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Preface

"The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness"

- ***Lao Tzu (a famous Chinese philosopher)***

The Department of Commerce of St. Paul Institute of Professional Studies, Indore, is organized the National Conference on IPR Entrepreneurship and Technology in the changing Business Environment. This is the debut conference of our college which was led by the Student Coordinators.

We all are well aware that Intellectual property is becoming an increasingly important business asset. It is important for anyone to protect his or her ideas. For entrepreneurs, it is essential to safeguard this investment.

Due to the growth of information technology and service economy, innovative ideas and brand differentiation are becoming a main source of income for enterprises. The creation of intellectual property allows companies to have a competitive advantage over others. Understanding the different types of intellectual property protection allows a company to optimize the use of their assets.

Intellectual Property (IP) systems can be critical in helping new ventures transform their innovation potential and creativity into market value and competitiveness. Intellectual property rights (IPR) can be used to protect the technology, brand name, design and creativity behind the concept.

There are four main types of intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Owners of intellectual property frequently use more than one of these types of intellectual property law to protect the same intangible assets.

Accordingly, the department of Commerce has chosen this topic. The conference turned extremely fruitful and knowledgeable for participants who would be the part of business world tomorrow.

This publication contains various research papers that have been formed on this topic.

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Social Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies: Opportunities and Barriers

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Abstract
"If you aren't making a difference in other people's lives, you shouldn't be in business, it's that simple"
- Richard Branson
There are a variety of motives that drive people to start their own enterprises. Some people aspireto be their own boss and create an empire, while others could do it to make a lot of money and have the freedom to pursue their actual ambitions. However, an emerging category of businessperson, the Social Entrepreneur, has recently experienced an upswing. Emerging economies are characterized by rapid economic growth, but they often face significant social and environmental issues such as poverty, inequality, limited access to education and healthcare, and environmental degradation. Instead of just making money, social entrepreneurs focus on making a positive impact on society by creating sustainable solutions to these challenges.They aim to leverage innovative business models to tackle these challenges. As these economies experience rapid growth and transformation, social entrepreneurship has gained momentum as a vehicle for addressing pressing social and environmental challenges. This paper addresses the promising opportunities, showcasing how social entrepreneurship can drive positive change in areas such as poverty eradication, healthcare, education, and environmental sustainability. It highlights inspiring stories of social entrepreneurs who have succeeded in creating sustainable solutions while benefiting their communities. On the flip side, the paper also unravels the challenges faced by social entrepreneurs in emerging economies. Understanding these barriers is crucial for policymakers, investors, and aspiring social entrepreneurs. By addressing the opportunities and barriers, this paper aims to pave the way for a brighter future where social entrepreneurs can drive positive change and economic growth in these promising regions.
Keywords: Social Entrepreneurs, Entrepreneurship, Emerging Economies, Opportunities,Barriers.

Introduction

Social Entrepreneurship

"Social entrepreneurship is not just about creating a business model; it's about creating societal models." - Muhammad Yunus

A new breed of entrepreneurs is emerging in a world where complicated social and environmental problems still exist. These people are motivated not just by monetary achievement but also by a strong desire to see the world change for the better. The idea of "social entrepreneurship," which has gained popularity in recent years, is a dynamic and innovative method of solving numerous issues faced by our society. Fundamentally, social entrepreneurship represents the idea that business can positively influence society and the environment. They demonstrate that financial sustainability and social impact are not contradictory by blurring the line between profit and purpose.

There are approximately **11 million social enterprises across the world,** according to the most comprehensive data ever gathered, published in a report today by the British Council and Social Enterprise UK. Of the world's social entrepreneurs, an estimated **55% are male and 45% are female**. The gendergap in social entrepreneurial activity is significantly smaller than the roughly 2:1 gender gap in commercial entrepreneurial activity found in some economies. Social entrepreneurship is frequently linked to the idealistic nature of **young change-makers**. Thisis partially true, according to

the GEM results. Young social entrepreneurs are more common thanyoung commercial entrepreneurs among people aged 18 to 34.
(Report by Global Entrepreneurship Monitor’s (GEM) on social impact startups and social entrepreneurship activity research)
The reality of social business lies somewhere in the middle while contributing to charity will not result in financial gain, operating a solely profit-making company is neither fulfilling nor highly regarded in today's society. The ability to combine impact and profit requires a lot of creativity.

Emerging Economies

Emerging Economies, sometimes referred to as emerging markets or developing markets, are countries that are rapidly industrializing, undergoing major economic growth, and moving from alower to a middle-income position. These nations often have particular traits that set them apart from established or developed economies. Here are some salient characteristics associated with emerging economies:

- The potential for rapid economic expansion distinguishes emerging economies.
- Transitions from agricultural or resource-based businesses to more diverse industrial and service-based sectors.
- Numerous emerging economies have substantial and young populations that may act as a laborpool and growing consumer base.
- With the help of trade, foreign direct investment, and technical advancements, emerging economies are becoming increasingly integrated into the global economy.
- To assist economic development and growth, governments in emerging economies frequently make significant investments in infrastructure projects related to transportation, electricity, and telecommunications.

Currently, some notable emerging market economies include India, Mexico, Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, China, and Brazil.

Social entrepreneurship in India

India's growth over the past 20 years has gained widespread recognition. Despite global challengesIndia is expected to grow at a rate of over 6.9% in the coming financial year, according to economicforecasting organizations. Entrepreneurship and the startup industry have fueled the nation's growth over the past ten years. With 108 unicorns, we are second to the US and China with over 77,000 registered startups. Despite making concerted efforts to address problems like poverty, inequality, and a lack of accessto essential services, India still lags behind in a number of social and development metrics. The country ranked 132 out of 191 countries and territories on the 2021/22 Human Development Index.Over the last 15 years the number of poor people in India has dropped by about 415 million. The country still has the highest number of poor people and children worldwide, according to the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index.

To solve these complex challenges, there is a need for social entrepreneurship.

In India, social entrepreneurship is a dynamic and developing field that addresses serious environmental and social challenges while simultaneously advancing the economy. This sector is expected to expand and have a long-lasting effect on India's society and economy with ongoing support from key stakeholders and the commitment of social entrepreneurs. The need for creative solutions to social issues as well as a mix of social, economic, and environmental concerns have fueled the growth of social entrepreneurship in India during the past several years.

a) Government Initiatives

A variety of initiatives have been undertaken by the Indian government to encourage social entrepreneurship. The "Start-up India" program, which has provisions for acknowledging and supporting social entrepreneurs, is one of the noteworthy efforts. The "Atal Innovation Mission" has been launched by the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, especially social entrepreneurship.

b) Impact Sectors

- Education: social enterprises seek to provide access to high-quality education, particularly in rural and underprivileged communities. Examples include organizations like Pratham and Teach for India.
- Healthcare: Healthcare initiatives concentrate on giving underserved populations inexpensiveand accessible healthcare services and goods. Aravind Eye Care and Janani are two examples.
- Clean Energy: Considering the country's energy issues, several social entrepreneurs areattempting to offer rural and off-grid locations clean and sustainable energy alternatives. Thissector is noted for having enterprises like SELCO Solar and Husk Power Systems.
- Agriculture: Social entrepreneurs are aiming to advance sustainable farming techniques, improve farmer incomes, and enhance agricultural practices. Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) and Digital Green are two organizations that are active in this field.
- Women's Empowerment: Through skill development, entrepreneurial education, and financial inclusion, numerous initiatives are aimed at empowering women. A well-known example is the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA).

c) Funding and Support

When it comes to finance, social entrepreneurs in India often experience challenges. However, a rising ecosystem of impact investors, foundations, and governmental initiatives is offering financial and non-financial assistance to ethical entrepreneurs. The Tata Trusts, Ankur Capital, and organizations like Acumen are all significantly committed to promoting social entrepreneurship.

d) Challenges

Although social entrepreneurship in India has come a long way, there are still many obstacles in its way, such as complex rules and regulations, a shortage of accessible finance, problems with scaling, and the need for a supportive environment.

In conclusion, social entrepreneurship in India is a vibrant and developing industry that addresses critical social and environmental issues while simultaneously advancing the economy. This industry is anticipated to develop and have a significant influence on India's society and economywith ongoing support from key stakeholders and the commitment of social entrepreneurs.

Top Social Entrepreneurs in India & Their Works

These young people nurture their passion to address the social injustices holding the nation back in addition to their dreams of achieving great things in life.

Jeroo Billimoria is one of the famous social entrepreneurs and the founder of several international NGOs. She even started the **Childline Program** especially for the abandoned children to providethem healthcare and police assistance.

Ria Sharma is a social activist and the founder of world's first rehabilitation center for acid attack survivors. She founded **Make Love Not Scars** NGO in 2014, which is a rehabilitation center for acid attack survivors which are mostly women in India. Ria was awarded the British Council's Social Impact Award in the year 2016.

Sunil Bharti Mittal, the founder of Airtel, which is one of the largest social enterprises that put the power of telecommunications in the hands of the poor society in the country. His efforts wereto bring down the costs of mobile telephone and to help Indian farmers to receive regular and instant updates on crop and weather.

Anshu Gupta – Founder of Goonj. It deals with the problem of clothing and other basic needs for people in rural India. The organization first collects discarded clothing from urban areas. Then, sorts it, and sends it to those in need in villages.

Harish Hande – Founder of SELCO India. SELCO provides energy services. It offers the underprivileged access to affordable, sustainable energy solutions. The company employs an innovative business strategy. It focuses on giving low-income households solar lighting. They provide energy solutions to rural schools and small businesses.

Santosh Parulekar worked to provide rural Indian youth who were unemployed with employment opportunities. He founded "Pipal Tree," a business that aims to give young people formal trainingand secure those respectable jobs in businesses across the nation. Pipal Tree, which has been in business since 2007, has trained more than 1,500 workers and plans to open training centers acrossIndia in the upcoming years.

Karthik Naralasetty is the founder and CEO of Redcode Informatics, a tech business that employs technology to enhance Indian citizens' quality of lives. Its goal is to make it easier for Indians to access information and technological tools that will enhance their quality of life. This includes assisting them in gaining financial independence and advancing their careers.

Literature Review

Rathna, C. in her paper “Social entrepreneurship in emerging economies” has stated that The New Ventures model has led to a surge of businesses promoting sustainable business models, particularly in the emerging world. However, local entrepreneurs alone cannot achieve this. Investors and donors are crucial for scaling up environmental entrepreneurship, and New Ventures' country centers can attract financial support to grow businesses and tackle complex environmentalissues.

A report title “Young Social Entrepreneurs in Canada “prepared by Canadian Centre for Social Entrepreneurship states that social innovation through entrepreneurial solutions defines social entrepreneurship. Socially entrepreneurial activities emphasize hybrid models of for-profit and non-profit activities and blur the traditional distinctions between the public, private, and nonprofitsectors. Both the idea and the practice of social entrepreneurship have gained popularity in the United States and Great Britain over the past ten years. As a result, substantial institutional and organizational resources have appeared in both of these nations to promote and aid emerging socialentrepreneurs and their endeavors.

Certo & Miller in their research paper “Social entrepreneurship: Key issues and concepts” have stated that the ability of social entrepreneurship to combine elements of the business and volunteersectors has been its most provocative and striking feature, but this combination may also be the biggest barrier to the field's definition.

S. Suhashini and P. Narmatha in their paper “A Study of Social Entrepreneurship in India” have mentioned that India’s social landscape can be changed by social entrepreneurship; numerous initiatives and projects that fall under this category have changed the course of local residents' lives. Social entrepreneurship, goods and services are created to have the greatest possible social impact while also generating sizable profits for the business. The study's conclusions are as follows: Social entrepreneurship is the best way to combine entrepreneurial skills with social service to identify social problems. Social innovation is a capability of social entrepreneurship. These developments provide a precise and original response.

Objectives

- To identify and analyze the key challenges faced by social entrepreneurs in emerging economies
- To explore the opportunities arising from the intersection of social entrepreneurship and emerging economies

Research Methodology

This research paper is a descriptive one and is basically based on the secondary source of information. These information and data have been gathered from various websites, research papers and articles.

Discussion

Opportunities for Social Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies:

a) Addressing Basic Human Needs
Access to clean water, sanitation, healthcare, and education are pressing issues in many emergingeconomies. Social enterprises can develop innovative solutions to provide these basic services affordably and sustainably.

b) Rural Development
A significant portion of the population in emerging economies lives in rural areas. Social entrepreneurs can work on initiatives that improve agricultural practices, increase farmers' incomes, and enhance rural livelihoods.

c) Women's Empowerment
Empowering women through entrepreneurship and employment opportunities can have a profoundimpact on emerging economies. Social enterprises can focus on creating businesses that target women's economic inclusion and leadership.

d) Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology
Emerging economies often face energy shortages and environmental challenges. Social entrepreneurs can develop and promote renewable energy solutions, energy-efficient technologies,and sustainable practices to combat these issues.

e) Financial Inclusion
A significant portion of the population in emerging economies lacks access to traditional bankingservices. Social entrepreneurs can create financial products and services that promote financial inclusion, such as microfinance institutions and digital payment platforms.

f) Education and Skill Development
Building human capital is crucial for economic development. Social entrepreneurs can establish education and skill development programs to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to improve their livelihoods

g) Environmental Conservation**:**
Emerging economies often face environmental degradation and resource depletion. Social enterprises can focus on conservation efforts, sustainable agriculture, and reforestation projects toaddress environmental challenges.

h) Healthcare Innovation**:**
Innovations in healthcare delivery, telemedicine, and affordable medical devices can greatly benefit underserved populations in emerging economies. Social entrepreneurs can bridge gaps in healthcare access.

Barriers to Social Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies:

a) Limited Access to Capital

Lack of access to affordable capital is a major barrier for social entrepreneurs in emerging economies. Traditional financing sources may be unavailable or too costly, making it difficult tostart or expand a social enterprise.

b) Regulatory and Legal Constraints

Complex and restrictive regulatory environments can pose significant challenges. Social enterprises may struggle with bureaucratic hurdles, unclear legal frameworks, and corruption.

c) Infrastructure and Basic Services

Poor infrastructure, inadequate access to basic services (such as electricity and clean water), andunreliable transportation networks can impede the operations of social enterprises.

d) Lack of Education and Skills

A shortage of skilled labor and education can limit the pool of potential employees and partnersfor social enterprises. This can also affect the ability to scale and innovate.

e) Cultural and Social Norms

Cultural factors and societal norms can either support or hinder social entrepreneurship. In somecases, there may be resistance to new ideas or practices that challenge traditional norms.

f) Resistance to Change

In some cases, communities and stakeholders may resist social entrepreneurship initiatives,viewing them as disruptive or failing to see their benefits.

g) Corruption and Bribery

Corruption can be a significant barrier, as it can increase operating costs, create legal risks, andundermine trust with stakeholders.

h) Political Instability

Political instability, including changes in government and policy, can create uncertainty for socialenterprises. Sudden policy shifts or corruption can negatively impact their operations.

Recommendation

Suggestions to promote social entrepreneurship in emerging economies

a) Awareness

By raising awareness about the potential of social entrepreneurship and its impact. Governments, non-profit organizations, and media outlets can play a significant role in highlighting success stories, showcasing the benefits of social entrepreneurship, and changing societal perceptions about business as a force for good.

b) Education and Training

Providing education and training programs based on entrepreneurship, business management, andsocial impact can help individuals develop the necessary skills and knowledge to start and run social enterprises.

c) Government support

Governments can play a significant role in promoting social entrepreneurship by framing policies that support the sector, offering grants and incentives, and procuring goods and services from social enterprises.

d) Access to finance

Governments can create funds that are particularly for social entrepreneurs, such as specialized funds or venture capital funds. Financial institutions can create innovative financing options suited to the requirements of social entrepreneurs.

e) Promoting Social Innovation
Social innovators can be recognized and honored through competitions, grants, and awards. Digital technologies can also be used to scale up social impact through collaboration between social entrepreneurs and technological specialists. Universities and research organization can alsosupport R&D activities aimed at finding innovative solutions to social and environmental challenges.

Conclusion

This research on social entrepreneurship in emerging economies has shed light on the numerous opportunities and barriers inherent in this dynamic and rapidly evolving field. Social entrepreneurship has the potential to drive positive social and economic change in the world.

However, the research has also highlighted the formidable barriers that social entrepreneurs face. These include limited access to capital, regulatory hurdles, inadequate infrastructure, and culturaland societal norms that may not always align with the objectives of social entrepreneurship. Addressing these challenges requires a multi-faceted approach, involving collaboration between governments, NGOs, financial institutions, and the private sector.

Continued exploration of best practices, capacity-building initiatives, and the creation of support networks can help unlock the full potential of social entrepreneurship as a force for sustainable development.

In essence, social entrepreneurship in emerging economies presents a complex landscape of opportunities and challenges. As we move forward, it is imperative that we recognize and harnessthe potential of social entrepreneurs to drive positive change, while also working collectively to remove the barriers that stand in their way. The road ahead may be challenging, but the potential for transformative impact on society and the environment makes it a journey worth pursuing.

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Analysing the Evolution of FinTech Ecosystems: Exploring Business Models, Investment Strategies, and Overcoming Challenges

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Introduction to FinTech Ecosystem Evolution

In today's rapidly changing world, the significance of accurate weather forecasts cannot be overstated. Similarly, the financial industry is also experiencing a significant transformation with the emergence of financial technology, or FinTech. FinTech promises a new ecosystem for the financial industry, providing improved quality of financial services and creating a more diverse and stable financial landscape. This research paper aims to analyse the evolution of the FinTech ecosystem, exploring various aspects such as business models, investment strategies, and overcoming challenges.

The evolution of the FinTech ecosystem presents both opportunities and challenges for businesses. The evolving nature of the FinTech sector attracts considerable attention from researchers. One of the key elements of the FinTech ecosystem is the FinTech startup. These startups are at the forefront of innovation, leveraging technology to disrupt traditional financial services.

Suryono et al., (2020), they are constantly developing new products and services, pushing the boundaries of what is possible in the financial industry. The government also plays a crucial role in the FinTech ecosystem, with its policies and regulations shaping the operating environment for FinTech startups and traditional financial institutions alike. The development of the FinTech business model and ecosystem is a widely discussed research topic.

Siddiqui, Z., & Rivera, C. A. (2022), the network where many stakeholders come together and where FinTech offers creative solutions is known as the FinTech ecosystem. The conventional financial sector, customers, regulators, NGOs, the general public, the government, the IT sector, the media, and investors all make up the FinTech ecosystem. Some of the recognised FinTech companies worked in the areas of exchanges, loans, big data, insurance, and wealth management. These parties frequently have an indirect or direct influence on FinTech.

The evolution of the FinTech ecosystem can be understood by analysing its five main elements, as identified by Lee and Shin (2018): FinTech startups, government, financial customers, technology developers, and traditional financial institutions. These elements interact with each other to create a dynamic and evolving ecosystem that is reshaping the financial industry. By examining these elements, we can gain insights into the business models adopted by FinTech startups, the investment strategies pursued by technology developers and traditional financial institutions, and the challenges that businesses face in navigating this rapidly changing landscape. Moreover, it is important to recognize the potential advantages and risks associated with the FinTech ecosystem. Understanding the evolution and dynamics of the FinTech ecosystem is essential in order to analyse its impact on the financial industry.

RBI Report, (2018), today, the influence of FinTech services extends further than the realms of e-Banking and the digitalization of more conventional financial services. Consumers' requirements and wants in terms of financial services are now front and center as the financial sector works to create and adopt cutting-edge technology. Services provided by the financial technology industry may help boost productivity, lessen the likelihood of loss, and broaden the benefits of economic expansion.

Factors contributing to the growth of the FinTech ecosystem are:

- Technological Advancements :
  a. Advancements in AI and Machine Learning
  b. Big Data and Analytics
  c. Block chain and Crypto-currencies
- Access to Data
  a. Data Availability
  b. Data Security and Privacy
  c. Enhanced Security
- Changing Consumer Expectations :
  a. Accessible and Convenient Services
  b. Digital Transformation
  c. Personalized Recommendations
- Regulatory Changes
  a. Consumer Protection
  b. Open Banking
  c. Regulatory Sandboxes

Key players contributing to the growth of the FinTech ecosystem are:

- Traditional Financial Institutions
- Startups and FinTech Innovators
- Investors and Venture Capital Firms
- Tech Giants
- Regulators
- Consumers

Understanding FinTech Business Models

Financial technology, or FinTech, is a burgeoning sector that has changed how financial services are provided and used. A clearly defined business model is essential to any FinTech venture's success. FinTech business concepts span a broad spectrum, but they all aim to use technology to provide cutting-edge financial solutions.

It is recognised that FinTech is a disruptive invention that spurs industry innovation. The majority of the research publications examined tended to support disruptive innovation more. The major advantages of FinTech are its new solutions, better efficiency, and convenience at lower costs or more profitability. Contrarily, cyber risk, future stability and sustainability, legality, and the rising regulatory attention are the major problems facing the FinTech industry. There was little proof, though, that FinTech was the industrial convergence.

Berman et al. focuses on exploring the business models, investment strategies, and challenges faced by FinTech companies. The study emphasizes the importance of analysing the FinTech ecosystem in order to understand its evolution dynamics. Berman et al. state that the FinTech ecosystem is composed of five key elements: FinTech startups, government, financial customers, technology developers, and traditional financial institutions.

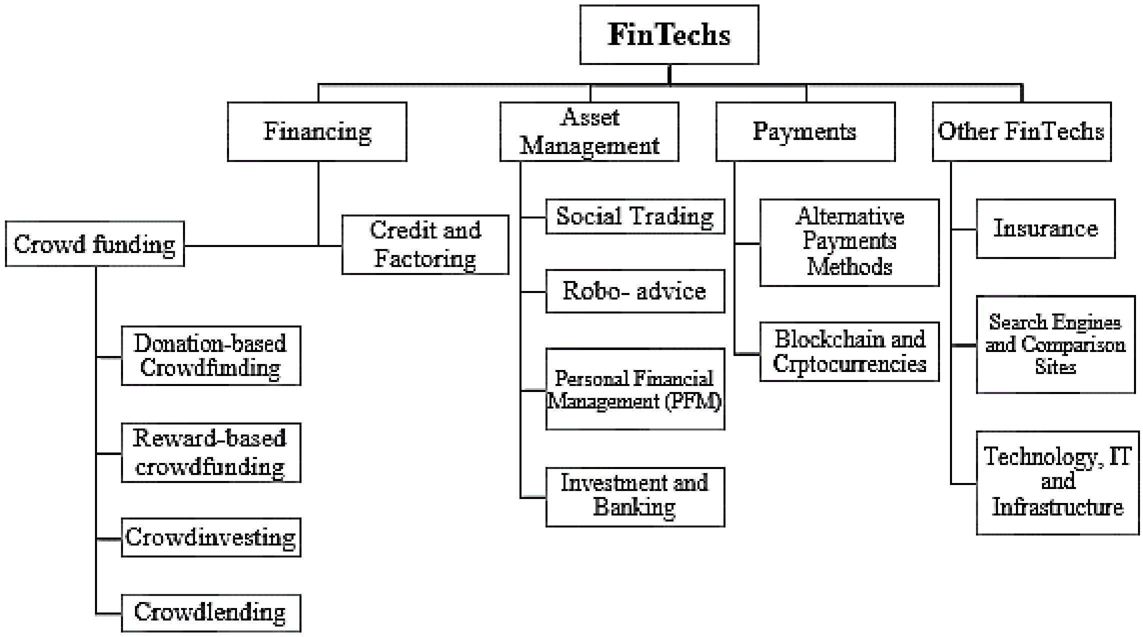
Eickhoff, M. (2017), developed a theoretically supported and empirically verified methodology for identifying and characterizing fundamental business model features, they created a taxonomy of FinTech business models. An overview of the Fintech business model phenomenon is provided by the paper. As a result, by abstracting beyond the business models of specific organizations, the dimensions and traits of FinTech business models included in the taxonomy offered in the research aid in the identification of various types of FinTech business models.

