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Effect of yogic exercises on forced vital capacity and resting pulse rate of undergraduate male students

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Abstract

This study was designed to find out the effect of selected Yogic exercises on forced vital capacity (FVC) and resting pulse rate (RPR) of undergraduate male students. To achieve this purpose a total of sixty (n=60) undergraduate male students were purposively selected from Akal college of physical education Mastuana Sahib, Sangrur (Punjab) as subjects. All subjects were healthy having no physical ailment and their age ranged from 18 to 22 years. The selected subjects were randomly divided into two equal groups. Group I served as the treatment group (n=30) and group II was treated a control group (n=30). The dependent variables selected for this study (FVC and RPR) were measured with a spirometer and radial pulse method respectively. All the subjects were tested at baseline and after the 6 weeks training period for FVC and RPR. Random group pre-test and post-test design was used as an experimental design. Then the collected data was statistically analyzed by using dependent 't'-test. The result showed a significant (p<0.05) improvement in FVC with no change in RPR of the experimental group and there was no significant change was recorded in the control group on FVC and RPR. It concludes that even 6-week yogic exercises are effective enough on forced vital capacity in undergraduate male subjects.

Keywords: Forced vital capacity, resting pulse rate, spirometer, yoga

Introduction

"Yoga is a method by which the restless mind is calmed and the energy is directed into constructive channels" (Iyengar, 1989) [6]. Yoga defines itself as a science that is a practical, methodical, and systematic discipline or set of techniques that have the lofty goal of helping human beings to become aware of their deepest nature (Kumar, 2014). From ancient times, people are doing yoga without knowing its significance in health. In the modern era, due to the poor lifestyle, the health status of the people has been decreased. Especially in case of students there are so many health issues are reported, cardiorespiratory disorders are one of the major issue among them. According to the American Heart Association (2002) [2] "cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death worldwide" and lung health of the youth is also not up to the mark (Kamat, 1977) [9]. But the heart and lung health can be easily improved with small changes in lifestyle (Chhabra et al., 2014) [3] and by adding yogic exercises into one's routine. "Yoga can help lower blood pressure, increase lung capacity, improve respiratory function and heart rate, and boost circulation and muscle tone" (American Heart Association, 2012) [1]. The beneficial effects of different yogic exercises are well-reported and have a sound scientific basis (Lakhera et al., 1984; Joshi and Gokhale, 1992) [10, 7]. In the present scenario, Yoga has become both physical activity and a spiritual practice. Yogic practice is a key to good health (Gopal, Bhatnagar, Subramanian, and Nishith, 1973; Gupta and Sawane, 2012) [4, \bar{s} , hence yogic exercises are important for improving the physical and physiological health of each individual (Udupa, Singh, and Settiwar, 1975) [11]. Therefore, this study is designed to scrutinize the effect of yogic exercises on forced vital capacity and resting pulse rate of undergraduate male students.

Methodology

To achieve this purpose a total of sixty (n=60) undergraduate male students were purposively selected from Akal college of physical education Mastuana sahib, Sangrur (Punjab) as subjects. All subjects were healthy and having no physical ailment with their age ranged from 18 to 22 years. The selected subjects were randomly divided into two groups.

Correspondence Jashir Singh Research Scholar Panjab University, Chandigarh, Punjab, India Group I served as the treatment group, practiced yogic exercises for six weeks and group II was treated as a control group that didn't participate in any special yogic exercises except their routine. The dependent variables selected for this study FVC and RPR were measured with the help of a spirometer and radial pulse method respectively. All the subjects were tested at baseline (pre-test) and after 6 weeks of yogic exercises for post-test scores on forced vital capacity and resting pulse rate. Random group pre-test and post-test design was used as an experimental design. Both groups were recorded for FVC and RPR at baseline and after the 6 weeks of the training period.

Training protocol

The subjects in the experimental group participated in the Yogic exercise training programme for 6 days in a week except Sunday for six weeks. The yogic exercises period was approximately 50 minutes including warming up and cool down exercises. The package of exercises such as Suryanamaskar, Asanas (trikonasana, parsarita, sirsasana,

sarvangasana, ustrasana, setubandha, baddhakonasana, suptavirasana, janusirsasana, padottanasana, paschimottanasana, sarvangasana, viparitakarani, and savasana), Pranayama (anulom vilom, nadi shodhana, ujjayi, agnisara, sheetali, sheetkari, bhastrika, kapal bhati, and bhramari pranayama), Meditation and mantra chanting were given in the morning session between 6:00 am to 7:00 am.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analyses were performed by using the statistical package for social sciences 15.0 version (SPSS). Data is expressed as the mean & SD. Dependent 't'-test was utilized to compare the means of the pre and post-test. The level of significance was set at 0.05 level of significance.

Result

The analysis of dependent 't'-test on the data obtained from the experimental and control group for FVC and RPR is analyzed and presented in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

Table 1: Pairwise, N, Mean, SD, SEM, and t-value of Male Undergraduate Students Belonging to the Experimental and Control Group During Pre-test and Post-test on the Forced Vital Capacity.

Group	N	Test	Mean	SD	SEM	t - Value	p – Value
Experimental Group	30	Pre-Test	4.87	0.31	0.08	8.89	0.000*
Experimental Group	30	Post-Test	5.06	0.27	0.07	0.09	0.000*
Control Crown	30	Pre-Test	4.79	0.25	0.06	0.78	0.223
Control Group	30	Post-Test	4.82	0.29	0.07	0.78	0.223

^{*} Significant at 0.05 level (p < 0.05)

Table 1 shows the descriptive characteristics of pre-test and post-test measurements of the experimental and control group in the context of their forced vital capacity in terms of mean and standard deviation. The forced vital capacity mean & SD of the experimental group during pre-test and post-test are 4.87 & 0.31 and 5.06 & 0.27 respectively. In the control group, the forced vital capacity mean & SD during pre-test and post-test are 4.79 & 0.25 and 4.82 & 0.29 respectively. Table 1 also reveals that there is a significant difference in the experimental pre-test and post-test observations on the forced

vital capacity of male Undergraduate Students as the obtained t-value of the experimental group on forced vital capacity is 8.89 and p-value is less than 0.05 level of significance. Whereas in case of control group, pre-test and post-test observations on forced vital capacity are not found to be significant at 0.05 level of significance, as the obtained t-value of the control group is 0.78 and p-value is greater than 0.05 level of significance. The pre-test and post-test mean scores of experimental group and control group for forced vital capacity are graphically presented in Figure 1.

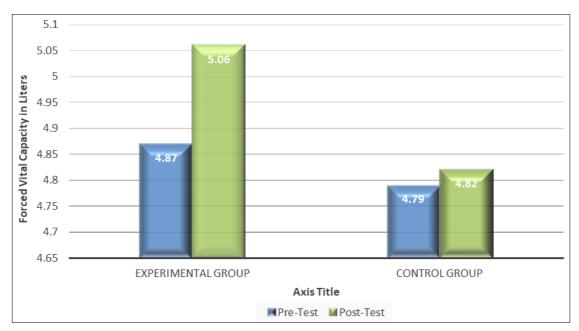


Fig 1: Mean Values of Pre-test and Post-test on the Forced Vital Capacity.

Table 2: Pairwise, N, Mean, SD, SEM, and t-value of Male Undergraduate Students Belonging to the Experimental and Control Group During Pre-test and Post-test on the Resting Pulse Rate.

Group	N	Test	Mean	SD	SEM	t - Value	p – Value
Evenovimental Crown	15	Pre-Test	66	3.54	0.91	1 07	.082
Experimental Group	13	Post-Test	65.6	3.48	0.89	1.87	.082
Control Crown	15	Pre-Test	65.06	4.39	1.13	2.09	055
Control Group	13	Post-Test	64.4	3.94	1.01	2.09	.055

^{*} Significant at 0.05 level (p<0.05)

Table 2 depicts the descriptive characteristics of pre-test and post-test measurements of the experimental and control group in the context of their resting pulse rate in terms of mean and standard deviation. The resting pulse rate mean & SD of the experimental group during pre-test and post-test are 66 & 3.54 and 65.6 & 3.48 respectively. In the control group, the resting pulse rate mean & SD during pre-test and post-test are 65.06 & 4.39 and 64.4 & 3.94 respectively.

Table 2 also reveals that there is no significant difference in the experimental pre-test and post-test observations on resting pulse rate as the obtained t-value of the experimental group on resting pulse rate is 1.87 and the p-value is greater than 0.05 level of significance. In case of control group, the pre-test and post-test observations on resting pulse rate are also not found to be significant, as the obtained t-value of the control group is 2.09 and the p-value is greater than 0.05 level. The pre-test and post-test mean scores of the experimental group and control group for resting pulse rate are graphically presented in Figure 2.

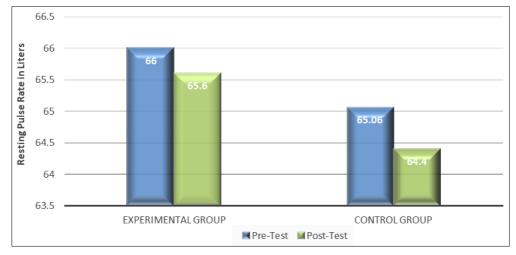


Fig 2

Conclusions

In summary, the present work manifests an overriding endeavor to explore the effects of yogic exercises on forced vital capacity and resting pulse rate of undergraduate male students. The result showed a significant (p<0.05) improvement in FVC with no change in RPR of the experimental group whereas there was no significant change was recorded in the control group on FVC and RPR. It concludes that even 6-week yogic exercises are effective enough on forced vital capacity in undergraduate male subjects. The daily practice of yogic exercises may help to improve the cardiac and lung health thus yogic exercises should be a part of the lifestyle of the undergraduate male students.

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EFFECT OF SURYANAMASKAR ON ABDOMINAL STRENGTH OF SCHOOLGOING CHILDREN

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Abstract

The objective of this study was to determine effect of Suryanamaskar on abdominal strength of school going children. A total number of thirty school going children were selected as subject and used as one experimental group (15) and other control group (15). Suryanamaskar was considered the independent variable and abdominal strength was considered the dependent variable. To measure the abdominal strength, modified sit-ups test was used as a criterion measure. The test subjects were regularly participating in training program of 40 minutes in the morning before the actual game played for 8 weeks. The Pre-Post Test randomize group design was used for this study. Tests were administered before the training program and after the completion of the treatment again test were administered. Paired t-test was used to locate significance effect of Suryanamaskar on abdominal strength of school going children at 0.05 levels of significance. In relation to abdominal strength, effect of Suryanamaskar was found significant.

Key Words: Suryanamaskar and abdominal strength

Introduction

Suryanamaskar gives one of the best methods for self-change and achieving one's maximum capacity. In the propelled phases of super cognizant states are accomplished which result in sentiment rapture, profound peace and the development of psychic forces. Suryanamaskar was created and idealized throughout the hundreds of years by savants and spiritualists in India. It is essentially a technique by which we increment the body's supply of vitality and expel any impedance to the transmission of vitality all through the body. Suryanamaskar has had some expertise in this subject for a large number of years, and streamlined the strategies to accomplish this point. Nowadays, Suryanamaskar classes are being held at most wellbeing and health focuses over the United States. Alongside reflection, it is presumably a standout amongst the most prevalent option treatments. Numerous doctors, who are distrustful about the viability of option prescription, bolster yoga with energy. There are numerous clinical examinations that demonstrate the adequacy of Suryanamaskar and the best piece of it is that it is something that should be possible in the solace of your home. A couple of breathing activities suggested by Suryanamaskar will go far towards better wellbeing and unwinding. Maybe a standout amongst the most capable devices in yogic practices is the utilization of the breath to acquire our cognizance back tune with the celestial grandiose breath. Suryanamaskar breathing or yoga has been honed for more than a large number of years. Before, people found interestingly how they were living and composed their story with letter set. Basic learning is exchanged starting with one era then onto the next era as children's stories. With this technique, information develops and moves toward becoming society. Clearly, yoga has been introduced since the past along these lines. Yoga is a protected and delicate exercise which can lessen the weight in day by day circumstances. Yoga is then viewed as an excitement for the advanced native. In spite of the fact that yoga hone is extremely prevalent; there are still puzzles for the vast majority. Yoga is neither a religion nor an unusual bizarre development of your body. Yoga hone concentrates on straightforwardness and delicate quality which regards your psyche and body. Yoga engages everyone who hones it since it can decrease the impacts from stretch. Plus, yoga makes adjust of positive and negative forces. Yoga, accordingly, can decrease and cure sickness. Blood streams in all aspects of your body. There will be no anxiety and weariness. Thus, a great body development can be accomplished. Joints can work well. There will be thoughtfulness regarding work



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COMPARATIVE STUDY ON SELECTED ANTHROPOMETRIC PARAMETERS BETWEEN DIFFERENT AGE GROUP STATE LEVEL BATSMEN AND BOWLERS OF TRIPURA

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to analyze the differences between batsmen and bowlers on selected anthropometric parameters between different age-group cricketers of Tripura state. A total of 142 (N=142) cricketers, among which 83 batsmen and 59 bowlers across four groups were selected as subjects for the present study. The age groups were under-16 (batsman=23, bowler=12), under-19 (batsman=21, bowler=17), under-23 (batsman=22, bowler=17) and senior level (batsman=17, bowler=13) as per BCCI. The selected anthropometric parameters for the study were height, weight, BMI, arm length, shoulder width and calf girth. To achieve the result descriptive statistics of mean, SD and t-test were used. Results indicated that there was statistically significant difference in arm length in favour of bowlers for under-23 age group. Though not significant, the bowlers were found to have slightly greater mean values almost in all other selected parameters.

Key words: Physical variables, Batsmen and Bowlers

INTRODUCTION

The extent of human variability is so enormous that no two individuals can ever be the same. There are two fundamental causes for this variation. One is the genes inherited from parents and the other is the infinity of environment which acts upon individuals from cradle to grave. Therefore, scientists have always been fascinated by the phenomenon of human variation. With the numerous variety of human physique, it becomes a generalized consideration that some sports events are more suitable to individuals with specific physique than others (Reco-Sanz, 1998; Wilmore & Costill, 1999; Keogh, 1999). It has been well established that specific physical characteristics or anthropometric profiles indicate whether the player would be suitable for the competition at the highest level in a specific sport (Claessens et al., 1999; Bourgois et al., 2000, 2001; Reilly et al., 2000; Gabbett, 2000; Ackland et al., 2003; Slater et al., 2005). Various studies (Landers, Blanksby, Ackland& Smith, 2000) have shown that the anthropometric characteristics of athletes are major determinants of their potential for success in their chosen sports. Cricket is one of the most popular game in India. Every Indian have some interest about this sport. The number of test playing countries is limited compare to the Football. But the viewer inside the stadium and in to the TV set are growing in numbers. The Test match cricket passes through a long journey and cricket is immerging with many other formats. The one-

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Effect of psychological skills training program on state and trait anxiety of soccer players

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Abstract

Purpose: The present study aimed to evaluate the effect of six weeks Psychological Skills Training (PST) Program on State and Trait Anxiety soccer players

Methods: For the purpose of the study sixty soccer players belong to Th.Birchandra Singh Football Academy (TBSFA), Imphal West, Manipur were selected purposively. Subjects were divided into experimental and controlled group (30 players in each group). The data was collected through the administration of the State and Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) by Spielberg for selected psychological variables.

Statistical analysis: To find out the significant effect of Psychological Skills Training Program on State and Trait Anxiety, ANCOVA for psychological variables was used and level of significance was set at 0.05.

Findings: It revealed that there was no significant effect of soccer players in Trait Anxiety those who underwent the PST program as compared to the players in controlled group and there was no significantly reduce of State Anxiety those who underwent the PST program as compared to the players in controlled group.

Keywords: Anxiety, state anxiety, trait anxiety

1. Introduction

For decades the elite athletes have enhanced the performance by exploiting advancements in systematic per iodization of training in various sports. Now, an important constituent of the training received by the elite performer has focused on the interplay between mental and Physical skills training. The potency of pursuing multiple training approaches for developing both physical and mental skills have been taken by sports trainers and coach.

Psychological skills training (PST) is the systematic training methods designed to enhance an athlete's performance, physical activity self-satisfaction and achieving greater sport Performance. The goal of psychological skills training (PST) is to help the sports person for the development of psychological skills, by enhancing their psychological skills.

PST is as important to the Soccer Players as other sports, and most successful elite's players used a combination of physical, psychological abilities, technical and tactical. Weinberg and Gould make an example that coaches attribute 50-90% of an athlete's success depending upon to their psychological skills (Hardy, Jones & Gould, 1997^[3]; Weinberg & Gould, 1999)^[6].

Psychological Skill Training is an integral part of the athlete as other training components of sports training. 50-90% effort of their performance at main competition was contribute by the elite athletes through PST program. PST should be given and developed by the athletes as technical and tactical aspect of sports. Every individual or athletes has different needs in sports. So athletes must be trained systematically according to the individual need of players (Rosie chee, 2010) [1].

