also outside Maharashtra with resource person from Bali (Indonesia). There were in all 18 Paper Presenters in both sessions.

The resource persons covered various topics related to digitalization and COVID 19. There was surprise also when best paper presenter award was announced. Two joint presenters won the award they were felicitated and congratulated by Dr. P.K.Poddar. The conference was concluded with thanking all the resource persons and also presenting a complete report of the conference.

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# A Study on Artificial Intelligence Neural Network Development

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**Abstract:** *A false brain organization (ANN) is a worldview for data handling that follows how natural sensory systems, similar to the mind, capability. The imaginative design of the data handling framework is the central part of this worldview. It is comprised of a few, unpredictably connected handling units called neurons that participate to resolve specific issues. ANNs learn by means of impersonation very much like individuals do. Through a growing experience, an ANN is custom fitted for a specific reason, like example acknowledgment or information characterization. The synaptic associations between the neurons in natural frameworks change because of learning. This additionally applies to ANNs. This article gives a blueprint of how fake brain organizations (ANNs) work and are prepared. Moreover, it makes sense of the purposes and advantages of ANN.*

**Keywords:** ANN (Artificial Neural Network), Neurons, pattern recognition

## I. INTRODUCTION

The study of the human brain has a long history. It was only logical to try to control this way of thinking with the development of contemporary technology. When neurophysiologist Warren McCulloch and a young mathematician named Walter Pitts published a paper on the potential functions of neurons in 1943, it was the first step toward the development of artificial neural networks. They used electrical circuits to model a straightforward neural network. Neural networks can be used to identify patterns and detect trends from data that is too complex for either people or other computer systems to pick up on, thanks to their extraordinary capacity to infer meaning from complex or imprecise data. You might think of a trained neural network as an "expert" in the field of data it has been given to analyse.

Other advantages include:

1. Adaptive learning, the capacity to learn how to do tasks according on the data provided for training or initial experience.
2. Self-Organization: An ANN can organise or represent the data it receives during learning time in a way that is unique to it.
3. Real-time operation: ANN calculations may be performed in parallel, and specialised hardware is being created to take use of this potential.
4. Fault Tolerance via Redundant Information Coding: Performance is impacted when a network is partially destroyed. However, even with severe network degradation, some network functions may still be available.

Unlike traditional computers, neural networks approach problem solving differently. Traditional computers employ an algorithmic strategy, i.e., solves a problem by adhering to a set of instructions.

The computer cannot resolve the issue unless the precise procedures it has to take are known. Because of this, the ability of conventional computers to solve problems is limited to those that humans currently comprehend and are familiar with. But if computers could perform tasks that we are unsure of how to execute, they would be so much more beneficial. Similar to how the human brain processes information, neural networks do the same. The network is made up of numerous, intricately connected processing units called neurons that collaborate to address a particular issue simultaneously. Using examples, neural networks can learn. They cannot be made to carry out a predetermined task. The examples must be carefully chosen to avoid wasting time or, worse yet, having the network operate improperly. The drawback is that the network's operation can be unpredictable because it figures out how to resolve the issue on its

own. Contrarily, traditional computers employ a cognitive approach to problem solving; the solution must be known and given in brief, clear instructions. The computer can then understand these instructions after they have been translated into a high-level language programme. Since everything about these devices is completely predictable, if anything because of a hardware or software issue. The use of neural networks and traditional algorithmic computers does not compete but rather enhances one another. There are certain activities that are better suited for neural networks and others that are more suited for algorithmic approaches, such as arithmetic operations. Furthermore, in order for systems to function at their best, many tasks need for a combination of the two techniques (often, a traditional computer oversees the neural network).

## II. AN ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK IS WHAT?

Artificial neural networks are rudimentary electronic models that are based on the brain's neural network architecture. the mind learns essentially by experience. It is an example of how compact, energy-efficient packages can effectively solve some issues that are beyond the capabilities of contemporary computers. Additionally, this brain modelling provides a less technical approach to creating mechanical solutions. In comparison to its more conventional competitors, this novel method of computing also offers a more gradual deterioration amid system overload. The next significant development in the computing field is anticipated to be these biologically inspired computer techniques. Simple animal brains can perform tasks that are currently beyond the capabilities of computers. Computers are good at repetitive tasks like keeping ledgers and doing difficult calculations. Computers, however, struggle to recognise even basic patterns, much less extrapolating previous patterns into future behaviour. The mechanism of natural thinking may now be somewhat understood thanks to improvements in biological study. According to this study, the brain stores information as patterns. Some of these patterns are highly intricate and enable us to recognise particular faces from a variety of perspectives. A new area of computing has been opened up by this method of storing information as patterns, using those patterns to solve issues, and so on. As was previously noted, this area does not use conventional programming but instead involves building massively parallel networks and teaching those networks to solve particular problems. In this field, phrases like behave, respond, self-organize, learn, generalise, and forget are used, which are considerably different from words in traditional computing.

The term "Artificial Neural Network (ANN)" should be used instead of "neural network" whenever we discuss computers. inspired by the human brain. They typically consist of a large number of modest processing units connected by a complicated communication network. Each unit or node is a streamlined representation of a real neuron that emits a fresh signal or fires if it receives an input signal from another node to which it is attached that is strong enough. Historically, the phrase "neural network" referred to a network or circuit of biological neurones, but in modern usage, the term is frequently used to refer to ANNs. A mathematical model, or ANN Biological nerve systems, such as the brain's information system, served as the inspiration for the computational model, an information processing paradigm. Artificial neurones that are interconnected and have been programmed to resemble biological neurons make up an ANN. These neurons collaborate to address particular issues. Without building a replica of a true biological system, ANN is set up to solve artificial intelligence difficulties. Speech recognition, picture analysis, adaptive control, etc. all use ANN.

A simple neural network

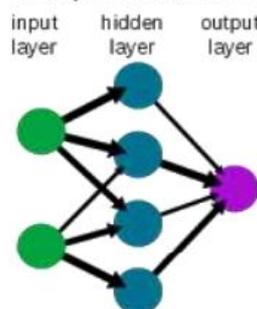


Figure 1: A simple neural Network.

The other aspects of the "art" of employing neural networks centre on the various ways that these individual neurons might be used. grouped closely. The human brain clusters information in such a way that it can process it in a dynamic, interactive, and self-organizing manner. In the biological world, minute parts are assembled into three-dimensional brain networks. These neurons appear to have almost limitless connectivity potential. Any proposed or current man-made network does not fit this description. With present technology, integrated circuits are two-dimensional objects with a finite number of interconnecting layers. The kinds and range of artificial neural networks that can be implemented in silicon are constrained by this physical fact. At the moment, neural networks are only a simple grouping of artificially rudimentary neurons. By building layers and connecting them, this clustering takes place. The other aspect of "art" of designing networks to solve problems in the actual world is how these levels connect. In essence, all artificial neural networks share like the topology or structure depicted in Figure1. Some of the neurons in that structure connect to the outside world to accept input from it. The network's outputs are sent to the outside world by other neurons. This output could be a specific character that the network believes it has scanned or a specific image that it believes is being seen. The remaining neurons are all obscured from view.

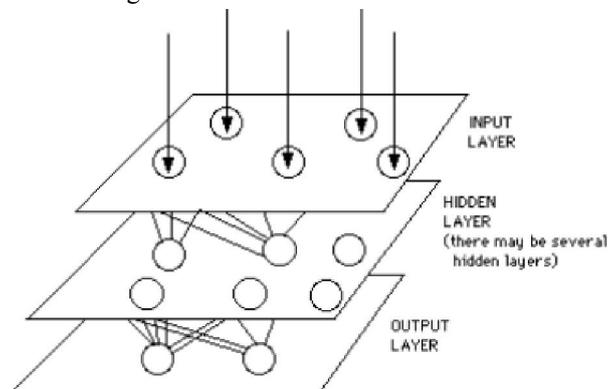


Figure 2: Network Diagram.

But there are more than just neurons in a brain network. Without much success, some early researchers attempted to link neurons merely at random. It is presently known, that even snails' brains are organised systems. Layering elements is one of the simplest techniques to develop a structure. A functional neural network is made up of these neurons organised into layers, the connections between these layers, and the summation and transfer functions. All networks share the generic terminology that are used to define these traits. Although there are usable networks with just one layer or even just one component, the majority of applications demand networks with at least the three standard forms of input, hidden, and output layers. In real-time applications, the layer of input neurons either receives the data directly from electronic sensors or through input files. The output layer transmits data to other devices, such as mechanical control systems, secondary computer processes, or the outside world. There may be a lot of hidden layers between these two layers. Many of the neurons in various interconnected structures are found in these internal layers. Each of these hidden neurons merely has inputs and outputs that go to other neurons. Each neuron in a hidden layer normally gets signals from all the neurons in the layer above it, which is usually an input layer, in most networks. Upon finishing its task, a neuron passes. Providing a feedforward path to the output, each neuron in the layer below it receives its output. Note that in section 5, the designs are reversed so that the inputs are on the bottom and the outputs are on top. These channels of communication between neurons are crucial components of brain networks. They hold the system together. They are the connectors that provide an input a range of strength. These connections come in two different varieties. In some networks, a neuron is intended to inhibit the neurons in its layer. The term for this is lateral inhibition. The output layer is where this is most frequently used. For instance, in recognition of text the network wishes to select the character with the highest probability and suppress all other possibilities, such as if the chance of a character being a "P" is.85 and the likelihood of a character being a "F" is.65. Lateral inhibition allows it to accomplish that. Another name for this idea is competition. Feedback is a different form of connection. Here, the output of one-layer travels back to the first layer.

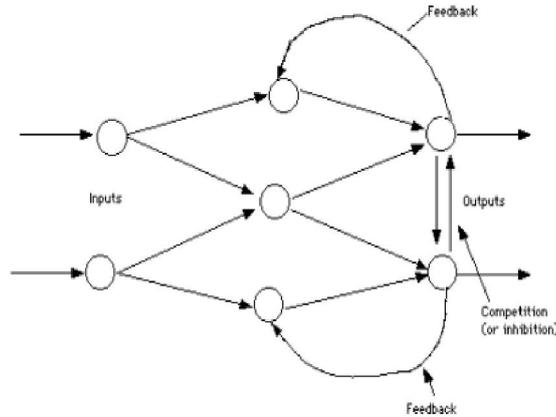


Figure 2: - Simple Network with Feedback and Competition

The network's performance is significantly influenced by how the neurons are interconnected. In the most comprehensive and expert software development solutions, these connections may be added, removed, and managed by the user at their discretion. These connections can be made to either excite or inhibit by "tweaking" certain parameters.

### III. EDUCATING A SYNTHETIC NEURAL NETWORK

A network is prepared to be taught once it has been set up for a specific purpose. The initial weights are picked at random to begin this process. Next, the start of instruction or learning. Training can be done in two ways: supervised and unsupervised. By manually "grading" the network's performance or by including the desired outputs with the inputs, the network is given the desired output during supervised training. Unsupervised training requires the network to interpret the inputs on its own. Most networks make use of supervised learning. Unsupervised training is utilised to carry out some preliminary input characterisation. However, in the sense of actually being self-learning supervised training, first. Both the inputs and the outputs are given during supervised training. The inputs are subsequently processed by the network, and contrasts the results produced with the desired outputs. The system then adjusts the weights that regulate the network as a result of errors being transmitted back via the system. As the weights are adjusted again and over, this process repeats. The "training set" is the collection of data that makes the training possible. The same piece of data is processed repeatedly while a network is being trained as the connection weights are continually improved. The commercial network development packages available today offer tools to track how effectively an artificial neural network is improving its capacity to forecast the correct response. With the use of these technologies, training can last for days and only end when the system reaches a statistically desired point, or accuracy. Some networks, however, never develop. This can be the case because the input data lacks the precise information needed to produce the desired output. Additionally, networks do not converge if there is insufficient data to provide comprehensive learning. Ideally, there should be enough data to allow for the holding back of a portion of the data for a test. Data can be memorised by many multilayer networks with numerous nodes. If a network simply cannot address the issue, the designer must then examine the inputs and outputs, the number of layers, the number of elements per layer, the network's architecture, and other factors. links among the layers, the functions for summing, transferring, and training, and even the initial weights themselves. The "art" of neural networking takes place during the adjustments necessary to build a successful network. The norms of training are governed by another aspect of the designer's inventiveness. To execute the adaptive input necessary to change the weights during training, numerous laws (algorithms) are needed. The most often used method is back-propagation, also referred to as back-error propagation. Later in this paper, these distinct learning strategies are examined in more detail.

However, training is more than just a method. To ensure that the network is not overtrained, it involves a "feel" and conscious examination. An artificial neural network was first adapting to the broad statistical patterns in the data. Later, it continues to "learn" about more data points that, from a broad perspective, might be false. The weights can, if desired, be "frozen" once the system has finally been correctly taught and no more learning is required. This network is then translated into hardware in some systems so that it can be quick. While in use in production, some systems don't lock

themselves in and instead keep learning. Training that is unsupervised or adaptive Unsupervised training is the other kind of instruction. The network in unsupervised training is given inputs but not the intended outputs. The system must then choose the features it will employ to classify the supplied data. This is frequently referred to as adaptation or self-organization. Unsupervised learning is currently not well understood. Science fiction-style robots would be able to continuously learn on their own when they face new circumstances and new places thanks to this ability to adapt to their surroundings. There are many instances in life where precise training sets are lacking. Some of these circumstances entail military action when the use of novel weaponry and battle strategies may be encountered.

## **APPLICATION**

The following are some of the different real-time applications of artificial neural networks:

1. Regression analysis or function approximation modelling and prediction of time series.
2. Call control: while driving, answer an incoming call with the speaker on by waving your hand.
3. Classification, which includes the ability to recognise patterns and sequences, as well as novelty and sequential decision-making.
4. Lean back and easily manage what you watch or listen to on your media player by utilising simple hand motions to skip tracks or adjust the volume.
5. Data processing, which includes compression, blind signal separation, grouping, and filtering.
6. Use the left and right hand to scroll through Web pages or an eBook; this is best when touching the device presents a barrier, such as when damp hands are involved. filthy, gloves, etc.
7. Systems identification and control (vehicle control, process control), game-playing and decision-making (chess, racing), pattern recognition (radar systems, face identification, object recognition, etc.), sequence recognition (gesture, speech, handwritten text recognition), medical diagnosis, financial applications, and data mining (or knowledge discovery in databases, "KDD") are some of the application areas for ANNs.
8. When using the, there is another intriguing use case. When using a smartphone as a media hub, a user can dock the device to the TV and view material while remotely manipulating the content without touching it.
9. Touch-free controls are advantageous if you have unclean hands or you don't like smudges.

## **BENEFITS**

1. Adaptive learning: The capacity to learn how to do tasks using data provided for initial training or experience.
2. Self-Organization: An ANN can organise or represent the data it receives during learning time in a way that is unique to it.
3. Real-time operation: ANN calculations may be performed in parallel, and specialised hardware is being created to take use of this potential.
4. Pattern recognition is a potent method for extracting the knowledge from the data and extrapolating from it. Neural networks acquire the ability to spot patterns in a data set.
5. Learning is used to develop the system rather than programming. Neural networks enable the analyst to focus on more engaging tasks by teaching themselves the patterns in the data.
6. In an environment that is changing, neural networks are adaptable. Although it may take them some time to adapt to a sudden, significant change, neural networks are great at adjusting to information that is continually changing.
7. In situations where more traditional methods fall short, neural networks can create instructive models. Because neural networks are capable of handling extremely complex interactions, they can easily model data that is too complex for more conventional modelling techniques like inferential statistics or logical programming to manage.
8. For the majority of situations, neural networks perform at least as well as traditional statistical modelling. In a lot less time, neural networks construct models that are more accurate representations of the data's structure.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this article, we examined how artificial neural networks (ANNs) function. Also, an ANN's training stages. ANN has a number of advantages over traditional technologies. Approaches. You may typically anticipate a network to train very effectively, depending on the specifics of the application and the strength of the internal data patterns. This is relevant to issues where the linkages may be complex or non-linear. ANNs offer an analytical substitute to traditional methods, which are frequently constrained by rigid assumptions on normality, linearity, variable independence, etc. An ANN's ability to capture a variety of associations enables users to quickly and reasonably easily model phenomena that would otherwise be exceedingly challenging or impossible to understand. Neural network debates are prevalent right now. Their potential appears highly promising because nature itself is evidence that things like this are effective. But hardware development holds the key to its future and the technology as a whole. Most neural network research is currently focused on demonstrating the validity of the basic idea.

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# **A Study on Challenges and its Effects of Globalisation Faced by Business Industry**

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**Abstract:** *Affected by globalization and internationalization, new firms are framing and competition is expecting a worldwide person. Organizations should adjust their old strategic policies to the modified climate and new market possibilities, bringing about the presentation of new administration procedures and innovations. The exploration foundation depends on the consequences of an overall overview, which will permit us to look at the worldwide status of contemporary administration patterns. This article's essential goal is to look at the utilization of recent fads in business the board used by directors around the world, as well as in Slovakian organizations, as far as execution the executives devices and their effect on organizations.*

*The article is dedicated to the discoveries of global studies intended to screen the way of behaving and mentalities of administrators, as well as the pace of use and level of fulfillment with different administration procedures and devices. Fruitful execution includes information on their assets and deficiencies along with the capacity to coordinate the fitting devices in the proper way imaginatively..*

**Keywords:** management, globalisation, busuiness trends, digital tools

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Every organisation working in the current unstable economic environment must be able to adapt in order to survive. In recent years, the rate of change has accelerated substantially, and change has become a daily reality for businesses and organisations. In today's complicated and competitive global business climate, firms must adapt to constantly changing external conditions in order to remain profitable and competitive. Extreme competition is a fact of life. The market has evolved, new competitors have arrived, and competition has increased. Also Slovak enterprises must carefully track market changes and respond to domestic and international market demands. To remain competitive, it is essential to respond quickly to a variety of stimuli, including environmental turbulence, innovation, and both external and internal changes. Inactive organisations frequently run the risk of losing their competitive advantage and are at a high risk. Companies must therefore monitor developments, appraise them, and respond appropriately through the management apparatus. As a result of the changes, the demands on company management are always expanding, leading to the growth of managerial theory and practise, which is enriched with fresh information. The conditions produced by the new contemporary society, which necessitated the introduction of new management methods and tools, frequently make it impossible for previously successful approaches to be implemented. It is the innovative management practises and tools that enable firms to adapt to current market conditions and are crucial to guaranteeing corporate efficiency, profitability, and ultimately competitiveness. The implementation of managerial trends is a complicated procedure in which managers play a significant role. To introduce and utilise new methods and tools, managers must have the necessary knowledge as well as the capacity to pick and implement the most suitable method.

Globalization and internationalisation processes, advancements in information technology and telecommunications, as well as substantial socioeconomic shifts, exert great demands on the improvement of management. This is reflected in the search for new, more effective management strategies and procedures, as well as the dissemination of practical information. Methods, procedures, and instruments that are out of date are being replaced with ones that are more adaptable to shifting situations and presumptions. The surrounding environment is subject to rapid change, frequently occurring from one day to the next or from one hour to the next. Companies are also impacted by changes that are typically so rapid, disruptive, and revolutionary that they can hardly keep up and others are already preparing for them.

Adaptability to changing conditions and new market prospects is an essential requirement for the successful functioning of a corporation. Within the organisation, the governing authorities contribute to the fulfilment of this requirement, which monitors, evaluates, and seeks an appropriate response to individual changes. The success of the company is reflected in the quality of management, which also leads to an increase in management's responsibilities. Under the effect of the rate of development, the employment of processes and activities that were advantageous in the past becomes insufficient, and it is necessary to ensure new trends for the successful implementation of the organisation. The company's performance can be enhanced and its position in the market can be enhanced by implementing new processes and procedures.

As managers adopt digital tools such as advanced analytics and the internet of things, a trends study is conducted. Advanced analytics generate implementable strategies for delivering sustained value, monitoring performance, and establishing competitive advantages. Digital natives and established technology organisations are transforming new management and organisational concepts into operational realities by abandoning hierarchical structures and adopting agile management, hence accelerating innovation and decentralising authority and accountability. Digital transformation creates new opportunities to improve operational efficiency, produce more precise and agile planning, increase vendor awareness, and connect with business partners across the whole value chain.

Strategic planning is the process through which an organisation defines its strategy or direction and decides how to allocate its resources to pursue this strategy. By means of strategic or long-term planning, the leader attempts to assist the organisation in identifying priorities and to better meet the demands of the membership. Realized strategies, the actual pattern of decisions and actions through time, are not just the result of purposeful planning, but are also influenced by emergent forces, which are the decisions and activities within an organisation that contribute to the pattern but were not predicted by the planners.

Customer relationship management is the process of cultivating one-on-one relationships with customers that generate value for the organisation. This article outlines dependable CRM solutions that businesses can employ for better client management. In the current period can be noted more intense use of information technology for gathering and storing information about clients. This tendency is also reflected in the employment of novel techniques to relationship marketing, which has led to the emergence of new types of customer relationship management. These are predominantly electronic (eCRM) and social (SCRM) (SCRM). Social media technologies generate spaces in which customers can engage in collaborative conversations and customer relationships can be strengthened. Today, numerous businesses use social media chats to collect more intimate and nuanced client information. These details can now be saved in the CRM systems that sales people employ. Managers would be better able to respond to the changing environment and restructure the organization's strategy if they had a thorough understanding of the firm's important clients and competitors. It would also enable managers to design and modify a strategic approach to the customer portfolio that aligns with the organization's objectives.

Benchmarking is the process of comparing a company's business procedures and performance metrics to the best in its industry and other organisations' best practises. Typical measurements include quality, time, and cost. The inventive environment will continue to be vulnerable to the effects of the digitization phenomena. Undoubtedly, fundamental, revolutionary, and profound changes await us, and each organisation will be required to adopt and deploy new, cutting-edge information technologies that will facilitate the effective transformation of business under the impact of Industry 4.0. According to this study, innovative technologies have a profound impact on society and the corporate environment. Changes brought on by technology development influence competitiveness and contribute to variations in the ways in which businesses work, manage, and organise. The never-ending digital transformation transforms organisational and management principles into operational realities, where hierarchical structures are implemented less frequently and new management trends predominate.

## II. CONCLUSION

Globalization, digitization, and the rapid growth of technology are causing constant changes in the corporate environment, which may be observed daily in both the domestic and international domains. In order to flourish in a market economy, businesses must seek out new market opportunities and improve their innovation activities, leading to the growth of their innovation potential. Innovation as a mindset concerns the internalisation of innovation by

individual members of the organisation and the promotion of a conducive organisational culture. The unstable environment is the primary impetus for implementing measures and strategies that will enable the company's management to adapt effectively, mitigate risk, and capitalise on the current scenario. In certain sectors, traditional management methods and tools must be abandoned in order to make room for the penetration and implementation of new possibilities in the shape of current management methods and tools.

Companies will be able to reach higher levels of customer satisfaction if they exert more effort; therefore, it is preferable not to do things "half-way." If management participation is limited, it may be prudent to avoid utilising certain tools. If the company has sufficient skilled and competent internal personnel, it can hire an external consultant to supply the answer, given that the individual has a thorough understanding of the applicable tool or process, as well as market and operational experience.

The general use of management techniques fluctuates cyclically, frequently reflecting the macroeconomic climate and the competitive dynamic. The effectiveness and efficiency of the manager's influence on the development of the company are contingent upon his actions, which assist him in resolving problems that arise along the path to development, and, in particular, his ability to employ individual methods and techniques based on organisation management theory and validated in practise. Additionally, it is vital for the manager to evolve through time and adhere to the latest methods and management strategies.

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# A Study on Challenges and Opportunities in SME'S of Rural Area due to Usage of ICT Tools

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**Abstract:** *This study examined into three significant obstructions — ecological, authoritative, and innovative — that influence how created ICT is adjusted to or incorporated. It likewise took a gander at how SMEs in less evolved countries could investigate the numerous ICT improvement stages by moving starting with one then onto the next. Innovation has developed into a cutthroat device in current strategic policies, making ICT coordination in SMEs vital. In light of a study of 322 SMEs in Nigeria, this report was confirmed utilizing the SmartPLS3 program. The quantitative examination zeroed in on the three speculated deterrents to measure the degree to which interior and outside variables might restrict SMEs' capacity to contend with regards to corporate development and company extension. In spite of the writing's earlier accentuation on the impacts of ICT on the SMEs' development and extension, the examination explained a portion of the significant snags looked by provincial SMEs in an arising nation like Nigeria. The making of a novel model to help SMEs in understanding the significance of created ICT and recommending a procedure for SMEs to go through the phases of created ICT is one of the review's huge commitments.*

**Keywords:** ICT; SMEs; less developed nations (LDNs); developing nations

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the corporate world, technologies have significantly increased the competition for competitive advantages. Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are not exempt from this dynamic, especially those operating in emerging nations that are vying for market share internationally. Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) have been claimed to have made a substantial contribution to the growth of emerging economies [1]. Previous research has concentrated on the variables (barriers) affecting ICT adoption success [2, 3] and their impact on SMEs' performance [4], demonstrating the significance of ICT not only for SMEs' organisational performance but also for their business expansion both inside and outside the local market [5]. Small businesses have been urged to include ICTs into their organisational structure by focusing on owner-manager characteristics [6,7], employee ICT knowledge and abilities [8,] and its advantages [9]. These studies have drawn criticism, nevertheless, because the majority of ICT models were created to address problems with effective ICT adoption among SMEs from the perspective of an advanced economy [10–12], which is different in the context of developing nations [13–14]. The obstacles preventing the proper integration of developed ICTs, particularly those operating in the rural context in less developed nations that have been long disregarded, must thus be identified. Such research can offer suggestions for lessening the effects of these difficulties [16].

Although many of these difficulties have been noted in the literature, the majority of these obstacles do not only affect SMEs in developing nations [17]. According to the study provided by [18,19], SMEs in less developed nations have greater obstacles that prohibit them from utilising modern ICTs to their full potential. For instance, the development of SMEs is influenced by the national economic strategy of each nation, which tries to find long-term solutions to problems with low GDP, low per capita income, unemployment, and income distribution [20]. International Monetary Fund (IMF) [21] claims that the majority of nations categorised as low-income economies frequently follow more stringent policies that are harmful to the expansion of SME. According to certain sources, the limited integration of developed ICTs among SMEs, and more notably in rural areas, is directly tied to these restrictive measures [22]. The degree of ICT integration among SMEs is typically influenced by the country's economic development, which affects SMEs more than large businesses [23, 24]. Weak government regulations often have an impact on the level of developed ICT adoption, especially among SMEs, which helps them gain a significant competitive edge in the markets

(both local and global markets). Where such policies are in place, they significantly contribute to the successful adoption of established ICTs by SMEs. Therefore, it is essential to recognise and acknowledge these obstacles in order to foster an environment that fosters SME growth [25].

However, the three main obstacles—namely, those connected to technology, organisations, and the environment—were found to have significant effects on SMEs as they decide whether to adopt cutting-edge technologies. The significance of these obstacles may be one of the reasons why Nigeria, the continent's powerhouse, had a low rating in the International Technology Union (ITU) study, which ranked it 143rd out of 167 nations in 2020 [29]. The level of established ICT integration among SMEs in less developed nations cannot be predicted using the constraining factors found in rich economies, according to Agwu's [30] argument. In the meantime, the government's key agenda item was to create a policy that would promote improved ICT integration among SMEs so that they could appropriately compete with their counterparts throughout the world [31,32].

This study uses the example of Nigeria to uncover the constraints preventing the successful integration of mature ICTs in SME business practises in developing nations. This study makes two contributions. It begins by addressing the gaps in the research. Although numerous studies have identified the barriers to ICT adoption, many of these studies have neglected to take into account how these barriers may affect the successful adoption of developed ICTs [33]. Second, the results of this study have policy repercussions for the effective adoption of sophisticated ICTs by SMEs in developing nations.

There are four main components to the essay. In the first, the literature on technology use in modern firms and SMEs is reviewed, and the theoretical model and research hypotheses are looked at. The frameworks for the methodology are described in the second part. The third portion summarises the survey's results, and the fourth section discusses them in relation to the literature. Finally, we reach findings that also emphasise the research's ramifications.

## **II. LITERATURE REVIEW**

The Stage-of-Growth (SOG) framework by [35] and the Technology-Organisation-Environment (TOE) framework by [34] serve as the theoretical foundations for this investigation. Although numerous ICT models have been employed in the literature to explain the adoption of ICTs, they cannot be used to conduct the same inquiry in the contexts of the less developed nations because of some contextual difficulties. The rural areas of developed nations like the United Kingdom and the United States of America [14] cannot be compared to Nigeria's rural areas because there is a high concentration of people living there without access to basic services like roads, electricity, schools, and hospitals [17]. As a result, the two theories will first be thoroughly examined before being modified to fit the specific situations of this study.

To investigate the elements influencing the successful adoption of ICT and its diffusion in SMEs, [34] created the TOE framework. The technological contexts, organisational contexts, and environmental contexts are among the elements of the framework that can be utilised to explain the adoption of ICT in SMEs [36–38]. The literature pertinent to this study provided evidence that some adoption factors, such as those of the leader and the internal and external business features, influence how organisations use ICT [39,40]. The owner-manager of the SME's attitude towards change is among the traits of the leader, along with internal traits like organisational design and external traits like the openness of the system and the significance of ICT in general [41]. Similar to this, some academics have argued that the traits of the owner-manager can be seen as belonging to the internal characteristics of the firm. This is one of the main tenets of Rogers' DOI model, which also includes the traits of top management and the external characteristics [42,43]. The perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use, which are the two qualities of the TAM model, are identical to the two theories (the DOI model and the TOE framework).

The TOE framework has contributed to the literature, but it is not without criticism. The theory has come under fire for being overly static in nature because it only considers the variables (i.e., drivers and barriers) affecting the effective adoption of ICT. The complexity and dynamisms of the firm's ICT adoption process are not adequately explained by the theory, which is the second problem. When utilising the TOE framework to examine the adoption of ICT in SMEs, attention must be given because it differs significantly from other models that have been studied in the past due to its high number of variables, which makes it richer and more robust [44].

### 2.1. Model of Stages-of-Growth (SOG)

The stages-of-growth model was first put forth by [35], who suggested a four-stage model. Later on, [45,46] enlarged the model to a six-stage model. The model's foundation was the requirement to match the firm's management plan with the stage at which ICT adaption is currently being developed [47]. It is not necessary to complete each element embedded in each stage, according to Cieciora et al. [48], who also created a four-stage model. This statement gives the idea that it is feasible to pick a specific component of the produced ICT to work with and advance with. The authors of [49], who validated the stage-of-growth model submitted by the authors of [50] but did not specify the individual stages, supported these findings. Rustly et al. [51] suggested a five-stage model, asserting that each organisation would go through a different learning curve as it adapted to the recently established ICTs. Shee et al. [52] questioned this finding on the grounds that the model just categorises an organisation into one stage without describing how it might go from one stage to the next.

A model created by Kannabiran and Dharmalingham [9] explains in detail how businesses can develop their use of ICT while also demonstrating how adaptive organisations can go from an early stage to a more mature level. Olivera and Martins [53], who found the methodology to be a little overly complicated and consequently proposed a model that is more advantageous and focuses more on activities than outputs because they are less contextual, criticised this finding as well because activities offer the decision-makers some better indicators of what to do at each stage of developed ICT adaptation. Similar to how many authors have proposed various stages of ICT growth models based on these models for a variety of purposes, including: end-users of developed ICTs [54], information centres [55], technology-based new ventures [56], ICT planning [57], and ICT portfolio management [58], the empirical testing of the stages proposed in these models has, for the most part, been positive.

A number of new stages of growth models have been developed and introduced as a result of the development of advanced ICTs, such as e-businesses. In order to illustrate the activities involved in both the developed ICT processes and the traditional ICTs, Kannibiran and Dharmalingam [9] suggested a developed ICT model that incorporates the stage-of-growth model devised by the authors of [59]. The stages-of-growth concept assumes that levels will advance as an organisation gains ICT knowledge, experience, credentials, and skills. On the other hand, Duan [60] proposed a four-stage model of the development of B2B created ICTs like e-commerce, however the concept is now thought to be incorrect [61]. According to Davis [62], who also put forth a stage-of-growth model that was similar to that in [63], organisations are not required to complete each stage successfully because they can start at any stage and skip some of the stages if they choose. For example, an organisation that is becoming more familiar with recently developed technologies, like e-commerce, might start with a later maturity phase. Some scholars [64,65] also agreed that firms might pick and choose which developed ICT features to include into their organisational structure. On the other hand, according to Spalinger et al. [66], established ICT stages cannot be skipped because the knowledge gained from the prior stages is required for the subsequent step. When empirically analysed across several company profile examples, Teece et al. [67] discovered that just two growth kinds (i.e., the strategy and objectives, followed by the focus of the implementation) were consistent.

[68–70] used the stage-of-growth model to examine the development of ICTs in companies. For example, several academics, such as [57,61], emphasised that progression can be made even though not all elements are in the same phase and that stages can thus be bypassed. Chege and Wang [71] discovered that the intranet, which was initially developed in the early stages, evolved more quickly to become essential for day-to-day operations, and it was extended to integrate the external value chains. These findings had important parallels to [69]'s stage-of-growth model, which later became institutionalised in the organisations, and they also found that the intranet was extended to integrate the external value chains. Based on the findings of [51], Dahnil et al. [72] have created a data warehousing stage-of-growth model, highlighting the need of understanding the stages so that management is better able to plan and is better positioned to avoid any errors. In addition to [74], who created a six-stage (levels 0-5) Knowledge Management Capability Assessment (KMCA) model, [75] also developed five-level stage-of-growth models for E-Government and ICTs in healthcare and education. Kyakulumbye and Pather [73] created a four-stage knowledge management technology (KMT) model.

A five-stage model for information architectures in local governmental organisations was the topic of comparable work by [77] and Won and Park [76], who created a four-stage E-Government model. According to Shee et al. [78],

organisations occasionally concatenate stages, and as new technologies are developed or discontinuities take place, the number of stages may increase and a new stages-of-growth model may be needed. This viewpoint echoes that of the authors of [78], who disclosed that modifications to their stages-of-growth model were made in response to advancements in data warehousing technologies. For instance, Kumar [79] later expanded the E-Government stage-of-growth models into a seven-stage model and suggests the stage of acceptance once it is widely agreed that it is worthwhile to proceed. The model also implies that steps can be omitted. A stage-of-growth model was created by Singh et al. [80] to control the development of ICTs in healthcare. A five-stage model of growth for ICT service outsourcing in higher education was created by Nikou and Mezei [81]. It must be underlined that the [82] model was based on the [83] five-stage and [80] three-stage ICT outsourcing maturity models, but neither model was put to the test.

## **2.2. Reasons to Use the Stage-of-Growth (SOG) Model and the TOE Framework**

These models have been used for a variety of purposes. First, while being aware of their shortcomings, the two models remain one of the most widely used frameworks and are still employed by IS researchers to describe developmental shifts in organisational experiences with ICT adoption [64]. For instance, Lorente-Martinez et al. [55] suggest an integrated approach for B2B e-commerce adoption in Australian firms that combines a TOE framework and a phased model. Because certain features of the model resonate with both practitioners and scholars, the model continues to be intuitively extremely appealing [72]. Additionally, the two models enable researchers to fully assess all contextual factors influencing small company organisations, as well as how they modify the idea of learning and understanding stages and satisfy the need for classification and order [67]. As a result, using a linear model to describe the adoption and use of ICTs may seem appealing. In order to map the development of E-business maturity, Kumar [79] argued that the models provide various testable constructs that enable researchers to have a clear understanding of how SMEs move from one stage to the next. This leads to the conclusion that the stages' concept is useful in a pragmatic sense because it appeals to managers [61]. Third, the models have shown to be a helpful tool for SME's that seek to categorise themselves for comparison with their major competitors engaged in E-commerce within their own industry or sector, hence highlighting gaps and resulting in strategic measures [72]. Another advantage is that they can offer a roadmap to help businesses decide whether it makes sense to go on to the next level [37]. The phases approach, for instance, can be used to describe past, present, and future engagement in ICT growth and development. The two models provide important direction for examining the existing degree of ICT adoption by outlining how to move forward and where a business can concentrate its objectives and resources [16]. Finally, unlike other models, the TOE framework and the SOG model allow corporate organisations to break down their ICT activities into smaller, more manageable chunks, thereby reducing the complexity of those initiatives.

## **2.3. Integrated Developed ICT Integration Obstacles**

There are still certain obstacles preventing its successful implementation, notably in the contexts of the less developed nations, despite the advantages associated with the successful use of modern ICTs in boosting the organisational performance of the SMEs as proven in the literature [24]. Qureshi and York [32] claimed that small enterprises can benefit from developed ICT integration. However, there were a variety of concerns surrounding it, and they were extensively covered in the literature that was relevant to this study. For example, Wixom and Todd [83] highlighted that while most large firms that have been able to adopt and deploy developed ICTs into their organisational framework are thereby reaping all of its benefits, SMEs, particularly in emerging countries, are yet to take the advantages developed ICTs have to offer due to some barriers affecting its successful adoption. Few research have been done in the context of less developed nations, despite the fact that there have been many studies in the literature that look into the factors affecting the effective adoption of modern ICTs among SMEs in developed countries. In order to aid in the comprehensive understanding of these barriers and the relationship between them, there have also been extensive scholarly discussions on the various categories of barriers (i.e., the technologically related barriers, the organizationally related barriers, and the environmental related barriers).

2.4.1. technological obstacles  
The successful implementation of sophisticated ICTs by SMEs may be hampered by technologically related obstacles. Although numerous impediments have been identified and explored in the literature with regard to developed countries,

they may be considerably different with regard to developing countries [53]. The expense of implementation [19], the security and quality of the Internet as offered by ISPs [56], the lack of sufficient hardware and software applications [47], and website-related issues like privacy and security are a few of the technological impediments that have been noted.

The most important technological hurdle preventing the integration of established ICT has been characterised in the literature, among other barriers, as security concerns. For instance, Reggi and Gil-Garcia [36] asserted that the biggest obstacle preventing SMEs from adopting sophisticated ICTs is security concerns. According to Alliance [23], the primary reasons why most company concerns have failed to adopt and use the recently developed technology are security and privacy concerns. This could result in the loss of personal information and financial resources due to fraud [51]. The use of advanced ICTs, such as e-commerce, has been hampered by various security challenges, including hacking, fraud, and virus attacks, as shown in the study presented by [21]. The high implementation costs and security concerns were found to be the two main factors in the study [16] done on the factors influencing the adoption of ICTs among SMEs in New Zealand.

Due to privacy and security concerns, many customers are hesitant to share their personal information online, including names, addresses, and even their status [7], which is currently impeding the successful integration of developed ICTs among SMEs, particularly in the context of developing countries. Igwe and others, [15]

asserts that the main obstacles to the adoption and usage of mature ICTs in less developed nations are security concerns, as both businesses and customers feel they are not safeguarded from fraudsters. Although new innovations, such the usage of smart cards, tend to lessen the crime-related problems preventing the efficient adoption of established ICT, Spalinger et al. [66] made it abundantly evident that both businesses and consumers still struggle to adopt and use it.

One technological impediment mentioned in the literature is the high cost of implementation. However, some studies trying to analyse the effective implementation of developed ICTs, particularly among small business firms, claim that the high cost of implementation also includes the cost of hardware and software applications as well as the cost of setting up the internet facilities and maintenance [54]. The high cost of Internet services offered by Internet service providers (ISPs) is one of the barriers preventing SMEs from effectively implementing and utilising developed ICTs, claim Jin and Hurd [27]. This is due to the fact that small company businesses have constrained resources and think investing in ICT facilities will have a low return.

This conclusion is supported by a number of studies [25,34,57] that found that one of the main obstacles to the poor adoption of these technologies among SMEs in Cyprus is the lack of sufficient money available to the SMEs for the acquisition of newly developed technologies. According to Orser et al.'s [39] assessment, one of the reasons for the low integration of established ICTs among SMEs is due to technological constraints such security, cost of acquisition, and maintenance of ICT facilities. According to the study, small company organisations would not adopt newly created technologies if the advantages outweighed the entire cost of acquisition and deployment [53].

One of the key elements included under the technologically linked hurdles is the calibre of the Internet service. Other factors are allegedly included in this. For example, the stability/reliability of the network, the speed of the Internet service provided by the Internet service provider and the level of internet access are some of the setbacks identified and discussed in the literature related to this study [71]. Numerous studies in the literature have found that one of the biggest barriers to SMEs in less developed nations integrating developed ICTs is the calibre of the Internet connection [41]. The non-availability of good Internet services may inform the SMEs' decision of whether to adapt to the newly developed technologies while the high speed of the Internet, on the other hand, encourages both the firms and their customers to spend more valuable time online. Therefore, slow Internet connections, according to [62], are said to discourage SMEs from adapting and using the newly developed technologies more effectively [70]. However, little research has been conducted in this regard in the developing countries, particularly amongst the rural SMEs [67].

#### **2.4. Organisational obstacles**

In the literature, certain factors have been identified as organisational-related barriers. The barriers identified under this category include the lack of resources at the disposal of the firm, the lack of ICT knowledge and skills amongst the employees and the time involved in implementing such technologies [12]. Small business firms may refuse to adapt to the new technology if such technology is not compatible with their existing organisational structures. This was

evidenced in [27] which revealed that many business organisations refused to adapt to new technology that does not support their existing structures. Many scholars have echoed this finding in the literature; for instance, [5,39,63] argued that many SMEs would not adapt to or use a newly developed technology if it was too complex and may therefore not support their business growth and expansion. This was supported by [20], who pointed out that most SMEs fail to adapt or use a developed ICT because they

Lack of sufficient time for implementation is another factor identified under the organisational-related barriers in the literature. Many studies have identified and discussed this factor as one of the most significant barriers affecting the adoption of developed ICTs. Adane [22] argued that the lack of implementation time is one of the key reasons for the low integration of developed ICTs, which is a result of not taking time to investigate how the newly developed technology works and how it can be beneficial in both the short and the long run.

### **2.5. Environmental Obstacles**

Apart from the inhibiting factors discussed above, there are some environmental- related barriers that have been identified in the literature and that are of great significance for the successful integration and use of developed ICTs, particularly amongst small business firms [32]. Many studies have identified and discussed some external-related factors inhibiting the effective implementation of newly developed technologies in the literature related to this study, which include government policies [53], cultural issues and regulatory issues [61]. The findings of most studies in the literature revealed that government policy is the most significant environmental factor affecting the successful integration of ICTs amongst the SMEs in the less developed countries. For instance, Orser et al. [39] argued that government policies are necessary to protect both buyers and sellers of goods and services online from online malpractices such as fraud and unauthorised access to personal information that could be harmful for a business.

The government, through its policies, can encourage a healthier competition in the telecommunication sector, thereby giving more Internet access to SMEs [52]. This result was echoed by Teece and Pisano [67], who concluded after conducting a study on the adoption of ICT amongst SMEs in Botswana that the lack of adequate government support was the reason for its low adoption. Dassisti et al. [43] emphasised that a lack of government support can destabilise the growth of developed ICTs in SMEs, especially when the country does not have standardised policies to regulate and allow for competition to thrive in the telecommunication industry. Agwu [30] submitted the theory that government support can help accelerate the ICT uptake amongst SMEs by encouraging a more open competition within the telecommunication sector. The lack of government support was, however, intertwined with legal and regulatory policies [27].

### **III. CONCLUSION**

The integration of developed ICTs in rural parts of Nigeria is still a new explorative area that is currently gaining momentum. The findings of this study show that the technological-, organisation- and environmental-related factors have significantly contributed to the determination of factors influencing the successful integration of developed ICTs by rural SMEs. Similar to all the empirical studies conducted in the context of developing countries in the literature; this study has some limitations. First, this study lacks a sampling framework which motivated the need to employ the snowball sampling methods which could be a source of bias in the research study. This means that the generalisations of the findings as shown throughout the study should be established with absolute care. The study was conducted in less developed countries, which means that its findings may be difficult to generalise, particularly in the context of developed countries due to contextual issues and technological differences. On the contrary, some findings can be generalised to some countries that are within the same region, particularly those in the western part of Africa (e.g., Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Togo).

The self-reporting strategies adopted wherein the participants' views, knowledge and previous learning/experience that were gathered during the interviews were considered as the only measures of assessing the level of implementation of developed ICTs amongst the rural SMEs. Consequently, the researcher interviewed only one participant per SME. Therefore, it may be very advisable for the future researchers to use other ways of measuring the level of implementation of developed ICTs, e.g., through the websites of the SMEs. This means that these websites can be used with some self-reporting strategies to confirm the information they are presented with. The research study only

considered the factors affecting the successful integration of developed ICTs amongst the rural SMEs. Future researchers could consider other areas of the economy in the future.

It was suggested that future studies should be conducted on the effect of the Internet access on mobile phones in the perspective of developing countries such as Nigeria. Despite the increasing use of mobile phones to gain access to the Internet in Nigeria, it was suggested that future researchers should replicate the integrated model (i.e., the stage growth model and the TOE framework) proposed by this study to analyse the factors influencing the integration of developed ICTs and use in a diversity of contexts.

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# A Study on Cyber Security and ICT Developments

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**Abstract:** *The detecting component networks as one of the critical mechanical patterns for the resulting many years has given scholastics various exceptional deterrents. These organizations are conceivably comprised of hundreds or even a huge number of minuscule detecting hubs that work freely and, in specific circumstances, need admittance to sustainable power sources. Little-sized, asset obliged detecting component hubs could result from esteem limitations and the requirement for pervasive, imperceptible organizations. Despite the fact that there are many issues in detecting component organizations, in this exploration we decide to zero in on security of Remote detecting component Organization. We like to recommend a couple of safety targets for remote detecting component organizations. The reception and usage of detecting component networks for some applications rely upon security, consequently we have fostered a broad danger examination of remote detecting component organizations. As a general rule, we like to likewise give a few safeguards against these risks for the Remote Detecting Component Organization.*

**Keywords:** Wireless Sensor Network (WSN), Security

## I. INTRODUCTION

With the advent of wireless networking technologies, every aspect of our daily lives has altered substantially. One of the technologies that is developing the quickest in the future is the Internet of Things (IoT). By incorporating IoT, electronics may be connected to the physical environment, which essentially modifies our daily lives. As a result, there is an urgent demand for communications everywhere and at all times, particularly in industries with high activity. The Internet of Things has been described as the fusion and communication of sentient objects (things). IoT's dominance fosters the development of new technologies and applications. These types of sensors and actuators (like home appliances, security cameras, and environmental monitoring sensors) are often equipped with a variety of the transmission of control and sensor data, there are transceivers, microcontroller gadgets, and protocols.

They are depicted as having a significant part in a vast array of contexts, beginning with applications for critical military police investigations, fire prevention, and building security monitoring the soon-to-be future e an excessive number of sensing element nodes are placed in these networks to Keep an eye on a huge field where the operational circumstances are frequently difficult or even hostile. However, due to their limited processing power, constrained memory, and other factors, the nodes in WSNs have significant resource limitations. memory and stamina. These networks need to be protected against threats like node capture, physical change of state, eavesdropping, denial of service, etc. because they are sometimes placed in foreign locations and left unattended. Regrettably, outdated security measures with substantial cost don't appear to requires resource-forced sensing element nodes to be feasible Wherever recharging or replacement wouldn't typically be possible, battery boosted nodes are a regular component of the numerous WSN applications and are regarded as disposable. Although there are various potential power sources for these gadgets, including solar energy, they are still mostly thought of as "one-use" items. If eventual failure is expected, then it is vitally important to maximise their time and productivity. This idea of battery saving also applies to the basic desire of WSNs to impose security. To assist in achieving this, security protocols make an effort to be lightweight in terms of code size and processing requirements while maintaining their functionality. Security should be built into each system node in order to provide an extremely secure WSN. Any area of a network without any protection may easily come under assault. As a result, this requires a high level of security in every aspect of the development of a wireless detection network application that could gather or expose critical information.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In general, point-to-point or point-to-multipoint information exchange is supported by older networks. WSNs can function almost everywhere there is physical space, even in places where wired connections are impractical. They are used to perceive, analyse, and gather information from any intended settings. Prior to network setup, the placement of nodes doesn't seem to be simple, and because of this, the United States of America is able to spread them out in isolated and hazardous locations. The self-organizing protocols and algorithms are utilised to protect the nodes. In essence, the battery-operated WSN devices are outfitted with information processing, computation, and information human activity aspects. The inherent qualities of device nodes, such as central processor cycles, battery capacity, memory, preparation environment, and communication bandwidth, make ordinary wireless device networks vulnerable to additional attacks. Due to these inherent qualities of device nodes, historical security techniques for ensuring secrecy, availability, and authenticity Wireless device networks are inefficient there the size, memory, and processing capacity of the sensors are the primary obstacles to utilising an affordable security mechanism in WSNs. WSNs experience severe resource restrictions due to a lack of power and storage. Each of these areas is a significant barrier to using standard security implementation strategies.

## III. NETWORK COMMUNICATION ARCHITECTURE FOR SENSORS

The device nodes are often dispersed across an extremely large area. Each of the dispersed device nodes is capable of gathering data and relaying it to the sink and subsequently the end users. Using a multi-hop infrastructure-less approach, information is returned to the tip user through the sink. Using satellite or the internet, interact with the task manager node. The task manager or base station serves as the network's primary point of management, gathering data from the network and distributing it throughout the network. Additionally, it serves as an access point for a person's interface, a robust data processing and storage centre, and a gateway to other networks. The bottom station's hardware consists of a laptop computer or a digital computer.

Typically, we see the following network components in a WSN:

- Device Motes - Field devices are mounted in the method and should be able to route packets on behalf of other devices. Most frequently, they handle or characterise the method's instrumentation. A router might be a unique class of field device without a method device or entry or access points; management instrumentation, which does not, thus, communicate with the method itself - A entry enables communication between field devices and the host application.
- Network manager - A network manager is in charge of configuring the network, programming device communication (such as setting super frames), managing the routing tables, and monitoring the network's overall health.
- Security manager: The safety Manager is in charge of creating, managing, and storing keys.

## IV. APPLICATION OF WSN

- Applications for the military
- Applications in the environment
- Applications for aid
- Home-based app
- Traffic disputes

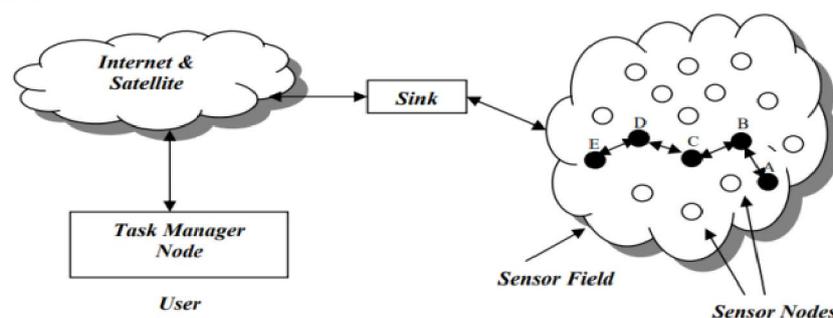


Figure 1: WSN

**V. SECURITY VULNERABILITIES IN WSNS**

portable detector Networks are vulnerable to several types of assaults. These assaults fall into one of three categories. Typical cryptography approaches will protect the confidentiality and authenticity of communication connections against outside assaults like eavesdropping and packet replay attacks, packet spoofing, and modification. Attacks on network availability: Denial-of-service (DoS) attacks are commonly used to describe attacks on WSN availability. stealthy assault on the integrity of the service: The aggressor's objective in a highly sneaky assault is to get the network to accept a bogus data value. as an illustration, a detector node may be compromised by an attacker who then injects bogus knowledge into it. Maintaining the detector network's accessibility during these assaults is essential for its intended usage. DoS assaults on WSNs could allow harm to people's health and safety in the actual world.

**Attacks on privacy**

The term "Denial of Service" (DoS) assault often refers to an adversary's attempt to interrupt, subvert, or destroy a network. A DoS attack, however, can be any incident that impairs or disables a network's capacity to carry out its intended duties. Since WSNs may automatically gather knowledge through effective and strategic These networks are vulnerable to possible misuse of such vast knowledge sources because to their preparation of sensors. In addition, if an adversary knows how to combine knowledge gathered from many device nodes, he may obtain sensitive information on the surface of seemingly unimportant knowledge. Privacy protection of sensitive knowledge in a large WSN is a particularly difficult task. This is comparable to the panda hunting issue.

Layer	Attacks	Defense
Physical	Jamming	Spread-spectrum, priority messages, lower duty cycle, region mapping, mode change Spread-spectrum, priority messages, lower duty cycle, region mapping, mode change.
Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collision</li> <li>• Exhaustion</li> <li>• Unfairness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Error-correction code</li> <li>• Small frames</li> <li>• Rate limitation</li> </ul>
Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ack. Flooding</li> <li>• Hello Flood</li> <li>• Wormhole</li> <li>• Sybil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redundancy checking</li> <li>• Authentication, monitoring, redundancy</li> <li>• Authentication, probing Authentication, packet leashes by using geographic and temporal info</li> <li>• Authentication, bi-directional link authentication verification</li> </ul>
Transport	Flooding De-synchronization	Client puzzles Authentication

Table 1. Attacks on WSNs and countermeasures

**Eavesdropping and passive monitoring:**

The preservation of privacy in WSNs is much more challenging since these networks readily create enormous amounts of data through remote access techniques. The knowledge collecting techniques are frequently used in an incognito and extremely minimal risk manner because the opponent need not be physically gifted to do the monitoring. Furthermore, remote access enables one person to watch several sites at once. Eavesdropping and passive monitoring are two of the

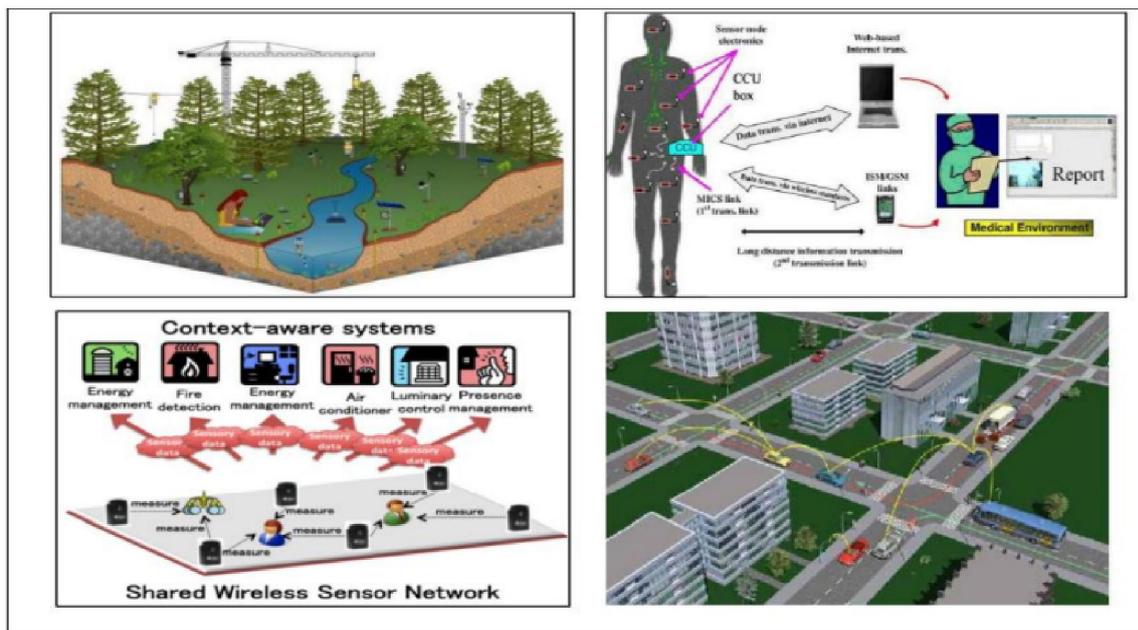
finest and most frequent ways to invade someone's right to knowledge privacy. The adversary may easily read the contents of the communications if they are not encrypted by cryptanalytic methods. An extremely WSN's management data packets provide more information than is available through the placement server, making listening in on these communications more useful for a soul.

**Traffic analysis:**

Eavesdropping should be linked with a traffic analysis in order to create a strong privacy assault. An attacker will identify some device nodes with unique functions and activities in an extremely WSN by a thorough examination of the traffic. For instance, a spike in message exchange between specific nodes indicates that certain nodes have particular actions and events to keep an eye on. Deng et al. have proposed two attack types that can locate the lowest station in an extremely dense WSN without even downgrading the traffic analysis packets' contents.

**Camouflage:**

A soul may infiltrate a device node in a WSN and occasionally utilise that node to pretend to be a conventional node in the network. Then, this unseen node can disseminate erroneous routing information and draw packets from other nodes for additional forwarding. The hacked node begins forwarding packets as they start to arrive. the packets to important nodes where privacy analysis may be applied reliably. From the above description, it should be clear that WSNs are susceptible to various assaults at even the lowest tiers of the TCP/IP protocol stack. However, as noted by the authors in, there may also be possibility for more attack types that haven't yet been found.



*Fig 2.application of WSN*

**VI. WSN SECURITY ANALYSIS**

Wireless sensing element networks are incredibly susceptible to assaults because of their simplicity and resource-constrained nodes. Attackers will eavesdrop on our radio signals, insert bits into the channel, replay previously discovered packets, and much more. Wireless sensing element security requires network construction that supports all security measures. discretion, honesty, sincerity, and accessibility. Attackers might set up a few malicious nodes with comparable hardware capabilities in order to coordinate their attacks on the system with legal nodes. These rogue nodes might be acquired singly by the attacker, or they could be "turned" by capturing some normal nodes and physically overwriting their memory. Additionally, under some circumstances, collaborating nodes may require the best available

communications channels to plan their attack. Sensing element nodes may not be tamper-resistant, but if a node is compromised, she will be able to access all crucial information. and code maintain on that node. We do not consider tamper resistance to be a general-purpose solution, even if it may be a good protection against physical node compromise in some networks. Sensing element nodes are designed to be extremely inexpensive, however extremely effective tamper resistance tends to add significant per-unit cost.

### VII. FUTURE SCOPE OF WSN

Through each implementation and simulation, more investigation of the suitability and effectiveness of security architectures for WSNs will be conducted. It is anticipated that uniformity will need to be forced in order for WSNs to get widespread use inside the legal system. Think about the several plug-and-play ZigBee-based options. examination of the protection offered by this standard at the graduate level, in order to strengthen the measurability of its security design, metrics for energy potency/network life, code/memory efficiency, and other metrics that are not exclusive to ZigBee will be distributed. The major goal is to provide a theme that is applicable for all WSN applications, whether or not they use security DE pendants, in a way that is extremely accessible to all network designers.

### VIII. CONCLUSION

Wireless sensing element security the adoption and utilisation of sensing element networks depend greatly on the network. In particular, a Wireless Sensing Element Network product won't be accepted by industry unless the network has fool proof security. We have constructed a threat analysis for the wireless sensing component in this work. network and given some defensive strategies. However, cryptography is insufficient to protect against laptop-class adversaries and insiders; careful protocol design is also necessary. Link layer secret writing and authentication techniques might be a cheap beginning approximation for security against stuff category outsiders. Third, the majority of these protocols use the assumption that the base station and the sensing element nodes are stationary. However, there may also be situations when the bottom station and presumably the sensors became mobile, such as warfare settings. The sensing element is nicely influenced by the node quality of the sensing element. constellation, which causes a number of issues with secure routing systems. The following are some predicted future developments in WSN security analysis: Use the personal key operations that are available on sensing element nodes to your advantage. Recent research on public key cryptography has demonstrated that public key operations may also be practical in sensing element nodes. Private key operations are still quite expensive to implement in sensing element nodes, though.

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# **A Study on Development in Blockchain Technology and Future Trends**

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**Abstract:** *Blockchain, the foundation of Bitcoin, has recently acquired a ton of consideration. Blockchain goes about as a rigid count, permitting arrangements to occur in a decentralized way. Blockchain-grounded tasks are emerging in an assortment of tirelessness, including monetary administrations, character frameworks, and the Web of impacts (IoT), among others. In any case, various obstacles of blockchain innovation, including as adaptability and security issues, must be replied. This paper gives an inside and out look of blockchain innovation. To begin with, we present a clarification of blockchain armature prior to contrasting vivid normal understanding ways used in various blockchains. What's more, innovative obstacles and ongoing headways are minimalistically quibbled. We additionally quibble certain blockchain future patterns.*

**Keywords:** Blockchain, decentralization, consensus, scalability

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Cryptocurrency is presently a buzzword in both assiduity and academics. Bitcoin has been one of the most successful cryptocurrencies, with its capital request surpassing \$ 10 billion in 2016(1). Deals in Bitcoin use a specifically erected data storehouse structure. The network may take place without the involvement of a third party, and the introductory technology used to develop Bitcoin is blockchain, which was originally suggested in 2008 and stationed in 2009(2). Blockchain may be allowed of as a public tally, with all married deals kept in a series of blocks. This chain expands as fresh blocks are regularly added to it. For stoner security and tally thickness, asymmetric cryptography and distributed agreement ways have been employed. Decentralization, continuity, obscurity, and auditability are all abecedarian aspects of blockchain technology. With these characteristics, blockchain may significantly reduce costs and enhance effectiveness. Blockchain may be utilised in a variety of fiscal services, including digital means, remittance, and online payment, since it allows payments to be completed without the involvement of a bank or a conciliator (3), (4). It may also be used in other sectors similar as smart contracts (5, 6), public services (7, 8), the Internet of effects (IoT), character systems (9), and security services. These diligence profit from blockchain in a variety of ways. To begin with, blockchain is incommutable. Once a sale is stored in the blockchain, it cannot be altered. Blockchain may be used to attract guests for businesses that demand great trust ability and honesty. Likewise, blockchain is distributed and may exclude the single point of failure. Situation with a single point of failure. Smart contracts, on the other hand, might be executed automatically by miners once they're put on the blockchain. Although blockchain technology offers enormous pledge for the development of unborn Internet services, it faces a number of specialized obstacles. To begin with, scalability is a major challenge. Bitcoin block size is presently limited to 1 MB, and a block is booby-trapped every 10 twinkles. As a result, the Bitcoin network is limited to 7 deals per second, making it unable of managing with high-frequency trading. Larger blocks, on the other hand, need further storehouse space and slower network propagation. This will precipitously lead to centralization as smaller people choose to keep their accounts. This is a massive blockchain. As a result, balancing block size and security has proven to be a delicate task. Second, it has been demonstrated that miners can earn further than their fair share of income by employing a selfish mining approach (10). Miners conceal their booby-trapped blocks in order to earn further plutocrat in the future. As a result, branches might do frequently, impeding blockchain growth. As a result, some remedies to this problem must be proposed. likewise, it has been demonstrated that sequestration oohing may do in blockchain indeed when individualities solely use their public and private keys to conduct deals. likewise, current agreement styles like as evidence of labour and evidence of

stake are agonized by major issues. For illustration, evidence of labour consumes a devilish quantum of power energy. While the miracle of the rich getting richer may arise during the stake agreement evidence procedure. There's a wealth of blockchain literature available from a variety of sources, including blogs, wikis, forum bulletins, scripts, conference papers, and journal publications. Schorske teal. (12) conducted a specialized analysis of decentralised digital currencies similar as Bitcoin. Unlike (12), our study focuses on blockchain technology rather than digital currency. Nomura Research Institute published a specialized paper on blockchain (13). Unlike (13), our study focuses on cutting- edge blockchain exploration, covering current developments and unborn prospects.

**II. BLOCKCHAIN ARCHITECTURE**

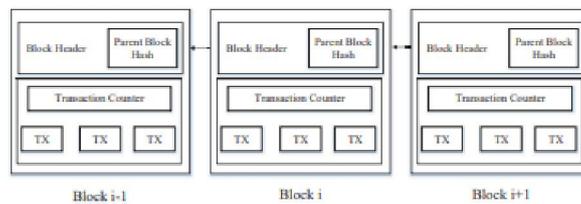


Fig. 1: An example of blockchain which consists of a continuous sequence of blocks.

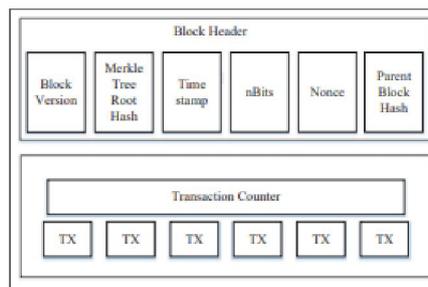


Fig. 2: Block structure

Blockchain is a series of blocks that, like a traditional public tally, include a total list of sale records (14). Figure 1 depicts a blockchain in action. With A block has just one parent block, which is a previous block hash given in the block title. Uncle block hashes (children of the block's forebearers) would likewise be kept on the Ethereum blockchain (15). The first block in a blockchain is known as the birth block, and it has no parent block. The internals of blockchain are also completely explained.

**Block, A**

As illustrated in Figure 2, a block is made up of the block title and the block content. The block title, in particular, contains

Block interpretation specifies which set of block confirmation criteria should be used. Merkle tree root hash the sum of all the hash values in the block.

Timestamp the current time in seconds since January 1, 1970. iv) nits a valid block hash's thing threshold

Parent block hash a 256- bit hash value indicating the antedating block.

Nonce a 4- byte field that generally begins with 0 and rises with each hash calculation (farther explanation in Section III).

A sale counter and deals make up the block body. The maximum number of deals that a block can include is determined by the block size and the size of the sale. Every sale. To authenticate sale authentication, Blockchain employs an asymmetric cryptography approach (13). In an untrustworthy terrain, a digital hand grounded on asymmetric cryptography is utilised. We'll now demonstrate digital autographs shortly.

**Block, B.**

Electronic hand Each stoner has a private key and a public key. The private key, which must be kept secret, is utilised. to subscribe the deals. The digitally inked deals are circulated across the whole network. A typical digital hand consists

of two phases subscribing and verification. For illustration, stoner Alice wishes to communicate with another stoner Bob.

(1) During the hand step, Alice encrypts her data with her private key and delivers the translated result as well as the original data to Bob.

(2) During the verification step, Bob uses Alice's public key to validate the value. In this manner, Bob could snappily determine whether or not the data had been tampered with. Blockchain's crucial Characteristics In conclusion, blockchain possesses the following pivotal parcels.

- Decentralized administration. In a typical centralised sale, each sale must be vetted by a central trusted agency (e.g., the central bank), performing in cost and performance backups at central waiters. In discrepancy to the centralised system, no third party is needed in blockchain. Blockchain agreement ways are used to save data thickness in a distributed network.

- Perseverance. Deals can be vindicated presto, and honest miners won't accept invalid deals. Once a sale is incorporated on the blockchain, it's nearly hard to abolish or rewind. Blocks containing incorrect Deals might be set up right down.