FinTech Business Models:

- Payment and Transaction Processing Business Model
- Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Lending
- Subscription-based models
- Data Analytics and Insights

- Marketplace and Crowd funding models

Figure 1- FinTech Services and Solutions



Exploring Investment Strategies in FinTech

Due to its quick evolution and intense competition, investing in the FinTech business can be both profitable and difficult. Here are some strategies which can be considered while investing:

1. ETFs and Mutual Funds: Investing in mutual funds or Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) that specialize in FinTech and offer exposure to a variety of FinTech stocks. This may be a more sensible strategy to make sector investments.
2. Venture Capital and Startups: Invest in early-stage FinTech firms if someone is willing to take on more risk in exchange for maybe larger returns. Diversify his/her investing portfolio in this sector because many firms fail.
3. Publicly Traded FinTech Stocks: Invest in reputable FinTech businesses that are publicly traded, such as PayPal, Square, or Mastercard. These businesses have a history and can provide your portfolio additional consistency.
4. Emerging Technologies: Keep an eye on emerging technologies like central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) and decentralized finance (DeFi). Such areas can present special investment prospects.
5. Economic Trends: Consider macroeconomic trends that may impact FinTech, such as modifications in consumer behavior, cyclicality in the economy, and changes in interest rates.

FinTech Regulatory Environment: Navigating Innovation and Compliance

The revolution in financial technology (FinTech) has changed how we handle our finances, send and receive payments, make investments, and access financial services. The need for a strong regulatory framework has grown as FinTech continues to challenge established financial sectors. The core of the FinTech regulatory landscape is the delicate balancing act between encouraging innovation and safeguarding consumer safety.

Yoke Wang Tok and Dyna Heng (2022), when policies are successful in efficiently and sustainably expanding financial services to a larger percentage of the population, a higher degree of financial inclusion will be attained. Three conclusions are made in the study.

The Need for FinTech Regulation

Innovative financial solutions are offered by FinTech companies by utilizing cutting-edge technology like block chain, artificial intelligence, and big data. Although these advancements have a lot of potential, they also bring with them new dangers and difficulties, such as data security, fraud, and regulatory compliance. Therefore, regulatory control is necessary to preserve market integrity and safeguard consumers.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) released a paper in 2016 that discussed its "vision for responsible innovation in the federal banking system." By collaborating with regulators to build solutions tailored to the regulation of their product offerings, this initiative gave FinTechs the opportunity to continue their quest of growth.

Key Regulatory Areas of FinTech are:

- Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) Regulations.
- Digital Currencies and Crypto currencies
- Payment Services
- Consumer’s Data & Transaction Security
- Crowd funding and Peer-to-Peer Lending

Challenges in FinTech Evolution

Although the FinTech sector has grown impressively, there have been a number of difficulties along the way. These difficulties can range from legislative restrictions to intricate technology issues. Technology development continues to influence how financial institutions operate globally. Additionally, FinTech firms are growing and creating their own market presence.

a. System vulnerabilities**:** When working with the financial industry, where sensitive and private data is frequently used, security is crucial. Regulators are now concentrating on the weaknesses of banking and financial systems as well as the increase in security lapses and hacker assaults. According to statistics, every tenth online application that uses the internet has high and catastrophic dangers. Furthermore, 46% of web apps address issues with vulnerability. Data security is difficult since risks, which harm FinTech and users' money and personal information, are more complicated and varied. Security may be improved by implementing FinTech solutions. Several are: Two-factor authentication, Data encryption, Biometric identification, Real-time alerts and notifications, AI security analytics, routing data in the network.

b. Digital identities: Smartphone applications and contactless payments are wonderful user-friendly innovations. However, they also present serious hazards and difficulties for data. Users should be assured of their protection by the following fundamental elements of digital IDs: They are trusted and verified- When regulators, authorities, or significant stakeholders approve them, digital identities show their value. They are secure- They must have security measures against data loss, corruption, theft, and encryption. They are portable – Digital identification need to be just as useful as paper ones.

c. Third-party service integrations: Because they enable customers to experience coherence and effective performance across all of their apps, third-party service connections have become a crucial component of contemporary applications, opening the door for competitiveness and prospects for product functionality improvement.

Acar and Citak (2019), Phases of FinTech integration are designed to reduce risks and raise FinTech understanding across the departments. On this basis, the majority of departments connect with FinTechs and comprehend the value of external cooperation.

The security risk associated with incorporating third-party applications into FinTech solutions is a potential issue. The FinTech sector may suffer from inadequate security in third-party integrations since it jeopardizes the digital security of banking and financial assets as well as app security. According to BlueVoyant, over 93% of businesses experienced a cyber-security breach as a result of flaws in their supply chains or third-party applications.

According to data from the 2021 Consumer Survey: Data Privacy and Financial App Usage, the majority of respondents—more than three-quarters—were not aware that FinTech apps:

- Utilize third-party suppliers frequently to collect consumer financial information. (80%)
- Can sell personal information to third parties for marketing, research, and other uses. (76%)
- Maintain access to data even after deleting the program (77%)
- Access personal information often even after closing or deleting the program (78%).
- Take no liability in the majority of cases where a security breach exposes consumer data. (80%)

Overcoming Obstacles in FinTech

- The FinTech sector has been at the vanguard of technological advancement, revolutionizing how we manage our money, send money, and make investments. It does, however, face a significant number of challenges. The FinTech industry needs to tackle these issues head-on if it wants to keep growing and remain competitive.
- Regulatory Compliance: Navigating intricate and constantly changing regulatory environments is one of the biggest challenges facing the FinTech industry. Financial standards must be followed not only for legal reasons but also to earn the trust of customers. In order to ensure that they comply with data protection, anti-money laundering (AML), and know your customer (KYC) laws, FinTech companies need to invest in strong compliance teams and systems. It is essential to interact with regulatory agencies and keep up with evolving regulations.
- Security issues: Since FinTech services deal with private financial information, they are frequently the target of cyber-attacks. It is crucial to have strong cyber security safeguards. Data breaches can be prevented by implementing encryption, multi-factor authentication, and frequent security audits. The best security practices should be explained to customers by FinTech organizations.
- Access to Capital: Growing a FinTech company frequently necessitates a substantial capital outlay. Due of the larger financial resources of traditional banks, it is difficult for FinTech businesses to compete. To get through this barrier, you may need to raise venture money, develop partnerships, or look into non-traditional funding options like peer-to-peer lending or crowdsourcing.

Future Trends in FinTech Industry

- The FinTech sector is constantly changing as a result of legislative changes, customer behavior changes, and technology breakthroughs. Looking ahead, a number of significant themes are anticipated to have an international impact on FinTech.

- A trend called "decentralized finance," or "DeFi," seeks to eliminate conventional financial intermediaries by utilizing block chain and crypto currency technologies. Without using conventional banks, DeFi platforms provide services like lending, borrowing, and trading. Given that it encourages financial inclusion and gives consumers more control over their money, this trend is probably going to continue expanding.
- Block chain and crypto currency technologies are being used as part of a trend called "decentralized finance," or "DeFi," to do away with traditional financial intermediaries. DeFi systems offer services including lending, borrowing, and trading without utilizing traditional banks. This trend is likely to keep growing since it promotes financial inclusion and provides customers more control over their finances.
- By making fraud detection, credit scoring, and tailored financial advice more accurate, AI and machine learning are revolutionizing the FinTech industry. These technologies will keep being extremely important for automating financial procedures, enhancing customer service, and cutting expenses. Robo-advisors, which use algorithms and AI to manage portfolios and provide low-cost investing advice, are becoming more and more popular. Wealth tech companies will probably broaden their product lines and target a larger consumer base, especially among millennials and younger investors.
- Robo-advisors, which manage portfolios and offer inexpensive investing advice using algorithms and AI, are growing in popularity. Wealth tech businesses will likely expand their product offerings and focus on a wider range of clients, particularly millennials and other younger investors. ESG factors are increasingly taken into account when making investing decisions. Companies in the FinTech industry are creating tools that customers may use to match their portfolios with their beliefs by evaluating and promoting sustainable investments.
- The difficulties posed by cyber security risks and regulatory compliance are expanding along with FinTech. To keep customers' trust and stay out of trouble legally, FinTech companies need to make significant security investments and stay current on changing rules.
- In conclusion, the FinTech sector is well-positioned for future expansion and innovation. These international trends signify a move toward a more inclusive, decentralized, and digital financial ecosystem. In the quickly changing financial world, FinTech companies that can adapt and embrace these changes are likely to prosper.

Conclusion

The development of FinTech ecosystems in the quick-moving world of finance and technology has been nothing short of amazing. Continuous innovation, evolving company models, dynamic investment strategies, and the unwavering pursuit of problem-solving have all been hallmarks of this journey. It is critical to assess the current state and future direction of the FinTech sector in the current environment.

The Shifting FinTech Business Models

Over time, FinTech business models have seen tremendous change. At first, a lot of entrepreneurs used direct-to-consumer business models to challenge established financial institutions. Although these approaches are still successful, there has been a considerable shift toward cooperation and partnership with established businesses. B2B FinTech solutions, where entrepreneurs offer technology and services to banks and financial institutions, have become more popular as a result of this transition. Traditional players have been able to update their operations thanks to this mutually beneficial collaboration, which also gives FinTech firms access to a larger consumer base and regulatory knowledge.

Additionally, in order to meet the needs of particular industries, business models have grown to include specialist markets and verticals including insurtech, wealthtech, regtech, and proptech. These unique solutions show how FinTech can adapt to different financial difficulties across industries.

Overcoming Challenges in Today's FinTech Landscape

The constantly changing regulatory environment can be a major barrier for FinTech startups. It can be difficult to navigate compliance standards across numerous jurisdictions and requires a lot of resources and knowledge. Large volumes of sensitive financial data are handled by FinTech companies, making them great targets for hackers. To maintain client trust, it is imperative to implement effective cyber security safeguards.

In conclusion, analysing the development of FinTech ecosystems reveals a vibrant sector that keeps changing the financial landscape. Strategic partnerships and developments have resulted from the diversification and maturation of FinTech business models. With an emphasis on international expansion, sustainability, and cutting-edge technologies like blockchain and crypto-currencies, investment strategies reflect the industry's growth potential.

The future of FinTech, however, is not without obstacles. Financial inclusion, cyber security dangers, and regulatory complexity all demand constant attention and solutions. Despite these challenges, the FinTech sector is well-positioned for continuing expansion and constructive disruption in the current financial landscape thanks to its agility and commitment to innovation

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Significance of Intellectual Property Right in Business World

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Abstract
In this demanding, trending and globalized world, the grabbing power to capture the current opportunity requires specially in the field of technology, so in the demanding market this is completely based on one's new ideas and personal creativity which needs to be protected and secured. In developing countries, the main loophole has been seen was lack of knowledge of Intellectual Property Right among the Individual and various business.

In this research, the significance of Intellectual Property Right and its Importance in business is discussed. This paper includes the introduction about the intellectual property right, its types which includes Patent, Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secret, further discussion also includes importance and needs of Intellectual Property Right.

Keywords: Intellectual Property Rights, Importance, Protection

Introduction

Intellectual property rights are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds. They give exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time.

The term "Intellectual property" began to be used in the 19th century, though it was not until the late 20th century that intellectual property became familiar in the larger part of the world's legal systems. It plays a vital and pre-eminent role in any form of business entity and lies at the core of it.

Intangible works of human creativity are Included in the category of property known as intellectual property (IP). Different nations recognize different kinds of Intellectual property to varying degrees. Under IP law, intangible assets such as inventions, literary and artistic work, designs, and phrases, symbols and images can be protected. There are different types of Intellectual property rights to safeguard plan and ideas of business.

The main purpose of intellectual property is to encourage and enhance the creation of a wide variety of intellectual goods. As it gives economic stimulus for their creation, because it acquiesce people to profit from the information and intellectual goods they design. These economic incentives look for stimulate innovation and put up to the technological progress of countries, which totally depends on the extent of protection granted to innovators.

IPR helps to generates revenue for business firm through licensing, franchising, sale of protected products or services. Thus, IPR counterfeit the economic development of a country by promoting healthy competition and uplifting industrial growth and economic growth.

Objective

- To understand the significance of intellectual property rights.
- To recognize the various types of intellectual property rights
- To know the overview of Intellectual property rights

Types of Intellectual property rights

There are different types of Intellectual property rights in place to help the individual to keep their valuable and unique ideas safe and secure. Some of the types are –

- **Patent:** A patent is a type of intellectual property that gives its owner the legal right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention for a limited period of time in exchange for publishing an enabling disclosure of the invention of their product and design.
- **Trademark:** A trademark is an indicating sign which helps the consumers in identifying and analysing the source of particular goods or services. It can be in the form of text, word, numeral, phrase, symbol, design, signature, smell, shape, colour, sound, packaging, texture or combination of any of these elements.
- **Copyright:** Copyright refers to the rights granted to the creators, authors, artists, and composers for their 'original' creative work.
- **Trade Secret:** Trade secrets are an essential feature of IPR law. As the name imply, it specify to the secrets of a business plan, which helps to obtain an economic advantage over others.

Significance

Intellectual property right helps business to protect the ideas, creativity or concepts of business, it also protect the business assets that are vital to the products and services.

Strengthen Market Value: Intellectual Property Right helps in intensifying the business through the licensing, sale and even commercialization of the products and services protected under IPR. This will eventually increase the market share and adds on profit. Registered and having protection under intellectual property right can also uplift the business goodwill in sake, merger or acquisition.

Turn ideas and thoughts into profit-making assets: Creativity and ideas have little value on their own but registering ideas under intellectual property rights helps to turn it into commercially successful products and services. Copyrighting or licensing the patents can lead to a steady stream of royalties and additional income.

Market Product and services: Having intellectual property right helps to create business' image. For example trademark registration can help business to separate its products and services from others.

Access or Raise Capital: With sale, licensing, or by using IPRs as collateral for debt financing, business can monetize for debt financing. It can also be used as an advantage while applying for government funding like grants, subsidies, and loans.

Enhances Export Opportunities: With the help of registered IPR, a business will be able to use brands to market its product and services to other market or overseas market. IPR helps business to attract franchising agreement with overseas companies or export patented products.

Methodology

- This research is completely based on Qualitative data and Secondary data.
- Sources of this research includes Online data and Previous Research

Literature review

Srivastava, Himanshu [2019], This paper was done at Allahabad university and the title was. IPR has been of great importance and this study is aimed towards analysing and observing different types of IPR plans and strategies in India. It also analyses the entire framework of IPR on both theoretical and practical basis and all types of acts regarding patent, copyright etc.

Das Gupta, Paramita [2020] , This thesis is mainly focused on the key ethical and legal principles that define and characterise intellectual property rights, laws pertaining to sustainable development of human and intellectual resources, the concept of the creative commons, as well as, the universally applicable fundamental and inalienable human right to a healthy life.

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Conclusion

Through our study we conclude that IPR enhances the economic growth of a country by promoting healthy competition and uplifting industrial growth and economic growth. It transforms our idea in profit making assets which directly benefits in economic growth. It has been of the great importance in export business, international affairs, economic transaction etc. It is of great importance and revenue generating in today's business world and promotes growth in every way.

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Technological Advancement and Entrepreneurship: A study of Opportunities and Challenges

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Abstract

The pervasive integration of technology into the entrepreneurial landscape has generated a profound impact, triggering both implications and opportunities for businesses and innovators worldwide. This study delves into the multifaceted effects of technology on entrepreneurship, shedding light on how it has reshaped traditional business paradigms. We have examined the implications, including the disruption of established industries, changing customer expectations, and evolving skillsets required for success. Simultaneously, we have explored the myriad opportunities that technology presents to entrepreneurs, from harnessing big data for market insights to leveraging e-commerce for global reach. Additionally, this study emphasizes the importance of adaptable strategies and ethical considerations in navigating this tech-driven landscape. By discerning the implications and seizing the opportunities, entrepreneurs can chart a course toward sustainable growth and innovation in an ever-evolving technological. The study also highlights the challenges faced by entrepreneurs due to rapid technological advancement.

Keywords: technology, entrepreneur, entrepreneurship

Introduction

In an era defined by rapid technological advancement, the entrepreneurial landscape has undergone a profound transformation. The convergence of innovation and entrepreneurship has opened up new frontiers, presenting both challenges and unprecedented opportunities for business leaders, start-ups, and innovators. This exploration focuses on the intricate interplay between technology and entrepreneurship, illuminating the multifaceted impact it exerts on business dynamics.

The digital age has ushered in an unprecedented era of connectivity, accessibility, and innovation. The availability of cutting-edge tools and resources has empowered entrepreneurs to envision, create, and scale businesses in ways previously deemed unattainable. Yet, in this burgeoning ecosystem, technology's influence extends far beyond merely facilitating operations; it fundamentally reshapes the entrepreneurial paradigm. Consequently, understanding the implications and opportunities that arise from this transformation is essential for those embarking on entrepreneurial journeys.

Objectives

- To study the contribution of Technology towards Entrepreneurship Development.
- To study the challenges associated with technological advancement for entrepreneurs.

Literature Review

A review of the literature on the impact of technology on entrepreneurship reveals a rich and evolving landscape. This synthesis of existing research highlights key themes and findings, shedding light on the implications and opportunities that arise from this dynamic relationship.

Bulsara et al. (2009) in their paper titled, ‘Techno-innovation to Techno-entrepreneurship through Technology Business Incubation in India: An Exploratory Studyputting’ have emphasized on the Technology Business Incubation approach in India. The study strives to provide information about the activities which convert Techno-innovation to Techno-Entrepreneurship. The researchers have tried to create a link between technological innovation and technological entrepreneurship.

Hegde et al. (2009) through their research paper named, ‘Inherited Skills and Technology: Indian

Entrepreneurship Development', have highlighted that One factor that greatly affects skill development is inheritance. Successful entrepreneurship is made possible by the transfer of skill into a technology element. The spark created by inherent skill sets combined with technology produces valuable entrepreneurial value. This study presents an optimization model using company output as the constraint and entrepreneurial value maximization as the objective. The ultimate objective of entrepreneurship is to learn the innovation techniques of the profession and to utilize them to create societal wealth.

Venkatesh et al. (2017) with their study titled 'Networks, Technology, and Entrepreneurship: A Field Quasi-experiment among Women in Rural India', has discussed a significant economic issue that affects women in rural India. In relation to the start-up and success of women's entrepreneurial endeavors, the study has examined interplay of women's social networks (ties to family, ties to community, and links to men in power), information and communication technology (ICT) use, and time.

Prabhu et al. (2017) in their paper named, 'Innovation and entrepreneurship in India: Understanding jugaad have referred to the economical, adaptable, and inclusive approach to innovation and entrepreneurship emerging from India as "jugaad." They have explained why this approach is suitable for the Indian context and draw parallels between jugaad and kindred forms of creativity coming from other developing (and developed) nations. Also, they have categorized the various jugaad-practicing organizations and described their capacities—or lack thereof—to carry out such innovation. The research integrates the concept of jugaad into contemporary theories of innovation and entrepreneurship and has laid out a research plan for this area. Overall, it offers insights on an innovation strategy that is becoming more common in some economies, including India.

Balachandran et al. (2017) through their study titled, 'Impact of Information Technology on Entrepreneurship (e-Entrepreneurship) have explained that an entrepreneur is a business owner or manager who generates revenue through initiative and risk. The capacity to do business online is referred to as "netpreneurship. A Netpreneur can launch a successful firm using only his "Intellectual Capital" as the primary input and his "Connectivity Infrastructure" as the lone physical input if he offers a service that the market demands. The Internet represents one of the biggest technological and scientific revolutions in recent memory. Netpreneurs add up to build other higher value-added economic units in the society either joining hands with other similar Netpreneurs or with other Brick and Mortar entities.

Research Methodology

The research is conceptual in nature. The study focuses on Literature review and the data was collected from News Papers, Journals, websites, published articles and the other reliable sources.

Contribution of Technology for Entrepreneurship Development

Technology has revolutionized the way entrepreneurs conduct business. It has enabled them to streamline their operations, improve efficiency, and reach a wider audience. Here, are some ways in which technology helps in the development of Entrepreneurship.

Figure 1 Contribution of Technology towards Entrepreneurship Development

1. **E-Commerce**: E-Commerce model of doing business has removed many hindrances of traditional model of doing business. It not only provides a wide range of customers but at the same time saves huge investments of erecting and maintaining physical stores.
2. **Artificial Intelligence**: With the innovation of AI Entrepreneurs can now use AI to mechanize repetitive tasks, allowing entrepreneurs to concentrate on creative aspects and strategic decision-making.
3. **Better Communication**: Wider reach and efficient communication are among the major benefits of technologically advanced era. The technology now knows no geographical boundaries.
4. **Collaborations and Outsourcing**: Technology facilitates to collaborate with team members in part of the globe. It also enables the businesses to outsource the technical services and thus saves the cost.
5. **Market Analysis and Research**: With the technical assistance and data feed provided by cloud-based technologies; the market research and analysis which forms the basis of decision making, has become abridged.
6. **Innovation**: Technology enables an entrepreneur to learn about the emerging trends, market gaps and easily access the information which forms the basis of innovations.
7. **Remote Workforce Assistance:** The greatest advantage of the digital era is 'Work from Home' model of doing business and job. Even during the pandemic time, the business world did not suffer the problem of no work force.

These are just a few examples of how technology can aid entrepreneurs. As technology continues to evolve, it is likely that we will see even more innovative ways in which it can be used to help entrepreneurs succeed.

Challenges faced by Entrepreneurs due to advancement of Technology:

Figure 2 Challenges faced by Entrepreneurs due to advancement of Technology

1. **Cyber Security**: Cyber Security is one of the biggest challenges for entrepreneurs. With increased digitalization of business processes, the number of cyber-attacks also goes up. In fact, a study by Hiscox reveals that small entrepreneurs face an average of 4,000 cyber-attacks per year resulting in huge financial losses and deterioration reputation of enterprise as well.
2. **Rapid Changes in Technology:** Keeping pace with the rapidly budding technologies for survival in the business world is also a big challenge for the entrepreneurs. Adoption of new technologies every now and then requires a substantial investment of time and resources, which can be challenging for smaller businesses with inadequate budgets.
3. **Integration of Cloud Solutions with Business Operations**: Cloud technologies offer important benefits in terms of data protection and accessibility. But their integration with corporate operations requires explicit strategies. It is difficult to integrate the cloud with business processes as if data leaks, it could lead to cyberattacks. To overcome this difficulty and cope with old systems that are incompatible with cloud-based technology, businesses need committed cloud partners which is a high-cost affair.
4. **Highly Techno Trained Employees**: The rapid advancement of technology is also creating a problem of Skill Gap. As the velocity with which the technology is evolving, it is intricate for conventional educational and training programs to stay up. As a result, there is a discrepancy between the talents that employers desire and the abilities that job seekers have.
5. **Supply Chain Challenges:** By enabling real-time visibility, data analytics, automation, and communication tools, technology has transformed supply chains. Supply chains are more susceptible to hackers as they grow more digital. Operations might be disrupted, sensitive information can be compromised, and financial losses can result from data breaches or ransomware attacks. And situations like pandemics, calamities, trade conflicts, or geopolitical tensions can stymie supply chains, affect transportation systems, and lead to shortages.

6. **Digital Transformation**: Modernizing legacy applications and integrating different technologies, processes, and strategies are two aspects of digital transformation that can be difficult to deploy and maintain.

Suggestions

A combination of strategic planning, preventative measures, and adaptability are needed to address the issues that entrepreneurs are facing as a result of technological innovation.

1. The Entrepreneurs must foster a culture of lifelong learning and provide training to their employees so as to pace up with the advancement in technology.
2. The Entrepreneurs must concentrate on offering special value propositions, cutting-edge features, or first-rate customer service in order to differentiate in crowded markets.
3. Adopt agile approaches to swiftly create and refine products in response to rapid changing consumer expectations.
4. To lessen the dependency on outside finance and to keep control in the business, self-financing or bootstrapping must be considered.
5. Take advantage of remote work opportunities to acquire talent from various geographic regions.
6. Offer competitive salary, benefits, equity options, and chances for career advancement.
7. Implement strong cybersecurity procedures, such as multi-factor authentication, encryption, and regular software updates.