2. Methodology

2.1 Subjects

A total of sixty (n=60) soccer players male, who accepted voluntarily to be the part of the study, were selected as the subject from Th.Birchandra Singh Football Academy (TBSFA), Imphal West, Manipur. The subjects were ranging from 17 to 20 years.

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2.2 Criterion Measure

For the purpose of the study following criterion measures were used:

- For PST training program selected Psychological intervention namely Self- talk, relaxation techniques (PMR) and Breathing Technique was given as a training tool for 6 weeks.
- For assessing the Anxiety (State and Trait Anxiety), Anxiety (State Trait and Anxiety Inventory) (STAI) containing 40 items by Charles D. Spielberger was used.

2.3 Procedure

To achieve the objective of the study Psychological Skill Training Program was prepared in consultation with the supervisor and other experts. Before implementing the training program Rapport was developed with Players by visiting the Th. Birchandra Football Academy, Taobungkhok, Imphal West, Manipur to communicate and observe the Players. The subjects were divided randomly into two equal groups i.e. Experimental Group and Control Group. Experiment Group (n=30) and control group (n=30). Prior to the training program Pre-data was collected from both the groups. Six weeks PST program was given to the Experiments Group whereas Control group was following the normal physical and skill training given by Academy coach. The Psychological interventions used for the study were Self Talk, Breathing Technique, and Pulmonary Muscle Relaxation Technique. After the Successful Completion of the six weeks Psychological Skill training program post-data was collected.

2.4 Administration of the Psychological skills

Skill Development program: PST program in Pulmonary Relaxation Technique, Breathing Technique and self-talk was implemented in the form of 30 minutes session for three days in a weak.

Application and Evaluation: Selected Psychological intervention was imparted to Soccer Players for six weeks. First Soccer players (Experiment Group) were made aware of the Psychological Intervention and they started practice the techniques under the supervision of the head coach and researcher observed the training program. The data was collected at two stages, Pre-data i.e in the beginning before starting the PST Program and Post-data i.e after the

completion of PST Program.

2.5 Statistical Technique

To find out the effect of training the following Statistical Procedure was adapted:

- Descriptive statistics was used.
- To analyze the effects of Psychological Skill Training Program ANCOVA was used.
- For testing the hypothesis the level of significance was set at 0.05 level.

3. Findings

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of State Anxiety of Soccer Players

Dependent Variable: PST_SA						
GROUP	Mean	Std. Deviation	N			
TREATMENT	41.0667	3.97348	30			
CONTROL	38.6667	4.55111	30			
Total	39.8667	4.40518	60			

The above table reflects the mean value of the performance and number of Subjects in experimental and controlled groups, the mean value of all the Soccer players in mean of Experimental groups 41.0.6; SD is 3.97 (N=30), whereas Control group is 39.8; SD 4.55

Homogeneity of the group was tested by computing the levene's test of equality; the findings are presented in table No. 2.

Table 2: Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances of State
Anxiety

df1 df2		Sig.				
.782 1 58		.380				
Tests the null hypothesis that the error variance of the dependent						
variable is equal across groups.						
Design: Intercept + PRE_SA + GROUP.						
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Output shows the result of Levene's test when pre PST program is included in the model as a covariate. The Levene's test is insignificant, indicating that the group variances are equal. Hence, the assumption of homogeneity of variance has been met. The findings with regard to ANCOVA are presented in table 3.

Table 3: Tests of Between-Subjects Effects of State Anxiety of Soccer Players

Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial Eta Squared
Corrected Model	229.830 ^a	2	114.915	7.158	.002	.201
Intercept	341.650	1	341.650	21.281	.000	.272
PRE_SA	143.430	1	143.430	8.934	.004	.135
GROUP	146.409	1	146.409	9.120	.004	.138
Error	915.103	57	16.054			
Total 96506.000 60						
Corrected Total	1144.933	59				
a. R Squ	ared = .201 (Adjusted R Squa					

The above table shows the ANCOVA table with the covariate included. Looking first at the significance value of *Group* it is clear that the result of F-test support the effect after

controlling for Pre performance, obtained F = 9.12 at p 0.04 < 0.05.

Table 4: Mean Difference between Experimental and Controlled Group

Pairwise Comparisons								
(I) CDOUD	(J) GROUP	Maan Difference (I.I.)	C4.1 E	C:~ a	erval for Differencea			
(I) GROUP	(J) GROUP	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.a	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
TREATMENT	CONTROL	3.236*	1.072	.004	1.090	5.383		
CONTROL	TREATMENT	-3.236*	1.072	.004	-5.383	-1.090		
Based on estimated marginal means								
*. The mean difference is significant at the .05 level.								
a. Adjustment for multiple comparisons: Bonferroni.								

The above table exhibits that the mean difference among Experimental and Controlled group is 3.236, significant at .004 < 0.05.

Table 5: Descriptive Statistics of Trait Anxiety of Soccer Players

Group	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
Treatment	37.7000	4.96991	30
Control	39.6333	3.79185	30
Total	38.6667	4.48979	60

The above table reflects the mean value of the performance and number of Subjects in experimental and controlled groups, the mean value of all the Soccer players in mean of Experimental groups 37.7; SD is 4.96 (N=30), whereas Control group is 39.6; SD 3.79.

Homogeneity of the group was tested by computing the levene's test of equality; the findings are presented in table

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Table 6: Levene's Test of Equality of Error Variances

Dependent Var					
F	F df1 df2				
7.746	7.746 1				
Tests the null hypoth	esis that the error	variance of the dep	endent		
vari	able is equal acros	s groups.			
a. Design: Intercept + PRE TA + GROUP					
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Output shows the result of Levene's test when pre PST program is included in the model as a covariate. The Levene's test is insignificant, indicating that the group variances are equal. Hence, the assumption of homogeneity of variance has been met. The findings with regard to ANCOVA are presented in table

Table 7: Tests of Between-Subjects Effects

Dependent Variable: POST_Trait Anxiety						
Source	Type III Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	Partial Eta Squared
Corrected Model	707.775ª	2	353.888	41.888	.000	.595
Intercept	47.670	1	47.670	5.642	.021	.090
PRE_TA	651.709	1	651.709	77.140	.000	.575
GROUP	44.222	1	44.222	5.234	.026	.084
Error	481.558	57	8.448			
Total	90896.000	60				
Corrected Total	1189.333	59				
a. R Squ	a. R Squared = .595 (Adjusted R Squared = .581)					

The above table shows the ANCOVA table with the covariate included. Looking first at the significance value of *Group* it is clear that the result of F-test support the effect after

controlling for Pre performance, obtained F = 5.234 at p 0.26 > 0.05.

Table 8: Mean Difference between Experimental and Controlled Group

Pairwise Comparisons							
Depende	nt Variable: POS	T_Trait Anxiety					
(T) C	(T) C	Maan Difference (L.I.)	Std. Error	G: A	95% Confidence Interval for Differ		
(I) Group	(J) Group	Mean Difference (I-J)	Sta. Error	Sig. ^A	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
TREATMENT	CONTROL	1.999*	.874	.026	.249	3.749	
CONTROL	TREATMENT	-1.999*	.874	.026	-3.749	249	
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a. A	a. Adjustment for multiple comparisons: Least Significant Difference (equivalent to no adjustments).						

The above table exhibits that the mean difference among Experimental and Controlled group is 1.9999, in significant at 0.26>0.05.

4. Discussion

The Psychological intervention namely Self-talk, VMBR and Relaxation Technique used for the study has been mostly used by the many researchers for reducing the anxiety with a normal physical training. Athletes in experimental group experienced more significant enhancement to reduce the state

anxiety after the intervention imparted to them as after compared to participants in the control group. Indeed, results show significant reduction of state anxiety and its shows that the implemented intervention technique that has been used for PST program meaningfully improves the participants to reduce the competition failure due to high anxiety before and during the competition. It is generally agreed that the best time to initiate a PST program is the off season or pre-season. In these time periods athletes have more time to learn and practice new skills, and also they do not have winning

pressure. This issue could be another reason for not reaching significant differences on anxiety.

In other hand current result also indicates insignificant differences in trait anxiety. The intervention results imply that experimental group did not have significantly decreases in trait anxiety from pre-test data to post test data. The reason for this result may be due to time duration of training program. According to Vary Cox (1998) the PST program must last minimum of three months to change some psychological skill and traits of participants. Another reason may be the participants age i.e. 17-20 years is not the specializing years to gain or developed the traits. According to the age ranging between 13-16 years is an specializing years.

Could not find significant decrease in anxiety levels of athletes. After the implementation of mental skills program on less than 19 years old athletes, findings of the study showed that there were no interpretable differences between groups' anxiety levels. In line with our hypothesis the results could be explained by the time between assessments may not have been long enough to allow subjects to perceive any changes in their trait anxiety. Moreover, implied their study to investigate the effect of psychological skill training techniques such as progressive muscle relaxation on anxiety. The results of that studies revealed that there was no significant difference in levels of anxiety among the male inter-collegiate volleyball players. The affect-reducing strategies of relaxation techniques may not be appropriate, especially during the limited time available during an intervention program.

5. Conclusions

After the examination of data in the present study it has been revealed that there was a significance improvement of State Anxiety and no significant was found in the Trait Anxiety following the PST program. The results of the current study with regard to the non-significant decrease in anxiety have been indicated by various researches. Same findings of those studies with current study could be explained by durations of the practices and not having ability about modifying perceptions of athletes.

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Identifying the Factors Influencing the Motor Fitness Performance among State Level Athletes of Siliguri

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to observe the relation between the body compositions and selected motor fitness components among state level athletes of Siliguri, West Bengal. 30 state level male athletes were randomly selected from the male athletes of Siliguri Athletics Welfare Organization (SAWO), Siliguri. Their age ranges from 15 to 25 years with an average age of (18.7 ± 2.8) years. They represented their district in the state athletic championships in recent times. The primary data of height, weight, training age etc. were recorded and Body Mass Index (BMI) was calculated from that measurement. Body composition was calculated from the Jackson-Pollock 3 sites skinfold measures. 50 m sprint for speed, standing broad jump for explosive strength and 1600m run for endurance were recorded. Correlation values showed that athletes with higher fat percentage had a higher performance time in sprint (r = 0.62) and endurance (r = 0.77) test. BMI showed a similar trend but fat percentage was more reliable measure to predict the motor performance. Leg explosive strength had no correlation with fat percentage or BMI of the athletes.

KEYWORDS: Motor performance, BMI, Body composition, Skinfold, Fat percentage

Introduction: Athletes' physical attributes vary greatly, and training the same way year-round can decrease your performance. Sports use varying levels of strength, stamina, endurance, glycogen, fat, fast-twitch and slow-twitch muscle fibers, aerobic and anaerobic energy and other skills and abilities, and this requires different training methods. Whilst everyone can improve their individual performance, only a selected few individuals will ever reach the top. There is a phrase "Sprinters are born, marathoners are made" which is only half true. The factors are mostly genetic. There are numerous number of factors which may influence the performance. This may be the training process or the Psychological condition or the environment or may be the environment etc.

The objective of the study was To find out the influential factors behind the sprinting, Leg explosive strength and Endurance performance of the athletes. This is only the first phase of data of a longitudinal work.

Subjects: Thirty (30) male Athletes of Siliguri Athletic Welfare Organization (SAWO) were the subject of the study. Their age range was 15 to 25 years. All the athletes are state level players representing Siliguri district.

Criterion Measure: The measured criterion were divided into few categories.

Health Parameters: Height (cm), Weight (kg), BMI (kg/ m²), Fat % (Jackson-Pollock 3 sites skinfold measures),

Pathological Parameters: Blood Glucose, Haemoglobin, Serum Creatinine

Fitness Parameters: 50m Dash (Sec.), Standing Broad Jump (m), 1600m run (Sec.)

Standard experimental protocols were maintained in measurement of each of the parameters.

Result and Discussions: The obtained data were tabulated and discussed after descriptive statistical analysis.

The personal data of the subjects like height and weight were measured and from there BMI was calculated. The mean and sd of the obtained data have been tabulated in the table no I.

Table I: Mean, SD and Range of Age, Height, Weight and BMI of the subjects

Parameters	Age (kg)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	BMI 2 (kg/ m)	Total=N
Mean, SD	18.7±2.8	168.92±6.7	56.54±9.5	19.76±2.8	
Range	(15-25) yr.	(158-184) cm	(43-81) kg	15.19-26.75	30

Source- Primary Data Aug, 2017

The BMI level of the athletes were in optimum level, but the range indicated a mixed body type. The table –II contains the mean and SD of the pathological parameters.

Table-II: Mean and SD of Fat %, Blood glucose, Haemoglobin, Serum Creatinine level of the subjects

Fat%	Blood Glucose	Haemoglobin	Serum Creatinine
7.48 ± 4.86	82.12±7.03	13.08±1.60	0.752±0.09

Source-Primary Data Aug, 2017

The mean value indicated that all the obtained data were in the normal range. The motor fitness parameters were recorded in table-III. The mean and SD of the motor performance of the athletes were recorded. The recorded time and the achieved distance were tabulated

Table-III: Mean and SD of Performance in Sprint, Leg Explosive Strength and Endurance test

50 m Dash (Sec)	S.B.J (m)	1600 m Run (min)
7.37±0.45	2.18±0.22	6:18±0.04

Source- Primary Data Aug, 2017

The table-IV contains the correlation between motor performance parameters and the other parameters.

Table-IV: Correlation between various parameters

	BMI	Fat %	Glucose Level	Haemoglobin	Creatinine
Sprinting Speed	Correlation coefficient = 0.399403	Correlation coefficient = 0.627261	Correlation coefficient = 0.103655	Correlation coefficient = 0.014372	Correlation coefficient = -0.033819
	p-value = 0.0479	p-value = 0.0008	p-value = 0.622	p-value = 0.9456	p-value = 0.8725
Leg Explosive Strength	Correlation coefficient = -0.1054437	Correlation coefficient = -0.4719	Correlation coefficient = -0.02321032	Correlation coefficient = 0.2416949	Correlation coefficient = 0.08567329
	p-value = 0.6159	p-value = 0.0172	p-value = 0.9123	p-value = 0.2444	p-value = 0.6839
Endurance	Correlation coefficient = 0.5623	Correlation coefficient = 0.7742	Correlation coefficient = 0.2787	Correlation coefficient = 0.0925	Correlation coefficient = -0.0015
	p-value = 0.0034	p-value = 0.000006	p-value = 0.1773	p-value = 0.66	p-value = 0.994

The correlation wants to find out any relation in between the motor performance parameters namely Speed, Explosive strength and Endurance with fat%, or any other pathological parameters. From the table-IV, obtained p value indicated the relation in between the desired parameters. The sprinting speed and endurance of the athletes were highly correlated with BMI and fat%. This may be because of the nature of the athletes' body type, which was in optimum range. Leg explosive strength was also related with fat% of the athletes. The pathological parameters don't influence the motor performance.

Conclusion: The following conclusions have been made from the obtained data

- 1. Higher fat % reduces the Leg Explosive Strength of the Athletes.
- 2. Athletes with Optimum level of BMI and Fat Percentage may help in Endurance performance.
- 3. Blood glucose, haemoglobin, and serum creatinine level have no relation with motor performance of the athletes of Siliguri.