- sequestration. Each stoner can communicate with the blockchain using an aimlessly created address that doesn't expose the stoner's true identity. It should be noted that blockchain cannot Because of the essential restriction, we can insure absolute sequestration protection. The Bitcoinblockchain contains information about druggies. Unspent sale Affair (UTXO) model balances Any sale must make reference to preliminarily unspent deals. Once the current sale is published in the blockchain, the status of the preliminarily appertained unspent deals changes from unspent to spent. As a result, deals can be readily verified and traced. Because public blockchain is accessible to the whole globe, it can attract a large number of druggies and active communities. Every day, new public blockchains arise. The institute blockchain might be used in a variety of marketable operations. Hyperledger (18) is now creating a marketable institute. Fabrics for blockchains.Ethereum has also made tools available for the creation of institute blockchain

### III. ALGORITHMS OF CONSENSUS

How to gain agreement among untrustworthy bumps in blockchain is a revision of the intricate Generals (BG) Problem, which first stated in (20). A group of generals who command a piece of intricate home in the BG issue. The megacity is girdled by an army. Some commanders like to strike, while others prefer to withdraw. still, if only a portion of the generals attack the megacity, the attack will fail. As a result, they must decide whether to assault or retreat. It's delicate to achieve an agreement in a distributed setting. It's also a difficulty for blockchain because the network is scattered. There's no central knot in blockchain that assures distributed knot checks are all the same. Some procedures are needed to insure that checks in separate bumps are harmonious. harmonious. Following that, we will bandy numerous typical ways to reaching an agreement in blockchain.

#### Consensus erecting Strategies

Pow (evidence of work) is a Bitcoin network agreement medium (2). Someone in a decentralised network has to be named to record the deals. The most straightforward system is arbitrary selection. Random selection, on the other hand, is open to assaults. So, if a knot wishes to publish a block of deals, it must first demonstrate that it's doubtful to attack the network. In utmost cases, the task entails computer calculations. In Pow, each network knot computes a hash value of the block title. Miners would routinely modify the nonce in the block title to get colourful hash values.

TABLE II: Typical Consensus Algorithms Comparison

Property	PoW	PoS	PBFT	DPOS	Ripple	Tendermint
Node identity management	open	open	permissioned	open	open	permissioned
Energy saving	no	partial	yes	partial	yes	yes
Tolerated power of adversary	< 25% computing power	< 51% stake	< 33.3% faulty replicas	< 51% validators	< 20% faulty nodes in UNL	< 33.3% byzantine voting power
Example	Bitcoin [2]	Peercoin [21]	Hyperledger Fabric [18]	Bitshares [22]	Ripple [23]	Tendermint [24]

When one knot reaches the thing value, it broadcasts the block to all other bumps, and the other bumps must mutually check the hash value's delicacy. If the stumbling block When this new block is vindicated, other miners will add it to their separate blockchains. Miners are bumps that calculate hash values, and the Pow fashion is known as mining in Bitcoin.

### Comparison of agreement algorithms

Distinct agreement algorithms have different benefits and downsides. Table II compares several agreement ways, and we apply the features listed by (32). • operation of knot individualities. PBFT must know the identity of each miner in order to choose a primary in each round, whereas Tender mint must know the validators in order to choose a proposer in each round. Bumps could fluently join the network for Pow, Po's, DPOS, and Ripple. • Energy conservation. Miners in Pow constantly hash the block title to attain the asked value. As a result, the volume of power needed to process has soared. In the case of Po's and DPOS, miners must still hash the block title to get the target value, but the labour has been important dropped as the hunt space has grown. is intended to be confined. There's no mining in the agreement process for PBFT, Ripple, and Tender mint. As a result, it saves a lot of energy. • permitted opponent power. In general, 51 hash power is regarded as the threshold for gaining network control. still, selfish mining system (10) in Pow systems might let miners earn further plutocrat by using only 25 of the mincing power. Tender mint and PBFT are intended to manage up to one- third of imperfect bumps. Ripple has been shown to save delicacy if the number of conking bumps in a UNL is lower than 20. • Give an illustration. Bitcoin is a Powcryptocurrency, whereas Peercoin is a new peer- to- peer Po's cryptocurrency. likewise, Hyperledger Fabric use PBFT to achieve agreement. DPOS is the agreement algorithm used by Bit shares, a smart contract platform. Ripple is a protocol perpetration. Tender mint is developing the Tender mint protocol. Tender mint and PBFT are permissioned protocols. Because knot IDs are supposed to be known by the whole network, they may be utilised commercially rather than intimately. Pow and Po's are applicable for public blockchains. An institute or private blockchain may elect PBFT, Tender mint, DPOS, or Ripple. Progress in agreement algorithms A good agreement algorithm is synonymous with effectiveness, safety, and ease. Several enterprises have lately been launched. to enhance agreement algorithms in blockchain. New agreement algorithms are being developed in order to handle specific blockchain enterprises. The abecedarian conception of Peer Census (33) is to separate block conformation and sale evidence in order to dramatically boost agreement performance. likewise, Kraft (34) presented a new agreement approach to ensure that a block is created at a generally harmonious pace. It's well understood that a high block product rate jeopardises Bitcoin's security. To address this issue, the Greedy Heaviest- Observed Sub-Tree (GHOST) chain selection rule (35) is suggested. rather of the longest branch system, GHOST weights the branches, and miners can pick which bones to use introduced a new agreement fashion for peer- to- peer blockchain systems in which the block is conceded to be generated by anybody who offers noninteractive substantiation of retrievability for previous state shots. Miners simply need to save outdated block heads rather of complete blocks in such a system.

## IV. DIFFICULTIES AND RECENT ADVANCES

Despite its enormous pledge, blockchain faces colourful hurdles that hamper its wide use. We list some important problems and recent advances as follows:

### Flexibility

The blockchain is getting decreasingly bloated as the number of deals increases. Each knot must keep all deals in order to validate them on the blockchain because they must determine whether or not the source of the current sale is unspent. likewise, due to the original limitation of block size and the time interval utilised to construct a new block, the Bitcoin blockchain can only reuse about 7 deals per second, falling short of the need of processing millions of deals in real- time. Meanwhile, because block capacity is limited, numerous minor deals may be delayed because miners prioritise deals with big sale volumes. figure. There have been several proffers to overcome the scalability issue of blockchain, which may be divided into two orders Blockchain storehouse optimization. Because it's more delicate for in order for each knot to operate a full dupe of the tally, Bruce proposed a revolutionary cryptocurrency system in which outdated sale records are deleted (or forgotten) by the network (37). The balance of everyone-empty addresses is

stored in a database called account tree. A featherlight customer might potentially prop in the resolution of this issue. Blockchain is being redesigned. Bitcoin- NG (Next Generation) was proposed in (39). The abecedarian idea of Bitcoin- NG is to separate traditional blocks into two corridor crucial blocks for leader election and macroblocks for sale storehouse. Time is divided into epochs by the protocol. Miners must hash to produce a crucial block in each time. Once the crucial block is formed, the knot is designated as the leader and is in charge of producing macroblocks. In addition, Bitcoin- NG extended the heaviest(longest) chain system, in which macroblocks have no weight.

### **Privacy Breach**

Through the use of a public key and a private key, blockchain may maintain a certain level of anonymity. Users transact with their private and public keys without revealing their true identities. However, [40], [5] demonstrate that blockchain cannot ensure transactional privacy since the values of all transactions and balances for each public key are publicly available. Furthermore, recent research [41] shown that a person's Bitcoin transactions may be connected to expose user information. Furthermore, Biryukov et al. [11] described a method for linking user pseudonyms to IP addresses even when users are behind NAT or firewalls. In [11], each client is individually identifiable by the nodes to which it connects. Several strategies for improving blockchain anonymity have been proposed, which may be broadly classified into two types:

### **Blending**

Users' addresses on blockchain are pseudonymous. However, because many users make regular transactions with the same address, it is still feasible to link addresses to their actual identities. Mixing services enable anonymity by sending cash from several input addresses to multiple output addresses. For example, user Alice with address A would like to send money to Bob with address B. If Alice conducts a transaction with input address A and output address B directly, the relationship between Alice and Bob may be disclosed. As a result, Alice might transmit payments to Carol, a trusted middleman.

### **Anonymous.**

Zero-knowledge proof is utilised in Zero coin [46]. Miners are not required to validate a transaction with a digital signature, but they must validate currencies that belong to the transaction. a list of valid coins. To avoid transaction graph analysis, the origin of payments is decoupled from transactions. However, it still shows the location and quantity of money. To remedy this issue, zero cash [47] was proposed. Zero-knowledge Succinct Non-interactive Arguments of Knowledge (ski-SNARKs) are used in Zero cash. The sums of transactions and the values of coins owned by users are concealed.

### **Mining for the sake of mining**

Blockchain is vulnerable to assaults by selfish miners working together. Eyal and Sirer [10], in particular, demonstrated that the network is susceptible even if just a tiny amount of the hashing power is utilised to cheat. In a selfish mining technique, selfish miners hold their mined blocks without broadcasting them, and the secret branch is exposed to the public only if certain conditions are met. Because the private branch is longer than the current public chain, all miners would accept it. Prior to the publication of the private blockchain, honest miners are squandering their energy on a worthless branch, while greedy miners are mining their private chain without competition. As a result, selfish miners likely to earn more money. Many more attacks have been developed based on selfish mining to demonstrate that blockchain is not that safe. Miners in obstinate mining [48] might significantly increase their profit. Mining attacks are combined with network-level eclipse assaults. The trail-stubbornness is a stubborn method used by miners to continue mining blocks even after the private chain is left behind. However, in other circumstances, it can result in 13% advantages over a non-trail-stubborn equivalent. [49] demonstrates that selfish mining tactics generate more money and are more profitable for smaller miners than plain selfish mining. However, the advantages are minor. Furthermore, it demonstrates that even attackers with less than 25% of the computing resources can benefit from selfish mining.

## V. FUTURE POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS

Blockchain has demonstrated its utility in industry and academics. We address potential future possibilities in four areas: blockchain testing, preventing centralization, big data analytics, and blockchain application.

### A. Blockchain evaluation

Various types of blockchains have recently emerged, and over 700 cryptocurrencies are now listed in [52]. However, some developers may fake their blockchain performance in order to attract investors who are motivated by large profits. Furthermore, when consumers wish to integrate blockchain into their businesses, they must first choose which blockchain best meets their needs. As a result, a blockchain testing method is required to test various blockchains. Blockchain testing might be divided into two stages: standardisation and testing. All criteria must be developed and agreed upon during the standardisation process. When the blockchain is born, it may be validated using the agreed-upon criteria to see if it functions as well as the creators promise. In terms of the testing process, blockchain testing must be conducted using several criteria. For example, if a user in charge of an online retail firm is concerned about blockchain throughput, the inspection must test the average time from a user sending a transaction to the transaction being packed into the blockchain, capacity for a blockchain block, and so on.

### B. Put a stop to the drive toward centralization.

Blockchain is intended to be a decentralised system. However, there is a trend toward centralization of miners in the mining pool. Currently, the top five mining pools possess more than 51% of the total hash power in the Bitcoin network [53]. Aside from that, selfish mining approach [10] demonstrated that pools with more than 25% of total processing capacity might earn more than fair share. Rational miners would be drawn into the selfish pool, and the pool might eventually approach 51% of total power. Because the blockchain is not meant to serve a few enterprises, some solutions to this problem should be presented.

### C. Analytics based on big data

Blockchain and big data might work nicely together. We divided the combinations into two types here: data management and data analytics. Because blockchain is distributed and secure, it might be utilised to store crucial data. Blockchain might also confirm that the data is authentic. For example, if blockchain is used to store patients' health information, the information cannot be changed with and is difficult to steal. When it comes to data analytics, blockchain transactions might be employed for big data analytics.

## Applications based on blockchain

Currently, the majority of blockchains are employed in the financial sphere; however, more and more applications for various industries are arising. Traditional industries might investigate blockchain and use it into their domains to improve their processes. User reputations, for example, might be kept on blockchain. At the same time, the emerging industry may employ blockchain to boost performance. For example, Arcade City [51], a ridesharing business, uses blockchain technology to create an open marketplace where riders may interact directly with drivers. A smart contract is a computerised transaction mechanism that performs a contract's provisions [54]. It has been advocated for a long time, and finally it may be executed. A smart contract is a code snippet in blockchain that may be performed automatically by miners. Smart contracts have the potential to change several industries, including finance and IoT.

## VI. CONCLUSION

With its essential qualities of decentralisation, persistence, anonymity, and auditability, blockchain has demonstrated its potential to revolutionise established industries. We offer a complete review of blockchain in this article. We begin by providing an overview of blockchain technology, covering blockchain architecture and fundamental blockchain properties. The typical consensus algorithms utilised in blockchain are then discussed. We examined and contrasted these techniques in a variety of ways. Furthermore, we identified key hurdles and concerns that might stymie blockchain development and reviewed some existing solutions to these issues. Some potential future directions are also suggested. Blockchain-based apps are becoming increasingly popular, and we want to perform further research on them in the future.

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# A Study on Digitalization Brought in India and its Impact on Insurance Sector

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**Abstract:** *The utilization of data and correspondence advancements (ICTs) in the plan and improvement of monetarily designed extra security strategies and monetarily designed disaster protection business processes in India's life coverage industry development is assessed in this exploration paper. The assessment study explores the usage of ICTs in various thing improvement periods of fiscally planned debacle assurance courses of action and the use of ICTs in security processes. This paper, specifically, presents a hypothetical examination that all the while considers the impacts of these connections on the Insurance Business, Monetary Designing, and Protection Business and the extension of the Protection Business in India, as well as the job and commitment of ICTs in the Monetary Designing Applications in Monetarily Designed Life Contracts and Cycles. It depicts how ICTs are utilized in FE applications to make Monetarily Designed approaches and safety net providers' business processes, including management.*

**Keywords:** ICTs, insurance policies, insurance business, financial engineering

## I. INTRODUCTION

We can't envision the ongoing time of way of life without ICTs commitment and job in every single field of human existence particularly the fields like Banking, Protection areas. " Technologies that enable telecommunications-based access to information are referred to as information and communication technologies (ICTs). Although it focuses primarily on communication technologies, it is similar to Information Technology (IT). According to Tech Terms (2010), this includes the Internet, wireless networks, cell phones, and other means of communication. The aforementioned two fields are incomplete without the role and contribution of information and communication technologies, and they are unable to effectively provide their customers with complete and effective services at all life stages in time. ICTs also play a significant role in the day-to-day operations of businesses in these sectors across the entire business life cycle.

ICTs, for instance, play a significant role in all aspects of an insurance company's endeavor to introduce a new financially engineered life insurance policy to the market. Beginning with an understanding of the precise requirements and needs of customer expectations, current market conditions, competitors, and other factors, related research studies must be completed before the newly designed products or services can be introduced to the target market and effective after-sales services can be provided to customers. This makes sense exhaustively in the approaching segments.

Financial engineering is the process of creating an innovative new financial model or life insurance product to meet customer needs and provide innovative policies that offer innovative solutions to the fields' existing financial issues. The following is a definition of FE that can be used to explain the concept in insurance terms. It is the process of combining existing life insurance policies to design a new, innovative life insurance policy or model with innovative financial features that satisfy all of the industry's most important stakeholders. Customers (policyholders), the insurer (the seller or service provider of the life insurance coverage), and the government are the primary stakeholders here. Regulatory Organizations (IRDAI)

## II. IMPORTANCE

This study aims to investigate how ICTs are used and contributed to financial engineering applications, with a focus on the life insurance industry's product design, development, and insurance business management processes.

### III. OBJECTIVES

1. to investigate how ICTs are utilized in Financially Engineered life insurance policies
2. to investigate how ICTs are utilized in the financial engineering of life insurance business processes.

### IV. HYPOTHESIS

Ha1: Financially Engineered Life Insurance Policies

Ha2 make extensive use of ICTs Financially Engineered Life Insurance Business Processes make extensive use of ICTs.

**The rise of financial engineering in the life insurance industry** can be attributed to the following factors: The situation of financial markets has changed as a result of rapid shifts in the life insurance and other financial services sectors. Traditional life insurance policies are being replaced by more complex and multi-benefit-oriented life insurance products as a result of the growing competition in the life insurance industry and the emergence of more private life insurance companies with overseas joint venture collaborations and innovative product knowledge and ideas.

**Environmental Factors** for Financially Engineered Applications: The entire situation has given rise to a new field within the field of financial management known as "Financial Engineering." Price volatility, globalization of the economy and increased competition, deregulation and increased competition, advancements in technology and communication, creation of new markets and market linkages, advancements in financial theory, tax asymmetries, standardization, and low documentation costs are all contributing factors.

FE protection items advancement internationally faces numerous comparative and extraordinary issues exploring the protection item improvement process. Brazil's markets and regulatory framework do not cooperate with one another and do not encourage the use of financial engineering applications in the creation of novel life insurance products. In Italy, reinsurance companies are the only ones using FE applications and developing new products. The Big Five Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) that sped up the financial engineering processes in the insurance industry during the design, development, and claim settlement phases include:

**LARGE DATA** : The principal motivation behind the large information assortment is to survey the gamble evaluation of prospect clients during the endorsing system and to choose the gamble likewise to identify false or counterfeit data given by the candidate. to recommend a suitable product and policy plan based on the behavioral profile of the applicant.

**THE BLOCK CHAIN** The financial conduct authority developed it as a mutually distributed ledger system to offer service providers novel solutions. Helping Protection suppliers to smooth out their administrative work especially in the cases settlement process.

**INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT)**: Nowadays, the majority of electronic and automobile devices, including mobile phones, computers, laptops, and automobiles, are connected to the internet., By analyzing the information that is accessible on the internet on behalf of prospective applicants, one can easily assess the habits and lifestyle of customers when issuing insurance products, risk coverages, to keep rider coverage, and insurance coverage limitations.

**DRONES**: drones aids in the estimation of fire loss and property damage, repairs, and the settlement of insured property claims. Also aids in coverage selection, risk probability calculation, and proportional premium calculation of risky points, structures, and procedures associated with property security

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** is one of the rapidly developing and frequently utilized technologies in the financial engineering of insurance policies and services. Insurance agency are utilizing man-made intelligence innovation to evaluate the gamble factors, plausibility of the possibility candidate to give the strategy with in a quick time through a fast endorsing process. Additionally, AI assists businesses in formulating pricing structures for financially engineered life insurance policies. Mr. Daniel has detailed in detail, in an article published on January 1, 2017, about the Lemonade Insurance Company, how they use AI technologies and the assistance of their data scientists to conduct innovative insurance business and quickly settle claims. Lemonade Insurance Company breaks a world record by paying out a claim within three seconds of a customer using the Lemonade app on his iPhone7. For this extraordinary accomplishment, Lemonade group cross checked the strategy subtleties by running almost around 18 enemy of extortion calculations during this brief period and settled the case. The finest illustration of artificial intelligence can be found here.

**Financially Engineered Life Insurance products** are designed and developed through the following essential steps:

Make a list of the requirements that prospective customers have in terms of savings, investments, life insurance, and various protection riders.

- Establish the most effective strategy for managing the various anticipated risks, taking into account the financial, social, and health factors as well as the family profile of an average customer. Identify or forecast the market's challenges, anticipated threats from rivals, and existing and anticipated regulations from IRDAI, SEBI, and other government regulatory agencies.
- Financially engineered insurance products must be guaranteed to manage these risks in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible to maximize shareholder value and add value to all stakeholders
- Acknowledge and implement the appropriate recommendations and suggestions made by insurance industry professionals, marketing agencies, and actuaries. Keep a close eye on opportunities to cover new risks, design a new FE product, or update the FE life insurance products you already have. The insurance industry never misses out on an opportunity presented by risks. Cybercrime and cyberterrorism,

**THE ROLE ICTs** play a role in the marketing of financially engineered life insurance policies: Utilization of ICTs in the advertising of Monetarily Designed Disaster protection approaches in the accompanying structures.

- a) Tables and appealing illustrations in online advertising for various financially engineered life insurance policies
- b) Using emails to promote financially engineered life insurance policies.
- c) Using social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Whatsup, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Snapchat, Reddit, and others to promote financially engineered life insurance policies
- d) Blogging for the promotion of Financially Engineered life insurance policies through appealing case studies and articles.
- e) Using ICT applications, targeted emails and online advertisements can be sent to specific groups of people.

**Utilization of e-commerce and online FE sales policies:** Insurance companies gain the following advantages from using ICTs in marketing: Without intermediaries or agents, the insurer can easily and significantly reduce costs by identifying the number of potential new customers. due to the timely and efficient online services provided to customers, increases customer loyalty and the company's goodwill. When purchasing insurance policies and submitting claim forms online, we can simplify the application process. The role of ICTs in the improvement of financially engineered life insurance businesses: Companies can greatly assist customers in saving their valuable time. Financially engineered insurance policies are the subject of a feasibility test or study in the insurance industry. means, a methodical analysis that takes into account all of the relevant aspects of the financial engineering project. These elements incorporate, legitimate, monetary, efficient, specialized and so on., to discover the probability of finishing the FE project effectively. Business cases frequently include competitive analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and sales projections for multiple years. However, balance sheets and income statements are not, indicating that detailed actuarial and financial modeling are not required for business case approval.

**B2C:** Insurance company policyholders, insurance broker policyholders, and insurance industry technology group policyholders all fall into this category. ICTs effectively lessening the working expense of Monetarily Designed Insurance Contracts (See the model beneath). The Combined Ratio (CR) is one of insurance companies' most important Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):  $Combined\ Ratio = \frac{Premiums}{10 \times (Claims\ Costs + Operating\ Costs)}$

## V. CONCLUSION

The researcher came to the conclusion that ICTs play a significant role in the financially engineered life insurance products and business processes of life insurance. In the current technological era, it is impossible to maintain insurance business practices without ICTs. In the insurance industry, more than eighty percent of potential and current customers use mobile devices to evaluate products, provide feedback, and place orders as part of the final decision-making process. As a result, financial engineering applications in the insurance industry are increasingly relying on ICTs.

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# A Study on Influence of Digitalization in HRM Manufacturing Industry

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**Abstract:** *Each component of human existence has been affected by innovation. The effect of ICT has spread to each industry. It likewise altogether affects the business and confidential areas. It offers enormous opportunities to reduce expenses and accelerate the advancement of organizations. The substance of HR has totally modified these days from regular HR strategies to innovation based HRM methodology. All ventures are in rivalry with each other and are attempting to expand their administrations and diminishing their costs to acquire piece of the pie. This paper looks at what data and correspondence innovation has meant for HRM rehearses in a couple of Western Zone fabricating areas. The utilization of ICT has been found to goodly affect HRM methods by bringing down expenses and time, further developing straightforwardness, convenience, and wellbeing and security of all Western Zone enterprises.*

**Keywords:** Western Zone, cost and time, transparency, ease of operation, safety and security, and information and communication technology

## I. INTRODUCTION

ICT development has changed how we see the world today. Every corporate organisation is aware of how important ICT is to the success of their enterprise in the current economic climate. The majority of businesses use ICT to improve their HRM procedures so that they may work more quickly, easily, accurately, efficiently, save time, and make decisions that are transparent. ICT offers decision-makers with accurate and sufficient information that aids in getting the correct information at the right time for making any type of strategic decisions. Various HRM techniques Human resource planning, employee payroll and compensation, training and development, performance evaluation, and so forth. ICT helped the company reach a greater level of communication and productivity. IT decreased the cost and duration of operation while increasing the efficacy and efficiency of human resource practises (Mete and Una, Khadim et al. 2012). HRIS is particularly helpful for HRM practises that are both operational and functional (Saleem, 2012). Electronic technology improves HR practises' productivity and effectiveness (Geetha and Sheriff, 2011). According to Moomal and Masrom (2015), ICT improves HRM strategies and has a favourable effect on e-business. IT consistently satisfies the goals set by the firm, improves productivity, and raises the value of human capital (Mamoudou and Joshi, 2014).

According to Ali and Shanfari (2019), ICT improves HRM's competitiveness and develops all facets of the human resource department. The innovation process in every organisation depends on the creation of new technologies. ICT has a significant impact on company and increases productivity.

The industries of western Zone employ ICT for HRM practises in this context to improve their operations and effective management and to survive in this cutthroat economic environment. Western Zone is still in the development stage, however many manufacturing industries have just opened up shop.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

HRIS assist HRP, payroll, benefit management, decision-making, placement, and pension plans, according to Gerardine De Sanctis (1986). Bukley, et al. (2004) investigated the use of HRIS at US universities and discovered that its implementation can reduce personnel costs and employee turnover while also improving the effectiveness of the recruitment and selection process. In their 2012 study, Kundu and Kadian looked at how HRIS was used in Indian organisations. They discovered that HRIS was mostly used for technical, strategic, and performance-related HRM

operations, as well as reward management. They also demonstrated that in India, "employee record" and "payroll" are the two HRIS applications that are used the most frequently. HRIS is particularly beneficial in training and development, applicant monitoring in recruitment and selection, manpower planning, succession planning, and other useful intrastategic operations of HR people, according to Khera&Gulati's (2012) study of the subject. Vohra et al. (2015) researched the effect of ICT on HRM performance using experts from various private organisations in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, and discovered that ICT increases employee productivity, efficiency, and innovation while also shortening workdays. The use of ICT in selection and recruitment, training and development, human resource planning, evaluation, and compensation, as well as it enhances human resource management efficiency, according to a study by Piabuo et al. (2017) on the impact of ICT on the efficiency of human resource management in the Cameroon mobile telecommunication sector. Olajide (2015) investigated how ICT affected HRM in south-western Nigerian manufacturing firms. He discovered that ICT and HRM performance in manufacturing businesses have a good association. In order to improve their HRM performance and raise productivity and competitiveness, he advised managers to give ICT appropriate attention. Elhazzam, (2015). He examines the impact of ICT on HRM practises in his article, "The Effect of ICT on Human Resources Management Practises (Case of Several Organisations in Southwest Algeria: Bechar City)." Information and communication technology (ICT) increases productivity; innovation shortens processing times and facilitates easier organisational operation. The employee's performance is enhanced. It facilitates a reduction in work hours. Muriithi, et al. (2014) explore the factors influencing the success of HRIS adoption in the listed companies at the Nairobi Securities Exchange and how the use of HRIS strategically and favourably impacts on firm performance in their paper titled "Effects of Human Resource Management Practises and firm performance in listed commercial Banks at Nairobi Securities Exchange."

### III. CONCLUSION

The data analysis showed that there is a significant positive impact of ICT on the practises of human resource management in the industries of Western Zone because ICT can lower costs, use less time, increase transparency in the workplace, enhance safety and security, and simplify operations. The use of ICT has been found to have a good impact on HRM procedures by lowering costs and time, improving transparency, ease of use, and safety and security of all Western Zone industries. The face of human resources has completely altered nowadays from conventional HR procedures to technology-based HRM procedures.

ICT can always improve operations in an efficient and effective manner. To achieve this, every organisation must successfully implement ICT.

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# A Study on Information Technology with Reference Marketing Research

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**Abstract:** *The objective behind this study was to distinguish and examine the capability of data innovation in Nigerian promoting research as an establishment for savvy navigation. It was endeavored to feature a portion of the writing survey on data innovation and showcasing research. For this review, an enlightening examination technique was picked. The outcomes show that advertising scientists are significantly helped by data innovation devices like the web, web based promoting research, PC organizations, data innovation parks, and so forth. to direct examinations that give the board applicable, exact, substantial, and exceptional data for cool headed navigation. The administration, organizations, or patrons of any advertising research study ought to give sufficient financing to the specialists to guarantee substantial, significant, and precise outcomes for dependable direction, the respondents ought to be enough educated about the planned reason and utilization of the exploration concentrate on embraced by the promoting analysts, and the scientists ought to be given admittance to the most cutting-edge data innovation apparatuses.*

**Keywords:** Information technology, marketing research

## I. INTRODUCTION

Marketing research has benefited greatly from information technology. No sensible manager would want to make important decisions in the current business climate because it is so complicated (Anyanwu, 1993). It should be understood, though, that not all information is pertinent.

In order to give the researcher full and pertinent information, information gathering in marketing research must be methodical and impartial. Making decisions will be aided by this.

According to Adeleke (1985), information technology is the branch of technology that supports processes involving the production, storage, manipulation, and exchange of information as well as their associated management, application, and procedures.

The pace of information technology development will undoubtedly alter how marketing research is conducted in Nigeria. However, marketing research will alter and advance quickly as a result of the growth of information technology.

The lifeblood of both an individual and an organisation is information. It is crucial and necessary for every organization's development and existence. Information plays two roles in marketing: it acts as a catalyst and a conduit through which the organisations' goods, services, and concepts reach their intended audience (Onuoha, 1998).

A major benefit of marketing research has been the globalisation of information technology. Information technology will help marketers, academics, and decision-makers readily identify marketing opportunities and difficulties.

Researchers in marketing now have access to millions of pages of data online, including electronic books, journals, abstracts, etc. There are electronic library resources available, like the African Digital Library, the Nigerian Virtual University Library, online resources, etc. This paper aims to define and analyse the function of information technology in Nigerian marketing research.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The introduction of the internet as a source of information technology has greatly aided marketing research in Nigeria. With the development of information technology, computer and telecommunications technology would allow business

opportunities to serve their customers better in several ways, such as by allowing customers to shop for goods and services online from the comfort of their homes.

Use of marketing information technology to develop marketing research in order to keep up with changes in consumer marketing practises. Any marketing organisation that is unwilling to address these issues will not be able to sell since access to information via technology is a prerequisite for success in the marketplace. Marketers must adapt because, according to Adeleke (2000), the world is moving towards telecomputing. One of the biggest obstacles in marketing is possibly this. It's possible that the emergence of computers has spurred technological advancement. According to Shokan (1997), a computer is a device or group of mechanical and electronic components coupled into a system or unit that can process data. It is a quick and precise symbol manipulation system set up to take in, store, process, and output data while following pre-stored programme instructions.

The global practise of marketing research would undoubtedly evolve with the growth of information technology, including computers, the internet, and other devices. The technological aspect of an information system is referred to as information technology. Hardware, databases, software, networks, and other components are all part of it. Information technology can thus be seen as a subsystem of an information system, according to Turban (1996). Sometimes, the terms "information technology" and "information system" are used synonymously, or "information technology" may even be used to refer to a broader notion that encompasses the management, uses, and integration of a variety of information systems across a whole organisation.

Information technology is the most recent type of man-machine interface, according to Hartzell (2006), and it is the process of gathering, recording, storing, processing, and disseminating information. It mixes computer technology with communication technology.

Ukwuegbu (2004) defined information technology (IT) as the processing and communication of data and information via the use of information system apparatus and communication apparatus. The usage of computer systems and communication tools is part of information technology.

According to Busch and Houston (1985), marketing research is the methodical, unbiased search and analysis of data pertinent to the discovery and resolution of marketing problems. Marketing information systems (MIS) and marketing research are sources for marketing data.

Achumba (2003), on the other hand, defines marketing research as the methodical, objective collection, documentation, and analysis of all marketing data regarding issues relating to the transfer and sale of goods and services from the producer to the consumer, as well as the provision of information to marketing managers for decision-making. The American Marketing Association (AMA) defines marketing research as the methodical collection, documentation, and analysis of data regarding issues related to the marketing of goods and services.

According to Okpara (2002), marketing research is the deliberate gathering, examination, and reporting of facts for potential applicability to a given marketing circumstance.

Based on the foregoing, marketing research is heavily dependent on information technology, which greatly aids decision-makers in finding solutions to marketing-related challenges.

### **III. SCOPE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN MARKETING RESEARCH**

Global knowledge-driven wealth has been rightfully heralded as the hallmark of the twenty-first century. The development of the internet as a tool for education and study dates back to the 1960s, according to its history. Researchers at the European Particle Physics Research Laboratory (CERN) in Geneva also created the World Wide Web (WWW). The advancement of the internet and Information Technology (IT) in general continues to be largely influenced by marketing researchers. The internet and information technology in general have developed into effective instruments for marketing researchers to carry out their study tasks. Therefore, a scenario in which marketing researchers did not have access to the global information network has become inconceivable.

The globalisation of information has been extremely beneficial to marketing research initiatives. When relying solely on printed information (hard copy), which was roughly twenty years ago, the literature survey search was laborious. Internet users now have access to millions of pages of information, including electronic books, the world public library, journals, abstracts, and other resources for marketing researchers. There are electronic library resources available. A

worldwide trend is emerging in information technology. Without making personal contact, marketing researchers from all around the world might take part in a research project.

#### IV. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH TOOLS -

There are several instruments available in information technology that can help with marketing research. These are a few of them:

- i. The internet: The emergence of the "Information super highway" and the internet as its foundational technology may be the most dramatic recent technological advancement. The internet is a sizable and expanding worldwide mesh of computer networks that lacks any central ownership or management. It was initially developed by the American Department of Defence in the late 1960s to connect government laboratories, contractors, and military facilities. The internet today connects all types of computer users globally. Anyone can use the internet to research practically any topic, exchange information with others, and communicate with other users if they have a computer, a modem, or a television with a set-top "web box" and the appropriate software.
- ii. Online marketing research is carried out using interactive online computer platforms that electronically connect researchers with consumers. The "web machine" (consumer's computer or television set-top) uses a modem to connect to numerous services over phone lines. The internet and commercial online services are the two different kinds of online marketing research outlets.
- iii. Computer Networks: The transition away from mainframe computers, which act as the hub of information processing, and towards network systems, which enable several users to access information concurrently, may be the most dynamic change in marketing research technology in recent years. The information required to execute the activities is kept in sizable databases that are under the jurisdiction of the server, which is the central computer. Networks link individuals with one another and with data.
- iv. Virtual Private Network (VPN): A VPN is a private data network that establishes secure "tunnels" or connections across public internet lines. By utilising shared public resources rather than exclusive private ones, the VPN aims to provide the organisation with the same capabilities at a significantly reduced cost (Nickels, Mchugh, and Mchugh 2002).
- v. Information Technology (IT) Parks: The concept of "Localised knowledge spillovers" enables IT parks. The main thesis in this literature is that companies who are close to information sources, like marketing research companies, can introduce innovations more quickly than competitors who are located elsewhere. Information technology (IT) parks can also offer the marketing research organisation the precise information and data services they require.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In the study, the researcher found that information technology was crucial to doing effective marketing research. Marketing researchers are greatly helped by the development of information technology tools, such as the internet, online marketing research, computer networks, information technology parks, virtual private networks, etc., to conduct studies that give management information that is pertinent, accurate, valid, and up-to-date.

The reliability of primary data, the unwillingness of some interviewees to respond and accept fruitful discussions and meetings, especially as this involves people being unpredictable, and the insufficient funding to carry out effective research study are just a few of the issues that marketing researchers face.

According to the study, information technology (IT) has been essential in marketing research. Information technology is needed to help marketing researchers create policies that will address their needs.

By enabling the employment of cutting-edge techniques and instruments, such as the internet, online marketing research, computer networks, Virtual Private Network (VPN), information technology parks, etc., information technology benefits marketing researchers.

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# A Study on Opportunities Created by ICT in Online Banking Services

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**Abstract:** *In India's financial industry, Web banking administrations are extending everyday. This exposition means to explore India's financial areas' Web banking contributions. Information from essential and auxiliary sources, including bank chiefs, sites, and different sources, were accumulated for this review. Web banking administrations such email banking, telephone banking, and versatile banking, as well as ATMs (Robotized Teller Machines). The analyst reaches the resolution that compelling guideline and bringing purchaser mindfulness up in banking are key variables.*

**Keywords:** Customer satisfaction in the banking industry, Internet banking services, and advantages and disadvantages of Internet banking

## I. INTRODUCTION

An electronic payment system called Internet banking, commonly referred to as internet banking, e-banking, or virtual banking, allows customers of banks or other financial institutions to carry out a variety of financial transactions via the financial institution's website. In contrast to branch banking, which was the conventional method through which customers received banking services, the Internet banking system will typically connect to or be a component of the main banking system run by a bank. A consumer with internet connection must register with the financial institution for the service, create a password, and provide additional information for customer verification in order to utilise the Internet banking facility. Typically, the login information for Internet banking differs from that for phone or mobile banking. Financial institutions now assign client numbers on a regular basis, regardless of whether a customer has shown a desire to use their Internet banking service. Due to the possibility of connecting many customer accounts to a single customer number, customer numbers and account numbers are typically different. Technically, the customer number can be connected to any account that the customer has with the financial institution, but the financial institution may only allow access to certain types of accounts, such as checking, savings, loan, credit card, and similar accounts.

### 1. THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN BANKING SERVICES

Numerous private sector banks have been established as a result of the liberalisation of the Indian economy in the early 1990s. In the last two decades, this has fostered a boom in the nation's banking industry. Over the period 2001–105, the income of Indian banks increased by four times, from US\$ 11.8 billion to US\$ 46.9 billion, while their profit after tax increased by almost nine times, from US\$ 1.4 billion to US\$ 12 billion. These two variables were the main drivers of this increase. First, a surge in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) with limits of up to 74%. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) conservative policies, which have protected Indian banks from the global economic crisis and the recession. The country's Banking Index (Bankex) is compared to the Sensex in Figures 1.1 and 1.2. The Bankex is an index that measures the performance of significant stocks in the banking sector. It increased at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 20% between 2003 and 2016. The graph below demonstrates how the Sensex and Bankex have experienced comparable growth patterns over the past ten years.

### 2. EXTERNAL DETERMINANTS OF INTERNET BANKING SERVICES.

Security and safety safeguards are Ghanaian bank clients' top worry while using internet banking. Concerns about PIN security, personal data protection, confidentiality, and hacking are all major barriers to clients using internet banking. Many and more customers are apprehensive to place their trust in the non-person services highlighted by

Benamati&Serva since there are no human contacts to guarantee the client of the success and safety of transactions (2007). However, a study by Mukherjee and Nath from 2003 is important to note because it argues that faithful connections and creative behaviour are what build trust in Internet banking between a bank and its customers. However, Ling et al. (2011) claimed that there is no such positive relationship between technology and perceived Internet trust in their study. They continued to note that websites that are viewed as helpful and user-friendly are more likely to increase users' trust in Internet banking.

#### 1. The value ascribed to internet banking

Intentional and unintentional rewards are the two basic categories of perceived usefulness (Lee, 2008). According to Lee, the targeted benefits are the quick and noticeable benefits that customers experience while using Internet banking services, such as reduced transaction costs, high deposit rates, and chances to win prizes, among other things. The unintended advantages, on the other hand, are those that are tangible and difficult to quantify, such as services that enable users to conduct banking transactions anywhere in the world.

#### 2. The TAM (Technology Acceptance Model)

According to the literature, TAM has been widely employed by several studies in this field of research worldwide to gauge how customers have reacted to technology throughout time. The TAM, first created by Davis in 1989, describes how a consumer decides whether to utilise a technology based on its "perceived usefulness" and "perceived ease of use" (Aldas-Manzano, et al 2009).

### 3. Steps taken by the government to boost internet banking

According to a study by Chong et al. (2010) in Vietnam, a government's backing is crucial when it comes to a consumer's intention to utilise Internet banking. Additionally, it has been noted that governments should provide free basic ICT programmes in elementary schools that will focus on the teaching of fundamental computer knowledge and Internet awareness in order to support the promotion of Internet services such as Internet banking adoption, Internet shopping, and Internet bill payment, among others (Nasri, 2011). The rationale behind this is that as more individuals gain IT literacy, they will be more willing to utilise Internet services, including Internet banking. The government of has established supportive legislative and regulatory frameworks to promote growth and investment in Internet and mobile banking in the banking industry. The goal of the strategy is to make it possible for the development of reliable and affordable world-class communications setup and facilities, supported by appropriate high-tech innovations and achievable by advancing financial competitiveness in a knowledge-driven economy. The following laws have also been created to support the policy:

- National Digital Content Management Bill;
- Cyber Security Bill;
- Data Protection Bill;
- Electronic Communications Regulation;
- Electronic Regulation on Dumping of Electronic Waste.

## ISSUE RELATED TO INTERNET BANKING SERVICES

### 1. Standards for Technology and Security

As recommended in the Group's study, banks should appoint a network and database administrator with clearly defined tasks. The Board of Directors should have properly authorised a security policy for banks. The responsibility for information systems security should be divided between the Information Technology Division, which actually implements the computer systems, and the Security Officer / Group. The information systems will also be audited by an information systems auditor.

### 2. Legal Concerns

In light of the current regulatory framework, banks have a duty to not only verify a customer's identity but also to inquire about their integrity and reputation. Therefore, even while requests for opening accounts via the Internet may be allowed, accounts should only be opened following a formal introduction and a physical check of the customer's identity.

### 3. Supervisory and Regulatory Issues

The Group proposed that the current regulatory framework governing banks be expanded to include Internet banking. Only banks with a physical presence in India, an Indian licence, and an Indian supervision body would be allowed to provide Internet banking services to Indian citizens. As a result, for the time being, neither banks nor virtual banks with corporate headquarters outside of India and no physical presence there are allowed to provide Internet banking services to Indian citizens.

### 4. Risk in Internet banking

E-banking is more risky than traditional banking in various ways. These dangers are especially obvious when it comes to Internet banking. First, it's important to closely monitor the risk posed by technology advancements. This is necessary to stay current with technology while maintaining affordability and customer-friendliness.

### 5. Security Concerns

Internet bankers are constantly worried about hackers and other undesirable aspects while making payments Internet or transferring money between accounts. Hacking allows dishonest hackers to access Internet bankers' accounts and withdraw money.

### 6. Lack of understanding importance of the Internet

One needs internet access to take use of Internet banking's advantages. He should have a desktop, laptop, or PDA device, as well as an Internet connection, for this reason. You may open an account with several banks Internet without having to print or sign anything. In the past, you had to spend business hours talking to a personal banker. Internet information on account opening is available. Pay your bills: You can have your bank mail a check instead of writing cheque to pay your bills (or simply transfer the money to your payee electronically). Need to transfer money via ACH from one bank to another, or from your checking account to your savings account? Consider investing any surplus funds in a certificate of deposit (CD). In the past, getting this done required going to the branch or waiting on hold. It's simpler thanks to Internet banking. Learn how to transfer money.

### 7. Loan applications:

Loan applications require a lot of "paperwork." But they are not required to be. Enter your details, and your bank will respond with an answer.

Internet banks are renowned for offering greater rates. Theoretically, you should be able to earn more interest on your savings and pay less for loans. Shopping around and comparing Internet banking rates to traditional rates is always a smart idea, but you'll almost always find better deals Internet. You will have to do without paper statements and the chance to bank with a teller, for example, if you use the Internet choices offered by certain physical banks.

There are various ways to deposit a check that you have received. Remote check deposit is the quickest and simplest solution; simply take a snapshot of the check and send it to your bank for processing. There is no need to mail the cheque in or go to a branch. Text message: In addition to glitzy programmes and Internet sites, you may use "old-fashioned" text messages to manage your account, check balances, and more. Learn how to deposit a check using your mobile device. For straightforward and repetitive jobs, this approach is a little quicker. Learn how to send texts to your bank.

### BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS INTERNET BANKING

Internet banking has many advantages, making it worthwhile to at least offer the alternative. You might, however, also favour a few aspects of conventional banks and credit unions.

Internet banking could be more bother than it's worth if you're not tech-savvy. Additionally, errors do occur, and if your computer (or the bank's computer) is down, there isn't much you can do. It could be preferable to speak face-to-face for complex situations (such as annoying customer service issues or discussions about various loan types).

The difficulty of collecting money is another one. A debit card that you may use to withdraw money is often provided by Internet-only banks, but you must locate free ATMs (or pay hefty fees).

## **II. CONCLUSION**

Primary data are the foundation of the study report. The study's findings support the researcher's assertion that the majority of bank clients are aware of all Internet banking services. The banks must also take the appropriate steps to inform their clients about new technology and other services they provide. Banks may lengthen the time that customers spend interacting with bank staff, and a cordial demeanour is also required. It will undoubtedly aid in both retaining current clients and luring in new ones. It will instantly enhance financial services and bank growth both domestically and internationally. The research report is helpful in determining consumer understanding of the Internet banking system and the types of risks it entails.

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# A Study on Sustainable Retail Industry of India and Correlation with ICT

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**Abstract:** *It is suggested that advancement and maintainability will be urgent elements for enormous business dispersion later on. Likewise, the improvement of Information and Correspondence Advances (ICT) plans, and especially those associated with Man-made thinking (i.e., Essentially Leave, Shrewd Retail Lab) and digitization, are particularly relevant components in the continuous pandemic circumstance in which retail associations work. To manage the subsequent changes in business connections, especially among organizations and buyers, these devices are totally important. Because of these elements, the reason for this work is to research the effect of ICT as a driver of development as well as its immediate and circuitous effect on retail supportability. Furthermore, this exploration considers the possible varieties in these connections between store designs. A hypothetical model is proposed and observationally tried utilizing an example of 510 customers from three staple retail designs (hypermarkets, stores, and bargain shops) in Spain to achieve the previously mentioned objective. The Multigroup Examination and the incomplete least squares (PLS) relapse technique were used for the information investigation. The got results affirm that ICT in a roundabout way affects staple retailing development and maintainability. In addition, the results show that buyers conflicting see the creative headway of associations. Bargain retailers have a greater amount of these distinctions than hypermarkets and grocery stores do. As far as advancement, the pervasiveness of ICT is higher the bigger the store design. Thus, it is fundamental for consider ICT, where Man-made reasoning is fundamental for the improvement of long haul upper hands in retail organizations.*

**Keywords:** Artificial intelligence, innovation, sustainability, retailing, and ICT

## I. INTRODUCTION

Progresses in the market digitization process because of natural changes have been recognizable as of late. One of the main factors that has altered the way businesses interact with customers is the development of information and communication technologies (ICT), particularly AI (Rodgers et al., 2021). Additionally, the global crisis brought on by COVID-19 has accelerated the digitization of businesses and is currently one of the top priorities for the majority of managers. The pandemic has undoubtedly tested thousands of conventional businesses; With the intention of remaining operational and simply surviving, they were forced to resort to new strategies for attracting customers and marketing their products after closing their doors to the public. Yet, digitalization is a cycle where various retailers might be at an alternate degree of development, and where the consolidation of Man-made consciousness is an extra step that can get new open doors the relationship with clients. As a result of the foregoing, numerous businesses find themselves in a position to incorporate new, more advanced, and creative tools into their day-to-day operations, many of which are directly connected to ICT and include Artificial Intelligence (Dubey et al., 2019; Mahmoud and other, 2020; Rogers and co., 2021). According to the Instituto Nacional de Estadística [INE], 2021, the retail industry in Spain, one of the most affected by the COVID-19 economic crisis, sees the incorporation of ICT into its operations as an environmental opportunity. In this sense, these tools are set up as a strategic axis to lean on if you want to stay in business and win more battles. Some studies suggest that the future of retail must be approached from a dual perspective that is innovative and sustainable, using this new approach as a reference (Marcon et al., 2017; Mar-Garca and coworkers, 2020, 2021). Restructuring retailing must be based on innovation and sustainability, according to experts. Furthermore, these variables are recognized as key components for the improvement of upper hands and for the endurance of

organizations (Gonzalez-Lafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; Morioka and other, 2016; LüdekeFreund et al., 2017). According to some studies (GonzalezLafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; GonzalezLafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; GonzalezLafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; GonzalezLafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; GonzMarcon and other, 2017; Mar-Garca and coworkers, 2020, 2021). However, based on previous research, the nature of the store format may have an impact on the benefits retail businesses receive from sustainable and innovative practices (Catuogno and Gutierrez, 2015; Filipe and other, 2017). As a result, ICT-driven research into retail innovation and sustainability emerges as an area of particular interest.

## II. ICT IN RETAIL

The audit of the writing has permitted us to see that the investigation of ICT has been one of the subjects to which the most consideration has been paid among specialists from various review regions (Gil-Saura et al., 2014; Ruiz-Molina et al., 2017). According to Ryssel et al., "applications that are basically used inside the organization are office automation, transaction processing system, enterprise resource planning systems, data warehousing systems, groupware applications, intranets, and executive information systems." ICT has traditionally been associated with this group of applications. 2004: 198). In addition to being regarded as one of the primary contributors to business success, ICT are currently recognized as an important component in the innovation process of businesses, including retailers (Ham et al., 2005). These sorts of apparatuses are fundamental for the advancement of upper hands as they offer arrangements in administration and in the improvement of items and administrations, producing added incentive for clients (Ruiz-Molina et al., 2020). Numerous studies have examined the benefits of information and communications technology (ICT) to business management and its role in the creation of novel organizational processes (MahbulHye et al., 2020). In this sense, numerous conceptual and empirical studies attempt to explain the connections between innovation and ICT (Wu et al., 2006; Musso, 2010; Reinartz and others, 2011; 2011 by Lin and Wu). In light of the obvious need to pay greater attention to relationships with the various members of the distribution channels, particularly customers, ICT are presented as a key component in the innovative actions developed by retailers. Then again, ICT are proposed as a working with component for the viable improvement of information and development, which are definitive elements in the financial development of retail organizations. The improvement of a considerable lot of these mechanical advancements incorporates electronic business, retail location (POS) terminal, standardized identification frameworks, optical perusers, and electronic information trade (EDI) frameworks, or at least, ICT straightforwardly connected to the end purchaser, which include the execution of data innovation all through the item improvement process, up until its deal to the end customer (MahbulHye et al., 2020; Mahmoud and other, 2020). The development of virtual assistants, intelligent robotics, and the disappearance of tills are among the technologies that are currently grouped together under what is known as Artificial Intelligence (Mahmoud et al., 2020; Rogers and co., 2021). Along these lines, the utilization of ICT permits organizations to get significant data about buyers, for example, their necessities, assumptions and buying ways of behaving, which add to the making of development in retailing, and which considers a more fitted support of clients (RuizMolinaet al., 2020). Similarly, it seems abundantly clear that businesses with a strong innovative spirit are more likely to implement and utilize ICT in their operations. In addition, the company's perspective and the actions of customers are directly impacted by the implementation of ICT in retail formats. For this large number of reasons, ICT are viewed as a foundation in the improvement of upper hands for retail organizations because of their capacity to diminish costs, increment piece of the pie and increase consumer loyalty (Gil-Saura et al., 2010) or improve customers' perceptions of the store's image, which in turn increases their likelihood of making a purchase (Cervantes and Franco, 2020). The utilization of Man-made consciousness in retail is dynamically turning into an essential issue, upheld by the remove from web based shopping, the improvement of new buyer propensities and the quest for a plan of action with qualities like that of bargain retailers (Liu et al., 2018; Mahmoud and other, 2020). Along these lines, the retail area is quickly going to the utilization of machine knowledge to effectively reproduce human insight and increment seriousness by lessening cost and further developing the client experience (Dubey et al., 2019; Mahmoud and other, 2020). In this way, some authors try to explain how customers shop in businesses that use ICT directly linked to AI (Liu et al., 2018). However, there are still few contributions to this field, and studies that attempt to explain the main benefits and drawbacks of this kind of tool from the perspectives of businesses and consumers are still in their exploratory stages (Semenov et al., 2017; Liu and co., 2018; Mahmoud and other, 2020; Rogers and co., 2021).

### III. INNOVATION

Companies' economic and competitive development have been linked to innovation (Aramburu et al., 2015; Gil-Saura and Marin-Garcia, 2017; Olsson et al., 2019; Mar-Garca and coworkers, 2020). According to Dawson and Frassetto (2006), innovation is viewed in this manner as a capital component for the development of economies and the creation of wealth. It enables businesses to gain access to new market segments, increase their level of competitiveness, and guarantee their expansion. Additionally, even in a market environment characterized by high complexity and turbulence, innovation is essential to a company's long-term survival (Hernández-Espallardo et al., 2011). Lin and Wu (2011) use a strategic approach to innovation in the business world to emphasize the centrality of innovation to business strategy. This vision is shared by Musso (2010), who, according to the viewpoint of retailers, adds that development in dispersion channels has a double reason. On the one hand, it should be viewed as a strategic activity for industrial organizations as well as distribution companies, with the acquisition of competitive advantages as one of its primary goals. Innovation in distribution channels, on the other hand, must be the primary driver of shifts in the economic function of distribution systems. Advancement with regards to retail is a build that started to get capital interest during the 1990s, much obliged, to some degree, to the development and improvement of new innovations. Up until that point, the changes brought about by the evolution of store formats had been primarily associated with innovation in commercial distribution (Dawson and Frassetto, 2006; Moliner-Velázquez and colleagues, 2019). However, the study of innovation is beginning to be approached from other angles at the moment, placing a greater emphasis on the product's and brand's evolution, pricing models, and channel relationships. All of this while keeping in mind that the customer is the foundation of this evolution. In addition, retail businesses' conceptual innovation in response to the globalized market environment has been observed. As a result, Reinartz et al. (2011) to explain the changes in the supply chain, product assortment, store layout, and brand itself—both in product and retail formats—consider the impact of globalization. In the field of marketing, it has not been easy to identify and define the various types of innovation. Perhaps of the most referred to gathering in the writing is the one that recognizes mechanical advancements and non-innovative developments (Lin, 2015; 2017 Stagnaro; De Oliveira and others, 2020; Kim and co., 2020). Innovations in technology include: a) brand-new products; and, b) improvements to processes; while non-mechanical advancements assemble together: ( a) New approaches to organizations; b) new marketing strategies; and (c) developments in relationships. According to Blanco-Callejo and de Pablos-Heredero (2019), product innovations can be defined as the introduction of new products that have not yet been marketed or as enhancements or modifications to already existing products. According to Liu and De Giovanni (2019), process innovations are the implementation or adoption of a production method that may involve modifications to equipment, human resources, or working practices. Taking into account the non-mechanical developments, the hierarchical ones infer the detailing of new methodologies and authoritative structures that straightforwardly or in a roundabout way influence the fundamental exercises inborn to an organization's business (Olsson et al., 2019). Then again, showcasing developments are characterized as changes that happen in the plan or bundling, situating, advancement or valuing models, in the promoting of an item or administration (Quaye and Mensah, 2019). In conclusion, social development is connected to further developing trust, steadfastness and the nature of connections between the gatherings in question (Marín-García et al., 2020). The methodology we embrace in this work considers development according to the viewpoint introduced by Lin (2015), who proposes a triple-pronged way to deal with the idea of development in promoting: relational innovation, product innovation, and marketing innovation. In addition, the idea of innovation will be approached from the perspective of the customer in accordance with this author's suggestion.

### IV. SUSTAINABILITY

Interest in concentrating on the idea of manageability arose in the last part of the 1980s with the introduction of the Brundtland Report (Chow and Chen, 2012; Lavorata, 2014; Ruiz-Real and others, 2019). This report showed the need to consider the effect that monetary advancement was having on the climate, with an adjustment of the plans of action of huge organizations considered indispensable (Quaye and Mensah, 2019). From that point on, there was a movement that was led by studies that challenged conventional business models and was supported by a large portion of society that was gradually becoming more aware of the need to take care of the environment. As a result, businesses and public institutions realize that they need to make strategic decisions about how their business models will change (Morioka et

al., 2016; Kumar et al., 2017; De Vass et al., 2020), and that a key component is sustainable development (Elkington, 2004; Kamara and other, 2006; Ruiz-Real and others, 2019; Mar-Garca and coworkers, 2021). (2010, Lüdeke-Freund): 1) states, "business model eco-innovation should create competitive advantage through superior customer value (strategic requirement) and contribute to a sustainable development of the company and society." This is a description of the sustainable business model. The idea of sustainability, on the other hand, has recently taken on a special place in the retail context due to its close connection to innovation. According to some studies (Morioka et al., ), innovation is crucial to the transition from conventional business models, which have dominated in recent decades, to sustainable business models. 2016; LüdekeFreund et al., 2017; Marcon and other, 2017). The primary characteristic of these new business models is a reduction in the impact that economic activity has on society and the environment (Morioka et al., 2016; Lüdeke-Freund and others, 2017). Elkington (2004) coined the term "triple bottom line" to describe this new understanding of business models. According to the author, a company's success will be determined by its capacity to incorporate social, environmental, and economic considerations into their day-to-day operations. These considerations include the following three fundamental ideas: people, the planet, and money. Therefore, in light of these three pillars of sustainability, environmental value has been defined as the measures taken by businesses to produce goods and services in a way that does not harm the environment (Bakos et al., 2020). The ability of businesses to manage their businesses, improve quality of life, and strengthen relationships with the various stakeholders that make up their environment are all related to the social dimension (MalakRawlikowska et al., 2019). Last but not least, the economic aspect is crucial because it is regarded as a crucial requirement for the continued existence of businesses (De Vass et al., 2020). This study examines the three dimensions of sustainability identified byElkington (2004), taking into account the consumer's perspective, the development perspective of this work, and studies that have focused on the concept of sustainable development in retail businesses. economic, social, and environmental factors.

## V. ANALYSIS

On the other hand, the PLS-MGA method was used to conduct a multigroup analysis in order to test the group of hypotheses that make up the fourth hypothesis of this study. Table 6 shows that store format moderates the relationship between ICT and innovation for supermarkets and discount stores, as well as for hypermarkets and discount stores. In contrast, there are no significant differences in the proposed relationships between shoppers at supermarkets and hypermarkets. However, due to the differences between discount stores and the other establishments under study, it is possible to affirm that the relationship between ICT and innovation is moderated by store format. These findings are consistent with those of other studies, which suggest that choosing which store format to compete in when making retailing decisions is very important.

Finally, the bootstrapping method used by Preacher and Hayes0 (2008) was used to examine the role of innovation as a mediator between ICT and sustainability in retailing. ICT and sustainability have significant direct and indirect effects, as shown in Table 7. As a result, hypothesis H5, which proposes that retailing's ICT-Sustainability relationship is mediated by innovation, receives support. In addition, the Variance Accounted For (VAF) result, which measures the size of the indirect effect in relation to the total effect (Hair et al., 2014; Nitzl and co., 2016; Cepeda and group, 2017), that development has a halfway intervening impact in this relationship (0.310). In addition, the direct and indirect effects of innovation mediation are depicted in Table 7. In this sense, it is observed that organizations with low innovative practice implementation will not have a favorable relationship between ICT and sustainability, whereas commercial formats that employ innovative actions in their operations will have a favorable relationship.

## VI. DISCUSSION

This work has attempted to proceed with the line of investigation of those examinations that show the significance of advancing in retailing through the advancement of imaginative and reasonable activities (Gonzalez-Lafaysse and Lapassouse-Madrid, 2016; Morioka et al., 2016; Marcon and other, 2017; Mar-Garca and coworkers, 2020, 2021). By incorporating ICT into the same causal model and examining the differences in consumer perceptions of these practices based on the retail format of the customers, this study contributes to an advancement in our understanding of these constructs. Subsequently, this work has decided to analyze the effect of ICT on maintainability, pondering both immediate and intervened impacts through development, and to show whether these impacts in the chain of outcomes

are changed by store design. In this study, consumer perceptions have been examined in relation to the degree to which businesses have advanced technologically and implemented innovative and sustainable retail strategies. Retail business managers will have an easier time making decisions if they have a better understanding of how consumers make purchases. The main theoretical findings, as well as their implications for management and limitations, will be discussed in the sections that come after this one.

## VII. CONCLUSION

Relevant findings from the obtained results make it possible to advance our understanding of the proposed chain of consequences. Every one of them are introduced beneath. First, based on the evidence we have, we can say that ICT can be seen as a force for innovation and sustainability in retail. In this way, customers' perceptions of innovative practices and environmentally friendly actions implemented by retail formats are directly influenced by the degree to which they perceive retail companies' technological advancement. These outcomes mirror the significance of ICT in retailing, as they have the ability to set off beneficial outcomes both in advancement (Pantano and Gandini, 2017) and in supportability (De Vass et al., 2020). Second, this study provides evidence to back up the multidimensional nature of innovation and sustainability as perceived by consumers, both of which are constructed from three dimensions. According to Lin's argument, retail innovation under a market approach can therefore be conceived of as a second-order construct composed of product innovation, marketing innovation, and relational innovation. In addition, the TBL model's three factors can be thought of as the foundation of sustainability (Elkington, 2004). sustainability in terms of the economy, society, and the environment. Thirdly, that's what our outcomes show, given the personality of fractional go between of development (Pantano and Gandini, 2017), this build is a deciding variable in business technique, since it gives considerable data on how ICT follow up on purchaser impression of supportability activities carried out in the retail designs. Through in-store innovation, perceptions of the retailer's level of technological advancement have direct and mediated effects on retail sustainability. As a result, this study adds to the existing body of knowledge by explaining how and why sustainable practices are influenced by ICT perceptions, which is made even more powerful when innovation is factored into the equation. Also, in contrast to what authors like Gonzalez-Lafaysse and LapassouseMadrid (2016) say, this study shows that consumers have positive perceptions of innovative and sustainable actions. *Frontiers in Psychology* | www.frontiersin.org 10 May 2021 | Volume 12 | Article 678991 Marn-Garca et al. Regardless of the retail format in which they are customers, ICT, innovation, and sustainability toward retail formats. Last but not least, this study's finding that store format plays a moderating role highlights the need to take into account retail format characteristics in terms of commercial concept when analyzing consumer behavior in the retail sector, as Filipe et al. had hypothesized (2017). As a result, the findings demonstrate that the retail format influences the intensity of the observed relationships. These findings also highlight the significant distinctions that exist between discount stores and the other store formats that were the subject of this study—supermarkets and hypermarkets—especially in light of the fact that the effects of ICT on innovation are significantly greater in supermarkets and hypermarkets. As a result, we can draw the conclusion that store format strongly influences how customers perceive the use of ICT and innovative practices in retail settings.

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# A Study on the Advantages and Disadvantages of Online Marketing in 21st Century

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**Abstract:** *This paper generally examines the elements of email showcasing and internet shopping. Quite possibly of the most state of the art strategy and advertising methodologies utilized these days is email showcasing. Current data and correspondence advancements additionally make it more straightforward to send and flow electronic interchanges with the best degree of exactness and quality. Email promoting endeavors additionally help in supporting deals in electronic stores and successfully and legitimately focusing on clients. Indeed, even yet, there are various downsides to email advertising that make it hard to sell and advance utilizing this interchanges stage. To break down the achievement parts of this showcasing by staying away from these disadvantages and acquiring from every one of them, this study centers around inspecting the main advantages and detriments of email advertising.*

**Keywords:** online shopping, communication, targeting efforts

## I. INTRODUCTION

Email is regarded as the most modern and reliable marketing and e-commerce channel. On the internet, this method for exchanging digital communications is the fastest. Additionally, users may choose to save the messages they have received in their message boxes for later viewing. Given that the use of networks on the internet has increased, including the use of email sites—the most significant of which are Yahoo and Google Gmail—here, one of the best, oldest, and most effective techniques of marketing through email has just come to light. Email marketing is becoming more widely acknowledged as a powerful internet marketing tactic. Among proponents and the worldwide electronic corporations, product promotion via electronic mail is a superior commercial marketing strategy. The international reports in this subject confirm that the new wealthy in the globe may use social media or email to advertise to and draw in clients. Each advocate or organisation that used legal and professional electronic communications to promote their goods and services online made thousands of dollars every month on average. Email marketing is often seen as fantastic marketing strategy to draw clients and the demographics that their e-mails are aimed to, as well as to persuade people to purchase a certain product in accordance with their requirements and preferences. decision about the. The most crucial considerations when selecting a company are their client database and email addresses. interested category to the website or the advertised goods. Moreover, it might be responsible for running the commercial advertising of a certain product to specific data groups, by the system of affiliation or partnership or to the middleman of a commission granted offer a product personally to a suggested buyer who is looking for it. If utilised appropriately, in the right context, and at the right time, email campaigns may be a powerful marketing tool. Because so many customers keep in constant touch via email apps on portable devices like mobile phones or workplace computer automation to stay updated on the electronic communications they receive, email marketing is regarded as one of the most crucial instruments of communication on the internet. Targeting clients and encouraging the greatest number of them to engage in a purchase of a product involves skills and organisation in the selection of the database that enable successful outcomes. Every person in the world has unique problems and goals in certain areas. As a result, each person's product is well-defined and has a clear aim. It is well known that email is quite popular among the various internet user demographics; thus, it must function properly in order to protect the recipient from irritation from receiving promotional emails and messages. It must thus make a distinction between random and bothersome e-mail marketing. Kaur R. and Singh G.'s (2017) innovative method to internet marketing in electronic commerce demonstrates the necessity of this innovation for advertisers. E-marketing aids in marketing via e-mail and wireless

media in addition to being used to promote marketing via the internet. The most current and most successful type of commercial marketing nowadays that strives to boost sales and legally and efficiently target clients is termed email marketing. Since they can effectively target the targeted demographics and advertise their goods to millions of people every day, the wealthy of the world are those in this field. This article might be regarded as a study of the benefits and drawbacks as well as the key elements of email marketing success. As a result, it is essential to use trustworthy techniques to provide the key success aspects for this email marketing campaign.

## **II. THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES OF EMAIL MARKETING**

The majority of email marketing's benefits serve as the cornerstones for starting online marketing and advertising initiatives for businesses. We list the following as the most significant of these benefits:

### **2.1 The User-Friendliness of Email Marketing**

Direct electronic mail communication with customers is possible through email marketing. A common strategy used by companies to contact clients is email marketing. Email marketing is the practise of promoting goods and services through email. It facilitates the growth of relationships with prospective clients and consumers. One area of internet marketing is email marketing. A business can send a promotional message to a group of individuals through email marketing. Messages may be sent and received using standard means, but professional technological marketing involves the use of current software to carry out email marketing campaigns. According to Payne A. and Holt S.'s study from 2001, which was supported by a survey of the literature, the idea of value has origins in a variety of academic fields, including psychology, social psychology, economics, management, and marketing. This review also verifies how many of the notions have similarities and differences among various sources of value. According to statistics and worldwide research, if professional marketing techniques have been utilised to promote electronic mail, proponents of the electronic society may be able to make large profits by increasing the sale of their products on a global scale. Additionally, we may send commercial messages to several recipients for promotion or advertising.

### **2.2 The Affordable Price in Comparison to Other Means:**

Customers who have the choice of paying an intermediate fee will get fewer calls, but those calls will be more relevant to their interests, and they will be paid for them. When utilised with email, permission marketing hints at a development of direct marketing. Combining databases of clients who have consented to receive marketing emails with low-cost, personalised emails designed to cut through the noise of other advertisements, boost client loyalty, and alter behaviour. In general, sending electronic communications to the target client at no cost or at a cheap cost with excellent quality in accordance with their wants and worries. subscriptions on the paid servers and websites, which often come at a relatively modest cost compared to the use of the means of social communication.

### **2.3 The Correct Customer Targeting Method:**

Phelps J. E. Lewis, R. Mobilio, L. Perry, N. Roman, and others (2004) compile the findings of three research that look at customer responses and reasons for email sharing. For advertising professionals interested in putting viral campaigns into action, implications for target selection and message development are examined, and recommendations for further study on computer-mediated consumer-to-consumer interactions are made for academic researchers. Given that so many people use email, electronic marketing has a big chance to achieve promotion at a reduced cost. We may also send a message that includes images, graphics, music, or video in addition to text. In order to offer them things or give them electronic communications, one may carefully choose the category and the targeted clients via email. To guarantee that you supply the information and the arrival of your commercial announcement messages for the intended clients, one may then separate their shipping list (by age, specialty, state definition, geographic region, and behaviours). In general, you must specify the content of the electronic communications as well as how to send them to clients who want to purchase this product if you want to target a certain instalment. According to the qualitative research, email marketing is expanding quickly and ought to be included in the total communication mix (Rettie, 2002). Due to its interaction and two-way contact, interviewees also thought that email marketing would be more successful as a tool for retention than for acquisition. The experts who were questioned emphasised the value of targeting and the application of permission lists. It is anticipated that the specificity and intensity of permission will also have an impact on response rate given that the latter ranges from double opt-in company-specific lists to pooled opt-out lists. Given the analyses,

choices for which customers to target, methods for doing so, and advice on how to develop relationships with the chosen clients, Winer R. S.