Conclusion

Technology has had a profound impact on the world of entrepreneurship. It has enabled businesses to save costs, reach new markets, and deliver higher quality customer experiences. Emerging technologies have revolutionized the way entrepreneurs do business. Those who are willing to embrace them will be able to gain an edge over their competition. From AI-powered analytics to blockchain technology for secure payments, entrepreneurs now have access to a variety of tools that can help them streamline operations and gain insights into customer behaviour

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Impact of Entrepreneurship in Economic Development of India

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Abstract

Entrepreneurship plays an important role for the economic development. It is the process of adding or taking away value. Entrepreneurs who make the best use of a nation's resources to promote balanced development. Entrepreneurs are those who launch new businesses, which aid in the creation of jobs for workers. With the aid of the technology they are proficient in, they aid in boosting production and so contribute to the advancement of the nation and the state, followed by economic progress. The ideal resources, such as land, labour, and capital, are transformed into national revenue and riches in the form of goods and services by entrepreneurs, who are beneficial for economic growth. They contribute to rising per capita income and net national product. They contribute to raising both the state's and the nation's per capita income and net national product. Entrepreneurs play a key role in the industrialization and economic growth of a nation. A nation may have inherited a wealth of natural resources, but without effective entrepreneurs, economic development is impossible. This paper aims to analyse the significance of entrepreneurship, its contribution to economic development, role of government schemes to foster entrepreneurship not only in India but also in the state, opportunities for entrepreneur and the growth rate of entrepreneurship in India.

Keywords: entrepreneurship, economic development, industrialization, opportunities.

Introduction

In Indian economy entrepreneurship sector, which includes SME's, startups, and first-generation company owners who want to grow their family businesses, is a thriving and dynamic sector. Entrepreneurship fosters economic growth and diversification while also contributing to wealth creation. Before we get into the specifics of entrepreneurship's involvement in economic development, let's summarise its significance. The following factors contribute to the importance of entrepreneurship:

- Drives economic growth and the creation of new jobs
- Encourages innovation by introducing new products, ideas, and services to the market
- Contributes to societal transformation by creating products or services that minimize people's reliance on obsolete technologies
- Addresses social and economic problems by developing solutions that fit society's requirements
- Promotes competition, which increases corporate efficiency and lowers consumer prices

Need for Entrepreneurship Development

In order for a country's real per capita income to rise over time, there must essentially be an upward process of change. A key factor in a nation's development is entrepreneurship. It is one of the most crucial factors in economic growth. The quantity and skill of entrepreneurs influence the nation's economic expansion. The economic histories of currently developed nations like the United States, Russia, and Japan attest to the notion that entrepreneurship is a necessary precondition for economic success. The people of developing and underdeveloped countries are now aware of the significance of entrepreneurship for economic growth because it plays vital and significant role by entrepreneurs in the economic development of industrialised nations. It is now generally acknowledged that enthusiastic and active entrepreneurs can only fully use the potential of the country's resources, including labour, capital, and technology.

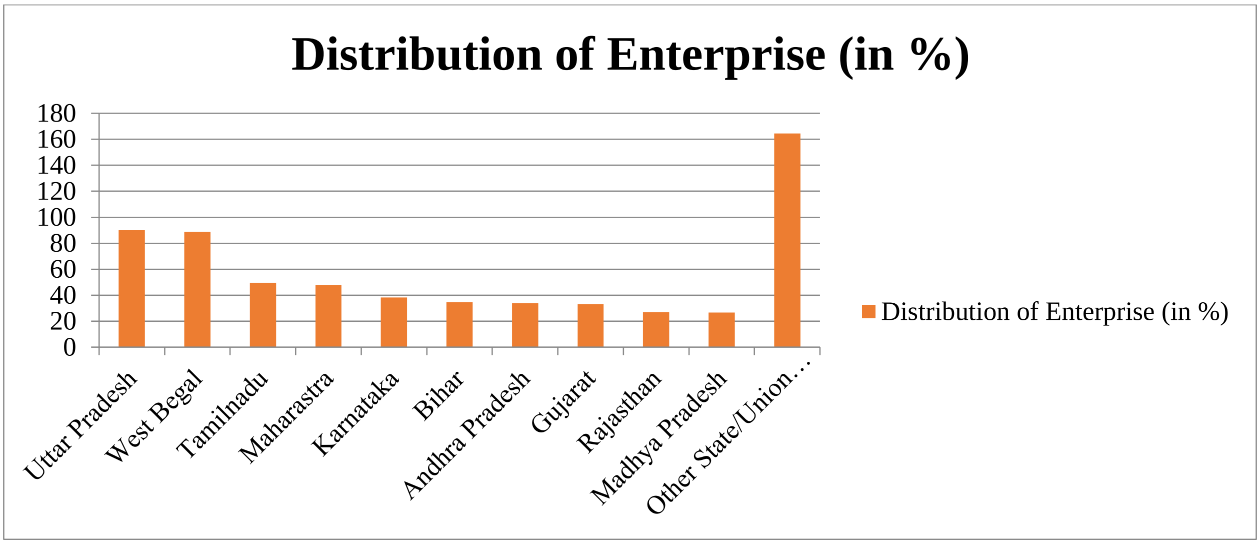
Entrepreneurship in Present Era

In the 2000s, entrepreneurship was expanded beyond its origins in for-profit company to encompass social entrepreneurship, in which corporate goals are pursued alongside social, environmental, or humanitarian aims, and even the concept of the political entrepreneur. Entrepreneurship within an established firm or major organisation has been referred to as entrepreneurship, and may involve corporate initiatives where huge cities (spin-off) subsidiary organisations. Entrepreneurs are risk-takers who take the initiative. The definition of "entrepreneurship" has been expanded to include a particular mindset that leads to entrepreneurial endeavours. Over the course of their careers, US employees frequently take part in the formation of new businesses.

Table 1: Top Ten State wise Distribution of Enterprises

Top Ten States	Distribution of Enterprise (in %)	Top Ten States	Distribution of Enterprise (in %)
Uttar Pradesh	89.99	Andhra Pradesh	33.87
West Bengal	88.67	Gujarat	33.16
Tamilnadu	49.48	Rajasthan	26.87
Maharashtra	47.78	Madhya Pradesh	26.74
Karnataka	38.34	Other State/UTs	164.52
Bihar	34.46		

Source: Annual Report 2017-18, Ministry of MSME



In recent years, claims have been made that entrepreneurship is a key factor in economic growth in both the United States and Western Europe.

1) Digitization & Automation: Even as Technology is making its Presence felt across sectors, Digitization and automation of business processes will be adapted faster, even by smaller start-ups and entrepreneurs.

2) Business Collaborations

3) Customer Service Focus
4) Diversification
5) Focus on R & D/ innovation

The biggest trends in Entrepreneurship in India:
Technically, the hurdles to entrepreneurship are low. Going through the bureaucratic formalities to become an entrepreneur is often simple. Many established businesses encourage internal entrepreneurs to promote innovation. Some employees are permitted to work as independent contractors. Marketers are becoming entrepreneurs, and more and more people with marketing skills are starting their own businesses. With the growth of social media, it is increasingly marketing ability that sells any goods. Hiring contract workers is the way to go. Because contract workers are becoming more expensive, hiring and retaining them is the way to go. Entrepreneurs are obsessed with making money. The more entrepreneurs realise the need of focusing first and mainly on revenue. Since most businesses today are digital, the entrepreneur is compelled to achieve early viability and almost immediate profitability. On revenue, they concentrate. Health is part of the new entry and uses video chat to connect diabetes patients with doctors.

Impact of Entrepreneurship in Economic Development

1. **Wealth Creation and Sharing:** By forming the corporate entity, entrepreneurs put their own money into it and bring in funding from investors, lenders, and the general public (in the form of debt, stock, etc.). By doing this, public wealth is mobilised and the success of entrepreneurs and expanding firms is shared by everybody. One of the fundamental requirements and objectives of economic development is the form of pooled capital that produces wealth creation and distributes.
2. **Create Jobs:** As opposed to job searchers, entrepreneurs are by definition and nature job creators. The literal meaning is that when you start a business, the economy loses one job seeker while simultaneously employing numerous additional job searchers. Such a development of employment.
3. **Encourages Capital Formation:** Entrepreneurs encourage capital creation by mobilising the optimal public savings, which are crucial for the nation's industrial and economic development.
4. **Large-Scale works Opportunities are Created:** Entrepreneurs offer the unemployed, a persistent issue in developing countries, large-scale work opportunities immediately.
5. **Encourages balanced regional development**: By encouraging the establishment of industries in underdeveloped and underdeveloped regions.
6. **Reduces the concentration of economic power:** Business and industrial activity naturally reduces economic power.
7. **Wealth Creation and Distribution:** It promotes a fair distribution of income and wealth over a wider range of populations and geographical locations, which is in the best interests of the nation.
8. **Increasing gross national product and per capital income:** Entrepreneurs are always lookout for new opportunities; they investigate and explain them, and they promote effective capital and skill mobilisation.
9. **Improvement in quality of life:** The rising level of life of the population is a distinguishing feature of the country's economic progress.
10. **Encourages a nation's export trade:** Promoting a nation's export trade, which is a crucial component of economic growth.
11. **Entrepreneurs create new business:** The growth of industries or businesses that support those initiatives contributes to overall economic growth.

12. **Overall development and facilities:** Entrepreneurs operate as change's catalyst, sparking a chain reaction that leads to facilities and overall development. The industrialization process begins after a business is formed.
13. **Developing new ideas:** An entrepreneur is someone who always seeks change in addition to integrating the factors of production. He also brings new ideas and new combinations of factors through creativity.

Conclusion

Entrepreneurship has a positive effect on economic growth because it boosts capital formation, creates lots of jobs, raises living standards for the population, encourages wealth creation and decentralised distribution of economic resources, boosts Gross National Product (GNP) and per capita income, encourages export trade, and aids in the nation's overall development. Through the development of economic entities, entrepreneurs who are skilled at scanning, analysing, and identifying opportunities in the environment convert them into business propositions. Finding the causes of economic growth is one of the most crucial objectives of modern economics. According to conventional neoclassical theory, a nation's economic development is influenced by its labour and capital markets, as well as its level of innovation. A society's knowledge level has a significant impact on the level of technology in that society. A person who launches a business is an entrepreneur. He looks for and reacts to change. The confluence of capital, technology, and human talent is a key component of entrepreneurship. It can be used in both large and small organisations, as well as in both economic and non-economic endeavours. Although multiple entrepreneurs may share some characteristics, each will also have some distinctive features. Entrepreneurs seek out and seize chances. They generate national income and wealth in the form of commodities and services by converting latent and unused resources like land, labour, and capital. They aid in raising the nation's per capita income and net national product. Therefore, entrepreneurs play a crucial role in fostering economic growth by founding new companies, generating jobs, and improving a number of critical metrics like GDP, exports, the standard of living, skill development, and community development. Having an entrepreneurial spirit boosts output cost decrease, earnings and incomes increase, demand increases, and economic growth and job creation speed up as businesses and employees become more efficient. Economic development is a series of targeted activities and programmes designed to improve a community's economic well-being and quality of life by increasing local wealth, diversifying the economy, creating and maintaining jobs, and expanding the local tax base. An entrepreneur's four functions are innovation and invention, risk taking and achievement, organisation and management, and other functions.

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Analytical Study of Impact of FDI on Indian Stock Market

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Abstract

Extreme levels of globalization have resulted in double-digit economic growth, which has intensified competition and sped up the pace of innovation. However, the FDI application has significantly influenced the growth and volatility of the Indian stock market. As a result, the current research makes an effort to assess the impact of FDI inflows on the movement of the SENSEX and Nifty on the BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) and NSE (National Stock Exchange) throughout the study period. The study is initially based on last eight years of secondary data for the period from April 2015 to March, 2023. The Simple Linear Regression , Karl Pearson's coefficient of correlation, Analysis of Variance, Trend Percentage etc. are the tools used for the analysis of data using the statistical method in MS Excel. Relation between Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) with BSE-Sensex is 0.733; NSE Nifty is 0.724. It indicated that the two variables are in partial positive relation with FDI. This research depicted that flow of FDI in India has significant impact on BSE SENSEX and NSE Nifty movements. By keeping this in mind that Foreign Capital has significant impact on Indian Market, they must attract to the Foreign Capital in India by offering more opportunities for the growth of the economy.

Keynote: FDI, Stock Market, BSE, NSE, etc.

Introduction

Extreme levels of globalization have resulted in double-digit economic growth, which has intensified competition and sped up the pace of innovation. Foreign direct investment inflow has consequently emerged as an informing indicator of economic development in both developed and developing nations. A multinational corporation can expand its influence and business operations by accessing new consumption and production markets in India through FDI. It can gain access to scarce resources like precious metals and fossil fuels, as well as skilled and unskilled labor, management know-how, and technologies. Foreign investment facilitates the flow of sophisticated technology into the nation and tends to help the industry advance into advanced technology, in addition to helping to create significant economic activity and employment. Earlier research have shown FDI inflow is one of several macroeconomic factors—including GDP, inflation, exchange rates, and others—that have significantly influenced the growth and volatility of the Indian stock market. Numerous empirical studies have demonstrated how important FDI has been to the host countries' overall economic development and growth. Therefore there is importance of the analysis of impact of FDI on the Indian stock Market.

Any investment that flows from one country into another is known as foreign investment. Inflow of investment from other countries is encouraged since it complements and stimulates domestic investments in capital-scarce economies of developing countries. Since 1991 Foreign investments in the country are allowed to take the form of investments (thru stock market) in listed companies referred as FII investments and investments in listed/unlisted companies other than through stock exchanges are referred as Foreign Direct Investment. Additionally, FDI is an investment made by a foreign company, into a company based in another country, companies making such direct investments have a significant degree of influence and control over the company into which the investment is made.

Literature Review

Honey Gupta (2017) discovered a considerable association between foreign direct investment and the stock market, as well as a major impact on the movements of the BSE Sensex and NSE nifty. It suggests that for the smooth and quick development of the stock market and the economy as a whole, the Indian government and its implementing organizations should endeavour to attract more and more FDI. Nagpal et al. (2016) analysed the impact of FDI and FII flow on Indian Stock market including BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty, during the period from 2005-06 to 2014-15. The analysis concluded that the impact of flow of FDI & FII on Indian stock market was found significant. Tamilarasu.J. (2015) used correlation matrix analysis and simple regression to examine the extent to which foreign direct investment contributed to the volatility of various BSE and NSE indices between April 2009 and March 2014. The analysis showed that while FDI and BSE 100 have a strong correlation, foreign direct investment does not significantly affect the movement of the stock market indices BSE100, BSE200, BSE500, BSESENSEX, CNX100, CNX500, CNX MIDCAP, and CNX NIFTY. Prasanna (2008) has focused on how foreign institutional investment has impacted various companies, particularly those that are part of the Bombay Stock Exchange's Sensex index. It investigated the link between foreign institutional investment and specific firm traits like ownership structure, financial performance, and stock performance. It has been noted that foreign investors made greater investments in businesses where a larger percentage of shares are held by the general public. The foreign investments and the promoters' holdings are at odds with one another. Foreign investors favour businesses where the promoters' family ownership is not very significant. Share returns and earnings per share are among the financial performance metrics that impacted FII's financial decisions.

Objective

- To analyse the effect of foreign direct investment inflow on BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty.
- To study the trends of FDI inflows in India.

Hypotheses

$H_0$1:- There is no significant impact of FDI inflow and movement on BSE Sensex.

$H_1$1:- There is significant impact of FDI inflow and movement on BSE Sensex.

$H_0$2:- There is no significant impact of FDI inflow and movement on NSE Nifty.

$H_1$2:- There is significant impact of FDI inflow and movement on NSE Nifty.

Research Methodology

The research methodology is as follows:

Period of The Study

The present study covers the time period of 10 years from April, 2015 to March, 2023.

Data Collection

This research is based on secondary data. The required data related to FDI have been taken from various sources i.e. Bulletins of Reserve Bank of India, publications from Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India. The BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty data is picked up from the websites of BSE India and NSE India respectively. Daily closing index value are taken and averaged to get the index value for each year, which is considered as more representative figure of index for the entire year rather any one day's/month's closing figure of the index.

Analytical Tools & Technique

The Simple Linear Regression (step-wise method), Karl Pearson's coefficient of correlation, Analysis of Variance, Normal P-P plot, Scatter plot, Histogram, descriptive statistics (Mean & Standard Deviation), Compounded Annual Growth Rate, Trend Percentage etc. are the tools for the analysis of data.

Analysis and Discussion

Table No.1 presents the amount of flow of FDI in India in terms of US$ million, the BSE Sensex and Nifty during the period of study. The table clearly depicts that, FDI total inflows in the year 2015-16 was US $ 55457 million and thereafter it increased in subsequent years to US $ 84,835 million in 2021-22. But in the year 2022-2023 observed a fall in FDI inflows in India due to various factors, including the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, changes in US monetary policy, and other global uncertainties. The 2023 Economic Survey indicates a rebound in incoming FDI, nevertheless. The National Single-Window System (NSWS), which streamlines the approval and clearance process for investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses, sectorial production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes, growth prospects in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and new investment facilitation measures are all the reasons for this. The rise of India's high-tech industry, the size of the market, and improvements in the digital and technological environment is additional factors accelerating the country's growth trajectory.

Table 1: Year-wise FDI, BSE SENSEX & NSE Nifty (US $ Million)

Year	FDI	Trend	BSE Sensex	NSE Nifty
2015-2016	55457	100	26322.1	7983.8
2016-2017	60,220	108.58	27338.22	8421
2017-2018	60,974	101.25	32396.83	10030
2018-2019	62,001	101.68	35971.79	10859.5
2019-2020	74,391	119.98	39360.89	11488
2020-2021	81,973	110.19	40015.31	12016.89
2021-2022	84,835	103.49	55774.58	16662.7
2022-2023 (P)	70970	83.65	58307.52	17335.9
Total	550821	-	315487.2	94797.79
Mean	68852.625	-	39435.91	11849.72
S.D.	10860.9386	-	11972.03	3472.65

Source: Compiled from Fact Sheet on Foreign Direct Investment, DIPP, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

The beginning trend percentage of FDI has been at 100% level and it is showing the increasing trend but not constant increase in trend. It went down also to 83.65 % in the year ended 2023, which was lowest among over years. Three Years moving average showing the fluctuating trend of the FDI.

Impact of FDI on Indian Stock Market

To study the impact of FDI on BSE SENSEX and NSE Nifty during the period of study, FDI is taken as independent variable and BSE SENSEX and NSE Nifty are taken as dependent variable. For the purpose of analysis Simple Linear Regression has been applied using Excel advance data analysis tool.

Model Building:

$Y = a + b X$

Model (a):

SENSEX = a + b FDI

Model (b):

NIFTY = a + b FDI

Where, a = intercept b = slope Y = Dependent Variable X = Independent Variable The result of Regression Analysis is depicted in the tables below:

Table 2 Model Summary

Model	R	R^2	Adjusted R^2	Standard Error
BSE Sensex	0.733439752	0.53793387	0.460922849	8790.08657
NSE Nifty	0.724341	0.52467	0.445448	2586.022

Source: Author's Computation

The table 2 is the model summary revealed the strength of the relationship between the model and the dependent variable i.e., R, the Karl Person's correlation coefficients. Relation between Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) with BSE-Sensex is 0.733; NSE Nifty is 0.724. It indicated that the two variables are in partial positive relation with FDI, which was found significant at 5 percent level of significance. R square, the coefficient of determination, showed the percent of variation in the dependent variable as explained by the model. Table 2 indicated that 53.8 percent and 52.5 percent of the variation in BSE SENSEX and NSE Nifty was explained by the model, FDI respectively.

Table 3 ANOVA

Model		*df*	*SS*	*MS*	*F*	*Significance F*
BSE Sensex	Regression	1	539712293	539712293	6.985154	0.038388989
	Residual	6	463593731.4	77265621.91		
	Total	7	1003306024			
NSE Nifty	Regression	1	44290051	44290051	6.622802	0.042137
	Residual	6	40125058	6687510		
	Total	7	84415109			

Source: Author's Computation

The ANOVA table 3, tests the acceptability of the model from a statistical perspective. The Regression row displays information about the variation accounted for by the model. The Residual row displays information about the variation that has not been accounted by the model. F statistic is found significant, since the p values (0.038 and 0.042 respectively for Sensex and Nifty) are less than 0.05, so null hypotheses$H_0$1 and $H_0$2 are rejected and the alternative hypotheses $H_1$1 and$H_1$2 are accepted. Thus, there exists a linear relationship between the variables in the model. Hence, it has been concluded that Flow of FDI has significant impact on BSE SENSEX and NSE Nifty movements.

Table 4: Coefficients

Model		*Unstandardized Coefficients*		*Standardized Coefficients*	*t*	*Significance*
		B	*Standard Error*	*B*		
BSE Sensex	Constant	-16229.4880	21289.93		-0.76230	0.474767
	FDI	0.80847	0.30589	0.7334	2.642944	0.038389
NSE Nifty	Constant	-4096.48	6263.447		-0.65403	0.537339
	FDI	0.231599	0.089994	0.724341	2.57348	0.042137

Source: Author's Computation

The Unstandardized coefficient B = Beta value in Table 4 gives the slope value of the regression model and also indicated that how much the Dependent Variables including BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty are dependent upon the Independent variable. In table 4 the b-value for FDI is 0.808, it means that if FDI increases by 1 unit, Sensex would increase by 0.808. Similarly, for every 1 unit increase in FDI, NSE Nifty will increase by 0.231.

Findings

The flow of Foreign Direct Investments have been indicated a fluctuating trend during the period of the study.

There is a direct linear relationship between FDI inflow and movement & BSE Sensex and FDI inflow and movement & NSE Nifty, means that if FDI increases then BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty would also increase in same direction.

Conclusion

The findings indicated that there is direct linear relationship between FDI inflow and movement on BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty. Inflow of FDI is helping to speed up the Indian economy, giving industry opportunities for technology upgrading, access to international managerial skills and practice, better utilisation of natural and human resources as well as competitive advantage with greater efficiency.

By keeping this in mind that Foreign Capital has significant impact on Indian Market, they must attract to the Foreign Capital in India by offering more opportunities for the growth of the economy. As due to great pandemic India suffered a lot although it has not been lost the interest of foreign capitalist but global events may affect the Indian economy as recent Russia Ukraine war, in this case Indian government need to focus on attracting to the foreign investors with political stability.

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Empowering Shepreneurs: India's Bold Initiatives to Boost Female Entrepreneurship

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Abstract

India has experienced massive economic growth as a result of the hike in the number of female entrepreneurs. The women-owned businesses are playing a pivotal role in society. However, there are certain challenges and hurdles that hinder the growth of the female-centric business environment. With a vision to solve the problem, and boost women entrepreneurship, the government has taken several initiatives to enhance female entrepreneurship in India. The research paper outlines the plan and strategies implemented by the government to promote women's entrepreneurship in India. The study is based on secondary data from journals, publications, and news portals related to government policies for boosting female entrepreneurship. It is a descriptive study depicting the plan of action undertaken by the government of India for the welfare of women entrepreneurs, which will be beneficial for the upcoming generation of female entrepreneurs to set up their businesses.

Keywords: Women entrepreneurship, Government strategies, Entrepreneurship, Challenges, Policies and strategies

Introduction

An entrepreneur is an individual who identifies opportunities, takes calculated risks, and organizes resources to create and operate a new business or venture. Moreover, entrepreneurs are well-known for their innovation, creativity, and willingness to pursue their vision even in situations of adversity.

The concept of women's entrepreneurship refers to women starting, owning, and operating businesses or ventures. It represents a subset of entrepreneurship where women take on the role of entrepreneurs, demonstrating their leadership, innovation, and business acumen.

Female entrepreneurship is an important driver of economic and social progress. It recognizes the vital role that women play in driving economic growth, innovation, and social progress. Meanwhile, it also acknowledges the women who have the potential to be successful entrepreneurs and business leaders and seeks to create an environment where they can thrive in the business world.

Evolution of Women Entrepreneurship in India

Women's entrepreneurship in India has a rich history that dates back centuries, but its formal recognition and support have gained momentum in recent decades.