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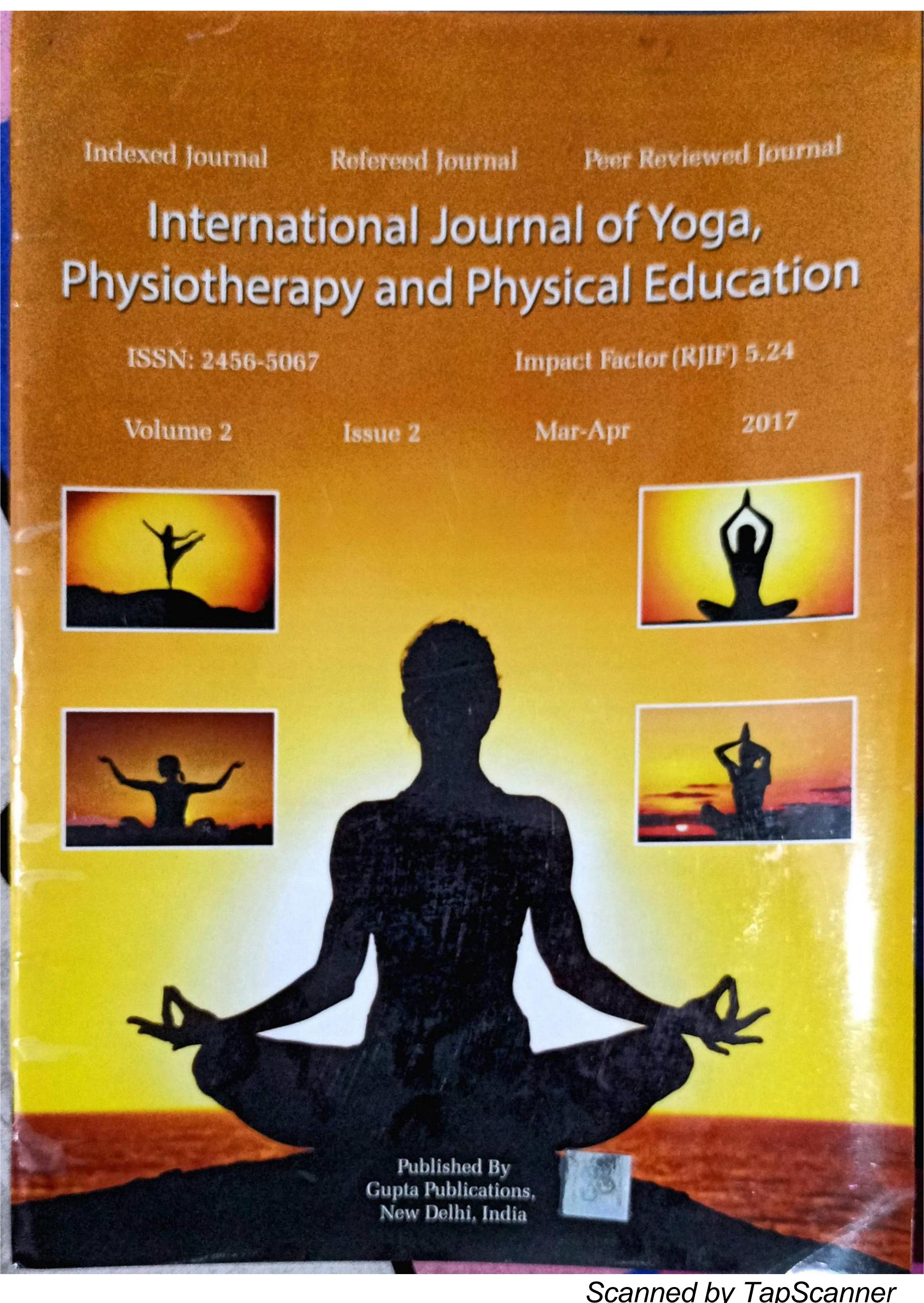
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Psychological skills among high performer and low performer soccer players

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Abstract

Purpose: To compare the psychological skills among high performer and low performer soccer teams.

Methods: For fulfilling the purpose of the study one hundred thirty seven soccer players belonging to 8 different Soccer Club which participated in the Super Division Football League, Manipur (2014-2015) held at Th. Birchandra Football Academy, Toubungkhok, Imphal West, Manipur were selected. Subjects were divided into two groups according to their level of achievement i.e. high performer and low performer soccer teams. The data was collected through the administration of the Psychological Performance Inventory (PPI) for the sports as developed by James E. Loehr (1996) containing 42 items to assess an athlete's psychological skills.

Statistical analysis: To find out the significant differences in psychological skill among high performer and low performer soccer teams. The one way ANOVA was used and levels of significance was 0.05.

Results: The result of the study reveals that that there was a significant difference among high performer and low performer soccer teams.

Conclusion: Result of the study indicates that some of the parameters in psychological skill have found significant namely (self-confidence, attention control, visual and imagery control and attitude control) and negative energy and positive energy have found insignificant at 0.05 level of significance. Self-confidence as the belief that individuals have in their capability to perform a particular task.

Keywords: self-confidence, attention control, visual and imagery control, attitude control, negative energy and positive energy

Introduction

Today in the field of sports the role of skills and psychological preparations of athletes in sport successes and achieving desire performance in completions and tournaments, even in some circumstance, be considered more important than the technical preparation. Many research evidences have confirmed this claim in psychological filed. Competitive soccer requires concentration, quick thinking and great deal of movements about attack and next about defence. They must be concentrating all the time, if they are keeping play wider. Soccer is an excellent sport for developing and maintaining physical fitness, strength, endurance, co-ordination and other physiological benefits. High level of achievement and excellence in any area do not come easily. There are numerous obstacles to overcome and barriers to push aside. Sports psychology as an applied psychology is the greatest blessing of the modern day of sports sciences in this age. Within a short span of time, sports psychology has taken giant strides. The knowledge is all field of human endeavour, especially of behaviour has expanded to such an extent that it is different to discuss one aspect of behaviour without reference of other.

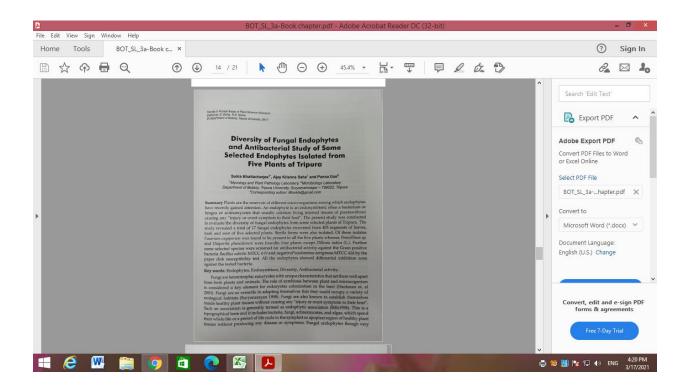
Psychological skills training (PST) is the deliberate, systematic practice of strategies and methods designed to enhance an athlete's performance, by enhancing their psychological skills. PST is as important to the athlete as physical training, and in most sports success comes from utilizing and maximizing a combination of technical, tactical, physical, and psychological abilities (Hardy, Jones & Gould,

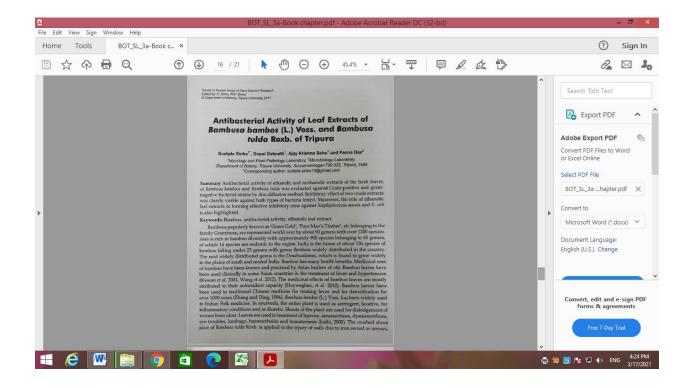
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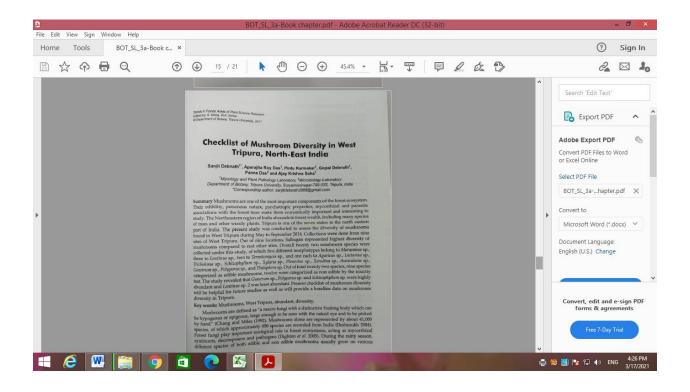
Psychological skills training (PST) is as important to the athlete as physical training and can contribute 50-90% of their performance. Goal setting, self-talk, mental imagery and mental rehearsal, and relaxation are the four most prominent PST methods used by athletes. Like technical or tactical aspects of a sport, athletes must be learned, developed, and practiced by the athlete. Each athlete and individual has different sporting needs, psychological skill development, orientations and experience, so every PST program must be individualized to fit that athlete.

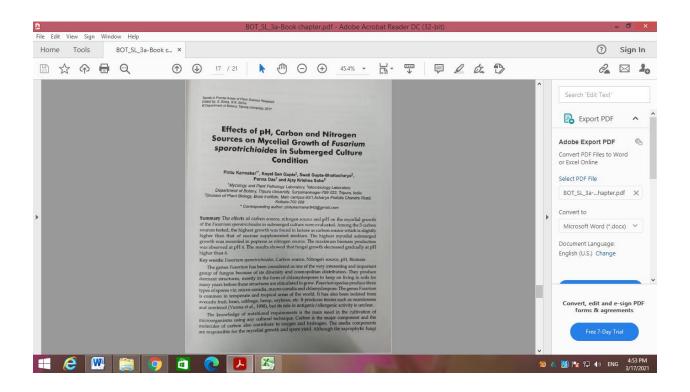
Psychological Skill Training is an integral part of the athlete as other training components of sports training. 50-90% effort of their performance at main competition was contribute by the elite athletes through PST program. PST should be given and developed by the athletes as technical and tactical aspect of sports. Every individual or athletes has different needs in sports. So athletes must be trained systematically according to the individual need of players (Rosie chee, 2010) [2].

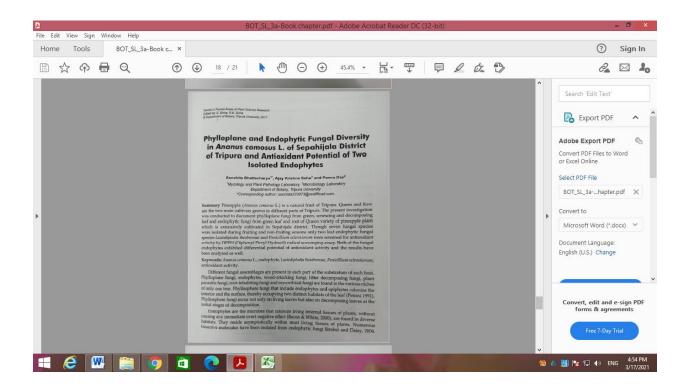
Psychological skills, like technical or tactical aspects of a sport, must be learned, developed, and practiced by the athlete (Hardy, Jones & Gould, 1997; Hodge, 2007; Weinberg & Gould, 1999) [6]. There are three subsections of psychological skills: Foundation skills, performance skills, and facilitative skills. Like physical skills, psychological skills have different times in which they should be developed and practiced (Hodge, 2007).

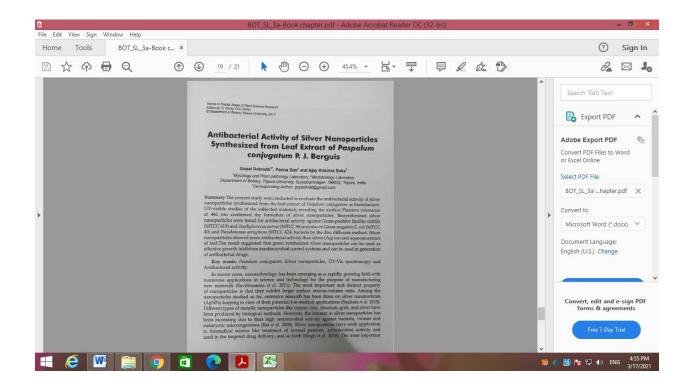


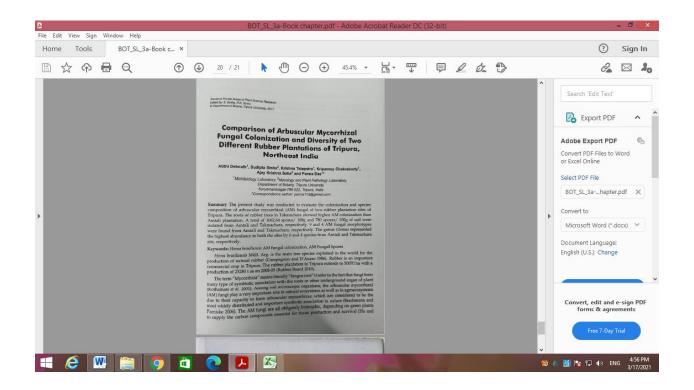


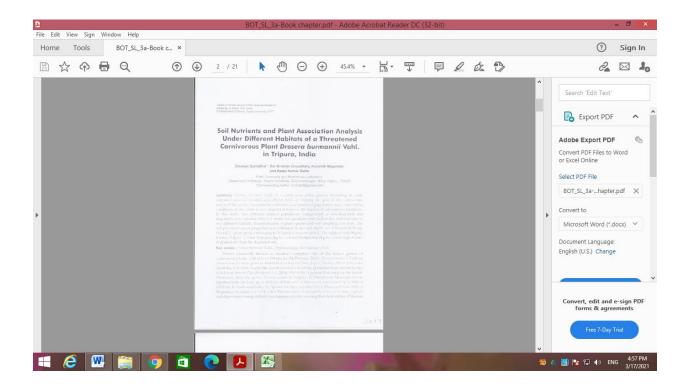


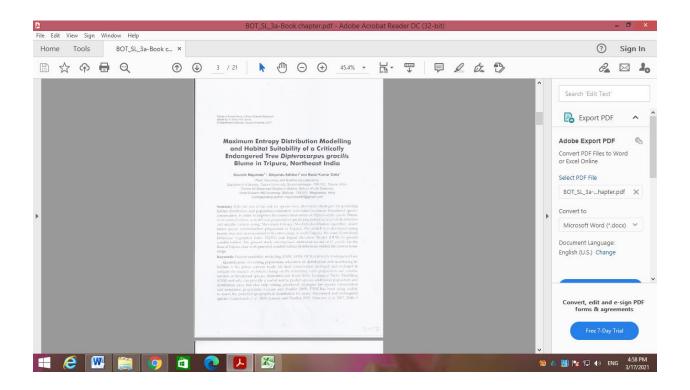












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The need for inclusive education as human has realized the centrality of all education planning policy making and administration and if we are letting out intentionally a planning policy making is itself non-humanitarian and defeats the very basic principle of equality of educational opportunities, justice etc. Since India is unique in many senses so the problem of exclusion is manifold unlike in other countries where social exclusion is confined to few social groups. Due to caste, class, religion, region, language and their interplays it becomes more difficult to sort it out Inspite the constitutional and legal provisions made by the country yet, a large section of Indian society faces this marginalization or exclusion. In the given book the various articles written by authors describes the various social groups that they do face social exclusion and the efforts that government of India has made for them in educational system so that they can be included in the mainstream rather than outcaste by the system because inclusive growth of a country will not happen until and unless we have education and social system which is not inclusive in nature.

Therefore it is apt to quote Winger (2006): "All the societies have faced the fact of individuals who differed physically, intellectually, or socially, how these differences have been addressed mirrors the vibrant and shifting gestalt of societal dynamics and forms one critical indicator of a society's humanity".

Children with Learning Disabilities: An Analysis

Subhash Sarkar

Generally, children with learning disabilities reflect no signs or symptoms either or whatever problems seem to be apparent are mostly not looked into most people think that those problems are childish or due to child-like behaviour and will perish with advancement of age. But when those children start going to school, then different issues relating to their studies begin to crop up. According to some, the no. of children with learning disabilities has increased significantly from the middle of 21st century. Man has become aware and conscious to find out the reason behind this increase. In the year 1936, a conference on children with learning disabilities was held in Chicago, America, where the renowned psychologist Kirk stated that "Recently, I have use the term 'learning disabilities' to describe a group of children who has disorder in development in language, speech, reading and associated communication skills needed for social interaction. In this group I do not include children who have sensory handicaps such as blindness or deafness, because we have methods of managing and training the deaf and blind. I also include from this children who have generalized mental retardation"

Meaning and Definition

Disability is noticed among a few children in some particular fields of learning but not in the entire learning process. In 1962, Samual krik had entitled those children as learning disabled in whom there is disability in particular field of learning. Such learning disabled children are of different types in spite of being natural or almost natural in their intelligence, they face extreme difficulty to understand or to use spoken or writing language. Different educationist and psychologist thought in different way while the defining the learning disabled children. Anderson (1970) defined the learning disabled children as 'hidden handicap'. Gearheart and Weishan (1980) said that disorder of learning disabled children face immense difficulties will evidently in the field of learning especially in reading, writing, spelling, summing up, speaking,

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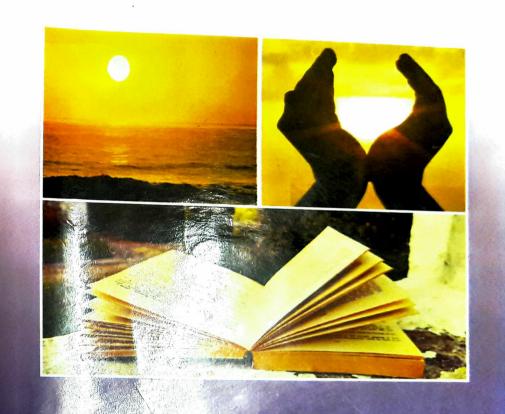
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Introduction

Dr. Maria Montessori an Italian was born in the year 1870. Her 82 years of life span brings a great shift in the thoughts of the world in regards to the educational aspect. She was called a revolutionaries as she revolutionaries the education system of the world. She was admired by the world as she devoted her full time for the understanding on how children develops socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually. By the careful studies of the children all over the world regardless to their unique culture or the era in which they live, she develops a universal pattern of development. This universal pattern of development is present in every child all around the world. Dr. Montessori was the first lady whom Italy granted a diploma as a physician when she was 26 years of age. She had a forcing interest of understanding the human development as it leads her to aiding and supporting the clinic for mental illness. To fulfill her desire she later administered and directed the Orthophrenic School in Rome for children with physical, mental and emotional illness. A lecture given by Dr. mental and throughout Europe gives importance on the Montessori of children and their value, as the Montessori of children and their value, as they are the importance of our societies. She gives stress on the importance of our societies. She gives stress on the needs future our attitudes globally about children future citizent of changing our attitudes globally about children and their

treatment. In 1907, Dr. Montessori was given the chance to nurture a In 1907, of children in Rome's San Lorenzo slum district. group of that children need to be treated in the right and she finds manner. Children at an early stage of de-She finds manner. Children at an early stage of development positives manner, love, admiration, nurturing contracts of care, love, admiration, nurturing care, positives manager of development need lots of care, love, admiration, nurturing environment need loss of any environment positively and needs they will response to any environment positively and demonstrate will responsible and show a reaction of good outcomes. A set of material specially designed over a period of time by Dr. Montessori along with her associates is proves that children are naturally motivated to learn in their normal course of development.