#### **2.4 Check the Calendar of Management of Campaigns of Electronic Announcements:**

Online marketing, also known as online advertising, internet advertising, or web advertising, is a type of marketing and advertising that uses the internet to send people marketing messages that are intended to promote products or services. Online advertising is perceived by consumers as an unwelcome distraction with little advantages, and for a number of reasons, they are increasingly using ad blocking software. The start date of advertising campaigns is regarded as one of the primary factors in a campaign's success to promote email. A comprehensive set of solutions for the excellent quality management of the schedule of stop their announcement campaign and the effective operation of promotion campaigns are provided by a few tools and sites of email marketing. By using the suite, you may create a temporal calendar first for each campaign to announce for target consumers sought, then for their plan of announcement in function of the targeted public, and ultimately for their automated response to your communications. The study by Cruz and Fill (2008) seeks to fill this gap and to pinpoint the important factors that viral marketing experts feel should be utilised to assess viral campaigns. This is crucial because a generally accepted framework of evaluation criteria may aid in campaign and cross-campaign assessment, encourage improved effectiveness, and support best practises.

#### **2.5 The Monitoring and Study of the Effectiveness of the Campaigns of Announcement:**

Modern marketing techniques such as internet marketing, email marketing, and online advertising all contribute to the success of organisations (Salehi, Mirzaei, Aghaei, & Abyari, 2012). Today, we no longer need to go to a market to find what we need. By using an online search engine, we may quickly discover everything we need without spending time or money. The findings of the study by Huang C.C., Lin T.C., and Lin K.J. (2009) may be helpful to marketing professionals who are thinking about using email marketing, particularly those who are in the process of choosing important email users and/or creating product advertisements to increase the eWOM effect. Given that many individuals keep track of electronic advertisements, it may be possible to follow the connection to the specific notification sent by email to clients. The purpose of the email is to inform you of the performance of your marketing campaign by assessing its rate of success or the efficiency of its announcement. In order to target the instalment needed for the purchase of the products in marketer, the study of campaigns for the announcement by electronic mail represents the level of success of the follow-up to the campaign by the target public, the participation of purchase and the error rate in the delivery of information by electronic mail.

#### **2.6 The Concentration on the Trademark of the Consolidation of the Campaigns and Broadcasts:**

Dynamic content and custom fields were listed as the personalization features most frequently employed in the study by Jain Y. and Garg. R. (2014). Instead of an increase in the number of emails sent, this was expressed in many ways, such as greater segmentation and targeting. rather than expanding client lists, improving the quality of customer databases Personalizing emails with dynamic content based on user activity rather than sending out more and more broadcast emails. The notion of a product whose advertising has a benefit must be included if you want to win clients with more efficacy and the utility of their purchasing involvement. It is not just the interests of society and the rise in sales of the particular electronic store that are increased by a trademark; it also has a favourable impact on the business's interests away from online transactions. It is necessary to consider a number of factors when building campaigns and disseminating them, particularly the trademarks that are common for the majority of the targets. It is also important to emphasise the quality of the products by using logos, sponsors' names, the name of the company, a unique electronic signature, and the source of the information.

#### **2.7 The Creation and the Development of Relations with Customers:**

Numerous personalization engines are supported by the architecture and are used by the customer interaction component. The rules established by marketing users can be used to show certain items or material to a certain sort of visitor or to give promotions to visitors. Due to the fact that email is more environmentally friendly than paper, the marketing process has become more complex in order to produce successful outcomes. This helps to lessen the greenhouse impact thermal heating. The length of the message in the list and electronic message communication are both possible. The ability provided to businesses to select how they communicate with their customers is the heart of the information technology revolution and, in particular, the World Wide Web. More effective consumer relationships may now be developed by businesses online than in the real world. The creation of a base and a list of addresses

necessitates a database on their target customers, which takes into consideration the list of their current customers in your list of messages and your good relationship with them. They also need to be aware of their customer's expectations up to the provision of necessary electronic products. Additionally, it must be updated of the most recent changes to your business and product in order for the advertising and distribution process to go without any hiccups. The process of creating message lists, growing and improving customer relationships fast and effectively, tracking outcomes and meeting consumers' wants and requirements were all made possible by email marketing.

### **2.8 The Speed in the Management of Campaigns and Measure the Results:**

Marketers have started to realise that they may mimic offline advertising strategies online in response to this expanding channel of communication. The internet offers all three, and it is always appealing to interact in a method that is simpler, less expensive, or quicker. The promptness of message delivery, where messages are sent in a matter of seconds and are followed up on to determine if recipients of electronic communications have received them or not as well as any outcomes. The efficacy of announcement messages can also be evaluated. An environmental specialist, known as the "Advocate," launched a social marketing campaign. Co-workers were motivated via email marketing to practise ecologically friendly habits at home. Email was utilised as a one-way communication tool to encourage customers to take action and to subtly represent that activity as the societal norm. Email was employed as a two-way communication tool to get participants' commitment to take action. Additionally, we can assess how quickly advertising emails are accessed and confirm that the notice has been received. The management of a dissemination campaign or the process of sending a message to a large number of email recipients over a period of time depending on the transmission programme or the speed of the transmission server in the process of transmission by the volume of email sent each day. The value of email may be seen as a rapid, effective, and high-quality tool for managing online marketing initiatives.

### **2.9 The Deceased of Time and of the Place of the Administration of Campaigns of Announcement:**

One of the key components of electronic marketing is an efficient way to find out what the targeted audience thinks through follow-up announcement campaigns that promote high-quality marketing. Thus, we may give the advertiser the opportunity to hear from customers about their feedback, wants, and ideas regarding his electronic ads or products. The takeoff Internet access, a smartphone, or a PC are all required for email marketing. Directly promoting a commercial message to a group of individuals via email is known as email marketing. In general, you may use the administration of your marketing campaign to implement your campaign's announcement and consumer communication in any location and at any time you want.

### **2.10 The Performance and the Proliferation of Voluntary and Automatic:**

Email marketing is a type of direct marketing that makes use of electronic mail to reach audiences with promotional or fund-raising communications (Fariborzi&Zahedifard, 2012). It gives consumers the option of returning in which mail is available, giving them a fantastic opportunity to spread electronic adverts. The user has the option to automatically or voluntarily select the email message or commercial operation he wants to send, along with the ability to express his opinion and talk about the product that is the subject of marketing. The satisfaction-retention link is critically examined in the study by Hennig-Thuran T and Klee A (1997), and a more complete understanding of the customer's sense of quality is developed. A company's profitability and long-term competitiveness are sometimes viewed as being dependent on how well its customers are satisfied with its goods or services. A strategy for improving a marketing effort is offered (Wardell, 2006). An study of a client's transaction data is first carried out. the process of automatically sending messages of the primary ways of promotion in a successful and high-quality manner to all target buyers for all of time.

In order to describe the key advantages and positive aspects of this quality in the marketing in the following points, the importance of marketing via electronic mail was represented to the usage that was governed to the ways of marketing of items on the internet. It doesn't cost much to implement advertising campaigns and announcements, to gain more customers every day, to increase the number of visitors to your website, to advertise via electronic messages, to send newsletters, to respond to changing conditions, to monitor customer inquiries, and to follow their interests in information. Email marketing is an efficient way for businesses to accomplish their goals because of the quick arrival of electronic messages, the accessibility of campaigns for announcement by electronic mail evaluation, the simplicity of communication with all targeted customers, the ability to send advertisements for his career or your service in electronic messages, and the speed at which advertising campaigns are carried out. In order to build a market of global

electronic commerce that is open to all items, which are to be promoted, the cheap cost of managing campaigns and marketing budgets, the promotion of the products via receiving messages to millions of people every day.

### III. THE MOST IMPORTANT DISADVANTAGES OF EMAIL MARKETING

In their 2012 study, Ellis-Chadwick F and Doherty N.F. examined a sample of permission-based e-marketing campaigns and a wide range of executional components. This study has a lot of shortcomings but offers significant new insights into the executional strategies employed in email marketing campaigns. In particular, it was not able to investigate the real efficacy of such initiatives from the standpoints of consumers or retailers. Additionally, Bucklin R.E. and Sismeiro C. (2009) analyse the characteristics of click stream data, highlighting their main advantages and disadvantages for marketing research. The use of this approach improperly will undoubtedly cause blockage and the failure of commercial promotion, notwithstanding the excellent quality of service given by email to its supporters and electronic enterprises. Additionally, the most significant drawbacks of this method of marketing are the flaws in email marketing. Therefore, the following points can be used to describe these drawbacks:

Some recipients of these types of marketing emails are chosen at random, which results in a lack of interest and the deletion of the message.

- The excessive and illegal usage of customer address databases.
- The conversion and promotion of fictitious goods that aren't sold on international marketplaces.
- The existence of phoney firms claims ownership of a well-known and high-quality product, and does so through user deception, illusory effort, and ex gratia compensation.
- The ability to delete communications without interfering with consultation.
- The announcement and advertising campaigns were poorly planned and addressed to those who had no interest in the goods.
- The campaign's goals have had detrimental effects.
- Since many of the conservators who sell the illusory are present on online networks, it is important to make the best decision possible before promoting a particular product.
- The pace and methods of deception used by advocates and clients to maintain the illusion without receiving money for a commission on work or services.

A respectable response rate from email surveys and direct marketing via email is typically regarded as infamously challenging. A security organisation worldwide electronic wishes of the legality of work on the networks of the internet and the follow-up of all excess are generally and in compliance with the laws now in effect in the world are present in the developed nations. In several nations across the world, any criminal offence committed against another person or business can be prosecuted if it is reported in his official legislation. For instance, if Africa was the aggressor and the United States was the victim, electronic security would be able to draw the accused to American justice. Some businesses are eager to implement processes like forcing the user to enter a mail that already exists in the kind of property check and include messages with links to deactivate the site that interacts with him or remove the subscription. As well as in the form if there is any legal exceeded it located the complete cancellation of the subscription and the website on the networks of the internet, and that even to save legal prosecution for the evidence to interfere with the people through the electronic mail at random, and to emphasise the movements which have to preserve the rights of the user, the movement CAN-SPAM Act of American in 2003, and which requires marketer a legal other of a fine of \$1 million. Additionally, the worldwide electronic system security organs that safeguard the legal standing of public relations, work goods, trademarks, and promotional and electronic marketing activities. The fact that these monitoring organisations are available to anybody in the globe who wishes to file an international complaint.

### IV. THE FACTORS OF SUCCESS OF E-MAIL MARKETING

The key driving forces for online buying were covered in the studies by (Dheeraj& Pars, 2017; Kaur& Singh, 2017). The addition of customer information to the subscriber list, which enables you to maintain constant contact and frequent communication with them via the direction of marketing and promotional activities, is one of the key success aspects of email marketing. The following measurements' summary represent the primary criteria for starting email marketing campaigns (Figure 1):

#### **4.1 The First Step: Access to Programs e-mail Marketing:**

By engaging and downloading marketing programmes via email, the first step is initiated from the outset. Therefore, these programmes serve as the foundation for the addition of data from your target audience as well as the one from the gathering of email addresses and other information about site visitors in exchange for anything you offer gratis or in exchange for payment. Additionally, there is a lot of software available on the internet network that helps with the effective administration of email marketing and promotion campaigns, allowing you to select the ones that work best for your budget. The management of advertising campaigns for marketing is typically accomplished through the use of special programmes by the Email, which enables you to create a list of titles for electronic messages addressed to a large number of target customers before developing and programming a number of these automated messages known as automatic responses or email unique. These programmes also make it easy to track statistics, find out how many people have read and opened your electronic communications, and see how subscribers and customers engage with the companies' goods. In order for the content of messages delivered to consumers to meet their needs, it is often important that the programmes used in email campaign are made public on the fundamental principles of promotion and orderly transmission. Therefore, it must consider how well the subscriptions in your message lists are gathered and organised. In order to guarantee that the job is more precise and targeted in terms of time and the person needed, it must also be on the commitment of equal times during the sending to customers procedure. Global companies that use electronic communications have acquired ad hoc solutions that set a schedule for all of the activities involved in sending emails. Whereas the effective application and governing legislation of these programmes led to the growth of electronic sales and the effectiveness of marketing and advertising efforts.

#### **4.2 The Second Step: The Free Presentation of an Offer none resists:**

The free offer stands for giving site visitors an enticing character that cannot be abandoned to reading the announcement and entering into your own promotional page. A report in PDF format, electronic tiny books that can be downloaded, audio CDs, adverts, electronic sessions, films, and addenda of the visits are a few examples of the various forms that this free offer and ability to accept different formats might take. Through doing so, you may more easily draw in targeted customers for entrance and registration as well as increase the number of visits you have by email. When a consumer agrees to register on the free offer's website, they turn into a client interested in one of the concepts and products created for the free offer. Additionally, it helps to plan the activities in order to deliver targeted electronic messages to the list of recipients and maintain constant touch with the list of registered consumers. Additionally, it is necessary to carry out the e-mail message sending procedures outlined in the process organisation in order to give participants access to knowledge and practical goods in accordance with their preferences and interests and to track the market's development. In general, these email marketing initiatives contribute to the development of trust and credibility between the parties. With the use of this information, you may grab their interest and sign them up for free. The benefits of this free offer can be distilled down to a few key points, such as the time saved and increase in sales, the ease with which customer lists can be created and newsletters and advertisements sent as soon as a button is pressed, the ability to track the success of email campaigns used to promote products, the ability to find quick fixes for email marketing operations, and the ability to create message lists. This stage allowed for the insertion of an appealing free offer as an extra advantage of email marketing campaigns with valid authorisation. The databases and addresses for the quality of the consumers may be created primarily through the lists of the email marketing campaigns.

#### **4.3 The Third Step: The Development of a Series of Automatic Replies for the Electronic Messages:**

By using automated methods, we can take advantage of email marketing campaigns, and in this case, it entails sending advertising messages in a timely manner. A subscriber is immediately and automatically offered the option to receive your communications and promotional offers by email. A succession of automated Email messages are used in this process, and some of the people who are being targeted will respond to them before the deadline. The initial response enables you to define your personality, present your work, and enable your audience to recognise the various types of information circulating. It also enables them to determine when you made the promotion and when it was successful, as well as the number of times to send your electronic messages. It will include this connection service for your no-cost offer or a thorough explanation for the subscriber on how to register or gain access to the offer that you are bringing. In this regard, attention should be paid to the goal of automatic client communication marketing and the use of legal programmes to change the automatic message sending in a timely manner. It is important to refrain from randomly

bothering strangers or individuals you do not know, since this might put you in danger if the recipient is not interested in receiving this type of email. On the other hand, sending electronic mail II, III, and IV of two or three days after it must include a valuable collection of data, goods, or services from him or the company that are accessible over the internet's networks. Any overuse of electronic messages can result in sanctions from the owner of the site, such as the automatic closure of your site's messages or the cancellation of your subscription to his service for registered mail. If a complaint of inconvenience and breach of personal data was made against you, you may also be required to pay a fine or appear in court if the applicant followed you around and repeatedly accused you of inconvenience. The automated response saves you a lot of time, but it must be used ethically and with consideration for those working in the field or providing the service. In general, the process of making these kinds of communications is said to be simple and doesn't cost a lot of money to perform once you've made the scripts for automated transmission. This type poses a significant danger if it causes the recipient to get distracted, thus it must focus on the intended audience in order to allay the clients' worries about this kind of electronic communication. After the initial automated response, the subsequent messages are crucial in gaining your target audience's trust in the advertising campaign. This means that in order for your clients' subscribers to receive your electronic messages, the material must be of excellent quality.

#### **4.4 The Fourth Step: The Methods to Create a Continuous Plan for E-mail Marketing:**

The significance of developing a continuous strategy Email marketing represents the development of relationships based on shared trust with each individual on the targeted list of people. This is done through the mechanisms built into the programmes that control how email marketing and promotion campaigns are sent out, how the sending is organised, how the content is chosen to match the preferences of the target audience, how product images are added, and how registration or electronic payment services are made available. This marketing strategy is regarded as one of the finest methods of marketing since it focuses on luring in a sizable audience meant to engage in the purchase of the products the sale of their and it uses advertisements through e-Zines (electronic newspapers) or special newsletters of the. Being in constant contact and meeting with selected customers on a regular basis is the major goal of this type of email marketing. When it comes to commercial product and service developers, it is of service to remind customers on a frequent basis about the electronic market's fluctuations and to remind them about your offerings and experiences. Additionally, research and innovation in techniques and tools for marketing and attracting customers based on their preferences. One of the most crucial ways to ensure the success of your email marketing campaigns is to clearly define your goals and create a comprehensive plan that includes all the necessary components, such as regular sending, high-quality content, the right kind of information or themes, and timely access to your customers and accurate information. Before starting any email marketing campaign, contact information should be collected. This should be followed by the creation of a database for the electronic addresses targeted with the identification of the customers who want the services you are offering, regular customer communication, and the provision of additional value through high-quality services that are tailored specifically to you. Last but not least, following the use of databases and the selection of email organisation software, one must avoid sending out spam that is unfavourable because it is sporadic, upsetting, and causes problems. If this occurs, one may be forced to either completely close their email account through an internet service provider's intermediary, pay a fine to the victim, or face legal action if they have caused a significant amount of repeated harassment. The best way to ensure that commercial items are promoted and marketed by email for those that are permitted to be mailed to consumers is to acquire a data base of subscribers to your commercial marketing services that has the addresses of your target market. Since everyone is receiving messages from an internet service provider of this calibre, there may not ultimately be a need for anxiety regarding the promotion process. This will enable campaign management to proceed according to the law and provide favourable outcomes.

## **V. CONCLUSION**

The results of the study by Fariborzi E. and Zahedifard M. (2012) provide some benefits and drawbacks of employing email marketing and demonstrate how they may be reduced by utilising various strengthening approaches. Commercial marketing and promotional materials sent via email for electronic items are thought to be the newest way to organise campaigns in order to draw in as many consumers as possible and generate commissions or other direct advantages. Whereas it has been said in international papers that are concerned with this topic that this form of advertising enables one to gain big financial benefits because it represents a significant worldwide market with millions of clients every

day. Therefore, in this area of internet-based employment, it is necessary to supervise the promotion of expert commercial electronic items using techniques based on science and the expertise of qualified individuals. The employment of top-notch campaign management software is a must for the use of professional marketing strategies. The social marketing strategies of commitment, nudging, and social norms were used to create an email campaign (Artz & Cooke, 2007). There is potential for improvement, as evidenced by the research of Brandal H. and Kent R. (2003), which reveals that many permission-based Emails are not read and are not deemed to be interesting. Marketers should learn more about the preferences of their consumers and establish a relationship with them that encourages feedback. It must identify the main advantages of email marketing, including how simple it is to send and receive electronic communications. In terms of expenses, this form of commercial promotion is seen to be inexpensive when compared to other channels, including social media. Regarding the client target, it is necessary to focus on a certain category in a specific location so that they may purchase the product of their choice. With a focus on the trademark in the design of the campaigns and the publication for the target customers with the approval of the quality of the products subject to promotion for the recipient of this type of electronic messages, we must manage the time limits for managing campaigns for electronic products in the prairies. The most significant advantages of commercial marketing via email are thought to be the establishment and growth of relationships with customers, speed in the management of campaigns and the measurement of results, provision of the time and location of the management of announcement campaigns with the adoption of the performance and voluntary proliferation, and automatic. The developed nations, such as the United States, the European Union, and the Gulf countries, where the rate of participation for the purchase of electronic products is higher than in some other nations, are therefore able to take advantage of these conditions in the process of promoting in a more professional manner and with positive results. Therefore, you could have made a lot of money through a commission or a total profit from the sale of electronic goods, but in developing nations, you cannot be sure that the sales will be as you want them to be since most people lament the lack of material resources and the application of contemporary techniques. The American market, the European level, and the Gulf are generally regarded as the best global markets, with a developed digital economy and cutting-edge technologies available in the factors of success and making profits, but underdeveloped nations continue to ignore this type of world trade, so that it can judge the nature of scam and fraud and where there is a lack of confidence because of the environment ignorance and poverty who may not promote as this type of electronic commerce. The most significant drawbacks of this type of email marketing include the obnoxious and random email campaigns, the excessive and illegal use of customer address databases, the conversion operations and shell company websites that fail to pay affiliate commissions, the irregularity in the sending of electronic messages, and the deception of affiliates and clients through illusory means. Adopting the following measures is one of the crucial elements for the success of email marketing, and they are summarised as follows. The first step is to obtain marketing programmes by email that are represented by legal methods of managing marketing and promotional campaigns, the second step is to implement an irresistible free offer in order to draw the most visitors to your website and desired target customers, the third step entails a series of automatic responses to electronic messages and the adoption of the automation of sending electronic messages, and the fourth step is to implement all of the above. The fourth step is regarded as the most significant in the methods of developing a continuous plan marketing by direct mail and authorised to him and to prevent methods at random that cause the proponent of the legal issues, where it can be the penalty for the misuse and operating to fully close your electronic account staff by the distributor of the internet and to pay a financial penalty for the victim or for the judicial follow-up for the repeated harassment. In order to supply items for them in accordance with their interests, the Email marketing is regarded legal and targets people who want to get this sort of Email. As a consequence, they automatically engage in accordance with their preferences. If utilised properly and legally, this sort of advertising enables one to refer to the world's rich archaeological heritage and gain significant financial benefits while avoiding areas of fraud and the use of protectionist marketing techniques.

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# A Study on the Application of AI on Global Stock Exchange Post COVID 19

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**Abstract:** *The examination explores the effect of the Coronavirus actuated closure period on the Indian stock trade. The audit looks at the degree of the lockdown's impacts on the Indian monetary trade and whether Coronavirus' pre-and post-lockdown market responses would have been very comparative. The Market Model Occasion has an emphasis on procedure approach. To direct the assessment, 31 organizations recorded on the Bombay Stock Trade (BSE) are utilized for instance. 35 days are utilized as the model time span for the survey (24 February-17 April, 2020). A 35-day event window was picked, with 20 days preceding and 15 days during the occasion. The lockdown was announced by the experts on this specific event (t1). The outcomes show that the market responded powerfully and conclusively during the current lockdown time frame, and that monetary supporters expected the lockdown and answered strongly. Notwithstanding, during the pre-lockdown time frame, monetary benefactors froze, which was reflected in frustrating AAR. The examination searches for proof of a positive AR around the momentum lockout period and affirms that the closure fundamentally affected stock exchanging till what is going on India was settled.*

**Keywords:** Coronavirus; Event study; Lockdown period; Stock Market; Abnormal Return

## I. INTRODUCTION

The COVID incident has resulted in a pandemic of the respiratory infection (COVID-19), for which there are no available therapies or antibodies (Wang et al. 2020). The pandemic created major problems for both global economic growth and public health. The Corona Virus Disease for 2019 is referred to as COVID-19. This illness causes a mysterious pneumonia that was initially identified in Wuhan, China, and reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) on December 31st, 2019. On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that this lethal sickness had been given legal authorization.

On March 11, it declared COVID-19 a pandemic, citing more than 118,000 cases of the illness in 110 different countries and areas throughout the world as well as the substantiated risk of additional global spread. (Time 2020)

The second-largest nation in terms of population is India. According to World Bank data, India is home to 176 million people who are in need of assistance and also has the most low-paying jobs in hygienic facilities and medical offices worldwide. If COVID-19 spreads to its population, it would be a tragedy.

In any event, India was not far behind, and the main case was resolved on January 30, 2020; by April 17, 2020, 14,376 people had passed away. The government of India, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, proclaimed and requested a cross-country lockdown for 21 days on March 24, 2020, in order to stop the spread of the sickness. On April 14, the Prime Minister extended the cross-country lockdown until May 3 of that same year.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

There haven't been many research done on the COVID-19 influence on the securities exchange since the WHO declared it to be a pandemic, as it is yet another global occurrence. The impact of COVID-19 on various economies has been examined in some detail, although the amount is still small.

In their study of market reactions to the COVID-19 on the firm's international exchange and monetary strategies, Ramelli and Wagner (2020) found a disappointing outcome for globally positioned US firms, particularly those with China openness and the US; markets moved quickly as the infection spread throughout Europe and the US. The author

concluded by explaining how the financial situation was exacerbated through various financial channels as a result of the health disaster.

In an effort to address issues related to the financial flow and the spread of viral diseases, Adda (2016) explored how to allocate the scarce resources to stop the spread of diseases and used a semi-experimental approach to evaluate the significance of the police when they were asked by the public authority to reduce relational contact and the closure of public transportation organisations.

Hang (2016) looks at the unnoticed factors that contributed to the growth of the Chinese offer market in the new decade and notes that data obstructing factors led to significant volatility in the Chinese offer market. Blocking data prevents offers from responding to external shocks and changing financial conditions, and it increases or decreases interest in shares when the stock is difficult to adjust. Additionally, data has an impact on the securities exchange of India's exhibitions; positive news or data directly influence the exchanging of offers and inflows, whereas negative news or data have an adverse effect that results in high unpredictability, which results in substantial surges on the lookout.

### III. BENEFITS OF ONLINE STOCK TRADING

There are several benefits to stock trading online, whether you're an experienced stock broker or new to the market:

#### 1. Home-based

Computers and the internet have improved online stock trading and elevated the company sectors. You may already swap stocks from the comfort of your home. Right now, you can trade stocks with just a computer and an internet connection. Earn money while still going about your daily activities at home. One of the primary advantages of stock trading is this.

#### 2. Minimal commissions

The days when there weren't many stock brokers and they could levy hefty, gigantic charges on every trade you made are long gone. Numerous stock financier companies have sprung up all over the world with the advent of PCs and the internet. They compete with one another to attract the most clients, therefore they provide minimal commissions, the newest exchanging developments, and a variety of services. One of the main benefits of stock exchange is low commission.

#### 3. Totally available

You have the option to invest in whatever company you like because there are so many equities to examine. You rule over yourself. Make your own decisions after conducting independent research.

#### 4. No time limit

Online stock trading also offers the advantage of eliminating record-breaking criteria and restrictions. You can trade stocks anytime the timing is right, day or night.

#### 5. Bring in money quickly

If you are aware of the patterns in financial trade, you can make a boatload of money in a matter of minutes. The process of carrying out a trade online has been around for as long as mouse clicks.

#### 6. No cap on venture size

You are not constrained by any venture restrictions, which is still another major benefit of internet stock trading. Simply start trading stocks with as little or as much money as your budget will allow.

#### 7. Quick returns

In contrast to other businesses, stock trading does not require you to have faith in the long-term viability of your firm. Additionally, there are no restrictions with advertising your goods or luring customers with alluring offers.

### IV. DISADVANTAGES OF ONLINE TRADING

First-time investors could become engrossed in all the technology and momentarily forget that they are actually using real money. There is no mentoring relationship between an experienced trader and an online trading account user, who ignores the financial backer entirely and makes decisions on their own. Beginners who are intrigued about the mechanics of financial programming may make costly mistakes. The possibility of losing an exchange is a benefit of online trading. The financial backer may experience a great deal of disappointment if the component or system fails due to a slow online connection. The fees that the online reps charge is the other obstacle. Due to the fact that certain online

middlemen charge dealers for lack of attention. If you assume they are trustworthy without checking them out, it will turn out to be very bad for you. If trades are conducted broadly on edge monthly programming consumption charges, there is a greater risk. The result of time affectability in nature is that most decision lapses are meaningless. This implies that every web-based trading merchant. Financial risk is a disadvantage of online stock trading. One thing that one should be aware of is the risk that internet-based stock trading presents, even if other bad aspects have been observed in exchanging meetings.

#### **V. THE PROCESS OF TRADING ON A STOCK EXCHANGE:**

The following advancements are part of the trading system:

##### **Establishing an intermediary:**

Protections trade must be conducted by Stock Exchange employees who have been SEBI enrolled as intermediaries. The agent may be a person, a business, or a corporate entity. Choosing an agent to buy or sell safeguards for the financier or theorist is the first stage, therefore.

##### **Opening a depository-based demit account:**

To swap recorded protections in an electronic structure, an Indian resident must create a demit account with a storehouse member (banks or stock intermediaries). Opening a Demit account is the second stage in the exchange process. A storehouse in the electronic framework is where the defences are kept. A foundation or organisation that holds defences is called a vault. There are now just two shops in India: CDSL and NSDL (National Securities Depository Ltd.) (Central Depository Services Ltd.) Neither the financial backer nor the vault is in direct communication right now. As it were, the store works with financial sponsors through trusted members.

##### **Making the Request:**

The financial backer may make the request after creating the Demit Account. The middleman might be contacted directly, via phone, email, etc., or indirectly. Investors should clearly state in their request the range of prices at which safeguards can be sold.

##### **Carrying out the Order:**

The dealer performs the order in accordance with the financial backer's instructions, for instance by trading the protections. Dealer prepares a note of agreement for the executed request. The name and amount of the safeguards, the names of the meetings, and the financier he charged are all listed in the agreement note. The representative signs off on the contract note.

##### **Settlement:**

This denotes an actual exchange of safeguards. The exchange of protections between the representative and their client concludes with this step.

#### **VI. CONCLUSION**

India is a significant contributor to the global economy, which has been hit by the COVID-19 epidemic. Given that India has the second-largest population on the globe, the pandemic poses a special risk to India. The COVID-19 has a significant influence on virtually all global financial transactions. The infectious event caused a global standstill and ushered in the greatest emergency of the century. The major solution for preventing the illness from spreading until an antibody is available is an all-out lockdown and social segregation. India also reported the shutdown as a defensive action, however India announced slightly later, as seen by the period prior to the lockdown, during which the AAR was negative.

This is not an ideal situation, but there is a chance that the financial exchange will recover when the lockdown is removed and COVID-19 is eradicated from the country. The financial exchange responded strongly to the lockdown announcement, which was reflected in the financial exchange reaction.

The research finds evidence of a positive AR surrounding the present lockout time frame and confirms that the lockdown significantly affects the execution of financial transactions while the situation persists in the Indian context. Despite this, the result remained the same for the specific sample of BSE-recorded firms and for the time frame taken into account for the review.

It cannot be generalised to other traded equities, to other time periods, or to a new market environment. The implications of this study are that investors can take proactive measures before trading equities during a shutdown. Risk-averse investors should try to avoid trading during the lockout to avoid the risk associated with stock market instability during the lockdown period. Financial backers will benefit from this review's findings because it may help them better understand and evaluate the impact of the COVID 19-induced lockout on stock exchanges.

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# A Study in Enhancing Education System with Help of Online Facility

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**Abstract:** *Data and correspondence innovation has been taken on as a positive mechanical change in pretty much every industry; also, training industry has not been rejected from this upheaval. Instruction is thought of as a significant key to the change and in general advancement of human existence. In the present serious world; it isn't sufficient to be educated; examining advanced education is sought after. The nature of schooling can be upgraded when instructive organizations embrace the inventive and quality ways for educating and growing experiences. ICT represents 'new time' in the development of schooling. Utilization of ICT in schooling industry incorporates utilizing data and innovation as equipment, programming and applications in gathering putting away understudies' information, conferring information through general media helps, leading assessment and assessment of understudies and so forth. To summarize, ICT can truly be demonstrated invaluable to improve nature of advanced education. In view of essential information; this paper targets empowering the utilization of ICT to upgrade the nature of schooling by understanding the ongoing status of ICT practice in instructive foundations and distinguishing key advantages and difficulties of ICT with unique reference to organizations in Mumbai rural areasttled.*

**Keywords:** ICT, education industry, Quality, teaching & learning, revolution

## I. INTRODUCTION

A good higher education system is required for overall prosperity of a nation. A tremendous growth in the higher education sector had made the administration of higher education institutions complex. India has always been valued in education more than merely considering it as a means towards earning a good living. Right from pre-historic days, education, especially higher education has been given a predominant position in the Indian society. The rapid changes taking place in the field of education are the consequences of various types of electronic information technologies. Computer technologies which need to be applied in education sector can help to remove inequalities between the institution of developed and developing nation, between inner cities and suburbs and between rural and urban areas. It will have an increasingly positive impact on the teaching, learning and administrative function of educational institution. The rapid developments in technology have made tremendous changes in the way we live, as well as the demands of the society. Many researches reveal that the integration of ICT helps to reduce the complexity and enhance the overall administration of higher education

The use of ICT in education lends itself to more student-centered learning settings and often this creates some tensions for some teachers and students. It is in realization of this fact that many higher learning institutions in India have invested heavily in acquiring ICT to support teaching, learning and communication inside and outside the institutions. Higher learning institutions acquire funds from different source to make sure they don't miss the advantages of ICT especially the internet as an important tool in this competitive world and teaching computer related subject to equip users with IT knowledge. Recognizing the impact of new technologies on the workplace and everyday life, today's teacher education institutions try to restructure their education programs and classroom facilities, in order to minimize the teaching and learning technology gap between today and the future.

The ICT Policy in higher education aims at preparing youth to participate creatively in the establishment, sustenance and growth of a knowledge society leading to all round socio- economic development of the nation and global competitiveness. The introduction of ICT in the higher education has profound implications for the whole education

process ranging from investment to the use of technologies in dealing with key issues of access, equity, management, efficiency, pedagogy and quality.

**1) Student-centered Learning:** ICT provides a technology that has the capacity to promote and encourage the transformation of education from a teacher directed enterprise towards student-centered models. As more and more students use computers as information sources and cognitive tools, the influence of the technology will increase to support their studies.

**2) Supporting Knowledge Construction:** Learning approaches using contemporary ICTs provide many opportunities for constructivist learning and support for resource-based, student centered settings by enabling learning to be related to context and to practice.

**3) Anyplace Learning:** With the help of ICT, educational institutions can offer programs at a distance mode. Today many students can use this facility through technology-facilitated learning settings.

**4) Anytime Learning:** Technology-facilitated educational programs remove the geographical barriers. Students are able to undertake education anywhere, anytime and at any place. This flexibility has provided learning opportunities for many more learners who previously were constrained by other commitments.

**5) Information Literacy:** The growing use of ICT as tools of everyday life have seen the pool of generic skills expanded in recent years to include information literacy. It is highly probable that due to the future developments and growth in technology, it will help further for information literacy.

### Benefits and challenges of ICT

ICT provides student support services such as course outlines, digitally recorded classroom material, discussion groups, laboratory manuals and lab assignments, lecture notes, live lectures for later viewing and re-viewing, links to course specific websites, online tutorials, supplementary readings, and virtual office hours for teacher-student consultations. Virtual libraries are a particular boon to students as they cut down on costs of acquiring expensive textbooks, journals and reference material. Tools are available on the Internet to assist both teachers and students to manage writing assignments to detect and avoid the pitfalls of plagiarism and copyright violations. ICT improves the quality and the quantity of educational provision. Introducing ICT systems for teaching in developing countries has to consider about high opportunity cost of installation, investments in hardware and software's and in human skills and training. Technology-facilitated learning has proven to be quite expensive in all areas of consideration, infrastructure, course development and course delivery.

The wide adoption of ICT calls for mindsets and skill sets that are adaptive to change. Teacher has to adapt continuous professional development in the educational uses of technology. In this sense, teachers have to be ready to make use of the possibilities that ICT offer, such as different learning contexts, focused on the students, presenting them with several types of interaction, offering different degrees of control of their own learning, adapting to their personal interests, promoting collaborative tasks and developing autonomy in their work and study .

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

**Ronald M Hernandez (2017) :-** The influence of ICT incredibly revolutionized & educational environment. People have accepted as a reality. However, there are different views in the educational sector regarding the importance & growing prospective of ICT. This paper focuses on the two sides of the coin that is prospective & challenges of ICT in education industry. The positive side of ICT advocates on integrating ICT with educational system in meaning full way so that the learning experience generated will be as the expectation of the teacher. ICT facilitate the growth of innovative educational conceptions, establishes new models of communication braking up the barriers of traditionalism in the classroom. But if look at the challenges side of ICT in education then comes the thought of the so called knowledge based society which is relected to get converted into information society. The information society or digital society is the society they attempt to convert itself with technology. Technology when blended with knowledge creates opportunities for change & adoption but posing challenges too. ICT has given way to a teaching role based on the need for training in & updating ones knowledge of teaching methods based on current requirements for this to happen the functional role of teachers within the approach towards ICT required change in their methodological practices. This change is not just technological or methodological change but the change in mind set. So, the teachers or educationalist

belong to the traditional view on teaching & learning must shift their mind set optimistically towards the impact of ICT in educational industry.

**Namita Saxeena (2017) :-** The portrayal of this paper lies in kids conciseness. In a crisp conveys way, the author has explained the role and impact of ICT in improving quality of education. The author has described the benefit of ICT as a potential tool for extending educational opportunities and making major differences in the learning of students and teaching approaches. ICT is an assisting tool that bring innovation in teaching skills and encourages interest and active participation of students in learning. The paper further stress on the importance of ICT as a collaborative interactive medium. The significant argument of this paper is that purposes the major advantage of ICT as source to paper present and next generation of students for a work place where use of ICT is becoming more and more ubiquitous. The paper also triggers at the limitations of ICT use in education in terms of resistance and lack of from the circle of teachers in using this technology. However the paper conclusion that we overcome few obstacles using ICT it cab ne a promising tool for progressive educational sector. Emerging tool for progressive educational sector.

**Navdeep Kaur (2015) :-** This research study triggers on how ICT can empower teachers to enhance the quality of education. Teachers play a pivotal role in developing the scholastic record of students in their academic front. Today's market demands the high levels of efficacy from the students. The industry ready students need the industry ready trainers. For this there has to be an appropriate integration of ICT and education. So the teachers also require upgrading themselves with the latest trends in teaching methodology. This entire paper emphasis on using such latest trend for the teachers through teachers with procures a great opportunity to be empowered. The paper describes on the general term of ICT followed by its utility in education sector. The ICT should be integrated in universities at national and international level for a better nation. Due to some common barriers the teachers find in difficult to promote ICT and so they are not confident in effective training and sometimes technical support is not provided by the organization. Based on secondary data and a quality ROL, the paper encompass role of ICT in modifying functioning of teachers, and devote more efficiently for teachers. It also focuses on the challenges teachers face while adapting to ICT in their teaching curriculum. The paper sums up by advocating how teachers must take up ICT to look beyond the text book and traditional aids which will further enhance both learning and teaching experience. After all, it would be a great revolution if teachers are empowered with enhanced qualities so as to shape brighter future of the students who are the true representatives of progressive nation.

**Mbodila, Jones & Muhandji (2013):-** Stated that ICT plays a significant role in developing human capital through bringing a revolutionary changes in education. It is suggested that ICT can play a Number of roles in education. Knowledge can be taken in any way but the best formula is to integrate the ICT in education. The educational benefits of ICT's depends on how they are used and for what purpose. It is found that in different part of the world the use of ICTs is different depending on the availability, affordability and access of technology. To get the maximum education benefits the integration of ICT should be based on certain parameters as adequate training, careful planning, restricting of the syllabus, systematic approach and proper investment in a place. The author argues that the main purpose of integrating

**Pegu Uttam (2014):-** reported the India has one of the largest education system in the world. The innovation of ICT has fundamentally changed the practices of not only education, business and governance but every sphere of human life. As the world is moving rapidly towards digital media the role of ICT in education has become very important. The authors has also emphasized in this paper about the role of ICT in higher education in India. The sudden change in information technology has transformed the way how knowledge is disseminated today. ICT plays an important role in the field of education, how the role of students and teachers has been changed in learning centered environment after collaborating ICT in teaching learning process. The author found that the teachers control and all aspects of learning has changed to the teachers give students, more options and responsibilities for their own learning & students, point of view passive recipient of information has changed to active participant in the learning process. Hence It is said by the author that integration o ICT has brought tremendous changes but yet to achieve the desired level of IT adoption in higher education.

**Krishnaveni (2010) :-** noticed education is one of the most important needs for the well being of individual and that of society. Information and communication technology (ICT) is a force that has changed many aspects of people's way of life in the field as education, business, law, banking, tourism, medicine architecture engineering and many more and

the impact of ICT in the past two or three decades has been enormous Author has mentioned some of the challenges competition and equity challenges, extraordinary expansion of knowledge, balancing between traditional and modern approaches to overcome with the proper usages of ICT. This study reveals that demographic factors do not have major impact on ICT in higher education it also identifies that a set of functional areas can be integrated. Author has tried to come across major areas where ICT can be integrated but still in this fast growing educational system other areas of software can be developed to make the world of education system so easy.

**Sukanata Sarkar (2012)** :-Information and communication technology consist of the software hardware network and media for collection ,storage processing transmission and presentation of information voice data text images as well as services related to the society. This paper focuses on the importance of ICT in higher education and to analyze the government initiatives for the development of higher education. The integration of ICT's has played a vital role in enhancing the quality led to the emergence of OER's Open Education Resources which has played an important role in giving quality to the education.

**Swati Vitkar (2012)** :-Revealed that Indian education system is constant and used traditional resources to education system but drawback is that we cannot update it daily. Traditional education is based on face to face teaching books practical's homework but it is not sufficient by this the degree can be taken not knowledge the enhancement should be there in teaching learning process. Cloud computing is solution of that problem. This paper describes cloud based model for higher education cloud computing is providing highly scalable and virtualized resources that can be made available to user .E-Learning is an internet based learning process using internet technology the modules can be designed. Cloud based E-learning involve the students and trainers using to provide online courses projects assignments 7 prepare tests. Finally the author said that the ICT is incorporated to enhance the traditional learning system it help the students trainers as well as institution.

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

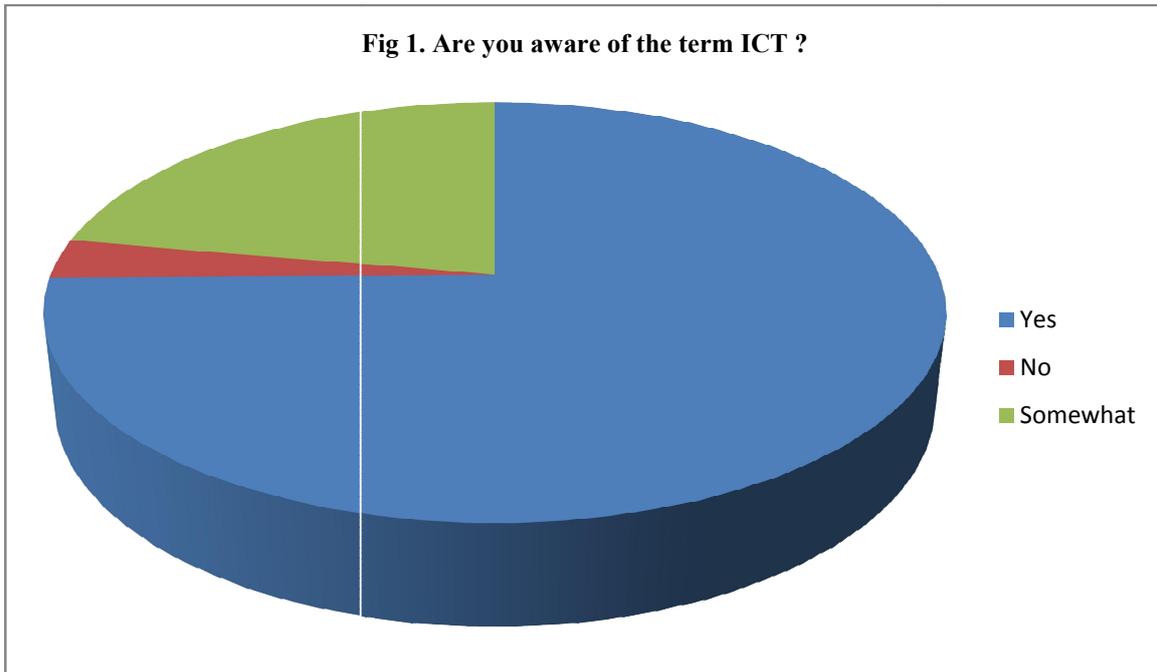
- To understand the current status of ICT in educational institutions
- To check the awareness on ICT among teachers
- To identify the perceived barriers for the adapting ICT in the institutions
- To motivate the use of ICT as a tool to enhance quality of education

#### **III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

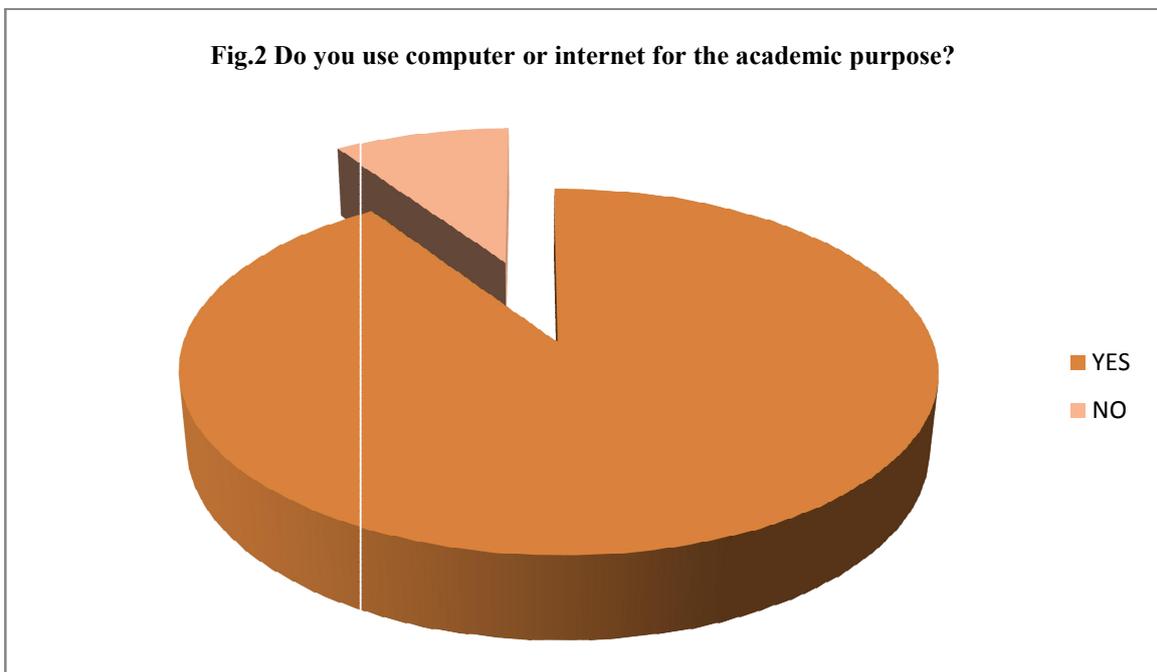
- Sample size – 100
- Sampling technique – Non-probability convenience sampling
- Sample frame – Teachers from various educational institutions across Mumbai suburbs
- Data collection method – Survey through structured questionnaire

#### **Data Interpretation:**

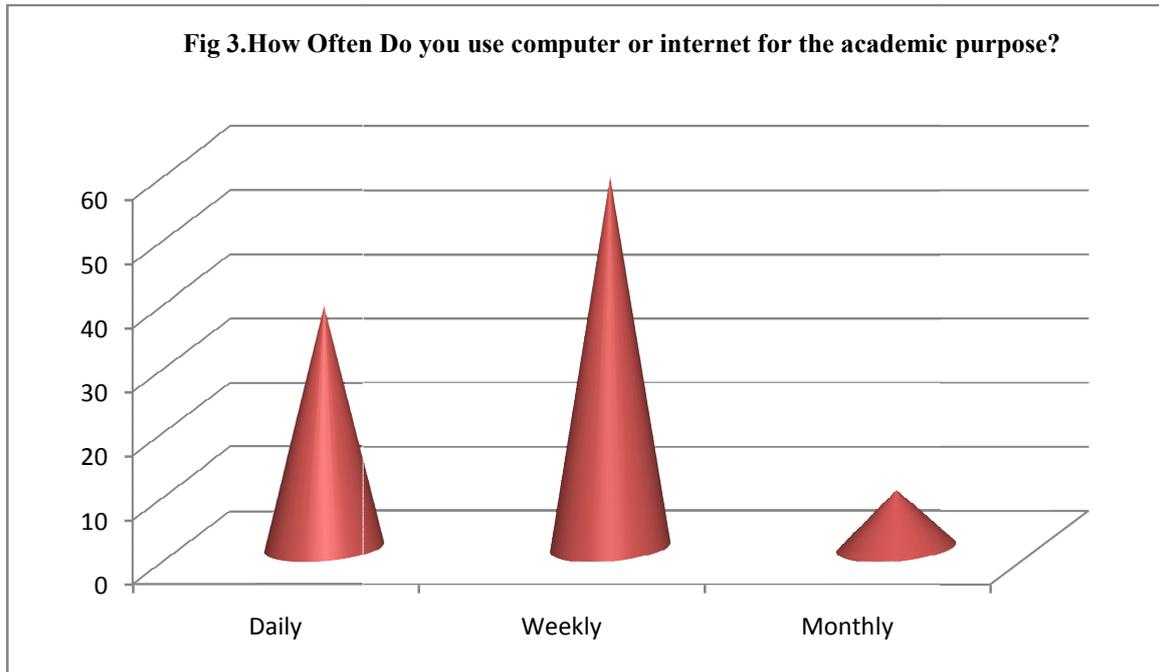
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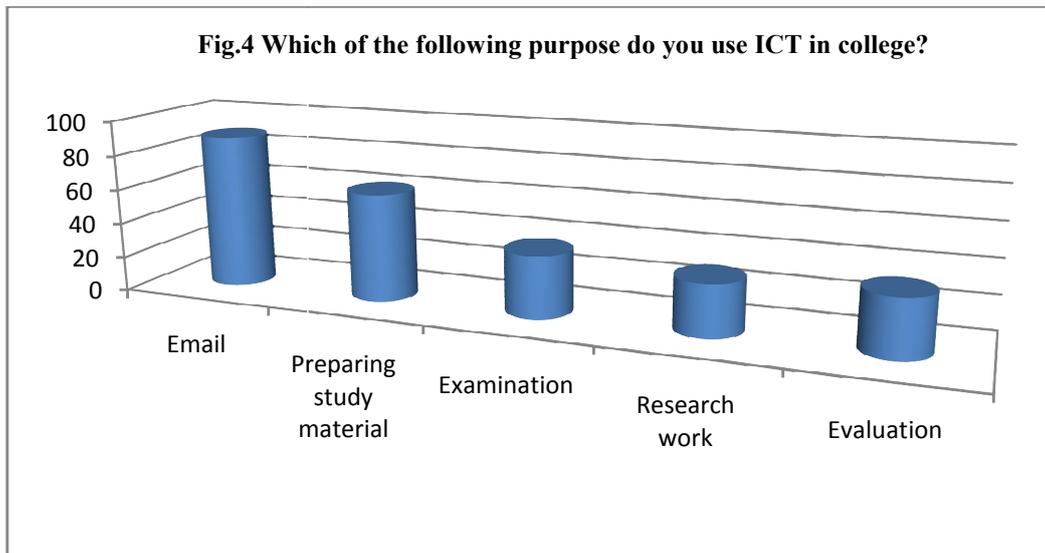
**Interpretation:** 74% respondents are aware of Information & Communication technology over 22% respondents somewhat know about it.



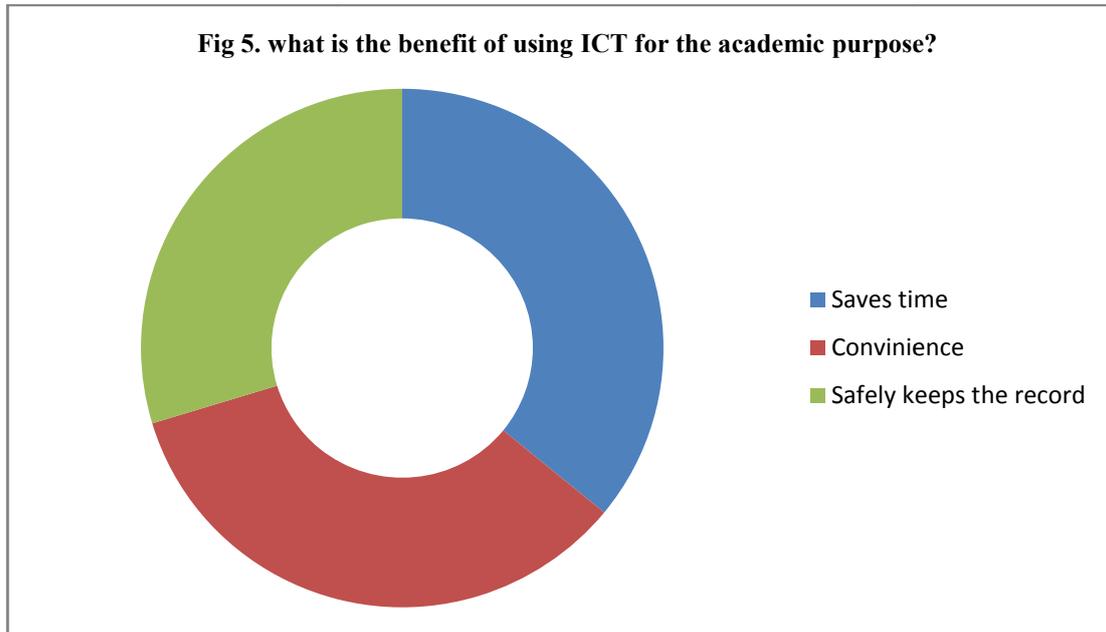
**Interpretation:** 68% of the respondents use ICT for academic purpose.



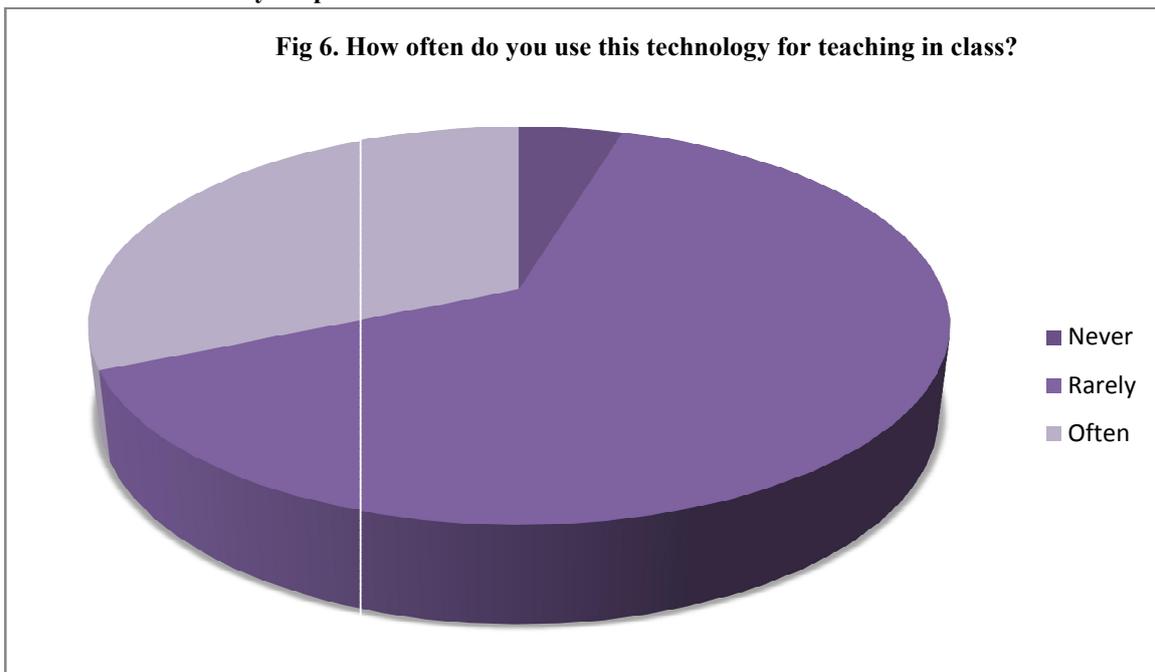
**Interpretation: 58% of the respondents use ICT monthly over 38% weekly.**



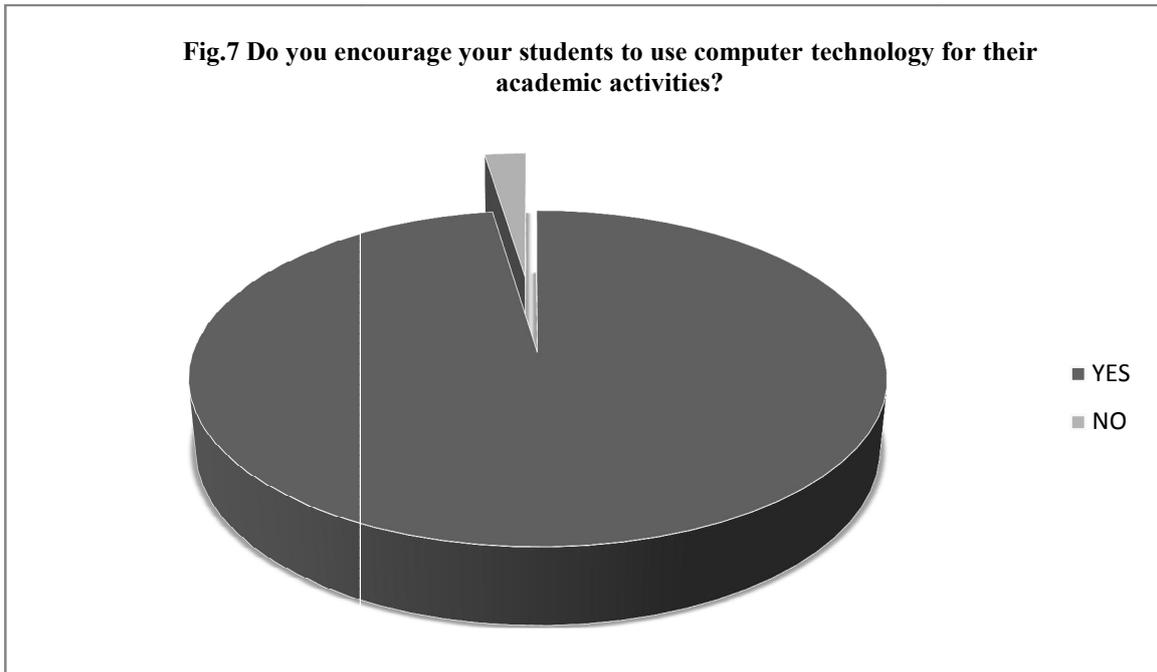
**Interpretation: Mailing is the priority purpose followed by preparing study material, examination & evaluation.**



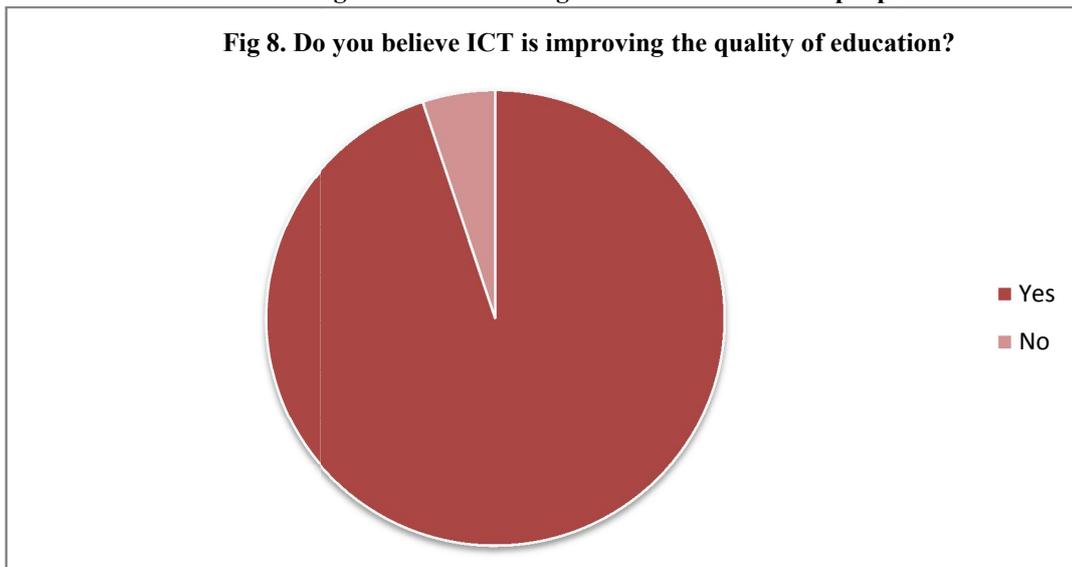
**Interpretation:** 46% respondents agreed that ICT saves times; 44% of respondents agree for its convenience & 38% believes that ICT safely keeps the record.



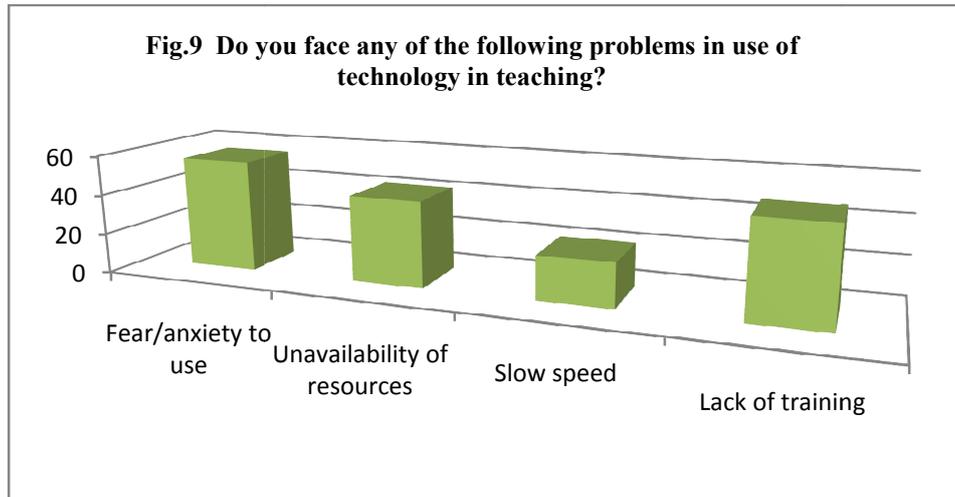
**Interpretation:** Only 27% respondents use ICT often in teaching whereas 55% respondents prefer use of ICT rarely.



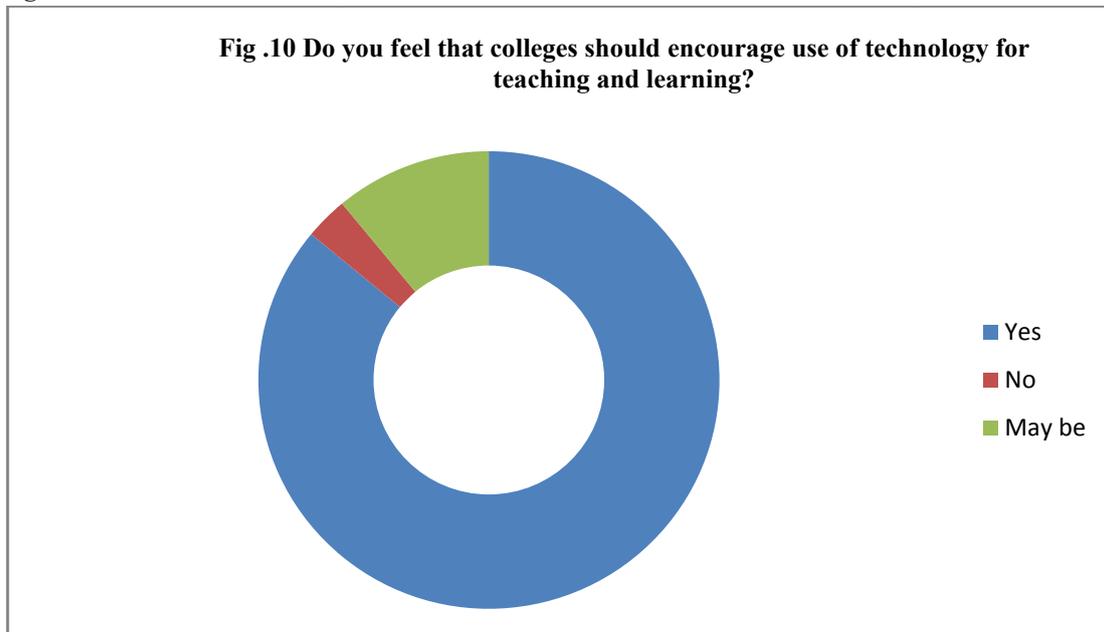
**Interpretation: 83% teachers encourage students for using ICT in their academic purpose.**



**Interpretation: 93% of respondents believe that ICT is improving quality of education.**



**Interpretation:** Fear or anxiety towards ICT is the foremost problem in the usage of ICT closely followed by lack of training & lack of resources.



**Interpretation:** 86% respondents feel that colleges should encourage the use of ICT in teaching & learning.

#### IV. FINDINGS

- There is considerably a huge awareness of ICT among the academicians.
- There is adaption of using ICT in fulfilling academic duties; however not preferred by everyone.
- Mailing & preparing study material are the foremost jobs performed by academicians.
- Time-saving & convenient are the two virtues which make ICT the preferred tool.
- Majority of academicians believe that usage of ICT should be encouraged in the institutions as it enhances quality of education.
- Academicians feel anxious using ICT; they are not being provided training on ICT
- There is inadequacy of proper ICT resources.

## V. CONCLUSION

ICT, similar to other industries, has proved its efficacy in the field of education too. Though academicians have agreed to the benefits offered by ICT; it is not entirely adopted or encouraged in some educational institutions. There is an massive need to train academicians about the expedient usage of ICT so that they can explore it at an extent to enhance the quality of higher education.

## VI. RECOMMENDATION

Institutions must provide proper infrastructure & resources for ICT; to motivate its usage among the teaching staff. They should be given appropriate training on the usage of ICT so that there will be low or no anxiety towards the technology.

Since teachers are the idols or opinion leaders for the students; teachers must take initiatives & measures to promote the use of ICT so as to bring on the most technologically upgraded future generation.

### Limitations of the study:

Limited sample size & sample frame

Incomplete responses as some respondents were reluctant to admit there resistance for newer technology.

### Scope of Research:

This paper attempts to understand the current preference for the uses of ICT tools in institutions and its impact on enhancing quality of education. However the spectrum of ICT is very huge in terms of the tools it offers and it's utility. The future scope of the study will be to analyze which ICT tool impacts more efficiently on education and whether it will be suitable to the education system in the areas other than the metropolitan cities.

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**Annexure: Questionnaire**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of the Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of the term ICT (Information & Communication Technology)?

Yes  No  Somewhat

Do you use computer or internet for the academic purpose?

Yes  No

If Yes, How Often?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Which of the following purpose do you use ICT in college?

Email

Preparing study material

Examination

Research work

Evaluation

According to you what is the benefit of using ICT for the academic purpose?