Historically, women in India were involved in various small-scale entrepreneurial activities within their communities, namely traditional crafts, weaving, pottery, and agricultural activities. However, these activities were often home-based and limited to local markets.

During the pre-independence era, a few notable women leaders, including Sarojini Naidu and Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, were involved in social and economic movements. They advocated for women's rights, education, and economic independence. However, formal entrepreneurship opportunities for women were still limited.

Post-independence in 1947, efforts were made to promote women's participation in various sectors. The establishment of the **Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO)** in 1954 marked a significant step, as it aimed to support small-scale industries, including those led by women. Moreover, economic liberalization in the early 1990s created a favourable environment for female entrepreneurship. The emergence of the information technology sector provided opportunities for educated women to enter the workforce and start their ventures.

Lately, a notable increase in the number of women entrepreneurs in India has been witnessed. This growth has been supported by government initiatives, financial institutions, and NGOs focusing on women's empowerment.

As of the present day, women entrepreneurs in India continue to make significant strides. They are involved in diverse sectors such as technology, healthcare, fashion, and social enterprises. The government and various organizations continue to introduce policies and initiatives to facilitate the growth of women-led businesses, aiming to create a more inclusive and empowering entrepreneurial ecosystem for women in India.

Review of Literature

(Ingalagi, Nawaz, Rahiman, Hariharasudan, & Hundekar, 2021) -The paper identifies the factors that influence women's entrepreneurial orientation and firms' performance. The study reveals that banks must provide cost-effective financial assistance to female entrepreneurs.

The government of India must channel resource allocation to rural areas to enhance entrepreneurship in the backward areas. Moreover, proper infrastructure and market connectivity must be built in rural areas for the smooth flow of rural businesses. Lastly, various training programs must be started for the empowerment of women in entrepreneurship to enhance the knowledge and training of females in the field of entrepreneurship.

(Abdul Mutalib, Arshad, Ismail, & Ahmad, 2015) - The research paper outlines the importance of financial and non-financial entrepreneurship programs to promote women's entrepreneurship. However, the study reveals that the focus on introducing women's entrepreneurship programs in Malaysia is still limited. Therefore, the government must provide alternatives and promote the conduction of such programs to enhance female entrepreneurship in Malaysia.

(Vossenberg, 2013) - The study reveals that the efforts of public and private institutions promote women's entrepreneurship. However, as long as gender biases persist in the field of entrepreneurship, the initiatives remain in vain as females get fewer opportunities than males in society.

(Kumbhar, 2013) - The study depicts the various obstacles in the way of women's entrepreneurship, which include the absence of balance between family and career, lack of professional education, lack of financial awareness, and the problem of working with male members, among others. Therefore, various awareness programs must be conducted to boost women's entrepreneurship in India.

(Akehurst, Simarro, & Mas-Tur, 2012) - The research paper presents an exploratory study on the characteristics of women entrepreneurs and the businesses they run in the Valencia region. The study reveals that financial aid received plays a crucial role in influencing the motivation or obstacle for female entrepreneurs. Meanwhile, the fear of starting a business alone also influences their ambition to start a business enterprise. Lastly, women who tend to start a business commenced through family loans are more successful than the females who begin from scratch.

(Sadi & Al-Ghazali, 2010) - The study reveals that self-achievement was the crucial factor influencing women of Saudi Arabia to start business enterprises. However, there were several challenges faced by the females in their area of success. These include a lack of coordination among government departments, a lack of laws protecting investments, and socio-cultural barriers.

Therefore, the government and the Chambers of Commerce must facilitate the operating needs and training programs for females to boost women's entrepreneurship in the country.

(Tambunan, 2009) - The research paper outlines the importance of SMEs in Asian developing countries. The study reveals that women entrepreneurs are majorly affiliated with traditional and low-income generating activities. Moreover, some women are forced to enter the field of entrepreneurship to seek better family incomes.

(Nawaz, 2009) - The research article outlines the importance of the policies adopted by the Bangladesh government to promote female entrepreneurship, both in urban and rural areas of the country. However, rural areas are deprived of basic entrepreneurial services, which adversely affects their efficiency and performance.

Objectives

Women's participation in entrepreneurship has grown significantly worldwide. And therefore, it is necessary be aware of the various obstacles coming their way which hinder their growth and progress. Moreover, society must also have knowledge about the strategies adopted by the government to promote women's entrepreneurship. The objectives are-

1. To study the concept of women entrepreneurship in brief.
2. To study the various challenges faced by women in the field of entrepreneurship.
3. To study the initiatives and strategies taken by the government of India to boost female entrepreneurship.

Research Methodology

The study highlights the challenges and hurdles faced by women entrepreneurs in India. It is a descriptive study that depicts the various initiatives and strategies adopted by the government of India to promote female entrepreneurship. The research is based on secondary data obtained through news portals, journals, publications and articles relevant to the topic. Moreover, previous research papers related to the topic were also studied for the review of the literature.

Concept of Female Entrepreneurship

Statistics and Trends of Women Entrepreneurs in India

Women's entrepreneurship is a dynamic and evolving field that encompasses various aspects. India witnessed a significant increase in the number of startups founded and led by women entrepreneurs. According to The Economic Times reports, "Over 20% of MSMEs are owned by women entrepreneurs in India which amounts to 23.3% of the labour force. Also interesting is that 50% of India’s start-up ecosystem is empowered by women in some way."

The landscape of women's entrepreneurship in India has evolved, and various organizations continue to work on promoting and supporting women's entrepreneurship as a means of economic empowerment and development. However, there are several challenges that hinder the establishment, growth, and sustainability of women-centric businesses.

Challenges Faced by Women Entrepreneurs

While making significant strides in the business world, women entrepreneurs still encounter a range of challenges that are often distinct from those faced by their male counterparts. Here are some of the key challenges faced by female entrepreneurs in India:

1. **Access to Funding**: Women often have limited access to capital, including venture capital and bank loans, compared to men. This can hinder the growth and scalability of their businesses.
2. **Gender Bias and Stereotypes**::Gender bias and stereotypes affect how women entrepreneurs are perceived and treated in business settings. This manifests in unequal opportunities, dismissive attitudes, or scepticism about their leadership abilities.

3. **Work-Life Balance:** Balancing business responsibilities with family and personal life can be particularly challenging for women, as they may be expected to fulfill traditional caregiving roles.
4. **Networking and Mentorship**: Building professional networks and finding mentors can be more challenging for women, especially in male-dominated industries. Lack of mentorship and guidance can hinder their career progression.
5. **Access to Education and Training**: In some regions, women may have limited access to quality education and business training, which can affect their entrepreneurial skills and knowledge.
6. **Market Access and Contract:** Women entrepreneurs face difficulties in accessing markets and securing contracts, often due to discriminatory practices or biases among potential clients or partners.
7. **Legal and Regulatory Barriers**: Legal and regulatory hurdles, including complex business registration processes or discriminatory laws, create additional challenges for women entrepreneurs.
8. **Lack of Role Models**: The scarcity of visible and successful women entrepreneurs limits aspiring women's ability to envision their own entrepreneurial success.
9. **Access to Technology and Resources**: Limited access to technology, resources, and infrastructure impedes the growth of women-led businesses, particularly in rural areas.
10. **Fear of Failure**: Women entrepreneurs may face greater fear of failure due to societal expectations and the potential for harsher judgment.

Addressing the above challenges requires concerted efforts from the government and society to promote gender equality and a suitable entrepreneurial ecosystem where women can thrive.

Government Initiatives and Strategies to Promote Women Entrepreneurship

The Government of India has implemented several initiatives and strategies to promote female entrepreneurship in the country. These programs aim to provide financial support, skill development, mentorship, and a conducive environment for women to start and grow their businesses. Here are the key initiatives taken by the GOI to promote women's entrepreneurship:

1. **Stand Up India:** Stand Up India paves the way for aspiring female entrepreneurs to transform their dreams into successful businesses. Launched by the Government of India, the scheme aids financial support ranging from Rs 10 lacs to Rs 1 crores to women entrepreneurs, as well as Scheduled Caste (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) to promote entrepreneurship.
2. **Udyogini Scheme:** The Udyogini Scheme is a transformative initiative empowering female visionaries. The scheme enables women to carve their paths towards entrepreneurship by providing financial assistance to female businesswomen to help them establish and expand their small businesses.
3. **MUDRA Yojana:** It is a flagship scheme by the Government of India, designed to provide financial assistance to micro-enterprises, including those owned and run by women. The scheme was launched to promote entrepreneurship, generate employment, and encourage small businesses to contribute to the nation's economic growth.
4. **Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RKM):** RMK plays a crucial role in supporting women's economic initiatives, fostering self-reliance, and promoting gender equality. The primary focus is on

providing micro-credit to women from low-income households to support their livelihood and income-generating activities.

5. **Mahila e-Haat**: Mahila e-Haat serves as a digital marketplace specifically designed to promote and support women entrepreneurs and artisans across the country. The initiative aims to provide a platform for women to showcase and sell their products and services to a broader audience, fostering financial independence and empowerment.
6. **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP):** Launched by NITI Aayog, WEP is a pioneering initiative in India dedicated to empowering women entrepreneurs. The online platform serves as a dynamic ecosystem designed to nurture, support, and promote women-led businesses across the country. The primary goal is to provide a conducive environment where women entrepreneurs can connect, collaborate, learn, and grow their ventures.
7. **National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW):** Under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, NMEW focuses on addressing the diverse challenges faced by women, fostering gender equality, and ensuring their holistic development. NMEW serves as a catalyst for women's empowerment, promoting their active participation in all spheres of life and building a more equitable and just society for females in India.
8. **Support to Training and Employment Program for Women (STEP)**: STEP provides entrepreneurial training, enabling women to start their businesses or participate in income-generating activities. The program offers various skill development programs and vocational training courses tailored to the needs of women and aims at empowering women by enhancing their employability and entrepreneurial skills.

These initiatives collectively contribute to creating a supportive ecosystem for female entrepreneurs in India, promoting their active participation in the entrepreneurial landscape and driving economic growth and innovation in the country.

Conclusion

The initiatives undertaken by the Government of India play a vital role in fostering female entrepreneurship and economic development. While Stand Up India, Udyogini Scheme, MUDRA Yojana, Mahila e-Haat, and Rashtriya Mahila Kosh aid financial assistance to boost women's entrepreneurship, there are several other initiatives for enhancing knowledge and training women to excel in the field of entrepreneurship. These include the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW), and Support to Training and Employment Program for Women (STEP), which have led to increased women's participation in the workforce, enhanced their economic independence, and contributed to overall societal progress.

However, there is still work to be done in terms of addressing challenges such as proper mentorship and breaking traditional gender norms. Hence, continued efforts, coupled with targeted policies, can further boost female entrepreneurship, driving economic growth and creating a more inclusive society.

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Study of Risk taking capacity of Women Entrepreneurs in selecting investment Avenues

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Abstract

Making wise investment choices is crucial to determining one's financial destiny. Understanding all available investment opportunities, the possible risks involved, and the potential returns requires careful investigation. It's critical to consider one's readiness to accept the inherent risks as well as whether the primary goal of investing is to generate larger returns. Investing involves a certain amount of risk regardless of the asset class chosen, such as equity shares, precious metals, or real estate, and requires patience on the part of investors in order to reap the rewards. Investment is one of the most important aspects, among others, for the growth of the economy, as is well known. Investors, including all types of investors, play a significant role in the economic development of the country. Since this study focuses on working women and female entrepreneurs as investors, women in developing nations like India can also contribute by making financial investments. Unlimited demands lead to finite resources, and from those limited resources, people are willing to give up some of their present interests in favour of the future.

Every investor has a particular reason for investing, and varied characteristics, such as age, education, marital status, gender, etc., influence investment decisions. Women today have greater potential for earning and investing, so the main goal of this study is to determine investment awareness and preferences based on the risk-taking abilities of working and entrepreneur women in choosing investment avenues as well as their investment experience in various investment avenues. This study looks at how women business owners and working women make their investments, focusing on how they choose between stock shares, real estate, and precious metals. Working women and Women Entrepreneurs frequently are motivated by their hopes for the financial security of their families to choose investments that offer stability and low risk. The opinions and experiences of their social circles may have a good or negative impact on these investment decisions. The report also emphasises the need to increase women's financial literacy because cultural influences may occasionally damage their confidence in financial matters, making it difficult for them to make wise investment decisions. To empower women in their financial journeys, it is imperative to close this information gap.

Keywords: Investment decisions, Women Entrepreneurs, Working Women, Investment Avenues.

Introduction

In traditional Indian society, men were expected to provide for their dependents and serve as the family's main earner. But today's self-made, independent, and successful women are able to make sound financial decisions when it comes to investing. Women have become more active, aware, and involved in the world of investing and financial markets, using both primary and secondary sources of data. They are no longer reluctant or afraid to show an interest in financial issues or to shun financial jargon. Women desire to actively participate in all activities, including education, politics, media, science, and technology, and become financially independent, as the situation changes. Women today are challenging disciplinarian, balancing a household and working life. They are now economically self-sufficient. They have more earning capacity and authority over their investment decisions than they had in the past. Women's earnings are always regarded as additional earnings within the family. There is a substantial change in Indian society's beliefs towards women's participation in finance and investment and traditional gender roles. Here are the main ideas in additional:

1. **Traditional Gender Roles**: In the past, men were often regarded as the only breadwinners in traditional Indian society. Their wives, kids, and other family members were considered their dependents, and they were expected to support them financially.
2. **Women's Changing Roles**: In Indian culture today, women's roles have undergone a significant transformation. Many women have achieved self-sufficiency, independence, and professional success in a variety of sectors. They now have the financial know-how necessary to make investment decisions thanks to this change.
3. **Financial Independence**: Women are no longer exclusively reliant on men for their financial needs. They are now able to manage their own funds and make investment decisions without simply relying on their male family members because they have attained financial independence.
4. **Improved Participation and Confidence**: Women are increasingly more involved and informed in financial affairs. They are willing to learn and comprehend financial lingo and concepts and are no longer reluctant or afraid to discuss financial subjects.
5. **Participation in Investment and Financial Markets**: Women actively participate in the realm of investment and financial markets, going beyond simple financial management. This covers both primary and secondary sources of information, such as buying stocks, bonds, or mutual funds.

The fundamental makeup of women's investment preferences has evolved over time. Working and entrepreneurial women have a variety of investment options, including mutual funds, stocks, insurance, savings accounts, gold, real estate, and post services, all of which have various objectives, such as profitability, safety, growth, and consistent income.

However, a number of factors, such as risk tolerance, the influence of family and friends, incomes, spending, savings, and knowledge of various investment products, affect each investor's decision to invest. As a result, every woman has a different investment portfolio depending on a range of factors such financial security, steady income, tax benefits, work stability, and retirement plans. To choose the greatest investment, one must, however, be aware of the various investment plans as well as their own financial needs. If they are well-informed about investment options and the advantages they offer, they can make crucial and informed decisions for making investments and securing their future.

Literature Review

Bhat & Wolfs (2021) on the "Impact of Demographic Variables on University Teachers' Investment Behaviour." A study of 700 professors from all different types of universities in Rajasthan and Karnataka was conducted. This study's main objective was to examine the different facets of investment behaviour and how demographic factors influenced it. The relevance of perceived self-image, self-confidence, financial inadequacy, loyalty, risk aversion, caution, and self-responsibility was discovered. Additionally, it was shown that respondents from blended families are more independent, female instructors are more innovative, and male instructors are more cautious. It was discovered that teachers in the technical area had higher degrees of loyalty, self-esteem, and self-confidence.

According to Kappal and Rastogi (2020), the decision-making approach enables women entrepreneurs to make preferences among various alternatives and actively contribute through different perspectives to think and make rational and logical conclusions before making any final decision as an entrepreneur. When a woman decides to become an entrepreneur, she takes active and aggressive measures based on various basic techniques that evolve over time and are formed by a woman to become self-employed and a good business leader in her relevant sector. According to Yuvaraj and Sujatha (2019), the intrinsic and well-educated capabilities of females in business promote individual capability to lead their company efficiently as a smart decision maker. An investor's selection is based on their perspective and cognitive styles, which enable them to think about data logically or creatively depending on the current circumstances in the world of finance.

Pankhuri Agarwal's (2020) study's goal is to learn about women's knowledge and investing preferences, with the researcher considering two sorts of women: working and nonworking. Women are now playing key roles in every area, becoming financially independent, and contributing to the country's economy. The analysis is based on descriptive research. The convenience sample method was used to obtain data from 39 women. Data is collected from several industries using structured questionnaires, and secondary data is gathered from various websites. The study's drawbacks include restricted data and a small number of respondents. According to the study's findings and analyses, women are aware of earlier schemes, but they agree that tax savings schemes have a big role in increasing purchasing power. Despite the fact that the majority of women expect a return on investment of more than 20%, they continue to rely on life insurance. Schemes and provident funds are favoured above alternative tax-saving techniques, followed by post-office investments and savings. In addition to insurance and provident funds, they should be informed about a number of additional schemes.

In their study titled "A Study on Investor Behaviour of Working Women Towards Retirement Planning," Dr. Chitra and Dr. Mahalakshmi (2020) aimed to assess the level of awareness of working women towards retirement planning and to establish the components impacting their investment behaviour. For this reason, 196 persons were polled. To collect firsthand knowledge, a well-structured questionnaire was used. According to the study, the majority of respondents have a moderate awareness of retirement plans. "Family and friends" are their key information sources. The majority of respondents, however, invest to raise the value of their money and obtain liquidity. Women invest 5% to 10% of their income on average, primarily for retirement planning.

Dr. V. G. Jisha1, V. Gomathi (2017) examined salaried female employees in terms of safety as well as return on investment on a regular basis. The study's purpose is to discover how income influences the investment decisions of metropolitan working women. Researchers gathered 50 responses from Coimbatore. Structured questionnaires were used to collect data. The study's goal is to learn about the impact of income on saving and investing because it has been proven throughout the years that income has a direct relationship with investment. Respondents are urban working women because women contribute to the growth of the economy by investing their money. In general, working women desire security and a consistent return on investment. The researchers employed the chi - square test to analyse the data. They also employ other tools such as table and percentage analysis. According to the findings of the study, effective investment decisions necessitate in-depth knowledge and skill in financial decision making.

Women Enterprenureship & their investment behaviour: In recent years, women's entrepreneurship has acquired substantial attention and momentum, contributing to economic growth, innovation, and social transformation. Women entrepreneurs are individuals who develop and operate enterprises as founders, owners, or managers. Their contributions to business have been significant, yet their investment behaviour is influenced by a variety of elements that are specific to their experiences and perspectives. Women's entrepreneurship is a vibrant and expanding sector of the corporate world. While women entrepreneurs confront particular hurdles in raising finance as well as making choices regarding investments, they also bring unique abilities, views, and values to the table. As initiatives to promote gender equality and encourage women in business continue, we may anticipate even larger contributions from female entrepreneurs in the future.

Analysing various Investment Avenues & Risk associated with it:

Investment avenues encompass a wide range of options where individuals can allocate their funds with the expectation of earning a return on their investment. Each investment avenue carries its own unique set of risks, which investors should carefully consider before making investment decisions. Here are some common investment avenues and the associated risks:

1. **Stocks Market Risk**: Stock prices fluctuate in response to economic, political, and company-specific variables.
    - **Individual Company Risk**: Individual companies may suffer financial difficulties or other challenges that have an impact on their stock price.
    - **Liquidity Risk**: Stocks can be illiquid in some situations, making it difficult to sell them quickly at a desired price.
2. **Bonds: Interest Rate Risk:** Bond prices can move in the opposite direction of interest rates. Bond prices tend to fall when interest rates rise, and vice versa**.**
    - **Credit Risk:** There is a chance that the bond's issuer will fail to make interest or principal payments**.**
    - **Inflation Risk:** Fixed-rate bonds may fail to keep pace with inflation, possibly diminishing the investment's real value**.**
3. **Real Estate: Market Risk:** Because of factors such as economic conditions and location-specific trends, real estate values can change.
    - **Individual Property Risk:** Individual properties may suffer challenges such as vacancies, upkeep bills, or legal disputes.
    - **Liquidity Risk:** Real estate assets are frequently less liquid than equities or bonds, making them more difficult to convert into cash fast.
4. **Mutual Funds**: **Market and asset risk**: Mutual funds invest in a variety of assets, and their performance is influenced by the risks associated with those assets.
    - **Management Risk**: Inadequate fund management decisions might result in underperformance.
    - **Costs and Expenses**: Excessive management costs can eat into returns over time.
5. **Exchange Traded Fund**: ETFs face many of the same risks as mutual fund investments, such as market risk and management risk.
    - **Liquidity risk**: Some ETFs might have weaker trading volumes, resulting in greater bid-ask spreads.
    - **Crypto currencies**: Volatility: Crypto currencies are highly volatile, with quick price changes.
6. R**egulatory Risk**: The legality and use of crypto currencies might be impacted by changing rules in different nations.
    - **Security Risk**: Crypto currency investments might be hacked and defrauded.
    - **Commodities**: **Price Fluctuations**: Due to supply and demand dynamics, commodity prices can be highly volatile.
7. **Market risk**: Commodity prices can be affected by changes in global economic conditions.

- **Risk of Storage and shipping**: Physical commodities may incur additional storage and shipping costs.

8. **Saving Account & CD**’s: **Interest Rate Risk**: The return on deposit accounts and certificates of deposit (CDs) may fall short of inflation.
    - **Liquidity Risk**: Some CDs include early withdrawal penalties.
    - **Peer to Peer Landing**:
9. **Credit Risk**: Lenders could default on their debts, potentially resulting in principal loss.
    - **Platform Risk**: the platform for lending itself may experience financial or operational difficulties.
10. **Start up Investments**: **High Risk**: Because of their unproven business concepts and unclear prospects, start-ups sometimes involve a high amount of risk.
    - **Lack of Liquidity**: Individual start-up investments are often illiquid and difficult to sell.

Suggestions

1. **Diversifying your portfolio:** Female entrepreneurs understand the value of diversifying their financial portfolios. Diversification can reduce risk and boost long-term rewards. They make investments in a variety of asset classes, including equities, bonds, real estate, and alternative assets.
2. **Financial Literacy**: It is critical to develop financial literacy in order to make informed investing decisions. Women business owners dedicate time in learning about investment possibilities, risk management, and market dynamics. When necessary, they frequently seek the guidance of financial consultants.
3. **Establishing Clear Financial Goals**: It is critical to set clear and realistic financial goals. Women entrepreneurs establish well-defined plans to attain their goals, whether it's saving for retirement, supporting a child's education, or expanding their firm.
4. **Risk Assessment**: Women entrepreneurs carefully consider their risk tolerance. They recognise that every investment entails some level of risk, and they customise their investing decisions to match their level of comfort.

Conclusion

Female entrepreneurs are altering business and financial rules. Their preferred investment options represent a distinct combination of risk aversion, industry knowledge, and financial objectives. While no two female entrepreneurs are alike, their entrepreneurial experiences provide them with the skills and confidence to navigate the world of investments in a strategic and educated manner. As women entrepreneurs' impact grows, their investment decisions will become increasingly important in determining the financial environment.

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Artificial Intelligence and Financial Forecasting

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Abstract

The research paper titled "Artificial Intelligence and Financial Forecasting" presents an in-depth exploration of the transformative role played by artificial intelligence (AI) in the realm of financial forecasting. It delves into the integration of advanced AI techniques, such as machine learning and deep learning, into the financial industry, highlighting their profound impact on the accuracy and efficiency of financial predictions. Through a comprehensive analysis of AI applications in diverse financial domains, including stock market forecasting, risk assessment, and portfolio optimization, the paper reveals how AI algorithms are reshaping decision-making processes for businesses and investors. Additionally, it addresses the ethical considerations and challenges posed by the adoption of AI in finance, emphasizing the need for transparency and fairness. Ultimately, this research paper provides valuable insights into the significance of AI in financial forecasting, offering a roadmap for harnessing the potential of these technologies in navigating the complexities of the financial landscape.