In 1913 at Italy Dr. Montessori got her first international training course and also her first American training course in California in 1915. Dr. Montessori was with a vision to change the educational process which will affect the growth and development of children all around the world. After she accomplished the training course she felt that time had come to implement her ideology and methodology to ensure the quality and integrity of what has been handed down in her training course. She founded the Association Montessori International (AMI) in 1920. Till today AMI still stands firm to continue to support quality teacher training worldwide.

Maria Montessori was a legendry and extra ordinary Italian women who stands firm to her vision despites of many challenges in her whole carrier. She steps out lecturing and teaching throughout Europe, India and in the United States. She is known by the world as an educators, Psychologist and political leaders during her days. Anna Freud, Erik Erikson, Mahatma Gandhi, Alexander Graham Bell and Jean Piaget were the well known people of the world who were her associates and companion. Dr.

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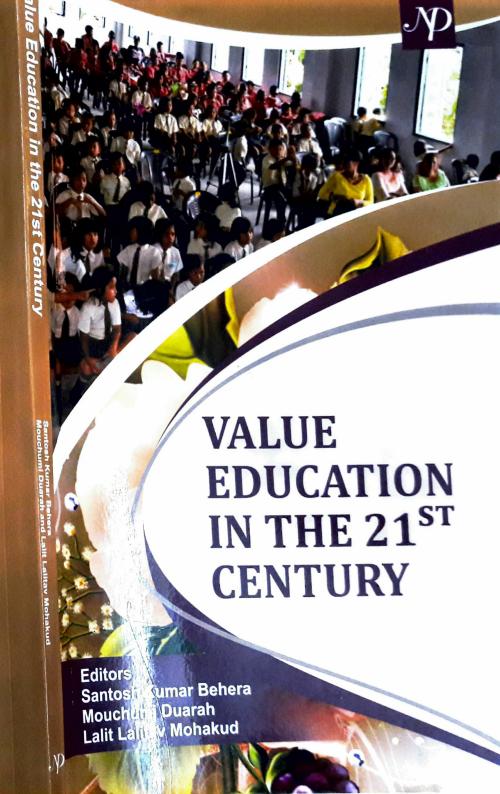
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Preface

William Wordsworth wrote a poem between the seasons of 1770-1850. The name of the poem is, 'London, September, 1802'. It reads - 'O Friend! I know not which way I must look.../This is idolatry; and these we adore;/plain living and high thinking are no more.../the homely beauty of good old cause/is gone, our peace our fearful innocence...' In this lyric Wordsworth amply tries to delineate a situation of Value Erosion back in London at 1770. In the interim, in the present time, both in national and global setting we are encountering the similar issue of erosion of value.

In 21st century, Education has promoted a holistic view of education comprising of four pillars specifically learning to know, learning to do, learning to be and learning to live together. So education has an extremely indispensable part to play in guiding the nation. In many fields today, we see individuals are doing things thoughtlessly. They even neglect to examine their capacities furthermore neglect to channelize the capacities in an appropriate and right bearing. We all know about the ugly contra which is visible everywhere between luxury and poverty, hope and depression, mor values and erosion of values. In these respects we have to channelize the vitality of the young for helpful exercises in the general public then schools and every education institution many give esteem based training from the early youth.

Value education is essential in modern era to eradicate the mental stress so that one stand out in the public. In this way the individuals can be empowered that would helpful to make the most of their life gentle and significant. Michael Marien, supers of 'Future Survey' published an article on 'Global Challenges for humanity'. In article he centered '15 global challenges' and two of them are — How can stand the values and new security strategies reduce ethnic conflicts, terrorism and the west of mass destructions. And the second one is — How can ethical consideration be more routinely in cooperated global decisions. So in such difficult circumstances education guarantees an extraordinary centrality. It stirs interest, to the advance of healthy relation among people and encourages one's ability to contemplate of the future for humanity. We can't extend and anticipate the future India without education. In this book we have amalgamated articles focusing in the niche sponsor.

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Introduction

The 21st century plights to be an era of a broad set of knowledge, skills, work habits, scientific and technological growth that is never before experienced in human history (Charles & Selvi, 2012). Industrialization, in this decade has changed the human life style into a high degree of genre and flourished the living standard of people that is become a complicated fraught in India as well as over the world. (Aneja, 2014). But unfortunately, youth and teenagers of the present world is getting increasingly willing towards, violence, environmental degradation, social evils and disrespect (Jindal, 2013). The students of the current era is being so due to colossal advancement of science and technology without controlling of values and morality at global level which brings corruption in social, political, economic, religious and in the educational field (Singh, 2003). Today, our country is undergoing radical social changes with the advancement of science and technology and also the world's peoples are motivated by the desires to satisfy their needs at any cost. But the wonder fact is that these changes in the material world have not been matched by same advancement in human character and morality (Sharma & Katoch, 2007). The world we live in has reached a numerous of moral debility that are termed as value erosion (Arulsamy, 2013). The aggregate crisis of values has felt a negative impact upon the mindset of the students. The teenagers have fallen in the enfold in decaying values such as disregard, insincerity, dishonesty, greed for money, kidnapping, raping and murdering (Ruchika et al., 2005). Today's students are the nation builders of tomorrow and so definitely their morality will affect the nation either negatively or positively. Value education can minimize the

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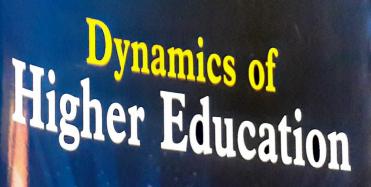
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Vocationalization of Higher Education An Appraisal

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INTRODUCTION

Education is a dynamic and all round developing process which changes with alteration of the situation in order to develop human in all way possible. Education leads us to develop nation proximately to human resource development. Man does radical works to develop a nation. Human Development Report, first came into existence in 1990 with the proclamation that "People are the real wealth of a nation", in its opening lines and also asserts that "the basic objective of development is to create an enabling environment for people to enjoy long, healthy and creative lives. This may appear to be a simple truth. But it is often forgotten in the immediate concern with the accumulation of commodities and financial wealth".

Higher education provides skills, quality and professional and occupational advantages among the individuals to participate in the developmental process of a country. In order to bring tranquillized to the reality, vocationalization of higher education is come into view. General education is unable to provide multi-skill and it is not

adequate for the increasing mobility of the market needs. In adequate for the market needs. In subsistence condition we have seen that development of a nation subsistence and on the flexible learning pedagogy which not only mostly depends on the flexible learning pedagogy which not only mostly depended but also helps a nation to be enriched in regards creates knowledge developmental infrastructure. To all round with its social round with its society, vocational education development and for living better in the society, vocational education development and in higher education which helps in the society. development and development an of a country.

CONCEPT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

In present day vocational education became an important and an integral aspect of the modern developmental education. The actual an integral and in consequences and adequate vocational training. In the perspective of utilization of acquiring profession and smooth running of family life in future, vocational education is unbounded. Now-a-day, one of the most important aims of education is to help the individual to build up a better life by dint of having a job. This is why vocational education is given too much emphasis.

Vocational education is that necessary portion of education which enables people to keep up his or her livelihood with a specific professional career. It is the process to make the pupils' selfdependent and self-sufficient. It also helps to earn at least minimum level of wages. In human resource development of a country, vocational education play an important role through creating skilled manpower.

Different educationists and sociologists interpret the definition of vocational education from their varied perspectives. Some of their interpretations are imparted below:

- Herbert Spencer's view, "vocational education is the process of preparing oneself for complete living in future".
- Hartshorne defines, "vocational education is an education of most effective kind, for lack of which, those who merely go to school, suffer all thin lives".

MEANING OF VOCATIONALISATION

The term vocationalisation is that kind of explanation which has various meanings, different scholars interpret it in different ways. Some prominent people has explained it as the vocational subject which should be imparted with general education to provide

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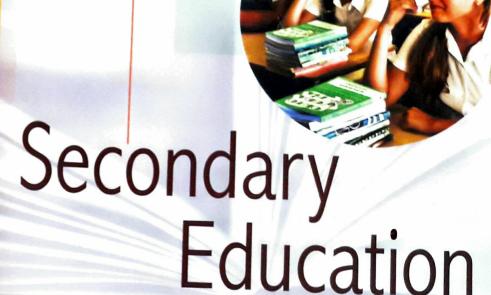


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Secondary education is a stepping stone for admission in colleges and universities. It is thus regarded as a passport for higher education. Secondary education in any country is regarded as the connecting link between the primary and higher education. It is a complete unit in itself and it is a formative education for children. This stage is considered to be the backbone of the country's entire educational programme. It is the stage which marks the completion of education for the large majority of student. Secondary education is also the basis of higher education which gives the desired direction to the nation's power. An inefficient system of secondary education therefore is bound to affect adversely the quality of education at all later stages. Today there is a large difference in secondary school- curriculum, teaching, time table, evaluation system across the India. The Education Commissions and education policies worked for it and implemented more or less which brought uniformity in this pattern. Still there are many confusions and problems because of various boards which cover issues of teachers, students, procedures and teaching learning process as a whole. Here in this book we tried to cover all these issues and problems. There are also innovations and researches in secondary schools which enhance the quality of education. Our government also tries their best by new policy. The government has developed many new projects and approaches to strengthen secondary school education in India. One of them is the policy at present is to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons in the age group of 14-18.

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Lack of parents and teacher responsibility

Inadequate schools facility like water, bathroom, classroom

Privatization system

Poverty

Not related to productivity

Political imbalance

Neglects co-curricular activities.

Inadequate number of able and trained teachers. Training is a prerequisite condition for successful teaching and professional growth. Able and suitable teachers are also not available everywhere particularly in rural Areas.

Lack of health supervision

Caste & gender discrimination

Heavy and overload curriculum Pattern

Fault of examination system

Inadequate finance.

Limited training institute

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Secondary education serves as a bridge between elementary and higher cation and prepares young people between the age group of 14-18 for ty into higher education. In this age the government takes various steps evelop secondary education. Present days the secondary education has a developing in a proper way through various schemes like RMSA, SSA each state government running those schemes to achieve the goal of ersalization of secondary education and to develop the quality of indary education.

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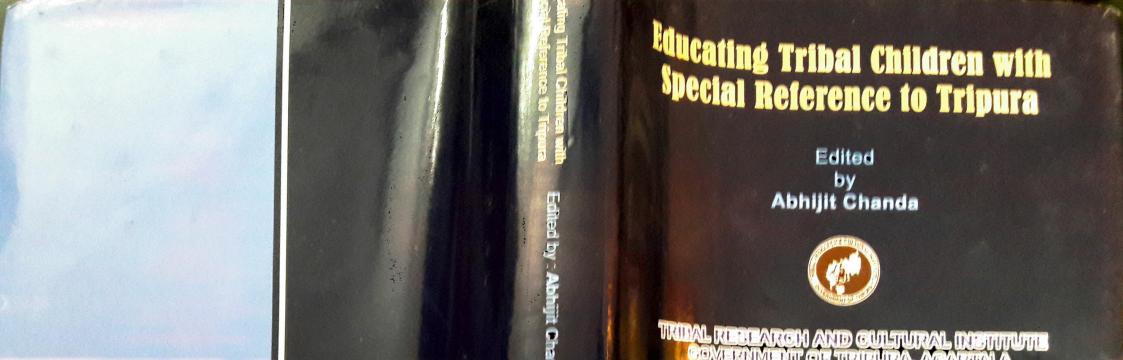
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Introduction

Education is essential for everyone. It is an indispensable part of life both personally and socially. Education plays a significant role in transforming one's life globally. Secondary education serves as a link between the elementary and higher education, and plays a very important role in this respect. A child's future can depend a lot on the type of education she/ he receives at the secondary level. But in our country, secondary education is yet to be developed although India is a vast country having with the abundant resources in both material and human. For many decades India has been a major seat of learning that is aimed at utilizing the both resources for the development of the nation through the development of education from lower to higher level adequately but the development in the field of education has not gone the way as was expected or as was desired. Lots of difficulties, issues and problems have been arising in India which has to be overcome and resolved for achieving the worth-while result. These issues are not out of the secondary education in India. The very purpose of secondary education in India is to help out the backwards to generate productivity in terms of personal advancement and thereby attain higher levels of prosperity. Education is required to unlock the doors to modernization so that an effective transition is possible from traditional to modern sectors.

Although education is a Fundamental Right of every citizen of our country, but unfortunately, despite several commissions appointed to improve the secondary education in our country since independence, not much headway has been made towards making it relevant to the needs of the time. Parrot learning and reproducing half-baked ideas in the examination time. Parrot learning and reproducing half-baked ideas in the examination talls has been the yardstick of assessing the quality of school goers in all halls has been the yardstick of Secondary or College Education. One of the levels whether it is Primary, Secondary or College Education.



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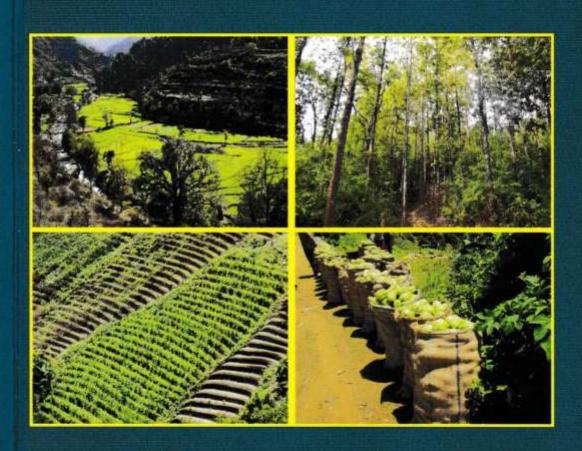
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Education is essential for the development of Society. In the broader Sense, education is a kin to growth & development. In this Sense the Span of education is as wide as that of life. It means every experience in life related to education. In its technical Sense, Education is the process by which Society deliberately transmits its accumulated knowledge, skill and values from one generation to another.

Mainly family has responsibility to Socialize Children for making them productive member of Society. The process of education Start in family as soon as the child is born. Right from the ultra wall the child learns how to communicate, crying for mother's milk. Bringing up of the child takes a longer period in comparison to the off springs of the other animals. He/she remains dependent on parents, especially on mother throughout his childhood. In family child starts learning through imitation in the beginning. Later on, when he starts how to Speech mother initiates him in natural activities, as how to spit on and to clean him after natural call. Learning of culture begins at home through his/her parents. Child learns about the environment around him from his/her family member and also his/her parents. By the association of parent's involvement he/she learned many things.

Now the process of education Starts after attaining 3 of year of age. They go to the nursery school at his age. Due to commercialization of

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Natural resources are depleting at alarming rates because of their irrational use pattern. Although, utilization of resources is an intrinsic component of the process of development yet, overexploitation of natural resources has led to environmental degradation and change in pattern of rural economy. Rural communities, in particular, are greatly affected by the increasing use of natural resources. To many of them, development is about livelihood and survival rather than increasing productivity and accumulation of wealth. Management of natural resources seems to be the only way forward to sustain the livability of rural communities. It also requires collaborative works from various stakeholders as the use and un-use of natural resources depend upon a number of factors including historical, political, economic, social and cultural. Through the substantial holistic approach and concrete framework for policy research could be conceptualized, planned and implemented.