Saves time

Prepare lecture notes easily

Enhance my knowledge

Helps in enhancing quality of teaching

How often do you use this technology for teaching in class?

Never  Rarely  Often

Do you encourage your students to use computer technology for their academic activities?

Yes  No

If yes, how \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe ICT is improving the quality of education?

Yes  No

Do you face any of the following problems in use of technology in teaching?

Lack of time

Unavailability of resources

Slow speed

Lack of training

Do you feel that colleges should encourage use of technology for teaching and learning?

Yes

No

May be

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# A Study of Impact of ICT in the 21st Century and Growth in Pharmaceutical Industry

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**Abstract:** *Advanced media has been spread in practically every one of the circles of business and ventures. Perceiving the advantages, the use of digitalisation has been supported plentifully by the business people in their endeavors and strategic policies. Knowing the promising eventual fate of digitalisation, Legislature of India has additionally started 'Computerized India' battling. In such situation, no industry has left immaculate structure digitalization.*

*Drug organizations which work in a very managed climate with various special and promoting requirements; additionally plunged into web selling. Be that as it may, Pharma organizations not at all like of others manage the items related with individuals' wellbeing, infirmity and all in all their endurance. Selling drug items fall under the sharp cautiousness of authoritative body. This is the motivation behind why drug business isn't widely advanced through internet based channels; as individuals are as yet helpless towards the genuineness of medical services items bought on the web. Nonetheless, the idea of e-drug store accompanies a few benefits like the comfort of conveyance, online record of e-remedy, merchandise exchange and input instrument and so on. This paper targets examining sees and counter perspectives on the act of digitalisation in medical care business in order to decide how digitalisation is effective for drug industry.*

**Keywords:** Digital media, Pharmaceutical industry, e-pharmacy, Digital India, success

## I. INTRODUCTION

Digital media is an ever-evolving concept which has brought in the positive technological changes in almost every industry. With its plethora of benefits, digitalisation has amended the techniques & methodology of how any task; be it personal or professional can be performed in faster, convenient & cost-effective manner. Knowing this significance; every industry today is adopting digitalisation as a predominant tool for accomplishing work.

Let us first understand what digitalisation is exactly, and what are its various forms & merits –

Digitalisation encompasses both the internet-enabled sphere as well as the mobile one powered by wireless networks. Digitalisation is sometimes used synonymously with IT (for information technology); however, digitalisation is generally used to represent a broader, more comprehensive list of all components related to computer and digital technologies than IT.

The list of digitalisation components is exhaustive, and it continues to grow. Some components, such as computers and telephones, have existed for decades. Others, such as smartphones, digital TVs and robots, are more recent entries. Digitalisation commonly means more than its list of components, though. It also encompasses the application of all those various components. It's here that the real potential, power and danger of digitalisation can be found. Digitalisation's importance to economic development and business growth has been so monumental, in fact, that it's credited with ushering in what many have labeled the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Digitalisation also underpins broad shifts in society, as individuals en masse are moving from personal, face-to-face interactions to ones in the digital space. This new era is frequently termed the Digital Age.

For all its revolutionary aspects, though, digitalisation capabilities aren't evenly distributed. Simply put, richer countries and richer individuals enjoy more access and thus have a greater ability to seize on the advantages and opportunities powered by digitalisation.

**The significance of digitalisation in business:-**

For businesses, advances within digitalisation have brought a slew of cost savings, opportunities and conveniences. They range from highly automated businesses processes that have cut costs, to the big data revolution where organizations are turning the vast trove of data generated by digitalisation into insights that drive new products and services, to digitalisation -enabled transactions such as internet shopping and telemedicine and social media that give customers more choices in how they shop, communicate and interact.

Digitalisation has revised various functions of business ranging from production, quality control, HRM, marketing and so on. If we further discuss precisely the significance of digitalisation for various business functions; marketing is one core area where digitalisation has shown the phenomenal spread. Today, Internet has become the most preferred tool through which the marketers can reach out to their desired & focused target audience. Websites, Search Engine Marketing (including SEO & PPC), Social Media Marketing are few digital marketing tools which have revolutionised the way products are being promoted and sold to the ultimate consumers. Internet has evolved into a self-organizing media, capable of multiple interactions within. Almost all companies dealing with the product categories such as food, fashion, home decors, electronics, healthcare, FMCG, financial services, telecom, are adopting digitalisation for reaching out the customers.

It's commendable that digitalisation is showing its prolific effect in several product categories which fall under the risk & susceptibility for consumers. One of such product categories is Pharmaceutical products. Pharmaceutical products include the generic drugs, branded medicines, dietary supplements, healthcare items, diagnostic equipments, and herbal products. All these are the life-saving or emergency products. E-pharmacy can be the apt example of practice of digitalisation in the pharma-world.

E-pharmacy (also termed as online pharmacy, internet pharmacy & cyber pharmacy) is concerned with selling pharmaceutical/healthcare products through digital medium; providing a variety of products (e.g. health and beauty products) , generic drugs, branded medicines, dietary supplements, organic medicines, diagnostic equipments etc. Some pharmacies only dispense drugs with a valid prescription, some provide online consultations for prescribing and dispensing medicines, and some dispense medications without a prescription. There are a number of reasons that may lead patients to the use of the internet in search of medical care. It acts as a second opinion or second doctor for desperate patients. Also, it gives insight into patient problems, as well as the drugs that could cure them.

Though the marketing of drugs over the Internet is an inevitable outcome of the booming e-economy, it poses unique ethical, legal and quality challenges – the prime cause being the anarchic structure of the Internet. These challenges are important from the consumer, physician and regulator perspectives.

**Different forms of e-pharmacy:**

First, the online pharmacy may be an independent Internet company that has no physical pharmacy site for a consumer to visit. The online pharmacy may be a “clicks-and mortar” pharmacy, typically the online branch of a major pharmacy chain that has an actual storefront. Several chains have purchased online companies as a marketing strategy.

These partnerships have enabled customers to request refills of prescriptions through Web sites and have given customers the option to pick up the refill at a local branch of a major pharmacy or receive the refill in the mail. Finally, independent neighborhood pharmacies have formed networks and have built web sites to represent themselves.

Some online pharmacy web sites have “cyber doctors,” who evaluate patients via Internet communication and determine whether to prescribe medication based on this communication. The management and services of online pharmacies may be administered entirely in one state, may span several states, or may be located offshore.

Apart from these, digitalisation can contribute to Pharmaceutical marketing through following digital tools such as–

- Search Engine Optimization
- Pay-per-click
- Social Media Marketing
- Health apps
- Email newsletter etc.

### **Merits of e-pharmacy -**

Internet pharmacies offer a host of benefits. They are convenient and allow customers to avoid nuisances such as going out in bad weather, parking hassles, standing in line, and the inevitable wait for the prescription to be filled. Patients with limited mobility or those living far from a pharmacy can benefit tremendously from legitimate Internet pharmacies by eliminating travel to a traditional pharmacy.

Potential customers of online pharmacies are attracted to these sites by the large-scale advertising campaigns of pharmaceutical companies on television in the press, by Internet advertisements, including spam, from the online pharmacies themselves, and by the reputed low prices. It can bring notable benefits in terms of saving time and money, but this is not always true. Sometimes medicines are more expensive than in usual drugstores. Online pharmacies have the potential to empower patients by providing information about new medications, adverse effects of medications, and health conditions.

Many Internet pharmacies offer overnight shipping, allowing customers to avoid the delay of regular mail. Another benefit is that some Internet pharmacies offer lower prices on medications than those charged by traditional pharmacies. One way lower costs are made possible is through an increase in competition. In addition, many Internet pharmacies lack fixed costs such as property leases, maintenance, and property taxes.

Furthermore, e-pharmacies can offer privacy that is often lacking in a traditional pharmacy. Many patients feel uncomfortable asking a pharmacist questions in front of other customers. Some Internet pharmacies have a licensed pharmacist available 24 hours a day to answer questions by phone or by e-mail. This allows patients to ask personal medication questions without fearing that their neighbors might overhear. A final benefit is that Internet pharmacies can offer perks not found in traditional pharmacies. Some companies send e-mail alerts when the prescription is due for a refill, such a reminder may improve patient compliance with drug therapies.

Online pharmacies have the potential to promote communication among pharmacists, physicians, and patients; whether this potential has been realized is debatable. For example, the option to send questions at any time of day about the adverse effects of medications may encourage patients to question pharmacists. In addition, the cloak of anonymity that the Internet offers may encourage patients to ask questions about some medications that they would be too embarrassed to ask in a busy pharmacy.

### **Shortfalls of e-pharmacy -**

Two hazardous issues that go hand-in-hand are self-diagnosis and self-medication because consumers can purchase prescription drugs without ever speaking to a pharmacist or physician. In these days of managed care, it might be weeks before a patient can see a physician for non-emergency purposes. Patients might choose to treat themselves rather than wait for an appointment, or the patient simply may be too embarrassed to discuss the health problem with his physician. These dangers are especially significant given that numerous Internet pharmacies are willing to dispense prescription drugs without a valid prescription. When a patient utilizes an Internet pharmacy, which provides a medication, based on a cyber-consultation, or if the pharmacy directly dispenses the medication without a prescription, important safeguards are missed. Not only does the patient miss an examination by his physician, the possibility exists that a licensed pharmacist may never review the prescription. The patient bypasses the two professionals who traditionally inform patients of proper utilization, dangerous side effects, and drug interactions.

Another drawback to e-pharmacies may be cost, as some consumers pay more for prescription medications obtained over the Internet. High shipping costs and an inability to participate in many insurance plans adds to the cost. Another area of concern involves the prescribing-physician's credentials.

### **The regulatory stance of the food and drug administration regarding e-pharmacies:**

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, FDA has the legal authority to take action against:

- 1) The importation, sale, or distribution of an adulterated or misbranded drug;
- 2) The importation, sale, or distribution of an unapproved new drug;
- 3) Illegal promotion of a drug;
- 4) The sale or dispensing of a prescription drug without a valid prescription; and
- 5) Counterfeit drugs.

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### **Implications of digitalisation in Pharmaceutical sector:-**

Digitalisation has contributed to the growth of pharma industry remarkably. The most popular ways of using digitalisation for promotion of healthcare products & services are –

website, on which the provided pharmaceutical products and services can be promoted;

content displayed on the homepage: is the identity card of a website; the information must be very well structured;

web banner: is a form of online advertising which places an announcement on a webpage;

sponsored links, SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and Google AdWords ;

email marketing;

forums, blogs and social networks through which patients and doctors exchange information;

content marketing: strategically marketing approaches focused on creating and distributing valuable, relevant and coherent information;

press releases, advertorials or guest posting;

classical infographics: these are representations of certain information (e.g. statistical data) in a graphical format conceived to understand data more easily;

viral campaigns;

affiliate marketing: a type of marketing used in e-distribution; it is a strategy by which it is intended to have access to a greater market through websites which are focused on specific groups of Internet users (e.g. Amazon.com where a wide range of products – books, electronics, pharmaceutical products, toys etc. – are marketed, having thousands of affiliated specific websites);

Medical education services conducted through digitalisation brought a number of assistances to users by giving them the opportunity of acquiring new information and knowledge on a very short time, in a convenient way with minimal cost.

Thus digitalisation has enabled the as a safe & sustainable alternative that breaks the barriers of traditional retail pharma outlets. Apart from consumers i.e. patients, it could also help doctors' fraternity to seek information and get connected to patients. Digitalisation in pharmaceutical industry has been lucrative to government by allowing endorsing the 'Jan Auhadhi Program', which is a primary part of country's plan to create awareness and enable access of affordable medicines to the general population across the country without compromising the quality of medicines. This program is a key part of the Digital Health Program under the Digital India and will be of immense benefits to the consumers.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

Pharmaceutical industry had and will have promising contribution of digital for its growth & success. Pharmaceutical companies will in future will exceedingly acclimatize to digitalisation. Its various tools are making the pharmaceutical marketing easier & one-to-one. In today's world, where there is upmost competitions & vulnerability in consumers, digitalisation has proved itself the well-wisher of marketers by providing them new & focused ways to curb the competitions & reach out the targets. Pharma industry has also followed the path of digitalisation and capitalizes its advantages rightly to tap on the patients & medical practitioners as well. Looking at this spread of digitalisation we can ensure that traditional way relationship of the healthcare system will soon shift to two way relationships between medical practitioners & patients through digitalisation. Digitalisation enabled technologies such as mobiles, social media and other forms of digitalization will lead to a creation of valuable channels empowering patients to exchange information.

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# A Study on Product Development Tools to Increase User Inclusivity

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**Abstract:** *Due to late mechanical and social headways, client association in item improvement is a higher priority than any time in recent memory. This part looks at the hierarchical difficulties of ICT use as well as the different ICT apparatuses that can work with client contribution in the new item advancement process. It has been found that the application and execution of ICT are not driven by similar precursors, which additionally influences the new client contribution in the item advancement process.*

**Keywords:** User Inclusion, Product Development, NPD, User involvement

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Western world transitioned from an industrial to an information society during the early 1990s due to the commercial expansion of the Internet, which was characterized by the rapid development and adoption of new information and communication technologies (ICTs). Data openness and creation keep on turning out to be quicker and more straightforward as new ICTs are created at a fast speed.

The shift away from information presentation and toward content collaboration through online posting, commenting, and writing is another aspect of ICT advancement. Users communicate directly with one another and search for, read, and write information together, regardless of group affiliation. As a result, the information society is now a knowledge society. The information society

addresses a tremendous change in the power relationship of clients and enterprises. Companies' traditional control over the information their customers could access has diminished. Technology and markets have traditionally been the two divisions of the corporate environment.

However, according to Moore and Slotegraaf (1999), the most profitable strategy for new product development (NPD) has recently been proposed to be a combination of the two. Users are viewed from this vantage point as a subset of markets. Users have become an independent aspect of company NPD thanks to advances in ICTs. Clients impart across business sectors, share encounters, and refine items outside the control of organizations. When looking for new product ideas, the "corporate playground" has transformed into a three-dimensional space composed of technology, markets, and users.

Companies now have strong competitive advantages in both product development and production as a result of the use of ICT (Bayo-Moriones&Lera-Lopez, 2007; Bayo-Moriones&Lera-Lopez). Ozer, 2000). When a product is launched, greater market success will result from greater use of ICT in the development process. Barczak, Sultan, &Hultink (2007) found that the commercial success of new products is positively impacted by ICT use.

Companies can boost their social capital in relation to users and markets by incorporating users into their NPD. Companies that give their users a variety of roles in NPD and, through these roles, tighten their relationships with them, will gain an advantage over companies that treat users only as end-users.

Inside the setting of client association in NPD, this part expects to investigate the determinants of ICT use on the off chance that investigation of Danish Global working organizations. Five groups of factors are used by us: imaginative environment, vital accentuation on ICT devices, ICT champions, skills and execution assumptions. With observations from actual applications of ICT tools in new product projects, the presented study adds to existing research on ICT adaptation and user involvement.

Future research will benefit from understanding the opportunities and challenges presented to businesses by pursuing user involvement in the use of ICT tools. The use of ICT and user involvement in NPD are conceptualized in the following section. The preconditions of ICT use are then discussed. The cases are then introduced and discoveries are examined and an end came to.

## **II. USER-INVOLVEMENT IN NPD**

The primary rule of client-driven NPD is that organizations welcome clients into their NPD process. The key is the consolidation of client data and information into new item projects. Client information incorporates info, remarks, and criticism created through a ceaseless discourse with clients. The use of client input streamlines item innovation as well as item plan, and matches another item to broadened as well as inert client needs. According to Jespersen (2008), user involvement is defined as the incorporation of user feedback on projects throughout the NPD process.

According to Anderson (2005), the literature on customer relationship management and relationship marketing emphasizes the importance of the company-customer relationship as a prerequisite for involvement. 1987; Dwyer, Shur, and Oh Hunt and Morgan, 1994). Makers can possibly include clients and lay out a discourse on the off chance that they are associated with them.

Users (unsolicited) and/or businesses (solicited) may take the initiative to involve users in new product projects (interaction control). This chapter focuses on the company's user involvement initiative. User involvement under company control can be undirected or directed (Brockhoff, 2003). The company's level of familiarity with the users who respond is the difference between the two. Product marketing frequently incorporates undirected user involvement in the form of contests between products or between users (such as contests to choose the best commercial) or between users and manufacturers. Directed user involvement gives the company the advantage of personal contact with users through direct invitations and applies to company processes like the development of new products. Although users cannot be compelled to respond to an invitation, this provides additional control over input quality.

The interaction between a company and three users who have been invited to collaborate in the NPD process may be socially or task-oriented (Kaulio, 1998; 2002 Nambisan). Task inclusion of clients alludes to a short-term commitment of clients on an explicit NPD project in a given NPD stage. The term "social involvement of users" refers to the company's ongoing engagement with users. The organization welcomes clients to be important for a relationship on NPD that surpasses explicit tasks and interaction stages. With this comprehension of client contribution as stated by the organization and coordinated to pre-distinguished clients either as an errand or social relations, we will continue to ICT utilization in NPD.

## **III. ICT TOOL USAGE IN NPD**

ICT tools have been suggested by research as ways to connect with users. ICT is seen as a way to build relationships between businesses and people who use their products or services. This idea is bolstered by the proliferation of self-service technologies and virtual communities (Andersen, 2005; 2008 by Casalo, Flavian, and Guinaliu; McWilliam, 2000). According to Miles, Miles, & Snow (2005), virtual environments are an effective method for establishing relationships with users and inspiring the company and its customers to participate in collaborative NPD. 2005 (Sawheny, Verona, and Prandelli). It is possible that information and communication technology (ICT) tools will reduce the distance that exists between a company and its end users, thereby strengthening user involvement and engagement in the creation of new products. Companies can offer a variety of online services to customers that facilitate user involvement in NPD by combining various new technologies (Nambisan, 2002). According to Dahan & Hauser (2002), many software products enable businesses to establish virtual customers.

ICT apparatuses are described as either synchronized or not-synchronized devices. This distinction between these terms relates to client contribution made through the ICT utilization in NPD. Synchronized ICT instruments expand on bunch rationale.

A group of users creates user input and dialogue with these tools, collaborating on specific NPD topics and having discussions about them. ICT tools that are not synchronized have user-generated input that is collected on a shared platform that is accessible to everyone. Figure 1 depicts a variety of ICT tools with synchronized and non-synchronized characteristics that can be used in the NPD process. It also shows how these tools relate to task and social user

involvement. While task involvement is possible with the majority of ICT tools, social user involvement is not always possible with all of them.

According to Venkatesh, Morris, Davis, & Davis (2003), the use of ICT tools in NPD is a two-phase process that builds on the innovation diffusion process. A company must first use at least one ICT tool in an NPD project. Users are involved in the NPD project through the application for the ICT tool, and the company gains an experience of user involvement and the ICT tool. On the basis of this, there are two possible outcomes for the second phase of the process: Either the company incorporates the ICT tool into their NPD process or it does not. With this understanding of how ICT is used in NPD, we move on to the process's preconditions.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The innovative climate and type of ICT champion present in the organizations we examined determined the ICT tool application in our study. The jungle gym producer with a high creative environment and an ICT visionary hero decided to apply a few ICT instruments. It was important to have an ICT champion present in less innovative environments. The pruned plant rancher picked an ICT instrument requesting a modest quantity of assets and skills to be grasped. By selecting a web 2.0 application, the food producer's ICT super-user champion ensured a long-term perspective of the ICT tool.

User involvement in NPD shifts to being task-oriented when there is a lack of ICT champions or visionary ICT champions, a low level of competences, and a low strategic emphasis on ICT. In these cases, companies use ICT tools to digitize methods like focus groups, interviews, and questionnaires for collecting data. Methodologies that are helpful to NPD but do not move NPD in the direction of user-driven NPD. According to Jespersen (2008), this finding emphasizes the difficulty of user involvement in NPD.

NPD managers need to make sure that users have the skills they need to deal with their social and technological advancements. In any other case, the company will not have access to the resources, energy, and creativity that users possess; resulting in the company being deprived of cutting-edge opportunities (Jespersen, 2008).

ICT implementation In NPD, high strategic emphasis, the presence of an ICT super-user champion, at least medium competencies (ICT and information analysis), and meeting performance expectations are all factors that influence ICT implementation. The food manufacturer paid tribute to these four and now seeks to implement additional ICT tools; all online. After the food manufacturer had used Ideastormer for two weeks, customers had already provided feedback on catering line extensions with high turnover rates. The new products were scheduled to be released in 2009, and users were rewarded for their input. This experience not only served as an occasion to include more imaginative and visionary applications of other ICT tools in NPD, but it also encouraged continued use of ICT tools.

In the case of the manufacturer of the playground, the ICT visionary champion was pleased with the user feedback that the ICT tools generated; Particularly beneficial was the digital data compilation.

The test in such a case as the jungle gym producer is that the excitement was not secured in the association. In spite of the imaginative environment of this association, a choice, truth be told was made to close NPD projects including client contribution through ICT apparatuses. The association found that the ICT apparatuses were too asset-requesting to be valuable. This highlights the significance of placing a strategic emphasis on ICT and the competencies of the organization to handle ICT and user involvement.

The potted plant farmer did not participate in NPD as a result of the ICT application because there are significant obstacles in the organization that prevent users from seeing the benefits. Nevertheless, the experience with the ICT tool has sparked a discussion of the strategic issue of ICT and user relationships in the upcoming potted plant market. This demonstrates that user involvement necessitates a profound mental shift within the organization (Hargadon, 2002; 2008 Jespersen).

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# A Study on Sole Proprietary Audit Firms with Reference to Implementation of Digitalization

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**Abstract:** *The essential target of this study is to explore the intervening impact of data correspondence innovation (ICT) preparing on the linkage between ICT certainty and ICT challenges in SPPAFs with less than 100 clients. A bunch of polls in light of a Likert scale were made for the review to gather 165 usable information from Indian evaluators of SPPAFs. Shrewd PLS and SPSS were utilized as measurable devices to analyze the information. SPPAF and ICT precursors (ICT certainty and difficulties) are connected through ICT preparing, as indicated by the discoveries. The sensible model of the survey can be useful to understand ICT harbingers of SPPAFs to grow the suitability of assessing. In this way, practicing monitors could comprehend ICT sureness and ICT challenges to chip away at firm amplex.*

**Keywords:** Proprietary, Audit firm, SME'S

## I. INTRODUCTION

Sole Proprietary Practicing Audit Firms (SPPAFs) are companies that have been registered as a sole proprietorship by individuals who are licensed to practice and are members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The authors have limited knowledge of the number of sole proprietary audit firms compared to audit firms registered as limited liability partnerships. According to Goel and Nelson (2019), sole proprietorship businesses were more likely to bring innovations. SPPAF might offer fitted support to their clients (Comprich and Huang, 2015). According to Declich li et al., the majority of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) rely on SPPAFs for accounting services and auditing their financial statements. 2020; 2016 (Carey and Tanewski). The most recent technology is used in SPPAFs (Lowe et al., 2018) and inspires customers to operate their businesses more effectively (Rikhardsson and Dull, 2016). According to Ganesan et al., SPPAF can offer advice on how to make a business more secure and profitable. 2018). SPPAFs can provide their clients with more targeted audits and related services. According to Okpara ., SMEs typically outsource their accounting duties to SPPAFs. 2017). Small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) can outsource a variety of accounting and auditing tasks abroad. According to Cahyaningtyas and Ningtyas (2020), if this works, SPPAFs could offer it to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the home nation. SMEs ordinarily have restricted assets and can offer types of assistance exclusively by SPPAFs in a practical way (Bills and Stephens, 2016). One of the major obstacles before SPPAFs has been the client's excessive reliance on non-human resources or information technology . Audit risks can be reduced and audit management improved with increased technology confidence (Salijeni et al., 2019). Maldonado et al. emphasized the significance of technology training and awareness of big data in the accounting or auditing profession. 2020). The majority of SMEs are opting for paperless transactions and investing in accounting software as a result of recent rapid ICT changes (Oktaviani, 2017; Kramer et al., 2016), which may raise audit risks in addition to business risks (Chen et al., 2019). The reception of ICT in SMEs thusly urges SPPAFs to take on and use ICT in their review firms (Thottoli et al., 2019a). According to Singh et al., the current "Fourth Industrial Revolution" or "Transformation Economy" encourages businesses to adopt technologies like blockchain, data automation, and artificial intelligence. 2020), and these modifications also have an impact on the accounting practices of clients and the manner in which audit services are rendered (Smith, 2018). The adoption of audit software by SPPAFs is boosted by technology's exponential growth According to Mokhitli and Kyobe (2019), the use of technology in auditing is essential in this day and age. SPPAFs will be affected by technology and artificial intelligence, requiring close monitoring . For expanding efficiency and decreasing expenses, SPPAFs are executing ICT to serve their clients what they need most (Pedrosa et al., 2020). Some of SPPAFs utilizes manual approach to doing

review and larger part of them utilizes MS Succeed to inspect the arithmetical precision of the fiscal summaries of their clients (Dias and Marques, 2018). Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) and PricewaterhouseCoopers thought that 90% of SMEs evaluating calculation sheets have material mistakes. According to Panko (2016), the majority of SPPAFs employ untrained individuals to manage accounting spreadsheets. According to Salajeni et al., the accuracy of the SPPAFs' spreadsheet or MS Excel auditing system presents significant obstacles. risk of the unskilled user, lack of internal control, more prone to human errors, lack of guidelines to use, risk of losing data, risk of engaging in fraud, false belief in password protection, lack of data encryption option, lack of audit trail, lack of verification facility, errors of omission, errors of commission, transposition errors, single entry error, duplication of entry Computer-Assisted Auditing Techniques (CAATs) are useful tools and techniques that can reduce costs and increase productivity in SPPAFs (Siew et al.,). However, the trend to adopt CAATs is less common in developing nations. 2020). Therefore, in order to carry out the audit in an effective and efficient manner, SPPAFs ought to make use of technology applications (CAATs). Consequently, the principal objective of this study is to examine the interceding impact of ICT preparing on the linkage between ICT certainty,

ICT challenges as predecessors of SPPAFs. The methodology, ICT antecedents of SPPAFs, results, discussions, conclusion, and implications are provided in the remaining section of the paper.

## II. ICT PRECURSORS OF SPPAFS

### ICT Certainty

Trust in Data correspondence innovation shows the capacity in the powerful finishing of any assignment through the PC. Mawutor et al. ( 2019) planned to perceive the job of norms on examining to work on the reviewer's trust in the review of client's fiscal summaries. Lim looked at auditors' trust in technology for detecting fraud (2021). Thottoli's study in 2021 aimed to increase ICT confidence in accounting professionals' auditing practices; Thottoli and others, 2019a). Umar et al. investigated the impact of IT on dysfunctional audit behavior as well as pressures like time constraints, budget constraints, and task complexity. (2017). According to Hamshari et al., the auditor's technology confidence in the audit of the client's financial statements suggested that professional skepticism should be exercised throughout the auditing process in order to guarantee the audit's reliability. 2021). Professional skepticism will decrease as a result of auditor technology confidence in the clients' business operations, and vice versa (Rahmawati and Indrijawati, 2020). During the brainstorming session, auditors' increased self-confidence, which includes technology, will motivate them to voice their opinions (Sagara and Alkotdriyah, 2020). Assuming an evaluator has sufficient innovation trust in their work execution supported by satisfactory framework help, then, at that point, there is an expanded degree of expectation to take on CAATs in the review calling (Mohamed et al., 2019).

### ICT Difficulties

Reasonableness of redone review programming, expanded ICT preparing cost, expanded hazard of getting adequate and satisfactory review proof through the PC, and essential information in innovation abilities of junior examiners are viewed as significant difficulties looking by SPPAFs (Thottoli and Thomas, 2020). Liu et al. examined the difficulties posed by blockchain in accounting and auditing, describing the consequences in detail. 2019). The outcomes of the Salijeni conducted research on the effects of ICT on the effective management of widespread challenges and the execution of audit engagements related to incorporating big data analytics into the audit perspective ( 2019). Numerous challenges and opportunities are poised to have a significant impact on the auditing and accounting profession as a result of advancements in technology (Liu, 2019). It is not anticipated that the ICT will have a disruptive effect on the audit profession, particularly on solely proprietary audit firms (Brender et al., 2019). CAATs help examiners in strategical readiness to confront likely ICT challenges in the current contending circumstance. According to Serpeninova et al., the main advantage of CAATs is that they make it easier to conduct computer-based audits. 2019). According to Jaber and Wadi (2018), traditional audit methods are being replaced by CAATs when it comes to technology challenges.

### **ICT Training**

Junior auditors are less likely to be confused by inadequate or inadequate ICT training. Auditing is made easier and faster with training. Thottoli and Thomas (2020), analyzed the connection between ICT preparing and examining rehearses. Professional IT training that is ongoing will ensure practical skills and aid in the preservation of technology-enabled audit documentation (Cristea, 2021). The mechanical course of computerization has been found generally in different ventures including bookkeeping or evaluating enterprises. Huang and Vasarhelyi (2019) investigated the use of robotic process automation in auditing. Munoko et al. (2020) looked at the problems with accounting or auditing talent training from the point of view of artificial intelligence and suggested that auditors could get better through training. ICT preparing assists with confronting difficulties in the monetary world (Mamuda and Yusuf, 2020). During the internal audit for data security measures, including cyber-attacks, effective ICT training was found to be significant (Lois et al., 2020). Review preparing in the most recent innovation assists with identifying or forestall conceivable extortion in the clients' budget reports (Putra and Dwirandra, 2019). By receiving timely ICT training on generalized audit software, practicing auditors can increase their efficiency (Tansil et al., 2019) according to Marei and Iskandar (2019),

### **Technique**

#### **Example and Information Assortment**

This study has given a valuable chance to comprehend top to bottom recognizable proof of ICT certainty, ICT challenges, and ICT preparing and has been intended to assess the factors. The review takes on a quantitative methodology where a bunch of surveys were planned utilizing a Likert scale to gather 165 usable information from evaluators of SPPAFs in India. Smart PLS and SPSS were used to collect and analyze the primary data. All of the people who responded were self-employed, qualified chartered accountants. The information were gathered in the year 2019 for research examination. The software Structural Equation Modelling-Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS) was used in this study for data analysis.

### **Method of Analysis**

The survey was based on constructs that were suggested and confirmed in a previous study. There were five sections to the questionnaire. There are a total of five demographic questions in Section A; section B should list the SPPAFs, which have ten subquestions, and section C should list the ICT training, which has three subquestions; section D, with its four subquestions, indicate ICT challenges; as well as section E, indicate ICT confidence for the four subquestions. This survey is part of the way adjusted from Thottoli and Thomas (2020).

### **Construct validity and reliability**

The measurement model's reliability and validity were evaluated by evaluating the constructs' values for Cronbach's Alpha and Composite Reliability.

## **III. DISCUSSION**

### **The effect of SPPAFs on ICT antecedents (ICT confidence and ICT challenges)**

The current study tests ICT confidence and ICT challenges as SPPAFs' ICT antecedents. The researcher started by looking at ICT confidence, which has a strong connection to ICT training. According to a few previous studies, ICT confidence is one of the main factors that affect SPPAFs' adoption of audit technology's effectiveness in audit practice. This outcome has in accordance with what has proposed by (Putra and Sudana, 2019) found that working on bookkeeping firms ought to give more preparation to their review partners to further develop examiner trust in their relegated review errands. Similarly, Thottoli et al. (2019a); Thottoli et al. (2019c), discovered that ICT training and confidence are essential for ICT-enabled auditing. At  $p = 0.001$  and  $t = 9.231$ , the path coefficient (Table VI) demonstrates a positive and significant relationship between ICT confidence and ICT training. This is consistent with the current study's hypothesis. It's possible that auditors in SPPAFs don't have the skills necessary to test client data with audit software, don't have enough ICT training, or don't believe they can computer-audit financial statement items. As a result, auditors of SPPAFs will benefit from enhanced ICT confidence when there is increased ICT training. In the end,

less ICT confidence might necessitate more ICT training. Later, the researcher has looked into ICT difficulties, which have a lot to do with ICT training. One of the main factors that affect the effectiveness of SPPAF audit practice through the adoption of audit technology has been identified as ICT challenges in previous studies. According to Stancheva-Todorova (2018), this result is consistent with her assertion that accounting practicing professionals were challenged to acquire technology skills through appropriate training. At  $p = 0.001$  and  $t = 6.210$ , the path coefficient (Table VI) demonstrates a positive and significant relationship between ICT challenges and ICT training. This is consistent with the current study's hypothesis. ICT auditing may increase the risk of obtaining sufficient and adequate audit evidence through the computer, junior auditors believe that ICT auditing can be understood only by those with advanced computer skills, and generalized audit software may not be affordable to SPPAFs. ICT audit training may increase the operational cost to the company. The auditors of SPPAFs will face fewer ICT difficulties as a result of increased ICT training. In the end, higher ICT challenges may necessitate higher ICT training.

### **How ICT training affects the mediator relationship between SPPAFs and ICT antecedents (ICT confidence and ICT Challenges).**

The relationship between ICT antecedents (ICT confidence and ICT Challenges) and SPPAFs is tested in the current study after the study examined the mediator relationship of ICT training. The researcher initially considered ICT training to be a mediator between ICT confidence and SPPAFs. The study found that SPPAFs' willingness to implement audit technology is mediated by information and communication technology (ICT) training. According to some previous research (Govaerts et al.), ICT training acted as a mediator between other variables. (2018). ICT training significantly mediates the relationship between ICT confidence and SPPAFs, as shown by the path coefficient (Table VI above) at  $p = 0.001$  and  $t = 4.192$ . This is consistent with the hypothesis that ICT training mediates the relationship between SPPAFs' willingness to implement audit technology and their confidence in ICT. Another way, at  $p = 0.001$  and  $t = 5.735$ , ICT training significantly mediates the relationship between ICT challenges and SPPAFs. This also supports the hypothesis that ICT training mediates the relationship between SPPAFs' willingness to implement audit technology and ICT challenges. Audit assistants are less likely to be confused by inadequate ICT training, which also makes auditing simpler and speeds up the process. Less ICT certainty and higher ICT difficulties will prompt expanded ICT preparing which will build the ability of SPPAFs to execute review innovation. The structural model is shown in figure 3, with ICT training serving as a mediator between ICT confidence and ICT challenges as antecedents of Sole proprietary audit firms.

## **IV. CONCLUSION**

The consideration of data correspondence innovation apparatuses by review firms lately is broadly suggested. However, despite the fact that there are numerous advantages to using ICT audit tools by audit firms, many solely proprietary audit firms do not currently use these tools when auditing clients' financial statements. SPPAFs' motivation to switch from the traditional auditing method to the computer-based auditing environment is the focus of the current study, which aims to investigate the antecedents of ICT and the mediator role of ICT training. By adding a new discussion about the mediating effect of information and communication technology (ICT) training on the linkage between ICT confidence and ICT challenges as antecedents of SPPAFs and by investigating those ICT antecedents on this relationship, this study stands out from previous studies. After discussing SPPAFs' ICT confidence and challenges, this study aims to highlight the significance of ICT use. According to the study's conclusion, SPPAFs in India can increase their use of technology tools by receiving adequate ICT training. SPPAF auditors will be able to adopt generalized or customized audit software thanks to sufficient ICT training due to the lack of ICT confidence and the high ICT challenges. SPPAF and ICT antecedents (ICT confidence and challenges) are linked through ICT training, according to the findings. The reasonable model of the review can be helpful to comprehend ICT forerunners of SPPAFs to expand the viability of evaluating. As a result, practicing auditors could identify issues with ICT confidence and effectiveness.

Theoretically, this study looked into the role of information and communication technology (ICT) training in SPPAFs' successful adoption of technology in audit practice. Particularly, the proposed ICT training moderator was deemed suitable for the current quantitative research study. This mediator was demonstrated to be urgent in the two ICT forerunners (supporting ICT certainty and ICT challenges) on SPPAFs. The analysts accept that the ongoing review has

demonstrated that these speculations really do offer important experiences into the psyche of examiners who are working in SPPAFs to embrace innovation in the review calling. 8. The study's limitations The primary objectives were to determine the mediator role of ICT training on the linkage between ICT antecedents (ICT confidence and ICT training) and SPPAFs that only influence the auditors of sole proprietary audit firms' adoption of technology. This study was limited to Kerala, India, as its primary location. Therefore, the findings of the research are only applicable to the regulatory environment of the ICAI in India

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# A Study on the Development on Women Organised Mini Businesses and Limited Scope

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**Abstract:** *This is introduced as the need might arise for thorough effect appraisal in ICT4D. We created two hypothetical models that anticipate connections between business development, ICT use, and chose precursors. We utilized underlying condition displaying (SEM) to test the models with information from a multistage likelihood overview of ladies miniature business people in Mumbai, India. The two models expected a quantifiably significant, but limited causal association between induction to ICTs (as the free component) and business improvement (as the dependent variable). The hypothetical model and insightful techniques recommend that future investigations ought to zero in favoring the particular factors that intercede the effect of ICTs on the development of tiny organizations.*

**Keywords:** Microenterprises, urban women, development, limited growth

## I. INTRODUCTION

Challenging the long-held claim that information and communication technologies (ICTs) enable development is now a central premise of ICT4D scholarship. In fact, a lot of researchers have called for thorough studies that look at the effect of ICTs that are more and more spread out (Donner, 2008; 2010 by Donner and Escobari; 2009 Duncombe; Heeks, 2010a; Molla and Heeks, 2009). We chose a research site that we believed would be especially fruitful for probing the role of ICTs—namely, microenterprises owned by women in Mumbai, India—and the research that is reported here is a partial response to the need for studies that investigate whether, to what degree, and under what conditions ICTs enable microenterprises to grow. With information gathered through a multistage probability design, we tried two models of ICT influence on business development using structural condition demonstrating (SEM). The two models anticipated a statistically significant, causal connection between admittance to ICTs (as an independent variable) and business development (as the reliant variable). However, only a small portion of the variation in business growth could be explained by these independent variables. In this manner, these findings offer one setting specific illustration of the restricted effect of ICTs on microenterprise development and consequently provide a more nuanced image of ICTs as empowering agents of development

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

ICTs and Financial Development From a macroeconomic viewpoint, ICTs have been shown to have positive ramifications for the economies of non-industrial countries. In the nations of Africa, for instance, a 10% expansion in the availability of cell phones brought about a 0.59% increment in per capita Gross domestic product (Waverman, Mesci, and Fight, 2005), while across the Worldwide South, a 10% increment in broadband entrance was projected to deliver a 1.38% increment in per capita Gross domestic product. At the miniature level, there is little proof about the effect of PCs on microenterprises, largely because paces of PC and Web dissemination are low, and the expenses of PC use make it an economically ugly choice for most microentrepreneurs (Chinn and Fairlie, 2010). On the other hand, it does appear that mobile phones have a positive economic impact on small businesses. Two comprehensive literature reviews (Donner, 2008; Donner and Escobari, 2010) finish up that mobile telephones might work with the quest for price information, lessen business-related travel, and aid in correspondence with existing providers and customers, however proof that cell phones also make it feasible for micro entrepreneurs to expand their base of providers and clients — key components of financial development — is blended. Abraham (2006), Jensen (2007), and Aker (2008) provide the strongest evidence that using a mobile phone by microentrepreneurs helps correct information asymmetries and creates

more efficient markets. These studies demonstrate that grain traders in Niger (Aker) and participants in the washing industry in Kerala, India (Abraham and Jensen) reduce producer risk, price variability, and consumer costs by acquiring information. However, despite the fact that Jensen and Aker report increased producer profits, Aker discovered that economic benefits did not accrue equally across the agricultural sector, with the majority of gains going to the supply chain's wealthier members.

### III. URBAN WOMEN MICROENTREPRENEURS

Women Microentrepreneurs Microenterprises have long been of interest to the development community due to their widespread availability and potential to alleviate poverty (Mead & Liedholm, 1998; 2005, Nichter & Goldmark). Additionally, different appraisals, both nation specific and local, propose that ladies own upward of half of all microenterprises in the developing world (Chen, 2001; Organization of the National Sample Survey (NSSO), 2000; 2006, Peebles; Wasihun & Paul, 2010). However, Mead & Liedholm (1998) and Nichter & Goldmark (2005) found that sole proprietorships and/or home-based businesses account for the majority of female-owned businesses. According to NSSO (2000), 69% of urban microenterprises owned by women in India were home-based and lacked employees.

According to recent research (Gelb, Mengistae, Ramachandran, & Shah, 2009), the ability of sole proprietorships to generate revenue or jobs has been questioned. 2009 International Labor Organization LaPorta and Shleifer, 2008). Accordingly, sole proprietorships and home-work microenterprises are excluded from this review. According to Duncombe & Heeks (2005), there are a number of factors that make urban settings a strategic research site. It is hoped that this method will enrich our sample with a greater number of microenterprises that are not "livelihood" or "survivalist" enterprises and may demonstrate ICT-enabled growth. To begin, the majority of previous research on micro-enterprises has primarily focused on rural development. While we do not discount the importance of rural development, we argue that the growing urbanization of the developing world offers a largely untapped opportunity for ICTs to successfully support economic growth. Second, when it comes to the availability of ICTs, it is evident that mobile phones and even the Internet have spread earlier and more widely in urban areas of developing countries than in rural areas (Castells, Fernandez-Ardevol, Qiu, & Sey, 2007; 2005 Mariscal).

Naturally, larger microenterprises with at least a few employees may have greater information and communication needs and may try to meet some of those needs by increasing access to and use of ICTs. If that were the case, then perhaps ICTs would also have a greater impact on the expansion of microenterprises. Using the enterprise size as a dummy variable in a regression analysis (larger microenterprises with one or more hired employees equal to 1; microbusinesses with fewer than have hired employees equal 0). The beta coefficient for enterprise size in this regression examination isn't statistically significant and the complete fluctuation explained differs from the difference made sense of in the Last model just barely. As a result, the statistical significance of the other predictor variables remains unchanged, indicating that the size of the microenterprise in this dataset has no effect on business expansion.

We additionally explored whether the relationship between complete ICT access and business development might be recursive — that is, whether more successful micro entrepreneurs could have the capital to acquire more ICTs, which, thus, might promote business development. In the analytical structural model, we reversed the causality between total ICT access and business growth, making business growth the predictor variable and ICT access the dependent variable to test for endogeneity. However, it was discovered that the path coefficient of the reversed causal link was insignificant (0.056, n.s.), indicating that, at least in this data set, the relationship between ICT access and microenterprise growth is not recursive

### IV. CONCLUSION

Urban environments generally have access to ICTs, which is a necessary but not sufficient condition for demonstrating ICT impact. Third, contrasted with tiny organizations in the countryside, metropolitan microenterprises have an almost 25% more prominent possibility getting by past their first year (Mead and Liedholm, 1998). The related, possibly recursive relationship between business growth and ICT use and whether urban microenterprises remain in business after a year remains a largely unexplored phenomenon. Fourth, the target population of this study is the population of microenterprises, and cities typically house a large number of them. For instance, according to the NSSO (2000), approximately 4.2 million "establishments" (in practice, microenterprises) can be found in India's cities, which is three

times the number of establishments found in India's vast rural areas. According to Srivastava (2005), the informal sector accounts for two-thirds of all employment in Mumbai.

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### LITERATURE REVIEW

ICTs and Financial Development From a macroeconomic viewpoint, ICTs have been shown to have positive ramifications for the economies of non-industrial countries. In the nations of Africa, for instance, a 10% expansion in the availability of cell phones brought about a 0.59% increment in per capita Gross domestic product (Waverman, Mesci, and Fight, 2005), while across the Worldwide South, a 10% increment in broadband entrance was projected to deliver a 1.38% increment in per capita Gross domestic product. At the miniature level, there is little proof about the effect of PCs on microenterprises, largely because paces of PC and Web dissemination are low, and the expenses of PC use make it an economically ugly choice for most microentrepreneurs (Chinn and Fairlie, 2010). On the other hand, it does appear that mobile phones have a positive economic impact on small businesses. Two comprehensive literature reviews (Donner, 2008; Donner and Escobari, 2010) finish up that mobile telephones might work with the quest for price information, lessen business-related travel, and aid in correspondence with existing providers and customers, however proof that cell phones also make it feasible for micro entrepreneurs to expand their base of providers and clients — key components of financial development — is blended. Abraham (2006), Jensen (2007), and Aker (2008) provide the strongest evidence that using a mobile phone by microentrepreneurs helps correct information asymmetries and creates more efficient markets. These studies demonstrate that grain traders in Niger (Aker) and participants in the washing industry in Kerala, India (Abraham and Jensen) reduce producer risk, price variability, and consumer costs by acquiring information. However, despite the fact that Jensen and Aker report increased producer profits, Aker discovered that economic benefits did not accrue equally across the agricultural sector, with the majority of gains going to the supply chain's wealthier members.

### URBAN WOMEN MICROENTREPRENEURS

Women Microentrepreneurs Microenterprises have long been of interest to the development community due to their widespread availability and potential to alleviate poverty (Mead & Liedholm, 1998; 2005, Nichter & Goldmark). Additionally, different appraisals, both nation specific and local, propose that ladies own upward of half of all microenterprises in the developing world (Chen, 2001; Organization of the National Sample Survey (NSSO), 2000; 2006, Peebles; Wasihun & Paul, 2010). However, Mead & Liedholm (1998) and Nichter & Goldmark (2005) found that sole proprietorships and/or home-based businesses account for the majority of female-owned businesses. According to NSSO (2000), 69% of urban microenterprises owned by women in India were home-based and lacked employees.

According to recent research (Gelb, Mengistae, Ramachandran, & Shah, 2009), the ability of sole proprietorships to generate revenue or jobs has been questioned. 2009 International Labor Organization LaPorta and Shleifer, 2008). Accordingly, sole favorable to proprietorships and home-work microenterprises are excluded from this review. According to Duncombe & Heeks (2005), there are a number of factors that make urban settings a strategic research site. It is hoped that this method will enrich our sample with a greater number of microenterprises that are not "livelihood"

or "survivalist" enterprises and may demonstrate ICT-enabled growth. To begin, the majority of previous research on micro-enterprises has primarily focused on rural development. While we do not discount the importance of rural development, we argue that the growing urbanization of the developing world offers a largely untapped opportunity for ICTs to successfully support economic growth. Second, when it comes to the availability of ICTs, it is evident that mobile phones and even the Internet have spread earlier and more widely in urban areas of developing countries than in rural areas (Castells, Fernandez-Ardevol, Qiu, & Sey, 2007; 2005 Mariscal).

Naturally, larger microenterprises with at least a few employees may have greater information and communication needs and may try to meet some of those needs by increasing access to and use of ICTs. If that were the case, then perhaps ICTs would also have a greater impact on the expansion of microenterprises. Using the enterprise size as a dummy variable in a regression analysis (larger microenterprises with one or more hired employees equal to 1; microbusinesses with fewer than one hired employee equal 0). The beta coefficient for enterprise size in this relapse examination isn't statistically significant and the complete fluctuation explained differs from the difference made sense of in the Last model just barely. As a result, the statistical significance of the other predictor variables remains unchanged, indicating that the size of the microenterprise in this dataset has no effect on business expansion.

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# A Study on the Disadvantages and Implications of Using Smart Phones in Public WiFi Network

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**Abstract:** A remote organization is utilized to interface different wired primary designs and give property inside the organization to laborers to move openly by bypassing the impediment of an actual organization. Since WLANs are straightforwardly attached to the center association's organization, keeping up with region unit network [WLAN] remote fidelity [Wi-Fi] neighborhood [LAN] security is basic to a firm. The expanded accessibility of public remote passageways (areas of interest), as well as the development of remote figuring gadgets like tabletop mobiles, have simplified it for individuals to get to information on the web. The primary objective of this paper is to inspect the clients' consciousness of security run openly areas of interest from exercises, for example, web perusing, PC program questioning, and utilize Long range interpersonal communication. The second objective of this paper is to help college chiefs in considering the interests of public Wi-Fi clients to open or close those regularly looked through locales inside the college's space and to shape the best utilization of college assets.

**Keywords:** Public Wi-Fi · Privacy · Websites · Leakage · Network

## I. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, the internet has become a fundamental need of human life and is used for employment rather than entertainment purposes; however, it aids in routine activities such as fund transfer, bill payment, price ticket reservations, instructional analysis, learning perspectives, business trade, media coverage, and so on. If we have a propensity to, we have a tendency to the net in an incredibly single sentence then it needs to be, "net-work of networks termed internet". If we merely quote a network, what exactly is it? Where did it come from? As a result, the answer is two or more nodes (also known as system or PC).

Public Wi-Fi hotspots are becoming increasingly common across the world. Most users connect to hotspots since they are free of charge (in comparison to mobile cellular connections) and ubiquitous. The number of public Wi-Fi APs (Access Points) spread globally has reached 94 million and is expected to increase to 549 million by 2022. Over the previous ten years, mobile gadgets such as smartphones and tablets have become implausibly common. Over three.3 billion smartphones and 230 million tablets were used in the previous several years, according to the New Zoo Research Organization. Wi-Fi may be a vital component of mobile devices that allows them to connect to the internet.

In computer networks, nodes or hosts are computers, mobile phones, and servers, each with their own unique code known as raincoat address. Initially, variety emerges when network suppliers sell products such as switches, routers, and alternative products to the market. To prevent wires into a structure, a strategy by which house, business, and communications networks establish property was required; one is that the expensive and lengthy approach, which is why to consider as lengthy method. It enables the development of various wireless connections such as wire-less native space networks (WLAN), mobile phone networks, wireless sensing element networks, satellite communication networks, and microwave networks.

## II. RELATED WORK

Wireless networks provide a handy way for customers to connect to the internet, and many companies find it beneficial to provide free Wi-Fi. In 2016, there were almost 269,000 free Wi-Fi hotspots in the United Kingdom [16], and over 200 London subway stations still provide free Wi-Fi, allowing individuals to find other transport options in Disconnection. However, there are square measure security risks associated with the use of public Wi-Fi. The release of

privacy in conventional online social networks (OSN) has been widely explored, as this literature focuses mostly on privacy issues in social networks backed by known user knowledge, such as the study of user relationships and hence the characterisation of user behaviours. It is possible to aggregate the privacy information received from several websites and characterise the linkable property to the profile of specific users on third-party servers. To address this issue, many solutions for protecting the privacy of third-party aggregators square measure being investigated. Several prior investigations have demonstrated the possibility of eavesdropping on Wi-Fi data to detect personal information at public hotspots. According to the report, users have inadequate knowledge of the hazards associated with Wi-Fi use and have a false feeling of security. Online pursuit, a popular web development, is used for a variety of purposes, including targeted advertising, identity verification, web analytics, and customization. Net chase tactics are often classified as homeless or homeless.

### III. METHODOLOGY

To investigate the privacy run publicly Wi-Fi, we tend to planned a three-phase experiment, the first of which was discovered a public Wi-Fi, the second of which was collecting users' traffic, and the final of which was evaluating the gathered data. Figure 1 depicts the flowchart of the proposed experiment.

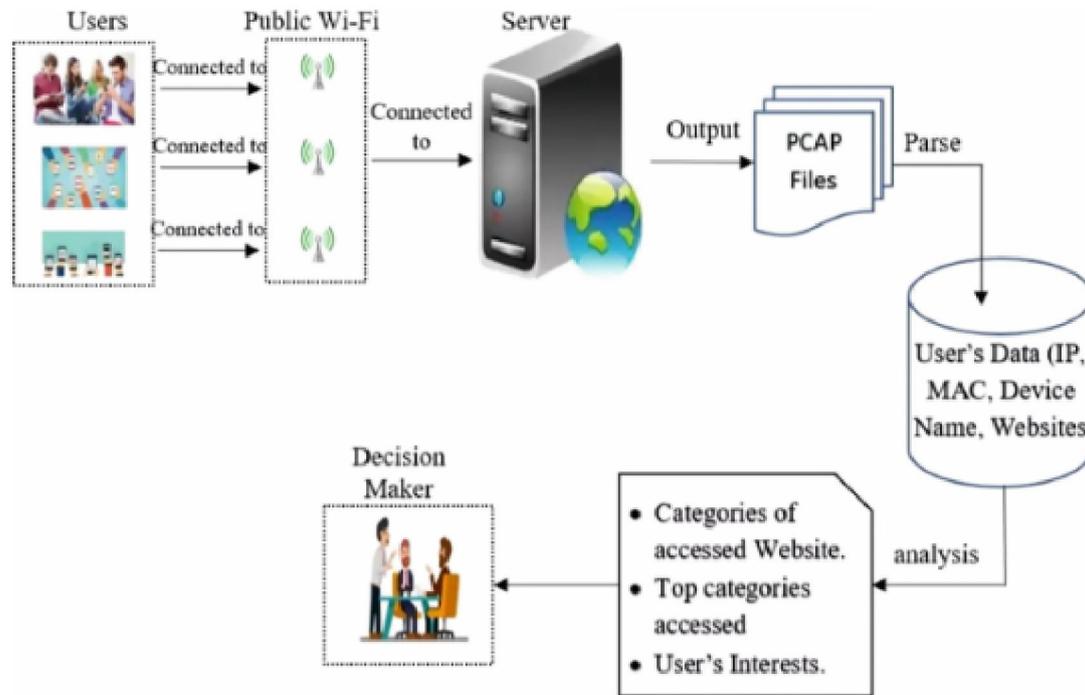


Fig. 1. Stages of the followed methodology

#### Configuring public wi-fi

We collaborated with Minia University's knowledge technology center, which provides large-scale Wi-Fi service for students, employees, and teaching staff. The administrator of the center assigned three hotspots for our experiment, made them public, and supplied them with web service via a specific server. To monitor and observe users who use the web via these hotspots, we installed Wireshark (version three.0.6, 64 bit), on the Windows server, as shown in fig 2.

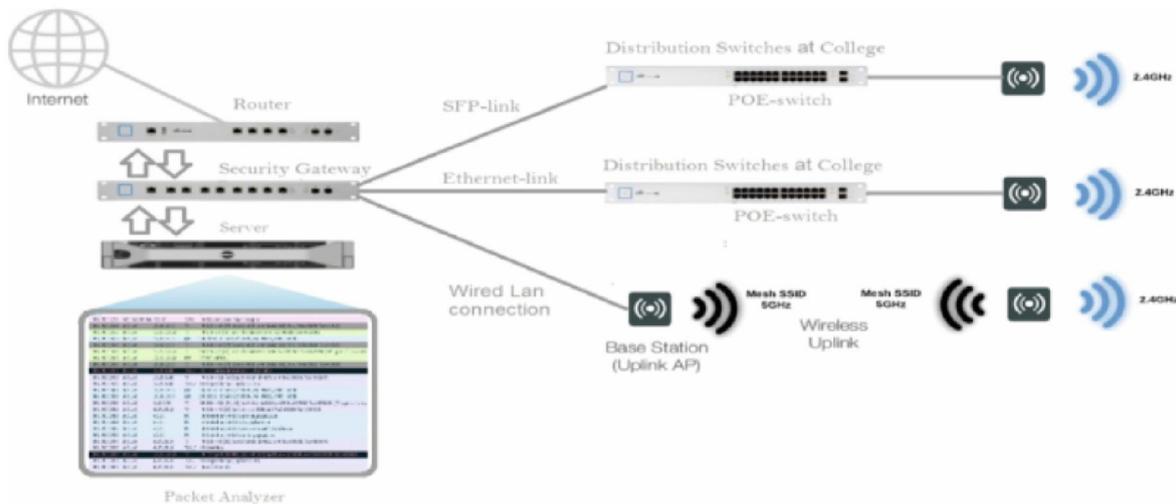


Fig. 2. Stages of setting up public Wi-Fi network

### Obtaining User Traffic

We discovered our experimental open free public Wi-Fi network (3 hotspots) in Minia University in various locations and times. When participants connected to the internet via our public Wi-Fi, Wireshark captured traffic routing from the participants' devices to the internet via our experimental Wi-Fi network, and the collected information was saved as PCAP files on the permanent memory of the Server at each interval of your time (twice per day), and picked up and picked up 3 days. The data was gathered in a single month, from the Gregorian calendar month through December 2020, with 7295 users.

### Data Collection Analysis

In this section, we developed a model using the Python programming language to research the collected data. This model analyses the data in two steps. The first step is to dissect PCAP files to extract the information and header of HTTP, DNS, ICMP, SMTP, and POP3 for traffic routing from the participants' devices to the web, then save this information in CSV files (separated file for each protocol) as records.

If a device connects to our experimental Wi-Fi network more than once, it is considered the same user. In the second stage, we examine the data within the to extract the visited websites and any user's privacy leak.

## IV. ARCHITECTURE OF WIRELESS NETWORKS

Wireless access points collaborate effectively with a radio transceiver to establish a connection that allows both radio signal transmission and reception. These signals are received by consumer devices that determine the signals, and once one of the communication channels is established, it gives greater network access. Wireless access points use the IEEE 802.11 protocol, which is the industry standard for wireless communication. The most prevalent use of this standard is Wi-Fi, sometimes known as WIFI.

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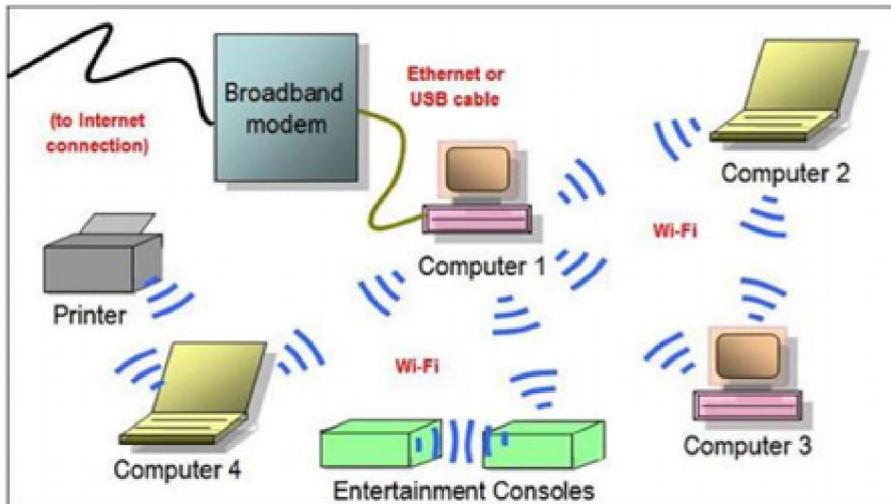


Fig 3. Ad hoc mod

### V. PROTOCOLS AND STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS

The word wireless refers to data transfer by magnetic attraction waves rather than wires. The earliest wireless transmitters were used in the first twentieth century by using Morse radiotelegraphy. Technology is always changing and is becoming an increasingly important element of many people's lives. It has prompted many people to grow reliant on technology for practically every type of job.

Wireless access technologies are classified as follows:

- (1). Wireless Personal Area Network (WPAN): These square measurements are designed for a wide range of applications. IrDA and Bluetooth are two examples. Additional square measurement technologies are also on the rise for this approach. 802.15.4a—Zigbee and 802.15.3c—UWB are the square measurements.
- (2). Wireless local area Network (WLAN): this approach has a range of 100m and a speed of up to 200 Mbps. Wi-Fi (802.11a/b/g) is one of the most commonly utilized wireless local area network technologies.
- (3). Wireless Metropolitan Area Network (WMAN): This technology can offer up to 75 Mbps. Many 802.16 versions are together referred to as WiMAX.

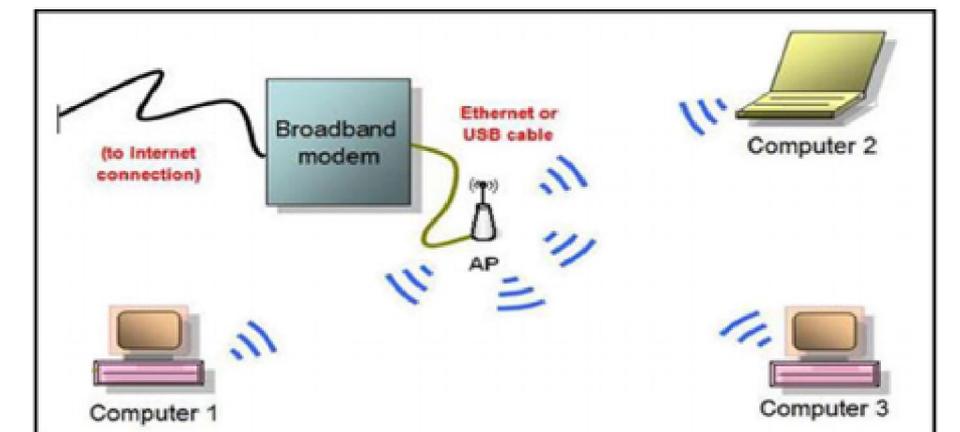


Fig. 4 Infrastructure mod

**VI. USING PUBLIC WI-FI POSES SECURITY AND PRIVACY RISKS.**

To discover possible security and privacy risks from exploiting public Wi-Fi networks, we examined net packets collected by Wireshark as they passed through our experimental Wi-Fi network. We specifically look for packets containing sensitive data such as passwords, cookies, and packets moving across port 80, a common port for unencrypted communications protocol traffic. We also evaluated packets that go over well-known email protocols, such as net Message Access Protocol, Post Office Protocol, and simple Mail Transfer Protocol, because they can betray the content of emails if not correctly arranged.

**VII. INVESTIGATE THE PRIVACY BREACH**

We assigned a unique variety to every device connected to our experimental Wi-Fi networks exploitation the MAC address and therefore the device name, making it simple for America to track a specific user like sites he visited frequently, and his information is under privacy leakage, we took ten random users and tested the sites they visited frequently.

*Table 1. Sample details of the collected data from users*

No.	Device name	MAC address	Most category used
1.	HUAWEIY_9a-7346697ffa	C6:fe:49:***	Instant messaging
2.	OPPO-Reno2-*	6a:3a:b6:f3:***	Social networking
3.	HUAWEI_Mate	C4:fe:5b:f:***	Streaming media and download
4.	Oppo-F9	44:46:87:4c:***	Sports
5.	Realme-6-pro	44:46:87:fc:***	Education
6.	Oppo-F11	00:0c:29:9d:***	Information technology
7.	Galaxy-Grand-prime-pro	F0:67:28:9d:***	Business and finance
8.	Oppo-A31	F0:67:28:93:***	Search engines and storage
9.	Galaxy-17-2016	4c:02:20:e9:***	File sharing and portals
10.	HUAWEIY_9a-prime-2019	00:be:3b:f1:***	Web analytics

*Table 2. Some data explaining the leakage of users' privacy*

No.	Device name	Mac address	Privacy leakage			
			Email	Mobile no.	user id	User name
1.	Oppo-Alk	00:87:01:64:***				
2.	Redmi8A-Redmi	24:79:f3:0d:***	√	√	×	√
3.	Realme-6-pro	48:83:b4:4b:***	√	√	×	√
4.	Oppo-Reno3	86:11:df:57:***	×√	×	×	
5.	Ebtsams-iphone	44:ae:ab:6d:***	×√	×	×	
6.	Alnjm-alsat-59	18:d7:17:75:***	×	×	×	√
7.	Galaxy-A20-alkhas -b-hesham	7e:76:68:46:***	×	×	×	√
8.	Galaxy-A20-alkhas -b-reda	7e:89:56:a4:***	×	×	×	√
9.	Galaxy-A20-alkhas -b-shaimaa	A6:2e:d2:f5:***	×	×	×	√
10.	M2004JI9c-kerobebawy	B8:c9:b5:bc:***	×	×	×	√

**VII. WIRELESS NETWORK CONNECTION CONSTRAINTS**

Although wireless networks have made our life more mobile, quicker, accessible, handy, and linked, they are not without restrictions. These restrictions are inherent in their styles, ranges, or other weaknesses they may have. Continue reading this text till the end to learn more about the limitations of a Wireless Network.

The following are some of the constraints of a wireless network:

The wired or cabled network allows for far quicker file sharing than the wireless network. Wireless networks can only transport data at a specific capacity due to physical and technological constraints. When compared to a cabled connection, the speed of wireless devices reduces as the user moves away from the router or Wi-Fi source. The signal strength deteriorates as well, and at some points, even within a structure, the router's signal may be inaccessible. This may cause data and file transfer disruptions, as well as slower rates away from the router.

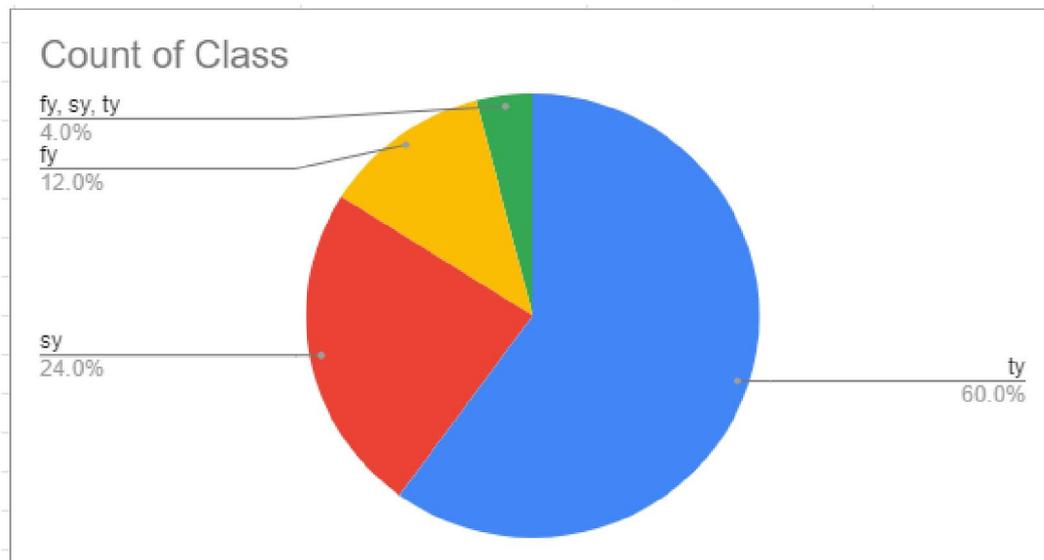
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Setting up a wireless network might be difficult at times. It may be especially true for those who are unsure or unfamiliar with the use of wireless gadgets.

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

To summarise Wireless networking offers several chances to increase productivity and reduce costs. It also changes a company's overall laptop security risk profile. Though it is not feasible to completely remove all hazards associated with wireless networking, it is possible to achieve an inexpensive degree of overall security by using a scientific approach to risk assessment and management. This study discussed the dangers and vulnerabilities associated with each of the three fundamental technical components of wireless networks (clients, access points, and the transmission medium), as well as several commonly available solutions that may be used to reduce such risks.

It also emphasised the significance of training and educating users on safe wireless networking methods. Public Wi-Fi can be beneficial in a variety of ways, but it comes with its own set of concerns. VPNs and encrypted connections are your greatest alternatives for staying secure when utilising public networks. Wireless communication has the potential to improve communication in general. However, there are a few technological issues that must be solved.