Key Words: AI applications, AI algorithms, revenue projections, block chain technology

Introduction

Financial forecasting is a critical process in the world of finance and business that involves estimating future financial outcomes and trends based on historical data, current conditions, and various predictive methods. It serves as a fundamental tool for organizations, investors, and financial institutions to make informed decisions, allocate resources, and plan for the future. Financial forecasting encompasses a wide range of areas, including revenue projections, expense forecasts, cash flow predictions, and budget planning. It aids businesses in setting achievable goals, identifying potential risks, and formulating strategies to achieve long-term sustainability and growth. Whether for assessing investment opportunities, managing budgets, or optimizing financial performance, financial forecasting plays a pivotal role in helping stakeholders navigate the complexities of the financial landscape and make sound financial decisions.

The significance of artificial intelligence (AI) in financial forecasting cannot be overstated. AI has revolutionized the field of finance by offering powerful tools and capabilities that enhance the accuracy, speed, and depth of financial predictions. It leverages advanced machine learning algorithms, data analysis techniques, and the ability to process vast amounts of data swiftly, enabling it to identify intricate patterns and trends that might elude traditional forecasting methods. AI-driven financial forecasting has applications in various domains, from predicting stock prices and currency exchange rates to assessing credit risk and optimizing investment portfolios. Moreover, AI systems can adapt and learn from new data continuously, improving their forecasting accuracy over time. This not only empowers financial professionals with more reliable insights but also aids in risk mitigation and investment decision-making. In an era marked by data abundance and market volatility, the incorporation of AI into financial forecasting represents a transformative leap forward, allowing businesses and investors to navigate the complexities of the financial landscape with greater confidence and precision.

Purpose of the Research paper

The purpose of this research paper is to comprehensively explore the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) techniques into the domain of financial forecasting. This research endeavors to shed light on the profound impact of AI on the accuracy, efficiency, and reliability of financial predictions and analyses. By delving into the methodologies, algorithms, and real-world applications of AI in finance, the paper aims to provide a nuanced understanding of how AI is reshaping financial decision-making processes for businesses, investors, and financial institutions. Additionally, it seeks to uncover the challenges and ethical considerations that accompany the adoption of AI in this field. Ultimately, the research paper aspires to equip readers with the knowledge necessary to appreciate the significance of AI in financial forecasting, offering insights into the transformative potential of these technologies and their implications for the future of finance.

Emergence and evolution of AI in finance

The emergence and evolution of artificial intelligence (AI) in finance represent a remarkable journey that has revolutionized the financial industry. AI's foray into finance began with rule-based systems and statistical models, but it truly gained momentum with the advent of machine learning and deep learning algorithms. These algorithms enabled the processing of vast datasets at unparalleled speeds, allowing financial institutions to make more accurate predictions and informed decisions. Initially, AI was primarily used for risk assessment and algorithmic trading, but its applications quickly expanded to include fraud detection, customer service through chat bots, and credit scoring. The development of natural language processing (NLP) further empowered AI to analyze news sentiment, research reports, and social media data for market insights. With the rise of block chain technology and cryptocurrencies, AI also found applications in cryptocurrency trading and portfolio management. As AI continues to evolve, it holds the potential to transform the very fabric of the financial industry, making it more efficient, data-driven, and responsive to market dynamics, ushering in a new era of finance.

AI Applications in Financial Forecasting

AI applications in financial forecasting have ushered in a new era of predictive accuracy and efficiency in the finance sector. These applications leverage cutting-edge machine learning algorithms and vast datasets to analyze historical financial data, market trends, and economic indicators. In stock market forecasting, AI models can identify intricate patterns and correlations that human analysts might overlook, enabling more informed investment decisions. Similarly, AI-powered risk assessment tools are invaluable for banks and financial institutions in evaluating creditworthiness and managing loan portfolios. Portfolio optimization, another critical area, benefits from AI's ability to balance risk and return in real-time, enhancing overall investment performance. Furthermore, natural language processing (NLP) and sentiment analysis enable AI to gauge market sentiment by analyzing news articles, social media posts, and research reports, providing valuable insights for traders and investors. In essence, AI applications in financial forecasting not only enhance the precision of predictions but also provide a competitive edge in an industry where timely and informed decisions are paramount.

Stock price prediction using AI

Stock price prediction using AI is a dynamic and transformative application within the realm of finance. Leveraging machine learning algorithms and vast historical datasets, AI models analyze complex patterns and market trends to forecast stock prices. These models can consider an array of factors, including historical stock performance, market indices, economic indicators, and even news sentiment analysis. What sets AI apart is its ability to process enormous volumes of data rapidly and adapt to changing market conditions, providing traders and investors with more accurate and timely predictions. However, it's essential to note that stock price prediction with AI is not without its challenges, as markets are influenced by both rational and irrational factors, and predicting human behavior remains inherently uncertain. Nevertheless, AI continues to play a vital role in empowering market participants with valuable insights to make more informed investment decisions in today's fast-paced and data-driven financial landscape.

Currency exchange rate forecasting with AI

Currency exchange rate forecasting with AI represents a crucial application at the intersection of finance and artificial intelligence. In the globalized world of today, the accurate prediction of currency exchange rates is essential for businesses, investors, and governments. AI systems, powered by machine learning algorithms, analyze an extensive array of data, including historical exchange rate trends, economic indicators, geopolitical events, and news sentiment, to make predictions. These models excel in identifying intricate patterns and nonlinear relationships that traditional forecasting methods might overlook. The ability to process vast datasets swiftly and adapt to changing market dynamics makes AI a valuable tool in mitigating currency exchange rate risks and optimizing foreign exchange strategies. However, it is essential to acknowledge the inherent volatility and unpredictability of currency markets, which continue to pose challenges for AI-based forecasting. Nonetheless, AI has shown promise in enhancing the accuracy of exchange rate predictions, aiding businesses and investors in making more informed decisions in the complex and ever-changing world of international finance.

AI-driven financial risk assessment

AI-driven financial risk assessment has emerged as a pivotal application in the finance industry, reshaping how organizations evaluate and manage risk. By harnessing machine learning algorithms and big data analytics, AI systems can process vast amounts of financial data, market trends, and economic indicators in real-time. These systems excel in identifying subtle patterns and correlations that can be indicative of impending financial risks. In banking and lending, AI models are instrumental in assessing credit risk by analyzing borrowers' credit histories, transaction data, and other relevant factors. Additionally, AI helps in market risk assessment by continuously monitoring and analyzing market conditions, identifying potential threats, and enabling timely risk mitigation strategies. While AI-driven financial risk assessment offers unparalleled advantages in terms of accuracy and speed, it also poses challenges related to model transparency and interpretability. However, its potential to enhance risk management and decision-making processes makes it an indispensable tool for financial institutions seeking to navigate an increasingly complex and dynamic financial landscape.

AI-powered portfolio optimization

AI-powered portfolio optimization is a cutting-edge approach transforming the field of investment management. Through the utilization of advanced machine learning algorithms and data analytics, AI systems can efficiently process vast quantities of financial data, historical market performance, and economic indicators to construct and manage investment portfolios. This technology aims to strike an optimal balance between risk and return, catering to specific investment goals and risk tolerances. AI-driven portfolio optimization enables the inclusion of a wide range of assets and asset classes, fostering diversification and enhancing portfolio resilience. Moreover, AI continuously monitors market dynamics and adjusts portfolios in real-time, ensuring adaptability to changing conditions. While this technology offers significant potential for improved investment outcomes, it also raises concerns about model transparency and interpretability, requiring careful consideration. Nevertheless, AI-powered portfolio optimization represents a significant advancement in the investment landscape, empowering investors with data-driven strategies to navigate the complexities of financial markets.

The role of quantum computing in financial forecasting

The role of quantum computing in financial forecasting is poised to revolutionize the way we approach complex financial predictions and risk assessments. Quantum computing's unique computational power allows it to process and analyze vast datasets and complex mathematical models at speeds that classical computers can only dream of. In the context of financial forecasting, this means the ability to tackle intricate financial models and simulations in near-real-time, offering more accurate and timely predictions. Quantum computing can optimize portfolios with an unprecedented level of complexity, consider a multitude of variables simultaneously, and evaluate risk factors in ways that were previously unattainable. However, the adoption of quantum computing in finance also presents challenges, such as hardware development, algorithm adaptation, and data security concerns. As quantum computing continues to advance, its potential to reshape financial forecasting and risk management cannot be overstated, offering new avenues for more precise, efficient, and robust financial decision-making in an increasingly complex and data-driven financial world.

Responsibility and accountability in AI-driven financial decisions

Responsibility and accountability in AI-driven financial decisions represent critical considerations in the adoption of artificial intelligence in the financial sector. As AI systems increasingly play a pivotal role in financial forecasting, risk assessment, and investment strategies, questions surrounding ethical and legal responsibilities come to the forefront. Financial institutions, regulators, and developers of AI algorithms must grapple with issues related to transparency, fairness, and bias in AI decision-making processes. Ensuring that AI models are transparent and that their outcomes can be explained is essential for building trust among stakeholders and maintaining accountability. Moreover, institutions must establish clear lines of responsibility for AI-driven financial decisions, defining the roles and obligations of human decision-makers and AI systems. Regulatory frameworks and guidelines are also evolving to address these concerns, with an emphasis on maintaining fairness and preventing discrimination in AI-driven financial practices. In this rapidly evolving landscape, fostering responsible AI adoption is crucial to harness the benefits of artificial intelligence while mitigating potential risks and ensuring that the financial industry operates with integrity and fairness.

Advantages and limitations of AI in financial forecasting

The advantages and limitations of AI in financial forecasting encompass a complex landscape. On the positive side, AI brings a remarkable ability to process vast volumes of data swiftly and uncover intricate patterns, enabling more accurate and timely predictions in financial markets. Machine learning algorithms adapt to evolving market conditions, enhancing their predictive capabilities over time. AI-driven forecasting can lead to more informed investment decisions, risk mitigation, and improved portfolio performance. However, these advantages come with notable limitations. AI models can be vulnerable to overfitting and biases present in historical data, potentially leading to inaccurate predictions. They often lack transparency and interpretability, making it challenging to explain their decisions, a crucial aspect in financial regulations. Moreover, AI systems require substantial computational resources and data, which may be inaccessible to smaller financial institutions. Ethical concerns, such as fairness and privacy, also arise when deploying AI in financial forecasting. Balancing these advantages and limitations is essential to harness the full potential of AI while addressing the challenges it presents in the realm of financial forecasting.

Implications for financial institutions and investors

The implications of AI usage in financial forecasting are profound for both financial institutions and investors.

For financial institutions, integrating AI into their operations offers the potential for enhanced decision-making, risk management, and cost optimization. AI-driven financial forecasting can lead to more accurate risk assessments, enabling institutions to make informed lending decisions and manage their portfolios more effectively. Fraud detection mechanisms powered by AI can mitigate losses, and AI-driven customer service can improve the overall client experience. However, financial institutions must also navigate regulatory challenges and ensure transparency and fairness in AI-driven processes to maintain trust and compliance.

For investors, AI presents opportunities to make more data-driven and timely investment decisions. AI models can analyze vast datasets and market trends, providing insights into potential investment opportunities and risks. Algorithmic trading strategies can be employed to execute trades swiftly and efficiently. Moreover, AI-powered portfolio optimization can help investors construct portfolios that align with their risk tolerance and investment goals. Nevertheless, investors must be aware of the limitations and potential biases in AI models and exercise caution in relying solely on AI-driven predictions. Furthermore, understanding the AI technologies employed by financial institutions can empower investors to make informed choices about where to entrust their assets. In summary, while AI brings immense potential to financial forecasting, it requires a balanced approach, with both financial institutions and investors cognizant of the benefits and challenges it brings to the financial landscape.

Potential societal impacts and changes in the financial industry

The usage of AI in financial forecasting has the potential to bring about significant societal impacts and usher in transformative changes within the financial industry. On one hand, AI can contribute to increased financial inclusion by enabling more accurate and nuanced credit assessments, allowing underserved populations to access financial services. It can also lead to cost savings in the industry, potentially reducing fees and transaction costs for consumers. However, there are also concerns related to job displacement, as AI and automation may replace certain roles in the financial sector, requiring the workforce to adapt to more data-driven and technology-centric roles. Moreover, there are ethical considerations regarding the responsible use of AI, such as ensuring fairness, transparency, and protection of sensitive financial data. As AI continues to evolve, regulators, financial institutions, and society at large will need to collaborate to harness its potential while addressing the societal and ethical challenges that come with it, ultimately reshaping the financial industry to be more data-driven, efficient, and inclusive.

Conclusion

The integration of AI into financial forecasting holds profound implications for the future of this essential financial practice. AI promises to bring unprecedented accuracy and efficiency to forecasting, enabling financial professionals to make more informed decisions in real time. With the ability to process vast datasets, AI models can uncover subtle patterns and trends that were previously inaccessible, enhancing the quality of predictions. However, this transformation is not without its challenges. Financial institutions must address issues related to model transparency, fairness, and ethical considerations, ensuring that AI-driven forecasts adhere to regulatory standards. Additionally, as AI continues to evolve, financial forecasting will require a workforce skilled in data science and AI technologies. Overall, the future of financial forecasting with AI presents a promising landscape of enhanced precision and adaptability, coupled with the imperative of addressing the ethical and workforce-related aspects of this transformative technology.

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A Study on Opportunities and Challenges in Agripreneurship in India

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Abstract
This study dives into the vibrant world of agripreneurship in India with the goal of examining the myriad opportunities and difficulties that would-be agricultural entrepreneurs encounter in this multicultural country. Agripreneurship is emerging as a promising path for sustainable growth and rural development in India, where the agriculture industry has long been a major contributor to the country's economy. The paper uses a thorough examination of the existing literature to offer a perceptive viewpoint on agripreneurship. Secondary data was gathered from the numerous published articles for this descriptive study. The study starts out by explaining the historical background of Indian agriculture and the growing idea of agripreneurship. The enormous array of options that agripreneurship offers is then discussed, with an emphasis on market dynamics and government regulations that support innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture. On the other hand, the article examines the enormous obstacles that agripreneurs must overcome, such as financial limitations, technology hurdles, complex regulatory requirements, and the urgent issues of climate change and sustainability. This allows the study to analyze the nuances of these difficulties and provide light on the roadblocks that frequently prevent the development of agripreneurship in India. The report then emphasized the implications for the growth of agribusiness in India in the future. The study finishes with policy suggestions for the government and advice for prospective agricultural entrepreneurs. The goal of this study is to provide policymakers, academics, and others interested in promoting agricultural entrepreneurship in India with insightful information. It aims to open the door for a more dynamic, forward-thinking, and sustainable agricultural sector in the nation by thoroughly studying both the potential and challenges within agripreneurship.
Keywords: Agripreneurship, Agripreneurs, Agriculture, Sustainable Growth, Entrepreneurs.

Introduction and Background

India is at a critical moment in its agricultural evolution since agriculture is so ingrained in the country's cultural and economic fabric. The agricultural industry has long been a pillar of the country's economy, with a population of nearly 1.3 billion and a long history of agrarian practices. However, the need to feed a growing population, ensure food security, and support rural development is forcing a rapid change in Indian agriculture's dynamics.

Agripreneurship emerges as an intriguing concept and a ray of hope for India's agricultural landscape in this period of upheaval. A paradigm change in how agriculture is viewed and practiced is represented by agripreneurship, the merging of agriculture and entrepreneurship. Offering chances for sustainable growth and economic empowerment, especially in rural regions, it reflects the spirit of innovation, adaptation, and value addition.

Agripreneurship in India is not just a result of modern trends; it is an evolution brought about by need and a reaction to the difficult problems the agriculture industry is facing. Depleting groundwater supplies, fragmented landholdings, unpredictable climate patterns, and the demand for higher agricultural production are some of these issues. By incorporating cutting-edge methods, technology, and business savvy into conventional farming methods, agripreneurs, or entrepreneurial farmers and agricultural enthusiasts, seek to confront these problems head-on.

This research study has two distinct goals. It first aims to investigate the various prospects that agripreneurship in the Indian environment affords. These possibilities include everything from increasing crop diversity and taking part in value-added activities to getting access to markets and government assistance programs. With the help of enlightening case studies and empirical data, we hope to create a clear image of the potential environment that awaits individuals who choose to pursue an entrepreneurial career in agriculture.

The second part of this paper explores the main obstacles that agripreneurs face along the route. These difficulties include tight budgets, restricted access to cutting-edge agricultural technologies, complex regulatory issues, and the urgent issues of climate change and sustainability. We seek to offer a detailed understanding of the barriers that frequently obstruct the development and success of agripreneurship in India by breaking down these difficulties and gleaning lessons from real-world experiences.

This research paper serves as a thorough manual for decision-makers, researchers, and aspiring agripreneurs as India's agriculture sector sits on the verge of upheaval. We want to enlighten a way toward a more vibrant, creative, and sustainable agriculture industry in India by navigating through the opportunities and difficulties that characterize the agribusiness landscape.

Key Opportunities for Agripreneurship in India

Below are several noteworthy opportunities accessible for agripreneurship in India:

Source: Author

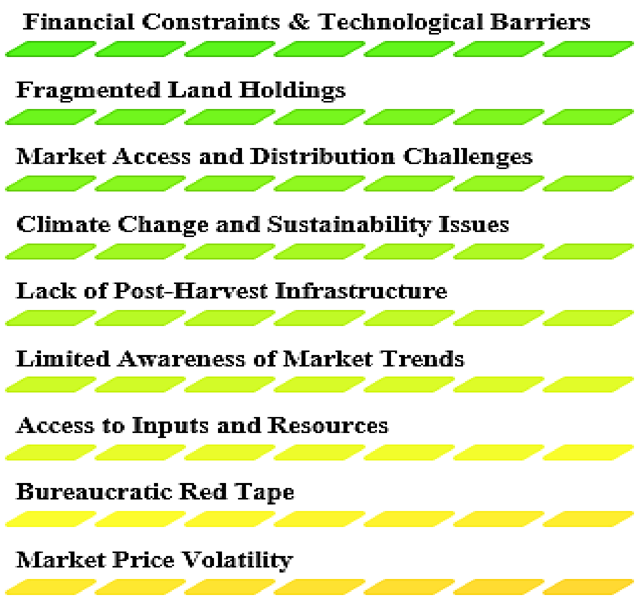
1. **Diversification of Crop Production:** India's diverse agro-climatic zones offer opportunities to cultivate a wide variety of crops, including traditional and high-value crops. Agripreneurs can explore crop diversification to cater to changing consumer preferences and market demands.

2. **Value Addition and Agro-Processing:** Agripreneurs can add value to agricultural produce by engaging in processing and packaging activities. This includes making products like jams, pickles, sauces, and processed grains, which can fetch higher prices in the market.
3. **Organic Farming and Certification:** Growing global demand for organic produce presents an opportunity for agripreneurs to adopt organic farming practices. Obtaining organic certifications can open up premium markets both domestically and internationally.
4. **Precision Agriculture and Technology Adoption:** The use of technology in agriculture, such as drones, IoT devices, and data analytics, can enhance productivity and reduce resource wastage. Agripreneurs can leverage these technologies to improve farm management and yield.
5. **Farm-to-Table and Direct Marketing:** Establishing direct links with consumers through farmers' markets, online platforms, and subscription-based models allows agripreneurs to eliminate middlemen, increase profit margins, and establish brand loyalty.
6. **Government Support and Subsidies:** The Indian government offers various schemes, subsidies, and financial incentives to promote agricultural entrepreneurship. These include credit facilities, crop insurance, and support for infrastructure development.
7. **Agri-Tourism and Farm Stays:** Rural tourism and farm stays have gained popularity in India. Agripreneurs can tap into this trend by offering unique experiences to tourists and urban visitors, generating additional income.
8. **Contract Farming and Collaborations:** Collaborations with agri-food companies and participation in contract farming agreements can provide a stable market and assured returns for agripreneurs.
9. **Research and Development Initiatives:** Engaging in research and development activities related to agriculture can lead to innovative solutions and products. Agripreneurs can collaborate with agricultural universities and research institutions.
10. **Skill Development and Training:** Initiatives to train, empower and educate aspiring agripreneurs are in demand. Establishing training centers and consultancy services can be a viable agripreneurial venture.
11. **Export Opportunities:** With a focus on improving agricultural exports, agripreneurs can tap into global markets, especially for products like spices, tea, and horticultural produce.

These opportunities underscore the potential for agripreneurship to not only enhance the income and livelihoods of farmers but also contribute to the overall growth and sustainability of the Indian agriculture sector. However, realizing these opportunities often comes with a set of formidable challenges, which will be discussed in the subsequent sections of this research paper.

Obstacles and Challenges Faced by Agripreneurs in India

Here are several challenges and obstacles encountered by agripreneurs in India:



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1. **Financial Constraints:** Limited access to capital and credit facilities often hampers the ability of agripreneurs to invest in modern equipment, technology, and infrastructure.
2. **Technological Barriers:** Many agripreneurs, especially in rural areas, lack access to modern agricultural technologies and information, hindering their ability to adopt efficient farming practices.
3. **Fragmented Land Holdings:** In India, land holdings are often small and fragmented, making it challenging to achieve economies of scale and implement mechanized farming methods.
4. **Market Access and Distribution Challenges:** Agripreneurs face difficulties in accessing markets, negotiating fair prices, and establishing efficient distribution networks due to the dominance of intermediaries and middlemen.
5. **Regulatory Complexities:** Complex regulations related to land acquisition, agricultural produce marketing, and food safety standards can be daunting for agripreneurs, especially those operating across state boundaries.
6. **Climate Change and Sustainability Issues:** Increasing climate variability and environmental concerns pose significant challenges to agricultural practices. Agripreneurs must adapt to changing weather patterns and adopt sustainable farming methods.
7. **Lack of Post-Harvest Infrastructure:** Inadequate storage and processing facilities lead to post-harvest losses, reducing the income potential of agripreneurs and affecting food security.
8. **Risk and Uncertainty:** Agriculture is inherently risky due to factors like weather, pests, and diseases. Agripreneurs often lack access to crop insurance and risk mitigation strategies.
9. **Skills and Knowledge Gap:** Many farmers-turned-agripreneurs may lack the necessary business and marketing skills, as well as access to agricultural training and extension services.
10. **Limited Awareness of Market Trends:** Agripreneurs may struggle to stay updated on market trends, consumer preferences, and evolving demand, impacting their ability to make informed decisions.
11. **Infrastructure Deficiencies:** Poor rural infrastructure, including roads, electricity, and irrigation systems, can impede the efficient functioning of agripreneurial ventures.

12. **Access to Inputs and Resources:** Unequal access to quality seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation facilities can affect productivity and profitability for agripreneurs.
13. **Bureaucratic Red Tape:** Agripreneurs often encounter bureaucratic delays and inefficiencies when dealing with government agencies for permits, subsidies, and certifications.
14. **Market Price Volatility:** Price fluctuations in agricultural commodities can impact the income of agripreneurs, especially those who lack access to futures markets and price hedging mechanisms.
15. **Social Stigma and Perceived Risks:** In some cases, there may be a social stigma associated with leaving traditional farming practices in favor of agripreneurship. Additionally, the perceived risks of entrepreneurship may deter potential agripreneurs.

Understanding and addressing these challenges is crucial to creating an enabling environment for agripreneurship in India. Policymakers, industry stakeholders, and support organizations need to work together to develop solutions that empower agripreneurs and promote sustainable agricultural entrepreneurship in the country.

Suggestions and ways to overcome the obstacles and challenges faced by Agripreneurs in India:

Below are several essential recommendations to address the impediments and difficulties experienced by agripreneurs in India:

Suggestions for Policymakers and Government

1. **Ease Regulatory Complexities:** Simplify and streamline regulations related to land acquisition, agricultural produce marketing, and food safety standards. Create a single-window clearance system for agripreneurs.
2. **Access to Finance:** Facilitate easy access to credit and financial institutions for agripreneurs. Offer low-interest loans and credit guarantee schemes tailored to their needs.
3. **Promote Research and Development:** Allocate funds for agricultural research and development, focusing on innovative technologies and sustainable farming practices. Establish partnerships with research institutions and universities.
4. **Infrastructure Development:** Invest in rural infrastructure, including roads, electricity, and irrigation systems, to improve connectivity and productivity in agriculture.
5. **Market Linkages:** Create efficient market linkages and digital platforms that connect agripreneurs directly with consumers and agribusinesses, reducing reliance on middlemen.
6. **Capacity Building:** Offer training and skill development programs for agripreneurs, focusing on business management, marketing, and modern farming techniques.
7. **Crop Insurance and Risk Mitigation:** Expand crop insurance schemes and promote risk mitigation strategies to protect agripreneurs from losses due to unforeseen events.
8. **Promote Agri-Tourism:** Encourage agri-tourism by providing incentives and support for farm stays, rural experiences, and eco-tourism initiatives.