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Tree Species Diversity and Composition in Naturally Regenerating Forest Stands of Tripura

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Abstract

Regeneration in the forest reflects the well-being of the forest. The structural and functional pattern of plant communities are important factors for understanding the mechanism of co-existence of species and to know the long term ecological processes of natural forests. The present study for tree species diversity and composition was carried out in naturally regenerating forest stands of Tripura. In total, 86 tree species were recorded from 8 study sites and belonged to 60 genera and 36 families. Overall Ficus is the dominant genera with four species followed by Artocarpus with three species. Moraceae was found to be the dominant family with 7 species. The total number of individuals recorded from different forests was 1890 individuals including seedling, saplings and trees with 656.25 individuals hard. The forest with highest diversity was recorded in South Tripura (121.66 individuals ha-1). The Shannon-Weiner diversity index ranged from 1.39 to 3.10. The Simpson's dominance index value ranged from 0.03 - 0.09. The Sorenson similarity index was also performed to understand the similarity of species in different forest sites. The tree density, and IVI was found to be highest for Tectona grandis. Tectona grandis and

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In particular quantitative information is lacking on regeneration status of Tripura but Majumdar et al., (2012 & 2016) have carried out some works on species diversity and stand structure but these studies were limited to Trishna wildlife sanctuary and deciduous forest of Tripura. Quantifying the potential colonization rates of individual species is crucial for predicting how the forest ecosystem can responds to the rapid changes in the climate that have been forecasted. Therefore, the present research focuses on tree bio-diversity and its composition pattern and status of natural regeneration pattern in different forests of Tripura.

Methodology

Study area

The study was carried out in different forest types of Tripura which are mainly tropical evergreen, semi evergreen, and moist deciduous as mentioned in Table 1. The topography is undulating and plain in some parts with altitude ranging from 50 ft to 3080 ft above mean sea level. The climate is humid tropical, with a distinct dry season from November to March and having temperature ranging from 10°-35°C. The soil is laterite in the hills and alluvial in the plains. The soil is moderately acidic soil with pH of 6-7 and generally red or reddish brown appearance.

Table 1: Details of the study sites.

Name of site/s	Districts	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Altitude (m)
Barmura / Naireng (BAR)	West Tripura	23°48' 55.9" to 23°48' 55.0"	91°35°05.0" to 91°34°17.1"	75-327
Bagafa/ Birchandra Manu/ Patichari (BCM)	South Tripura	23'24'10.4" to 23'19'31.0"	91"30"36.4" to 91"29"32.6"	11-794
Jampui Jala/Takarjala/ Charilam (SEP)	Sepahijala	23°13'53.6" to 23°39'18.6"	91°36'47.3" to 91°18'05.7"	21-58
Kanchanpur/ Satnala & Jampui hill (KAN)	North Tripura	24°30' 31.9" to 23°57'16.5"	91°31'02.3" to 92°16'53.1"	315-645
Karbook/ Khwrwi/ Gonachandra (KAR)	Gomati	23"20" 51" to 23"20" 40.6"	91°42°08" to 91°43°52.0"	79-126
Khowai/Khengra/ Gongkhor (KHO)	Khowai	24'03'3" to 24'03' 09.9"	91'31'02.4" to 91'33'23.5"	63-112
Kumarghat/Dwarchwi/ Chidongchara (KUM)	Unakoti	24"10"36.7" to 24"07" 44.3"	92°20'15.1" to 92°04'08.8"	49-71
Mandai/Mohontisikari Dinabandu para (MAN		23°45' 48.4" to 23°51'37.0"	91"15'48.3" to 91"29'14.9"	66-131

Collection and Analysis of data

Tree species diversity

In different forest types, mixed and monoculture plantations, quadrats of 20 m × 20 m size was laid on ground to study the tree species diversity. The important quantitative values such as density, frequency abundance were calculated as per Curtis and McIntosh, (1950). The base cover of woody species was calculated following Ralhan et al., (1991). The relative dominance was determined following (Pandey and Sukhia 2001). The index was estimated to determine the overall importance each species in a habitat. In calculating this index, the percentage value of relative density, relative frequency and relative abundance were summed up and this value was designated as important value index (IVI). Species Richness was calculated using Shannon-Wiener Diversity Shannon (1963) and Simpson (1949).

A similarity index was calculated using formula given by Sorenses (1948). Regeneration pattern of the study sites was done to predict the future changes of the vegetation. A total of 72 quadrats of 10 m × 10 m were laid down randomly in each range of forest area. The regeneration survey was carried out in linear strips where the intensity was 2%. A base line was drawn on the base of the map and parallel survey lines were drawn at right angles to the base line 200m apart by selecting the position of the first line by random sample.

Individuals were classified into trees, seedlings and saplings as per procedure of Knight, 1963. The regeneration status of phytosociological data was categorized as good, Fair, poor, no and new as per Shankar, 2001.

Result and Discussion

Tree biodiversity and its composition pattern

In total, 86 species were recorded from the 8 study sites including 15 unidentified tree species and the identified plants belonged to 60 general and 36 families. The list of species with vernacular name and family name is shown in Table 2.

The total species recorded represent 36 families. Overall Moraceae family is the dominant family with 7 species followed by Euphorbiaceae with 5 species whereas Anacardiaceae, Apocynaceae, Bignonaceae, Dipterocarpaceae, Myrtaceae and Verbenaceae familes with two species each and the rest of the families with only single species. However, the recorded family excludes unidentified species.

Table 2: List of species recorded along with vernacular and family name.

Species	Vernacular name	Family	Density ha ⁻¹	Basal area m² ha¹	IVI	
Acacia auriculiformis Benth.	Acacia	Mimosaceae	0.005	0.028	1.13	
Aegle marmelos(L.) Correa.	Bel	Rutaceae	0.024	0.048	2.35	
Albizia lebbeck (L.)Benth.	Khwrwi	Mimosaceae	0.039	0.024	2.65	
Albizia procera (Roxb.) Benth.	Khwrwi	Mimosaceae	0.029	0.053	2.48	
Alstonia scholaris L.R.Br.	chethuwang	Apocynaceae	0.010	0.025	1.17	
Anogeissus latifolia (Roxb. ex DC.) Wall. ex Guill. & Perr.	Borsroi	Combretaceae	0.231	0.025	8.53	
Areca catechu L.	kuwai	Arecaceae	0.068	0.005	4.05	
Artocarpus chaplasa J.R. Forster & G.Forster	Gwram	Moraceae	0.333	0.055	11.07	
Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam.	Thaipung	Moraceae	0.145	0.039	6.35	
Artocarpus lakoocha Roxb.	Lakoocha	Moraceae	0.014	0.065	1.57	
Bauhinia acuminata L.	Kaya	Cesalpiniasae	0.039	0.010	2.80	
Bombax ceiba Burm.f.	Borchuk	Bombacaceae	0.024	0.035	2.35	
Borassus flabellifer L.	Tal	Palmae	0.014	0.100	1.57	
Butea monosperma Kuntze.	Palash	Papilionaceae	0.029	0.009	2.18	
Caryota urens L.	Swmal	Arecaceae	0.029	0.013	2.18	
Cassia fistula L.	Swka thuri	Cesalpiniaceae	0.024	0.008	2.08	
Cassia siamea Lam.	Cassia	Cesalpiniaceae	0.178	0.013	7.09	
Citrus maxima (Burm.) Merr.	Jamura	Rutaceae	0.019	0.010	1.96	
Crateva nurvala (Lour.) DC	Borna	Capparaceae	0.010	0.007	1.17	
Croton spp	Omokhwi	Euphorbiaceae	0.019	0.012	1.72	
Delonix regia (Bojer) Raf.	Krishnachura	Cesalpinaceae	0.039	0.022	2.65	
Dillenia indica L	Thaiplok	Dilleniaceae	0.005	0.012	0.78	
Dillenia pentagyna Roxb.	Bolong Thaiplok	Dilleniaceae	0.043	0.016	3.20	
Diospyros spp L.	Bolphantok	Ebenaceae	0.072	0.019	4.27	
Dipterocarpus turbinatus C.F.Gaertn.	Garjan_	Dipterocarpac- eace	0.405	0.025	12.88	
Elaeocarpus floribundus L.f.	Jalpui	Elaeocarpaceae	0.029	0.015	2.18	

Emblica officinalis Gaertn.	Amla	Euphorbiacea	e 0.02	4 0.00	3 1.95
Erythrina stricta Roxb.	Mandar	Papilionaceae			8 2.63
Erythrina variegata L.	Mandar	Papilionaceae	11100000		2 1.57
Eucalyptus grandis Hill & ex Maiden.	Eucalyptus	Myrtaceae	10.000000	5 0.030	
Ficus benghalensis Linn. var.krishnae		Moraceace	0.00	0.003	0.78
Ficus hispida L.f.	Dumur	Moraceace	0.024	0.009	2.08
Ficus racemosa Wall.	Khwichang	Moraceace	0.068	110111111	
Ficus religiosa Forssk.	Bwrwiphang	Moraceae	0.019		
Flacourtia jangomas (Lour.) Raeusch.	Supra	Salicaceae	0.010		
Garcinia spp Dunn.	Kok	Clusiaceae	0.039	0.010	2.80
Gmelina arborea Roxb.	Gamai	Verbenaceae	0.092	214.5	
Grevellia robusta A, Cunn.ex R.Br.	Silver oak	Proteaceae		0.011	100
Holarrhena antidysentrica (Roxb.ex Fleming) Wall.ex A.DC.)	Kuichima	Apocynaceae	0.188	0.010	7.83
Jatropha curcus L.	Karan	Euphorbiaceae	0.024	0.003	1.05
Litchi chinensis Sonn.	Lichu	Sapindaceae	0.034		3.14
Mallotus philippensis (Lam.) Muell.Arg.	Kamala	Euphorbiaceae	0.053	0.010	
Mangifera indica L.	Thaichuk	Anacardiaceae	0.063	0.036	4.01
Melia azedarach L.	Bolong neem	Meliaceae	0.029	0.021	2.18
Mesua ferrea L.	Nageshwar	Calophyllaceae	0.019		1.96
Michelia champaca L	Sampari	Magnoliaceae	0.034		2.64
dicrocos paniculata L.	Pesla	Malvaceae	0.309		10.49
sitragyna rotundifolia Korth.	Omokhwi	Rubiaceae	0.092		4.78
doringa oleifera Lam.	Sajana	Moringaceae		0.013	
furraya Paniculata (L.) Jack.	Kamini	<u> </u>		0.004	
roxylum indicum (L.) enth. Ex Kurz	Tokharung			0.013	
hoenix dactylifera L.	Khejur	Arecaceae	0.010	0.027 1	

Psidium guajava	Goyam	Myrtaceae	0.024	0.022	2.35
Polyalthia longifolia (Sonn.) Hook.f.& Thomson.	Ashok	Annonaceae	0.005	0.005	
Schima wallichii (DC.) Korth.	Madhuga	Theaceae	0.612	0.019	17,74
Shorea robusta C.F.Gaertn.	Sal	Dipterocarpacea	e0.256	0.031	9.14
Spondias pinnata L.	Thestwi	Anacardiaceae	0.063	0.043	
Sterculia villosa L.	Lambak	Sterculiaceae	0.082		01.404600
Stereopermum personatum (Hassk.) Chatterjee	Silai	Bignoniaceae	0.024	0.009	4.52
Streblus asper Lour.	Saruwa	Urticaceae	0.024	0.012	2.35
Swietenia mahagoni (L.) Lam.	Mahagoni	Meliaceae	0.024	0.064	2.08
Syzygium cumini (L.) Skeels,	Jam	Myrtaceae	0.444	0.022	13.70
Tamarindus indica Linn.	Thentrwi	Papilionaceae	0.010	0.193	1.17
Tectona grandis L.f.	Sejun	Verbenaceae	0.916	0.016	24,55
Terminalia arjuna W & A	Arjun	Combretaceae	0.024	0.012	2.35
Terminalia bellerica Gaertn.) Roxb.	Boira	Combretaceae	0.140	0.015	6.23
Toona ciliata M. Roem.	Ronggin	Meliaceae	0.212	0.018	8.05
Trema orientalis (L.) Blume		Cannabaceae	0.019	0.018	1.72
Trewia nudifolia Benth.	Mentha	Euphorbiaceae	0.024	0.010	2.35
litex peduncularis Wall.		Lamiaceae	0.029	0.040	2.18
liziphus jujuba Lam.		Rhamnaceae	0.039	0.012	2.62
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The total number of individuals recorded from different forests was 1890 individuals including seedling (SE), saplings (SA) and trees (TR) with 656.25 individuals ha⁻¹. The forest wise total individuals according to decreasing order is highlighted in Fig. 1. The distribution pattern of plant species indicates its adaptability to various environment factors and forest communities mainly depends on characteristics of sites and regeneration status (Wang et al., 2004). The species recorded in the present study is much higher than other reports (Hossain et al., 2004; Pala et al., 2013). Furthermore Majumdar et al., (2012) recorded higher species in Sal dominated forest and Tectona grandis dominated forest of Tripura. In the present study Moraceae was the dominant family, similarly Majumdar et al., (2012) also found the same family as dominant one from lowland

primary and secondary moist deciduous forest of Tripura. While Wale et al., (2012) reported dominance of Fabaceae family in Western Ethiopia.

The species density, basal area and important value index (IVI) of tree species as recorded from study sites are mentioned in Table 2.

The Shannon-Weiner diversity index was estimated to know the diversity status of an area. The values ranged from 2.88 (MAN) to 3.81 (SEP) in 8 different forest sites. Whereas, Simpson's dominance index value ranged from 0.03 (SEP) - 0.09 (KAN) (Table 3). The Sorenson similarity index was performed to understand the similarity of species in different forest sites. The similarity index value was recorded maximum between BCM and SEP with 57.8 % while the lowest value was 28.1% between MAN and SEP (Table 4).

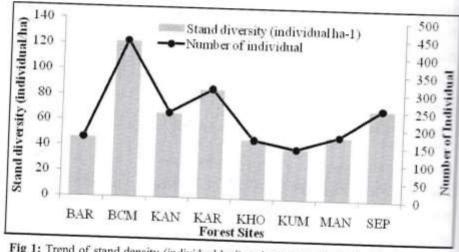


Fig 1: Trend of stand density (individual hat) and number of individual in the studied forest sites.

Table 3. Summary of species inventory from the study sites

Variables	BAR	BCM	KAN	KAR	KHO	KUM	MAN	SED
Species richness	28	39	29	27	38	25	20	44
Number of genera	23(5)	31(4)	22(7)	21(7)	36(2)			1000
Number of families	18	23	18	15	23	11	16	23
Number of individual	167	438	238	306	166	142	178	255
Stand diversity (individual ha ⁻¹)	46.38	121.66	66.11	85		39.44	100.51	200
Shannon Weiner index	3.38	3.60	2.91	3.40	3.77	3.31	2.88	2 01
Simpson's index	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.06	2-1000			0.03

Values in parenthesis includes the unidentified species

able 4. Similarity index values between different forest sites.

ites	BAR	BCM	KAN	KAR	кно	KUM	MAN	SEP
3AR	*	38.8	31.5	36.3	45.4	41.5	41.6	36.1
зсм	*	*	47.0	48.4	44.1	34.3	37.2	57.8
CAN	*	,		35.7	38.8	48.1	40.8	38.3
CAR			+		30.7	38.4	42.5	42.2
KHO				*	*	31.7	34.4	41.4
KUM	*					(*)	35.5	34.7
MAN		*	*					28.1
SEP			*		*	*	•	

Status of Natural Regeneration Pattern

A total of 882 seedlings (SE), 283 sapling (SA) and 725 trees (TR) were recorded from overall forest sites (Table 5 & Fig. 2). The Shannon-Weiner diversity index ranged between 1.39 to 3.10 in seedlings, sapling and trees. The Simpson's dominance index ranged between 0.07 to 0.35. The Shannon's diversity index was higher in the study area which is greater than recorded for old Sal plantations in Gorakhpur (Pandey and Shukla 1999), for sal forests in Eastern Himalaya (Shankar, 2001), for Western Ghats (Arunachalam, 2002), and a tropical dry evergreen forest of South India (Parthasarathy and Sethi, 1997). In the present study, the Simpson dominance value are comparable with the value for natural forest and for planted forest (Chauhan et al., 2008). The calculated similarity index was almost similar to that recorded by Khan et al., 1987 disturbed and protected subtropical forest of north-east India, Meghalaya. Furthermore, Majila et al., (2010) reported 100% similarity between west and north aspect of middle altitude, and least similarity between east aspect of lower altitude and south aspects of higher altitude in Binsar Wildlife Sanctuary.

In the study, greater number of individuals in the seedling stage was observed and a sharp decline in sapling but there is an increase in tree individuals, which indicates fair development of all the forest sites. It also suggests that if the current recruitment of sapling does not improve, the population may decline in the long run. On the contrary, forest structure of Sarkot van Panchayat in Garhwal Himalaya is expanding in nature with more number of tree species than sapling and seedling (Pala et al., 2012). Others have also reported either fair or good regeneration in seven species and 17 species showed poor or no regeneration status in Garhwal Himalaya (Pala et al., 2013).