*Fig: A pie chart of the percentage of the research paper question-answer based*

A single pie chart question is often simple and easy to categories the information; we simply need to look at each part and find out how much of a percentage each segment makes up. This is really basic, and you will observe that there is one section that is the largest and one that is the smallest. According to the poll results, ty students are the most interested in public wife networks, while fee students are the least interested.

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# A Study on the Economic Growth and Employee Performance Improvement in Banking Industry

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**Abstract:** *The financial area in India contributes altogether to the country's monetary extension. Subsequently, the exhibition of banks fundamentally affects how rapidly the country's economy creates. Banks' presentation, thusly, is subject to the exhibition of their HR (HR), which are the most delicate and important of an association's assets. Strong organization of HR close by suitable gathering and use of mechanical advances particularly those in the field of Information and Correspondence Advancement, (ICT) has transformed into a reason for banks for their perseverance and improvement. Also, giving top notch client care couple with the advancement of bank items, especially using state of the art ideas like e-CRM, is another goal. HR (HR) are at the core of everything. since just a labor force that is thoroughly prepared and proficient about innovation can give client support that addresses the issues of the present knowing clients. This paper plans to explore the overall presentation of Old Age Private Area Banks (OPBs) situated in Kerala with an emphasis on their HR efficiency and unified HR-related execution boundaries considering India's financial area's present status of VUCA (Unpredictability, Vulnerability, Intricacy, Ambiguity)..*

**Keywords:** ICT, CRM, HRM, Old Private Sector Banks (OPBs), and Employee Productivity

## I. INTRODUCTION

Every nation's banking sector contributes significantly to its economic development, and India is no exception. As a result, the rate at which the economy of the nation as a whole develops is significantly influenced by the performance of banks. Banks' performance, in turn, is dependent on the performance of their human resources (HR), which are the most dynamic and sensitive of an organization's resources. For banks' survival and growth, HR management as well as the appropriate adoption and utilization of technological advancements, particularly those in the field of information and communication technology (ICT), have become essential. Traditional models like Customer Relationship Management (CRM) have already given way to its ICT variant, viz., because of the rapid proliferation of ICT in all aspects of banking. Electronic Client Relationship The board (e-CRM). Thus, push on the advancement of bank items utilizing present day ways of thinking like e-CRM and it is one more reason to give superb client assistance. In point of fact, HR is the fundamental element that ultimately determines success. In today's banking sector in India, which is characterized by VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity), well-trained and technologically savvy employees who are able to provide services that meet the needs of today's discerning customers are essential to the success of banks. The growing demand for ICT-based products and services adds another dimension to this complexity.

## II. BACKGROUND

The economy as a whole has benefited from VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, ambiguity), but it also faces new challenges. The impact of VUCA can be felt in all economic sectors. The Indian economy at present faces what is going on where there is less homegrown interest and low commodity interest. Positively, the country's CAD (Current Account Deficit) levels have significantly improved as a result of the falling crude oil prices. Additionally, the Indian economy is being affected in a way that has never been seen before by global events, as the stock market's recent performance demonstrates. The impacts of VUCA on the economy overall and the financial area specifically needs further review, the financial area being a fundamental development driver for an economy like India. The scene of the

Indian financial area has gone through an extreme change with the execution of banking area changes in 1992. In the continuous 'changes period', however the authority of Public Area Banks (PSBs) actually proceeds, the PSBs are quickly losing their piece of the pie to the new players in the field viz. Private banks of the new generation, or NPBs, were established during the reform era. In addition to PSBs, another category of "traditional" banks, namely The issues that plague PSBs also affect old private sector banks (OPBs). OPBs are also experiencing either stagnation in growth or a share loss to NPBs.

In addition, the plight of PSBs and OPBs has been harmed by the expansion of information and communications technology (ICT) into all facets of banking and the intense competition from non-banking organizations (NPBs), which capitalize on the immense potential of ICT to improve operational efficiency and customer service. In this ICT time, the eventual fate of banks relies upon their HR (HR), especially their techno-keen nature and delicate abilities, on the grounds that their efficiency and effectiveness choose the functional productivity and seriousness of banks. In point of fact, a lot of OPBs have already given in to the pressures of competition and vanished as a result of mergers and acquisitions. Only four Kerala-based OPBs (or KOPBs) remain today, as two KOPBs were unable to withstand competitive pressures during the reforms era: 1) Nedungadi Bank, which Punjab National Bank acquired in 2003; 2) Lord Krishna Bank, which Centurion Bank of Punjab purchased in 2007. Federal Bank, South Indian Bank, Catholic Syrian Bank, and Dhanalakshmi Bank are the remaining four KOPBs.

After a preliminary discussion of the dynamics of HRM in Indian banks during the current era of financial sector reforms, the purpose of this paper is to investigate the performance of these four KOPBs from an HRM perspective. It is hoped that the HR productivity of the KOPBs can be compared.

In the continuous changing period in Indian banking, there is extreme rivalry among the banks, including the PSBs, and the overall presentation of individual banks and their seriousness in the market choose their endurance and development. Any bank's efficiency and competitiveness can certainly be improved by embracing modern technology, particularly the rapid advancements in information and communication technology (ICT). Modern marketing strategies, such as electronic customer relationship management (E-CRM) and customer relationship management (CRM), must be implemented because they will improve customer service and loyalty. However, among all organizational resources, a bank's human resources (HR) are the most sensitive, valuable, and uncertain asset, making them the foundation of success. Taking into account the wild contest in the financial business in the changes system, especially in this VUCA time of the 2010s, and furthermore the 'conventional' tradition of OPBs very much like PSBs, including the related weights (eg. norms for lending to the priority sector, reservation requirements for employment, etc.), The study of OPB performance with an emphasis on HR productivity and related factors is important. HRM is the primary focus of this study, which focuses on OPBs (or KOPBs) based in Kerala.

**The study's objective** is to provide a comprehensive analysis of the Indian banking sector during the reforms, with a particular focus on the impact of ICT on the HRM function; to conduct a HRM-focused SWOT analysis of Indian banks and investigate in depth the HRM-related obstacles facing these institutions

#### **Banking in India during the Reforms Era:**

An HRM Viewpoint The Indian banking system was established in the nineteenth century. Since the major banks were nationalized in 1969, the system's character has changed significantly. Prior to nationalization, urban areas were the primary banking hub. Through the rural credit system, banking in the early days of nationalization protected farmers from the exploitation of money lenders and fueled the green revolution by providing credit for fertilizers and hybrid seeds. In 1980, India's second round of bank nationalization increased social control over the financial institutions. As the size of the financial area expanded, the business became hard to deal with manually..

India, a small number of manufacturing facilities, and a few educational, research, and development institutions began using computers in the early 1960s as a potential solution. In fact, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, a number of service-oriented industries, such as airlines, railways, and insurance companies, began implementing large-scale computerization in an effort to enhance their operations and provide superior customer service (AnantharamaIyer, 1991). However, banks in India initially resisted computerization on a large scale out of fear of layoffs and unemployment (Goodman, 1991). Banks in India operated in a protected economy for a long time and faced virtually no competition. In this way, no drawn out arrangement or point of view was outlined for the banks in India: banks are being treated as if they were a part of the public sector by default. This situation has changed as a result of reforms to

the banking sector and economic deregulation since 1992. All around mechanized unfamiliar banks are starting to contend earnestly with the nationalized and private area banks in India. The Unfamiliar banks (FBs) working in India and the NPBs, basically focus on the beneficial and well off market sections alone, as opposed to the 'conventional' banks viz. OPBs and PSBs Small account holders, customers from rural and semi-urban areas, the marginalized, and so on are neglected by FBs and NPBs, which do not understand the social banking rationale. Strengths: Highly skilled and talented staff at all levels, particularly in the middle and lower levels: The representatives of banks in India are somewhat more capable and are of higher ability levels. Banks must properly capitalize on this strength in order to increase their competitiveness. The banks are willing to make changes because of the HR staff's higher potential and quality.

Scholarly capital that is prepared to subjectively carry out the fast approaching changes: As previously stated, Indian banks generally have talented and skilled employees, or human capital; as is the situation of scholarly capital of the banks in India. They are able to quickly and qualitatively implement the upcoming changes thanks to their higher intellectual capital.

Criticism of the current standards with the intention of developing new ones: Banks can definitely benefit from this strategy because it makes it easier to constantly improve by critically analyzing the methods and systems that are already in place and working to create new ones.

All banks are enacting more stringent regulatory policies from the central bank: The regulatory guidelines that the nation's central banks are enacting, namely One of the world's strongest is the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Because of this, India's banking regulatory system is one of the strongest in the world.

#### **Negative aspects**

**Poor technology infrastructure:** Disregarding the enormous size, immense geographical inclusion and furthermore great worldwide presence of the banks in India, the innovation foundation, particularly the degree of reception of the advances in the field of ICT, is somewhat poor. The ICT infrastructure of Indian banks is significantly below international standards, with the exception of a few New Generation Private Sector Banks (NPBs) and Foreign Banks (FBs) operating in India. This is especially true for PSBs and OPBs, which are still considered "traditional banks" and oversee over 70% of the banking industry.

**The changes in the industry** are likely to have a negative impact on many small banks: The prospects of small banks are likely to be negatively impacted by the constant changes in the banking industry. Due to their relatively small size, Old Private Banks (OPBs) are susceptible to being acquired by larger players. Comparable is the situation with numerous more modest PSBs, as they have turned into the takeover focuses of the bigger PSBs in light of the fact that the Public authority - their controlling partner (proprietor) - may lean toward a lesser number of more grounded and bigger PSBs which are worldwide dynamic. The process of reorganizing the PSBs has already been started by the Indian government. Just solid banks would stay from here on out and thus the more modest banks need to turn out to be side by side of the progressions and furthermore serious.

**Inadequate compensation system:** When compared to other sectors like school and college teachers, government employees, and so on, the compensation or pay package of bank employees is less appealing. Unlike in the past, when bank employees were compensated higher than those in most other industries. As a result, fewer talented individuals are joining banks today than in the past. Their responsibility is on the ascent in light of the arrangement of scaling back, due to the way that scaling back is fundamental for better functional proficiency and benefit of banks in the present cutthroat financial industry.

**Poor talent administration:** It is difficult to recruit talented employees for the banking industry due to the disproportionately high workload and less appealing pay package previously mentioned. In addition, private banks and foreign banks offer better pay packages than "traditional banks" like PSBs and OPBs, making it difficult to retain talented employees. A continuous process of "brain drain" occurs when experienced and skilled employees, particularly those from PSBs and OPBs, receive more appealing offers from NPBs and FBs.

**Opportunities** - The banking industry's future operations would be strengthened by the availability of new talent: Most of the newly hired employees have higher technical skills (such as ICT skills), and if these more talented individuals

could be kept, they might become valuable assets. The gifted and techno-keen representatives have better functional proficiency and can give preferred client assistance over the workers of the more seasoned age.

**High levels of expertise in risk management:** Better systems for managing various banking risks like credit risk, market risk, and operational risk, among others are being executed by the banks in India, according to the orders of the controller, viz. the RRB. An illustration is the application of Basel I norms, followed by Basel II norms, and so on. Banks will be able to maintain their global strength and competitiveness with the help of robust risk management architecture.

Need a significant connection between ICT and business credit, risk management, and All associated risks, particularly credit risk and market risk, require closer and more efficient management as bank business expands. The requirement to continually embrace the quick advances in the field of ICT, brings more noteworthy difficulties in functional gambling, especially as innovation risks. However, an integrated approach to business, risk management, and ICT offers excellent prospects in light of the robust risk management systems being implemented by Indian banks and the immense potential of ICT.

### Shortcomings

**Failure to meet extra capital prerequisites:** Increased capital requirements would be necessary to guarantee the minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) in order to implement the extensive changes required as part of the implementation of international banking norms like Basel – II (which is currently being migrated into Basel . In turn, this would necessitate significant capital investments. The situation of capital-starved PSBs in India is a classic illustration, and the Indian government must invest a significant amount to guarantee the PSBs' minimum CAR.

In terms of OPBs, unless they raise capital to meet CAR standards, they run the risk of being taken over by larger players and eventually vanish from the market a lot of money spent on technologies: Customers of today have high standards and expect banks to offer high-tech products and services. Banks have made significant investments in technology in order to improve their operational efficiency, competitiveness, and customer service, as well as to attract and keep these kinds of customers (e.g. providing e-CRM and other ICT-based services like internet banking, installing ATMs, etc.). Many banks, particularly OPBs and PSBs of a smaller size, are unable to make such sizable investments.

### III. CONCLUSION

In spite of the problems with profitability and productivity that banks in India, and KOPBs in particular, are having, all of these banks can effectively overcome the problem by properly adopting ICT and focusing on teaching their employees soft skills. It is just as important to make sure that all of these services have a "human factor" as it is to improve the ICT infrastructure in order to increase productivity and profitability.

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# A Study on the Effects of Digitalization in Accounting and Performance Improvement in 21st Century

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**Abstract:** *ICT has as of late been a huge supporter of phenomenal hierarchical execution and a viable bookkeeping framework. Bookkeeping information's dependability and an association's presentation have both worked on because of ICT. The essentials of PC equipment and programming for recording bookkeeping information are remembered for bookkeeping frameworks. In this review, there was a connection between's hierarchical presentation and monetary capacity, the ability to accomplish set goals, and activities. Notwithstanding, the suitable execution and reception methodology should be continued to augment the advantages of data innovation frameworks; in any case, these advances affect the previously mentioned factors. This study analyzes tentatively the impact of information advancement on accounting systems and progressive execution. This study utilizes optional information, and SPSS was utilized to examine Pearson's connection for an example of twenty Contract College representatives who work in monetary administrations and other bookkeeping divisions that are connected with them. The experimental discoveries exhibit that there is a huge positive connection between the ICT framework and the bookkeeping framework, as well as a critical positive connection between the ICT framework and the presentation of the association*

**Keywords:** ICT, Bookkeeping Data Framework, Associations, Execution, Benefits

## I. INTRODUCTION

The use of Data Innovation has been a test to certain clients and organizations. This is because technology is always changing and new things come out every day. In addition to technicality, language presents a challenge because some of this computer software is written in languages that are difficult for users to comprehend, and some of its features involve codes and other computer languages. In order for employees to reap the benefits, a certain amount of training must be completed prior to use. The difficulty in adapting to such frequent changes is another obstacle. Some workers might lose interest, which could hurt morale at work. On the other hand, others might see it as a task that keeps them relevant and gives them a focus for the job. Because ICT is a broad qualitative factor that cannot be easily quantified, it is difficult to measure the cost and benefits of ICT on organizational performance. However, demonstrating that data innovation has achieved positive changes in associations, acclimation has not been the most straightforward.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

In recent years, there has been a lot of interest in the impacts of information technology on accounting systems and organizational performance. In order to obtain information for this study, it is necessary to not only gather new information but also become familiar with previous knowledge that has been made available in order to provide a solution to the problem under review (Linus, 2012). Organizations must follow the trend, be up to date, and invest as much as they can. The term "IT" is not new because, in recent years, it has attracted so much attention and engaged the majority of humans. It appeared to be a means by which some activities were taken over and resulted in better outcomes. As previously stated, the accounting system is the method by which accounting records are kept and managed. The addition of information technology to accounting operations is essentially accounting information system. It's the evolution of the accounting system. The effect that information technology (IT) has on accounting

systems is one of the many factors that affect an organization's performance. It is a broad term that refers to the many different areas that are affected by the use of IT.

### **ELEMENTS I.T.**

Elements The following information technology elements are relevant to this study: Computer technology is the process of designing, building, and programming computers. A computer is an electronic device that can store and process information in accordance with a set of instructions. It has led to significant advancements in information transmission. You either live with computers or you fall behind in today's world. Data are now more accurate, precise, and efficient as a result of computer use. -

### **COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

Communication is the process of sharing or exchanging information. It is the act of exchanging information, thoughts, and ideas with other people. Correspondence innovation is characterized as the movement of planning and developing and keeping up with correspondence frameworks. Electrical devices are used for communication in this situation. The use of telecommunications devices has also advanced communication methods as a result of the development of information technology. -

### **TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

Telecommunication is the electronic transfer of information between locations. Techniques and devices in telecommunication technology are used to transmit data over long distances via radio, satellite, or wire without losing or being damaged by noise or interference. According to Anonymous (2014), the major current trend in telecommunications is a shift from mechanical to electrical transmission, and in electrical transmission, from analog to digital.

### **COMPUTER COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY**

The convergence of computing and communication is represented by computer communication technology. Information is shared through communication. As figuring is being finished, data is being changed and can be moved. It is difficult to recognize where figuring starts and where correspondence stops as they are both interwoven. A higher level of information management has resulted from recent advancements in computer and communication technology.

#### **Types of Information Technology**

According to Harvard Business Review, there are three types of information technology: function information technology, which includes technologies that make it simpler to carry out specific tasks. They make these kinds of jobs go faster. Accounting professionals use these technologies the most, which is most relevant to this study and other professions like doctors and design engineers. Word processors and spreadsheets are the most common examples of function IT. Network IT refers to technologies that provide media for communication. It is like correspondence innovation as made sense of in the components of IT prior. Users can interact however they please thanks to network technologies. Blogs, instant messaging, and emails.

**ENTERPRISE I.T.** These are technologies that businesses use to manage interactions with business partners or employees. The organizations acquire them and put them into use. They consist of applications that improve business communication and specialize in business processes.

**MONETIZATION of ICT** The amount of money spent on IT worldwide, which has been estimated at \$3.5 trillion at the most recent time, is growing at 6% per year, or every 15 years, doubling. The federal government of the United States spent nearly \$82 billion on IT in 2014. Since 2002, IT expenses have increased by 50% as a percentage of revenue, straining IT budgets. The accounting system is the specific method by which an organization records and reports its financial information. Seventy-five percent of current companies' IT budgets are made up of recurring costs that are used to "keep the lights on" in the IT department, while 25 percent are made up of new initiatives for

technology development. It refers to an organization's procedures, principles, standards, and methods for recording and reporting business events and transactions. This system is made up of all the machines and people who know about accounting data. "an organized set of manual and computerized accounting methods, procedures, and controls established to gather, record, classify, analyze, summarize, interpret, and present accurate and timely financial data for management decisions" is the definition found in the Business Dictionary. A business's finances, expenses, and income are all managed with the help of an accounting system. Accounting systems were typically manual in the past, but today they are typically computer-based.

**ICT and Bookkeeping Framework** - Bookkeeping framework all alone is very entrusting as it involves managing incredible figures and numbers, mass estimations and much composition however ICT has made it simpler to keep up with the framework. Most of the time, an accounting information system is a computer-based way to keep track of accounting activity and IT resources. The subsequent measurable reports can be utilized inside by the executives or remotely by other closely involved individuals including financial backers, banks and assessment specialists (Dumitru et al., 2010). Because they serve the same purpose, the terms "accounting system" and "accounting information system" are used interchangeably. The widespread use of information technology in accounting systems in recent years has led to the most widespread use of AIS.

**Concept of Electronic Data Processing** Electronic Data Processing (EDP) is the process of transforming unstructured facts and data into meaningful information for management and accountants to use in decision-making. Using a computer and its peripherals, EDP is the process of planning, recording, managing, and reporting on business transactions. Before being imputed into the computer and processed into information that is relevant to the users as output, the accountant in practice gets data from source documents like receipts, invoices, payment vouchers, and written checks, among others.

#### **IMPACT of ICT on Accounting Systems**

**SPEED** : contrasted with manual bookkeeping frameworks, electronic bookkeeping frameworks are a lot quicker. Accounting software stores data the first time, so it doesn't have to be imputed every time. This speeds up the process of processing data. Because calculations are performed automatically, time is also saved. -

**COST Price**: Because of the costs associated with purchasing computer hardware and software, ICT has increased the cost of an accounting system.

**RELIABILITY**: As a result of valid, efficient, and effective procedures, ICT has given the accounting system a high level of reliability for accounting information. -

**Reinforcement**: Because ICT makes it simple to store data more than once, there is more assurance that all data will be backed up. In the event that one source gets lost, you can depend on one more source to be as exact. -

**Adaptability**: ICT on bookkeeping has given a less inflexible type of continuing to account data. An accounting procedure can be carried out in a variety of ways due to the availability of a wide range of accounting software. There is no single approach. -

**Courses of events**: With ICT, it is simple to obtain financial information when it is required. It is simple to access when needed because similar information has been precisely classified and stored. -

**SAFETY**: When compared to manual systems, ICT offers a significant increase in information security. There is a high level of confidentiality and privacy. Only authorized individuals have access to the information. -

**RELIABILITY**: As a result of computers doing the majority of the work and reducing human error, ICT has improved all of the previously mentioned performance measures—profit, efficiency, effectiveness, productivity, and quality—and accounting systems are generally more efficient as a result. This has made it possible for businesses to enjoy the following advantages (Dumitru, Glavan, Dumitru, & Glavan, 2010). -

**Contest**: By improving quality and efficiency, ICT has helped businesses remain competitive. - **Evaluation**: better definite examination of data should be possible with the utilization of program which increments dependability. -

**Command**: the executives has more noteworthy command over the business with IT, as overseeing authoritative exercises has been made simple for them with less human mistake to stress over. - **Bearing**: Organizations can use

information and communications technology (ICT) to stay current and relevant, determine which processes to adopt, which ones to avoid, and which operations are most profitable, and gain a sense of direction. -

Independent direction: Organizations can use information and communication technology (ICT) to make better decisions because computers can provide details that humans cannot, resulting in more accurate decisions. -

Identifying Business Possibilities: The organizations can identify profitable business opportunities by following the guidance provided by ICT.

### **DISABILITIES**

Despite the significant impact that information and communications technology (ICT) has had on accounting system performance and organizational performance, there are still some challenges. This piece of the review covers the wellsprings of difficulties that emerge with regards to embracing and executing IT in business associations.

These are: - **INFRASTRUCTURE The Building:** All IT components are required to set up an information technology system. In addition, the IT infrastructure in this location includes IT specialists who are able to design, install, fix, and maintain the systems, as well as specialized IT personnel who can maximize the utilization of such technologies and systems and even train others. A business that is unable to supply such infrastructures cannot reap the full benefits of IT. IT adoption is difficult because organizations lack essential components like communication and computer technologies.

**Qualifications and training:** The majority of businesses put a lot of money into information technology (IT), which means that employees need to be trained and qualified in order to use new technologies effectively. Continuous staff training is expensive and difficult to maintain, and when employees lack the necessary qualifications and skills, IT implementation is difficult. - **Resilience and adaptability:** It is entirely different for employees to be able to adapt well to changes and provide positive responses, even when businesses make investments in staff training to improve their qualifications. In a circumstance where the specialists in the organization are not ready to oblige the change and are lethargic, they will generally be less useful thus subsequently the undeniable advantages of embracing IT in the framework would be covered. -

**Methods of Management:** IT adoption and implementation are difficult in organizations with rigid management systems. The management at this place is unwilling to adapt to the world. There is little or no IT system in these organizations. The company will eventually become irrelevant and less competitive if such management continues. A volatile management system should prevent this by encouraging lower-level employees to become interested in IT.

- **Cost:** ICT is a great way to invest. It includes putting away cash, time, insight and others. The acquisition of the hardware and software, as well as their installation, incur costs. Maintenance of such elements and components costs money. The hiring of IT specialists and staff training incur additional costs. Additionally, an organization may require fewer employees if computers and other electronic devices take over the majority of its operations. This could be expensive for the people who work for these kinds of businesses, and it could cause them to be resistant to change, have less job security, and be low on morale, which would make them very inefficient and unproductive. The shortcoming of these sorts of laborers can cost the business its benefit and in general achievement. The economy as a whole may suffer as a result of the adoption and implementation of IT. Assuming that laborers are laid off from their work places due to being supplanted by machines, this leaves them jobless thus builds the quantity of jobless individuals in the economy.

**Summary Information technology** has proven to be an important and inevitable factor in the performance of accounting systems and organizations. It is possible to say that IT has been able to speed up the preparation of accounting reports and improve their dependability and accuracy. This makes the company's dealings with customers, partners, and outsiders more open and honest, which increases the company's overall success. An organization's accounting system and organizational performance have both greatly benefited from ICT. The extent is so high that it compensates for a few drawbacks. It has received advantages in terms of communication, globalization, and job creation. The impact of ICT is responsible for the profit of any organization, as well as the effectiveness of accounting practice, increased productivity, high turnover, and the efficiency of accounting. Every one of the investigations

inspected contain the possibility that, to get to a more cutthroat position, the firm ought to offset ICT speculations with a reasonable utilization of these innovations, for which, it are expected to help assets. The majority of businesses are encouraged to stay in business by adopting technology and incorporating computers into the majority of their operations as the world becomes increasingly global and electronic. ICT is comparative all over, so in this way its utilization can't simply be restricted to a specific classification of spots, individuals or machines. It is widespread.

## II. CONCLUSION

From the inevitable exploration work, we can say there is a critical effect of ICT on bookkeeping frameworks, a hierarchical exhibition. We can conclude that ICT has had a significant impact on organizational performance and the accounting system. In recent times, businesses have sought to incorporate ICT systems into their operations in order to remain relevant. Nowadays, businesses take a significant risk by making significant investments in ICT without the assurance of a substantial return. This study's findings demonstrate that other external factors, such as social influences and control, norms, beliefs, and so on, determine the extent to which information and communication technologies (ICT) can be adopted in addition to the firms themselves. This study aims to educate managers, employees, the government, and other stakeholders to add to the body of knowledge. Managers can learn more about this topic thanks to this study. This concentration further gives data to representatives on the effect of ICT on their positions and how they can acclimate to the continuous changes.

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**Abstract:** *Innovation is turning out to be an ever increasing number of significant in our regular routines. Individuals, people group, organizations, and eventually the nation are undeniably influenced. effect of innovation on the corporate area is extremely perfect. It has made administration, creation, and deals of correspondence items and standard arranging a lot simpler. ICT alludes to all computerized innovation utilized by people, gatherings, or undertakings to control information. It incorporates any mechanical gadgets that affect information in a computerized structure. ICT accordingly manages the capacity, recovery, and transmission of computerized information. ICT assists organizations with being considerably more proficient, savvy, and speedy to fulfill client needs. ICT will uphold business activities including plan, creation, Research and development, conveyance, deals, and criticism. This issue includes a careful assessment of what information and correspondence innovation have meant for totally divergent features of development and improvement. It covers monetary, mechanical, and financial subjects and puts accentuation on the job that ICT plays in empowering a large number of administrations and exchanges, including web based banking and corporate administrations. The significance of data and correspondences innovation (ICT) in business is found by they way it will assist your firm with turning out to be considerably more useful, increment execution, set aside cash, further develop client skill, speed up interchanges, and reinforce social control navigation. Furthermore, it assumes a part in helping organizations with their worldwide extension and in giving representatives admittance to corporate information at whatever point and any place they need it*

**Keywords:** Information, technology, communication, management, and business environment are key words

## I. INTRODUCTION

Since the 1990s, ICT technologies have been used and applied. Computers, laptops, tablets, mobile phone systems, fixed phone systems, communication network software, and even wearable technology are all part of the data and communication technology system. Your company will use ICT systems to benefit from improvements like cost reduction, increased productivity, increased decision-making, and increased market competitiveness. The business world has evolved to rely heavily on data technology. Regardless matter how little the firm, it has assisted the company, manager, and employees across many economic management processes to query about certain specific issues, imagine its quality, and develop new products and services; consequently, increasing their productivity and output. Additionally, technology increased the U.S.'s business potential.

Some areas where technology is essential to business operations include the use of sales systems, the use of ICT in management, accounting systems, and other complex elements of routine corporate operations. Technology was responsible for even something as simple as the invention of the calculator, which was groundbreaking at the time. It's difficult to envision returning to manual performing arts work. It might send the United States back roughly 100 years. Data technology refers to the use of computers and coding for data management. It alludes to things having to do with computers, such as networking, hardware, software, the web, or the people who are still using these technologies today. The management of computers, networks, and other technical aspects of enterprises, including data storage, protection, processing, transmission, and retrieval when needed, is handled by many corporations today through the use of IT departments. Data Services (or IS) or Management data Services (or MIS) are common terms used to describe this.

This study's goal is to evaluate how ICT applications like ERP and e-commerce affect how firms put things together. Additionally, it tries to highlight each application's function and demonstrate the value of these tools for commercial enterprises.

## **II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Numerous commercial organisations are looking for new, more potent instruments as a result of the intense rivalry. (Sigala, 2003, as referenced in Martinez, Gabriel, and Navarro, 2010) Many businesses have decided to embrace information and communication technologies as excellent techniques to get past the competitive climate and build profitable businesses.

Barlow and Graham (1999) looked into how 120 industrial and commercial libraries used information and communication technology. 96 percent of the organisations that provided answers to the survey utilise computers in some capacity to provide library and information services. ICT was utilised for a variety of office and other applications, including, in alphabetical order: database management systems, word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and e-mail. Ninety-one percent of the sample used various Internet services, such as telnet, ftp, e-mail, and the World Wide Web. explains the survey's findings, including the sample's future plans for automation and the use of ICT as of right now. Standard stabilisation and the concurrent development of hardware and software are essential components to designing cutting-edge systems in the Information and Communication Technologies scenario service evaluation.

Maldonado, Fernandez (2002). The importance of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in education and training for library and information science/service (LIS) has increased as a result of these technologies' significant impact on the workplace. A wider doctorate research project that attempts to map and audit the types, nature, and proliferation of ICTs in LIS education and training programmes in Africa is the subject of this study on Kenya. The results show that although ICTs have been adopted by all LIS schools in Kenya, there are significant differences in how they are being used. A large variety of pertinent ICT courses are offered by all but one LIS School, many of them as core modules.

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(2009) Salwani, Marthandan, Norzaidi, and Chong. DV Utilisation of e-commerce as determined by business performance IV 1) The technological setting.technical know-how ii) The organisational setting. management beliefs towards firm size, firm scope, and technical investment. iii) The surrounding environment. Back end integration and front end functions served as mediator variables. E-commerce knowledge was a moderating factor. Result E-commerce utilisation is significantly influenced by factors such as back-end usage, pressure intensity, firm size, business scope, web technology investment, and technical proficiency.Back-end integration is discovered to act as a mediator between these factors. It has been discovered that e-commerce experience modifies the relationship between e-commerce usage and business performance.

### **Information and communications technology's function in business**

Information technology plays a significant role in the everyday operations and profitability of your small business, from your company's online store to the enterprise code your organisation utilises to record transactions and gather information. The accounting profession should traumatise a wide variety of brand-new issues in a very dynamic commercial environment. Keeping track of novel business transactions, adding new business and knowledge processes, distributing important data to a large group of data users, and providing assurance services for a wide range of economic activities are a few examples. Information technology and communication have significantly changed how business is conducted. Nowadays, the majority of organisations operate their operations using accounting information systems. Accounting processes have dramatically improved because to information technology advancements. Computers and other digital technology have increased office efficiency by enabling quick document sharing, information collection, and analysis.

Information & communication in the gift industry There are a number of ways that technology is beneficial, which we'll outline below:

#### **Communication**

In the corporate sector, maintaining relationships with employees, suppliers, and clients depends heavily on communication. As a result, the way we connect through e-mail, video chat rooms, and social networking websites will change as a result of IT use.

#### **Aids in Inventory Control**

Businesses must keep enough inventory on hand to meet demand while avoiding borrowing more money than they require. By using an inventory management method, inventory management systems determine the quantity of each item a company retains as well as the order of additional stock. It has grown even more essential because businesses must keep enough inventory on hand to meet customer demand. Utilising IT for inventory management also makes it possible to track the quantity of each item a company retains, which is useful when managing inventory.

#### **Information Management Systems**

For a business to succeed, information expertise is a valuable resource that is required for providing safe and effective treatment. The utilisation of knowledge is part of a strategic plan to accomplish the goal and mission. The company should then make changes to its management information system (MIS) to better track sales information, expenses, and productivity as well as information on profits over time, maximising return on investment and identifying opportunities for development.

#### **Management of customer relationships**

IT is being used by businesses to enhance how they plan and manage client relationships. CRM (Customer Relationship Management) systems record every interaction a business has with a customer, allowing for increased customer satisfaction. The customer service representative will be able to see what the consumer has purchased, examine shipment details, bring up the training manual for that item, and efficiently address the issue if they receive a call from a customer reporting a problem.

#### **A New Era in Mobile Solutions**

Many people believe that the next great corporate frontier is mobility. This is replicated by Google's algorithms, which give preference to mobile webpages. Your company, and every aspect of it, may be managed without using anything more than a tablet or smartphone. You have control over everything, including selling material, customer relations, sales, and back-end tasks like invoicing and shipping.

However, mobile solutions aren't only about customers; they're also about businesses. The current generation uses their phones for a variety of tasks, including purchasing, selling, sharing experiences with friends, and locating local companies.

#### **Cloud computing's evolution**

Businesses can now outsource a number of their tasks to third parties via the internet thanks to cloud computing. It enables the management of varied information packages while also enabling businesses to grow quickly and embrace quality without worrying about issues like crashes, downtime, and lost data. Because of this, small and medium-sized enterprises now have access to resources that could have cost them a fortune just a few years ago. The playing field has effectively been levelled.

#### **Enhancing client segmentation**

Researching and gaining in-depth knowledge of the products that customers are looking for is currently made much easier due to the constant flow of new information. The availability of analytics services is growing daily and is enabling businesses to segment their target markets into ever-more-specific groups, making it easier to target them and get more bang for their ad dollar. A business can learn a lot about a user by knowing where they are from, what browser they are using, how they found the website, what they are doing there, how long they are likely to stay, and when they attempt to leave. All it takes is having a Google account. There are even more sophisticated analytics services available that let firms segment their markets even more precisely and dramatically increase their conversion rates.

### III. CONCLUSION

The use of ICT is widespread. It can be found in any trade. ICT relates to how data is processed and used, which frequently relates to all activities. ICT is used in major trade to manage the business as well as the information generated by the trade. ICT is present in cars, and some of the new electrical features are laptop-controlled. ICT is that. Everything is now networked via the internet, and you can use ICT to remotely monitor and manage things like your home security system. ICT is used in science and analysis to process a large volume of knowledge and assist research findings. The possibilities are infinite. ICT is a crucial component of modern life.

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# A Study on the Evolution of International Trade in the 21st Century due to ICT

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**Abstract:** *E-upset is one of the prominent and persuasive pattern in business, showcasing and IT area over the new years. E-showcasing otherwise called internet advertising represents selling labor and products utilizing advanced innovation. While conventional promoting actually proceeds; web based promoting offers an upper hand to the brands through additional channels and high level showcasing component accessible on the web. Since we are in the period of globalization, web based advertising is showing its promising varieties in the space of worldwide showcasing as well. The terms e-showcasing has acquired prominence in specific nations including India. In USA, web based advertising is alluded to as Web promoting. In the UK and around the world, but computerized advertising has turned into the most well-known term, particularly after the year 2013. Many organizations in neighborhood and global business sectors are hence acquiring positive outcomes with web based showcasing; its more extensive reach, ease at doorstep, adaptability and savvy nature makes it reasonable for all organizations.*

*Late years have seen quickest reception of Internet advertising which permitted neighborhood and global organizations to interface, share and team up with their clients more than ever. Web based promoting characterized more up to date and inventive advertising climate with brimming with difficulties. What's more, with incredible difficulties come extraordinary open doors. This article centers momentarily around outline on web based advertising and significantly on challenges presented by internet showcasing in a developing worldwide climate. Thinking about the answers for conquer difficulties ahead; end is given*

**Keywords:** E-revolution, Online marketing, e-marketing, competitive edge, international environment, challenges & opportunities

## I. INTRODUCTION

Online marketing, e-marketing, web marketing or digital marketing refers to the adoption of marketing principles and techniques via electronic media and more specifically the internet. It encompasses wider series of marketing elements over the traditional marketing practices.

E-revolution or digital revolution created new avenues for marketing worldwide. In USA, online marketing is referred to as Web marketing. In the UK and worldwide, however digital marketing has become the most common term, especially after the year 2013. Many businesses in local & international markets are thus procuring positive results with online marketing; its wider reach, ease at doorstep, flexibility and cost-effective nature makes it suitable for all businesses.

Various companies across nations use the following 5s framework for developing effective online marketing objectives:

- Sell – using internet to sell product & services.
- Serve - using internet to serve customers.
- Speak - using internet to communicate with existing & potential customers.
- Save - using internet to save cost.
- Sizzle - using internet to build brand equity.

Thus, the development of online marketing is one of the noted & influential trend in business, marketing & IT sector over the recent years. It has revolutionised the manner in which businesses market their products and the advent of social media offers promising potential to how businesses worldwide interact with their clientele & customers.

Worldwide, there are more than 1.13 billion active users per day on Facebook, while 1.57 billion active monthly (Facebook, 2016). On Snapchat 100 million people are active every day, while Snapchat users watch over 10 billion videos per day. There are more than 310 million active users (Twitter, 2016) on Twitter.

In addition to social media, mobile plays an important role in the digital era. Cisco expects 11.6 billion mobile-connected devices by 2020, which increases mobile traffic by 8 times from 2015 to 2020. Hoping that 75% of mobile data traffic in the world will be up to 2020 (Cisco, 2016). This new era of digital and the underlying infrastructure defines a new marketing environment. And the massive expansion in digital media deployed the Internet as one of the most important markets. In the United States, online consumer spending was more than \$ 92.8 billion in the first quarter of 2016 (US Department of Commerce, 2016), and online demand for information items, such as books, magazines and software, is growing at 25% And 50% (quoted in Albuquerque et al., 2012, Leiflang et al. 2014).

Online marketing thus offers new opportunities for developing new international markets without the existence of representatives, sales offices agents or even without any other physical infrastructure. In the era of globalization, online marketing has facilitated International marketing practices by almost disabling the distance barriers and bringing companies & their customers virtually closer.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A comprehensive literature review is carried out on concepts and principles related to e-marketing. Many industry experts, researchers and businessmen expressed their views on e-marketing as a powerful strategy to attract customers. Following is the opinion of various experts - The internet is no longer a special technique, as far as socio-economic class is concerned - it is more powerful than the mass media because it is a completely integral part of modern life and it is interactive. Nearly any aspect of life is not untouched by online media.

As our life becomes busy and disorganized, when it comes to researching and buying products, it is not surprising that consumer explores on internet facility, (NS Muthukumaran, director, online research, The Nyson Company, India). J Suresh Reddy has published articles in the Indian Journal of Marketing. The title of the article is -Impact of ecommerce on marketing.

Marketing is one of the most dramatic business operations by emerging information technologies. Internet companies are providing new channels of communication and connectivity. It can create a more cost effective relationship with customers in sales, marketing and customer support. Companies can use the web to provide ongoing information, services and support to manage their international customers.

It also creates positive conversations with them who can work as a foundation for long-term relationships and can encourage buying again and again.

Even with cyber shopping, customers can sit comfortably in their homes and buy their belongings breaking the distance barriers. You can buy any kind of product or service from any part of the world.

VikasBondar has published his article on sales and marketing strategies stating that Internet is a very good thing. The internet gives more information to people as much as we need. This is the best way to compare those products that we need. If we are interested in buying, then it is best for us to check web sites and enter virtual stores.

Apart from this, if we want to create our own web page, then we can do so, without paying a lot of money. Where do we set all this information? The answer is from the ad, which we see everywhere: on TV, on the internet, in the newspapers and much more. Over the years, we get more and more new, interesting information and in the future the use of the internet will go further.

IAMAI President Dr. Subho Ray said, consumer is a major driver of e-commerce economy and we are happy that it has achieved a very good shape in India.

This is probably the only area that has, sometimes, hostile and at all other times worked under a neutral policy environment. Online shoppers stick to shopping sites they are familiar with. Achieving online shoppers and making them a positive shopping experience will prove beneficial for the long time in the market, muthukumaran said.

### Benefits of Online marketing in International operations:

The primary gain of e-marketing is to reduce costs and increase access. The cost of e-marketing platforms is generally lower than other marketing platforms, as face-to-face people or intermediaries / distributors (Watson et al., 2002). In

In addition to this, e-marketing firms allow to reach customers who are not accessible especially across the borders. Temporary and local boundaries of existing distribution channels are cut down. E-marketing platforms increase access and reduce costs. The marketing firm can provide unlimited information to customers. Without human intervention, this is an advantage over other forms of contact because the amount of information that can be provided is very high. More importantly, information can be provided in a form that customers can easily process and understand. Second, you can make conversations by optimizing information for the e-marketing firm.

Individual customers who allow customers to design products and services; their special needs; it are a crucial consideration when the customers belong to varied culture & nationality. Finally, the e-marketing platform can allow transactions between customers and firms that generally require human contact.

### **Challenges posed by Online marketing in International business:-**

#### **International commerce**

The internet has made possible products and services available around the world to the customers and to their living room (or wherever their computer is). Excess revenue flows abroad and outside wherever this new channel is allowed and this effect can eventually have a dramatic impact on our domestic economy and International business as well. In terms of culture and traditions we have a lot with people of other countries, but there are some differences which are known as diversity in unity. Understanding this diversity is the key challenge to good international trade as well as building relationships with multi-cultured customers.

#### **Challenge of Marketing integration**

One of the major problems with marketing campaigns is that they use many offline and online promotional media such as presses, brochures, catalogs, TVs, cell phones, e-mails, internet, social media etc. There is a lack of harmonious marketing structure. Each item is used separately and is completed as a separate job, not as a part of the integrated campaign for the purpose of obtaining specific and special purposes. This incongruity can be overcome in a holistic manner, which synchronizes the various traditional and internet era of marketing communications as moments of an integrated organization. Regarding the practical, online component of an integrated marketing "What is worth to note (or reminds) is that, like offline marketing, all aspects of online marketing are unmatched - and in many cases are mutually reliant.

Thus managing Omni-channel reality is challenging in practicing e-marketing in international environment.

#### **E-CRM**

Companies doing international business have to make customers understand that there is a kind of match between the received services and their needs. To do so, the company can personalize its e-CRM system. It means that the required services of every customer should be presented by creating specialized and comprehensive profiles for each customer while their connection to e-CRM system. In addition, the company has to make effort to identify the ideal e-CRM system from customers' viewpoint and move from improving the present system towards what is more than customers' ideal. To do so, the company can ask some customers about their ideals or can compose a research panel and study their interests, strategies and viewpoints by selecting a sample group from various places where the target group is located in order to upgrade the level of the present e-CRM system.

#### **Privacy concerns & Digital security**

User security needs to be guaranteed by securing that personal information. Common standards should therefore be developed regarding privacy settings and personal data protection. Thus establishing the appropriate standards and looking after the confidentiality of user's personal information becomes challenge for new media. In an effort to understand New Zealand consumers more, Chung W. and Paynter J. (2002), based on their work, drew a conclusion that it was a must for companies to have privacy policy statements under their website to protect consumer privacy information, to make sure that their customers' information cannot be misused. Some solutions were also discussed in this study to protect customers' privacy. For the authors, solutions such as legislation, self-regulation and technical solutions had be combined together to maximize its effectiveness.

### **Lack of trust**

In general, identity theft, spam, intrusion advertisements and technical glow have left many marketing distrusting. Closely related with the problem of security and privacy is the issue of lack of trust on the part of customers which has been recognized a great challenge on the way of online marketing growth. And it is the reason why "online trust is growing in importance as a topic of study and its influence on internet marketing strategies is increasing". Today despite the rapid growth of online transactions several people still mistrust electronic methods of paying and still have doubt whether the purchased items will be delivered or not. On the other hand prevalence of online fraud has made customers hold negative or doubtful attitudes towards online transactions, especially outside the countries. Marketers and IT managers are challenged with the task of changing the online climate in order to gain retain online consumers.

### **Impersonal service**

Electronic ways to provide customer service are used by businesses that are operating online, such as posting and emailing information on the website to answer potential user questions. Sometimes the customers consider it to be very impersonal or uncontrolled. Companies should develop efficient checkout procedures to sell the goods through the web to solve this problem. Call handling services are also taken into consideration, so that customers can talk to real people, when they should inquire about the problems that require immediate response.

### **Unethical practices & Copyright policy**

The Internet has created an unparalleled mass of unethical businesses. Copyright policy is one of the policies coming along with new media: sharing all intellectual and creative goods is one of huge advantages of the Internet. But as well as it is almost impossible to adapt offline copyrights to the online content, there is the need to remunerate intellectual and creative work.

### **Meeting consumers' expectations**

Some 15% of digital marketers surveyed said that meeting the expectations of a consumer base that's constantly connected is their number-one challenge. Consumer-generated content can travel faster than ever before, and it's also highly influential in consumer decision-making: 80% of people say they do extensive online research before making a big purchasing decision, while nearly half — 46% — say they rely on social media to do so. It's not just about knowing what consumers want, like, or need right now — it's about anticipating trends and demands across national borders so that you can time your campaign perfectly to create a viral sensation.

### **Online metrics**

Measuring Return of Investment (ROI) in online marketing is one of the biggest challenges of digital marketing. (Leeflang, et al., 2014) shows that it is difficult for marketing executives to understand the online metrics and change it into actionable insights, especially when it comes to financial effects.

A key challenge in measuring the real ROI in digital is to identify key performance indicators (KPI). For example, companies and organizations use the last-click method, where sales are finalized based on medium used. That ignores the customer journey and the fact that customers have been exposed to many factors before taking the final click, which leads to a false and fraudulent metrics.

### **Talent gap**

The rapid expansion in digital media is creating a digital talent gap. (Manyika, et al., 2011, p. 11) estimate that 440,000–490,000 of analytically trained people will be needed in the USA in 2018 to analyze customer data, create digital advertisements, develop Web sites, and perform statistical analyses, however, the supply is only 300,000 of these talents. Hence there is a 50–60% gap relative to the 2018 supply. Hiring more skilled talent was necessary for organizations to effectively manage their digital marketing, while other organizations prefer outsourcing to media agencies. However, both solutions provide some disadvantages. Hiring in-house skills can be a challenge because most talents have excellent analytical skills but there is a strong knowledge and understanding in marketing, which can lead to some problems between marketing and analysis. On the other hand, completely outsourcing can be a challenge as the

analytics has become a strategic asset for companies. It is even more essential to manage this talent gap while practicing e-marketing in International business as the digital marketers must be skilled enough to avoid cultural bias and consider true the characteristics of target audience while formulating the content & style of e-campaigns.

### III. CONCLUSION

This paper deliberated the major challenges in the ever expanding area of e- marketing. Poorly created and executed programs create mistrust amongst clients and marketers. Spam, identity theft, meddling advertising, technical snags, not keeping terms with contract / agreements, gap between ordered products and actual deliveries have created profound mistrust in International e- marketing. We have entered a new era in which digital media and channels are rapidly becoming ubiquitous. Based on our study, ten major challenges of International e-marketing have been identified.

Despite of global reach, speed, and information, which can be derived from e-marketing; there are several important disadvantages for this kind of marketing which businesses should have in mind. The technology driven approach of e-marketing makes some businesses vulnerable and highly dependent on technology. This makes dissatisfied consumers more powerful. There may be huge possibility of poor review before hand, with the ability to destabilize some e-marketing campaign and operations. However, despite these problems, it is advisable to conclude that e-marketing on the whole can result positive development for the businesses and in spite of some hazards, the impact on businesses can be quite positive. Well-drafted online marketing strategies can convert the above mentioned challenges into opportunities and can be proved prolific for the businesses operating in an evolving international environment.

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# A Study on the Significance of ICT in Development of Sustainable Indian Markets

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**Abstract:** *ICT addresses Information and correspondence progresses including generally the Internet and laptops. Since it assumes such a significant part in our everyday lives, data and correspondences innovation (ICT) is creating at the speediest pace of the multitude of advances. Not just has this changed our everyday lives, except it has additionally modified our points of view on life and our lifestyle. According to a business viewpoint, it has impacted each part of business, including showcasing, human asset the executives, money, and any remaining divisions. One of the main business regions that has been fundamentally affected by the Web and has been developing consistently since its origin is internet showcasing. ICTs are additionally contributing fundamentally to the extension of the Indian showcasing scene in underdeveloped countries like India. All then again, economical advertising alludes to promoting that meets its objectives without endangering the capacity of people in the future to address their own issues. Subsequently, reasonable promoting is a critical necessity. Thus, the objective of this paper was to make sense of how the Web developed rapidly from a PC organization to the primary worldwide market. Which jobs does ICT play in contemporary promoting techniques? How can organizations use this with the goal that it can progress practical showcasing? How is India endeavoring to create and extend maintainable showcasing using the web?*

*Beside that, this paper has moreover endeavored to examine what will be what the future holds prospects of Legitimate Exhibiting in Indian advancing circumstance. The essential and relevant information has been all assembled from an assortment of government organizations, distributed papers, diaries, and magazines for this general survey and engaging review. furthermore, not represented entrances and a couple of course books that give hypothetical data regarding the matter.*

**Keywords:** Information & Communication Technology (ICT), Sustainable Marketing, E-Commerce, etc

## I. INTRODUCTION

e-Commerce is today's cutting-edge technology for businesses. E-commerce is already having an impact on every aspect of business, from customer service to product design. It makes it easier to use new information-based business processes like online ordering, customer service, and advertising to reach customers and interact with them. Management of orders and interactions with a wide range of suppliers and trading partners, which typically add a lot of overhead to the price of goods and services, are also reduced as a result. In today's online buying and selling environment, marketing plays a significant role as part of the entire e-commerce team. Previously pushing forward we should comprehend what's really going on with feasible showcasing?

The process of creating, communicating, and delivering value to customers in such a way that natural and human capital are preserved or enhanced throughout is known as sustainable marketing. Marketing, like almost every other business function, is undergoing a significant shift toward social and environmental sustainability. Because it serves as the primary point of contact between a company and its clients, marketing plays an especially significant role. It is the promoting capability that distinguishes client needs and values and imparts them to the remainder of the association. On the other hand, India currently has the best chance to expand its market on a global scale thanks to information and communication technology. A perpetually open market with no geographical barriers prevents any business from reaching customers all over the world via a virtual market where trade, transactions, cash, and commodities flow as electronic consumption through this network of computers and information. The way businesses produce and market

their goods and services has been significantly impacted by the rise of computer, telephone, and television technologies. Our lives have undergone significant transformation as a result of technological advancements that have provided us with new and improved options for food, clothing, housing, vehicles, and entertainment. In point of fact, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been the driving force behind both the enormous global economy's creation and its current shrinking and increasing power. The ICT and the Information Superhighway are at the center of this phenomenon.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Khan and Mahapatra, (2009) proposed in their review that innovation assumes a fundamental part in working on the nature of administrations given by the specialty units. One of the advances which truly got data insurgency the general public is Web Innovation and is properly viewed as the third rush of transformation after the horticultural and modern upheaval. The use of the Internet for business purposes is on the rise. According to Rowley (2001), the Internet's widespread global accessibility and ubiquitous nature have made it an extremely efficient means of communication between businesses and customers. According to Thompson (2005), the expansion of Internet technology has enormous potential due to its ability to connect buyers and sellers across geographical boundaries and reduce delivery costs for goods and services. And Devendra al., According to the definition provided by (2012), "electronic commerce," also referred to as "e-commerce" or "e-commerce," is the buying and selling of goods or services over an electronic system like the internet or another computer network. The technology is intended for e-commerce because it makes it simpler to connect with businesses and individuals at a low cost and makes it easier to conduct day-to-day business transactions. According to Boughton (2005), the majority of online advertising campaigns aim for two primary goals: growth of the brand and immediate response. The strategies that will result in the greatest return on investment ultimately determine which marketing channel is best suited. Firms that offer items and administrations through the Internet obviously stand to acquire from Web promoting on the grounds that their planned clients are now on the web. Online marketing may be chosen by businesses that are not web-based to promote the brand and increase exposure. SEM permits organizations to follow their return for capital invested from a group of people procurement point of view intently. In contrast to conventional banner advertisements, advertisers are charged according to the number of clicks rather than the number of impressions (the number of times an advertisement appears). Branding is also given a lot of weight in a lot of marketing campaigns. PPC promotions can be exceptionally compelling as far as driving home a brand name since they show up close by query items for huge number of various hunt terms.

## OBJECTIVES

1. to investigate how ICTs are used in modern marketing.
2. to investigate how ICTs contribute to India's sustainable marketing development.
3. to investigate the prospects for sustainable marketing in India in the future.

## III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The entire study is based solely on document analysis and literature reviews. Besides, for examination reason, the required and significant information have been gathered from Exploration Papers of different Diaries and other distributions. In addition, a few stakeholder-relevant books, online blogs, and websites regarding the paper's content have been mentioned. The government uses quantitative data for and not governed gateways have been utilized.

## IV. FINDINGS

The objectives of the study have led to the division of the findings into three parts. We should talk about it individually.

1. to investigate how ICTs are used in modern marketing.

It can be tough to market. There is a lot of competition, and getting new customers is harder than ever. However, as we probably already know, marketing is necessary for business expansion. Before they can sell, even the best products and services need to be advertised. Advertising in magazines, newspapers, and billboards on the side of the road can all be considered traditional forms of marketing and advertising, but evaluating their efficacy can be nearly impossible. It's time to start using the Internet rather than these methods. Web showcasing can direct people to the business and

persuade new guests to become paying clients, and frequently for a portion of the expense of a bulletin. Web promoting is likewise significantly more quantitative than conventional advertising at any point could be. So how precisely can Web showcasing help our business, and how it has grown up being a device for promoting? On this part, we'll investigate routes through which ICT helps contemporary promoting with the assistance of demonstrated Web showcasing strategies like Search engine optimization, PPC publicizing, virtual entertainment, messages, and some more.

I. SEO, or Search Engine Optimization, is the process of making a website more likely to appear in search results. Businesses may have difficulty ranking for the keywords they associate with their products or services on search engines like Google if SEO is not implemented. Investigations have discovered that being at the highest point of the main page of query items can procure you over half of traffic. Notwithstanding, that rate drops the whole way to a simple 4% for the fifth spot.

II. PPC, or Pay-Per-Click advertising, is another strategy for attracting new site visitors. PPC ads accompany search results and encourage users to click on them to discover what they're looking for. As the name shows, these promotions expect you to pay each time somebody taps on your advertisement. They are, however, not as expensive as you might expect. In fact, the complete opposite frequently occurs. Due to the fact that you have complete control over how much money you spend on ads, PPC can be a great investment for businesses of all sizes.

III. Using Social Media to Get More Fans Social media channels like Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest are great ways to use Internet marketing to grow your business. On social media, businesses can create official brand pages or accounts and post updates to fans whenever they want. Even though it can take a lot of time to manage your social media presence, especially if you are a large brand, the investment is well worth it. Business owners need to be aware right away that being social on social media is more important than just posting promotional messages. Fans of your business or product can interact with you and learn more about what you have to offer thanks to these platforms.

IV. Using content marketing to keep customers interested: Content marketing is a way to market to potential customers through various types of content. The substance utilized in this technique can change from sites to recordings to whitepapers or even digital books, however they all offer a similar ultimate objective: to persuade people who visit your website to do business with you or buy from you. Your online business can expand exponentially with a well-executed content marketing strategy. In all honesty, clients love unique substance, and a few examinations have shown that marks that offer unique substance are more dependable than brands that don't. The company blog is one of the oldest forms of content marketing. A blog can be a great way to not only provide content that visitors to your website will find interesting, but also to start a conversation and get them to return.

2. to investigate how ICTs contribute to India's sustainable marketing development.

As previously mentioned, sustainable marketing is the process of informing customers about the numerous advantages of valuing human, economic, and natural capital by promoting, selling, and disseminating a product or service in a sustainable market. Now, what exactly is a market that is sustainable? Therefore, ideally, a sustainable market would satisfy current (global) economic, social, and environmental requirements without jeopardizing opportunities for future generations to do so. In practice, a market that is moving toward that goal is one that is sustainable. Comprehensively, the web helps individuals as well concerning the climate over the long haul. Additionally, the Internet has the potential to make a society's daily problems more long-lasting and sustainable. Since sustainable marketing is the focus of this section, the internet contributes to the sustainability of every aspect of marketing in some way. By describing the prominent internet features that have the potential to eventually propel the expansion of sustainable marketing, we can clearly comprehend it.

I. A paperless workplace Paper has long been a part of every business and trade, but it has had a significant impact on the natural world and the environment. This blame has also affected the company's marketing department, which has used a lot of paper up until the introduction of the internet in marketing. In contrast to the past, the majority of marketing research, product planning, advertising, product communications, and other activities no longer required paper. ICTs came to the rescue of nature.

II. Energy Efficiency ICT-enabled climate change mitigation strategies have the potential to significantly reduce global environmental change by 2020 in comparison to current efforts. It is anticipated that no other method of reducing the

impact of the environment will be as effective. These updates consolidate Shrewd office and Brilliant Structure imperativeness organization, powerful usage of business machines, sharp framework devices, asset following associated with co-appointments and clever present day motors that change speed progressively to frame with only a couple of situations where ICT can assume a key part in energy productivity.

III—Pollution Alert and Management—An urban information and communication technology (ICT) can provide a means to monitor the air quality in crowded business districts, parks, or commercial hubs. Air quality and pollution sensors must be installed throughout the city and the sensor data made available to the public for this service to be realized. Numerous pollution monitoring sensors and wireless networks for monitoring and reporting pollution have emerged as a result of significant technological advancements in the field of wireless communication technology.

IV: Reducing the Consumption of Energy From a modern marketing perspective, the annual addition of one million connected devices is enormous and impossible to control. It is in everyone's best interest to develop ICT that reduces energy consumption and impacts on the environment. Low-power sensors will soon be able to function in conditions that are beyond ICT's current capabilities. In addition to functioning underground or being able to be deployed at a considerable distance from the closest antenna, the battery life will be extended to years, thereby reducing the impact on energy.

V: Effective Waste Management Last, but certainly not least, marketing requires an effective waste management strategy in order to implement a sustainable marketing strategy that is effective. The process of managing waste is currently in disarray, and the government is struggling to find environmentally friendly disposal methods. The two primary advantages of ICT-based waste management solutions and devices are: figuring out when waste should be collected and which route trucks should take. The time required to address potential issues with waste buildup may be reduced by these two benefits. Technologies like ICT can help the business administration control the amount of waste that is disposed of on a regular basis, preventing waste buildup and utilizing the end residue for other development activities like recycling and reuse for other industrial uses or providing residue waste to power plants, among other things.

3-To explore the future possibilities of maintainable advertising in India.

There are numerous lessons to be learned about avoiding sustainable marketing myopia; the most important one is that good marketing principle must be applied in order to make environmentally friendly products appealing to consumers. However, the remaining query is, what is its future? Due to the fact that environmentalism's acceptance of limits and conservation does not align well with marketing's traditional axioms of "give the customer what they want" and "sell as much as you can," business scholars have viewed it as a "fringe" topic. There is evidence to suggest that the three essential guiding principles for effective sustainable marketing are as follows:

I-Buyer Worth Situating Plan natural items to proceed as well as (or better than) options. Target relevant consumer market segments and promote and provide the desired value of environmental products to customers. By combining environmental products with the desired value of consumers, you can increase mainstream appeal.

II. Calibration of Consumer Knowledge: Market messages that link sustainable characteristics to desired consumer value should be used to educate consumers. Set environmental product features up as "solutions" for customer requirements. Create informative and engaging websites about the desired consumer value of environmental products.

III-Validity of Item Guarantee. Use specific and significant environmental product and consumer benefit claims. Obtain eco-certifications or endorsements of a product from reputable third parties and inform customers about the significance of these certifications. With compelling, interesting, and entertaining information about environmental products, you can encourage consumer evangelism through consumers' social and internet communication networks.

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper has demonstrated that the internet evolved more as a marketing tool than as a driver of sustainable marketing and development. If we take a look at things from an Indian perspective, the internet has also played a significant role since its launch in 1995. After a few years, it became commonplace for Indian businesses and trade, as the majority of multinational corporations and even domestic Indian businesses turned to the internet for business purposes and benefited from its many advantages. In India, sustainable development, which is a pressing need, has also been adequately supported by the internet. Every single sector of the economy and business that has been impacted by the

Internet's application has undergone significant transformations. If we talk about the prospects for sustainable marketing in the future in the Indian context, there is a pressing need and a plethora of opportunities for it. Even though the majority of Indian businesses and trade have already implemented environmentally friendly marketing strategies and tactics, there are still untapped business segments and areas where the internet, if utilized, could result in more environmentally friendly outcomes. Last but not least, both awareness and positive and ongoing efforts from both the public and private sectors are required to help create societies that are more aware of and committed to a greener business environment.

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# A Study on the Increase in Trade and Fitness Industry due to Usage of AI

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**Abstract:** Tablets and cell phones are step by step however consistently changing our thoughts of wellbeing and wellness. Clients and wellbeing experts may now get to a plenty of utilizations that cover the entire medical care continuum. Getting data, forestalling, diagnosing, treating, and checking are all important for the method. Besides, our group created myFitnessCompanion®, a portable wellbeing and wellness application that has been open on the Android Market since February 2011. This article's motivation is to examine our experience building and showcasing a wellness and wellbeing application. This article analyzes the acknowledgment of wellbeing applications among clients and the medical services business, as well as how portable wellbeing applications will be dispersed soon. IBM Watson, IBM's man-made reasoning machine, has dominated human keenness (at certain levels). Watson not just beat past Risk! champs, however he was likewise acclaimed as a legend after precisely recognizing a woman with leukemia. We've gathered a rundown of the best GPS following applications for Android underneath. 1. It depends on the creators' seven-year mastery as a versatile wellbeing and wellness programming designer. Individual Wellbeing Record (PHR) frameworks (Microsoft HealthVault) and FDA limitations might have an impact.

**Keywords:** Individual Wellbeing Record

## I. INTRODUCTION

Automation is a relatively new discipline that has seen both amazing accomplishments and equally spectacular failures. The failures were mostly the result of underestimating the intricacy of seemingly simple problems, as well as the notion that raw computer power can solve any problem. It is based on the authors' seven years of experience creating mobile health and fitness apps. Part of the research examines the influence of Personal Health Record (PHR) systems (Microsoft HealthVault) and FDA regulations on the future of mobile health apps. makers, and we talk about the problems and opportunities for app developers in the health industry. Engineering principles are emerging from all of this knowledge, and they may be used to guide engineers. who must cope with more complex difficulties in an increasingly competitive environment, and who may be used to advise engineers

[1] The increased number of clients who use smart phones and tablets, as well as access to health and fitness applications, has driven the healthcare industry to incorporate them.

[2] By 2015, more than a third of the world's 1.4 billion smartphone users would be using mobile health apps. At the time of writing, there are thousands of health and fitness apps available for download on Google Play (December 2012).

[3]. Three hundred and ninety-six of them use a sensor to obtain or derive physiological data (e.g., weight scale, blood pressure monitor, accelerometer, GPS). The applications are either free or have a little fee.

[4]. MyFitnessCompanion®, an app created by our team, does just that. care delivered from a distance as consumer demand for self-monitoring develops, the possibility for digital behemoths to create mHealth applications grows.

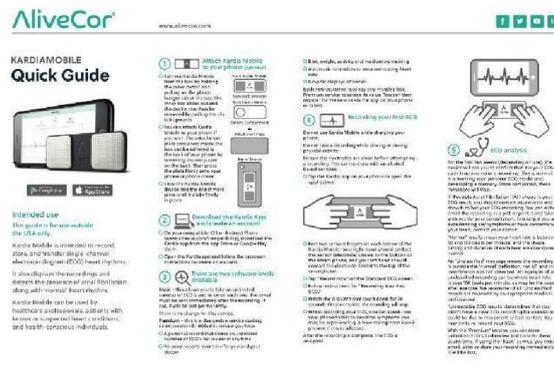
[5] It employs wireless sensors (Bluetooth, WIFI) or manual input to collect physiological data. Users may track their weight, food consumption, blood pressure, asthma, blood glucose, HbA1c (glycated haemoglobin), cholesterol, temperature, respiration, oxygen, intraocular pressure, bowel movement, and heart rate using Android phones and tablets. Some of the therapeutic areas include fitness, diabetes, asthma, obesity, and hypertension. utilises technology to extend healthcare practitioners' clinical contexts It's a wide word that refers to how the healthcare industry is utilising

technological advances to deliver remote treatment. As consumer demand for self-monitoring develops, the possibility for digital behemoths to create mHealth applications grows.

The following are some of the most popular health-related smartphone apps:

**II. KARDIA MOBILE APPLICATION**

In December 2011, there were a total of 10 billion beyond reach. Diabetes patients can monitor their heart health in order to reduce their overall risk of heart disease. Doctors advise you to have your heart tested, which includes an ECG. Furthermore, guess what? It is made possible by the Artmobile 6L, the world's first and only 6 lead US FDA-approved ECG heart monitor. The Artmobile 6L is a portable ECG monitor that can provide a medical-grade ECG in about 30 seconds. You will benefit from the gadget. detect Cardiac arrhythmias include atrial fibrillation, tachycardia, and bradycardia.



Heart arrhythmias can result in strokes and heart failure. A Fib is a condition in which the heart does not adequately pump blood, causing blood to pool and clot. If the clots dislodge and go to the brain artery, they can cause a fatal blockage or stroke.



Detecting tachycardia or bradycardia can also aid in the prevention of heart failure. The Alive or Artmobile 6L, the most advanced at-home heart monitor, can detect changes in your heart rhythm and alert you to potential cardiac problems.

Google Play rating: 4.4

The impact of the pandemic on heart health. As a result, cardiologists are embracing modern technologies to find novel methods to treat patients.

As a result of the pandemic, patients are turning to telehealth for cardiovascular care, and those with cardiovascular disease can benefit from telemedicine in the form of remote monitoring and consultation. One of the most significant benefits of telehealth visits is the opportunity to consult with a cardiologist from a distance, which is especially useful for patients who reside in rural places. In the context of the present pandemic, tele-electrocardiogram (ECG) home monitoring is more appropriate, with patient-friendly mobile phone applications allowing the transmission of ECG results directly to professionals for examination.



Alienor’s free Kordia app, available for iOS and Android, captures and saves single-channel ECGs in combination with the Heart Monitor.

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**III. BLUESTAR DIABETES APP**

The BlueStar Diabetes App, created by Weldon Inc., operates by capturing blood-glucose readings and providing real-time coaching. Weldon’s algorithm analyses data from over 20,000 automated coaching messages and delivers a personalised coach to assist patients manage their medication and therapy. Submitting diabetes questions and receiving responses from expert diabetes educators can help. Furthermore, the app tracks the user’s medications, sends reminders, and provides healthy recipes, meal planning, and lifestyle counselling. The app can also link with fitness trackers and be coupled with the OneTouch Verio Flex® metre to wirelessly communicate blood glucose data to the app.



10K+ Google Play downloads  
Google Play rating: 4.1 App Store rating: 4.5  
Google Play and the App Store both have it.

**IV. FITNESS APPS**

Before we get into all of the benefits of fitness apps, let's look at their history. Google Health looked to be a big success when it was released in 2008. It would almost surely be successful if it were published now, but it was so unpopular at the time that the company was forced to cancel the project in 2011. Why did Google Health fail, despite the numerous opportunities it provided?



In recent years, it has been trendy to live a healthy lifestyle. Nowadays, being healthy involves being gorgeous, successful, and physically fit. Obesity and sedentary office work are becoming more generally recognised as illness factors.