Suggestions for Aspiring Agripreneurs

1. **Market Research:** Conduct thorough market research to understand consumer preferences, trends, and demand in your chosen niche of agripreneurship.
2. **Business Planning:** Develop a comprehensive business plan that outlines your goals, strategies, and financial projections. Seek professional guidance if necessary.
3. **Access Training and Extension Services:** Participate in agricultural training and extension programs to enhance your knowledge and skills in farming and agripreneurship.

4. **Network Building:** Build a network of fellow agripreneurs, industry experts, and support organizations. Networking can provide valuable insights and opportunities.
5. **Technology Adoption:** Embrace modern agricultural technologies, such as precision farming, IoT devices, and sustainable practices, to improve productivity and sustainability.
6. **Diversification:** Explore diversification opportunities within agriculture, such as organic farming, agro-processing, or value-added products, to expand your income streams.
7. **Financial Management:** Maintain meticulous financial records, manage expenses wisely, and explore financial management tools to ensure profitability and sustainability.
8. **Market Directly:** Consider direct marketing channels like farmers' markets, online platforms, and farm-to-table models to reduce dependency on intermediaries.
9. **Adapt to Climate Change:** Implement climate-resilient farming practices and technologies to mitigate the impact of climate change on your agricultural venture.
10. **Continuous Learning:** Stay updated on industry trends, emerging technologies, and best practices through ongoing learning and education.

By implementing these suggestions, both policymakers and aspiring agripreneurs can contribute to the growth and sustainability of agripreneurship in India, unlocking its potential to transform the agricultural sector and improve rural livelihoods.

Conclusion

In the course of this in-depth investigation into "Opportunities and Challenges in Agripreneurship in India," we have delved deep into a vibrant industry that connects agriculture's long traditions with the entrepreneurial spirit. Agripreneurship serves as a ray of hope and innovation in this developing narrative as India's agricultural environment, which is firmly ingrained in its culture and history, undergoes a profound shift.

A potential environment where agripreneurs can diversify crop production, add value to agricultural products, embrace organic farming, and utilize current technologies was discovered through the examination of opportunities. The case studies of profitable businesses showed that agripreneurs may support rural development, provide sustainable livelihoods, and boost India's agricultural output.

The road to agripreneurship is not without its share of difficulties, though. Financial limitations, technological limitations, legal difficulties, and the omnipresent threat of climate change present significant challenges. The empirical examination of these issues revealed the need for regulatory changes, better resource accessibility, and increased resilience-building initiatives to aid agripreneurs in their endeavors.

As a result, agripreneurship in India serves as both a means of achieving personal success and a driving force behind the transformation of the entire agricultural ecosystem. It has the potential to boost food security, lower post-harvest losses, boost agricultural production, and encourage sustainable farming methods. Additionally, it can reduce the gap between urban and rural areas and rejuvenate rural economies and employment prospects.

Through legislative changes, increased access to capital, the development of infrastructure, and the fostering of market connections, policymakers may play a crucial part in fostering agripreneurship. Aspiring agribusiness owners need to keep learning, use technology, and adjust to shifting market circumstances. Unlocking the full potential of agripreneurship in India would depend on the cooperation and synergy between the government and entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector.

In conclusion, the future of agribusiness in India is weaved from the threads of creativity, resiliency, and a strong bond with the soil. Let's stay committed to utilizing the transformative power of agripreneurship as we negotiate the opportunities and difficulties that lie ahead, guaranteeing a profitable and sustainable future for India's agriculture industry and its rural people.

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An Analytical Study of Buying Approach for Eco-friendly Products and Consumers' Behaviour

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Abstract
Sustainable development can be attained by expanding approaches for safeguarding of our environment. Business has to play an important role by working for development of quality products which do not harm environment adversely. In recent past, the concerns for environment protection have been increasing and consumers now a days are fond of purchase environmentally friendly products. Because of increasing threats of Global Warming, nations are practicing ways to reduce carbon and toxic emission. Now, efforts are on to focus for approving the strategy of "reduce, reuse and recycle". Corporate houses know that to survive longer, they should have to link their Social Responsibilities with Environmental Conservation and produce in such a manner only. Marketers are also practicing 'Going Green' initiatives to promote products. Producers are adopting strategies to manufacture 'Green an Eco-Friendly Products'. Such products attract the attention of environmental principled customers. All such strategies are making awareness among other customers and informing them to be socially responsible towards saving environment.
The main objective of this paper is to measure the cognizance of customers for eco-friendly and green products. This paper also attempts to examine the buying intension of customers and tries to examine consumers' attitude for environmental conservation by buying eco-friendly and green products.
Keywords: Green Products, Eco-Friendly Product, Environmental Protection, Green Strategies, Sustainable Development, etc.

Introduction
Protection of environment is very important for earth which is inhibited by a large variety of living organisms. It is important for growth and survival for all of us. Our earth has limited resources Survival and growth of business is possible only through various resources available on the earth. Therefore companies are adopting the processes which supports activities contributing to the environment. Industries should make strategies to preserve biodiversity of the earth. Various companies are showing their contributions made for protection of environment through their website.
Green marketing is future of our business activities. It supports sustainability. It covers every aspects of business. It provides a solution to environmental concerns. Companies are promoting various strategies for green marketing. Consumers are also realizing the importance of green .marketing and they are ready to change their habits and adopt the environment friendly attitude. It is the responsibility of both marketers and consumers to performance an vital role in caring environment. Industries should adopt and promote green policies for sustainable development so that needs of future generations are not compromised.
Green marketing refers to embracing such marketing techniques which are not detrimental for environment. It is an act of transforming, endorsing, selling and supply of products and services in environment friendly manner. Green marketing also involves an act of educating consumer regarding green products. It refers to marketing of eco-friendly products and services based on their environmental benefits. It is the process of reducing wastages of natural resources, optimum utilization

of these resources and reinventing products in eco-friendly manner. Green marketing may be practiced in two ways i.e. either manufacturing environmental friendly products or manufacturing the products in environmental friendly way. Green marketing tries to satisfy human wants with minimum impact on environment. It is practiced by both manufacturing and service sector. However accountability of manufacturing sector are more vital in this regard. Green marketing can be made more popular with combined efforts of corporate houses and consumers. It is biggest challenge of corporate houses to spread awareness of green products among consumers. This can be done only when these companies will make quality products. Performance of such products must match the expectation of consumers. It requires additional costs to practice green marketing but it will benefit all stakeholders in long-run. Everyone should participate in this process to save environment from degradation. It should be duty and responsibility of all. All the activities involved in green marketing must be eco-friendly. Eco-friendly products (or green products) and eco-friendly services are result of green marketing practices. Our study in this paper is based on eco-friendly products.

Eco-friendly products denotes to those products that do not have detrimental impact on environment. During production, use as well as disposal, these products do not harm environment. Instead, such products support to preserve environment. Big bazars, supermarkets, and companies like Tanishq, Titan are playing important role by providing non-plastic bags to their customers. Marketers should be transparent while claiming their produce as eco-friendly. These products should be sold at reasonable price so that maximum number of customers can afford to purchase.

Purchase intension means intensity of desire to purchase a product or service. It is measurement of ones decision to buy. It can also be defined as a probability that a consumer is ready to pay price for a particular product or service. Purchasing intension is measured by marketers to predict the future sales of new and existing products. However, it is not necessary that purchase intension will always be converted into sales.

Literature Review

These are the text that describes the current researches and various key findings in the related topic. Some of research works and their key findings are mentioned below.

In his study **Boztepe, A. (2012)** reported that “as environment consciousness, green product features, green promotion and green price increase, green purchasing behavior increases as well”. He further found that today`s consumer, price difference in eco-friendly products do not matter now and promotion of these products has become necessary for consumers.

In their study**, Bhatia & Jain, (2013)** reported that awareness level of consumers about eco-friendly products was high but consumers were not conscious for various green initiatives carried out by governments and NGOs. The authors felt the need of more efforts from these organizations to create awareness of these initiatives.

In his study**, (Kumar M., 2013)** found the controlling actor had a great effect on green marketing in brand perception about product and the buying behavior of consumers. He also reported that there is greater role of “educated consumer, gender difference and family choice” for green brand. He also found that marketers have to deal with less educated consumers to create awareness among them.

In their study **Wiwik, H, & Rendra A P (2017)** found that attitude of consumers toward eco-friendly product is positive because they are aware of their health and they are willing to create eco-friendly condition in the environment. He further suggested that information and knowledge about these products must be spread on continuous basis. Then consumers will be able to participate in environmental sustainability.

In her study**, Rahman H A (2018)** reported that consumers' concern for the environment does not essentially convert into eco-friendly purchases. She further noted that there is a gap between attitude of consumers and their behavior towards eco-friendly products. She also found that "there exists a gap between consumers' thinking and their actual action" regarding these products.

Rationale of the study

Global warming and ecological imbalance have become a challenge for present generation. These two issue have to be tackled seriously so that our future generations can have a better place to live. Implementing green promotion practice will make environment more clean and green. Attitude of consumers have also changed in last few decades. They are now more conscious of their environment hand health. Green marketing is considered as modern way of marketing. It is important to know the awareness level and interest of consumers. The study will help the marketers to know about the attitude and preference of customers regarding eco-friendly products. Adopting green marketing may help the business houses to have competitive advantages. Initially they might have to bear a higher cost but in long term they will get higher benefit.

Objectives of the study

This paper discusses the green marketing practices in India. It tries to focus on consumers' awareness and buying intension of eco-friendly products in India. Following are objectives of this study.

1. To analyze the level of awareness about green products among Indian consumers
2. To investigate the buying intention of Indian consumers with regard to eco-friendly products
3. To examine interest of Indian consumers for environment protection by purchasing of eco-friendly and green products.

Hypothesis: Based on various literature reviews and our objectives of this paper, following hypothesis have been designed to be verified with statistical investigation.

$H_0$1: There is no significant difference in awareness about eco-friendly products between male and female consumers.

$H_0$2: There is no significant difference in buying intention and their contribution to environment through purchase of eco-friendly products with respect to different occupations of the consumers.

Research Methodology: It signifies the plan in which researchers execute the investigation to achieve their research objectives. This paper is empirical in nature. The research is based on primary data. Data has been collected through online survey from different groups of people using questionnaire. Questionnaire was sent to various people in India through online mode i.e. Facebook groups, WhatsApp and Gmail. Online mode was adopted due to lockdown. It was most convenient and safe method during Covid-19 pandemic period. Respondents were requested to provide ratings on questions based on five points Likert scale. In this scale 5 levels were recorded being first level given to strongly disagree and fifth level denoting to strongly disagree. Collected data were classified and then statistical tools were applied to test the proposed hypothesis. T-test and ANOVA-two factor with replication were applied in the study.

Result and discussion: Our survey received 164 responses from various groups of people. All of them were asked questions related to the level of awareness regarding eco-friendly products. They were also asked to rate for buying intension in these products. Further they were asked about their interests for contribution to environment through purchasing of these eco-friendly products. Then we applied appropriate statistical tools to verify our proposed hypothesis to draw our conclusion.

Awareness: Awareness about eco-friendly products between male and female was measured by applying t-test on our data collected from 164 respondents. Following table-1.1 shows the results of our analysis.

Table 1

t-Test: Two-Sample Assuming Unequal Variances		
	Awareness about Green Marketing in Male	Awareness about Green Marketing in Female
Mean	4.25	4.21
Variance	0.86	1.00
Observations	96	68
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
Df	138	
t Stat	0.29	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.77	
t Critical two-tail	1.98	
*Result: t (138) =0.29, P=0.77(P > 0.05) Hence null hypothesis ($H_0$1) is failed to be rejected		

In above test (table-1), mean score of male and female customers are 4.25 & 4.21 respectively. This shows their high level of awareness among both male and female consumers. With respect to our null hypothesis, P-vale was found to be 0.77 which greater than 0.05. This shows that our null hypothesis i.e. $H_0$1 is failed to be rejected. It verifies our statements that there is no significant difference in awareness about eco-friendly products between male and female consumers.

Buying intention and contribution to environment: These two variables were tested by applying ANOVA test. Equal number of samples were chosen from different occupations. These occupations are government service, private service and students. Total number of respondents in each sample was 38. Table 1.2 shows the result obtained by applying ANOVA test.

Table 1.2 shows mean score of consumers in different occupations with regard to purchase interest of eco-friendly products and their intension to contribute to environment through eco-buying. Mean score of all three occupations are greater than four out of total score five. High mean scores represent that they have strong interest towards purchasing of eco-friendly products. Further, they are ready for making their contributions to the environment through purchasing of eco-friendly products.

Table - 2

Summary of responses received			
	Purchase Interest	Contribute Environment	Total
Government Service			
Count	38	38	76
Sum	169	176	345
Average	4.45	4.63	4.54
Variance	0.52	0.35	0.44
Private service			
Count	38	38	76
Sum	167	172	339
Average	4.39	4.53	4.46
Variance	0.79	0.47	0.63
Student			
Count	38	38	76
Sum	165	169	334
Average	4.34	4.45	4.39
Variance	0.56	0.69	0.62
Total			
Count	114	114	
Sum	501	517	
Average	4.39	4.54	
Variance	0.61	0.50	

Table 2 shows the summary results for Sample Data (Government Employees, Private Employees and Students) and their response on Purchase Interest and Whether the respondents think that they are contributing to the environment when they are purchasing green product.

Table 3

ANOVA						
Source of Variation	*SS*	*Df*	*MS*	*F*	*P-value*	*F crit*
Sample	0.80	2	0.40	0.71	0.49	3.04
Columns	1.12	1	1.12	2.00	0.16	3.88
Interaction	0.06	2	0.03	0.05	0.95	3.04
Within	124.74	222	0.56			
Total	126.72	227				
****Result**: F=0.05, d.f. (222), p =0.0.95(p> 0.05) Hence null hypothesis ($H_0$2) is failed to be rejected						

In above ANOVA test (Table 1.2), P-value of interaction between samples (government service, private service and students) variables (Purchase interest and environmental contribution) is 0.95 which is greater than 0.05. This states that our proposed hypothesis i.e. $H_0$2 is failed to be rejected. It supports our statement that there is no significant difference in buying intention and their contribution to environment through purchase of eco-friendly products with respect to different occupation of the consumers. It means that people involved in various occupations are ready to purchase green products and make their contributions to environment by way of eco-buying. Further it can be said that buying intension for eco-friendly is independent of occupation of the consumers.

Findings

Our study suggests that consumers are having high level of awareness of eco-friendly products. Opinion of male and female are same. The study also reveals that they are highly interested in buying eco-friendly products. They are ready to contribute to environment through purchase of green products irrespective of their occupations.

Suggestion

Corporate house should make great efforts to produce more and more green products. They should spread the information through advertising and sell the products to highly motivated customers. Initially they businesses might have to bear more costs for adopting this modern marketing concept. However cost per unit will definitely decrease when volume of production will increase. More researches should be conducted by academician and researchers on this topic to have deep understanding of green marketing practices. Greater number researches will lead to more relevant acceptance of these facts. Researches can be done from viewpoint of corporate house to find out challenges and opportunities of implementing green marketing practices in India. Research on performance appraisal of green marketing practices by various corporate houses can also be conducted.

Conclusion

Consumers are highly concerned about the environment. They are fully aware about prevailing situations. They are ready to protect the environment so that present state of environment can be improved .They feel the need for adopting and increasing usage of eco-friendly products. They are ready to bear the responsibility of environment protection by purchasing of green products. Their attitude towards purchase of green products are positive.

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Women Entrepreneurs: Scope for Future Possibilities

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Abstract
The goal of this brief article is to consider how feminist theory can be used to advance the modern gendered critique of women's entrepreneurship. Drawing on gender theory, a broad and nuanced critique has emerged to challenge the biased narrative of entrepreneurship that fundamentally disadvantages women. To further the discussion, the author advises that feminist theories be given more attention as explanatory explanations for such subjugation and that modern postfeminist views be challenged since they feed a false promise of entrepreneurship for women. This is a conceptual article that draws on existing literature to make recommendations for future study. The findings of the study call into question present ways to study the link between women, gender, and entrepreneurship. This article continues by addressing how the next generation of researchers might advance such ideas and build on existing foundations. A greater recognition of feminist theory will also permit a deeper intersectional analysis, which is essential if we are to understand how socioeconomic and contextual variety constrains or facilitates entrepreneurial behaviour. This article urges contemporary scholars to reassess existing thinking about the usefulness of entrepreneurial involvement for women.

Keywords: Gender, Intersectionality, Women, Post Feminism, Feminism, Entrepreneurship.

Introduction
Women entrepreneurs have been designated as the new engines for growth and the rising stars of the economies in developing countries to bring prosperity and welfare. Women Entrepreneurs may be defined as the women or a group of women who initiate, organize and operate a business enterprise. The Government of India has defined women entrepreneurs as ―an enterprise owned and controlled by women having a minimum financial interest of 51 per cent of the capital and giving at least 51 percent of the employment generated in the enterprise to women. The growth of the proportion of women entrepreneurs in developing countries has drawn the attention of both the academic and the development sector. Women entrepreneurs engage in business due to push and pull factors which encourage women to have an independent occupation and stand on their own legs. A sense towards independent decision - making in their life and career is the motivational factor behind this urge. Under the influence of these factors the women entrepreneurs choose a profession as a challenge and as an urge to do something new. Such a situation is described as pull factors. While in push factors women engage in business activities due to family compulsion and the responsibility is thrust upon them. The educated women do not want to limit their lives in the four walls of the house. They demand equal respect from their partners. However, Indian women have to go a long way to achieve equal rights and position because traditions are deep rooted in Indian society where the sociological set up has been a male dominated one. Women are considered as weaker sex and always made to depend on men folk in their family and outside, throughout their life. The Indian culture made them only subordinates and executors of the decisions made by other male members, in the basic family structure. While at least half the brainpower on earth belongs to women, women remain perhaps the world‘s most underutilized resource. Despite all the social hurdles, India is brimming with the success stories of women. They

stand tall from the rest of the crowd and are applauded for their achievements in their respective field. The transformation of the social fabric of Indian society, in terms of increased educational status of women and varied aspirations for better living, necessitated a change in the lifestyle of Indian women. She has competed with men and successfully stood up with him in every walk of life and business is no exception for this. These women leaders are assertive, persuasive and willing to take risks. They managed to survive and succeed in this cut throat competition with their hard work, diligence and perseverance. Ability to learn quickly from her abilities, her persuasiveness, open style of problem solving, willingness to take risks and chances, ability to motivate people, knowing how to win and lose gracefully are the strengths of the Indian women entrepreneurs.

Concept of Women Entrepreneurs

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Objectives and Research Methodology of the Study

The study is based on secondary data which is collected from the published reports of RBI, NABARD, Census Surveys, SSI Reports, newspapers, journals, websites, etc.

The study was planned with the following objectives:

- To evaluate the factors responsible for encouraging women to become entrepreneurs
- To study the impact of assistance by the government on women's entrepreneurship.
- To study the policies, programmes, institutional networks and the involvement of support agencies in promoting women's entrepreneurship.
- To critically examine the problems faced by women entrepreneurs.

Reasons for Women becoming Entrepreneurs

The glass ceilings are shattered and women are found indulged in every line of business. The entry of women into business in India is traced out as an extension of their kitchen activities, mainly 3P‘s, Pickle, Powder and Pappad. But with the spread of education and passage of time women started shifting from 3 P's to modern 3E‘s i.e., Energy, Electronics and Engineering. Skill, knowledge and adaptability in business are the main reasons for women to emerge into business ventures. A Woman Entrepreneur is a person who accepts challenging roles to meet her personal needs and become economically independent. A strong desire to do something positive is an inbuilt quality of entrepreneurial women, who are capable of contributing values in both family and social life. With the advent of media, women are aware of their own traits, rights and also the work situations. The challenges and opportunities provided to the women of the digital era are growing rapidly and the job seekers are turning into job creators. Many women start a business due to some traumatic event, such as divorce, discrimination due to pregnancy or the corporate glass ceiling, the health of a family member, or economic reasons such as a layoff. But a new talent pool of women entrepreneurs is forming today, as more women opt to leave the corporate world to chart their own destinies. They are flourishing as designers, interior decorators, exporters, publishers, garment manufacturers and still exploring new avenues of economic participation. The following flow chart shows the reasons for women becoming entrepreneurs

Reasons for Slow Progress of Women Entrepreneurs in India

The problems and constraints experienced by women entrepreneurs have resulted in restricting the expansion of women entrepreneurship. The major barriers encounter led by women entrepreneurs are:

1. The greatest deterrent to women entrepreneurs is that they are women. A kind of patriarchal-male dominant social order is the building block to them in their way towards business success. Male members think it a big risk financing the ventures run by women.
2. Chauvinism is still prevalent in many parts of the country. Women are looked upon as ―"abla" i.e. weak in all respects. In a male dominated society, women are not treated equal to men that act as a barrier to women's entry into business.
3. Women entrepreneurs have to face a stiff competition with the men entrepreneurs who are easily involved in the promotion and development area and carry out easy marketing of their products with both the organized sector and their male counterparts. Such a competition ultimately results in the liquidation of women entrepreneurs.
4. Lack of self-confidence, will-power, strong mental outlook and optimistic attitude amongst women creates a fear from committing mistakes while doing their piece of work. The family members and the society are reluctant to stand beside their entrepreneurial growth.
5. Women in India lead a protected life. They are even less educated, economically not stable nor self-dependent which reduce their ability to bear risks and uncertainties involved in a business unit,
6. The old and outdated social outlook to stop women from entering in the field of entrepreneurship is one of the reasons for their failure. They are under a social pressure which restrains them to prosper and achieve success in the field of entrepreneurship
7. Unlike men, women's mobility in India is highly limited due to many reasons. A single woman asking for room is still looked at with suspicion. Cumbersome exercise involved in starting with an enterprise coupled with officials humiliating attitude towards women compels them to give up their spirit of surviving in enterprise altogether.
8. Women's family obligations also bar them from becoming successful entrepreneurs in both developed and developing nations. The financial institutions discourage women entrepreneurs on the belief that they can at any time leave their business and become housewives again.
9. Indian women give more emphasis to family ties and relationships. Married women have to make a fine balance between business and family. The business success also depends on the support the family members extended to women in the business process and management.
10. Women‗s family and personal obligations are sometimes a great barrier for succeeding in business career. Only few women are able to manage both home and business efficiently, devoting enough time to perform all their responsibilities in priority.
11. The educational level and family background of husbands also influences women

participation in the field of enterprise.

12. Absence of proper support, cooperation and back-up for women by their own family members and the outside world people force them to drop the idea of excelling in the enterprise field. They are always making many pessimistic feelings to be aroused in their minds and making them feel that family and not business is a place meant for them.
13. Many women take the training by attending the Entrepreneurial Development programme without an entrepreneurial bent of mind. Women who are imparted training by various institutes must be verified on account of aptitude through the tests, interviews, etc.
14. High production cost of some business operations adversely affects the development of women entrepreneurs. The installations of new machinery during expansion of the productive capacity and similar factors discourage the women entrepreneurs from venturing into new areas.
15. Women controlled businesses are often small and it is not always easy for women to access the information they need regarding technology, training, innovative schemes, concessions, alternative markets, etc. Just a small percentage of women entrepreneurs avail the assistance of technology and they too remain confined to word processing software in the computer. They hardly make use of advanced software available like statistical software SAP, Accounting Package like TALLY, Animation software 3D MAX, internet, etc
16. Lack of awareness about the financial assistance in the form of incentives, loans, schemes etc. by the institutions in the financial sector. So the sincere efforts taken towards women entrepreneurs may not reach the entrepreneurs in rural and backward areas.
17. Achievement motivation of the women folk found less compared to male members. The low level of education and confidence leads to low level achievement and advancement motivation among women folk to engage in business operations and running a business concern.
18. Apart from the above discussed problems there may occur other series of serious problems faced by women entrepreneurs as improper infrastructural facilities, high cost of production, attitude of people of society towards the women modern business outlook, low needs of enterprise. Women also tend to start business about ten years later than men, on average. Motherhood, lack of management experience, and traditional socialization has all been cited as reasons for delayed entry into entrepreneurial careers.