Table 7. Summary of seedling, sapling and trees of various study sites

Variables		BAR	BCM	KAN	KAR	кно	KUM	MAN	SEP
Species richness	SE	19	28	18	20	19	15	11	22
	SA	13	18	8	17	14	7	8	13
	TR	17	25	15	15	29	18	15	36
Number of genera	SE	15(4)	22(6)	12(5)	16(4)	17(2)	12(3)	11	18(4)
	SA	11(2)	18	7(1)	12(5)	14	4(3)	7(1)	12(1)
	TR	15(2)	23	11(4)	11(4)	28(1)	13(4)	13(2)	32(4)
Number of	SE	77	218	158	157	44	68	55	105
individuals	SA	31	58	12	64	27	18	46	27
	TR	59	162	68	85	95	56	77	123
Shannon diversity	SE	2.40	2.76	2,02	2.48	2.70	2.37	1.78	2.77
index	SA	2.36	2.15	1.91	2.59	2.49	1.46	1.39	2.31
	TR	2.32	2.66	2.21	1.84	2.95	2.55	2.01	3.10
Simpson index	SE	0.20	0.09	0.17	0.12	0.09	0.12	0.23	0.08
	SA	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.09	0.09	0.35	0.24	0.13
	TR	0.14	0.09	0.15	0.29	0.08	0.10	0.19	0.07

Values in parenthesis includes the unidentified species

The regeneration status varied from place to place and from species to species (Fig 3). The overall status of forest indicates that BCM in South Tripura district has the highest number of individual (438 individuals) and stand diversity (121.66 individuals ha-1), whereas, KHO and KUM comparatively constituted with less individuals and less stand diversity. This indicates that BCM is less disturbed as compared to KHO and KUM, where settlement areas are nearby the forest sites. This increases the anthropogenic activities, thereby affecting the species diversity and forest population. In the disturbed forest sites, jhum cultivation in MAN and KAR and forest fires were also observed in KUM. In KAR, forest clearance was observed due to increasing rubber plantation and bamboo cultivation. The forest stands characterized with only adults species and low population of seedling and saplings are expected to face local extinction. In the present study, high forest fire sites were observed, this form the reason why the seedlings are higher in number but sapling number is low and increases in tree number. Same has been reported by Murthy et al., (2002) and Sukumar et al., (1997).

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Number of genera	SE	15(4)	22(6)	12(5)	16(4)	17(2)	12(3)	11	18(4)
	SA	11(2)	18	7(1)	12(5)	14	4(3)	7(1)	12(1)
	TR	15(2)	23	11(4)	11(4)	28(1)	13(4)	13(2)	32(4)
Number of	SE	77	218	158	157	44	68	55	105
individuals	SA	31	58	12	64	27	18	46	27
	TR	59	162	68	85	95	56	77	123
Shannon diversity	SE	2.40	2.76	2,02	2.48	2.70	2.37	1.78	2.77
index	SA	2.36	2.15	1.91	2.59	2.49	1.46	1.39	2.31
	TR	2.32	2.66	2.21	1.84	2.95	2.55	2.01	3.10
Simpson index	SE	0.20	0.09	0.17	0.12	0.09	0.12	0.23	0.08
	SA	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.09	0.09	0.35	0.24	0.13
	TR	0.14	0.09	0.15	0.29	0.08	0.10	0.19	0.07

Values in parenthesis includes the unidentified species

The regeneration status varied from place to place and from species to species (Fig 3). The overall status of forest indicates that BCM in South Tripura district has the highest number of individual (438 individuals) and stand diversity (121.66 individuals ha-1), whereas, KHO and KUM comparatively constituted with less individuals and less stand diversity. This indicates that BCM is less disturbed as compared to KHO and KUM, where settlement areas are nearby the forest sites. This increases the anthropogenic activities, thereby affecting the species diversity and forest population. In the disturbed forest sites, jhum cultivation in MAN and KAR and forest fires were also observed in KUM. In KAR, forest clearance was observed due to increasing rubber plantation and bamboo cultivation. The forest stands characterized with only adults species and low population of seedling and saplings are expected to face local extinction. In the present study, high forest fire sites were observed, this form the reason why the seedlings are higher in number but sapling number is low and increases in tree number. Same has been reported by Murthy et al., (2002) and Sukumar et al., (1997).

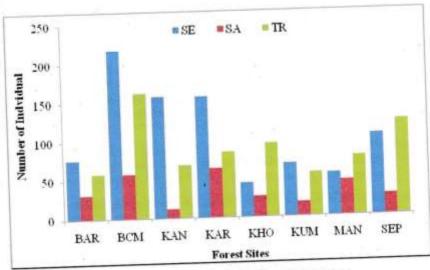


Fig 2: Number of individuals in different forest sites.

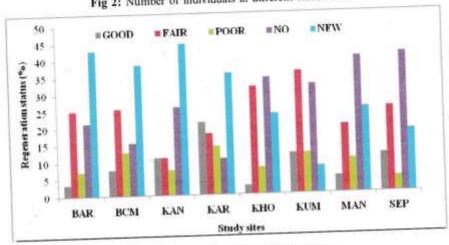


Fig 3. Regeneration status of study sites

The study finally concludes that a proper protection from human interferences and scientific management of natural regeneration of the study areas may lead a biodiversity rich site in the state.

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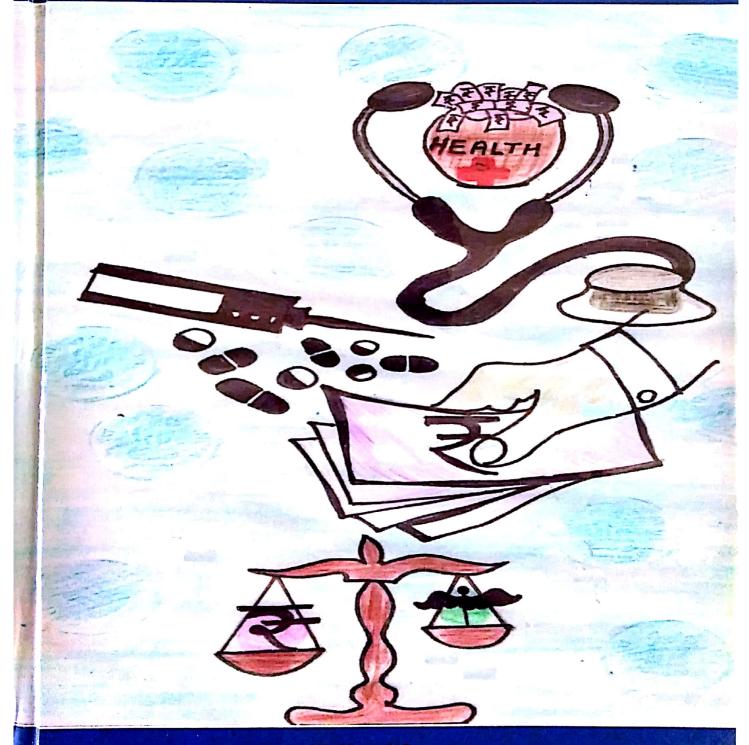
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Paradigm Shift in Rural Healthcare Through Tele-health Services: A Case of Tripura

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ABSTRACT

Telemedicine practice deploys advanced telecommunication technologies to disseminate health services to all the citizens of a country irrespective of geographical boundaries. Inundated terrains face a dearth of good doctors and a place like Tripura which is landlocked and geographically covered by Bangladesh from three side sets a classic example of a land deprived of improved medical facilities where $2/3^{rd}$ of the population inhabits in the rural side. Mostly speciality medical services are concentrated in the capital city of the state and in few relatively better facilities in other parts of the state indicating the fact that a significant population living in rural areas are outside the ambit of such speciality care. An electronic alternative in the form of telemedicine has been put into practice to curb the severe demand-supply gap. Every patient needs immediate access to the appropriate specialist in the specific discipline of medical consultation. Many of the rural folk of Tripura do not receive at least the basic primary care, whereas secondary and tertiary care is far away thing. Telemedicine bridges the gap between rural healthcare and urban healthcare. In this 21st century e-health technology is flourishing with the 4G technology of mobile and approaching 5G. The state is still developing and continuously adopting different strategies to bridge the gap between rural and $urban\ areas\ with\ the\ help\ of\ infrastructure\ development\ to\ improve$

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Introduction

During the 90s, technology made a rapid progress to extend the idea of providing medical assistance to people in the far-flung remote areas in a conceptualized manner. The very idea to provide best quality medical advisory at lower cost was the genesis of Telemedicine. The multimedia applications used to provide medical advisory enhance the service quality and if administered correctly the people with limited access to good medical facilities can benefit immensely.

Telemedicine is the practice of medicine in which the information between doctors, or the doctor and the patient, circulates over an interactive communication network in the form of audio. video. fixed images and/or data (typical Multimedia application). Telemedicine may be as simple as two health professionals discussing a case over the telephone or as complex as using satellite technology and video conferencing equipment to conduct a realtime consultation between medical specialists in two different areas [Alice Lee, 2005 and Lames E. Cabral lr, and Yongmin Kim, 1996]. Applications of telemedicine nowadays cover a growing number of medical specialties such as [XU Jun and Yu Xuezhong, 2005]: Teleconsultation, Teleconferencing, Teleradiology, Telepathology, Tele-education, Telemonitoring and Telesurgery. Rural areas lack sufficient experienced doctors; Telemedicine can eliminate the rural urban health divide caused by the dichotomy that many of the qualified doctors live in urban areas [Sathyanarayan MN and Satyamurthy. 2005].

Tele-health refers to a broad application of technology to facilitate health core deliberation health care delivery and health management, improving access to care and not to care and patient health. Tele-health services include the use of technology devices to collect and transmit patient information, technology that provide health care remotely through means clinical services video conferencing, and nations clinical secure video conferencing, and patient engagement tools such as mobile device applications. such as mobile device applications.

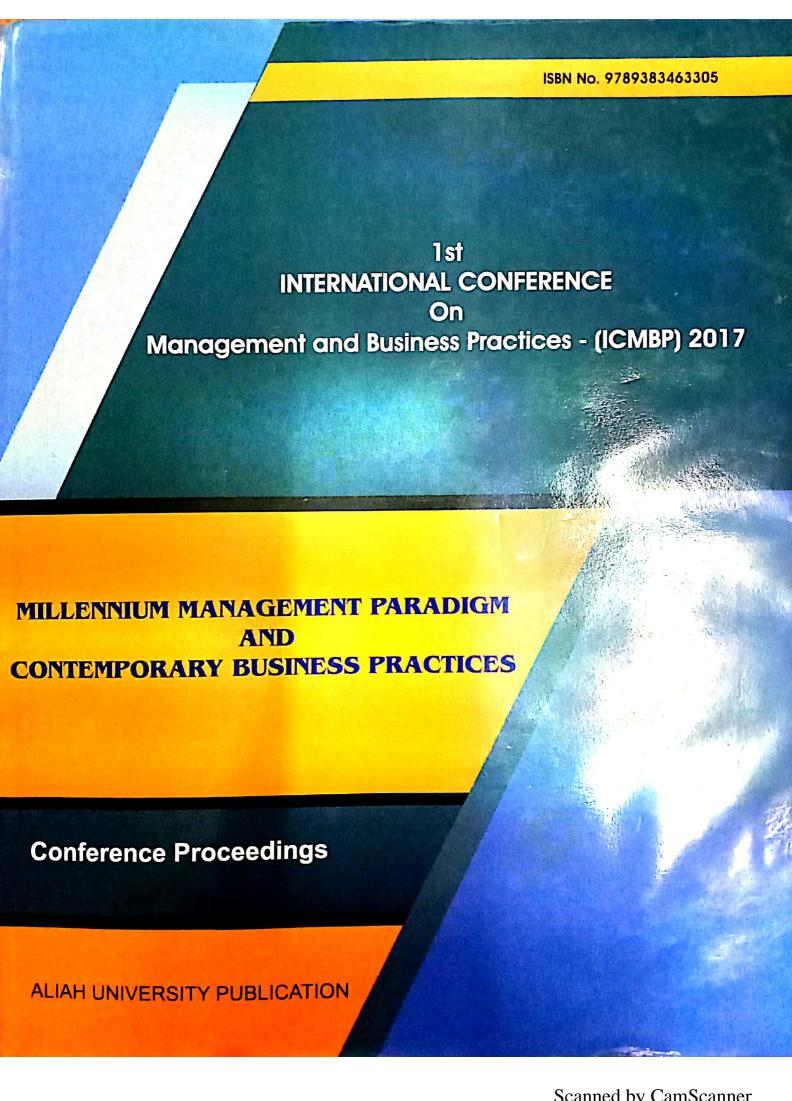
According to Steve Jobs, "I think the biggest innovation of the 21st According to be the intersection of biology and technology". WHO defines e-health as "the use of information and communication defines e-ne communication and communication technologies for health". In the view of European commission ehealth referred to "tools and services using information and hearth to the communication technologies that can improve prevention, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring and management".

Statistics said that among the total population of the country 75% population is based on the rural areas, whereas 75% of the healthcare infrastructure is based on the urban areas. So by the blessings of the ICT, telemedicine system is one of the successful tools, which provides the healthcare and could sophisticatedly bridge the gap between the urban and rural healthcare system. The low presence of doctors in rural and semi-urban areas has given the limited access to receive the proper healthcare facilities for the people of the country who are mainly dwelling in rural India. In this scenario, telemedicine and e-health are two options to this lack of access to the healthcare facilities by the people of rural

As we know that the growth of IT sector is very permissible in our country. We the Indians are moving from 4th generation Internet towards 5th Generation internet. [E-health in India legal, regulatory, & tax overview January 2017, Nishit Desai Associates]. In today's scenario, IT and Medical science have the enormous potential in meeting the challenges of healthcare delivery to mainly rural and remote areas of the country. Basically, telemedicine means "Distant healing" being derived from the Greek word "tele" means distance and the Latin term "mediri" means to heal.

With the innovation of computing and telecommunication technology, many elements of medical practices can be accomplished when the patient and healthcare provider are geographically separated. The combination of information technology and medical system give the access to information related to the certain patient, which prevent the patient from entering into the worsening situation of life.

The main objective of telemedicine is to cross the geographical barriers and provides healthcare facilities to rural and remote areas (Health for All). So, it is beneficial for the population living in isolated isolated communication. The main advantages of telemedicine are:



Influence of Culture on Adoption of E-learning Technologies among the Students of Management Studies in Tripura - An Empirical Study

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Abstract

India is moving towards digitization or can be called as computer-mediated communication culture. Learners exhibit traits of behaviour influenced by their native culture which also works as an important determinant towards adopting anything new which evolves with time. Far and wide culture has been recognized as the ideas, customs and social behaviour exhibited by people honoured in the society. Non-material components of culture reflect belief, knowledge, customs, social institutions and the material components skewed more towards tangibility. The growing multicultural issues within the teachinglearning process has made it critical for the instructor to deliver satisfactorily to the learners. The elements of culture are innate and fundamental to core one's ability of acceptance or contest an idea. Therefore, the environmental conduciveness under multicultural setting posses a formidable challenge to attain higher learning gain putting efficacy of such technologies in question. The cultural canvas of Tripura is a blend of Bengali and Tripuri culture as it is mostly populated by indigenous people of Tripura or Scheduled Tribes, and non-Tribe. The study was conducted to understand which culture: material or non-material culture influences the use of e-learning tools among the graduate and post graduate management students of Tripura coming from vernacular cultures and despite popular motions like digital India campaign technology adoption in academics is significantly low. Contrary to popular belief of infrastructural bottleneck in most of the colleges of higher education, the study reveals that the culture of certain pedagogical pattern overpowered the willingness to self paced learning. The findings of the study also include the constraints that the students are facing. The result will help in designing the e-learning tools and also the instructor on how to design the delivery of lectures using computermediated communication tools.

Keywords: E-learning, Culture, Tripura, Cultural elements, Management and Education

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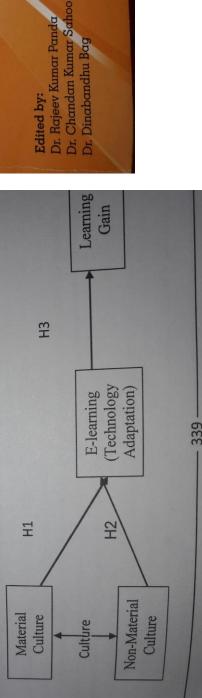
culture or non-material aspects impact the adoption of e-learning tools and ensures learning gai of state's population. The paper is an attempt to understand how cultural dimensions i.e., mat in case of self-efficacy, accessibility, availability and flexibility. India is a diverse land where people pract the traditions, rituals, drawn from multitude of culture. Tripura is one of the North –Eastern state India which celebrates coexistence of nineteen tribes residing over generations accounting almost on students learning has long been documented by many previous empirical studies. The growth information technologies or computer mediated communication has placed greater influences deas, customs, and social behaviour of a particular people or society. While possession of artefac naterials objects like furniture, automobiles, technology, farms explain the material aspects of cultu process which brings a permanent change in behaviour which occurs with experience. Impact of cult education systems. The system has brought a change in teaching pedagogy as it is more advantage non-materialism has been governed by belief, knowledge, customs and social institutions. Learnin unity of the identifies with communities of practice, traditions, belief, signs and language. Culture is to Tealiumes of the civilization over centuries. Adoption of technology on various facets of life has not on progress of the civilization over centuries and time progress. ology and cultural issues have been deeply entwined since ancient past which has ordained problem and some time professed a path for the future generations to explanations to explanations to explanations to explanations to explanations to explanation of the following the fo the students of tertiary management education of Tripura University.