As a result of these and other health-related difficulties, millions of individuals throughout the world participate in sports. As a consequence, a fitness app is a programme that can be downloaded and utilised on any mobile device to keep in shape. Over 165,000 health-related applications were available in 2015 on the two most popular platforms, the iPhone operating system (iOS) and Android. [1] Apps may assist people in changing their behaviours by allowing them to set fitness goals, manage their calorie intake, acquire workout suggestions, and share their achievements on social media.



They may be used as a platform to encourage healthy behaviour change by providing customised exercises, fitness instruction, and nutrition programmes. Fitness applications may connect wearable device health data to third-party devices, making it easier to access. By adding gamification elements and generating a competitive spirit among friends and family

**V. ACTIVITY TRACKING APPS**

Wearables are widely used in conjunction with activity tracking applications. Even if you don't go to the gym or participate in sports, you may utilise activity tracking software to ensure that you receive adequate exercise. These applications can keep track of how many steps you've completed as well as how many calories you've ingested. They can use geolocation to track the distance travelled. Two of the more exciting parts here are sleep quality evaluation and smart alarm clocks that wake users up during the REM sleep period, helping them to get up quickly and effortlessly.

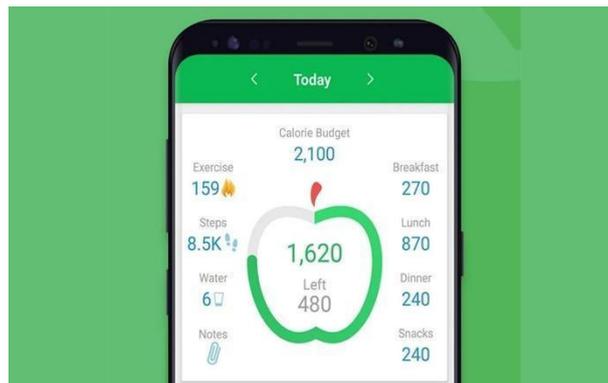


Many activity monitoring applications work with wearables, but if a user does not have one, the capabilities of a smartphone are adequate to collect data.

- Plan My Run.
- Fitness Partner.
- JEFIT Workout Scheduler.
- RunKeeper.
- MyFitnessPal.
- Runner of ten kilometres.
- Untasted

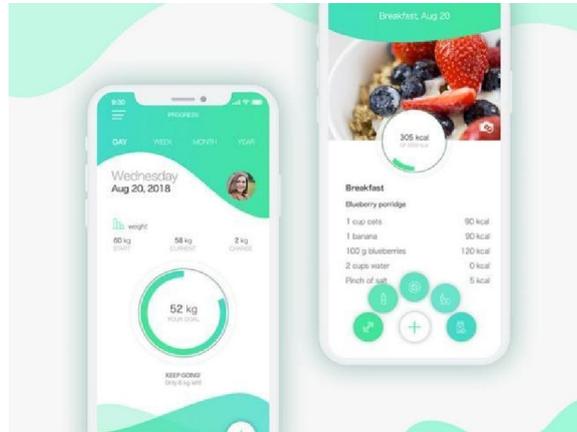
It may be challenging to keep track of everything you do on a daily basis, especially if you're tracking different behaviours. Among the applications provided are simple checklists, habit-building social networks, and personal data centres. Hopefully, you'll be able to find one that meets your requirements. Calorie counting and recipe discovery are made easier with nutrition apps

## VI. NUTRITION APPS:



These applications help users keep a healthy weight by measuring calories consumed and spent, monitoring water balance, and encouraging healthy eating habits. They can also help you keep track of how much coffee you drink and maintain a healthy body fat weight and percentage. The smartphone in your pocket is a technological marvel. Its processing capacity dwarfs that of the computers used by NASA for the Moon landings, and it links you to a global network of nearly 3 billion individuals. The finest diet apps available today use the power of your smartphone to assist you in taking control of your nutrition and health via healthier eating. We put 10 of the most popular weight reduction apps for Android to the test iPhone (iOS) (iOS). Here's an overview of those options, as well as their advantages and

disadvantages. While some of the diet apps on our list are calorie counters and food diaries with extra bells and whistles, we've also included some original and unusual solutions.



Remember that the actual measure of an app's worth is whether or if it assists you in making healthy adjustments. If an app doesn't push you to modify your diet, it's just a waste of time. Personal objectives are the primary emphasis of such apps. If you're having difficulty sticking to a healthy diet, the app may assist you in making grocery lists and even collecting healthy food recipes! Three of the best applications of this sort are Healthy Out, Calorie Counter & Food Diary, and MyPlate Calories Tracker.



Apps for measuring physical activity:

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Regular exercise can help people maintain a healthy weight and lower their risk of illnesses such as coronary heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. It can also assist to strengthen the heart, enhance lung function, and lower the risk of depression.

#### **VII. CONCLUSION**

According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, adults should aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity every week (CDC). Finding the motivation to exercise, on the other hand, might be difficult. According to 2014 research involving 15 mobile app users, fitness applications may motivate users to increase their physical activity. However, customers should exercise caution when using a fitness app, according to 2015 research. The researchers looked at 30 popular fitness apps and determined that adherence to the American College of Sports Medicine's criteria was low overall. Only one app received a score of greater than 50%. Finding the motivation to exercise, on the other hand, might be difficult. According to 2014 research involving 15 mobile app users, fitness applications may motivate users to increase their physical activity. However, according to a 2015 research, users should exercise caution while choosing an app.

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# A Study on the Influence and Importance of ICT in Education Sector

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**Abstract:** *ICT has as of late high level decisively, particularly in business college, where paper section has been supplanted by PCs.*

*ICT offers the two instructors and understudies numerous useful ways of expanding their adequacy, acquire insight, and increase the value of business training. On account of cost reserve funds and functional efficiencies, the framework recognizably replaces fundamental human-carried out roles, raising utilitarianism for significantly more heathen renewal. Top to bottom examination is being finished to survey the impacts of utilizing ICT in the Purulia area of West Bengal, India's business training educating learning system. The nature of the exhibition of instructive obligations is pompously dazzled by ICT application. In spite of the fact that there is a huge connection among ICT and business training, the two educators and understudies should be more mindful of its utilization, as per the review's key discoveries, which were gotten through the conveyance of polls to 200 business schooling understudies and educators in Purulia who were picked aimlessly. The archive makes a few proposals, including the requirement for exceptional ICT offices at instructive establishments and ordinary instructional courses for teachers on the most proficient method to utilize ICT successfully in the study hall..*

**Keywords:** Institutions, Learning, Teaching, ICT, and Commerce & Business Education

## I. INTRODUCTION

ICT, or Information and Communications Technology, provides the most up-to-date teaching methods and atmosphere for business subjects. The traditional method of teaching business education still suits the needs of modern students. New technologies affect pedagogy, learning methodology, and information appropriation by extending the feasibility to perceptibly surpass schooling. Application for business administration and management, teaching and learning of ICT-related proficiency to strengthen the presentation of classroom tasks, teaching/learning of intellectual, problem-solving aptitudes, inciting creativity for research and communication tool by teachers and students are all examples of how ICT is used as a tool within the academic environment in business education. The teacher standing near to the student and imparting knowledge to them without the pupils showing any discernible interest falls short in the teaching and learning of business education courses [1]. Business education has made quick work of adapting its curriculum to the most effective global strategy. In order to determine the extent to which the use of ICT in the teaching and learning of business education could encourage students' intellectual development, the researcher decided to conduct the current study.

## II. CONCEPT FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION

The skills needed to manage business affairs and use the services of the business world are taught in business education. Business education at colleges primarily focuses on the growth of relevant expertise and knowledge that enable a person to function productively in the workplace [2]. Beneficiaries of business education acquire the skills needed to manage business affairs and utilise industry services [3]. A business education student can readily develop the capacity for entrepreneurial endeavours, particularly during the current period of economic distress.

ICT-CONCEPT: ICT refers to a technology that gathers, assesses, feels, manages, and offers digital information communication. ICT thinks more about communication, including the internet, wireless networks, and other forums across a wide range of domains, to improve the effectiveness of information. ICT refers to computer-based tools that

people use to meet the needs of an organization's information and communication processing. ICT is a collection of technologies used for communication and information access [4].

### III. ICT'S RESULTS FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION

The global business climate has been significantly impacted by technology. The use of technology in management promotes accessibility to crucial information no matter where you are and opens up possibilities for working outside the workplace. The environment has been drastically transformed by modern technology, producing entirely new economic areas. Managers operate their businesses from laptops, tablets, and smartphones; they never even consider setting up a physical location. Teleconferencing allows for online gatherings of people for business meetings, eliminating the need for long commutes. Social networking, artificial intelligence, and e-commerce are examples of digital technologies that allow businesses to more effectively improve customer experience and reach a worldwide audience. To measure sales, manage customer interactions, guarantee data security, and improve corporate processes, corporations also use sophisticated software. The global knowledge economy offers opportunities and difficulties for developing nations. Technological capabilities at the firm level do not emerge spontaneously. These capabilities go beyond a single company to a larger network in which the company is entrenched. Technology inevitably brings about changes in a number of business-related sectors, including performance measures, customer relationship management, strategy development, business environment, and human resources. To guarantee buy-in from all important stakeholders, decision-makers should understand the nature of changes, their potential impact, plan for them, and manage the change process. Technology plans must be created as a component of company strategy and must take into account how technology affects people, processes, and governance. Redesigning processes, realigning organisational structure, creating new job descriptions, and reviewing and revising policies are all necessary before e-business applications can be implemented. The COVID-19 pandemic crisis around the world is specifically disrupting all the laws and business structures thanks to e-commerce. The secret to raising an organization's productivity is its capacity to adopt new business models and technological advancements. The entire value chain must be digitalized to get the full benefits of e-business. The decision to execute an e-business effort should not be made hastily, and the advantages that can be realised from such a venture should be carefully considered before moving forward.

Both teaching and learning should successfully create their own demeanour of dexterity and become omnibus experts in the spirit of ICT. ICT should, among other things, be incorporated into the pedagogy of the study plan and other cooperative universities in the development of academic software and the use of the internet for effective perception-improving instruction should be organised by the appropriate bodies. Education today is an economic good based on ICT. How business education teachers use ICT during teaching and learning has a significant impact on how ICT is used with students. ICT has a minimal impact on teaching methods according to teachers. Teachers of business education have recently realised its value for experiential learning. ICT has a greater impact on e-mature institutions, and e-confident teachers predict that the blessing will be significant once the introduction is defined. Therefore, the objective is to empower all educators and learners to mature digitally. Understanding this new development is a good example of how the era of teaching without ICT expertise is over.

Learners' prior experiences: This has a significant impact on learners' perceptions of phenomena and their desire for careful delineation. Therefore, before reshaping their thoughts, it is necessary to study the students' viewpoints on learning and take them into consideration. Before pupils are allowed to discern minute materialisations, teachers must substantiate concurrent discernment with them.

Society's disparity Effective application of a few techniques demonstrates not only age and social context appropriateness disparity but also certifies students to link recent information to prior knowledge. Learner misconceptions: Sometimes, students seem to have false beliefs about learning new skills. This instinctual inclination resists perception, which hinders their conception.

### IV. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

A thorough evaluation of the literature is necessary to provide justification for the scope of the investigation and future prognostication. Around the world, academics, researchers, welfare providers, etc. conduct in-depth studies to identify a direct link between ICT use and academic study. ICT has established an essential place in the teaching-learning process

in the academic sphere [5]. Higher education institutions are not making the most of digital technology's potential. Most students prefer using digital tools because of their flexibility and freedom in regards to their education [6]. Higher education institutions must acknowledge the importance of intellectual capital in both society and on a global scale [7]. ICT significantly influences teaching and learning and improves student achievement [8]. ICT offers better ways for business professors to deliver lessons [9]. There is no discernible difference between teachers' and students' observations of ICT use [10]. Important tumultuous features include the usage of outdated computers, a poor maintenance culture for ICT facilities, an outdated manner of content transmission, etc. [2]. ICT educational resources for curriculum and assessment methodologies are not available to teachers [11]. Most of the time, students in business education respond ineptly in ICT classes [12]. ICT has a beneficial impact on language and knowledge achievement. The success of ICT in the teaching-learning approach used in business education is best exemplified by the students' performances [13]. ICT is impressive for both academic learning and learning how to use technology [14]. ICT is used to improve teaching and learning through digital multimedia and revive its dependability by utilising the internet and video [15]. The effects of ICT on education have been outlined by Falobi, Ajisafe, and Krubu&Osawaru (2011) in even the most isolated locales and libraries. The needs of the contemporary novice are still satisfied by traditional techniques of business school teaching. The gradual patricianization of education through the use of new technologies has an impact on teaching and learning methodologies, scientific research, and insightful information [9,10&16]. The information, skill, understanding, and attitudes that are necessary to operate successfully in the business sector as a producer and/or consumer of the goods and services that business has to provide are taught in business education [17]. ICT has had an outstanding impact on Nigerian educational practises, and this impact will only grow in the future [18]. In order to fulfil their academic commitments, universities in Ekiti State successfully afford accounting instruction utilising ICT facilities [19]. The results of a study carried out at the Federal University of Technology Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria, show a strong association between the use of ICT by students in their academic endeavours. Additionally, it highlights students' negative attitudes towards using ICT for academic purposes. The study suggests that the government create ICT regulations and policies to promote all educational levels [20]. The availability of ICT can improve the quality assurance practises used in Nigerian universities. In line with the required norm, ICT must be used to support the adoption and upkeep of fundamental quality assurance procedures in Nigerian universities [21]. The importance of ICT in education has increased as the globe moves more and more towards digital media and information, and this role will only continue to develop and flourish in the twenty-first century [22]. ICT has created new methods for conducting research and teaching, as well as chances for collaborative online teaching and learning [23]. According to a study based on Skinner Theory (Operant Conditioning), people learn more effectively when their environment is controlled by reinforcers that support learning ethics and instructional strategies [24]. ICT has created a brand-new opening for liberalisation. Higher education can effectively address the majority of its difficulties thanks to the implementation and consolidation of ICT facilities [25].

## V. CONCLUSION

Research shows that most schools lack the necessary ICT resources to meet students' demands, or if they do, those resources are implicitly out of reach for students. The government should provide enough money to buy ICT facilities. A society of culture leaning heavily on ICT must be developed by institutions and people alike. The report also shows that most teachers are meticulously skilled in using computers and other ICT tools in their business education teaching and learning practises. Therefore, it is important for everyone in business, including professors and students, to be knowledgeable about the most recent technological advancements. The availability, competence, and motivation of teachers towards using contemporary technology in teaching and learning are key factors in the success of ICT integration in business education.

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# A Study on the Influence of Audit Quality Checks on Interpersonal Interactions

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**Abstract:** *Efficiency impetuses have as of late pushed reviewers to carry out and utilize an assortment of PC based devices to assist them with going about their responsibilities. With regards to affirmation administration, the motivation behind this study is to understand how and why efficiency impetuses can disturb relational association and connections between examiners of different positions. A context oriented examination was finished with evaluators auxiliary with Danish helpers of Tremendous 4 survey firms to look at the execution and utilization of overall survey system (GAM), which is the ICT-based stage that guides subordinate monitors through the audit cooperation. The results highlight that preferable analysts tend over experience normal trust in ICT contraption over subordinate commentators, where such conditions decline the opportunity for experiencing comfort by subordinates, while supervisors really see comfort due to being alright with frameworks that are coordinated by the gadget. Finally, this framework further causes conditions under which the requirement for spreading out affiliations and relations between commentators of different situations to become decreased..*

**Keywords:** Methodology for global audits; Technologies for information and communication Review quality; Interactions

## I. INTRODUCTION

A ceaselessly interlacing pressure between cuts of review expenses, motivating forces to build efficiency, proficiency, and viability and guaranteeing great nature of review reports, describes the present universe of the confirmation administration. To alleviate conceivable adverse results of monetary tensions because of higher review charges yet to hold institutional authenticity, review firms will generally progress evaluating strategy by coordinating data and correspondence advancements (ICT). Be that as it may, the ubiquity of the ICT in review firms and use of PC helped review devices and methods (CAATs) has created an expansive scope of outcomes on the transporters of a calling too to the calling thusly. Throughout the last many years, two examination transfers were isolated regarding jobs and effects that ICT brought to review calling and evaluators as transporters of the calling. On the one hand, research has shown that auditing firms frequently use ICT to improve audit report quality and efficiency.

Additionally, research has shown that socially designed technology (Berg, 1998) offers a wide range of audit tools that can be used to support almost any audit task, from data extraction to data analysis (Pedrosa & Costa, 2012), which not only increases productivity but also alleviates burdens on auditors and reduces the scope of their duties. The second gathering of studies uncovered that usage of examining apparatuses during review commitment could direct the construction and succession of evaluating strategies.

In this way, ICT-based review devices can possibly work with evaluators' viewpoints (Pieptea and Anderson, 1987) through which the ICT produces a rundown of undertakings that holds examiner's concentration to those that are assessed to be fundamental for a specific commitment (Abdolmohammadi and Usoff, 2001). Glover, Prawitt and Spilker (1997) contended that ICT loosens up the requirement for proficient help for rookies as devices empower moderately unpracticed examiners to robotically approach errands. However, in addition to the simplification, the literature has emphasized that technology may influence auditor judgment and final reasoning quality (Bonner, 1999; Chime et al., 2002) as inspector's judgment might be directed by innovatively foreordained methods, which subsequently may compel appearance of numerous conclusions (O'Leary and Watkins, 1989) and put proficient conversations down. Since profit incentives, gains in efficiency and effectiveness, and cost reductions notably affected

auditors' judgmental and decision-making skills, all of these have raised additional concerns regarding the effects of using ICT in auditing on the generation of professional judgment (Adler, 1987).

Overall, the literature emphasized that the integration of ICT-based audit tools improves auditor performance by increasing productivity and efficiency of their work. However, Swinney (1999) says that auditors who use ICT tend to over rely on technologically generated output, which may contribute to the problem of professionals becoming less skilled. However, a comparison study conducted by Brazel, Agoglia, and Hatfield (2004) demonstrated that, despite the fact that ICT improves efficiency, auditors who manually conducted audit engagements tend to feel more accountable to their correspondents in relation to the opinion they deliver. This demonstrates that judgment is merely a cognitive process and that it may produce the impression of importance. This extends Pentland's (1993) argument that auditor judgment is also the result of an emotional resource when a feeling of comfort contributes additional information to the auditor's opinion-building process. This suggests that professional judgment is a personal process that includes both cognitive and emotional components. In relation to this, I argue that as audit tools and technologies become more reliable carriers of the audit profession, the likelihood of experiencing comfort decreases significantly.

## **II. BACKGROUND THEORY**

This section proposes the study's theoretical perspective by focusing on Giddens' (1990) concept of modern social order, which will further serve as a tool for comprehending tensions at the focal social context. Giddens (1990) propounded a hypothesis of institutional examination of innovation connecting the idea of advancement with time span and area of a current. The idea of innovation alludes to methods of public activity that are not generally determined by assembling framework since current institutional changes have moved the framework towards the one halfway worried about data. According to this information-based system, social actors' interactions are moderated by information, which organizes the social order.

Both Marx and Durkheim, who viewed the modern era as troubled but believed that its benefits would outweigh its negative characteristics, preceded the development of the theory of modernity. However, Giddens' (1990) theory used a term of discontinuity as a significantly different point of origin. The term was irrelevant to verifiable realism - as a change starting with one type of social framework then onto the next, yet incorporated the accompanying elements: the extent and speed of change, as well as the fundamental nature of contemporary institutions. On the level of institutions, Giddens views modernity as having multiple dimensions. Society (and human science) is a significant yet equivocal idea that conveys the focal thought of 'boundedness' of a social framework that has a goal to take care of the issue of social request. Giddens claims that the issue of social order in contemporary societies focuses on how social systems "bind" time and space. He sees the social order through "distanciation" of space and time, which is a condition that links presence and absence; necessary to comprehend the location of contemporary institutions in this particular time and space. In this context, intersubjective interactions, their form and nature are referred to as "institutions." He was able to argue that every social interaction at the very encounter has its own ordinance regarding distance thanks to the concept of distance. This suggests that any current social interaction is distantly shaped by its institutionalized form in a variety of social contexts, i.e. no encounter is organized at the time of occurrence but its nature is already known somewhere. Thus, emergence of social connections happens just at the experience, however its personality is both empowered and coordinated beyond that experience through various types of normalization. In contrast to the conventional method, this conception of modernity has the capacity to connect the local and global to previously unimaginable perspectives. This theory of modernity is based on two interconnected mechanisms with distinct properties that can be identified in any social setting. The theory of modernity, which was put forth by Antony Giddens in 1990, hypothesizes that there are two mechanisms driving nearly every social interaction: separating and reconnecting. First and foremost, disembedding is a mechanism that "lifts out" the locality of a social relationship and reorganizes it over an indefinite time and space span

Hence, social practices are eliminated from the setting, and their limited experience becomes formed through unoriginal and dynamic cycles that happen on the opposite side of the world (Stones, 2012). Disembedding mechanisms will continue to exist, but only in their abstract forms, even if interactions do not take place. These mechanisms are designed to explain how modern institutions can change how people interact around the world and maintain social order. Stones (2012) says that disembedding is necessary for the spread of two impersonal and abstract mechanisms that

are crucial to modernity's dynamics: a) expert systems and b) symbolic tokens (Giddens, 1990, p. 22). Social interactions between those who are far away and those who are absent are coordinated by these two mechanisms. Social interactions are controlled by using symbolic tokens as a means of exchange. They are disseminated in the form of rules that only apply to social actors who produce a particular type of interaction at a particular time. The purpose of symbolic tokens is to discourage unethical behavior and standardize social interaction expectations and outcomes. Expert systems, on the other hand, are systems of professional expertise and technical accomplishments that make it possible to engage in purposeful social interaction, like establishing relationships with architects, lawyers, and other professionals. The abstract system is made up of the expert system and the symbolic token. Abstract systems necessitate faith in both of their constituent parts. Specifically, trust in a representative token is shared and grounded on the theoretical limits of what couples people at the experience. During the interaction, it does not instill trust in individuals as a whole, but rather in those "parts" of them that share the same values in the abstract mechanism. Expert systems, on the other hand, are based on trust in continuously evolving professional expertise. Giddens argues that trust in abstract systems, particularly expert systems, is intimately linked to the nature of contemporary interaction (Giddens, 1990, p. 83). Giddens' (1990) re-embedding mechanism joins the previous one. He argues that a re-embedding mechanism is a reappropriation or contextualization of an interaction that was previously distantly specified into its predetermined form. Accordingly, re-embedding a component, pins down every one of the components of the theoretical framework to the experience where communication between friendly entertainers emerges, as it recommends the nature and the substance of acknowledgment. Two commitments are distinguished by the embedding mechanism: faceless and facework. Facework commitment is a kind of individualized trust that social actors experience when they meet someone for the first time. Concerns about the development of faith in the abstract system are referred to as faceless commitment. Giddens (1990) emphasizes the significance of trust in abstract systems in order to achieve functional appropriation of disembedding and re-embedding mechanisms. The degree of trust empowers social entertainers to gauge expenses and advantages of a specific master framework, the determination and likely usage of it. This hypothetical methodology is chosen as it empowers to see and confides in various conceptual frameworks, which are coordinated into similar setting, to challenge social corporations. Solidly, these components empower examination of connections among bosses and subordinates whose communication has been tested by winning confidence in an elective dynamic framework that became embedded in the context oriented setting. Specifically, the directing impact of the theoretical framework at the social experience is the principal system that is in the focal point of an experimental setting. It has been discovered that a proper approach to the issues that tests of trust in a modern assembly of social interactions may have on human agency at the professional encounter is conducive for the two-dimensional approach that integrates mutually interactive mechanisms.

### III. PHILOSOPHY

Technique Grounded hypothesis and hypothesis working from contextual analysis research In this review, I embraced a grounded hypothesis approach as it permits deciding the grouping of essential advances and undertakings during the time spent conceptualization and distinguishing proof of relations between ideas in recently settled work space of confirmation administrations in global review firms. According to Corbin and Strauss (1990), only if procedures and canons are made clear can qualitative methods be systematically evaluated. They have proposed groups of a 'decent science' as a methodology that ought to be followed to assist a specialist with fostering a very much incorporated set of ideas, which will give the hypothetical clarification of social peculiarities under study. Since the writing on execution and utilization of ICT in review administrations have proactively perceived a few center ideas that came about because of suggestions that innovation made on examining and evaluators (Abdolmohammadi and Usoff, 2001; Banker and others, 2002; Bierstaker et al., 2001; Janvrin and other, 2008), the canons of grounded theory in this context aim to be a tool for expanding and comprehending concepts' relationships. To guarantee a precise way to deal with responding to the exploration question, I draw on some examination devices from grounded hypothesis portrayed by Corbin and Strauss (1990, 2008) and the contextual investigation philosophy by Eisenhardt (1989) to direct hypothesis working from contextual investigation research.

To begin, a structured literature review was conducted to

(1) establish the foundation for the investigation; (2) specify the research's objectives and (3) the a priori construct (Eisenhardt, 1989). IT then chose the experimental setting for the examination, and entered the field for the information assortment and investigation, as depicted in the accompanying sections. The actual situation: Services in assurance This research focuses on the auditing services provided by Big 4 international audit firms. That help, by and large, gives a free review of yearly and other monetary records, and gives the confirmation on whether those monetary reports, that are objects of investigation, give a valid and fair portrayal of a business substance. The omnipresence of information and communication technologies in the work of auditors in today's assurance service world is due to their supporting nature and ability to increase productivity and efficiency. ICT's permanent presence in research is crucial because of their potential to influence a variety of other social phenomena and their ongoing development and change. This primarily refers to the significance of investigating the effects that technological advancements have on their users, but it was observed within a specific empirical setting. The fact that teams that carry out a particular audit engagement are made up of members from a variety of professional ranks—ranging from junior auditors to audit partners—depends on the complexity of the client's paperwork, making assurance service unique. The impact that technologies have on auditors' subjective perceptions of the effects that ICT have on their work may differ significantly between ranks due to differences in the extent to which auditors use ICT. However, in order to address the research question, I decided to focus on the assurance service, which is a kind of auditing and consulting service provided by Big Four auditing firms. I examined the implications of ICT on auditors using global audit methodology (GAM) in order to bring the theoretically extensive construct of ICT closer to empirical examination. A risk-based methodology is the global audit methodology (Robson et al., 2007) that international audit firms have recently begun using as a tool to deliver the same tried-and-true approach to each audit engagement across their global subsidiaries and guarantee quality The strategy isn't just an independent or a standard-like aide of foreordained methodology of commitment, however it is fairly operationalized by state of the art innovation as it is incorporated inside. In addition, the methodology is a cloud-based roadmap that can organize the majority of an auditor's work by suggesting steps, tests, and tasks that an auditor should complete to meet the requirements of a single engagement.

The methodology is broken down into four groups of processes, and each group has a list of tasks related to a single engagement: (1) risk identification and planning; 2) risk assessment and strategy; 3) performance; and (4) the conclusion and the reporting, which are in accordance with ISA 315's "Identifying and assessing the risk of material misstatements through understanding the entity and its environment" put ICT in the role of GAM for a specific research case in order to adapt empirical inquiry into the effects that ICT has on auditors. Participation from auditors of varying ranks is required because audit requires a specific list of tasks to be completed by members of the engagement team. These tasks may include mundane computer-based tasks or person-to-person negotiations. The examination of implications across team members will open discussion on how different perceptions affect their interaction and relation, as diverse auditors may appear to have their own perceptions and expectations about the ICT. They may appear to be similar within the same group and different between heterogeneous groups. Data collection and analysis I chose qualitative methods because they adequately correspond to a perspective that places an emphasis on perceptions and expectations rather than variables, that are specific to alternative methods of research. As stated in a combined interview and archive data to collect cross-sectional data. For tracing the meanings of facts that were previously emphasized in discussions, archive data may support interview data. In conducted in-depth interviews (Weiss, 1994), a qualitative research method for conducting intensive and less structured interviews with a small number of participants about ideas, programs, or situations (Boyce & Neale, 2006), for this study (Yin, 2011:133). According to Boyce & Neale (2006), the in-depth interview technique enables the collection of in-depth data on changes that participants perceive in themselves as a result of their involvement in a particular case or on new issues that are of primary concern to the researcher and require in-depth investigation.

In two subsequent phases, theoretical sampling was carried out. According to Eisenhardt (1989), the first phase of interviewee sampling was based on convenience, followed by snowball sampling, which ensured that the limitations posed by the initial phases of data collection were overcome. Sixteen in-depth semi-structured interviews with representatives of each of the Big Four audit firms were conducted using open-ended questions, and archive documents were used to support the analysis and comprehend the discussions.

There were five different audit ranks among the employees under investigation:

(1) student researcher intern; (2) junior (associate); (3) older; (4) administrator (counting ranking director and leader chief), and (5) accomplice. Due to differences in levels of professional responsibilities but relative similarities with individual audit engagements, I have grouped three managerial levels into the major cluster, naming it managers, despite the fact that audit firms occupy seven ranks of professionals. This classification has empowered me to recognize and comprehend reflections and contrasts in points of view that a specific expert position has in relation to data and correspondence advances (ICT), too to examine the beginnings of those likenesses that obvious inside the gatherings of members. In addition, I included interns (study researchers) in the study to observe their professional engagement expectations. The investigation here depicts the most pertinent discoveries from an assessment of the central case and gives the portrayal of results through three separate recommendations that compare to the hypothetical foundation. From the perspective of the interviewees, the first proposition provides a general reflection on the impact that the incorporation of GAM into ICT—also referred to as a tool—has had on the auditing procedure. 4, pp. 39-64. 49 view. Because they capture participant reflections on various aspects of the consequences of usage, the second and third propositions provide extensive discussions about the tool. However, the findings analysis includes reflections of each of the five auditing ranks, which were homogeneously combined into two clusters and further classified as superiors and subordinates. Regardless of the fact that different expert positions convey fundamentally unique degree of obligations, the characterization of positions into groups has been made by the degree of their openness to the ICT during review commitment, against which subordinates are extremely reliant upon innovations during the work contrasting with bosses. The structure of the interviewees in terms of their previous classification and affiliations with auditors is outlined in table 2. Tab. 2: Overview of interviewees from various audit firms and audit rank clusters Audit firm Superior Subordinate Total: 6 10 16 Source: data collection-based authoritarian computation. Audit partners and managers make up the first cluster, while interns, junior auditors, and senior auditors make up the second. I was able to generalize differences between the perspectives of two groups of professionals because of this clustering, which was legitimate due to differences in the levels of exposure to ICT during the engagement. 1st Proposition: Execution of GAM in ICT increments efficiency and guarantees keeping up with the nature of reviewing. When audit firms' management announced that a new methodology would change the nature of their work and become an integral part of their future engagement procedures, they primarily argued that the reason for integration is that it will increase audit process productivity and efficiency. Despite the fact that this methodology has been in use for some time and each audit firm takes a different approach to interacting with clients, its uniqueness lies in its incorporation into information technology. Reviewers here alluded to the worldwide review philosophy either as an instrument or programming since the procedure turned into a fundamental piece of the currently used ICT framework. It is conveyed that we require better software, which will enable us to work faster and smarter, and that everyone must adhere to the methodology. ( Audit Firm 2/Interview ID 8): Interview with a junior auditor

#### **IV. EXAMINATION OF DISCOVERY**

The affirmation administration, where execution of worldwide review strategy into data and correspondence advancements made outcomes on work space of Huge 4 review firms, are assessed in this review. Specifically, this study saw how and why recently settled examining methods affected the association between reviewers of various positions. Particularly, the case focused on various aspects of auditors' perceptions of the consequences of procedural changes from the assurance service's Danish context.

There were five different audit ranks among the employees under investigation: (1) student researcher intern; (2) junior (right hand); (3) senior; (4) manager, which includes the executive director and senior manager, and (5) partner. Due to differences in levels of professional responsibilities but relative similarities with individual audit engagements, It have grouped three managerial levels into the major cluster, naming it managers, despite the fact that audit firms occupy seven ranks of professionals. This classification has empowered me to distinguish and comprehend reflections and contrasts in points of view that specific expert position has in relations to data and correspondence advances (ICT), also to examine the beginnings of those similitudes that evident inside the gatherings of members. In addition, I included interns (study researchers) in the study to observe their professional engagement expectations. The focus case's most important findings are identified in this analysis, and the results are represented by three distinct propositions that correspond to the theoretical framework. From the perspective of the interviewees, the first proposition provides a

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## V. DISCUSSION

This study is fixated on the examination question: In the Danish auditing context, how and why does the incorporation of GAM into ICT affect the relationship between superiors and subordinates? By interpreting previously illustrated findings regarding the effects of GAM and ICT on the relationships and interactions between auditors of various ranks, the discussion offers a proposed response to that question. This section is organized around two of the outlined literature streams, and it also provides several reflections on one of Pentland's traditional auditing theories on the sociality of comfort production (1993). Consequences of the examination are examined through the viewpoint of a hypothetical foundation of Giddens' (1990) innovation hypothesis. The combination of these aspects, in my opinion, will yield a sufficient number of reflections and a satisfactory response to the research question. The cross-sectional examination of the execution of worldwide review systems in data and correspondence advances and their usage across all Danish auxiliaries of Enormous 4 review firms permitted ID of a kind and nature of internal components of trusts, and difficulties that commonness in one sort of it brought between various transporters of the calling. Those components empower gathering a knowledge on how two sorts of trusts in two dependable transporters of embedded master frameworks, the ICT-based apparatus and subordinate review staff, are limited at the confirmation setting and why one of them has the pervasiveness over the other. Specifically, the outcomes here reviewed the results of exchanges between confides in transporters of the calling according to the viewpoint of prevalent examiners, yet the conversation was additionally upheld by subordinates' perspectives. In short, the information demonstrated that the device impacts clients (subordinate reviewers) comparable to directing the review cycle, and in this manner gives the system of a distant quality security to bosses, which at long last decreases the need for collaborations between evaluators at various levels. Literature from before the ICT and CA were implemented and used then.

## VI. CONCLUSION

The motivation behind this study was to investigate how and why connections and relations between examiners at various positions have been affected by execution of worldwide review procedure into data and correspondence innovations and their usage into the review processes. Auditor perceptions of the case in the assurance context served as the basis for the analysis. The paper here contended that won confidence in controlling and quality empowering limit of the ICT-based device (GAM coordinated into ICT) uproots the wellspring of solace creation from subordinate review staff to the apparatus, which further decreases the requirement for laying out connection among prevalent and subordinate evaluators. The initial findings of this study's data collection and analysis indicate that the use of the ICT-based tool has a positive impact on both audit ranks. Intriguingly, further investigation suggests, however, that the representatives' positive experiences soon take on opposing tones due to the fact that they are not subjected to the same circumstances and do not have equal opportunities to perceive comfort. Since ICT as an expert system, which integrates the expert system of auditing, enables them to be more comfortable with primarily mundane tasks than when humans carry the profession, sixty auditors appear to be more trusting of the ICT-based tool as a carrier of the audit profession. Comfort is still provided, but only at the superior's end of the chain, and it appears to be stronger than before. Subsequently, the outcomes here focused on that review quality tends not to be a result of a nature of expert abilities of their specialists, yet rather mirrors the mechanical limits the review firm saw in the decrease of time important to create review assessment. This article is based on the idea that auditor-to-auditor interactions and relationships in an ICT environment have not been thoroughly studied or theorized, and that more information and research are required to comprehend how and why these interactions occur. This article used a theory of modernity as a theoretical foundation

to fill the void (Giddens, 1990). To comprehend how and why trust is necessary for the functioning of social reality, the theory employs two mechanisms—abstract and local—both of which are based on trust to dissect all tangible aspects of the focal context. I was finally able to negotiate trusts in two carriers of the expert system's comfort and interaction thanks to these two theoretical mechanisms. I was able to discuss the results with theories that proposed a model of social interaction in auditing in an ICT-free environment thanks to the conceptualized and comprehended context. This study contributes in two ways. It begins by providing a conceptual framework, which contributes to the auditing literature on information and communication technology. Second, the review proposes a model of innovatively directed communication as it reflects discoveries according to the viewpoint of the hypothesis on sociality of full scale request creation (Pentland, 1993). Other than the commitments to the hypothesis, experts may likewise profit from this review. It is essential to emphasize the rapid pace of technological advancements and their prevalence in the auditing context in the coming years, as this may have an impact on the auditing profession and the development of the profession's fundamental property, professional judgment. However, this study may provide a general understanding of other professions that have also been impacted by technological advancements. Given that auditing has traditionally been regarded as a human-driven profession, the robotic nature of GAM may have a greater impact on the risk of losing professional skills. In addition, professional awareness of the technologically driven quality of auditing raises the level of professional variation because professional knowledge and experience are prioritized over efficiency, which transforms the quality of auditing into a normative, standardized form that is independent of practitioners.

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# A Study on the Significance of Artificial Intelligence in the Progress of Finance Management Sector

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**Abstract:** *Machines that have been prepared to think and act similarly as the previously mentioned square proportion of registering (man-made intelligence), for example the recreation of human insight, any machine that exhibits qualities of an individual's psyche, such as learning and critical thinking, may furthermore be considered a "machine mind". Man-made brainpower's capacity to reason and select activities that have the best gamble of prevailing in an exceptionally express goal is its optimal quality. The idea that PC projects will precisely gain from and adjust to new information without human assistance is considered AI (ML). That could be a bunch of computations. Profound learning calculations manage the cost of this independent advancing by ingesting enormous amounts of unstructured information along with text, photographs, and recordings. Frameworks with hearty processing capacities are equipped for performing undertakings viewed as human-like. These have a tendency to be extremely refined and muddled frameworks. They're modified to adjust conditions once critical thinking is fundamental, yet not human intercession. These kinds of frameworks are gifted in applications to improve the Monetary Administration framework and make its practices more straightforward..*

**Keywords:** Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Financial management system, accounting, Auditing

## I. INTRODUCTION

Artificial neural networks are being utilized in the healthcare industry as clinical decision support systems for medical diagnosis. Additionally, the usage of computer-assisted and automated testing as well as patient evaluations is growing. The use of speech and facial recognition helps to ensure the safety and security of the home and business. By using AI technology to create self-driving cars, companies like Tesla, Apple, and Google are attempting to overhaul the automotive business. With the development of computers, accounting information systems migrated from the realm of paper journals and ledgers into computer-based representations. Unfortunately, in many instances, little more was done than creating computerized systems, which use computers as a more effective version of calculators or paper processors. As a result, accounting databases frequently evolved into sizable informational warehouses for certain accounting activities. Decisions that are organized, semi-structured, or unstructured are made frequently when doing accounting responsibilities. The essence of auditing and assurance consists of less-structured choices and analyses that are fraught with uncertainty due to risks and a lack of knowledge. The discussion reveals an impact on aspects that ultimately boost productivity.

The monitoring, processing, and sharing of financial and non-financial details regarding economic entities like enterprises and corporations is known as accounting, also referred as accountancy. The results of an organization's economic activities are measured through accounting, which has been referred to as the "business language," and this information is shared with a wide range of stakeholders, including investors, creditors, managers, and regulators. Accountants are those who perform accounting. Financial accounting, tax accounting, cost accounting and management accounting are some of the several subfields of accounting. The reporting of financial data about an organization, including the creation of financial statements, is the objective of financial accounting. The measurement, evaluation, and reporting of data for management's internal use is the focus of management accounting.

To ensure that all departments are according to a documented system of recording transactions, an audit is the examination or inspection of numerous books of accounts and is followed by a physical inspection of inventories. An auditor is someone who does audits. It's done to make sure the organization's financial accounts are accurate.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Martinez (2019) in line with his definitional analysis of AI, a generic definition is often employed in a spread of contexts and applications as long as it is versatile and takes into consideration the recent progress of autonomous AI. The author stressed the importance of a definition from a legal point of view during this regard. Within the study, he additionally highlighted the shortcomings of the Black's Law lexicon, a Battle Born State statute, and a LA state's existing definitions of computer science.

As said by Davenport & Ronanki (2018), in their Harvard business review story, that companies ought to place a lot of stress on AI's business capabilities than its technical capabilities. Automating company processes, gaining insight through knowledge analysis, and being interesting with customers and staff are usually 3 major goals that AI could facilitate corporations bring home the bacon.

Back in the 2020 Chukwuani & Egiyi studied however computer science affects the accounting sector. By doing this, they incontestable the number of developments within the accounting sector relating to the automation of the accounting method. They all over by outlining the role that accountants play in modern automation and the way accountants within the 21st century will benefit the industry's in depth automation.

According to Kokina & Davenport (2017), four teams were created to classify the various applications of AI, and another four teams were created to classify the present state of intelligence within the field. The programmes analyze knowledge, method text and pictures, perform digital operations, and perform physical actions. Human support, repetitive task automation, context awareness & learning, and conscious intelligence are the classes for levels of intelligence. The conscious intelligence level has not nonetheless been earned by any AI applications, but victimization of the opposite 3 levels of intelligence, several accounting and auditing tasks are often accomplished.

## III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Both primary and secondary data are used as the foundation for this research. By creating a questionnaire and gathering information from respondents, the survey method is used to gather primary data. Secondary data is gathered through data analysis by summarizing the content from multiple websites etc. The list of survey questions are –

1. Do you think artificial intelligence can be used in the field of auditing and accounting?
2. After automation do you think artificial intelligence can replace the jobs of auditors and accountants?
3. Can we consider the risk factor in accounting tools in which AI is used?
4. Do you think threat to privacy & threat to safety are major issues of AI?
5. Which country is best for AI technology?
6. What do you think, is AI best for the future?

## IV. CONCLUSION

Machines will eventually take control of everything that can be processed into data. As with databases and spreadsheets, the value of artificial intelligence (AI) depends on how effectively individuals utilize it to automate business procedures. Artificial intelligence cannot take the role of accountants and auditors when it comes to using human creativity and judgement.

Financial managers need to be ready to act fast in response to changes in user demand as well as the development of innovative and developing organizational performance metrics outside of standard financial statements. As the auditing industry advances away from the apprenticeship model and toward more specialized sectors, centralization and standardization are needed. In the coming decades, the professions of accountants and auditors will see a comeback, providing great opportunities for people to promote innovations and development. The method engagement teams do audits will change, though, as technology and analytics continue to progress. As they use new technologies, auditors' ability to use judgement and professional skepticism will be more important than ever. AI won't replace accountants in

the field of accounting; instead, it will change the emphasis. It is quite doubtful that the necessity for human professionals would disappear in the future, irrespective of how much disruption AI creates to the field. As a result, as a society, we must continue using AI to ensure that efficiency and value always come first.

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# A Study on the Use of ICT in Logistics Department from Employees Point of View

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**Abstract:** *The modifications and the manual strategy with electronic trade, this ICT framework has worked on the progression of data and records between the specialist organization and the client. The reception of ICT in the strategies area has progressed rapidly as of late. Virtual entertainment, VoIP, Web communication, and email are only a couple of the correspondence stages that are assisting with getting organizations and convey benefits really. Moreover, wise transportation frameworks are fundamental for course arranging and for working with faster conveyance of items starting with one area then onto the next. One of the principal factors impacting the utilization of ICT is the increasing seriousness. This study centers around how utilizing web based specialized instruments can further develop representative and functional proficiency. This would make it feasible for us to grasp how ICT is being utilized by organizations and the operations area..*

**Keywords:** logistics, ICT, worker effectiveness, business effectiveness, and social networking

## I. INTRODUCTION

In order to adapt to market changes more quickly, logistics service providers execute the responsibility of coordinating the flow of movement of both physical products and information along the supply chain. For the logistics industry, training new employees is more crucial. Because it requires a lot of labourers and has few training facilities, the industry struggles to manage operations effectively. India's logistics sector suffers from a lack of IT standards and integration. The industry has undergone significant innovation and growth during the past few years. Social media is being used by logistics companies to create communities around their core services in an effort to connect customers and staff and improve productivity. The industry structure has evolved as a result of ICT, which also gives businesses new tools to assist them compete with one another. Employees today engage with clients and other stakeholders through social media technologies like Whatsapp and Skype to better perform their business. ICT, or more specifically, communication technology, is an extension of IT. According to UNESCO's definition of ICT from 2009, "It refers to all forms of technologies that are used to transmit, store, create, display, share, or exchange information by electronic means." Communication technologies have an impact on how information is shared across stakeholders in the value chain, including a logistics company. Information is now needed at a faster pace than in the past due to changes in the workplace environment. Businesses rely on ICT to support their organisational structures, business processes, and means of communication across time and location. The logistics company depends on shared decision-making, which is only possible with ICT. The use of ICT, including Intranet, email, video conferencing, etc., allows for the flow of a significant volume of information via numerous channels. Additionally, it offers a better approach to provide the appropriate information to the appropriate individual at the appropriate moment. The goal of this study is to identify the most widely utilised communication technology that enhances employee productivity and assess the impact of ICT on employee productivity and business operations.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

ICT makes it possible for physical products to move quickly and at high speed. ICT allows effective commercial information sharing between organisations. ICT has a pervasive impact on the value chain and is involved in every aspect of logistics, including the processing and transfer of information. Value chain refers to the collection of processes used to produce and distribute services to end users. ICT is divided into data communication technologies

(EDI, fax, Internet), identification technologies (RFID, Bar coding), data acquisition technologies (Voice recognition, robotics), and data communication technologies (RFID, Bar coding). Internet enables the linking of related activities and makes the data accessible to stakeholders inside and outside the company, including the suppliers, customers, etc. According to, ICT has many advantages for logistics companies. ICT is one of the important elements in logistics and is seen to be a major source for enhancing productivity. More than any other element, ICT has a significant impact on logistics operations. According to, the organisation can coordinate internal actions when information is timely and correct. That information must first flow in order for a product to move undoubtedly explains the crucial function of ICT. The logistics market was impacted by the ICT innovations, which shifted the emphasis from physical to more electronic.

The logistics market was impacted by ICT improvements since they shifted the emphasis from physical to more electronic. The development of the economy has been facilitated by new ICT and e-business technologies, and information technology improvements have been able to meet the demand for speed and safety. The introduction of contemporary technologies has caused the transportation and logistics industries to advance dramatically during the previous few years. Information technology has been utilised by logistics companies to increase operation efficiency. IT has been included into all business processes at logistical companies. ICT has improved corporate process efficiency and effectiveness, allowing for speedier information sharing as well as the removal of linguistic and geographic barriers. Information technology also improves communication, lowers costs, which boosts production and spans cultural divides.

Information technology is being used by businesses to boost profitability and customer satisfaction. The technologies employed in the creation, processing, retrieval, and distribution of information are referred to as ICTs. It offers its customers advantages on a personal and professional level. The working environment and standard of living have significantly improved as a result of the use of ICT.

Focusing on the concerns of learning time, reducing relearning time, and motivating the work environment is necessary to comprehend the rise in productivity. According to, who investigated how ICTs affect company value, they could cause a "Productivity Paradox." Furthermore, according to, productivity can be increased by directly altering the production process or by implementing ICTs. The existence of an ICT stimulation that affects workforce productivity and economic growth has been demonstrated. According to, increasing knowledge, ICTs, and quality through education and training would increase employee productivity.

### III. CONCLUSION

The study has shown that ICT is crucial to the logistics company. Emails, Whatsapp, and Skype are just a few of the communication technologies that are crucial to the logistics industry, from gaining a client to completing an operation. The time it takes to conduct a task with quality, flexibility, and speed is reduced because to these technologies. The ICT resources offered by the company have an impact on both employee and operational efficiency. The tracking and tracing capability makes it possible to give the consumer frequent updates about their goods. The study has shown that ICT positively effects both employee and operational efficiency, which certainly enhances corporate processes and logistics operations.

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# A Study on the Uses of Data Structure for Analysis and Decision Making

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**Abstract:** *This article expects to give some understanding on the utilization of information structures in the space of data recovery. Given the rising craving and need for sharing and inspecting information, data recovery is a field of examination that is making strides. For quite a while, information structures have been the focal point of exploration. age in the software engineering field. Given the outstanding development of information, it is significantly more essential to have successful information structures..*

**Keywords:** Data structures, Information retrieval

## I. INTRODUCTION

Data has always been and continues to be a resource that should be used and used wisely for the benefit of businesses and institutions. With the rise of social networking sites and technical advancements, there is a huge amount of data sharing today. Information retrieval is the process of locating processed data from an existing repository. Information is defined as processed data. Multiple computer science disciplines are actively involved in the investigation of information retrieval. Information retrieval is a technology utilised in many advanced computer science study fields and makes use of many of the fundamental ideas in computer science. As an illustration, information retrieval is a preliminary stage in the text mining process before subsequent mining operations are used.

## II. RETRIEVING INFORMATION

### Information extraction and information retrieval

The words information extraction (IE) and information retrieval (IR) are sometimes used interchangeably. They are utterly distinct domains with various, distinct jobs as the end result. Information extraction has no specific objectives or targets that must be met. It does make use of templates to give structure to otherwise unstructured data. Information retrieval calls for advanced methods since it must fulfil the user's demand to locate specific information from an existing repository. Selecting an appropriate index for better querying is another auxiliary function of information retrieval, and an intelligent information retrieval system employs user feedback to improve upon the current system and fine-tune the procedures. Data mining and information retrieval both use the same summarization and clustering techniques.

### The effectiveness of an IR system

Based on the system's reaction time and quality, an information retrieval system's success rate or performance is determined. of the result. Another qualitative word that may be assessed by user input is the quality of the information retrieval response. Precision and recall are the typical measures employed for the quality measurement. The percentage of retrieved relevant documents to the total number of relevant documents is the definition of the recall metric. The proportion of pertinent papers found among all documents found constitutes the precision metric. The relevance of the materials is a qualitative phrase even if these measurements have clear meanings.

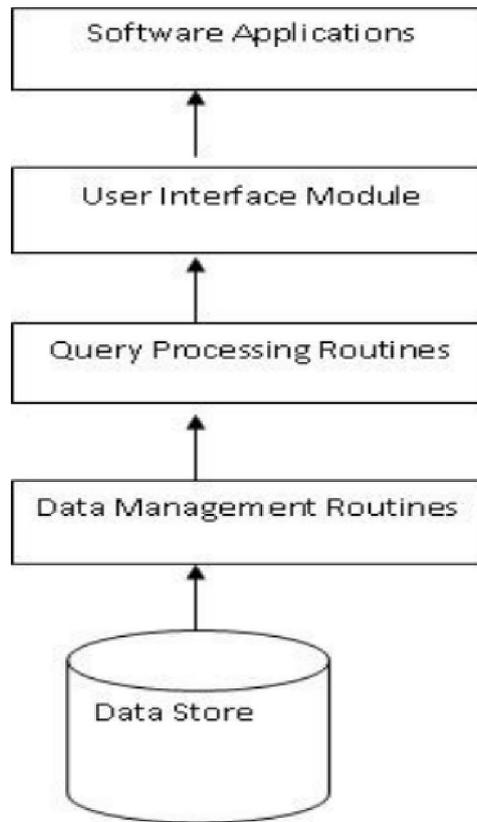


Figure 1. Architecture of a typical IR system

A quantitative metric is the information retrieval system's reaction time since it can be measured. The elements that have an impact on the reaction time of the size and organisation of the corpus to be searched, the kind of index being utilised, and the kind of query being put to the system. In order to shorten the IR system's reaction time, we must focus on the kind and size of the corpus, the type of index, the type of query, as well as the searching methodology. Now let's look at data structure deployment in the context of information retrieval and how data structure selection impacts retrieval system performance.

### DATA STRUCTURES

The many methods used to store data in permanent memory are called data structures. Each application has a different data structure's function. The authors categorise the data in [3]. structures based on the function it serves. Storage structures are those that are primarily used for storing data, such as arrays, linked structures, and hash tables. Process-oriented data structures, which include stacks, queues, and priority queues, are another group of data structures that are used to process data. Some data structures are still unaccounted for because they do more than just store the data; they also allow the arrangement of the data to serve as a description of the data.

### RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION TASKS

Answering a user's question is the main goal of information retrieval. In addition to finding answers to user inquiries, researchers are aiming to forecast the questions users may ask of a document corpus in the future. In [2], Fei Song and Bruce Croft calculated the odds of the user's query phrases being generated for each document in the corpus. Any information retrieval system's efficacy is determined by the user's feedback. In [4], the authors assess the effectiveness of information retrieval based on how well user preferences are satisfied.

### **STORAGE RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION USING DATA STRUCTURES**

For the purpose of obtaining the documents in response to a user query, information retrieval employs word focused indexing strategies. The hash function and hash tables are typically employed, however other indexing structures such as signature files [7], inverted files, etc. are also used. Key values and data items are connected via a hash data structure. The search key is mapped to a key value using a hash function. The bucket number to which the data item belongs is often indicated by the key value. A bucket is nothing more than a storage space. A hash table may be used as an in-memory data structure and is more efficient than the majority of array formats. Collisions are avoided by carefully choosing the hash functions. Comparing hashing to tree structures, which are better for range searches, it can be seen that hashing is more appropriate for equality searches. The hash functions produce an index that aids in locating the pages that correspond to the user's query. For filtering, a hash file known as a signature file is employed. The filtering often pinpoints the pages that closely match the query. The hash function is used throughout the filtering process to generate a unique signature for each document. An inverted file has a hash file that has a list of sorted words, each of which is linked to its corresponding page by a series of pointers.

### **DATA STRUCTURES THAT ARE PROCESS-ORIENTED FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL**

A stack is a type of linear data structure that uses one end to store and retrieve data items. Information retrieval techniques match strings in suffix arrays using a stack. A graph is a type of data structure that has nodes and connected edges. It is one of the data structures with widespread use across several industries. It has been used to determine the connection between two computer network nodes or to determine the link between two data items or components. Graphs are employed in information retrieval to determine the connection between user queries and the documents in the corpus. The framework for idea networks utilised in fuzzy information retrieval is provided by graph structures. Every node symbolises a thought or a piece of writing. An edge is used in a concept network to link two distinct ideas,  $C_i$ , to a document,  $D_i$ . The edge is labelled with a real number between zero and one, which denotes the fuzzy weighting assigned to the relationship. In web-based information retrieval, graphs are also utilised to provide relevance scores based on the relevance propagation in document graphs [9]. Collaborative filtering, categorization of the recovered documents, and unified link analysis are the additional applications of graphs in the field of information retrieval.

### **DATA STRUCTURES FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL THAT ARE DESCRIPTIVE**

A data structure known as a tree generates its subtrees with a node serving as the parent node and contains a data item as its root. Usually, the answer to a search tree is seen as a leaf. Depending on how they are set up and how they are traversed, trees come in many different varieties. A B tree is a binary search tree that furthermore possesses the ability to balance itself. The benefit of the B-tree is that searching takes just a logarithmic amount of time. A B+ tree is a self-balancing tree that has connected nodes that are used as pointers and can change its height. These pointers make it possible to effectively execute range searches in a B+ tree structure. In a digital tree, the right tree is traversed for a bit value of 1, while the left subtree is explored for a bit value of 0. Any search operation can often be thought of as the formation of a new node in a search tree. The index in the information retrieval process is implemented using binary tree structures like B trees and B+ trees. The inverted files are implemented using a B-tree. A Prefix B-tree reconstructs the tree each time it is searched [5]; it does not save the whole prefixes. The benefits of B-trees, digital search trees, and key compression approaches are all included in this system. Additionally, it lessens the processing burden that comes with compression methods. A string can be stored in a trie data structure starting at the root node and moving toward the leaf node. Figure 2 is a portion of [6], The authors illustrate how strings, an ape, an apple, an organ, and an organism are stored in a trie. A PAT tree is a binary tree structure used in the field of information retrieval. PAT is an acronym for PATRICIA, which stands for "Practical Algorithm to Retrieve Information Coded in Alphanumeric." Any route whose internal vertices all have exactly one child is compressed into a single edge by a PAT, a straightforward variation on a trie. Atrie data structure with a radix of 2, which means that each node is a two-way (i.e., left versus right) branch and that each bit of the key is compared separately. Unlike the attempts, Patricia trees don't have any nodes with just one child. Every node has at least two offspring or is a leaf. This suggests right away that the ratio of internal (non-leaf) nodes to leaves is equal.\

**III. CONCLUSION**

Although we have developed an excellent basis to go ahead. Data Structures is a broad topic that includes more than simply stacks, queues, and linked lists. There are other more data structures, such as Maps, Hash Tables, Graphs, Trees, and so on. Each data format has benefits and disadvantages and should be adopted based on the demands of the application. A computer science student should be familiar with the fundamental data structures as well as the operations connected with them. Numerous of these data structures are incorporated into many high-level and object-oriented programming languages, such as C#, Java, and Python. As a result, understanding how things function behind the hood is critical. Dynamic storage allocation and reclamation are required for dynamic data structures. This can be done explicitly by the programmer or implicitly by a high-level language. It is critical to grasp the principles of storage management since these strategies have a substantial influence on programme behaviour. The basic concept is to preserve a pool of memory pieces that may be utilised to store dynamic data structure components as needed. When no longer required, allocated storage can be returned to the pool. It may be used and reused in this manner.

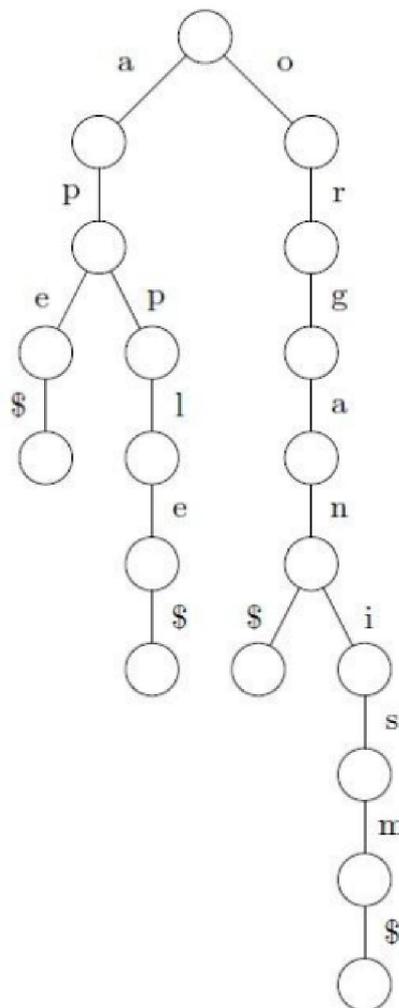


Figure 2: A Trie storing a string

Data structures called linear linked lists make it easier to traverse data elements quickly. It combines a number of data elements using pointers or references to the following data point. If it were a doubly linked list, we would have pointers to both the data item that comes before it and the data item that comes after it. Posting lists are implemented using linear linked lists. A posting list is a type of data structure used to keep track of documents that include a given phrase.

Typically, a word dictionary is created, and for each phrase, a posting list is created with a list of documents that include that specific term.

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# A Study on the Utility and Innovation Created by Digitalization and Marketing Strategy

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**Abstract:** *This study expects to research the part data and correspondence advancements (ICT) play in the cycles of item development and advertising. ICT is viewed as a device that further develops specialist participation and correspondence, brings boundaries down to development, and advances the making of separated items.*

*The review shows the association between the utilization of ICT, collaboration, and the innovativeness cycle. This study makes huge commitments and gives proposals for item advancement chiefs. To explain the part that extreme ICT use in showcasing plays as a component that builds the connections among collaboration and correspondence in new item improvement processes, another structure is given. On the opposite side, the CHAID examination's application empowers us to pinpoint the key qualities that describe a development organization..*

**Keywords:** Product innovation, marketing strategy, and communication technology

## I. INTRODUCTION

We have seen a substantial trend of entrepreneurial development since the mid-1990s. Organisational and business models, as well as how businesses originate and grow their strategic and productive operations, are changing (Achrol and Kotler, 1999; Prasad et al., 2001; Trim, 2002). The consumer is thus seen as the key component of the corporate strategy in a market-oriented business culture (Schulze et al., 2001). Additionally, ICT, relationships, and knowledge are acknowledged as internal strategic elements of organisations (Vorhies et al., 1999; Gronroos, 2000; Ravald and Gronroos, 1996).

The pertinent literature has examined the sources of success for the companies, identifying marketing and innovation activities—as well as their effective management—as the primary success factors. This is because, according to Achrol and Kotler (1999), Badaracco (1991), and Webster (1992), among others, these activities serve as the main axis of the process by which consumers create value, and their integration allows for an increase in the competitiveness and productivity of businesses.

Marketing serves two purposes since it is a worldwide, dynamic process that includes all departments and functions created both inside and outside the firm. First, it can ensure the development and maintenance of ties of communication and cooperation between various agents, both inside and outside the organisation. The marketing function also ensures the existence of market intelligence that can be utilised in the decision-making process by prioritising the acquisition, storage, and dissemination of market data throughout the organisation (Jaworski and Kohli, 1993; Vorhies et al., 1999). On the other hand, innovation, particularly in the area of products, is acknowledged as a crucial component of the value creation process (Han et al., 1998; Weerawardena, 2003). In order to improve their competitive position, businesses frequently choose to innovate or renovate their product portfolios (Fröhle et al. 2000; Schilling and Hill 1998); this strategy ensures an increase in customer satisfaction and loyalty (Atuahene-Gima, 1996a, b; Vorhies et al. 1999).

Product innovation is acknowledged as a difficult, dangerous process requiring significant financial and human resource inputs. If the organisation wishes to stay competitive in today's dynamic, market-driven conditions, this procedure needs to be developed right away (Rangaswamy and Lilien, 1997). When discussing the process of product innovation, it is also necessary to take into consideration factors related to the timing of the product's debut or market demands. The corporation must therefore focus all of its efforts and resources on developing a sophisticated technological process that results in the development of either radical or gradual product advances during this period. It

must also take into account how crucial marketing is to innovation and understand how fully integrated it is into the process (Leenders and Wierenga, 2002; Li and Calantone, 1998).

Few studies, however, have looked at how ICT use in marketing contributes to the success of new product development (NPD) procedures. This shouldn't come as a surprise given that the economy in the new competitive environment is largely focused on intense ICT use and knowledge as essential components of corporate strategy. Therefore, the purpose of our work is to analyse the part that ICT use in marketing plays in the innovation processes as a factor that heightens the level of integration of agents within the relationship, favouring the development of relationships aimed at cooperation and the gathering of useful market intelligence during the process of product innovation.

In order to improve their innovation processes nowadays, organisations rely on the cooperation of other agents within their environment (Hillebrand and Biemans, 2004). Therefore, companies include certain agents in the NPD processes in order to improve management (Deeds and Rothaermel, 2003), increase the efficiency and efficacy of the processes, and decrease costs and risks (Ahuja, 2000a; Dyer, 1997; Hagedoorn, 1993; 2002). Distributors, consumers, competitors, universities and research institutions, consumers (Appleyard, 2003; Kelly, 2001; Norman, 2004; Schulze et al., 2001; Shaw, 1994), consumers (Santoro, 2000), and consumers (Ahuja, 2000a, b; Dogson, 1993) are a few examples of these agents.

### **Using ICT in marketing to lower obstacles to collaboration**

The marketing function has benefited greatly from the fundamental transformation that ICT use has brought about at all levels of the company. Most authors (Bond and Houston, 2003; Prasad et al., 2001; Roberts, 2000; Tatikonda and Stock, 2003; Tzokas and Saren, 1997) concur that ICT use in the development of marketing activities can be a true source of competitive advantage for any company improving innovation processes and their outcomes.

As demonstrated by Argyres (1999) and Tzokas and Saren (1997), a major portion of the advantages result from the use of ICT as a source of market information generation and acquisition. ICT are one of the best media for interacting with the environment and learning about the various agents that make up that environment. As a result, the business has rapid, simple, and affordable access to a huge amount of pertinent and current information.

Information accessibility does not, however, ensure knowledge generation. According to Li and Calantone (1998), knowledge is the outcome of a difficult process that involves gathering information, interpreting it (by performing analyses and evaluations), and integrating it. According to Nonaka (1991), an organisation must go through a difficult learning process in order to convert information into knowledge before it can be said to have acquired it. ICT are a crucial component of the NPD process because they promote the creation of market knowledge by giving the company the instruments needed for the treatment, management, analysis, and archiving of information (Swan et al., 1999). As a result, knowledge is developed through the learning process and is stored and processed as a result of the examination of data from primary and secondary sources (Argyres, 1999; Nonaka, 1991).

ICT also facilitates and encourages the process of knowledge transmission and diffusion throughout the entire organisation, as suggested by Sorensen and Lundh-Snis (2001), and its subsequent usage in the decision-making process. The decisions that need to be made have a significant impact on the marketing function because they influence the design and development of activities that are directly carried out in the markets. Others, however, are more strategic in nature and have an impact on the way the business is organised as well as how partnerships are developed, in which case finding a strategic partner is crucial.

ICT streamlines the decision-making process in marketing decisions by facilitating easy access to a wide range of global information resources as well as the gathering of useful competitive and consumer-related knowledge. Additionally, as Pine et al. (1995) and Prasad et al. (2001) suggest, ICT give marketing a remarkable ability to precisely target particular groups of people and enable mass customization and one-to-one strategies by adapting communications and other marketing mix components to consumer segments.

According to earlier studies, ICT act as knowledge and information producers and transmitters when decisions are made about the formation of cooperative partnerships. They also serve as a socialising aspect (Chua, 2001; Sorensen and Lundh-Snis, 2001). The organisation can identify and gauge the level of attraction of potential romantic partners thanks to the information provided by the environment and its agents (Gronroos, 2000; Porter and Millar, 1985; Rangaswamy and Lilien, 1997). Additionally, as a channel of communication, ICT offer the means by which the

business can develop fluid, quick, and bidirectional synchronous and asynchronous communication with other agents (Daneshgar and Van der Kwast, 2005; Magretta, 1998). Prasad and coworkers, 2001). As a result, barriers related to time, place, and money can be removed (Leenders and Wierenga, 2002; Porter and Millar, 1985; Rothwell, 1994; Sammut-Bonnici and McGee, 2002), which enables the effective and efficient transmission of tacit and explicit information (Argyres, 1999; Gronroos, 2000). Additionally, authors like Leenders and Wierenga (2002) contend that ICT can help the generation of new knowledge in several fields in addition to facilitating the transfer of knowledge among team members.

According to Leenders and Wierenga (2002), the degree of cooperation is directly impacted by the usage of ICT in the establishment of communications. Members of close-knit groups frequently have similar beliefs, cultures, and values and are eager to put in significant time, energy, and money to accomplish their shared strategic objective. And Argyres (1999), Heide and John (1992), and Wilson (1995) come to the same conclusion: communication with ICT support can be crucial for the clear and agreed-upon establishment of: governmental norms, each party's rights and obligations, working procedures, the resources each is to contribute, and the goals that the relationship was designed to achieve.

## II. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we may say that the company's product is more innovative because of the extensive ICT use in marketing. By using market data and fostering cooperative connections, businesses can lower the technological, strategic, and marketing risks associated with process innovation and new products that are well tailored to market demands.

We must highlight a few potential influences that may have had an impact on the investigation's findings before we can conclude. Specifically, limiting the study sample to any type of new product regardless of its level of novelty or intangibility in terms of the firm and market, or using dichotomic scales to quantify variables.