SWOT Analysis

Strength

- A Woman entrepreneur can be defined as a confident, innovative and creative woman capable of achieving self economic independence individually or in collaboration, generating employment opportunities for others through initiating, establishing and running the enterprise by keeping pace with her personal, family and social life.
- Women prefer to work from their own residence, difficulty in getting suitable jobs and desire for social recognition motivates them self–employment.

Weaknesses

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- Achievement motivation of the women folk found less compared to male members.
- The greatest deterrent to women entrepreneurs is that they are women.

Opportunity

- Women inculcate entrepreneurial values and involve greatly in business dealings.
- Business opportunities that are approaching for women entrepreneurs are eco–friendly technology, Bio-technology, IT enabled enterprises, event management, tourist industry, Telecommunication, Plastic materials, Mineral water, Herbal & health care, Food, fruits and vegetables processing.
- Women entrepreneurs avail new opportunities in the rural areas such as Ice cream, channel products, papads and pickles and Readymade garments.

Threats

- Fear of expansion and Lack of access to technology.
- Lack of self –confidence, will power, strong mental outlook and optimistic attitude amongst women creates a fear from committing mistakes while doing their piece of work.
- Credit discrimination and Non Cooperative officials.
- Insecure and poor infrastructure and Dealing with male laborers.
- Indian women give emphasis to family ties and relationships

Suggestions for the Growth of Women Entrepreneurs

Right efforts from all areas are required in the development of women entrepreneurs and their greater participation in the entrepreneurial activities. Entrepreneurship basically implies being in control of one‘s life and activities and women entrepreneurs need to be given confidence, independence, and mobility to come out of their paradoxes. The following measures are suggested to empower the women to seize various opportunities and face challenges in business.

- There should be a continuous attempt to inspire, encourage, motivate and co-operate women entrepreneurs.
- An Awareness programme should be conducted on a mass scale with the intention of creating awareness among women about the various areas to conduct business.
- Attempts should be made to enhance the standards of education of women in general as well as making effective provisions for their training, practical experience and personality development programmes, to improvise their overall personality standards.
- Organize training programmes to develop professional competencies in managerial, leadership, marketing, financial, production process, profit planning, maintaining books of accounts and other skills. This will encourage women to undertake business.
- Vocational training to be extended to the women community that enables them to understand the production process and production management.
- Skill development to be done in women's polytechnics and industrial training institutes. Skills are put to work in training-cum-production workshops.
- Educational institutes should tie up with various government and non-government agencies to assist in entrepreneurship development mainly to plan business projects.

- International, National, Local trade fairs, Industrial exhibitions, seminars and conferences should be organized to help women to facilitate interaction with other women entrepreneurs.
- Women in business should be offered soft loans & subsidies for encouraging them into industrial activities. The financial institutions should provide more working capital assistance both for small scale ventures and large scale ventures.
- Making provision of micro credit system and enterprise credit system to the women entrepreneurs at local level.
- The weaker section could raise funds through various schemes and incentives provided by the government to develop entrepreneurs in the state. E.g. the Prime minister's Rozgar Yojana, The Khadi and Rural village industries scheme, etc.
- In the initial stages women entrepreneurs may face problems but they must persevere, believe in themselves and not give up mid way.
- Attempts by various NGOs and government organizations to spread information about policies, plans and strategies on the development of women in the field of industry, trade and commerce. Women entrepreneurs should utilize the various schemes provided by the Government.
- Women should try to upgrade themselves in the changing times by adapting to the latest technology benefits. Women must be educated and trained constantly to acquire the skills and knowledge in all the functional areas of business management. This can facilitate women to excel in decision making process and develop a good business network
- Self- help groups of women entrepreneurs to mobilize resources and pooling capital funds, in order to help the women in the field of industry, trade and commerce can also play a positive role to solve this problem.
- Women‘s entrepreneurship must be examined both at the individual level (i.e. the choice of becoming self-employed) and at the firm level (the performance of women owned and managed firms) in order to fully understand the differences between men‘s and women‘s entrepreneurship.
- To establish all India forums to discuss the problems, grievances, issues, and filing complaints against constraints or shortcomings towards the economic progress path of women entrepreneurs and giving suitable decisions in the favor of women entrepreneurs and taking strict stand against the policies or strategies that obstruct the path of economic development of such group of women entrepreneurs.

Thus by adopting the following aforesaid measures in letter and spirit the problems associated with women can be solved. Entrepreneurship is not a bed of roses to women. Women participate in many kinds of economic activities to complement their family income, their participation in no way reduces their family duties. The task of women has become more tedious and full of challenges. Let us all make efforts to help women rediscover her.

Steps Taken by the Government

Development of women has been a policy objective of the government since independence. Until the 70s the concept of women‘s development was mainly welfare oriented. In 1970s, there was a shift from welfare approach to development approach that recognised the mutually reinforcing nature of the process of development. The 80s adopted a multi-disciplinary approach with an emphasis on three core areas of health, education and employment. Women were given priorities in all the sectors including the SSI sector. Government and non-government bodies have paid increasing attention to women‘s economic contribution through self-employment and industrial ventures.

- The First Five-Year Plan (1951-56) envisaged a number of welfare measures for women. Establishment of the Central Social Welfare Board, organization of Mahila Mandals and the Community Development Programmes were a few steps in this direction.
- In the second Five-Year Plan (1956-61), the empowerment of women was closely linked with the overall approach of intensive agricultural development programmes.
- The Third and Fourth Five-Year Plans (1961-66 and 1969-74) supported female education as a major welfare measure.
- The Fifth Five-Year Plan (1974-79) emphasized training of women, who were in need of income and protection. This plan coincided with the International Women‘s Decade and the submission of a Report of the Committee on the Status of Women in India. In1976, the Women's welfare and Development Bureau was set up under the Ministry of Social Welfare.
- The Sixth Five-Year Plan (1980-85) saw a definite shift from welfare to development. It recognized women‘s lack of access to resources as a critical factor impending their growth.
- The Seventh Five-Year Plan (1985-90) emphasized the need for gender equality and empowerment. For the first time, emphasis was placed upon qualitative aspects such as inculcation of confidence, generation of awareness with regards to rights and training in skills for better employment.
- The Eight Five-Year Plan (1992-97) focused on empowering women, especially at the Grassroots Level, through Panchayati Raj Institutions.
- The Ninth Five-Year Plan (1997-2002) adopted a strategy of Women‘s Component Plan, under which not less than 30 percent of funds/ benefits were earmarked for women related sectors.
- The Tenth Five-Year Plan (2002-07) aims at empowering women through translating the recently adopted National Policy for Empowerment of Women (2001) into action and ensuring Survival, Protection and Development of women and children through rights based approach.

Conclusion

It can be said that today we are in a better position wherein women participation in the field of entrepreneurship is increasing at a considerable rate. Efforts are being taken at the economy as brought promise of equality of opportunity in all spheres to the Indian women and laws guaranteed equal rights of participation in political process and equal opportunities and rights in education and employment were enacted. But unfortunately, the government sponsored development activities have benefited only a small section of women i.e. the urban middle class women. Women sector occupies nearly 45% of the Indian population. At this juncture, effective steps are needed to provide entrepreneurial awareness, orientation and skill development programs to women. The role of Women entrepreneur in economic development is also being recognized and steps are being taken to promote women entrepreneurship. Resurgence of entrepreneurship is the need of the hour emphasizing on educating women strata of population, spreading awareness and consciousness amongst women to outshine in the enterprise field, making them realize their strengths, and important position in the society and the great contribution they can make for their industry as well as the entire economy. Women entrepreneurship must be moulded properly with entrepreneurial traits and skills to meet the changes in trends, challenges global markets and also be competent enough to sustain and strive for excellence in the entrepreneurial arena. If every citizen works with such an attitude towards respecting the important position occupied by women in society and understanding their vital role in the modern business field too, then very soon we can pre-estimate our chances of out beating our own conservative and rigid thought process which is the biggest barrier in our country‘s development process.

We always viewed that a smart woman can pick up a job any day, but if she becomes an entrepreneur she can provide a livelihood to 10 more women at least..!! Highly educated, technically sound and professionally qualified women should be encouraged for managing their own business, rather than dependent on wage employment outlets. The unexplored talents of young women can be identified, trained and used for various types of industries to increase the productivity in the industrial sector.

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Advancement of Technology in the Teaching and Education

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Abstract

The advancement of technology is a vast term to enhance the quality of advancement in the terms of technology which is so much vast. It has analysis of creating a software is depends on what was there in the past years and what will be there in the future. Creating an individual platforming for performance a single activity may reduce the chances of getting virus into the software. The outcome here we are going to get is about the process of adapting the changes for the advancement which will be new for us to acquire the world with advancement. Whereas the education system in terms of advancement of technology has both merits and demerits for the students it create distraction, stress, and reduces traditional learning.

Keywords: Technology, IT, Education, Teaching and Learning, etc.

Introduction

The digitalization has become a habit and routine for an individual especially for the students. From last two years students have come across digitalization and have met with many online teaching and learning apps. It has made learning easy, durable and accessible for a student or an individual. Has made the students communicate easily through text messages with the teachers. The digital learning has both advantages and disadvantages; digital learning has increased the efficiency of using devices and technologies, reduces cost, time and physical presence. Provide better learning experience through visuals and graphics on the screen. It has reduction in deforestation and increased the sustainability. There should a common web page for learning for the students where they can share their assignments and worksheets. A common portal will reduce the chance of virus in the device or the system. The portal should be accessible for the students easily. Learning digitally makes you aware about the broader knowledge about the topic for learning (Benitez et al., 2022).

Literature review

Ali, Ahmad, & Sewani, 2022 as per the paper the Technology has both the teacher and the students to search references for enhancement in the studies and other cultural content in relation to the literary text, which eventually makes a positive impact on the attainment of the learning outcomes.

(Brunsson 2008, p. 35). In his book of "Administration Industrielle et Generale," Fayol had described an opinion on management principles that have immensely contributed in the organizational management

(Davis, 1989) The Technology Acceptance Model (Davis, 1989), or the factor were discussed about the computer technology which has the advancement in their technology aspects.

Research methodology

The research methodology here used is primary and secondary data collection for the whole paper by evaluating the quality and the relevance of the paper.

Advantages of IT on education

Provides better experience in the learning and teaching process: This refers to a process of providing an experience with the technology in terms of education. Teaching through a device makes a person curious in their learning process due to the visuals and graphics, which becomes an easier and more interesting process of learning. Provide opportunities for better learning and enhancing skills online with the help of technology. Increase accessibility due to durability.

Teaches them digital literacy: Learning through technology creates literacy digitally on the screen with the help of visuals and graphics. In today's corporate world, an individual should know the technical terms, because, in the last two years, we have come across digitalization terms of education on online apps. In the 21st century digitalization has taken a pace in wider terms and the world has made it in their routine learning and today's world no one is illiterate.

Reduces educational cost: It reduces educational costs in terms of durability and accessibility of devices, it has declined tuition fees, institutional fees, etc. it has reduced traditional learning and physical appearance at an institution. The introduction to e-books has made the education and availability of content anywhere on digital platforms. This is the indirect contribution towards deforestation.

Option for real-time learning or learning at their own pace: Learning digitally gives independence towards learning with no bound of time or have ask to anyone, from this they can manage their own time of learning according to their suitability. They can choose a time or they can learn whenever they want.

Disadvantages of IT on education

Distraction: Distraction with outside world as the students use their mobile phone throughout the day and surf on internet, meet with many new things which makes them distracted to think for the those they have seen make them more indulge in the outside activities of the world rather than studies.

Reduces traditional learning: After the advancement of technology we have lost the traditional learning with paper and pen and has reduced the problem solving ability of an individual. The tradition of learning online has become a health issue also.

Health issues: It has increased the health issues in children like reduces eye sight, headache, stress, mindset, addiction towards phone, back pain etc.

The ability to work independently must be there in the business to extent and explore their business. There should a delegation of work between the organizations with the equal distribution of work load amongst the subordinates. An individual should have the focus on his or her business extension ideas. The skills should be followed by the every business is time management, coordination, delegation, accountability, responsibility, unity of command. The organization must plan their financial needs, revenue earning, debts, etc. There should be some creativity in thinking for the business plan for the further going business. Communication with the external environment should be coordinated according to the market place and the genre of the business. An individual should have the ability to solve problems efficiently (resele et al., 2021)..

The universities spends resources and time on the student's attendance and engagement monitoring, their education because for the reputation of the university in the society and follow the policy and procedure of commencement of any new regulations in the university. Student learn self-discipline, being independent, accountable for their own work. There are so many things from which a student can be track in the universities to know that he or she is in the campus or outside the campus through some attendance punching machine on timely basis. That maintains the reputation and the schedule of the universities, creates sincerity amongst the students towards their attendance. This develops a better learning. This increase the student's potential towards learning new things for their subject chosen. Increases the ability of solving problem by their own. From all these technology has helped a lot in terms of technical work.

Conclusion

As we conclude in the end is that advancement is technology is must to upgrade ourself. The resources are spend for the advancement by many organisations, education sector, and companies and it has lead to a vast merit for the whole world for the betterment. It has led to an extent where the business environment has a conversation with the other environment which is out of there sector. The visual representation of facts and figures through an animation has made the learning process easy and vast to get involve into it. It has created a sustainability in the market through the advancement

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The Role of Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurial Ventures

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Abstract
"The Role of Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurial Ventures" is a comprehensive research study that explores the multifaceted relationship between intellectual property (IP) and the success of entrepreneurial endeavours. In a rapidly evolving business landscape, where innovation and differentiation are paramount, this research delves into the pivotal role of IP as a strategic asset for entrepreneurs.

This research begins by defining and explaining the various forms of IP, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. It provides an overview of the historical evolution of IP protection and its contemporary significance in fostering innovation and competitiveness.

One of the key focal points of the study is the analysis of how entrepreneurs strategically manage and protect their IP assets. It offers insights into the challenges and risks associated with IP management and presents examples of successful IP management strategies employed by startups.

Furthermore, the research delves into the impact of IP on attracting investment. It investigates how a strong IP portfolio serves as a magnet for investors, venture capital firms, and angel investors, highlighting the role of IP in funding decisions and the valuation of startups.

The study also explores the relationship between IP and market entry and expansion. It reveals how IP rights facilitate the entry of startups into new markets and support international expansion, providing real-world examples of companies that leveraged IP for market penetration.

In addition, the research underscores the connection between IP and fostering innovation, driving growth, and achieving competitive advantage. It offers case studies of entrepreneurial ventures that have harnessed IP assets to transform their industries.

While acknowledging the benefits of IP, the research also scrutinizes the challenges and costs associated with obtaining and maintaining IP rights, including the risks of IP litigation and infringement for startups. It emphasizes the importance of strategic planning and budgeting to navigate these challenges effectively.

The research concludes by underlining the significance of IP education and government policies in promoting IP awareness and fostering a conducive environment for entrepreneurial success. It calls for further research and collaborative efforts to empower entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills to navigate the complex IP landscape effectively.

"The Role of Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurial Ventures" aims to contribute to our understanding of the critical role of IP in shaping the entrepreneurial landscape and inspiring innovation, growth, and economic development.

Keywords: IP Management Strategies, IP Portfolio, Innovation, Historical Evolution

Introduction

Intellectual Property (IP) is an indispensable cornerstone of modern entrepreneurship. In a world where innovation, differentiation, and the protection of creative and technological assets are paramount, the significance of IP cannot be overstated. IP encompasses various forms, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, each serving as a legal framework to safeguard the ideas, inventions, brands, and creative works that entrepreneurs generate. Understanding the role of IP in entrepreneurship is crucial for those embarking on the challenging journey of launching and sustaining innovative ventures.

Research Objectives

1. To Explore the Multifaceted Role of IP: We aim to delve into the diverse and dynamic ways in which IP influences entrepreneurship. This includes examining how IP fosters innovation, drives differentiation, and provides a competitive edge to startups.
2. To Analyze IP Management Strategies: We seek to provide insights into how entrepreneurs strategically manage and protect their IP assets. This entails an examination of the challenges, risks, and costs associated with IP management, along with best practices for success.
3. To Investigate the Attraction of Investment: The research delves into how a strong IP portfolio can attract investment, including venture capital and angel investments. We aim to highlight the role of IP in funding decisions and the valuation of entrepreneurial ventures.
4. To Explore Market Entry and Expansion: The research explores the relationship between IP and market entry, especially international expansion. Real-world examples will be provided to showcase how IP facilitates market penetration and global growth.
5. To Emphasize the Role of IP in Innovation and Competitive Advantage: We aim to underscore the connection between IP and fostering innovation, driving growth, and achieving a competitive advantage. Case studies will illustrate how IP assets have transformed industries.

Literature Review

We provide a comprehensive review of existing literature on the role of IP in entrepreneurial ventures, exploring its historical evolution and contemporary significance.

IP Management Strategies: This section delves into how entrepreneurs strategically manage and protect their IP assets, discussing challenges, risks, and best practices.

Attracting Investment: We investigate how a strong IP portfolio attracts investment, offering insights into the funding decisions of venture capitalists and angel investors.

Market Entry and Expansion: This section explores the role of IP in market entry and global expansion, showcasing real-world examples.

Innovation and Competitive Advantage: We discuss how IP fosters innovation and competitive advantage, highlighting case studies of transformative ventures.

Challenges and Costs: This section scrutinizes the challenges and costs of IP, including litigation risks and the importance of strategic planning.

IP Education and Government Policies: We emphasize the significance of IP education and government policies in promoting IP awareness and a conducive environment for entrepreneurship.

Conclusion: We summarize key findings and insights, suggesting future research directions and policy recommendations.

Through this research, we aim to contribute to a deeper understanding of how IP shapes the entrepreneurial landscape, inspiring innovation, growth, and economic development.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property (IP) plays a pivotal role in modern entrepreneurship, encompassing a spectrum of legal rights that protect intangible assets. In this literature review, we define and elucidate the various forms of IP – patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Subsequently, we explore existing literature that delves into the indispensable role of IP in entrepreneurial ventures. Furthermore, we discuss the historical evolution of IP protection and its enduring significance in contemporary entrepreneurship.

1. Patents: Patents grant inventors exclusive rights to their innovations for a specified period, typically 20 years. They cover novel, useful, and non-obvious inventions, allowing inventors to protect their technological advancements. Patents serve as incentives for innovation and are instrumental in safeguarding the results of research and development.
2. Trademarks: Trademarks are symbols, names, or marks that identify and distinguish products or services from competitors. They protect brands, logos, and slogans, ensuring that Consumers can confidently identify and associate a product with a particular company. Trademarks are integral for building brand recognition and trust.
1. Copyrights: Copyrights safeguard original creative works, including literature, art, music, and software. They provide creators with exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, and display their creations. In entrepreneurial ventures, copyrights protect content, software, and other creative works, fostering the creation of unique products and services.
2. Trade Secrets: Trade secrets encompass confidential and proprietary information such as manufacturing processes, formulas, and customer lists. Unlike patents, trade secrets have no fixed duration, offering long-term protection for valuable business knowledge. They are vital for maintaining a competitive edge and safeguarding intellectual assets.

Exploring the Role of Intellectual Property in Entrepreneurial Ventures

A plethora of existing literature highlights the multifaceted role of IP in entrepreneurial ventures, elucidating its influence on innovation, growth, investment attraction, and competitive advantage.

1. Fostering Innovation: Scholars and experts concur that IP, particularly patents, serves as a catalyst for innovation. Lerner (2009) and Arundel (2001) have demonstrated how patents provide entrepreneurs with incentives to invest in research and development, ensuring that they can reap the rewards of their creative efforts.
2. Attracting Investment: A strong IP portfolio acts as a magnet for investment. Venture capitalists and angel investors consider IP assets as indicators of a startup's potential and value. Research by Hellmann (2007) and Kerr et al. (2014) underscores the pivotal role of IP in funding decisions and the valuation of entrepreneurial ventures.
3. Market Entry and Expansion: Entrepreneurs rely on IP rights to facilitate market entry and global expansion. IP protection offers legal security and supports startups in entering new markets. Empirical research by Ferreira et al. (2015) and Schuster and Holtbrügge (2018) illustrates the significance of IP in market penetration and global growth.
4. Competitive Advantage: IP assets, encompassing patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, create a distinctive competitive advantage. Korsgaard (2015) and Huang et al. (2013) have extensively discussed how IP safeguards unique value propositions, enabling entrepreneurs to differentiate themselves from competitors.

The Historical Evolution of IP Protection

The historical evolution of IP protection is a testament to its enduring significance in modern entrepreneurship.

1. Ancient Roots: The roots of IP protection can be traced back to ancient guilds in the Middle Ages. These guilds safeguarded craft secrets and granted exclusive rights to their members, fostering entrepreneurial initiatives.
2. The Patent System: The modern patent system finds its origins in the 15th century with the Venetian Patent Statute of 1474. Over the centuries, patent laws evolved, including the Statute of Monopolies (1624) in England, which restricted monopolies and promoted innovation.

3. Trademark Origins: Trademarks have historical roots in medieval Europe, where merchants used distinctive marks to identify their products. Trademarks gained legal recognition in the 19th century with the establishment of trademark registries.
4. Copyright Development: Copyright protection traces its history to the Statute of Anne in 1710, recognized as the world's first copyright law. It laid the foundation for protecting creative works and fostering artistic entrepreneurship.
5. Trade Secrets in Modern Business: The modern significance of trade secrets can be traced to the early 20th century when businesses began to rely on confidential information as a competitive advantage. Today, trade secrets remain a critical component of entrepreneurial success.

The historical development of IP protection underscores its enduring role in fostering creativity, innovation, and economic growth. Understanding the multifaceted nature of IP is essential for entrepreneurs seeking to navigate the dynamic business landscape successfully. The existing literature provides valuable insights into the transformative impact of IP on entrepreneurial ventures, laying the foundation for a comprehensive exploration in this research.

IP Management Strategies: Safeguarding Entrepreneurial Assets

In the realm of entrepreneurial ventures, the effective management and protection of Intellectual Property (IP) assets are integral to long-term success. This section explores how entrepreneurs strategically navigate the complex landscape of IP, provides examples of successful IP management strategies, and discusses the inherent challenges and risks associated with these strategies.

1. Comprehensive IP Portfolio: Entrepreneurs often build a comprehensive IP portfolio encompassing patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. This diversified approach ensures that various facets of their innovations, branding, and creative works are safeguarded.
2. Early Filing: Many successful entrepreneurs prioritize early filing of IP applications. This proactive approach secures their rights swiftly, particularly in the case of patents. It prevents competitors from encroaching on their innovations and provides a competitive edge.
3. Licensing and Partnerships: Entrepreneurs strategically utilize licensing and partnerships to monetize their IP. By licensing their technologies or granting permission for others to use their trademarks, they not only generate revenue but also expand the reach of their IP.

Examples of Successful IP Management Strategies

1. Apple Inc.: Apple's IP management strategy is renowned for its aggressive approach to protecting innovations. Through a combination of patents, trademarks, and trade secrets, Apple secures its product designs, software technologies, and brand identity.
2. IBM: IBM has consistently ranked among the top patent holders globally. Its strategy involves not only protecting inventions but also actively licensing and selling patents to other companies, generating substantial revenue.

Challenges and Risks of IP Management

1. Costs: One of the primary challenges is the financial burden of IP management. The costs associated with filing, maintaining, and enforcing IP rights can be substantial, especially for startups with limited resources.
2. Complexity: The intricacies of IP law can be overwhelming. Entrepreneurs often require legal expertise to navigate the complex process of IP protection, which can pose challenges, particularly for early-stage ventures.