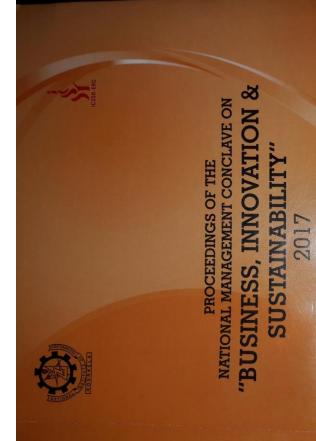
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to collect data from the respondents. To realize the above objectives linear multiple regression wa undergraduate and post graduate students. A stringent method of data collection has been deplo the responses from 100 students of management studies measured in a seven point likert type sta validity and reliability of the same. The pilot study included 30 samples drawn proportionately Research methodology: A structured questionnaire carrying simple statements was designed to tale pilot study has been carried out to test the appropriateness of the instrument after evaluati relationship in achieving higher learning gain. applied and the proposed model was tested.

which would complement both the instructor and learner. Schemes and projects work can be formula like low speed of internet, awareness of relevant tools and familiarity to technology environment. T pace depending on individual competency and need. Future studies can explore the entire terti education sector in Tripura to have an in depth study on the evolution of this new learning paradi Implications: Use of technology depends on the availability and accessibility to resources and constrain learning gain. The study will help in designing the pedagogical approach to management educa where the students have been acculturated to accepting the e-learning tools and measure subseq students are successfully adopting the e-learning tools. Culture is acting as a strong motivator in ado technology or e-learning. The e-learning environment enables the instructor and students to main for the students who are living in rural areas.

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SIMANTA HAAT – A STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE TO RURAL LIVELIHOOD FOR THE INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER VILLAGES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TRIPURA

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Introduction

Any trade depends on the basic demand of local community but border trade connotes to fulfill the claim of two or more countries without limit. Tripura being one of the land locked states of the North-East has suffered economically due to lack of major industrialization in the state since its annexation to India in 1949. The proximity of the state to Bangladesh could have facilitated a prosperous bilateral trade but due to long history of extremism and lack of infrastructural development landed the state into the list of one of the backward states. Border trade has huge potential for expansion of trade between countries. Illegal border trade takes advantage of restrictions, low transaction and transportation cost and it is far higher in volume than the legal trade. Legal trade elucidates the budding place for economic activity in the border regions to engender self-sustenance which is superficially linked to both countries. The strategic imperative to commencement of legal border trade, locally termed as *Simanta Haat* in Tripura and subsequently other four districts in the state have been deliberated for this endeavour.

The case looks at the aspirations of folks of the border towns of both sides paving way for economic prosperity and studies the underutilized avenue, area of up-gradation of border trade at a larger scale in the coming years. The study revealed that despite inertia and goodwill from both sides few unresolved challenges of product variety, currency exchange facility and supply chain issues putting a question mark

The case study is intended to be used as the basis for classroom discussion rather than to illustrate either effective or ineffective handling of a management situation. It is based on secondary research.

to the future of border trade. The sanctioned assortment of items sold in these weekly markets under the watchful eyes of the authorities has a limited financial implication in the livelihood of local folks since there is a cap of expenditure on sale and purchases. However, border trade have been initiated in Meghalaya-Bangladesh border areas specifically in *Balat* (Meghalaya, India)—*Dolora* (*Sunamganj*, Bangladesh) and *Kalaichar* (Meghalaya, India) — *Baliamari* (*Kurigram*, Bangladesh) Border markets in 2011. Though the history of Indo-Bangladesh border trade dates back in 1972; still there are only two states of the 4,096 km border areas have implemented the trade practices so far.

Background

The day of January 13th 2015 is an important day for the state of Tripura as it marks the beginning of a new dimension in bilateral trade with neighboring Bangladesh. The first *simanta haat* (Border Market) was inaugurated at the border town Srinagar in South Tripura District 140km away from the capital city Agartala. Tripura is known as a landlocked state fenced by Bangladesh from three sides. Tripura boasts a colourful ethnographic map and it is also a home for nineteen tribes which count to almost 31% of state's population of approximately 36 lakhs. The state also suffered and bled for two decades over insurgency issues and now has a stable government over the last decade and half. The lifeline of this state in NH44 that connects Tripura with rest of India and entire population needs to depend on this trade route for executing supply chain activities (ET, 2015). Such geographical uniqueness rendered the state in a funnel like situation where lack of infrastructures failed to help producers reach the market with nil elapsed time. Further, the scenario of industrialization within the state is not very encouraging since private investments didn't develop much over these years so the rate of creation of employment opportunity was meager in the private sector. Such deplorable conditions were enough to make Tripura a backward state.

From the socio-economic stand point it was important to create and explore opportunities with the neighbouring country. Before partition informal trade was continuing since no cultural difference between either sides of the border. Geographically, Kolkata which is the nearest metro city and business hub of Eastern India is 1,700 km away from Agartala whereas the cities like Dhaka and Chittagong are around 140 km away from some Tripura borders. According to Union Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh exported goods worth INR342.65 crore to Tripura in 2015 while the import from Tripura was INR0.41 crore only. The observation of Tripura Chamber of Commerce is quite poignant when it says there is a huge disparity between the volume of import and export whereas the products are available in the market. The railroad closer to the Akhaura border (Dist. West Tripura) from Agartala which is under construction may boost the formal border trade but the state also sees prospect in informal border trade. Hence, in 2010, the previous UPA Government and the then Bangladesh Government conceded a plan to create four such border markets in the four districts of Tripura viz., Srinagar (Dist. Sabroom), Kamlasagar (Dist. Sipahijala), Kamlapur (Dist. Dhalai) and Dharmanagr (Dist. North Tripura) (Exhibit I). Only the first two markets are operational as of January 2017. The ministry has an ambitious plan to create similar border markets in all seven North-Eastern states to promote informal border trade. Two major highlights of these markets are, no local taxes would be imposed on goods sold and transaction is allowed in local currency (ESM, 2015).

Voter ID/AADHAR or any citizenship card issued by Government of India is important to secure entry in the *simanta haat* and the same condition is followed by the Bangladesh Government. State government issues licenses to the sellers with the help of local self-government. Both governments charge INR10 for issuing a gate pass. The buyers are restricted in this *haat* and the number is maximum 500 each from both countries.

This market is operational once in a week for the common people of this area. Two markets (*simanta haat*) have been thrown open for the common people of Tripura, one at Srinagar that started in January 2015 and another at Kamalasagar that started in June 2015 and has been facing certain issues since then. The study is based on the Kamlasagar Border Market. The buyers and sellers of this market are facing acute problem like, complicated method in issuing gate passes where people have to wait in long queue resulting inordinate delay and getting less time in the market, restriction imposed on additional quantity of items for sale by BSF

(Border Security Force of India)/BGB (Bangladesh Border Guards) on either side of the fence. Such confining approach to trade is working against the future of the market and the vendors are unable to bring goods as per the demand of the customers. Pricing policy of goods sold in the market is not legal as there is no system of currency exchange and for this reason sellers are charging higher price for their goods. As a result despite having a gap in the value of currency, prices of all Indian and Bangladeshi items do not vary much, even though the factors of seasonality and procurement challenges do not suffice the price differentiation.

Most demanding items of this market are *Hilsa* fish and *prawns* which is not enough to fulfill the demand of the customers. Those vendors, who have started their journey with generous hope, are compelled to stop their effort for theoretical exertion of the government affecting the profit. The export policy of 2015–2018 states that conditional permission will be accorded to the interested exporters of *Hilsa* which was banned from 2012 and the ban was lifted only in 2015. The ban of July 2012 was imposed to stop illegal fishing and depriving the Bangladeshi customers. However, the policy doesn't help the traders of the border markets since they are small time sellers and not exporters (Ahsan, 2015). *Hilsa* is a cash crop of Bangladesh and loved by the people from either side of the fence but in absence of a clear-cut guideline in terms of permissible trade volume and price the popularity of these markets may diminish in near future. Local demand is to allow more people in the market with easy management of entrance. Pecuniary soundness is also found as the unemployed youth in this area have started their business in this *simanta haat*. Local traders are more interested to commence legal business rather illegal which is tension free, hazardless and gives social status.

License Procurement Process

The rules of India is that the state government issues license to the sellers through local administration on first come first serve basis where *Upojeela Nirbahi Officer* (UNO) (Equivalent to District Magistrate in India) or the local district authority of Bangladesh gives license to the Bangladeshi traders. Very few of them who have no license get entry with the help of BGB. The licensing system is very easy and feasible. Till date no impediments were created by the PRI or BSF or BGB. Although there has not been a single instance of reported harassment incident at the market the delay in allowing a gate pass has so far been the main bottleneck. The market authority does not pose any additional restriction or otherwise on the sellers or customers.

Items Available for Purchase

All items are sold in this market like Agriculture products, grocery products, dry fish, clothing (Kashmiri shawl, bed sheet, Dhaka's Jamdani sarees, cotton made lungee, shirt, T-shirt, trousers etc.), utensils (like melamine, plastic, steel), variety of food (like chatni, pickles, masala muri etc.), handmade food (like tiler khaja, chirar khaja), different fruits (apple, orange etc.), and cosmetics for ladies. Maximum demand is for *Hilsa*, dry fish, Bangladeshi plastic product of RFL Company and confectionary goods of reputed PRAN Company of Bangladesh. A bulk purchase of cosmetic goods from the Bangladeshi vendor gives more return in Indian market and the Indian *saree*s are also attractive and profitable to the Bangladeshi sellers and consumers. Selling of meat, narcotic items are restricted in this market. Here majority of the customers are floating. Few customers who are involved in wholesale business and local purchasers come every week.

Cost of the same items in the market is not equal and there is no valid justification for this discrepancy. Again, few items are more costly than India. The customers' think that the sellers are charging additional money and cheating consumers for saggy procedures undertaken by both governments. Bangladeshi products are more costly than Indian products. Customers are not satisfied with the pricing system in this *simanta haat*. Customers purchase their required items not only for self-consumption but also for business purpose. Maximum purchase is also restricted in this market and it is upto INR5,000. Bulk transaction is controlled by the government. For this reason the customers and buyers want additional days in the market system. Although same items are sold in this market which is available in India but few items which are unavailable in local market like Chinese Apple or green apple and apple etc. Goods are common and not restricted to a specific country.

Motivation to the Sellers

- 1. Every Sunday is the schedule date of market treated as extra earning on a holiday.
- 2. To maintain unity between the two countries.
- 3. Every day many pilgrims come to Kamlasagar as it is a tourist spot where a famous temple is located and a sizable population visits the market as well. However, the long queues de-motivate them.
- 4. Sellers are more interested to commence legal business which is tension free and having no risk, giving social identity. Although they do not confess their past illegal business history which was disclosed by BSF.
- 5. The Bangladeshi sellers use this market as a platform to meet their wholesale requirement which wasn't a part of the MOU signed between two countries but the district administration facilitates bulk buying for the survival of the market.

Discussion

Border markets always try to fulfill the demand of local needs and it is not merely an effort to maintain good relation with neighboring country. They also demonstrate the business strength of the host sellers and customers of border country and vice-versa. Such type of model of *simanta haat* is extracted from new economic geography models, where location of border *haat* will be at Zero point and sellers need not pay any tax to sell their articles at this *haat* (Ottaviaro and Thisse, 2004). Government is promoting local entrepreneurs, unemployed youths with a new venture where ample opportunities help them to find out sustainability in earnings. In light of the above situation, the relationships among customers, authority, host sellers and sellers from the neighboring country to bridge the demand-supply gap on both sides of the fence come into picture.

Host Sellers vs Customers of Across the Border

Every day transaction of host sellers is miserable and depressing as they depend on local agriculture and handmade products and cost of their product is higher compared to Bangladeshi items and this threat may cause of gradual decrease of sellers of host country (Exhibit II).

There is a good relation between industrial concentration (Chen, 2004) and border effect. If medium and big industries of a border state are huge and sound, the economy of that state could enjoy more profit depending on border. Items which are sold in the border are accessible to each and every customer with reasonable price reflect the strength of Industry of that state. Only agriculture or allied agricultural products cannot help the inhabitants of an area in the process of income generation, on the other hand, plenty of natural resource cannot add any impetus to the process of development if the people are not skilled and adopt modern technology.

The *simanta haat* of these two areas reflect weak industrial status of Tripura as the seller are selling only agricultural allied products and very few customers of low income group are interested to purchase such agricultural and hand made products where the traders of neighboring country sell branded products of their country to the customers of different income level.

Host Customers vs Sellers of Border Country

"Simanta Haat could have been closed, if we close our shed"- Bangladeshi Traders.

Maximum sales in a day by a Bangladeshi seller(Exhibit II) varies between INR10,000 to INR12, 000 and the range is INR2,000 to INR3,000 in case of host country sellers. However, the members of the Indian administration differed in the recorded transaction volume and rather opined that the volume of transaction by Indian sellers is much higher to tune of INR40,000 to INR75,000 depending on the products. Total sheds (Stall) in the

market is 120 on 50:50 sharing basis between India and Bangladesh. The customers of Bangladesh like to purchase goods from their own vendors as there is no branded product of Indians.

The model may sustain and traders of host country will be benefitted if trade surplus of a state is allocated in this market besides the sellers have to face loss and it will be more challenging if domestic product is not enough to fulfill the need of domestic consumption (Krugman, 1980) which is called home market effect on border *haat*. Low turnover adding entrepreneurial depression and end of effort will be the consequence of native sellers.

High Demand vs Low Supply

Common articles with high demand are available in the border *haat* and were having tough competition in case of low supply. Fish like *hilsa*, prawn, etc., are always in the list of high demand, high cost and supply is low but available in the market and acceptable to the customers in any circumstances. Single article which is costly but supply is low cannot fulfill local demand causes insecurity in business. Such product has to be cultivated to fulfill domestic consumption and surplus to be supplied to the border market.

Low Demand vs Surplus Supply

Any product that competes in the open market basically depends on best quality and low cost compared to the other similar products. Agriculture and handicraft products which are available in the home market of both countries always face acute problem in the border market which does not give good sign to the economy of an area. Vendors of host country like India depend on such agriculture product and inferior quality handicraft products where supply is surplus and the demand is low. Rice, cereals and sugar is not permitted in this market. These three products are now being traded illegally in the border.

Legal vs Illegal Border Trade

It may be expected that illegal trade, mainly rice, sugar, cereals and narcotic items, which is going on in these border market have occupied a good percentage of total business of this area making future barrier to the legal traders. Such illegal business may be started by the vendors through legal process with the help of this border market or *simanta haat*. Almost 1/3rd stalls are vacant and traders stopped their business due to illegal trade, less quantity goods, selling condition of sellers and restriction on consumers purchase (a maximum of INR5,000 in a day).

Illegal border trade takes advantage of restrictions, low transaction and transportation cost and it is far higher in volume than the legal trade. Legal trade elucidates the budding place for economic activity in the border regions to engender self-sustenance which is superficially linked to both countries. The central government intends to propagate the idea of introducing such regulated weekly markets to facilitate border trade in all North-Eastern states bordering neighboring countries and success of which largely depends on Tripura's *Simanta Haats*.

Strategic Imperatives

Director General of Foreign Trade issued an extraordinary gazette on November 7th 2014 outlining the items and their types that could be sold in these markets. Centre's North-East policy was also quite commendable in understanding the need of people residing in the border towns of a state whose 85% border area is shared with Bangladesh. The gazette supports small-time traders to prosper and at the same time restricts bulk trading thus clearly distinguishing between informal and formal trade. However the ground realities are far from envisaged. These weekly border markets were planned to provide economic prosperity to the people residing within 5 km radius of both sides to provide an opportunity to sell local produce in these markets. The local administration claims that by facilitating sale of local produce like pineapple, jackfruits in these markets there is a significant drop in smuggling of these items. The three stage vigilance system by

District Police & BSF, Customs Department and Civil Administration ensures sale of legitimate products. From India, sellers and buyer ratio is much higher than Bangladesh. Average sale done by the Indian sellers are 80%-85% of permissible stock of items worth INR25,000–INR100,000 whereas the same is between 10%-15% for the Bangladeshi sellers. Indian cosmetics, plastic materials, and fruits are in great demand across the border whereas Indian buyers look for *Jamdani* Saree, a speciality of Bangladeshi weaving craft. The other products like confectionary items, dry fish are already available in local markets hence it works as a discouragement to the Bangladeshi sellers. On any given Sunday, the average footfall of Bangladeshi visitors ranges from 1,500–2,000 whereas maximum 500 Indian visitors could visit the market in a day. The entire market is run by a market management committee where the members come from local police and civil administration of both sides. A detailed discussion with the local administration of both sides revealed that the Indian sellers are doing a steady business which is increasing in trade volume even in some cases bulk purchases have been observed which is feeding the retail supply chain in the neighboring districts of Bangladesh.