Finally, these findings are the outcome of a preliminary assessment of ICT's impact on the process of product invention. The phases that come after should create new avenues for investigation into how ICT use and the innovation process are related, whether they complement or diverge from current work. Consider the interest that the industry or size of the organisation has in the use of ICT in marketing as a crucial component in the creation of new products. In order to create a profile for the innovative company, it may also be interesting to analyse the effects of ICT in marketing and the cooperation involved in various types of new products, according to their level of novelty and intangibility.

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# A Study on the Relative Comparison Between ICT and its Effect on Service Industry

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**Abstract:** *Data and correspondence innovation (ICT's) job in assistance development is the focal point of this examination. To research how ICT as a vital innovation and non-mechanical determinants can impact firm execution, information at the firm level is utilized. The survey cultivates a conflict that ICT is one of the huge accomplishment factors at the present time, and this particularly turns out true to form by virtue of organization firms, fundamentally due to their fundamental characteristics of instinct and force of information, which are significantly practical with this development. As per the discoveries, the higher paces of efficiency and productivity development experienced by organizations in the help area can be credited to the presence of ICT. Improvement in organizations was in like manner saw to be basically associated with the level of ICT power in help firms, especially when this power is enhanced by legitimate change. Fabricating organizations and other development exercises are utilized as benchmarks, while the effect of ICT on help organizations is totally assessed.*

**Keywords:** Service Industry, Information Communication Technology, (ICT), Usage

## I. INTRODUCTION

In the majority of developed nations, the service sector is now a significant part of the global economy. This industry has been responsible for approximately two-thirds of employment and value added in most industrialized economies over the past decade, according to evidence. So, in recent years, more and more attention has been paid to figuring out what drives (most) service industries' successful growth. Development supposedly is the significant driver of financial development, and various examinations (for instance, Barras, 1990; Evangelista, 2000; 1983, Gershuny and Miles; Miles, 2004) appear to support the beneficial connection between service industry expansion and innovation. In particular, Information and Communication Technology, or ICT, is thought to be a very important part of service innovation right now (Castellacci, 2006; 2005, Hipp and Grupp; Tidd and co., 2005). As a result, in addition to non-technical factors such as organizational change (Bresnahan et al.), 2002; 2000, 2003, Brynjolfsson and Hitt; Tether, 2005), ICT is frequently used to explain the extraordinary growth of the service industries. This study aims to add to the literature on innovation by providing evidence at the firm level to support this claim. This study employs a one-of-a-kind dataset derived from the integration of the Norwegian CIS3 (Community Innovation Survey), R&D (Research and Development) survey, and financial accounts data to investigate the ways in which ICT and organizational change have influenced the expansion of service businesses in Norway. i) the connection between service growth at the firm level and ICT; and (ii) the way that ICT and organizational change work together.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The crucial question is, how did the phenomenal rise in the service sector occur so recently? ICT may be taken into consideration in this regard because it has been largely instrumental in information/knowledge transfer and interactive learning in the modern economy over the past few decades. The answer to this question may lie in the compatibility of the fundamental characteristics of these industries with their recent key economic driver. Licht et al. argue that (1999) and Hipp and Grupp (2005), ICT is currently the most important technology for service innovation. Additionally, the fact that the fundamental characteristics of the service industries are highly compatible with this significant technical source of "innovation opportunities" may be a contributing factor to their rapid expansion (Dosi, 1988). Miles (2004) brings up that administrations are regularly intelligent, including a lot of correspondence with providers and clients in

all periods of administration exercises. An environment that is "ICT-friendly" is created by businesses in the service industries, which are naturally "information intensive" and organize their operations with a preponderance of communicative and transactional operations. Because innovation in these industries essentially focuses on adopting ICT to facilitate and improve the enormous interactions that are involved in the majority of service operations and activities, this atmosphere appears to be crucial to innovation in the services industry. ICT reduces costs while simultaneously improving the quantity and quality of the majority of service productions because of its advantageous capabilities to significantly increase information channels and speed up communication. This is especially true for services because the majority of service productions are made up of "information" components. According to Gershuny and Miles (1983), this makes the ideal environment for service innovation that takes advantage of ICT. According to Evangelista (2000), the use of ICT plays a crucial role in the innovation activities of service firms and in enhancing their performance due to the compatibility of ICT and services. According to Miles (1993), many back-office operations in service businesses can improve quality and efficiency with the help of ICT. However, ICT's value to service businesses extends beyond the supply side. Due to the (greater) importance of user-producer interaction (such as in "coproductions" of services) and customisation in service businesses as opposed to standardization in manufacturing businesses (Drejer, 2004; Gallouj and Weinstein 1997), ICT replaces physical information systems by enabling real-time and locationless monitoring of customer demands. For example, ICT diminishes the requirement for front-office staff to communicate on an eye to eye premise with clients (Miozzo and Soete, 2001), as on account of e-banking, e-auction, e-shopping, e-learning, e-booking (of different sorts), to make reference to yet a couple. Barras (1986) emphasizes that ICT helps to establish a technological platform for new service innovation as well as significantly improving existing services in order to explain the mechanisms by which ICT leads to the improved innovative performance of service firms in recent times. Additionally, ICT greatly enhances and supports service companies' extensive interactions with users and suppliers, which are essential sources of innovation-related information (von Hippel, 1988; 1995, Leonard-Barton). This line of reasoning, on the one hand, tries to recognize the competitive advantage that service businesses can gain from an environment that is "ICT friendly." On the other hand, it points out that ICT is very important to these businesses' innovation activities and plays a significant role in them. As a result, ICT-based innovation helps service businesses achieve significant advancements and superior economic performance. The majority of services are engaged in innovation based on ICT, and they certainly benefit from it, according to evidence from the OECD (2000), for instance, despite the diversity of service activities across industries discussed earlier.

### **III. DATA AND VARIABLES**

ICT intensity was previously measured in a variety of ways, such as the proportion of investment devoted to ICT (Doms et al., 2004), as ICT consumption per worker (Cainelli et al., 2004; Dunne and co., 2001), as well as the percentage of the workforce that is equipped with ICT (Maliranta and Rouvinen, 2004). The current concentrate on the other hand applies ICT Research and development (Innovative work on ICT) use, somewhere in the range of 1999 and 2001, over all out consumption (in general costs in 2001) of a firm as an illustrative variable for ICT power (ICTINTE) in the analysis.<sup>16</sup> Steady with proof for most OECD nations (Pilat et al., 2002), point by point measurements (not revealed here, yet accessible upon demand) show that Norwegian firms in various businesses are for the most part ICT-concentrated, for example that they show a decent degree of ICTINTE. Business services, financial services, computer-related services, and telecommunications are just a few examples of these service providers, which operate in both ICT-producing and ICT-using sectors<sup>17</sup>. To put it another way, research and development on ICT is carried out not only by ICT manufacturers but also by ICT users, for instance, as a means of determining the most effective means of utilizing this technology. This point upholds the application/significance of this variable to the tested assistance (and assembling) firms considered in the examination. The relevance of R&D may be explained by the fact that many businesses invest in R&D, even though the majority of fruitful findings have already spilled out into the public domain (Cohen and Levinthal, 1989). In addition, the use of information on ICT R&D in the current study is consistent with a number of previous works that investigated the relationship between innovation and growth using R&D data.<sup>18</sup> This is due to the fact that, on the one hand, research and development gives the company that is doing it a first-mover advantage in using the new technology that is found in-house. However, the same company can also become a rapid follower by utilizing

its "absorptive capacity," which it has developed through research and development, to benefit from innovations of rivals (Cohen and Levinthal, 1990). This line of reasoning emphasizes that research and development (R&D) effort is essential to innovation and competitiveness, and that R&D expenditure data may thus be considered a useful source for constructing a proxy for ICT intensity.

### Analysis

Comparing the growth rates (GPR0103 and GPF0103) of ICT-intensive firms (for which  $ICTINTE > 0$ ) and non-ICT firms (for which  $ICTINTE = 0$ ) in services, as well as of firms (both manufacturing and services) whose ICT intensity ( $ICTINTE$ ) was above or below the industrial average between 1999 and 2001, allowed for a descriptive analysis of the role that ICT plays in explaining firm performance. The following are three inquiries: i) Whether and to what extent ICT-intensive service businesses have outperformed non-ICT service businesses in terms of growth rates between 2001 and 2003; ii) Whether and to what extent service businesses with an ICT intensity above the industrial average have outperformed those with a lower ICT intensity in terms of growth rates between 2001 and 2003; (iii) if and to what extent there were differences in these growth rates between above-average and below-average ICT intensive businesses between 2001 and 2003 in the manufacturing or service industries. According to Pilat et al. (2002), since this could help to explain the contribution of ICT to growth, it may be interesting from an economic standpoint to compare the performance of ICT-intensive businesses with those with low or no ICT intensity. The first step in this exercise is to compare the sizes and industries of ICT-intensive and non-ICT service companies' growth rates (see Table 2). Overall, the results show that ICT-intensive service businesses are growing faster in terms of productivity and profitability (the difference is 0.03 and 0.07 percent, respectively). However, it would appear that the (higher) growth of larger ICT-intensive service businesses is the driving force behind these outcomes. ICT-intensive service firms in sizes 2, 3, and 4 experienced higher growth rates between 2001 and 2003 than non-ICT service firms (0.09, 0.41, and 0.72 percent, respectively, in terms of productivity and 0.12, 0.08, and 0.46 percent, respectively, in terms of profitability), whereas Size 1 firms experienced the opposite trend. It could be argued that smaller ICT-intensive service firms typically have a smaller scale of business and fewer members/employees, resulting in less interaction and computerization when attempting to explain the different results for smaller and larger firms. As a result, it's possible that they won't get as much out of R&D or new technology. Except for telecommunications and computer-related services, the impact of ICT R&D on service growth across industries is relevant in most cases.

### IV. CONCLUSION

The connection among ICT and the development of firms in help enterprises is of main pressing issue, with assembling firms and different kinds of mechanical advancement associated with the examination as benchmarks. In order to investigate how ICT and organizational change are related to the expansion of service businesses, organizational change is also taken into consideration. Simply put, this study focuses on two distinct areas of research: the complementarity of ICT and organizational change and the relationship between ICT and firm-level growth in services. The majority of ICT-intensive service businesses have outperformed non-ICT service businesses in terms of growth in productivity and profitability, and those with ICT intensity above the industrial average have experienced even higher growth rates, according to the study. When compared to manufacturing, the results also reveal a wider performance gap between service businesses that are more or less dependent on ICT. This is consistent with the argument that ICT is one of the primary economic drivers in the current techno-economic paradigm, particularly for service industries (Castellacci, 2006; 2002, by Freeman and Louca; Miles and Gershuny, 1983). According to Evangelista (2000), the information-based fundamental characteristics of services are largely to blame for this phenomenon. These fundamental characteristics give ICT a central role in service innovation and, as a result, assist in promoting the superior growth of service firms (OECD, 1996). The econometric findings appear to be consistent. Different estimates show that ICT has a positive effect on the growth of service businesses, but this is not confirmed (not statistically significant) in the manufacturing sector. As is normally contended, a company's size impacts its monetary presentation, however other specialized development exercises don't show a similar predictable commitment to development as ICT Research and development. This viewing appears to be as steady with the view that ICT is the main innovation for development in administrations (Licht et al., 1999), while "other technologies are of relatively minor importance" More importantly, the

study found that ICT and organizational change have a complementary effect on a business, meaning that a business's performance can be even better if they work together. Bresnahan and colleagues (2002) bring up, it is conceivable that a firm which has put vigorously in ICT doesn't profit from it as much true to form, and this is on the grounds that ICT requires rearrangement. According to Brynjolfsson and Hitt (2000, 2003), in many instances, true success necessitates not only the contribution of ICT on its own but also that of organizational change (Brynjolfsson, 2000, 2003). Brynjolfsson and others (2002).

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# A Study on the Rise of ICT for Advancement of Business Practices

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**Abstract:** *Considering India's extending economy, the article contends for the utilization of data and correspondence innovation (ICT) in little organizations. ICTs enter India by means of two distinct channels: the global work channel of IT data organizations or the advancement channel of giver driven administrations to close the computerized partition inside the country. Little endeavors offer natural, market-driven, self-supporting nearby and setting explicit ICT-based administrations that carry modest administrations to beforehand underserved and data unfortunate conditions. Whether ICT as administration contributions in private companies can uphold and create a participatory eco-framework that outcomes in the development of benefits to the player/business person and client/client of innovation seems pertinent to consider. Most of ICT-based or ICT-empowered undertakings, administrations, and items are shaped by two components, as per a contextual investigation in metropolitan India. The personality of the key figures pushing the business 2. The item's nearby and changing client importance. The two can be joined to set out a third freedom, which can possibly assist firms with moving to more forceful shopper situated help contributions to keep up with their ongoing client base and lift ICT mixture into territorial business sectors.*

**Keywords:** ICT, Small Business, Ethnography, ICT for Development, Urban India, PC-based Services

## I. INTRODUCTION

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) deployment in India has followed two different routes. One is in the shape of cutting-edge IT parks that oversee technical support centres and back-end processing outsourcing under the management of IT-skilled and English-trained workforce. The second involves using a variety of proactive organisations such governments, foreign donor agencies, NGOs, corporate enterprises, and academia to overcome the "digital divide." As a result, we observe a variety of ICTs in donor-supported rural development programmes to hyper-urban landscapes pushed by the global economy. Between them were a variety of tiny street vendors selling regional, reasonably priced, and immersive ICTs. Our contextual analysis of ICT-enabled small companies argues for their significant entrepreneurial contribution to ICT immersion despite being excluded from local governmental and non-governmental organisation facilities as well as worldwide corporate initiatives. These rely on overlapping, interdependent, and entrepreneurially motivated economic processes that frequently operate in particular spatio-cultural neighbourhoods through unofficial networks and practises. Although there are severe material and infrastructure shortages, there is persistent entrepreneurial agility to identify and grow service-driven demand and transform it into successful businesses. minor shops and enterprises use a variety of work practises that are unique to the nature and scale of day-to-day operations, with some of them falling into the strata of the survival economy and others producing minor profits.

Our major arguments are that two variables form ICT-enabled organisations, services, and products: 1. The character of the key figures pushing the industry 2. The product's local and changing customer relevance. The two work together to create a third possibility, which can help organisations shift to more aggressively customer-focused service offerings in order to maintain and consolidate a local market. We provide evidence for our claims using findings from qualitative research, focusing on 1. PC-equipped companies 2. In these enterprises, the organisational entrepreneurial activity type. We use an ethnographic methodology to collect information from 16 PC-based small enterprises in Bangalore.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

In order to determine how well existing research on ICT adoption among small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) fits with our case study in India, we give a brief assessment of the literature. To find pertinent research literature to frame data, we combined three themes. Using case studies from various contexts, the first subject discusses obstacles and gaps in SMEs' ability to successfully utilise computer technology and information systems. In the study literature on SMEs and case studies of ICT adoption across nations, we identified two common concerns: 1. information technology adoption in small and medium-sized company practises: influencing factors and 2. The benefits of processes in SMEs that are driven by e-commerce. They mention the development of organisational capability to compete in export and global markets (Zang et al 2007), knowledge management (Hsu et al 2007), internet use (Jaw & Chen 2006, Guo&Xu 2006, Tan &Ouyang 2004), introduction of enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems (Newman &Zao 2007), and e-commerce mechanisms. Our research shifts away from greater information system adoptions in organisationalpractisesand e-commerce procedures, instead taking a closer look at small, local businesses and their ICT adoption strategies in response to changing local demand.

The second subject examines the use of ICT adoption to close the digital gap and put underdeveloped economies in a position where employing ICT for development may not be feasible right away (Molla&Heeks 2007, Galperin& Bar 2007). It notes a lack of study assessing how internal, external, and contextual imperatives affect these countries' level of e-readiness (Molla& Licker 20005, Heeks 2008).

The third theme uses the first two to frame studies on ICT uptake in India. Despite the fact that PC and internet adoption is continuing to rise, they are not the preferred form of communication, particularly in small business networks, which are the subject of this research. Much of India continues to be on the weaker side of the digital divide, suffering from ICT resource and infrastructure deficiencies, despite its fast growing global IT capacity. Bhagwat and Sharma (2006, 2007) note the lack of appropriate information system designs to supplement existing skills and offer competitive advantage to strengthen and grow business networks in their substantial work on Indian SMEs. Additionally, the majority of small businesses in India operate in the non-formal sector and are heavily reliant on shady dealings (Agarwala). Numerous studies have been conducted on the informal economy in both international and Indian contexts (Peattie 1980, Kulshreshtha& Singh 1999, Moyi 2003, Lugo & Simpson 2008), as well as on urban micro-entrepreneurs in India and their information and communication practises (Donner 2007).

These are small and medium-sized enterprises that are still operating and are considered to be part of the non-formal economic sector since their economic activities take place in a market where labor-driven services are exchanged. To maximise business potential, these build informal relationships with partners and staff members. However, there is comparatively less attention paid to tiny PC-enabled firms, particularly those operating in the informal sector and working off-the-books. As a result, we have a dearth of published research from which to draw broad conclusions regarding the relationship between small businesses and ICTs. Our ethnography fills a research void concerning ICT-enabled small firms and their contribution to the diffusion of ICT in underdeveloped economies.

## III. FINDINGS

In India, there is both abundance and scarcity. A state-driven or largely market-driven strategy to development has proven substantial difficulties in reaching significant portions of the population with the benefits of information technologies. The formal and informal economies both have a wide range of small companies between the two ICT adoption strategies. These provide communities that have not seen the full impact of the global ICT boom or development's outward reach with inexpensive, pertinent, and demand-driven ICT corporations (Rangaswamy 2007). Within their socioeconomic setting, these firms have grown naturally. They develop locally, call for little startup money, and slightly above average entrepreneurial abilities. Regarding ICT business configurations in urban India, we examine two connected issues: 1. ICT services that are contextually appropriate, creative, and commercially localised introduce and integrate technology into previously underserved situations. Businesses become crucial hubs for establishing these technologies. 2. Key business managers are crucial in transforming routine organisational strategies and instances of survival into more aggressive consumer-oriented service offerings for a local market.

Governments, universities, international organisations, businesses, and nonprofit organisations are just a few of the organisations involved in setting up ICTs in each given nation. Everyone is interested in how well ICTs perform and

what effect they have on a population after making significant infrastructure investments (UNDP 2004; Madon 2005; Kuriyan et al., 2006; Jhunjhunwala 2000). India has largely taken two different routes to ICT adoption. The first route linked the Indian economy's globalisation to the ICT growth. In this period, cutting-edge IT campuses, high-tech support centres, back-end processing offices, and customer support enclaves all came into existence. As an extension of the first, the second road saw government and non-government organisations scrambling to bring positive effects of ICT to areas left out of the boom. In order to address broader development issues like e-governance, education, and health, for-profit organisations, corporations, and academic research centres soon started investing in ICT for these "information poor" regions. In general, it was believed that access to information, whether it be about health, agriculture, education, or government programmes, would eventually encourage people to act on that information and empower themselves. But numerous studies (Ali and Bailur 2007, Bailur 2007, Heeks 2005, Kurien et al 2007) have shown that technological efforts based solely on the faith held by donors and little planning are difficult to sustain in the long run, let alone empower these regions.

For the purposes of this article, the term "informal economy" refers to tiny firms, such as street shops, household businesses, and medium-sized retail businesses that use ad hoc organisational and accounting procedures. In uncontrolled and unconditional employment settings, family, kin, neighbourhood, or friendship networks make up the employee pool (Agarwala 2005)<sup>1</sup>. In developing economies, these micro, small, and medium-sized businesses are the main providers of employment, income, manufacturing, and services. For the millions of people in low-income groups, the diverse variety of commodities, services, trading, and retail represented by these firms likely represents their sole market. These are described as "firms that show a greater business focus and which deliver broader/longer term benefits of competitiveness, innovation, and exports" by Duncombe&Heeks (1999). All of the PC-based non-formal enterprises in our sample handle their human resources and technology in an efficient manner, with employees significantly outnumbering PCs. Owners must provide high-quality services to satisfy customers, and technical skills are crucial in raising client expectations. Customer engagement and computer use are actively balanced throughout working hours, with the former taking precedence over the latter's concerns.

- Not every employee uses a computer. There is always someone available to handle crucial non-PC related activities and face-to-face client solicitation. Only specific staff were permitted to use the PCs because many lacked the necessary skills and were afraid of breakdowns and time-consuming troubleshooting. Owners and managers drew a fictitious boundary to prevent future staff computer diffusion. The management of PCs was better for corporate organisation and cost when the organisation was smaller.
- The most efficient and cost-effective use of PCs is determined by function. For example, front-desk PCs were made specifically for accepting orders, while back-office PCs were used for service-related tasks like digital painting, CD writing, scanning, and photo editing. Additionally, employees were handled in accordance with their computing abilities for job. Function-specific software was also installed upon them. For instance, if internet access was not essential to corporate operations, PCs might not necessarily have it.
- clients were king - One of our subjects who runs a photocopying business says, "We are satisfied with two PCs. We have a reputation for good quality, and customers will wait for our service." There is a resounding consensus that the current ICT resources are enough to handle the workload.
- Owners are worried that adding new technology includes the cost of an employee who needs to acquire the specialised expertise or that of recruiting a person with the skill. The cost of a PC includes the cost of an additional employee. These companies buy the majority of their PCs from resellers with questionable technical support capabilities. An employee's dependability and reliability are important enough for owners to thoroughly check them out during the employment process and before entrusting a PC.
- A friendly combination of employees and technology was required to serve a client. Employees guaranteed the human interface in a transaction while technology ensured quality and speed. Even while this may be the case for larger businesses, the lack of funding, available technology, and corporate size make it difficult to balance resources while ensuring the spread of technology throughout industry. However, a persistently watchful and vivacious entrepreneur skillfully improved tech adoption, scale, diversity, and enterprise quality.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Profitable small firms with access to ICT are on growth trajectories that are optimised for the needs of the local labour market. In order to organise, recruit, and coordinate opportunities provided by computing technology and the market, they also rely on the broader culture of informal business practises. An urban ICT-enabled small business, like a photocopy shop, would typically grow by first building a solid reputation among its clientele, adding computer-aided printing, expanding to internet-based services like mp3 downloads and internet surfing, and then meeting a demand unique to the neighbourhood. The breath occasionally extended beyond the immediate area.

It is obvious that these organisations must strike a balance between the costs of technology upkeep, qualified people and support, and growing their customer base. Shops that want to enhance their technology are aware of developments and take advantage of chances that are proportionate to market conditions and demands. However, technology is deftly introduced and used to profitably address market and labour problems. Therefore, two conclusions may be drawn from ethnographic research on ICT-based small product offerings: first, that localised adoption is changing and is driving business growth; and second, that entrepreneurial drive is advancing product range and business sustainability.

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# A Study on the Role of Digitalization and its Effect on Service Industry

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**Abstract:** *Purpose: Data and correspondence innovation, or ICT, is a vital empowering influence of new administrations that emphasis on cycles and items. The article looks at how ICT can enable organization detachment and in doing so go probably as a catalyst for an assistance business course. Plan/reasoning/approach - An emotional, multi-case research plan with eight worldwide product makers. The discoveries incorporate the ID of two unmistakable sorts of administration arranged separation; administrations that help the client's activities (SSC) and administrations that help the item (SSP). As indicated by the review, SSC affect organizations' administration business direction. Limits and ramifications of the review: Western organizations in a select number of ventures are analyzed. Also, the help business bearing form recalls no assessments of organization efficiency or impact for taking everything into account hand. Pragmatic ramifications: Effective organizations are bound to utilize ICT to seek after both SSP and SSC separation characteristics. The introduced system helps administrators in understanding both the critical particulars of the two choices and their association. Inventiveness and worth: The concentrate explicitly centers around the empowering job of ICT for new administrations and its consequences for every one of the three components of the help business direction develop, which adds to support procedure hypothesis.*

**Keywords:** Modern administrations, ICT, administration business direction, administration direction, separation, servitization

## I. INTRODUCTION

Value creation is becoming increasingly dependent on the collection and utilization of informational content rather than tangible benefits thanks to new information and communication technology (ICT). "The service revolution and the information revolution are two sides of the same coin," according to Rust (2004) The fact that leading companies in a variety of industries have added services to their existing product offerings over the course of the past few decades is one manifestation of this so-called service revolution; Services in support of the customer's action (SSC) and services in support of the supplier's product (SSP) are examples of these kinds of services Both of these types of services can be geared toward improving the efficacy of the product that is being provided. ICT frequently plays a significant role as an enabler for a product-service transition in this "servitization" process (Neu and Brown, 2005; 2007 by Penttinen and Palmer; 2000) Shepherd and Ahmed ICT is used by manufacturers like Rolls-Royce and SKF, as well as IT companies like IBM, to add services to their existing offerings to create value and sustain a competitive advantage. Penttinen and Palmer (2007) show that ICT enables both deeper relationships with customers and more extensive service offerings, such as integrated solutions, in their analysis of manufacturers' servitization. That is, companies use ICT to differentiate themselves by offering services. The business strategy should be more service-oriented if services are given more weight.

The three dimensions of service business orientation (SBO), as defined in 2002b, are as follows:

- I) the quantity of administrations offered,
- ii) the quantity of clients to whom the administrations are offered, and
- iii) the accentuation put on the administrations.

The firm's SBO is positively correlated with these four dimensions. The transition process has been the focus of previous research on servitization (Mathieu, 2001b; 2008 by Matthyssens and Vandenbempt; Service strategies

(Gebauer 2008; Penttinen and Palmer 2007; Kowalkowski and others, 2012; Organizational structures (Davies et al., 2007; Kumar and Markeset, 2007) 2007; Gebauer and Kowalkowski 2012; Neu and Brown 2005). However, ICT's role as an enabler of new services and its impact on the firms' service business orientation have not been the focus of prior research. The study by Froehle et al. in 1998 by Matthyssens and Vandembemt on how to create a competitive advantage in industrial services is one notable exception. 's (2000) assessment of key activities decisions for new assistance improvement viability and Homburg et al. 's (2002a) study of the factors that influence service strategy implementation. Against this foundation, the goal of this study is to examine the way in which ICT can empower administration separation and in doing so go about as an impetus for a help business direction. We make use of service orientation theory and industrial services (such as Antioco et al., 2008; Homburg and others, 2002b; Mathieu, 2001a) to plan a hypothetical system for dissecting the effect of ICT on help business direction. The presentation includes case studies from multinational manufacturers. In an effort to differentiate their offerings based on factors other than price, these businesses have utilized ICT to create new services and enhance their competitive advantage. The hypothetical system is connected to case information and impacts on the organizations' administration business direction are analyzed. According to our findings, manufacturers' service business orientation can be positively influenced by ICT, but the effects depend on the type of services provided (SSP or SSC).

**The ability to use information** and communication technology (ICT) for services is a crucial resource for successful competition in markets that are becoming increasingly complex (Neu and Brown, 2005). Based on explicit service quality, proactive and integrated solutions, and timely, empathic design of new services, Matthyssens and Vandembemt (1998) argue that ICT is an important asset for creating superior customer value. When having significantly better control over the IT infrastructure, new services can be introduced into the market more quickly, according to previous research (Froehle et al., 2000; Menor and co., 1998). Building a service system and enhancing service quality excellence necessitate controlling the IT infrastructure (Zeithaml and Bitner, 2000).

Consequently, ICT empowers better help conveyance and prompts worked on cross-utilitarian correspondence and administration arranged business methodologies (Antioco, 2006). In addition, by injecting more value into the value-creating processes of customers through new services, ICT enable businesses to both reduce costs for providing services (i.e., internal efficiency) and increase service revenues (Anderson et al., 2001). 1997). For instance, ICT can work with for firms managing high variety of interest, and it very well may be an instrument for data sharing and data gathering on item utilization and client needs (Jong and Vermeulen 2003). According to Kowalkowski and Brehmer (2008), new services that emphasize value-in-use can be made possible by gathering and processing real-time data on the installed base's condition and utilization. Differentiation lies in the new practices made possible by ICT because ICT is rapidly becoming a commodity and is not itself a differentiator (Carr, 2003). Contenders can rather effectively mirror exercises, cycles, or even single hierarchical components

There has not been sufficient research on the various types of industrial services and service business orientation. 2008), with the exception of The application of ICT to enhance competitive advantage through service differentiation is examined in order to investigate these connections.

**Differentiation through services** - a classification An important distinction can be made between SSC - services that support the customer's action in relation to the firm's product, such as customer training or consultancy 7 services - and SSP - services that support the firm's product, such as maintenance, repair, and other after-sales services (Antioco et al., 2008; 2001a, Mathieu; Ulaga and Reinartz, 2011). SSP's primary objective is to make it easier for customers to access the product or to guarantee its installation, use, and brokering. On the other hand, SSC's primary objective is to assist the customer in maximizing all of the product's various business and production processes, actions, and strategies. Thus, while SSP are intrinsically item situated, SSC are process-arranged.

Consequently, separation through SSC requires skills other than through customary SSP; The service provider must be aware of the ways in which the customer's processes are affected by the product and how these processes can be improved. According to Mathieu (2001b), SSC is a "service as a product," which means that customers can try the service without purchasing the product. Companies that choose to compete primarily through SSP are more likely to place the product at the center of their value proposition, whereas SSC are by nature customer-focused and can offer products independently. According to Penttinen and Palmer (2007), information and communications technology (ICT) has the potential to play a pivotal role in both SSP and SSC differentiation. This is because ICT can be a key enabler of

both deeper customer relationships and more extensive service offerings and product-service combinations. There are four main ways to compare the two kinds of services: the primary marketing variables, the direct recipient of the service, the degree of customization, and the intensity of the relationship (see Table 1). In the case of SSC, the product is the direct recipient of the service, whereas in the case of SSP, it is a person within the customer organization.

The power of the relationship as far as the likely number of representatives and divisions included and the level of coordinated effort, responsibility, and trust, is low for SSP contrasted with SSC (Oliva and Kallenberg, 2003; 2011 by Ulaga and Reinartz). Additionally, SSC are highly customized, whereas SSP are highly standardized (low customization). Finally, the process—a precise and cost-effective flow of service activities—and the physical evidence—the tangible products and equipment that facilitate service performance—are the primary eight marketing variables for SSP. For SSC, then again, the dominating showcasing variable is individuals, which incorporates both the supplier's and the client's faculty

**Service business orientation** Companies can improve their service business orientation by concentrating on SSP, SSC, or a combination of the two (Antioco et al., 2008). Regardless of concentration, in any case, SBO can be characterized as "an association wide embracement of an essential arrangement of generally persevering through hierarchical strategies, practices, and techniques planned to help and reward administration giving ways of behaving that make and convey administrations greatness" (Lytle et al., 1998, p. 459). It is operationalized as a build comprising of three interrelated, yet various aspects (Homburg et al., 2002a; 2002b): i) the variety of services offered, ii) the variety of customers for whom those services are made available, and iii) the significance attached to those services. Therefore, the SBO construct cannot be represented by a single dimension. All three are required to fully represent the concept, so businesses must take them all into account when making strategic decisions about their service businesses (Homburg et al., 2002b). The provision of services is the first requirement for SBO; A business that doesn't offer any services at all cannot be service-oriented.

Consequently, taking everything into account, the more administrations a firm offers, the higher SBO it is considered to have (Homburg et al., 2002b). Similarly to Anderson et al. (2007), managers must evaluate their service portfolio and decide which existing services should be offered (either as a standard or an option), which should not be offered, and which new services should be developed. Second, the firm should choose what clients it ought to offer administrations. For instance, giving the biggest clients exceptional treatment through key records the board implies that these clients can be offered extraordinary administrations (Brehmer and Rehme, 2009). Be that as it may, if by some stroke of good luck a restricted gathering of clients are offered administrations it doesn't mirror a high SBO. Other things being equal, the SBO is higher when more customers are offered services (Homburg et al., 2002b). Last but not least, the company must also emphasize its services in order to achieve a high SBO; that is, effectively offer administrations to its clients. Contrasted with the quantity of administrations offered, the accentuation on administrations mirrors a conscious, proactive decision and, in this way, more emphatically shows a shift from item to support direction (Homburg et al., 2003). In business practice, producers would in general market and sell administrations not methodically yet rather do this in a responsive way just when a few clients unequivocally called for them (Kindström and Kowalkowski, 2009; Kowalkowski et al., 2012).

As a result, these businesses have not had a high SBO because they have focused less on services. All other things being equal, the company's SBO is higher the more it emphasizes its services.

**Procedure** Because of the fundamental and complex attributes of SBO and impacts of ICT, we picked a subjective contextual investigation way to deal with and answer the topic of how ICT can go about as an impetus for administration business direction (Edmondson and McManus, 2007). Eight multinational capital equipment manufacturers of Swedish and Swiss ancestry provide the empirical data. The organizations work in a wide assortment of enterprises, like computerization arrangements, transports, cutting devices, outside power gear, proficient clothing frameworks, siphons, and distribution center trucks. The trend of product commoditization, which makes service differentiation a crucial strategic option, and the growing use of ICT as an enabler for new services are common denominators among the chosen businesses.

Companies that met four primary requirements were selected:

- i) the firm is an industry market pioneer,
- ii) the firm seeks after separation systems,

iii) the firm purposes ICT to increment upper hand however administrations, and  
iv) admittance to key witnesses was given.

We used data from interviews, focus groups, and archival sources like internal reports and secondary articles to try to triangulate for each case. We used customers and highly knowledgeable informants from various departments, groups, and levels of hierarchy. A greater part of the witnesses were focal and neighborhood administration chiefs, application subject matter experts, and overseeing chiefs. The respondents were free to use their own words to answer the open-ended interview questions.

Due to the fact that the majority of the managers were in similar positions within their organizations and none of the businesses they represented were competitors, inter-firm focus group discussions with and between the managers were regarded as extremely sincere and constructive. As indicated by information redundancy, the sampling process came to an end at saturation. The information investigation was an iterative cycle matching hypothesis and reality, where benefit of the efficient consolidating of both the exact world and the hypothetical models was taken. Dubois and Gadde (2002) name this cycle 'abductive' and it tends to be described as alternating between the information and the hypothesis, making productive cross-preparation. To fortify hypothesis triangulation, we utilized various groups of writing (primarily modern showcasing, administration the board and promoting, and vital administration hypothesis) as means to decipher the discoveries. As Gibbert et al. recommend, (2008), the interview transcripts were reviewed by key informants, and a draft version was reviewed by peers. In the beginning, detailed case study write-ups for 11 firms and an analysis of data within each case were done to find case-specific patterns.

Each company's respondents received the write-ups as well, and while most of them agreed with the overall structure and content, a few made minor suggestions that were incorporated into the revised versions. A contextual analysis convention was utilized and a contextual analysis data set with all suitable meeting records, contextual analysis reviews, and different reports was assembled to increment dependability. A cross-case comparison followed. Following the systematic combining procedure, the data were regrouped into similar themes based on the research constructs and theoretical framework. By means of Piekari et al. According to 's (2010) definition, these methods for increasing validity and reliability can primarily be referred to as "best practice" (purposeful sampling, theory development, informant selection criteria, etc.). with elements of "common" practice, such as interviews, exploratory studies, and the like and "innovative" practice in case research, which is an abductive method.

## II. FINDINGS

Service business orientation and ICT-enabled services In this section, we begin by illustrating two characteristics of how manufacturers use ICT to compete through SSP and SSC. We discuss the effects of ICT-based service differentiation on SBO and how ICT has enabled service development. Then, we examine the impacts of ICT on help separation. Finally, we investigate the effects of ICT-based services on SBO by connecting the service differentiation options (SSP and SSC) to SBO (Matthyssens and Vandenbempt, 2008).

**Impacts of ICT on SSP and SSC** Investigation of the eight makers affirms earlier examination that ICT refines and broadens the organizations' center business (Kraemer et al., 2000) and is utilized internally with a focus on cost reduction and efficiency as well as to create value for customers by integrating online applications and technical capabilities with business processes (Huizingh, 2002). By lowering the cost of maintaining an existing relationship and broadening it with the addition of new services, ICT can also make it possible to improve customer-provider relationships. According to Kindström and Brege (2008), numerous service-related ICT initiatives have historically focused on lowering transaction costs and increasing internal process efficiency. This has resulted in an increase in the internal efficiency of the services provided by the case firms by reconfiguring existing service processes through the use of ICT. It has been demonstrated that back-office processes in particular can be automated or eliminated (Kowalkowski and Brehmer, 2008). Since automated order processes typically reduce costs for the customer as well, the latter also has positive effects on the customer in the most successful instances. This may result in modifications to the design of the service system, which may in turn improve the quality of the process.

The efficiency of the process may also increase if the service system is more reliable. Mobile devices for service workers, standardized, multinational information systems, direct billing, and transaction-efficient service order handling are all examples of mechanisms that affect efficiency. Such drives imply moderately low dangers, don't need a far reaching comprehension of the innovation among top administration, and the expense decreases permit a somewhat clear and quantifiable profit from speculation.

It is possible to observe a shift in investment focus from primarily internal process efficiency to service differentiation as businesses mature and become more accustomed to the use of ICT. This shift matches the overall servitization process and expanding administration business direction that happens continuously in the producers. At first, SBO was low and more about covering service costs than making services different from one another; the expense inclusion pointed toward supporting the item cost premium. However, in recent years, service differentiation has become increasingly important to the case firms' competitiveness. This has encouraged ICT-enabled service differentiation and, as a result, increased firms' SBO, along with the rapid development of ICT. ICT significantly affects the SSP choice in laying out separated contributions, particularly to new clients. This is because the majority of businesses traditionally place an emphasis on tangible features, such as what is technically feasible to achieve. The majority of the time, ICT-based SSP are developed in an inside-out manner that is comparable to traditional product development. That is, ICT is used to create new SSPs based on what is technically possible rather than necessarily what customers need or create value for. However, a lot of profitable SSPs are able to successfully extend and complement the existing portfolio of offerings, resulting in improved service quality, product efficacy, and lower customer costs. There is an extensive variety of nonexclusive SSP that are empowered and worked with by ICT, for instance remote checking and control, item use report bundles, preventive support arrangements, and armada the executives frameworks. Businesses now have a more accurate foundation for proactive, higher-quality operational and maintenance services as more and more information about product usage can be collected wirelessly in real time.

There are a lot of activities in the SSC option that help improve relationships with customers. According to Normann and Ramrez (1994), this indicates that businesses are using ICT as a vehicle for value creation by relieving customers (i.e., lowering costs) and enabling customers' businesses (i.e., increasing productivity) in addition to creating new services. ICT-based SSC can be offered to both existing and new customers as stand-alone unbundled services or as part of existing bundles. In addition, ICT makes it possible to collect usage data in real time, which is essential for providing advanced solutions like outcome-based contracts with dynamic pricing.

Tools for customer training, technical consulting, and process optimization are among the less extensive ICT-based SSC. 4.3 Effects of ICT-based service differentiation on service business orientation The effects of ICT on SBO can be seen to vary depending on which of the service differentiation options are being considered. In addition, the effects differ across the three dimensions that make up SBO; that is, the quantity of administrations, number of administration clients, and accentuation of administrations. ICT empowers the advancement of new SSP however these are not be guaranteed to new independent administrations. For instance, more definite client reports about their introduced base might be presented in association with existing help contracts as opposed to presented as a different help. SSP-enabled benefits for customers like lower operational costs, improved predictability, and information on product performance and usage in customer operations make value propositions more appealing. These new assistance clients have beforehand not tracked down any motivations to purchase administrations from their item providers. All things considered, numerous clients have played out the administrations in-house or have bought them from outsider specialist co-ops. However, as the manufacturer's SSP becomes more competitive, more customers request them.

**As a result, numerous ICT-based SSP result in new service customers.** However, the manufacturer's service emphasis is typically lower than that of SSC due to SSP's inherent focus on manufactured products. That is, supervisors view the association's center proposing to be the items, which are expanded with administrations supporting the item. With respect to, makers are continually finding new ICT-based administrations conceivable to offer. As far as SBO, the test may rather be to track down new help clients, as the showcasing and selling of SSC requires more top to bottom information on the clients' activities contrasted with SSP deals. SSC generally require closer relationships between customers and suppliers (trust, commitment, adaptation, etc.) with some exceptions, like basic training services. versus SSP (Antioco et al., 2008). As a result, not all product customers are ready to purchase SSC and become "service customers." Nor are clients fundamentally offered all SSC. Large and strategic customers may receive individualized

treatment and services that are co-developed with specific customers and not made available to a wider range of customers. In addition, many customers purchase SSP prior to SSC, which is consistent with the service transition analogy. Because they purchase SSP (as well as products) from the company, many potential customers of the new, ICT-based SSC are already service customers. By the by, makers bring the likelihood to the table for SSC to clients other than the ones purchasing items and SSP (Mathieu, 2001a), in spite of the fact that our example shows that this rarely is the situation practically speaking. As a result, SSC's impact on the new customer dimension of SBO is less significant than SSP's. Last but not least, SSC places a greater emphasis on service than SSP does, and many manufacturers use ICT-based SSC to promote their favored strategy of becoming more service oriented or even to claim (true or false) that they already perceive themselves as service providers primarily. Homburg et al.'s findings are supported by this study.

According to a quantitative study conducted in 2003 on manufacturers' service-oriented strategies, a focus on services has a greater impact on SBO than the number of services offered. That is to say, businesses need to actively sell and market their services to customers. SSC have the greatest overall positive impact on manufacturers' service business orientation.

### III. CONCLUSION

A limitation of this study is that, due to its qualitative nature, it does not provide any quantification of the effects of ICT-based service differentiation on manufacturers' service business orientation. In this way, joining subjective and quantitative examination philosophies could help evaluating the complicated connections between the ICT-based assistance separation and SBO develops. Furthermore, Homburg et al.'s definition of the SBO construct ( 2002a; 2002b), incorporates no estimations of 'achievement, for example, administration benefit or the effect of administrations on in general upper hand, future exploration ought to likewise consider this aspect. The study's analytical generalizations only hold for high-volume manufacturers in B2B settings because it is context-bound. Since the observational information comes from global firms situated in Europe, standing out this review from concentrates on different businesses and nations can test the adaptability of our discoveries. 5.3 Practical Implications Our research demonstrates the effects of ICT-based service differentiation on service business orientation for managers. ICT is rapidly becoming commoditized, and the rapid technological development 20 means that ICT is neither a key constraint for new offerings nor a differentiator in and of itself. Instead, the challenge is frequently to keep up with technological advancement and emerging opportunities, maintain internal alignment, and link technological possibilities to customer needs that have been expressed and latent. Even though ICT-based services have the potential to boost provider and customer competitiveness, realizing this value can be challenging. Many promising services fail due, among other things, to managers underestimating the difficulties of large-scale implementation projects and the difficulties technology-focused manufacturers face in fully comprehending the complex business needs and actual user requirements of potential customers (Flowers, 1996; (2010) (Bradley and Davies). Therefore, managers ought to keep in mind that a strategic move to increase SBO through investments in ICT necessitates critical resources and capabilities, as well as a business rationale and strategic congruence. Top management's support for putting more emphasis on services is particularly important if the company is to increase its SBO. Despite the fact that ICT-based SSC have the greatest positive impact on companies' service business orientation, managers must be aware that placing an increased emphasis on the SSC business typically requires a more radical change from top to bottom and a more difficult strategic move than placing an emphasis on SSP. In point of fact, successful businesses are likely to pursue both options for service differentiation to varying degrees.

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# A Study on Tracking Performance Improvement using Categorization in Data Mining

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**Abstract:** *In this day and age, how much data put away in educational informational indexes is quickly expanding. These informational collections store data for the advancement of students' presentations. The show in advanced education in India is a watershed point in scholastics for all understudies. This scholastic display is affected by a few elements; in this manner, it is basic to develop a foresighted data digging technique for students' show to recognize high understudies and languid understudy's student.*

**Keywords:** Data Mining, Educational Data Mining, Predictive Model, Classification

## I. INTRODUCTION

In educational settings, the ability to anticipate an understudy's presentation is critical. Individual, social, mental, and other environmental components all influence understudies' academic presentation. The use of Data Mining is an immensely encouraging tool for achieving this aim. Information mining algorithms are used to work on massive amounts of data to identify unique examples and connections useful in independent direction. Arrangement is a foresight information mining approach that forecasts the benefits of information based on actual results discovered from multiple sources. Classification organises data into established groups of classifications. It is usually referred to as controlled learning because the not truly settled before to evaluating the data. The instructor should assist the distinctive understudies more so that their presentation might be improved in the future. In this regard, the following aims of the current study were devised to aid poor academic achievers in higher education:

generation of an information wellspring of predictive characteristics.

Validation of the developed model for advanced education students considering enrolling in Indian universities or institutions.

Identification of several elements that influence an understudy's learning behaviour and execution during their academic career.

## II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

According to Alaa tell-tales, Information Mining may be used in the educational profession to improve our understanding of learning interaction by focusing on detecting, deleting, and analysing characteristics identified with the learning system of understudy. This is known as Educational Data Mining. Han and Kamber describe information mining programming that allows customers to study information from diverse perspectives, classify it, and summarise the relationships discovered throughout the mining system. Pandey and Pal conducted an evaluation of understudy execution by selecting 600 students from various universities of Rd. R. M. L. Awadh University, Faizabad, India. It was discovered whether or not newcomer understudies will entertainer using Bayes Classification on class, language, and foundation competence. "Understudy's attitude regarding involvement in class, hours spent in review on a constant schedule later school, understudy's family income, understudy's mom's age, and mom's education are all associated to understudy execution," the hypothesis said. It was discovered by basic direct relapse evaluation that variables including mother's schooling and understudy's family income were substantially associated with understudy scholastic performance.

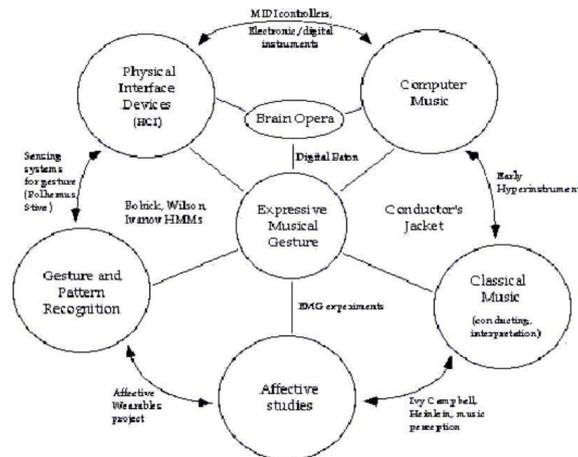


Fig 1 Intersecting academic areas represented in this thesis

**DATA MINING PROCESS.**

In this research, information was gathered from several degree universities and organisations that collaborated with Rd. R. M. L. Awadh University, Faizabad, India. These data are explored using order approach to forecast the understudy's performance. The following advancements are acted in grouping to apply this procedure:

Variable	Description	Possible Values
Sex	Students Sex	{Male, Female}
Cat	Students category	{General, OBC, SC, ST}
Med	Medium of Teaching	{Hindi, English, Mix}
SFH	Students food habit	{veg , non-veg }
SOH	Students other habit	{drinking, smoking, both, not-applicable}
LLoc	Living Location	{Village, Town, Tahseel, District}
Hos	Student live in hostel or not	{Yes, No}
FSize	student's family size	{1, 2, 3, >3}
FStat	Students family status	{Joint, Individual}
FAIn	Family annual income status	{BPL, poor, medium, high}
GSS	Students grade in Senior Secondary education	{O – 90% -100%, A – 80% - 89%, B – 70% - 79%, C – 60% - 69%, D – 50% - 59%, E – 40% - 49%, F - < 40%}
TColl	Students College Type	{Female, Co-education}
FQual	Fathers qualification	{no-education, elementary, secondary, graduate, post-graduate, doctorate, not-applicable}
MQual	Mother's Qualification	{no-education,

		elementary, secondary, graduate, post-graduate, doctorate, not-applicable}
FOcc	Father's Occupation	{Service, retired, not-applicable}
MOcc	Mother's Occupation	{House-wife, Service, retired, not-applicable}
GObt	Grade obtained in BCA	{First > 60% Second >45 & <60% Third >36 & <45% Fail < 36%}

Fig 2 Student related variables.

### Preparation of Data

The data used in this evaluation were gathered from several schools on the examination procedure for PC Applications division obviously BCA (Bachelor of Computer Applications) of meeting 2009-10. The initial information size is 290. In this step, information from several tables was combined into a single table, and errors in the joining process were removed.

### Transformations and data selection

Only the fields required for information mining were picked in this process. A few specific factors were considered. While some of the data on the factors was deleted from the database. Table 1 contains a list of all the indicator and response components obtained from the data set.

The following are the domain values for some of the variables used in this study:

Drug - This report focuses solely on the degree universities and businesses in India's Uttar Pradesh area. The method of guidelines is either Hindi or English or a mix of both (Both Hindi and English).

Got - Marks/Grade obtained in a BCA course and announced as a response variable. It is also divided into five class esteems: First - >60%, Second - >45%, Third - 36% and 45%, and Fail - 40%. SOH - In today's culture, undesirable idiosyncrasies are rapidly spreading among college students. Understudies' additional propensities include drinking, smoking, both, or being inappropriate.

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GSS - A student's grade in Senior Secondary School. Students in state board show up for five topics, each with 100 impressions. Grades are assigned to all students based on the following criteria: O - 90% to 100%, A - 80% - 89%, B - 70% - 79%, C - 60% - 69%, D - 50% - 59%, E - 40% - 49%, and F - 40%.

Size-. According to India's population statistics, the average number of children in a family is 3.1. As a result, the maximum family size is set at ten, and the possible range of attributes is one to ten.

### Application of Mining Models

For information disclosure from data sets, various computations and processes such as Classification, Clustering, Regression, Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks, Association Rules, Decision Trees, Genetic Algorithm, Nearest Neighbour technique, and so on are used.

Order is one of the most commonly focused on challenges by data mining and AI (ML) professionals. It entails predicting the worth of a (global) attribute (the class) based on the benefits of several qualities (the foreseeing credits). There are several grouping techniques. The Bayesian Classification computation is used in this review.

Bayes order has been proposed, which is based on the Bayes rule of contingent likelihood. The Bayes rule is a method for determining the likelihood of a property given the arrangement of information as proof or information. The Bayes rule, often known as the Bayes hypothesis, is

$$P(h_i | x_i) = \frac{P(x_i | h_i)P(h_i)}{P(x_i | h_1) + P(x_i | h_2)P(h_2)}$$

The approach is labelled "innocent" since it anticipates independence between different property estimations. The credulous Bayes arrangement is both a separate and predictive type of computation. The probabilities are computed, and they are then used to forecast class enrolment for an objective tuple. The gullible Bayes technique has a few advantages: It is simple to use; unlike other order moves, just one sweep of the preparation information is necessary; efficiently manage mining esteem by simply dismissing that possibility

The guileless Bayes classifier has the advantage of requiring a small amount of preparation information to evaluate the boundaries (means and changes of the components) required for arrangement. Since autonomous factors are recognised, only the fluctuations of the factors for each class remain uncertain, rather than the entire covariance grid. Regardless of their guileless design and obviously erroneous suspicions, gullible Bayes classifiers have performed excellently in a variety of mind-boggling verifiable conditions. We picked five-degree universities affiliated with Rd. R. M. L. Awadh University, Faizabad, UP, India, for the present review. Two of the five-degree institutions were metropolitan-based, independent, and co-instructive, one was rural-based, assisted, and female, and the other two were provincial-based, supported, and co-instructive. The instances for our study were 300 BCA course understudies (226 men, 74 women) from these five colleges who appeared in the 2010 assessment. All data linked with understudy section, academic and budgetary elements was obtained directly from the 300 understudies via survey and University information base. These understudies' imprints were obtained from the University Examination cell. The credulous Bayes computation, given a preparation set, first estimates the earlier likelihood P (Ch) for each class by counting how frequently each class occurs in the preparation material. To determine P, each quality worth xi may be built up (xi). The probability P (xi | Ch) can also be calculated by counting how frequently each value occurs in the class in the preparation information. The restricted and earlier probabilities generated from the preparation set are used to create the expectation when describing an objective tuple. At that moment, multiply P (it | Ch) by to calculate P (it), we can assess the likelihood that it belongs to each class. The contingent probabilities for each characteristic esteem result in the possibility that it belongs to a class. The class with the highest probability is chosen for the tuple.

$$P(t_i | c_j) = \prod_{k=1}^p (x_{ij} | c_j)$$

To design the understudy execution forecast model, the present study used information mining as an apparatus and guileless Bayes order computation as a process. The separated element choosing technique was used to select the optimal subset of factors based on the probabilistic upsides.

### III. CONCLUSION

In the current evaluation, those factors with likely esteems more than 0.50 were given careful consideration, and the most influential elements with high likelihood esteems were displayed. These highlights were used to build forecast models. MATLAB was used for variable determination as well as forecast model construction.

Variable	Description	Probability
GSS	Students grade in Senior Secondary education	.8642
LLoc	Living Location	.7862
Med	Medium of Teaching	.7225
MQual	Mother's Qualification	.6788
SOH	Students other habit	.6653
FAIn	Family annual income status	.5672
FStat	Students family status	.5225

Fig 3 high potential variables

It has been shown that pupils' performance is significantly reliant on their grade in the Senior Secondary Examination.

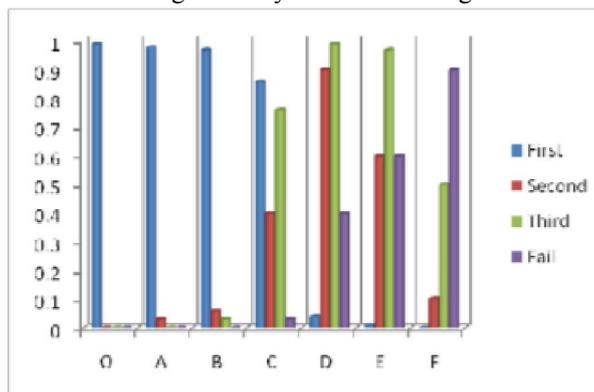


Fig 2: Relationship between GSS and Got

The medium of instruction is discovered to be the third high potential variable for student achievement. The mother tongue of students in Uttar Pradesh is Hindi. Students are more at ease in Mixed and Hindi languages than in English. The association between students' medium of instruction and their BCA test grade.

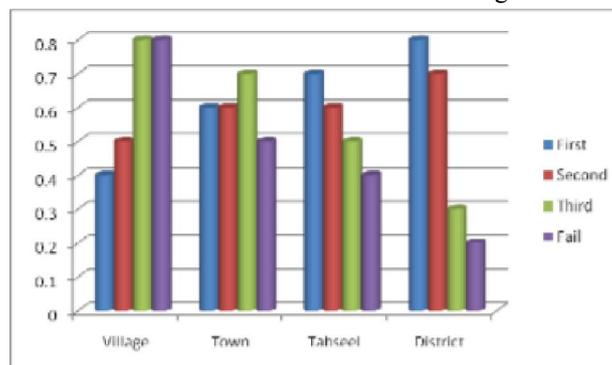


Fig 3: Relationship between LLC and Got

In this research, a Bayesian arrangement approach is used on an understudy data set to forecast the understudy division based on previous year data. This review will help the understudies and instructors work on the understudy division. This evaluation will also seek to separate those understudies who required special treatment in terms of decreasing bombing allocation and making the appropriate move at the right moment. The current research demonstrates that understudies' academic exhibits do not always rely on their own labour. Our investigation reveals that several aspects

have a significant influence on understudy' performance. This offer will build on existing techniques by using pieces of expertise.

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# A Study on Utility of ICT as a Medium for Development of Logistics Sector

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**Abstract:** *In India, the online business market is flourishing, expanding, and increasing at a quicker rate. The possibility of web shopping has incredibly engaged the Indian people. Data and correspondence innovation openness has been vital to the outcome of internet business. Following headways in innovation, examination, and data, ICT has basically taken on a friendship job in individuals' day to day routines. The greater part of Web clients in arising economies like India are under 35, which is significantly more than in industrialized ones. This age bunch appreciates shopping and has formed into a sizable purchasing bunch that will outperform 700 million web clients by 2020. Without a doubt, the energetic age's tremendous client base has caused a significant shift across all organizations. In the wake of entering the labor force, this age's capacity to produce cash is additionally expected to make them critical buyers. The labor force examination has additionally given strong proof of youngsters' web utilization in creating areas like planned operations. Youthful shoppers who are mechanically adroit and have extraordinary buying power should be incorporated by online organizations to make long haul progress (Hanford, 2005). The satisfaction of strategies' essential objective, which is to empower the development of labor and products starting with one area then onto the next, relies altogether upon the innovation that guarantees the right item arrives at the ideal client brilliantly, in the right area, in the right condition, and at the right cost. This is shown by the overall activity of cell phones.*

**Keywords:** Logistics, e-commerce, ICT, Industrialisation, growth, challenges

## I. INTRODUCTION

ICT has assisted civilization in more recent times, including during the catastrophe caused by COVID-19, to survive at home and live a life full of necessities. The world now does, in a large part, depend on two adaptable industries: logistics and information technology (IT). It is concerned about global social and economic situations. In order for people or enterprises to survive, either their needs must be met or they must be met. In any case, the requirements must be moved, so logistics and ICT deliver the best results by making products available to customers. It is believed that the 18th and 19th centuries were characterised by the industrial revolution, the 20th century by technological intervention, science fiction with multimedia inventions, and the 21st century by simply ICT and medical. The world is now a "global village" as a result. The sole factor at this time is geographical distance. The current research topic will be handled through empirical research on a specific logistics business with the basic premise of reflecting on operational systems, particularly ICT, and its advancement in the present. The goal of the current study article is to collect data that will help novice professionals and young researchers understand how ICT is used across the board in the logistics sector. It was compiled empirically, and reliable sources have been mentioned.

### ICT's place and growth in the logistics sector

For about 5000 years, logistics has been a crucial component of world civilization. Intelligent logistics solutions have more often than not served as the cornerstone for the transition into a new historical and economic age. The unique service systems that have so far witnessed this fundamental advancement during the 20th century have been the development of large to extremely large cargo vessels on the oceans and seas. Both of these play a crucial role in the current globalisation situation. The organisation or organisations have implemented a number of measures to use technology to lessen this mess. However, this does not adequately examine the type of dependency this sector holds.

Some businesses have compelled themselves to use technology, like using GPS to track their trucks. However, there are still a lot of issues in this area to consider.

Any organization's organisational structure may be impacted by ICT, which also improves the technological and morally sound mass coverage of labour. ICT, according to Porter and Millar (1985), can alter an industry's structure and the rules of competition in three different ways: (i) ICT can be used to give businesses a sustainable competitive advantage and give them new competitive tools; (ii) ICT can be used to develop new business within a firm's existing operations.

Due to the possible high information intensity in the company value chain, ICT application may be a helpful instrument that helps a firm achieve this goal in this situation. According to Porter (2001), the value chain—a collection of processes through which a good or service is produced and provided to customers—is the fundamental instrument for comprehending the impact of ICT on enterprises. When a company competes in any industry, it engages in a number of distinct but linked value-creating operations, such as managing a sales team, manufacturing a component, or delivering goods. These operations have points of contact with the operations of suppliers, distributors, and clients. A framework called the value chain may be used to pinpoint all of these operations and examine how they impact both the costs that businesses incur and the value that is provided to customers. ICT has a ubiquitous impact on the value chain since every action involves the creation, processing, and exchange of information. The ability to connect one activity with another and make real-time data created in activity publicly available, both within the company and with external suppliers, distributors, and customers, is the unique advantage of the Internet. Internet technology is now often used by businesses to restructure procedures and boost their competitive advantages. Operational effectiveness refers to doing the same thing as your rivals but better, and strategic positioning refers to acting in a way that sets you apart from your rivals and offers customers a special kind of value. Rashid and Al-Qirim (2001) claim that four variables work together within a company to evaluate the firm's propensity for adopting innovation, which has a direct bearing on the CEO's decision-making process. (i) Individual factors: Take into account the innovativeness and technological expertise of the decision maker, both of which have an impact on the adoption of innovations; (ii) Organisational variables: These elements include the size of the company, the effectiveness of the current information systems, the volume of information handled, the degree of specialisation of the company, and the level of adoption provided by the CEOs; (iii) Technological or innovation factors: they take into account the relative merits of the innovation, as well as its complexity, compatibility, cost, and reputation; (iv) Environmental factors: The pressure from competition and within the supply chain, public policy, and the role of government all affect adoption. According to Rashid and Al-Qirim (2001), any one or all four of these criteria may have an effect on how quickly ICTs are adopted. The organisational elements as a whole have an impact on the business's resources with regard to adopting ICT innovation. When the concerns connected to the market climate and the firm's position in the market directly influence the uptake of technology, environmental variables give major push for adoption. Increased ICT adoption within a company has a direct impact on the operation of the company, boosting productivity and financial success. Individual elements take into account the management characteristics linked to the company and so have a substantial impact on each choice made to improve the performance of the company. In addition, an evolutionary approach needs to be used to address the degrees of ICT adoption by businesses. The development of e-business for businesses has been detailed in recent literature, showing the progression from email use through websites, online stores, and finally to a digital foundation for fully e-business, which is frequently seen as progress. A company's evolution is created in stages, from the limited use of technology to the complete integration of automated business activities as seen in the digital firm.

### **ICT challenges in the logistics sector**

The difficulties are the same for both comfort and use. The companies encounter a variety of difficulties as a result of the rise of ICT in the logistics sector. Its responsibilities include lowering transportation costs, enhancing supply chain visibility, supply chain financing, enhancing business operations for customers, and meeting sustainability and governmental standards. Business intelligence, which helps businesses make better decisions, is the capacity to transform data into knowledge and information into knowledge. Suppliers' primary responsibilities are to reduce the cost of goods purchased, raise the calibre of the produced goods, and shorten stock and delivery periods. In this logistics activity, electronic information exchange built on trust between customers and suppliers enables auto-billing

from consumed goods, the creation of automatic supplier orders, the coordination of charging requirements with carrier capacity, and the standardisation of information using the same selection criteria. It is used "forecasting," or making an estimation of future demand for a product, to improve the flow of information in the supply chain and thereby get the various parts of the company ready for future operations, to keep the planning of a company's entire supply chain coordinated. The key advantages are:

- Better availability through revision and demand control; and
- Better projections.
- Complements the evaluation of post-promotions; controls inventory levels to lessen the consequences of peak demand.
- By shortening the planning cycle, it enhances the process of fulfilling orders.

The corporation deployed GPS and GPRS technology to receive the actual location of the trucks from a fitted device in the Indian markets after realising the necessity for a controlled ETA of arrival of the shipments with accuracy as well as the requirement to mobilise the personnel and connected departures. The devices' installation provides information as web services from the GPS service providers that have been incorporated into the main ERP system every 15 minutes. Real-time analytics are used to plan automatically for onward connections for freight, which was previously manually driven by hub managers' decisions based on GPS data and cargo information from the ERP. With the TibcoSpotfire analytics visualisation tool, which is available on many platforms, you can view this visualisation. For hub managers to view real-time arrival dashboards and prepare for subsequent cargo movements based on recommendations, an android app has been developed. Without even leaving the office, hub managers can utilise this programme to get all the data for tracking, truck arrival and departure, and exceptions on the warehouse floors. Other than this, the main issues in the industry include insufficient infrastructure, client preferences, and a lack of transparency.

### **The degree of ICT adoption in the logistics sector**

Information and communication technologies' effects on logistics The ICT logistics method includes the financial investment in and design of networks, software, hardware, and other components that support data processing and interchange. Future logistics organisations may directly be impacted by a decline in formal structure and a rise in expert networking. Many companies' executives have come to the conclusion that maintaining complete internal control over all aspects of operations is no longer necessary. By interacting with trading partners more frequently and developing cross-boundary relationships, logistics strategies may be put into practise and performance targets can be achieved. It might be possible with the use of suitable ICT. ICTs have made it possible to manage, regulate, and constantly monitor commodities at numerous storage locations or during various phases of transportation, from the location of production or origin to the place of final consumption. ICTs boost the speed and efficiency of the logistical procedures involved as well as reduce the possibility of processing data errors, some of which are caused by people.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

The application of ICT in warehouse management has created a new, more efficient style of working. When these kinds of systems are used, they produce a number of very representative outcomes in businesses: an increase in productivity due to real-time control over staff and equipment; improved accuracy of the goods due to automatic identification; decreased inventory levels and safety stock; optimised warehouse space; and improvements in management and control tasks to facilitate planning and monitoring.

In conclusion, it can be claimed that information and communication technology will play a part in the logistics sector. It must be understood with a few suggesting modifications for the said industry's productive outcomes. For the sector to become more effective, accurate, and universally applicable while expanding into more hands, it would require the automation of packing, an updated shipping tracking system, the use of analytical tools available on the Indian market, and an adaptation to greater security measures.

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# A Study on Utility of ICT Tools and Commercial Aspect in Pharmaceutical Industry

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**Abstract:** *Computerized stage has been spread in practically every one of the circles of business and ventures. Perceiving the advantages, the utilization of digitalisation has been empowered bounteously by the business people in their endeavors and strategic approaches. Knowing the promising fate of digitalisation, Administration of India has additionally started 'Computerized India' crusading. In such situation, no industry has left immaculate structure digitalization.*

*Drug organizations which work in a very controlled climate with various special and advertising limitations; additionally jumped into web selling. Nonetheless, Pharma organizations dissimilar to of others manage the items related with individuals' wellbeing, illness and all in all their endurance. Selling drug items fall under the sharp carefulness of regulative body. This is the motivation behind why drug business isn't broadly advanced through internet based channels; as individuals are as yet powerless towards the legitimacy of medical care items bought on the web. Notwithstanding, the idea of e-drug store accompanies a few benefits like the comfort of conveyance, online record of e-solution, merchandise exchange and input instrument and so on. This paper targets breaking down sees and counter perspectives on the act of digitalisation in medical care business to decide how digitalisation is fruitful for drug industry.*

**Keywords:** Digital tools, Commercialisation, Pharmaceutical industry, e-pharmacy, Digital India

## I. INTRODUCTION

Commercialisation with digital tools is an ever-evolving concept which has brought in the positive technological changes in almost every industry. With its plethora of benefits, digitalisation has amended the techniques & methodology of how any task; be it personal or professional, can be performed in faster, convenient & cost-effective manner. Knowing this significance; every industry today is adopting digitalisation as a predominant tool for accomplishing work.

Let us first understand what digitalisation is exactly, and what are its various forms & merits –

Digitalisation encompasses both the internet-enabled sphere as well as the mobile one powered by wireless networks. Digitalisation is sometimes used synonymously with IT (for information technology); however, digitalisation is generally used to represent a broader, more comprehensive list of all components related to computer and digital technologies than IT.

The list of digitalisation components is exhaustive, and it continues to grow. Some components, such as computers and telephones, have existed for decades. Others, such as smartphones, digital TVs and robots, are more recent entries. Digitalisation commonly means more than its list of components, though. It also encompasses the application of all those various components. It's here that the real potential, power and danger of digitalisation can be found. Digitalisation's importance to economic development and business growth has been so monumental, in fact, that it's credited with ushering in what many have labeled the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Digitalisation also underpins broad shifts in society, as individuals en masse are moving from personal, face-to-face interactions to ones in the digital space. This new era is frequently termed the Digital Age.