3. Infringement and Litigation: Protecting IP assets also involves monitoring and responding to potential infringement. Litigation can be time-consuming and costly, and the outcome is uncertain.

Attracting Investment: The Magnetic Power of a Strong IP Portfolio

In the entrepreneurial landscape, securing investment is often a critical stepping stone to growth and success. Intellectual Property (IP) assets, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, play a pivotal role in attracting investors and funding for startups. This section investigates how a robust IP portfolio acts as a magnet for investment, delves into the role of IP in venture capital and angel investment decisions, and provides case studies of startups that successfully secured funding due to their IP assets.

The Role of a Strong IP Portfolio in Attracting Investment

1. Protection of Competitive Advantage: A well-protected IP portfolio provides a startup with a competitive advantage. Investors are drawn to ventures that possess unique innovations, distinctive branding, or proprietary technology that can establish market dominance.
2. Monetization Opportunities: IP assets offer opportunities for monetization through licensing or selling. Investors recognize the revenue potential in IP licensing agreements and the sale of patented technologies, making IP-rich startups more appealing.

IP's Role in Venture Capital and Angel Investment Decisions

1. Venture Capitalists (VCs): Venture capitalists actively seek startups with robust IP portfolios. VCs understand that IP protection not only safeguards a startup's innovations but also provides leverage in negotiations. A strong IP portfolio enhances the startup's position and valuation in funding discussions.
2. Angel Investors: Angel investors, often individuals with entrepreneurial experience, recognize the value of IP assets. IP-rich startups are seen as less risky investments, as the IP can serve as a barrier to entry for competitors. Angel investors often look for startups with a clear IP strategy.

Case Studies of Successful Funding Attributed to IP Assets

1. Google: Google's early success and ability to secure venture capital were significantly attributed to its patented PageRank algorithm. This proprietary technology was a key differentiator that attracted initial investment.
2. Tesla: Tesla's innovative electric vehicle technology, protected by numerous patents, played a significant role in attracting investment. The IP portfolio showcased Tesla's commitment to disrupting the automotive industry.
3. Dyson: The Dyson company secured funding based on its patented vacuum cleaner technology. Sir James Dyson's numerous patents demonstrated the uniqueness of the product, which appealed to investors.
4. Qualcomm: Qualcomm's extensive patent portfolio in wireless technology attracted venture capital investments. Investors recognized the value of the IP in the rapidly evolving mobile technology industry.

1. In each of these cases, the startups' IP assets were not only instrumental in attracting investment but also in defining their success in the market. A strong IP portfolio provided a competitive edge, risk mitigation, and opportunities for revenue generation, making them attractive investment opportunities.

Market Entry and Expansion: The International Passport of IP Rights

Intellectual Property (IP) rights serve as a key facilitator for market entry and international expansion for startups. This section explores how IP rights provide a crucial foundation for venturing into new markets, discusses real-world examples of startups utilizing IP for market entry, and highlights the pivotal role of IP in cross-border business operations.

How IP Rights Facilitate Market Entry and International Expansion

1. Legal Protection: IP rights provide legal protection, ensuring that startups' innovations, brands, and creative works are safeguarded in foreign markets. This protection is essential for maintaining exclusivity and competitiveness.
2. Market Differentiation: IP assets, such as trademarks, create a unique market identity. Startups can leverage their distinctive branding to stand out in new markets, gaining recognition and trust.
3. Licensing and Franchising: Startups can expand internationally by licensing their IP to local partners or franchisees. This approach allows them to enter new markets while maintaining control over their IP.
4. International Trade: IP plays a crucial role in international trade agreements. IP provisions in trade agreements can provide startups with market access, protection from counterfeiting, and standardized legal frameworks.

Real-World Examples of Startups Using IP for Market Entry

1. Netflix: When Netflix expanded internationally, its IP played a significant role. The company's copyrighted content was a key asset in attracting subscribers and navigating local regulations.
2. Uber: Uber's IP, including its mobile app and trademark, allowed it to enter global markets rapidly. The app's ease of use and brand recognition were crucial in gaining traction internationally.

The Role of IP in Cross-Border Business Operations

1. Legal Compliance: IP rights ensure that startups comply with local and international IP laws when expanding into new markets. Understanding the legal nuances is vital to avoid IP disputes.
2. Risk Mitigation: IP protection minimizes risks associated with IP infringement, counterfeiting, and unauthorized use. Startups can protect their market share by enforcing their IP rights internationally.

Innovation and Competitive Advantage: The Propulsive Power of IP

The relationship between Intellectual Property (IP) and innovation is symbiotic within entrepreneurial ventures. IP fuels innovation, while the resultant IP assets serve as a cornerstone for building and maintaining a competitive edge in the market. In this section, we will analyze how IP drives innovation, explore how IP assets create a competitive advantage, and present case studies of companies that have effectively leveraged IP for growth and market dominance.

How IP Drives Innovation within Entrepreneurial Ventures

1. Incentive for Innovation: IP, particularly patents, serves as a powerful incentive for innovation. The prospect of securing exclusive rights to an invention encourages entrepreneurs to invest in research and development. The promise of IP protection ensures that the efforts and resources devoted to innovation are likely to yield returns.
2. Protection of Ideas: Startups can be particularly vulnerable to idea theft. IP protection, including trade secrets, safeguards a startup's unique concepts and proprietary information, fostering an environment in which entrepreneurs feel secure in sharing and developing new ideas.

How IP Assets Create a Competitive Edge in the Market

1. Exclusive Rights: Patents, trademarks, and copyrights grant startups exclusive rights to their innovations, brands, and creative works. This exclusivity enables entrepreneurs to differentiate their products or services from competitors, fostering a unique selling proposition.
2. Market Expansion: IP protection provides startups with the security and confidence to expand into new markets. This expansion may involve exporting products, licensing technology, or launching new divisions or subsidiaries.

Case Studies of Companies Leveraging IP for Growth and Market Dominance

1. IBM: IBM has consistently held one of the world's largest patent portfolios. Its commitment to IP protection has not only fueled innovation but also played a crucial role in establishing IBM as a leader in the tech industry.
2. Google: Google's search algorithm, protected by patents, is a significant driver of its market dominance. The search engine's unique and patented approach has kept competitors at bay.

Reiterating the Significance of IP in Entrepreneurship

IP acts as a wellspring of innovation, encouraging entrepreneurs to invest in research and development, resulting in groundbreaking advancements and differentiation from competitors. A robust IP portfolio not only safeguards the fruits of entrepreneurial labor but also empowers startups to compete effectively in the global market. Its ability to attract investment, whether from venture capital or angel investors, propels startups toward growth and success. Moreover, IP eases the path to market entry and international expansion, giving entrepreneurs the confidence to explore new territories.

Recommendations

To create an environment conducive to entrepreneurial success, policymakers should consider the following recommendations:

1. Promote IP Education: Develop and fund programs to educate entrepreneurs on the significance of IP and provide guidance on its management.
2. Harmonize IP Regulations: Work toward harmonizing international IP regulations to reduce complexity for startups operating in global markets.
3. Support IP Research: Invest in research that assesses the impact of IP policies on startups and innovation, aiding evidence-based policymaking.
4. Encourage International Collaboration: Foster international cooperation in tracking and managing space debris, ensuring the safety of space exploration.

1. In a world driven by innovation and entrepreneurship, Intellectual Property remains an invaluable ally. By embracing its power and addressing the challenges it presents, we can pave the way for a future where startups not only survive but thrive, transforming ideas into enduring enterprises and fostering economic growth and progress.

Conclusion

Intellectual Property (IP) stands as an integral and dynamic force within the realm of entrepreneurship. As we conclude this exploration, its significance in fostering innovation, creating competitive advantage, and attracting investment cannot be overstated. This research paper has shed light on the multifaceted relationship between IP and entrepreneurial ventures, offering valuable insights into its pivotal role.

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Impact of Affiliate Marketing on Consumer Buying Behavior

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Abstract
Affiliate marketing is an advertising model in which a company compensates third-party publishers to generate traffic or leads to the company's products and services. The third-party publishers are affiliates, and the commission fee incentivizes them to find ways to promote the company. The internet has increased the prominence of affiliate marketing. This Paper is about the Affiliate Marketing& how does consumer gets affected by this kind of Marketing. General Study has been made about what affiliate Marketing is all about? How you can earn Passive Income while being at home. How one can choose Affiliate Marketing Program? Working of Affiliated Marketing, Comparison of traditional and Online Marketing Most importantly how these affiliates are successful in converting the prospect into consumer?

Keywords: Affiliates, Affiliate Marketing, Internet, Consumer Buying Behavior, Social Media

Introduction

Internet marketing has gained significance with the high growth rate of online media penetration at global level because it offers richer possibilities to directly target global consumers and among the online available options. Affiliate marketing has grown as one of the choicest promotional tools for lead generation the digital promotion Affiliate marketing is considered as really a good way to earn a commission by promoting other people/companies' products. We can promote the product we like & even we want other people to use it, by recommending the same through blogs, social media websites etc. Affiliate marketing at its very core is about relationships, a relationship between three Parties, viz., Advertiser, Publisher & Consumer. Affiliate marketing integrates with 3 parties' viz. Advertiser, Publisher, and Consumer. Advertisers can be selling of any companies products like Air Conditioner, Printer, services for how to start business online etc. Publisher is the one who promotes advertiser's products or services through its website or blog. Consumer is the king of the market and very significant part of this cycle who attract the advertisement and then go for sales (click) from publisher's website to advertiser's website and after sales get confirmed, publisher get commission credited in his account for every sale he made. Affiliate marketing is one of the online sales tactics that allows a product owner increase sales by letting others target the same audience—"affiliates"—to earn a small part of profit by recommending the product to others. At the same time, affiliates earn money on product sales without creating products of their own. In nutshell, affiliate marketing involves suggesting a product or service by sharing it on a social media platforms, blogs or website. With the affiliates' unique link, associated with recommendation, if someone makes purchase then with every purchase, he earns a commission. This is performance-based opportunity can become an important part of your business by giving an opportunity that provide you a healthy income.

Affiliate advertising is a sort of execution based advancing in which a business compensations at any rate one auxiliary for each visitor or customer brought by the part's own exhibiting tries. It is a type of on-line showcasing strategy wherein a distributor advances a business endeavor through promotion on their site and that prompts business compensates the member with the commission each time a guest, the client creates deals. Enfroy (2018) Affiliate promoting is a well-known strategy to drive deals and produce noteworthy online income. Amazingly gainful to the two brands and offshoot advertisers, the new push towards less customary showcasing strategies has paid off.

Online Advertising Compared To Traditional Marketing

Publicizing on the web became amazingly quick. Actually, internet promotion is viewed as the quickest developing type of direct advertising. There has been a discussion on whether the Internet is to be viewed as customary promoting or is another type of direct showcasing. Turban et al. (2019) promoting is characterized as a push to convey data so as to improve deals. Conventional promoting was exceptionally indifferent, in light of the fact that it generally just comprised of one-way mass correspondence. With direct showcasing, advertisers attempted to customize publicizing and to make it progressively viable. Despite the fact that customary direct showcasing approaches worked truly well, they were simply excessively costly and moderate. Turban et al. Regular postal mail battles had a reaction pace of just 1 to 3 percent. In the event that the crusade cost would, at that point be around $1 per individual, the expense per reacting individual would run from $33 to $100. This would just legitimize for costly items, for example, vehicles. Market division helped however didn't take care of the issue. The Internet is presented as intelligent promoting. This is on the grounds that it empowered publicists to cooperate straightforwardly with clients a buyers could now get more data or send messages to pose inquiries. There are significant focal points of publicizing on the web over conventional mass promoting. Customary publicizing media, for example, TV, radio, papers, and magazines are broadly utilized, in any case, the market is continually changing and increasingly 9 individuals are investing more energy in the web and utilizing cell phones. Advertisers and sponsors are keen on arriving at such potential. Presumably, the greatest advantages that web-based promoting and bringing to the table are low costs, productivity, and intuitiveness.

Affiliate Marketing model

How does affiliate marketing function?

An affiliate marketing program goes through five simple steps:

1. Discover & join an affiliate program
2. Selecting which offers to promote
3. Getting a unique affiliate link for each offer
4. Share those links on your social media platforms, website or blogs.
5. Collect a commission anytime someone uses your links to make a purchase Commission rates may be different, depending on the company and the offer. It can vary from 5-50%. Some affiliate marketing programs .provide a flat rate per sale instead of a percentage.

Affiliate marketing offers several advantages to affiliates, one of which is its ease. Your part of the equation simply involves handling the “marketing” side—educating customers. You need not to worry about the difficult tasks, like developing, supporting, or fulfilling the offer. Affiliate marketing is not about taking high risk. Since u need not to pay anything to join affiliate programs, you can easily earn money with set affiliate product or service without any upfront investment. Affiliate marketing also can earn you relatively passive income through commission—the ideal money-making scenario. Though initially your time investment is needed to create traffic sources, your affiliate links can constantly deliver you a steady income. Finally, once settled your affiliate marketing can get you the potential to significantly increase your earnings without taking extra help. You can go for new products to your current audience and build campaigns for additional products while your existing work continues to earn revenue in the background. Before getting over excited, it will be good to know that great affiliate marketing is built on trust. While there are lots of products or services to promote, it's best to only highlight those you personally use or would recommend. Even when a product interests you or fits within a present hobby becoming an ultimate marketer for that product demands a lot of work.

Literature Review

Venugopal (2021) Affiliate marketing is a crucial source of the many things which provides the mandatory tools for the creative and hardworking individual to venture out on their own. It can provide ample opportunity to earn money doing what you're good at and also allows someone to use their skills and expertise for his or her own finances.

Grzegorz Mazurek (2019) Affiliate marketing may be a prospective strategy of internet marketing and e-commerce, which essence lies within the shift of responsibility for sales onto a 3rd party, in particular, on customers, who are compensated commission subsequent to persuading different customers to search for items offered by a support (organization utilizing the e-advancement tools).

Gupta and Vyas (2014) identified factors affecting the use of m-commerce in India. Study establishes m-commerce as user friendly, secure and easy to access even in low connection area. The authors have also explained the drawbacks of m-commerce i.e. lack of internet connectivity, language barrier, lack of awareness and less number of mobile phone users can have an adverse effect on the business.

Prabhu and Satpathy (2015) analyzed the suitability of affiliate marketing in Indian context & measured its growth possibilities in future. Research explained the complete process of affiliate along with how various affiliate programs are followed by E-commerce websites. The research concluded that affiliate marketing has very good potential for growth. Study was continued on in different four parts: Online Job site, Online Retail Companies, Tour & travel Industry & Matrimonial websites.

Sharma (2015) explained the significance of Internet Marketing in e-commerce. With the help of the various ecommerce revenue models like CPI, CPM, CPA & CPL. The research examined various e-commerce website like Flipkart, Snapdeal, Shop clues, Homeshop18, Fashion and you and Deals and you. He concluded that to improve company revenue, Internet Marketing really plays a vital role.

Yasin et al. (2015) tried to analyze the importance of digital marketing for marketers as well as customers. Study showed that even for a startup or a local business, there is a way to market their product via Internet.

Objectives

1. To study about affiliate marketing and it's working.
2. To study the impact of affiliate marketing on consumer behavior.
3. To study how consumers are attracted through price discount/offers in online marketing via affiliates

Research Methodology

Data for the present study have been collected from both primary data and secondary source. Primary data are collected with the help of questionnaire the sample size of People is 75 in indore city and the secondary data were collected from various publications of economic reviews, Different journals , websites, Internet, newspapers etc.

Data Analysis

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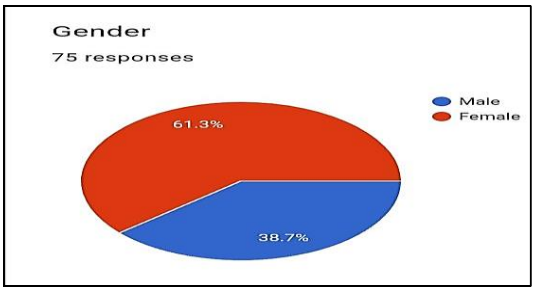

Inference -According to the survey 61.3% are Female and 38.7% are male. Therefore, Maximum no. of responded are Female.

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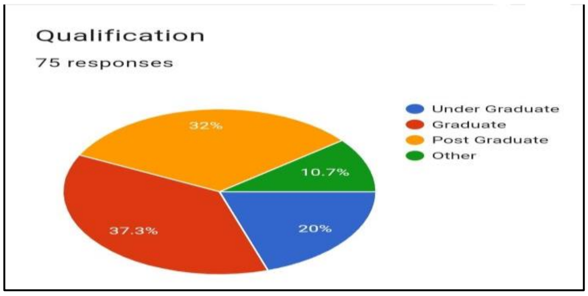

Inference- According to the survey 20% respondents is undergraduate 33.3% are graduate 32% are post graduate and 10%are other. Therefore, we can say that majority of the responded are graduate.

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Inference - According to the survey 90.7% respondents are purchase online and 9.3 are not.

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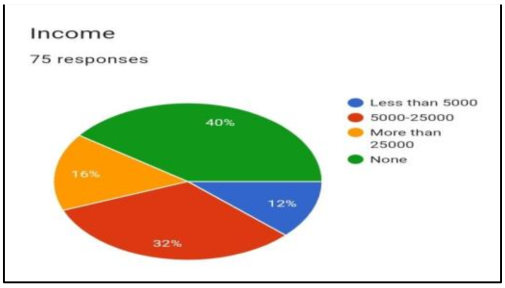

Inference - According to the survey 12% respondents income is less than 5000, 32% is 5000-25000, 16% is more than 25000 and 40% is none.

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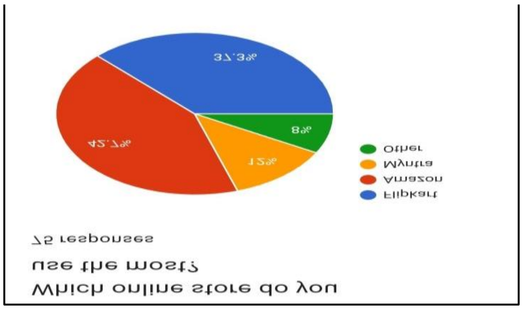

Inference - According to the survey 42.7% respondents are mostly used Amazon , 37.3% use Flipkart, 12% use Myntra and 8% use other app.

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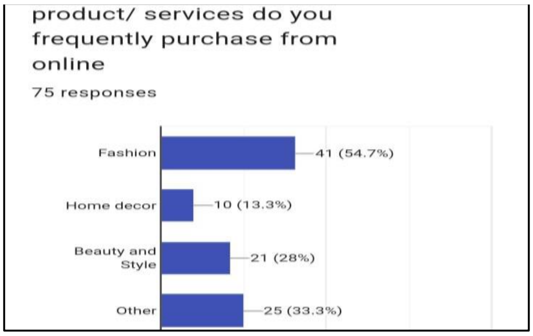
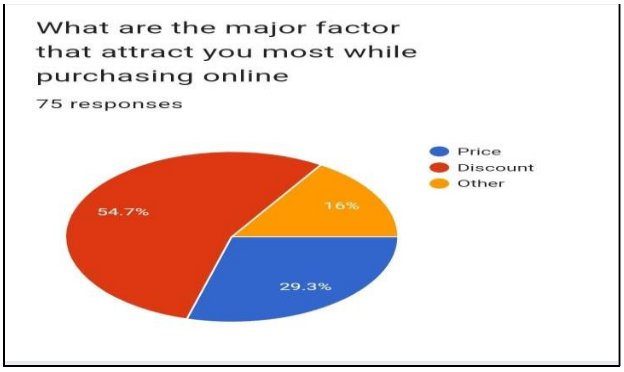


Inference - According to the survey 54.7% respondents' purchase fashion items from online.

Chart -7

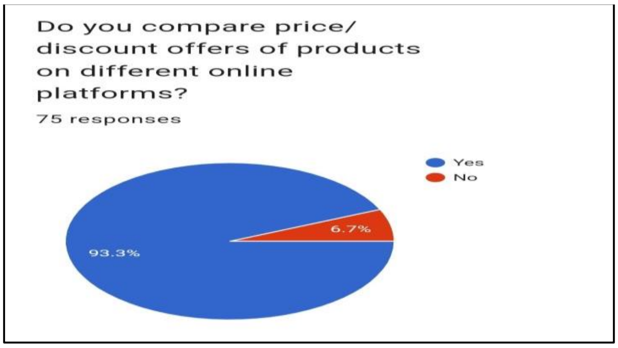
Inference - According to the survey 34.7% respondents mostly spend 500 -1000pm on online shopping whereas 34.7% spend less than 500pm, 21.3% spend 1000-2000 pm 8% spend 2000 - 5000pm.

Chart-8



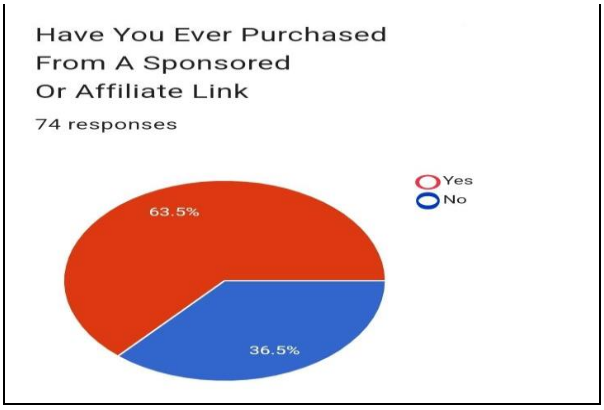
Inference - According to the survey the major factors that attract most while purchasing online is discount.

Chart-9



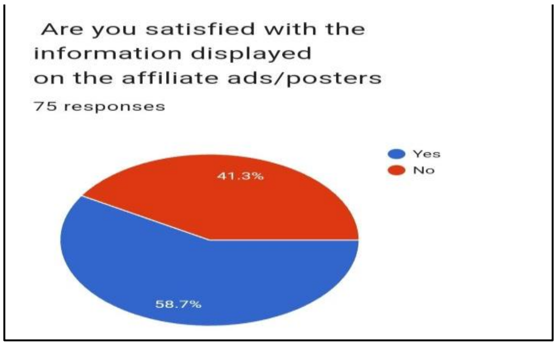
Inference - According to the survey 93.9% respondents do compare price on different platform.

Chart -10



Inference - According to the survey 63.5% do trust affiliated ads hands we can say that customers trust affiliated marketing as a reliable source to purchase product.

Chart -11



Inference - According to the survey 58.7% of the respondents are satisfied with the information displayed on the affiliated ads. Hence we can say that the information displayed in the sponsored ads are reliable and attract the customers.

Finding

- As the second objective is the impact of affiliate marketing on consumer behavior so, with the help of the questionnaire 63.5% people out of 75 do trust affiliated ads hands we can say that customers trust affiliated marketing as a reliable source to purchase product and it also affected the consumer buying behavior.
- As the third objective is study how consumers are attracted through price discount/offers in online marketing via affiliates According to the survey, 93.3% respondents do compare price on different platform. From this we can state that the customers are price sensitive and prefer to find the lowest deals

Conclusion

Affiliate marketing is an advertising model in which a company compensates third-party publishers to generate traffic or leads to the company's products and services. Affiliate marketing is a new way of advertising method and third parties (referral channel) to promote another company's product or service and credit a commission for any sales generated. To translate customers' visibility into brand awareness & sales, Affiliate Marketing is considered as an important contributor in revenue earning. It is a revenue share because of customers' relevant visit and the highly-qualified traffic lead to online businesses. Affiliate marketing is a successful method because of cultivating an audience and developing a good relationship with customers. Affiliate marketing, by majority, is considered as the best option for directing the traffic for informational search queries about a product or brand or industry. Affiliates marketing earn the trust of their customers and can act as a type of middleman or brand advocate for an online business. If we specifically talk about its impact on consumer buying then it really has a good impact. Consumer may change their mind while surfing or visiting website links provided by affiliates on their blogs, social media sites etc. As per online study, 81% of brands rely on affiliate marketing to grow their business. Now days, it is really considered as mandatory tool because of the great shift of consumer from offline to online.

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