For all its revolutionary aspects, though, digitalisation capabilities aren't evenly distributed. Simply put, richer countries and richer individuals enjoy more access and thus have a greater ability to seize on the advantages and opportunities powered by digitalisation.

**The significance of digitalisation in business:-**

For businesses, advances within digitalisation have brought a slew of cost savings, opportunities and conveniences. They range from highly automated businesses processes that have cut costs, to the big data revolution where organizations are turning the vast trove of data generated by digitalisation into insights that drive new products and services, to digitalisation -enabled transactions such as internet shopping and telemedicine and social media that give customers more choices in how they shop, communicate and interact.

Digitalisation has revised various functions of business ranging from production, quality control, HRM, marketing and so on. If we further discuss precisely the significance of digitalisation for various business functions; marketing is one core area where digitalisation has shown the phenomenal spread. Today, Internet has become the most preferred tool through which the marketers can reach out to their desired & focused target audience. Websites, Search Engine Marketing (including SEO & PPC), Social Media Marketing are few digital marketing tools which have revolutionised the way products are being promoted and sold to the ultimate consumers. Internet has evolved into a self-organizing media, capable of multiple interactions within. Almost all companies dealing with the product categories such as food, fashion, home decors, electronics, healthcare, FMCG, financial services, telecom, are adopting digitalisation for reaching out the customers.

It's commendable that digitalisation is showing its prolific effect in several product categories which fall under the risk & susceptibility for consumers. One of such product categories is Pharmaceutical products. Pharmaceutical products include the generic drugs, branded medicines, dietary supplements, healthcare items, diagnostic equipments, and herbal products. All these are the life-saving or emergency products. E-pharmacy can be the apt example of practice of digitalisation in the pharma-world.

E-pharmacy (also termed as online pharmacy, internet pharmacy & cyber pharmacy) is concerned with selling pharmaceutical/healthcare products through digital medium; providing a variety of products (e.g. health and beauty products) , generic drugs, branded medicines, dietary supplements, organic medicines, diagnostic equipments etc. Some pharmacies only dispense drugs with a valid prescription, some provide online consultations for prescribing and dispensing medicines, and some dispense medications without a prescription. There are a number of reasons that may lead patients to the use of the internet in search of medical care. It acts as a second opinion or second doctor for desperate patients. Also, it gives insight into patient problems, as well as the drugs that could cure them.

Though the marketing of drugs over the Internet is an inevitable outcome of the booming e-economy, it poses unique ethical, legal and quality challenges – the prime cause being the anarchic structure of the Internet. These challenges are important from the consumer, physician and regulator perspectives.

**Different forms of e-pharmacy:**

First, the online pharmacy may be an independent Internet company that has no physical pharmacy site for a consumer to visit. The online pharmacy may be a “clicks-and mortar” pharmacy, typically the online branch of a major pharmacy chain that has an actual storefront. Several chains have purchased online companies as a marketing strategy.

These partnerships have enabled customers to request refills of prescriptions through Web sites and have given customers the option to pick up the refill at a local branch of a major pharmacy or receive the refill in the mail. Finally, independent neighborhood pharmacies have formed networks and have built web sites to represent themselves.

Some online pharmacy web sites have “cyber doctors,” who evaluate patients via Internet communication and determine whether to prescribe medication based on this communication. The management and services of online pharmacies may be administered entirely in one state, may span several states, or may be located offshore.

Apart from these, digitalisation can contribute to Pharmaceutical marketing through following digital tools such as–

- Search Engine Optimization
- Pay-per-click
- Social Media Marketing
- Health apps
- Email newsletter etc.

### **Merits of e-pharmacy -**

Internet pharmacies offer a host of benefits. They are convenient and allow customers to avoid nuisances such as going out in bad weather, parking hassles, standing in line, and the inevitable wait for the prescription to be filled. Patients with limited mobility or those living far from a pharmacy can benefit tremendously from legitimate Internet pharmacies by eliminating travel to a traditional pharmacy.

Potential customers of online pharmacies are attracted to these sites by the large-scale advertising campaigns of pharmaceutical companies on television in the press, by Internet advertisements, including spam, from the online pharmacies themselves, and by the reputed low prices. It can bring notable benefits in terms of saving time and money, but this is not always true. Sometimes medicines are more expensive than in usual drugstores. Online pharmacies have the potential to empower patients by providing information about new medications, adverse effects of medications, and health conditions.

Many Internet pharmacies offer overnight shipping, allowing customers to avoid the delay of regular mail. Another benefit is that some Internet pharmacies offer lower prices on medications than those charged by traditional pharmacies. One way lower costs are made possible is through an increase in competition. In addition, many Internet pharmacies lack fixed costs such as property leases, maintenance, and property taxes.

Furthermore, e-pharmacies can offer privacy that is often lacking in a traditional pharmacy. Many patients feel uncomfortable asking a pharmacist questions in front of other customers. Some Internet pharmacies have a licensed pharmacist available 24 hours a day to answer questions by phone or by e-mail. This allows patients to ask personal medication questions without fearing that their neighbors might overhear. A final benefit is that Internet pharmacies can offer perks not found in traditional pharmacies. Some companies send e-mail alerts when the prescription is due for a refill, such a reminder may improve patient compliance with drug therapies.

Online pharmacies have the potential to promote communication among pharmacists, physicians, and patients; whether this potential has been realized is debatable. For example, the option to send questions at any time of day about the adverse effects of medications may encourage patients to question pharmacists. In addition, the cloak of anonymity that the Internet offers may encourage patients to ask questions about some medications that they would be too embarrassed to ask in a busy pharmacy.

### **Shortfalls of e-pharmacy -**

Two hazardous issues that go hand-in-hand are self-diagnosis and self-medication because consumers can purchase prescription drugs without ever speaking to a pharmacist or physician. In these days of managed care, it might be weeks before a patient can see a physician for non-emergency purposes. Patients might choose to treat themselves rather than wait for an appointment, or the patient simply may be too embarrassed to discuss the health problem with his physician. These dangers are especially significant given that numerous Internet pharmacies are willing to dispense prescription drugs without a valid prescription. When a patient utilizes an Internet pharmacy, which provides a medication, based on a cyber-consultation, or if the pharmacy directly dispenses the medication without a prescription, important safeguards are missed. Not only does the patient miss an examination by his physician, the possibility exists that a licensed pharmacist may never review the prescription. The patient bypasses the two professionals who traditionally inform patients of proper utilization, dangerous side effects, and drug interactions.

Another drawback to e-pharmacies may be cost, as some consumers pay more for prescription medications obtained over the Internet. High shipping costs and an inability to participate in many insurance plans adds to the cost. Another area of concern involves the prescribing-physician's credentials.

### **The regulatory stance of the food and drug administration regarding e-pharmacies:**

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, FDA has the legal authority to take action against:

- 1) The importation, sale, or distribution of an adulterated or misbranded drug;
- 2) The importation, sale, or distribution of an unapproved new drug;
- 3) Illegal promotion of a drug;
- 4) The sale or dispensing of a prescription drug without a valid prescription; and
- 5) Counterfeit drugs.

### **Implications of digitalisation in Pharmaceutical sector:-**

Digitalisation has contributed to the growth of pharma industry remarkably. The most popular ways of using digitalisation for promotion of healthcare products & services are –

website, on which the provided pharmaceutical products and services can be promoted;

content displayed on the homepage: is the identity card of a website; the information must be very well structured;

web banner: is a form of online advertising which places an announcement on a webpage;

sponsored links, SEO (Search Engine Optimization) and Google AdWords ;

email marketing;

forums, blogs and social networks through which patients and doctors exchange information;

content marketing: strategically marketing approaches focused on creating and distributing valuable, relevant and coherent information;

press releases, advertorials or guest posting;

classical infographics: these are representations of certain information (e.g. statistical data) in a graphical format conceived to understand data more easily;

viral campaigns;

affiliate marketing: a type of marketing used in e-distribution; it is a strategy by which it is intended to have access to a greater market through websites which are focused on specific groups of Internet users (e.g. Amazon.com where a wide range of products – books, electronics, pharmaceutical products, toys etc. – are marketed, having thousands of affiliated specific websites);

Medical education services conducted through digitalisation brought a number of assistances to users by giving them the opportunity of acquiring new information and knowledge on a very short time, in a convenient way with minimal cost.

Thus digitalisation has enabled the as a safe & sustainable alternative that breaks the barriers of traditional retail pharma outlets. Apart from consumers i.e. patients, it could also help doctors' fraternity to seek information and get connected to patients. Digitalisation in pharmaceutical industry has been lucrative to government by allowing endorsing the 'Jan Auhadhi Program', which is a primary part of country's plan to create awareness and enable access of affordable medicines to the general population across the country without compromising the quality of medicines. This program is a key part of the Digital Health Program under the Digital India and will be of immense benefits to the consumers.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

Pharmaceutical industry had and will have promising contribution of digital for its growth & success. Pharmaceutical companies will in future will exceedingly acclimatize to digitalisation. Its various tools are making the pharmaceutical marketing easier & one-to-one. In today's world, where there is upmost competitions & vulnerability in consumers, digitalisation has proved itself the well-wisher of marketers by providing them new & focused ways to curb the competitions & reach out the targets. Pharma industry has also followed the path of digitalisation and capitalizes its advantages rightly to tap on the patients & medical practitioners as well. Looking at this spread of digitalisation we can ensure that traditional way relationship of the healthcare system will soon shift to two way relationships between medical practitioners & patients through digitalisation. Digitalisation enabled technologies such as mobiles, social media and other forms of digitalization will lead to a creation of valuable channels empowering patients to exchange information.

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# An Analysis of ICT in Marketing Sector

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**Abstract:** *Worldwide organization tasks have gone through a central change because of data and correspondence innovation (ICT). The presentation of ICT might generally affect promoting of every single hierarchical job, as the range of computerized media accessible offers a horde of new manners by which labor and products could be sold. In spite of the fact that ICT organization has been offered more consideration during the 1990s, advertisers have had inconvenience totally embracing the mix of ICT in promoting. Considering this, the reason for this request was to decide how generally ICT in showcasing is utilized by advertisers and the amount ICT in promoting is educated to tertiary-level showcasing understudies. The outcomes show that advertisers are in a period of change where ICT in promoting is being utilized all the more regularly related to traditional advertising strategies. It likewise underscores the need for showcasing understudies to have more specific openness to ICT as a component of their educational plan.*

**Keywords:** marketers, students of marketing, information and communication technology (ICT) in marketing

## I. INTRODUCTION

A range of new technologies have developed significantly as a result of the technical innovation that typified the latter half of the 20th century, particularly in the domains of biotechnology, new materials and product creation, and computer and communications technology (Wange, 2007). Particularly in the past twenty years, there has been significant advancement in computer and communications technology. Information Technology (IT) applications and uses now encompass a wide range of microelectronic and telecommunications devices, including laptops and computers, the Internet (via optical fibres and wireless connections), iPads, digital television, palmtops, iPods, and digital cameras and videos (Freeman and Hasnaoui, 2010). ICT is also essential for gathering, analysing, storing, retrieving, manipulating, managing, controlling, moving, displaying, and transmitting data and information (Boritz, 2000).

The globe has truly become a global village as a result of these innovations, enabling connection and communication across time and location. ICT has expanded the field of marketing and given marketers a variety of fresh, creative ways to connect with their target audience. One of the seven major difficulties that marketers are now dealing with, according to the Canadian Marketing Association, is acknowledging the significance of ICT in marketing (Gustavson, 2006). The World Wide Web (www) and the Internet, among other new technologies, experienced rapid development in the 1990s (Schultz and Patti, 2009: 76). The advent of digitalization gave rise to many new products, services, and communication tools. Computers and fax machines came first, followed by smartphones, iPods, iPads, Blackberries, social media, and other similar devices.

The growth of ICT has had the biggest impact on marketing, even though practically all sectors and industries have been significantly impacted by technological breakthroughs. In order to effectively position their organisations in the digital age, marketing students—the upcoming generation of marketers—must possess solid operational knowledge of ICT (Lamont and Friedman, 2001). This investigation sought to ascertain the degree to which marketing professionals use ICT and to determine, through a case study, whether students at the Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT), are exposed to the various forms of ICT in marketing. Research (Mairead et al., 2008; Oshunloye, 2009; Zehrer and Grabmüller, 2012) indicates that marketers struggle to fully integrate ICT into their marketing strategies.

There aren't many research papers that concentrate on ICT integration in marketing, and the majority of them use the Internet as a medium (Nothnagel, 2006; Oshunloye, 2009). Brady et al. (2002, 2008), for example, looked into how ICT

was incorporated into marketing practise and how it was used in modern marketing practise. In addition, Dye and Venter (2008) investigated how marketing courses should be revised for the Internet era. Numerous research (Qirici et al., 2011, Eric and Gil-Saura 2012, Zehrer and Grabmüller 2012, Burgess et al., 2011) also concentrate on ICT and its use in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Assessing how much marketers use ICT in their marketing efforts and whether students at the CUT, as a case study, are sufficiently exposed to ICT as part of their marketing course are the main contributions of the current investigation. In South Africa's Bloemfontein, the study was carried out. Because of the nature of the research problem, a two-pronged strategy was required, and both a qualitative and a quantitative research design were used in the study. The quantitative portion required giving a structured questionnaire to senior marketing students at the CUT, while the qualitative section involved conducting semi-structured interviews with marketers in the Bloemfontein region.

The CUT is one of South Africa's six so-called Universities of Technology (UoTs). The goals of UoTs' teaching and research are different from those of other institutions since they combine theory and practise to offer business and industry employable skills and research that is innovation-focused and applied (Moraka and Hay, 2009). Therefore, UoTs need to be aware of the needs and specifications of business and industry.

## **II. A DESCRIPTION OF ICT IN MARKETING**

Information, communication, and technology (ICT) are three key elements that are combined into one word. In a scientific setting, "information" can be thought of as processed data that is gleaned from sources like corporate invoices and accounts. Information is a crucial part of decision-making and has an impact on how knowledge is managed inside a company. Information can be thought of as a commodity that can be purchased or sold, despite the fact that it is abstract (Womboh and Abba, 2008). It can also be described as the transmission or representation of knowledge, including facts and opinions, in any form, including written, numerical, graphic, cartoon, narrative, or audiovisual.

The term "communication" refers to the transfer or exchange of information between individuals or between geographical locations. According to Womboh and Abba (2008), communication is a crucial aspect of human existence and entails the exchange of knowledge, concepts, ideas, and messages. The term "technology" refers to the application of scientific knowledge to enable the creation of tools that aid humans in their endeavours to overcome environmental risks and comfort barriers. In this context, technology could include items like computers, landlines, cell phones, televisions, radios, and similar devices (Nchaka, 2009).

ICT is a group of technological instruments or gadgets that people use to communicate, create, distribute, store, and manage information, according to Tinio (2002). Hardware, software, communication tools, and goods and/or services used to transport information are all examples of digital technology (Onunga and Shah, 2005; Pernia, 2008). This is in line with Herselman and Britton's definition of ICT from 2002, which classifies it as include computers, software, networks, satellite linkages, and related systems that enable access to, analysis of, creation of, exchange of, and use of data, information, and knowledge. While Reinecke et al. (2009) define ICT as the use of technological tools and/or devices to differentiate products and services in an effort to create value for customers, Requena et al. (2007) describe ICT in marketing as a tool that allows the development of differentiation strategies based on product innovation.

## **III. MARKETING COMMUNICATION CHANNELS RELATED TO ICT**

Marketing entails a range of activities to draw in potential clients and primarily attempts to spark interest in the goods and services as well as encourage repeat business. Modern organisations must adopt an ICT-integrated marketing strategy to compete in the highly competitive and digitally advanced environment in which they operate (Smith and ZeZook, 2011). In this strategy, marketers can strengthen brand loyalty and take advantage of new opportunities for product and service promotion.

It should be underlined that traditional means of marketing are still crucial despite the fact that ICT creates new markets and opportunities (Winer,

2008). For instance, the introduction of satellite and digital formats has led to a revival of radio. While newspapers and magazines have been adversely impacted by ICT, outdoor advertising is becoming more imaginative and they are still important marketing vehicles. The discussion will unavoidably include traditional forms of marketing even if the study's main focus is on ICT in marketing.

The framework for e-marketing has been created thanks to the Internet, the digitization of information, and the widespread usage of ICT devices. With the management of digital consumer data and electronic customer relationship management systems (E-CRM systems), as well as digital media like the web, email, and wireless media, e-marketing encompasses a greater range of activities (Cleofhas and Gibson, 2009). This section seeks to describe the primary ICT-related marketing communication channels that should be taken into account in the overall design of an organization's strategic marketing strategy within the broader domain of E-marketing. Internet marketing, social media marketing, digital marketing, mobile marketing, and direct marketing are some of these channels.

### **Internet promotion**

The Internet is frequently referred to as a force for globalisation that breaks down boundaries and forces market democracy on all countries. In fact, the Internet has altered how contemporary people live and work by integrating itself into economic, governmental, and social movement practises. Therefore, if utilised by firms, the Internet could be a potent marketing tool (Yannopoulos, 2011). The Internet has become a new marketplace for buying and selling as well as a new platform for businesses to advertise their brands. The Internet has equal strength to traditional communication channels like television, periodicals, and radio due to its features and large user base (Efendioglu and Igna, 2011).

Internet marketing, which attempts to produce, communicate, and provide value to clients, is made possible by the Internet. The practise of establishing and maintaining client relationships through online activities in order to promote the interchange of concepts, goods, and services that meet customer needs is known as internet marketing. Using the Internet to accomplish marketing goals and assist the complete marketing process is another way to define internet marketing (Ngai, 2003). Organisations must have a user-friendly website in addition to online marketing strategies including search engine optimisation, banner advertising, email marketing, and direct links from their own and other websites (Chaffey et al., 2006).

### **Social Media Marketing**

The emergence of social media is quickly altering how businesses interact and conduct business. Smith and ZeZook (2011) contend that social media satisfies the underlying human desire for communication and that its development may be considered the most significant advancement since the Industrial Revolution. The most media attention has been created by social media networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, and YouTube out of all the many sorts of E-media. The phrase "social media" has become a household term in the communication and marketing fields. According to Tuomela (2010), social networking sites work by giving users a forum for dialogue. As a result, social media marketing has gained recognition and significance. Take Facebook, for example, a social networking site that has inspired a wide range of businesses to create company accounts (Lewis, 2010).

### **Internet advertising**

Urban (2004) hypothesises that digital marketing could expand and enhance traditional marketing functions by utilising the Internet and IT. According to Merisavo (2008), digital marketing is the practise of using digital distribution channels to promote goods and services to consumers in a timely, relevant, personalised, and cost-efficient way. Specifically, social networks (like Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace), mobile technologies (like Blackberry and iPhones), and online videos (like YouTube), venture capitalists are putting more money into each of the three types of digital marketing listed above, according to Chester and Montgomery (2008). Podcasting, blogging, banner adverts, and video broadcasts are more examples of digital marketing strategies.

### **Mobile advertising**

Since the 1990s, mobile technology has accelerated information science on a mobile level, altering the velocity of communication. One significant paradigm change that has grown strongly in the past ten years is the transition from desktop to mobile communication. People now could not have envisioned the limitless connectivity made available by mobile technology twenty years ago (Tetere, 2011). Mobile marketing is any type of marketing, advertising, or sales promotion that aims to persuade and enlighten consumers via a mobile channel, according to the Mobile Marketing Association (MMA, 2005). The proper message is delivered to clients and enterprises at the ideal time and location

thanks to mobile marketing (Gregori, 2009). In 2010, a lot of products were released that paved the way for a boom in mobile marketing. Smartphone adoption increased as a result of the release of Apple's iPhone, Google's Android operating system, and Apple's iPad. Now that mobile marketing is expanding beyond mobile messaging to include mobile email and internet browsing, there are more marketing opportunities.

Marketers now have access to new channels (Bush, 2010). The content's relevance, informational value, and entertainment value should all be taken into account while developing mobile marketing strategies. Meeting the demands of the target audience should be a top focus, as mobile media are typically thought of as more personal than traditional marketing channels (Vatanparast and Butt, 2010).

### **Direct selling**

Nearly 200 years ago, mail-order services gave rise to direct marketing. This runs counter to the assertion that direct marketing is a relatively young field of study (Tapp, 2008). Direct marketing has experienced a significant global expansion over the past 20 years, making it the marketing discipline with the quickest rate of expansion. This is primarily due to the significant advantages it provides to buyers and sellers alike (Kotler and Armstrong, 2008). Direct marketing gives consumers access to a variety of uniquely created products from all around the world. It provides a more affordable, quick, and effective alternative for merchants to contact their target markets. According to Flici (2011), direct marketing is increasingly being considered when formulating strategic marketing plans and building long-lasting client connections.

In order to enhance returns on investments, this strategy targets certain clients with personalised advertising and promotional efforts. Direct marketing is an interactive system that disseminates the marketing message through a range of media. It uses traditional and digital marketing strategies that target particular people or groups of people, such as mobile technology, email (or spam), door-to-door selling, automated dialling machines, and, more recently, automated SMS (Short Messaging Services) messages. Political parties, social welfare organisations, and charities all employ direct marketing to raise money. The sources that direct marketers employ are information gathered from marketing lists, public information (such as phone books or public registries), or information based on prior transactions (Flici, 2011).

In conclusion, when firms think about their strategic marketing plans, they should take into account the numerous ICT marketing applications. The various ICT-based marketing strategies shouldn't be used in isolation; rather, they should be a part of an integrated approach where management takes into account how different channel types will affect the organization's overall marketing initiatives (Cleofhas and Gibson, 2009). All organisations must use at least one type of ICT-based marketing communication as part of their overall marketing strategy in the context of modern business. The importance of ICT in marketing is anticipated to rise as consumers become more technologically savvy, leaving companies that did not take this into account behind.

## **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This leads one to the conclusion that, despite the fact that ICT in marketing is rapidly expanding, traditional marketing techniques are still heavily valued by marketers. Another conclusion that could be drawn is that the students who participated in the survey for this investigation need more hands-on experience using ICT for marketing. With their emphasis on vocational education and training, the marketing programmes offered at especially UoTs should appropriately equip students for the workforce. This includes both introducing students to realistic simulations and theoretical perspectives of ICT in marketing. Thus, the following suggestions can be made:

- Appropriate labs should be set up so that marketing students can use the different ICT gadgets, including laptops, iPads, iPods, and digital cameras.
- Lecturers ought to be familiar with ICT in marketing.
- Business and industry experts should be used to train students in the use of ICT in marketing.
- Students studying marketing should have practical tasks on using ICT in the field. This should encompass all ICT tools and equipment, not just Internet marketing.

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# An Analysis on E -Learning with Respect to Cloud Computing

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**Abstract:** *Online correspondence stages are utilized to work with e-learning, a kind of virtualized figuring, and remote advancing as a device in the instructing growing experience. Over the most recent two years, e-learning stages have developed altogether. While the growing experience is digitized, information digging for training data handling use data produced from web data sets to further develop the instructive learning worldview for instructive purposes. A possible stage for empowering e-learning frameworks is distributed computing. By offering a versatile answer for long haul change of PC asset use, it very well might be consequently different. While drawing in with huge e-learning datasets, it is likewise more straightforward to utilize information mining methods in a disseminated setting. The exploration gives an outline of the ongoing circumstance of distributed computing.*

**Keywords:** E-Learning, Cloud Computing, Virtual Learning, SaaS, PaaS, IaaS

## I. INTRODUCTION

Due to the extensive use of the internet, other digital communication systems, and remote learning, e-learning has evolved. Consider various forms and features that could help classroom instruction the most. These include, among other things, online courses, emails with links to websites, discussion forums, and other platforms for learning. The learning process is better managed as a result of the online integration of students, content creators, and specialists. The most notable advantages of learning with web-based tools are the tasks' regularity and recurrence, customization, accessibility, and easier access. In information technology (IT), e-learning or virtual education platforms are growing in popularity, especially in light of the Covid-19 outbreak and technological development. There are initiatives for many educational levels, like Massive Open. Numerous effects are a result of these ratios, including for instance, the infrastructure needs to deliver a concurrent service for that many students are extremely high. exceed the capabilities of users of standard online applications. Additionally, the demand for educational resources frequently changes quickly and dynamically, with notable activity surges. An infrastructure that is significantly more sophisticated than what is typically needed for the educational institution to run regularly at certain times will be needed to respond to requests without interfering with other system services. One approach is to offer services based on consumption and charge only for resources that are really used under a pay-per-use model. Technology based on cloud computing offers a solution to these issues. The original goal of cloud computing was to lower computational expenses while boosting system availability and dependability. It's crucial to remember that Service Oriented Architecture is one of the cornerstones of cloud computing (SOA). There are numerous scattered organizations Application integration, concurrency control, security protocols, as well as a variety of other systems and protocols, the use of hardware and software to which we may be directly exposed, and existing data systems are all computing barriers that this type of technology is intended to assist programmers in overcoming. A cloud platform's whole feature set is made available while keeping customers' access to the location and other technical details of the computing infrastructure hidden. The benefits of this new computer paradigm are obvious when compared to competing technology. Tackle to use the operation because pall software merchandisers essay to deliver similar or better capabilities and functions than if the operations were loaded locally on end- stoner machines. This storehouse capacity and computing enterprise help pots to get their software completely functional briskly, with a lower provision of services from the IT division because it Presently intends the business needs by interactively assigning IT means( waiters) grounded on the calculation complexity in virtual surrounding. Massive-learning surroundings, similar as those banded before, also produce large libraries of pupil

participation with peers and preceptors. Significant data is stored in these systems that haven't been explicitly declared. You will need to use data mining algorithms. Educational data mining (EDM) is a fashion that helps both preceptors and learners enhance tutoring and literacy in this situation. The creation of new strategies for examining the data created by the forenamed current education system exertion is the focus of this discipline. This system's ultimate thing is to understand pupil performance more and produce protocols and coffers that will make learning further engaging and easier. There is computer- grounded training systems that are specifically developed to help in the tutoring and Literacy process and directly link to this approach. These are sophisticated programs that support scholars learning by covering their performance and furnishing them with feedback. An educational model interacts with the EDM process, which extends and refines the knowledge it has. Considering the size and capacity expansion of computer capabilities solid space, ram, and CPUs), Pall hosting is a sequence for espousing data mining algorithms and enforcing them towards every database. Several further data mining styles, on the other hand, are not veritably scalable. .This is a content that's getting extremely applicable, and scholars and businesses likewise are taking notice. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic educational institutions around the globe moving to either use Amalgamated literacy or completely-learning. The major challenge is to deliver secure and acceptable coffers to support the-learning process. This exploration aims to review pall computing services for-learning to enable the preceptor to use the benefits of pall services similar as scalability, inflexibility, and security to support and enhance the E-learning process.

#### **FUNDAMENTAL NOTIONS OF CLOUD COMPUTING**

Each and every analysis in the sections above is an examination of cloud computing. Based on a qualitative examination, the review enables researchers should elaborate on the concept. In order to address the research, a literature review looks at books, articles, and any other source materials that are relevant to a certain topic, field of study, or idea. It also offers a summary, synopsis, and analysis of a research subject. Using the internet to supply various resources and services such data storage, servers, databases, networking, and software is known as cloud computing.

A framework for integration that combines a technological and rational framework to help and include all available amenities. In the cloud computing context, a service is essentially a function that has been partly packaged so that it could be automated and provided to clients in a standardized and structured manner. Any component, from those close to the hardware, like storage space or processing time, to software components aimed at user authentication or mail handling, database management, or operating system usage control can be viewed as a service.

In essence, the cloud computing philosophy proposes a change in the way problems are solved using technology. Application design is based on merging services. The provision of functioning focuses on the utilization and integration of services rather than the idea of processor algorithms, as with more traditional methods, such as distributed systems. To put it another way, this has advantages in terms of flexibility, dependability, scalability, and other factors. For instance, multiple instances of a particular service could be started so that, in the event of a spike in resource needs brought on by an increase in users or a surge in computational load, the response time of the application remains adequate for users. Resources should be made available as a result of a drop in demand. Everything is done in a customer-friendly manner. The least amount of connection, high level of interoperability, and protocols that separate the provider's execution and environment are some of the most significant aspects of cloud computing. An SOA frequently divides its processes into levels or layers (rather than in precise boundaries). Some components use the services provided by lower levels in order to give upper tiers access to other capabilities. In addition, these divisions could use different corporate structures, architectural layouts, etc. According to the kind of arrangement being given, there are typically three fundamental types of layers that come together to produce what is referred to as the arrangement. In general, there are three different sorts of coatings, including one that is referred to as a cloud-based storage system that storage for data based on "files" or "blocks." A compute cloud is made out of a number of registers, columns, or other entities that provide services and give full execution capabilities. Benefits of the cloud computing concept for large-scale projects . It is commonly known that many corporate and scientific applications have high computing needs. Since processing enormous volumes of data stored in stable systems needs a high level of communication link, a continual data flow also suggests a large quantity of storage space.

Several categories can be used to organize service-oriented systems. The level of sophistication that these systems offer to system users is a common criterion for classifying them. This approach usually distinguishes between three different levels, as seen in Figure 1.

The phrase "Infrastructure as a Service" (IaaS) refers to the provision of infrastructure, including data centers, network technology, memory, or computation, as well as necessary components such computer systems and the abstraction of hardware pieces. The software and computer programmer collectively stand in for the IaaS when compared to a single computer platform. The operating system controls and facilitates access to the system resources accessible. The IaaS customer leases computer resources rather than investing in and setting up its whole computing infrastructure. The customer only pays for the services they actually use because services are often priced according to actual usage. Because of the dynamic scalability of cloud computing, they use (and pay for) fewer resources when the workload is low. IaaS can make them available where there is a more pressing need for assistance in order to satisfy the needs of that particular client. Most service agreements include a limit amount that a customer is not permitted to exceed. Scientific researchers and practitioners are a good illustration of a typical IaaS customer. These Customers are able to plan tests and analyses data to a degree that would not be possible without the IaaS and the substantial infrastructure it offers as a service. Elastic Computer Cloud from Amazon is one of the most well-known IaaS providers nowadays (EC2). IaaS service providers like Rackspace, Google Compute Engine, and Windows Azure are also well-known.

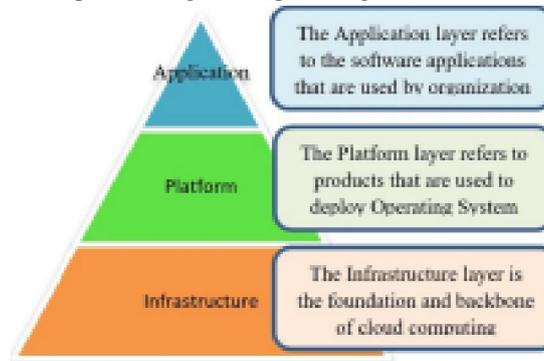


Figure 1: Layers of Cloud computing Source

Platform as a Service (PaaS), the second level, is a provider-provided infrastructure that includes an integrated software at the design and delivery stages, an app development hub should have everything. Although PaaS providers don't explicitly provide infrastructure, using IaaS services gives developers the resources they need to have an indirect connection to the IaaS infrastructure and, consequently, the architecture they need. The PaaS can be thought of as a "software layer," allowing components for apps and whole apps to be created on top of it. Engineers can work on software bugs throughout the complete programmer with the aid of a networked development setup or a collection of standalone tools. This comprises all steps from problem analysis and modelling to solution design, testing, and deployment. Similar to this, it is feasible to deploy the same programmer on several systems without having to modify any code thanks to a computer language that utilizes a variety of operating system compilers and modules. Google App Engine, Amazon Web Services, Heroku, OpenShift-Red Hat, and others are notable instances of PaaS-cloud computing service industry participants.

Software as a Service (SaaS) is the pinnacle of the early adoption of cloud computing when internet usage was on the rise. Some companies made available to everyone the applications that appeared to be customer interaction managements from the host functionalities of the Platform as a Service. There are currently a lot of solutions available for businesses, for private citizens, and for education. Despite the fact that these services can be provided from any location thanks to the internet, direct data sharing in this way does not guarantee its anonymity. Because they make it possible to send data over the internet in an encrypted format, VPNs are widely used to keep user and SaaS data secure.

### E-LEARNING TASKS AND CLOUD COMPUTING

Introduction of e-learning systems increase at an exponential rate as a result of the discontinuation of on-campus education, massive growth in the student body, educational material, services provided, and materials made accessible.

It's crucial to pick a platform that can expand to accommodate demand while limiting costs and streamlining resource processing, storage, and communication needs. What is taking place in this instance is cloud computing in the form of the distribution and retrieval of material and information. In contrast to earlier "conventional" learning environments, identifying the promise of SaaS applications for dependable and thorough distant learning may aid us in understanding the benefits of cloud computing, which primarily relate to technology and pedagogy. In terms of creating a useful system for interactive services and online tools, such as peer instruction, educational materials, recordings, and instructional resources,

Cloud computing is currently widely used in educational institutions, and it is clear that it has a bright future in. Initiatives like JISC (2012) are in place in several nations, including the UK, to integrate an education cloud with the necessary tools to handle and store the data. From a technology perspective in education, e-learning system design and cloud computing platforms are essential to the coherence, harmony, efficient use of resources, and long-term stability of the e-learning ecology. The authors' summary of the effects and implications of creating e-learning solutions for the cloud computing system can be found in. Because the application may be accessible from anywhere, at any time, there is initially a greater need for web development skills. By forgoing the cost of software, implementation, or server management, the subscriber has saved money. As a result, the institution will spend less overall, deploy more quickly, and employ fewer IT personnel. This will be as useful in circumstances like Covid-19 where time is limited. It makes sense for the programmer type education sector to pay for content consumption, making it accessible to more complex programmers and necessary applications.

A SaaS server can be used by numerous educational institutions. Because the system is hosted on a cloud server, scalability is already integrated into the design. The software's performance won't suffer from increased student usage. The SaaS provider needs a sophisticated level of security in order to win over customers' trust and supply users with comprehensive system software. Supplier needs a high standard of security. Since the consumer data is scattered across several providers, it must be combined in order to obtain a holistic view of the business, increasing the demand for platforms and data integrators in the education sector. Specific writers have previously examined the benefits of a cloud-based curriculum from a technological perspective. Although cost is the most frequently mentioned issue, there are additional factors to take into account, such as those emphasized for cloud usage across the board. Using a hard disc to back up and transfer data across devices is not required. By building a repository of knowledge, students can keep it for as long as they like and it will keep expanding. In this case, it seems almost wholly unnecessary to recover after a collision. If the user machine fails, almost no information is lost. Students can access their files and make changes to them while working from other locations thanks to virtualized applications, which have also lately assisted universities in implementing E-Learning, particularly during the lockout. It provides academic institutions with a barely more cost-effective option for their faculty, staff, and students.

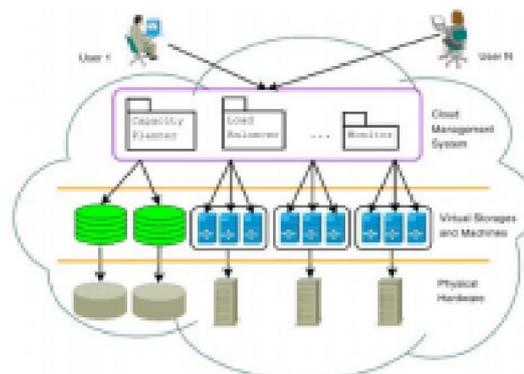


Figure 2: A glimpse of Cloud computing for E-Learning. Source

The idea that only one place must be controlled rather than hundreds of machines scattered throughout makes data access monitoring easier. A bigger area. A single database for all users in the cloud also makes it possible to review and implement cybersecurity changes quickly. Therefore, even though more research is needed to ascertain how cloud-related pedagogies or assessments of learning purposes will affect learning outcomes, from a scholarly perspective, one

benefit of the cloud is its accessibility, as it was primarily designed to allow users to collaborate from anywhere at any time. Outside of the typical classroom setting, it can reach more students and satisfy their needs. It can deliver more relevant information in a more thorough manner to a wider range of students. a variety of settings. Figure 2 depicts the characteristics of cloud computing in relation to e-learning.

Figure 2 makes it clear that the majority of cloud e-learning solutions employ three basic layers: a virtualized platform on top and a cloud. Services and a management system are the layers below that. A C pool with a thin client and a server pool running the hypervisor with the private cloud architecture built using vSphere are the two computer pools used for teaching. Using a web browser, all hosts and services of the virtual infrastructure are instantly visible and manageable. Along with saving alarm data and authorization settings, monitoring things like efficiency and configuration A single hardware host hypervisor is necessary to support several operating systems.

By assigning resources to each constituent as needed, they avoid interfering with one another. The preferable choice in this scenario is a hypervisor that operates directly on the underlying hardware. This layer meets the demands of PaaS and SaaS cloud consumers and acts as an interface to the outside world. The instructional coordinators assemble the virtual computers, selecting the basis images and then installing the desired software. As a result, for certain course projects, standard web technologies are created, and students can connect to the corresponding VM utilizing the distant network.

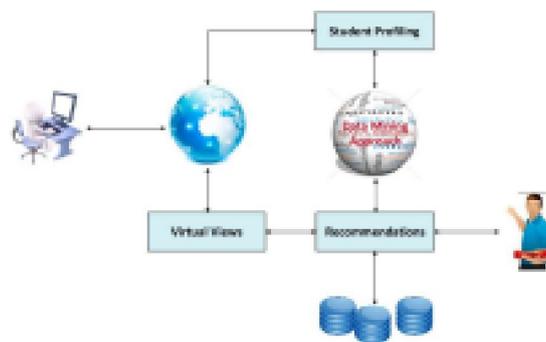


Figure 3: Personalized E-learning Architecture. Source

The combination of cloud computing and online education has drawn increased focus from the institutions as a result of the strong demand for continuing education. Almost all educational institutions considered it to be a viable and appropriate substitute for e-Learning. However, the lack of research might offer a theoretical base on which a technique could be built. On the other hand, the flexibility inherent in the cloud method may have been highlighted as a significant benefit in creating an analytical framework and developing effective instructional methods. Few research in this sector offers a strategic or tactical analysis of the topic, which is a negative. In contrast, the general properties of the cloud are linked in the literature to social involvement and cooperative learning pursuits. In the authors look into how students perceive responsibility and quality in relation to various forms of Google Docs interaction. Instructional techniques that make use of technology to change and enhance the group experience of students when creating a Joint undertaking. Additionally, a number of studies relating to clouds may be discovered for results of online models compared to traditional methods.

### PERSPECTIVE CHALLENGES E- LEARNING AND CLOUD COMPUTING

With today's cloud computing, applications, and capabilities, e-learning could become a very profitable sector. A cloud-based online course in order to overcome the limitations of traditional local physical labs. However, before the cloud can be widely used and embraced to facilitate and promote e-learning, basic issues and obstacles must be removed. Academic institutions must provide IT support so that students can effectively use it, and it is crucial that teachers and students go through a learning curve. E-learning and teaching with cloud computing. Use current public or commercial cloud resources or services, third-party solutions, or both as you see fit. To determine the optimal cloud model for the needs of the class, the instructor should also speak with the university's IT department and be well-versed in cloud capabilities. The setup, assignment, and management of cloud resources and student accounts must be taught to the

instructor. Additionally, it is necessary to mentor and train students on how to access and utilize the cloud-based course resources. The learning curve for instructors and students may be challenging depending on the course's structure and needs.

A cloud-based system incorporates the built-in benefits of cloud computing, including financial savings, fault tolerance, and improved accessibility, as well as remote access to e-learning. With adequate pre-implementation planning, the benefits of cloud technology can be maximized. Businesses might use any of the following strategies to transition from a cloud-based e-learning system from their current e-learning system. The procedure for converting an online course Installing the operating system, middleware, and putting the server and client modules into place are just a few of the tasks that go into a software. User requirements, the availability of the current IT infrastructure, and a cost/benefit analysis are all required in a migration feasibility assessment. By effectively mapping existing resources to the cloud tiered architecture employing virtualization to decrease resource under-utilization, a system's financial cost can be kept to a minimum. Despite the fact that connectivity and speed have significantly increased over the past decade to an acceptable level globally, a slow internet connection can seriously impair e-learning and cloud-based education. When data and services are accessible from non-regional cloud datacenters, the problem is made worse. Users and students using cloud-based e-learning systems may experience significant delays as a result of this issue. If students must use specialized software, equipment, and resources in actual labs, the cloud may not be the best platform for teaching certain topics and disciplines. Robotics, mainboards, physical network devices, and digital forensics can all be categorized as equipment if they need a hardware dongle. It's doable to use a portion of the cloud for this purpose, albeit it might not always be possible. For such subjects, the utilization of cloud power needs to be carefully examined and studied. The solution to this issue might lie in tools that closely resemble the hardware environment. The hybrid cloud approach should include using both on- and off-cloud resources and software.

## II. CONCLUSION

According to the analysis's overview, employing cloud services for E-learning is a good solution because it enables teachers to take use of Cloud adaptability, flexibility, and security are seen to be the fundamental building blocks of online learning, which provides access to information from any location at any time via any device. We can fully take advantage of the benefits it offers when an effective learning environment with specialized material is simple to adapt to the educational paradigm used today. An e-learning system can be integrated into the cloud to benefit from increased storage, processing power, and network access, to name a few benefits. Prioritizing software and hardware reductions is necessary. In comparison, it offers a wider array of fantastic educational options for a lower license fee. However, because of the extended machine life, the replacement rate for student computers is lower. This savings is accelerated by the reduction in IT staff expenditures related to software updates and computer lab maintenance. When it comes to individualized and customized learning experiences for each user, today's e-learning services and systems fall short. This technique results in students receiving generic e-learning that is not tailored to their needs. For cloud-based personalized learning to be used and developed across many subject areas, new research and development are needed. The contact between instructors and students is essential to improving the learning process in the majority of current systems.. Incorporating cloud-based educational offerings, including video Online and real-time training should enable conferencing or instant messaging. Modern voice-over-IP, email, and cloud-based e-learning solutions address these issues programmers such as Skype. This is still a risk for the vast majority of cloud-hosted services. A number of There is several things to take into account when calculating the size of a problem. In response to customer concerns about security and privacy, cloud service providers have made considerable investments in cloud infrastructure and platforms. Furthermore, country limits are necessary because several nations require that data be maintained within their borders, making remote data storage or storage outside of the country illegal. According to recent studies, academics have a wealth of information at their disposal. Their resources at their disposal to support the creation of cloud-based e-learning frameworks and implementations.

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# **An Analysis on Higher Level Management Understanding of Marker Scenario in HR**

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**Abstract:** *Work works on, including those relating to HR, have been modified by data and correspondence innovation (ICT). This examination paper centers around supervisors' impression of the effect of ICT on human asset rehearses. The Material Organization of Pakistan filled in as the focal point of the subjective examination technique utilized in this review. The strategy for social occasion information was an inside and out interview and a center gathering conversation with the association's individuals. A grounded hypothesis and model that featured the effect of ICT on changing human asset rehearses and the association's change the board interaction was created in light of topical examination of the information and checked on writing. The investigation shown that Human Resource Division expects a critical part in the working of the relationship by sorting out created by various divisions and is working for the public authority help of human resource. The supervisors of the association accept that the new human asset rehearses achieved by ICT are cost-and efficient, and they likewise add to the labor force's fulfillment with their positions and the association. Through fitting mindfulness and collaboration with the labor force, the administration had the option to effectively carry out the progressions in work rehearses and guarantee that the labor force had the option to adjust to these changes. The expanded effect of ICT on human asset works on, as indicated by directors, will additionally upgrade the association's proficiency.*

**Keywords:** ICT, Human Resource management, Change process

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

According to Scott & Davis (2007), workplace Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is combining microelectronics, computer systems, and telecommunications in a variety of ways, affecting not only the gathering and transmission of information but also its use in decision-making. Improvements in both the speed and quality of decision-making can be attributed to ICT's support for the more rapid and precise identification of opportunities and challenges, the expansion of the availability of pertinent and timely information, and so on. Today's organizations, in the 21st century, use databases rather than spreadsheets, have internet and intranets to connect and communicate quickly, and software like CAD, CAM, JIT, and others have simplified the entire organization's work. In fact, the evolution of technology and methods of operation has altered the organization as a whole. Future thriving is probably going to

depend on the utilization of logical and specialized information, the administration of data and the arrangement of administrations. According to Barley (1996), the future will rely more on brains than muscle.

Although ICT has a clear impact on the organization as a whole, the focus of this study will be on ICT-related changes, particularly those related to HRM. HR staff are the administrators of a definitive asset of the association that is "human asset" the labor force. The HR department is now more competitive as a result of technology. There is less one-on-one interaction between HR professionals and employees today. Today administrators and workers need results and replies to their questions, not simply meet and welcome connections that generally HR was known for". (Doran, 2003). Paperless offices (Doran, 2003) (Wali, 2010), time attendance, databanks, automating work practices (Wali, 2010), teleworking (Baloh&Trkman, 2003) (Wali, 2010), transaction processing, reporting, and tracking applications (Broderick & Boudreau, 1991), e-recruiting, using the internet for staffing, and employee development via the internet (Baloh&Trkman, 2003) are just some of the year There is no end to this list, and the future holds more changes that will make work easier and more efficient.

Taking the initiative to change, following in the footsteps of other successful businesses in the market, or a combination of the two, are some of the crucial decisions that must be made when preparing for workplace IT changes. According to Teece, Pisano, & Shuen (1997), successful "others" are frequently used as a source of information by businesses operating in dynamic markets or other business environments with challenging business environments. The developed nations of the world pioneered the use of ICT in business and human resource management, which is now widespread. Non-industrial nation like Pakistan is additionally not an exclusion.

In order to increase productivity at work, businesses and organizations in Pakistan are implementing ICT in human resource practices and overall organization, but progress has been slow here. In addition there is issue of interest in innovation because of low spending plans. The public's acceptance of change is the greatest obstacle.

Individuals are so bound and severe to the old things that they don't handily acknowledge developments and change however as change is fundamental for endurance so it is being selected. Since it has been a while since technological innovations in work practices, this research paper aims to provide an overview of the functioning of ICT-related innovations in human resource practices and their impact on the organization as a whole. Introducing and implementing ICT-related changes in human resource practices is more of a policy decision. The association that is chosen for this exploration is Azgard 9, a material organization of Pakistan. By getting a close look at the perspectives and perceptions of Azgard 9's middle and line management, the study will concentrate more on the workforce's adjustment process to ICT-related changes in HR practices and how the adjustment process is managed.

Goals of the study:

- To investigate significant elements of Human Asset division for the associations.
- To uncover management staff perceptions regarding the overall impact of ICT-related workplace changes;
- To gain an understanding of the workforce's change management and adjustment process to ICT-related HR practices and policies;
- To develop a grounded theory based on the aforementioned goals.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The impact of information and communication technology (ICT) on the workplace is expanding in tandem with the changing trends of the 21st century. A ton of exploration has been finished to decide the effect of data and correspondence innovation for the business and administration associations. This section examines a few of the studies.

The ICT industry's finances were analyzed (Mathur, 2009). In 52 nations, he attempted to quantify the technical efficacy of ICT (information and communication technology). It was also determined how much of the rise in productivity could be attributed to ICT-induced technological change and efficiency. The study found that developing and newly industrialized countries' ICT sector productivity growth is slightly lower than that of developed and transition countries, indicating that developing and newly industrialized countries are catching up. The fact that the majority of the data collected from all countries was country-level data, rather than firm-level data, was the primary limitation of this study's findings.

(Zwick, 2003) concentrated on the effect of ICT speculation on efficiency for a huge and delegate German foundation board informational collection. The data set also included businesses without ICT capital in order to contrast the results with those from businesses with ICT capital. His study's data set included information about roughly 14000 German businesses. The cross sectional relapse examination of the information showed that ICT speculation considerably increments the typical efficiency of German foundations. The impediments of the review was simply the relating size of the ICT speculation was not known, the main thing known was whether or not a foundation put resources into ICT.

(Zafar, 2009), the e was studied. State Bank of Pakistan employs HRM methods. His study focused on the State Bank of Pakistan to find out which IT-related changes are being implemented in the HR department and how they are improving HR professionals' professional competence. That e was found out by the study. HRM rehearses are not yet completely

apparent in Pakistan; The improvement of things will take time. Employees are also pleased with HRM technology changes because they make their work easier. The significant constraint of this study was that the scientist maintained his more spotlight on currently accessible writing which didn't give any proof from Pakistan. The lack of face-to-face interactions with the respondents reduces the usefulness of the findings once more.

A 2011 study by Saleem, Qureshi, Mustafa, Anwer, and Hijazi attempted to quantify the impact of ICT on organizational productivity (efficacy and effectiveness); which results in improved organization performance in terms of cost, time, and quality through the use of IRA (the ICT role and adoption model). Additionally, the effects of IT-literate human capital on organizational productivity and obstacles to ICT adoption were investigated. Computer professionals, administrative staff, and faculty at higher education institutes from a variety of Pakistani cities, including Islamabad, Lahore, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, and Multan, DG Khan, and Faisalabad, were the target demographic. The review tracked down huge connection of ICT reception on the adequacy; in any case ICT reception is unimportant on productivity; However, there is a positive relationship between the two. The boundaries to reception were viewed as less clear. The review has some impediments too which incorporate the example is simply from those individuals who were IT educated not from different regions. Correlation analysis was all that was used in the quantitative analysis. The current study aims to fill a void in the reviewed literature.

### III. RESEARCH METHODS

In light of this fact, qualitative research was chosen as the method of research for the study, which aimed to discover management perceptions of the changing scenario brought about by the influence of ICT on human resource practices. The study's population consisted of all managers with at least three years of experience in middle and line management positions in Pakistani textile companies. The research employed purposeful sampling. The research questions, objectives, and convenience served as the basis for selecting the sampling method. Managers who had been employed at Pakistan's Azgard9 textile mill for more than three years and were able to provide a clear understanding of the research questions were chosen. Two significant information assortment procedures were utilized for this exploration that incorporates

inside and out talking and center gathering conversation. Inside and out meetings of about 60 minutes length were directed from complete of 5 administrators. The managers gave their consent before the interviews were recorded, and they were conducted with an open-ended interview guide in mind. Three of the five in-depth interviews were conducted with HR department managers because the study is more closely related to shifting HR practices. The other two top to bottom meetings were led with the Processing plant Director and Production network Supervisor, they were chosen as a feature of the example as they were in more close communication with the work furthermore, staff who are really impacted by the progressions achieved in the framework. They were chosen to investigate how employees' behavior at work was affected by changes in human resource practices.

Line managers from the production and supply chain process who met the specified criteria were chosen for the focus group discussion. Six managers were chosen and invited to the meeting to discuss how they handled the change in human resource practices and how it affected them. The discussion was finished in almost an hour and a half. In the past, a discussion guide was made to cover all the important points during the discussion.

The first step in data analysis is organizing the data after it has been collected. The information from the inside and out meetings and center gathering conversation was interpreted utilizing the accounts furthermore, the field notes. In order to decipher their meaning, transcriptions were read and read again.

The data's obvious patterns served as the basis for the creation of categories and themes. Categories and themes that were internally convergent were discovered. In accordance with the study's objectives, themes were simplified. As completely different points of view and irrelevant data were ignored, this stage more closely resembled data reduction.

A title (code) was given to the major categories that were found under a theme. This gave an overview of the related data and helped with the interpretation stage. Every one of the information coordinated and diminished subsequent to coding was explored over and over to figure out it and foster linkages. The information was deciphered to reach at the resolution.

### DATA ANALYSIS

The data were analyzed in light of identified themes that were previously in line with the study's goals.

### MANAGING CHANGE PROCESS

Managers see the impact of ICT's change in human resource practices and workplace conditions as valuable and hope for more progress and change.

Organizations learn from the outside world and adjust to changing circumstances. Human resource practices are being influenced and altered as a result of the expanding influence of information and communication technology all over the world. These changes are thought to be more cost- and time-effective as well as to increase employee satisfaction. The successful implementation is due to the effective role played by management, which determines how they manage the change process at work.

### IV. DISCUSSION

The study found that management thought ICT had a positive effect on human resource practices. The study's findings were found to be in line with those of previous studies. According to the study (Saleem, Qureshi, Mustafa, Anwer, Hijazi, 2011), it was revealed that the changes in human resource practices that were brought about as a result of the influence of ICT were changes that saved time and money. According to a study (Huber, 1990), management was of the opinion that the impact of ICT had resulted in the timely and accurate availability of information, which facilitated quicker decision-making and reduced time waste.

The majority of studies focused on the financial impact of ICT on business practices; the literature reviewed did not include any in-depth examination of management perceptions of change or focus group discussion. While financial values were not the primary focus of this research, management's perceptions of the change process and their comprehension of its necessity were.

According to the findings of a study that was carried out by the State Bank of Pakistan, managers were of the opinion that Pakistan, a developing nation, is still a long way behind the rest of the world in the adoption of ICT in HRM practices. Zafar, 2009). The responses shed light on the fact that almost all businesses are opting for these kinds of work practices as a result of the world's advancement and the growing significance of IT and technological innovations for businesses. It was also emphasized that Pakistan's energy crisis has a negative impact on the textile industry, which is one of the reasons that ICT-related changes to work practices have less of an impact.

According to the findings of the study, approaches to human resource management have evolved in response to the explosion of ICT in this technological era. Human resource managers can now make decisions more quickly and work for the benefit of the organization's employees, which is in line with the findings of the study (Doran, 2003). Previously, their work was limited to operational tasks and manual file keeping.

Managers stated that the need for change and adoption of the change in work practices is always a rationally based decision by the organization and management while elaborating the process of changing HR practices as a result of information and communication technology. Even though every successful and profitable business in the world is implementing ICT in their HR and work processes, this is not about mimicry. (Teece, Pisano, & Shuen, 1997), organizations do learn from their surroundings and successful individuals, but the organization's resources and needs must be taken into account before making any final decisions or carrying them out. Even though adopting ICT-related changes to human resource practices gave the company an advantage, this was not a competitive advantage because it wasn't just what they were doing. This was something interesting that the study found, but the findings of the literature didn't emphasize this aspect.

According to the study (Saleem, Qureshi, Mustafa, Anwer, Hijazi, 2011), employees did not show obvious resistance or reluctance in adopting the changes that were supported by the literature. The study also revealed the change management process for the case of ICT-related changes in HR practices. All that mattered was how well management handled the change and how well they helped employees adjust to the new working environment. The prior studies also failed to emphasize this aspect.

### V. CONCLUSION

The data analysis showed that managers think that ICT is having a positive effect on human resource practices as a whole, which is helping the organization as a whole as well as the HR department. The study filled in a void left by previous research by providing a new perspective on the change process and its effects. Because an organization's

ultimate success depends not only on its financial values but also on how quickly it recognizes the need for change and adapts to it, managers' perceptions and understandings of the change brought about by ICT are crucial.

According to the analysis conducted for this study, it has become unavoidable for businesses to incorporate ICT into their work practices as a result of shifting work trends and the growing influence of ICT. Human resource practices in Azgard9 have changed as a result of ICT, according to the study. Due to ICT, human resource practices have changed, and the study found that these changes were cost- and time-efficient. In addition, it was found that employees were more satisfied as a result of the changes. In the past, HR staff was mostly used for activities like manual file keeping and data entry because they took a lot of time. The significance of management's cooperation and participation in the process of change management was emphasized. The complexity of the implementation process is determined by the nature of the change and how it will affect workplace employees. The change management process can be made more successful by explaining the reasoning behind the change and assisting the workforce in coping with it.

## VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

The data for this study were taken from a single Pakistani textile company. The results could be more generalized if the sample was larger or if they were compared to other multinational companies to see how ICT has changed human resource practices. This will help figure out other factors that influence whether or not a company decides to use ICT. Furthermore, the goal of this study was to demonstrate how managers perceive the shifting situation. By gaining a comprehensive understanding of how workers and lower-level staff perceive the overall process of change and its impact on their work, future studies can contribute to the investigation of this topic.

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# An Analysis on the Effects of ICT in Digital Marketing Scenario

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**Abstract:** *It is difficult to misjudge the meaning of business associations taking on data and correspondence innovation (ICT) apparatuses like undertaking asset arranging (ERP) and electronic trade (internet business). Because of the benefits that can be delivered by ICT applications, scientists and experts have been especially keen on these applications.*

*The objective of this study is to decide what ICT applications and innovations have a mean for on business firms. To decide the patterns and examples of scholastic exploration, a careful writing concentrate on has been finished. Based on the audit, ideas have been made. The writing on the capability of ERP with web based business is deficient in a few regions. To close the holes, more examination is fundamental.*

*That's what the end shows, as opposed to involving web based business in regions like efficiency and cost, most examination have focused on reception reasons, advantages, and imperatives of internet business. ERP and efficiency were viewed as altogether related.*

**Keywords:** ICT, ERP, e-commerce, and firm performance

## I. INTRODUCTION

ICT applications and utilisation have been around since the 1990s. However, ICT applications like ERP and electronic commerce (e-commerce) have recently emerged as essential to the survival and growth of businesses. Businesses were forced to develop sources of competitive advantages and boost their competitiveness as a result of the increased competition. Only a few research have been done on the relationship between production and e-commerce (e.g. Salwani, Marthandan, Norzaidi, and Chong, 2009). E-commerce has the capacity to lower operating expenses and increase revenue. It can therefore be utilised and applied in the creation of goods and services. An integrated system, such as ERP, can combine all the applications a business requires into a single platform. This enables businesses to make decisions more quickly and react to market developments more quickly (Madinis, Chatzoudes, and Tsairidis, 2011).

The goal of this study is to look into how ICT applications like e-commerce and ERP affect businesses' production processes. Additionally, it seeks to highlight each application's function and determine the importance of these apps for commercial enterprises.

The first section of this study is an introduction, and the following section is about the research methods. The third segment examines the literature in relation to the study's subject areas. The results of this investigation are presented in the fourth section. The fifth section finishes the essay and makes suggestions for additional investigation.

## II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Numerous commercial organisations are looking for new, more potent instruments as a result of the intense rivalry. (Sigala, 2003, as referenced in Martinez, Gabriel, and Navarro, 2010) Many businesses have decided to embrace information and communication technologies as excellent techniques to get past the competitive climate and build profitable businesses. According to Barney (1991), Mahoney and Pandian, Chen and Liaw (2001), as referenced in Martinez, Gabriel, and Navarro (2010), these technologies are crucial for a company to develop a durable competitive edge. However, it is evident that businesses are struggling to use these contemporary technology and Internet-based tools in order to run an efficient operation (Cagliano et al., 2003, as quoted in Martinez, Gabriel, and Navarro, 2010). However, new (ICTs) for businesses that focus on the customer to make decisions have exploded in recent years.

However, using these new tools alone is still insufficient for a corporation to be successful (Cagliano et al., 2003, as referenced in Martinez, Gabriel, and Navarro, 2010). Oluwole and Adewale (2014) cite San Jose, Ituralde, and Maseda (2009) as saying that recent technological advancements have created important business driving forces, and that using ICT has improved firm productivity. Brynjolfsson and Hiltt (1996) also say that this. Oluwole and Adewale (2014) also cite them.

Businesses can be conducted more effectively and more digitally connected when ICT technologies are used (Burhalis, 2003, as referenced in Oluwole and Adewale, 2014). In addition, numerous researchers have studied the relationship between ICT investment and firm performance. For instance, Bitler (2001, as cited in Oluwole and Adewale, 2014) studied the connection between ICT usage and firm performance, and his findings revealed that there was a significant performance gap between firms that use ICT tools and those that do not rely on these technologies.

Cho, Ozment, and Sink. (2008). A negative association exists between logistic outsourcing and firm performance in the e-commerce industry, while a positive relationship exists between logistic capabilities and business performance.

Salwani, Marthandan, Norzaidi, and Chong. (2009) Utilisation of e-commerce as determined by company performance IV: i) technological context ii) organisational context. company size when technology investment is made, managerial beliefs, firm scope. Environmental context (iii). Back end integration and front end functions served as mediator variables. E-commerce knowledge was a moderating factor.

Results The following factors are found to have a substantial impact on the use of e-commerce: technical competency, firm size, firm scope, web-technology investment, pressure intensity, and back-end usage. Back-end integration is found to act as a mediator among these factors. It has been discovered that e-commerce experience modifies the relationship between e-commerce usage and business performance. Internet-based applications, groupware applications, and collective systems all have a favourable impact on capital productivity, according to Martinez-Caro and Cegarra-Navarro's (2010) DV Capital productivity, IV.

Dezdar and Ainin.(2011) Success of the DV ERP deployment. IV Enterprise-wide communication, education and training, and top management assistance. As a result, the effectiveness of ERP adoption is positively and significantly correlated with top management support, training and education, and enterprise-wide communication.

Success of the DV ERP deployment, Dezdar&Ainin (2011a).IV Team composition and project management. As a result, there is a strong correlation between successful ERP deployment and project management and team composition. Shatat&Udin.(2012) Workflow management, material management, production planning, regulating, and DV SCM performance. The performance of SCM is positively and significantly correlated with integration, material management, production planning, and controlling. -The performance of SCM is not significantly impacted by workflow management.

Lean practises, e-commerce, and e-procurement have strong relationships with mass customization performance. However, enterprise resource planning has no relationship with this performance. Hong, Dobrzykowski, and Vonderembse (2010) DV Mass customization.IV Lean practises, IT use, and e-procurement and e-commerce.

DV Supplier Performance, IV, Hwang & Min (2013) External environment, ERP deployment, and supplier capability. As a result, the internal environment acts as a mediating factor, and the external environment has little impact on the company's decision to adopt and deploy ERP. An external environment still indirectly influences the choice to adopt and execute ERP through the mediating role of an internal environment. ERP could improve the ability of the ERP adopter's suppliers.

Effective deployment of the IV ERP system, IV Top Management support, user support, consultant help, conflict resolution, knowledge transfer, and communication were all factors, according to Maditinos, Chatzoudes, and Tsairidis (2011). Support from result consultants, knowledge transfer, good communication, and conflict resolution are key components of ERP adoption. Support from top management and user support are unrelated in any meaningful way.

## Findings

The following is a presentation of the study's findings:

### E-commerce

E-commerce is now a frequently used technique of conducting business. According to Molla and Licker (2005), the majority of e-commerce research was done in the west only up until 2005. The advent of e-commerce into the market

has significantly lowered costs and increased revenues for businesses. Although most businesses utilise e-commerce for online buying and selling, it can also be employed in other contexts, like the outsourcing of logistical operations (Cho, Ozment, and Sink, 2008). Numerous factors that can improve the deployment of e-commerce can affect how well it performs (Salwani et al., 2009).

#### **Business Results from E-Commerce**

E-commerce has immensely benefited businesses in the business world. The relationship between logistic capability, logistics outsourcing, and business performance is examined by Cho et al. in 2008. In the e-commerce market, they discover a strong correlation between logistical capacity and company performance. There was no discernible correlation between the performance of the firm and logistics outsourcing.

Salwani et al. (2009) explore the effect of e-commerce usage on business performance in the tourism sector in Malaysia using a quantitative approach. They employ mediate and moderate variables. The findings show that factors such as back-end usage, pressure intensity, firm size, business scope, web technology investment, and technical proficiency have a substantial impact on the use of e-commerce. Back-end integration is discovered to act as a mediator among these factors. It has been discovered that e-commerce experience modifies the relationship between e-commerce usage and business performance.

#### **Planning an enterprise resource**

The adoption of ERP systems is one of the latest uses in commercial organisations. Production, sales, human resources, finance, and other conventional functional modules that can be customised to meet the unique demands of each organisation make up an integrated software package known as an ERP system (Laudon and Laudon, 2012). This section focuses on how business enterprises use ERP and the elements that encourage its adoption.

#### **ERP and Productivity**

In his study, Nurmilaakso (2009) examined the connection between labour productivity and ICT applications like supply chain management (SCM), customer relationship management (CRM), enterprise resource planning (ERP), and standardised data exchange with trading partners. The results show that Internet connectivity, standardised data sharing with trading partners, ERP systems, and CRM systems contribute significantly to advances in labour productivity, but that Internet websites or SCM systems do not. Martnez-Caro and Cegarra-Navarro (2010) did yet another investigation to determine the connection between capital productivity and internet-based, groupware, and collective systems. The results show a statistically significant beneficial link between groupware applications and collective systems and capital productivity.

Hong, Dobrzykowski, and Vonderembse (2010) looked into the application of ERP in mass customization. They looked into the connection between IT use, as represented by ERP, e-procurement, and e-commerce, and lean practises. The results suggest that the performance of mass customization is strongly correlated with lean practises, e-commerce, and e-procurement. Enterprise resource planning, however, is unrelated to the effectiveness of mass customization.

#### **ERP Implementation Success**

Maditinos et al. (2011) look into the conditions that result in an ERP system being implemented successfully. They discover that key elements in the deployment of ERP include consultant support, knowledge transfer, good communication, and dispute resolution. Support from top management and user support are unrelated in any meaningful way.

Similar to Maditinos et al. (2011), Dezdar and Ainin (2011b) study the elements that result in the effective deployment of ERP and do not agree with them. Their research shows that enterprise-wide communication, top management support, and training and education have a favourable and significant association with the effectiveness of ERP deployment. The same authors, Dezdar and Ainin (2011a), conducted a different investigation, although they used various variables. The study's conclusions demonstrate the importance of the relationship between successful ERP adoption and project management and team makeup.

#### **Supply Chain and ERP**

An ERP system's integration, material management, production planning, controlling, and workflow management are studied by Shatat and Udin (2012) in connection to SCM performance. The results demonstrate a significant and positive association between SCM performance and integration, material management, production planning, and controlling. Workflow management and SCM efficiency are not significantly related.

In a similar line, a 2013 study by Hwang and Min examined the connections between supplier capacity, ERP deployment, and external environment performance. A mediator is employed by using the internal environment. The results demonstrate that the decision to adopt and execute ERP is not greatly influenced by the external environment. However, an external environment still indirectly affects the decision to adopt and implement ERP through the mediating function of an internal environment. Additionally, it was discovered that ERP could improve the supplier competence of ERP adopters.

### III. CONCLUSION

This study was a review of the literature. According to the analysis, commercial enterprises can use e-commerce to efficiently obtain raw materials and employ them for logistical objectives. The performance of e-commerce can be greatly improved by a variety of elements, including business size, technology proficiency, and others. To learn more about e-commerce, extra research can be done. Following a review of the literature, it was discovered that the majority of studies on e-commerce focused on the factors, advantages, and challenges of adoption. Additional research is required in other areas, such as productivity and cost.

One of the ICT applications that has seen recent growth is ERP. Regarding both capital and labour productivity, a correlation between ERP and productivity was shown to be positive. ERP and mass customization were found to be negatively correlated, nevertheless. This outcome is contradictory. Because mass customization requires both labour and capital, it might be thought of as a form of labour and capital productivity. The association between the terms can therefore be investigated by more research in this area.

ERP success criteria had inconsistent results. While some people believe that top management support is crucial, others think top management is irrelevant. To shed further light on this matter, study in this field can be done.

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