The above instances identify with the fact these border markets have the potential to address the livelihood issues of the people living in border villages for which we may have find answers to some critical questions.

Assignment Questions

- I. Discuss the opportunities for the Home trades and possibilities of their sustainable benefit in the longer run under existing conditions.
- II. Discuss the strategic importance of these Border Markets and explain whether they are a sincere effort from the Government to uplift rural livelihood or a ploy to get political mileage.

Exhibit I: Tripura

Tripura

SI. No.	Border Haat	District in India	Location in Bangladesh	Status
1.	Kamalasagar	West Tripura	Not provided by the State Government	Was informed informally that decision on Tripura Haats will be subsequent to the completion of agreement w.r.t. Meghalaya Haats.
2.	Boxanagar			
3.	Bamutia			
4.	Srinagar	South Tripura		
5.	Ekimpur			
6.	Pal Basti (Raghna)	North Tripura		
7.	Hiracherra (Kailasahar)			
8.	Kamalpur	Dhalai		

Source: Mr. L.K. Gupta, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Industries & Commerce), Government of Tripura's DO letter No.D1/FT/1(2)2001/P-1/dates 24.10.2002 addressed to Joint Secretary (BM), MHA

Exhibit II: Photographs of Tarapur-Kamlasagar Border Haat



A Bangladeshi vendor shares his challenges with the author



Dry fish is a popular product sold in the market

Contd...



Hanging Dry fish



A Vendor Identity card of Bangladesh



A Bangladeshi cloth seller shares his problems with the author



Jamdani Saree Bazar



Waiting for Customers



A dry fish seller

Contd...





Bangladeshi plastic materials

Indian stalls observe higher footfall







Indian fruits sold in the market



Long cue of Indian visitors awaiting Guest Pass to enter the market



A Sample Guest Pass

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Influence of Family and Social Media on the consumer decision making of high involvement products

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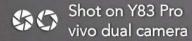
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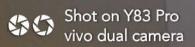
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The desired goal of any business should be to maximize consumers. According to Ward (1974) "consumer socialization refers to the process, by which individual consumers learn skills, knowledge, and attitudes from others through communication, which then assist them in functioning as consumers in the marketplace". Mosehis and Moore (1979) state that "socialization agent may refer to a person or organization directly involved in socialization that have great influence because of their frequency of contact, primacy, and control over rewards and punishments given to the individual". Further, Moschis and Churchill (1978) have identified parents, teachers, peers and media as important socialization agents.

According to different studies, it has been found that the influence of parents decreases with adolescence (Koester and May, 1985) but teens do consult their parents while purchasing clothing (Koester and May, 1985; Frances and Bums, 1992; Mascarenhas and Higby, 1993). However, Bearden and Randall (1990) have found that during making purchase decisions, adolescents tend to consult peer groups significantly. It is clearly evident that there is a contradiction between the choices of selection of socialization agents by adolescents. Further, Moschis (1985) has discussed that the "effects of family communication on the development of decision-making patterns appear to vary across stages of the decision-making process and type of product. A cross-sectional study of the development of adolescents' decision-making patterns suggested that parental influence may vary by stage of the decision-making process, with greater likelihood of influence at the information-seeking stage than at the product-evaluation stage (Moschis and Moore 1979a).



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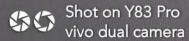
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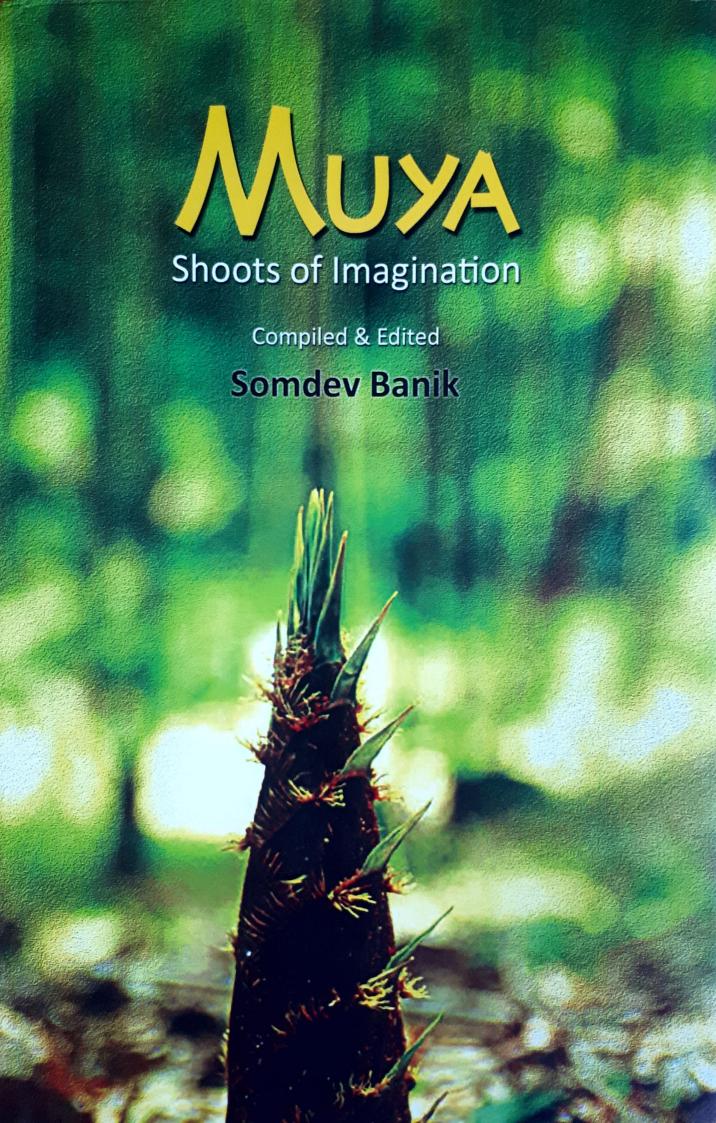
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In-vitro Wound Healing Activity of Parkia javanica on Human Keratinocyte (HaCat) Cell Line

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Summary *Parkia javanica*, a medicinal plant, of North-East India, was screened for *invitro* wound healing activity using HaCat, human keratinocyte cell line. Fresh stem barks of *Parkia javanica* was collected and crude methanol extract (MEPJ) was prepared using Hahnshin rotary evaporator. The cell proliferation and wound healing activity were evaluated by MTT assay and scratch assay respectively. In dose kinetics study, optimum dose of MEPJ for proliferation was found to be 20µg/ml, with 40% increase compared to that of control. In time kinetics study, maximum proliferation was observed at 48 Hours. In scratch assay, at the dose of 20µg/ml, increase in wound closure was recorded in MEPJ treatment than that of control and the time dependent activity measured at different period of intervals has been analysed as well.

Key words: Parkia javanica, Human keratinocyte (HaCat) cell line, MTT assay, Scratch assay

Northeastern region of India, is rich in biodiversity with vast resource of medicinal plants (Deb 1983, Das et al. 2009, Roy et al. 2010). Parkia javanica, a large tree, growing to a height of 25 – 40 meters, has been found in traditional use as food and ethnomedicine in North-East India. The tribal people of Tripura (Tripuri and Reang) use *P. javanica* extract to cure stomach ache and cholera (Majumder et al., 2009) wounds, scabies, diarrhoea, dysentery and food poisoning (Bharadwaj and Gakhar, 2005, Sinha, 1996). Although, the tribal people of North-East India use *P. javanica* plant for treating wounds, there is no data on scientific basis to prove its wound healing properties.

Keratinocytes, a major cellular component of the epidermis, are responsible for restoring the epidermis after injury through a process termed epithelialisation. In response to disruption of the barrier, keratinocytes release prestored interleukin 1 (IL-1), which acts



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Phonological Processes in Vaiphei

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1. INTRODUCTION

This paper attempts to discuss the various types of phonological alternation in Vaiphei- a Kuki-Chin group of Tibeto-Burman family. The language has phonologically conditioned changes in some segments. The most common phonological process in the language is assimilation, where two segments become more alike by having one segment take on values for one or more features from a neighboring segment. To some degree, it depends upon the speaker as well. In careful speech, some changes may not take place (e.g., assimilation); where as in narrations changes are much more common.

Majority of the Vaiphei speakers are found in the state of Manipur although they are also found in the neighboring states of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland. Like other languages, Vaiphei also has phonologically conditioned changes in some segments. These changes can be seen most completely in compound words. The most common phonological process in the language is assimilation, where two segments become more alike by having one segment take on values for one or more features from a neighboring segment. To some degree, it depends upon the speaker as well. In careful speech, some changes may not take place (e.g., assimilation); where as in narrations changes are much more common. The phonological processes found in Vaiphei are described in the next section along with the demographic and educational status of the language.

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Locative Nouns in Kannada

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The present paper examines some morphosyntactic properties of Kannada words which are traditionally treated as adverbs and postpositions. We show that these words form a sub class of nouns owing to their declining features. An appendix of such words is

provided at the end of the paper.

Kannada is a south Dravidian language spoken chiefly in the state of Karnataka and a minor language in many other states of India and across the world. Kannada exhibits overt morphological inflections which are, in many cases, regular. The language is agglutinating in nature, i.e. a word can be divided into a series of segments and each segment (morpheme) carries a distinct meaning in it.

In Kannada, words like *alli* 'there', $n\bar{a}\underline{!}e$ 'tomorrow' show some morphosyntactic properties which are similar to that of nouns, i.e they are decinable and come with suffixes that nouns bear as shown in (1) and (2).

- (1) rāju allige hoda Raju-NOM there-DAT go.PST.3MS 'Raju went there'
- (2) Tippu nāļeyinda kelasakke baruvudilla
 Tippu-NOM tomorrow-ABL work-DAT come.NMZL.NEG
 'Tippu would not come for work from tomorrow onwards'
- In (1), allige 'to there' is analyzed as alli 'there' + ge 'dative case'. alli also takes other case markers (genitive a, ablative inda) as in allina (alli there + a genitive), allinda (alli there + inda ablative) and postpositions as in allinavarege 'till there'. In (2), naaLeyinda 'from tomorrow' is analyzed as nāļe 'tomorrow' + inda 'ablative case'. Other forms of nāļe include nāļeya

'tomorrow's', nālege 'to tomorrow', nāleyavarege 'till tomorrow'. On the other hand, unlike nouns, they cannot be modified by adjectives as shown in (3) and (4).

(3) *dodda alli big there 'big there'

(4) dodda angala big front-yard 'big front-yard'

In (3), alli 'there' cannot be modified by any adjective as against (4) where angala 'front-yard' is modified by the adjective dodda 'big'.

Kannada grammars analyze such words as adverbs and postpositions owing to their meanings and syntactic functions corresponding to English adverbs and prepositions. Deviating from this conventional treatment, Spencer (1950) brings forth the morphological inflections that they bear and calls 'indeclinables whose form declines' and exemplifies with some expressions. Analogous to this observation, Sridhar (1990) observes that 'postpositions form a semi-closed class of elements' considering the declining properties of words functioning as postpositions at syntactic level. These two observations are a deviation from the traditional perspective. The present paper attempts an examination of these words which is similar to these two observations. To analyze these words, we take a lead from the category Locative Noun developed by the ILILMT team at CALTS, University of Hyderabd, which traces its origin to the concept 'Adverbial Noun' put forward by Bh. Krishnamurti. Krishnamurthi and Gwyn (1985) comment that Telugu expressions corresponding to English adverbs of place and time are adverbial nouns. Both these terms (Adverbial/ Locative) refer to words that denote space and time. These words form a sub-class of noun category (declinables) rather than belonging to the categories of adverb and postposition (indeclinables) at the level of morphology as they are overtly realized with suffixes. We adopt this framework of analysis and analyze the words under study. These words are regularly expressed with overt case suffixes as shown from examples (5) to (9).

- (5) avanu-ø mēlin-a maney-alli iruttane he-NOM on-POSS house-LOC be-FUT 'He stays in the upper house'
- (6) nālin-a vishaya ēnu? tomorrow-POSS topic what? 'What is tomorrow's topic?'
- In (5) and (6), mele and naaLe are in possessive form (mēlina and nālina respectively). In (5), mele has enough semantic meaning of 'an upper portion of a given space' (a location) to function as the possesser of the house giving the meaning 'the house that belongs to the upper portion (of a given space)'.
- (7) manjulā-ø uḍupiy-inda illi-ge bandaļu
 Manjulā-NOM Udupi-ABL here-DAT come-PST
 'Manjula came here from Udupi'
- In (7), illi is in dative case (illige) denoting a goal.
- (8) nānu-ø all-inda mane-ge hōde i-NOM there-ABL house-DAT go-PST 'I went home from there'
- (9) rāju-ø nāļe-inda shāle-ge hōguttāne Raju-NOM tomorrow-ABL school-DAT go-FUT 'Raju will go to school from tomorrow onwards'
- In (8), alli 'there' is realized with ablative case marker denoting the point of origin (space) of the movement. In (9), $n\bar{a}$, 'tomorrow' is marked for ablative case denoting the point of origin (time) of the action.
- (10) nann-a mane-ø alli ide
 I-POSS house-NOM there-? Be-PRE
 'My house is there'
- (11) gītha-ø nāle baruttāļe
 Geetha-NOM naale-? Come-FUT
 'Geehta will come tomorrow'

These words also appear without any overt suffixes as shown in (10) and (11). Deictic expressions alli, illi, nāļe, ivattu can appear without any overt suffixes. In such cases they function as adjuncts providing a temporal or spatial background for events.

(12) pustaka-ø mējin-a mēle ide book-NOM table-POSS on-PSP be-PRE 'The book is on the table'

Whenever these words take overt complements, they behave like postpositions as shown in (12). Here, $m\bar{e}le$ 'above' takes the overt complement $m\bar{e}ju$ 'table' functioning as a postposition.

In examples from (5) to (9), these words exhibit nominal properties. Sentences from (10) to (11) capture the syntactic properties of these words. alli in (10) and $n\bar{a}$ in (11) act as verbal modifiers whereas $m\bar{e}$ ie 'on' in (12) acts as a postposition.

We conclude that it is possible to treat these words as a sub category of nouns especially considering their ability to form oblique stems. Their functions as adverbs and postpositions are at syntactic level. Further, studies have shown that closed-class words like case-markers and postpositions develop from open-class word like verbs and nouns. The words (mēle 'on' of example (12) and words like hattira 'near', pakka 'side', munde 'front', hinde 'back', keļage 'down' of appendix) under study here present another evidence where nouns denoting space function as postpositions.

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74		form	Ablative	Dative	Locative e.g.: Until	Post positions
		a	inda	98	alli	varege
ninne	Yesterday	ninneya	ninneyinda	ninnege	(6) qati rosh tolqi	ninnevavarede
nāje	Tomorrow	nājeya	nājey inda	nājege		nālevavarege
ivattu	Today	ivattina	ivattininda	ivattige	ele elep	ivattinavarene
yāvattu	When	yāvattina	yāvattin inda	yāvattige		Vāvattinavarada
modalu	First	modalina	modalin inda	modalige		
kae	Last	kaeya	kaeyinda	kaege	kadevalli	kadevavarege
āga	Then	āgina	āgin inda	O () O () O () O () Second	aže. n n	10
īga	Now	īgina	īgin inda		eld di ev	
yāvāga	When	yāvāgina	yāvāgin inda	255		1190 1190 1190 1190 1190 1190 1190 1190
nantara	Later	nantarada				ioCl vii.) gari gari dal
monne	Day before					
	yesterday	monneya	monneyinda	monnege	noo rotti oner	monninavarege
āmēle	After (something)	iing)	āmelina	āmelinda		bini oriji oriji oriji oriji oriji

Space	Meaning	Oblique form	Ablative	Dative	Locative	Post positions e.g.: Until
	a	inda	ge	alli	varege	
alli	There	allina	allinda	allige		alliyavarege
111	Here	illina	illinda	illige		illiyavarege
elli	Where	ellina	ellinda	ellige		elliyavarege
hattira	Near	hattirada	hattiradinda	hattirakke	hattiradalli	
dūra	Far	dūrada	dūrad inda	dūrakke	dūradalli	
madya	Middle	madyada	madyad inda	madyakke	madyadalli	madyadavarege
nauve	Middle	nauvina	nauvin inda	nauvige	nauvinalli	nauvinavarege
kade	Side	kadeya	kadeyinda	kadege	kadeyalli	kadevarege
pakka	Side	pakkada	pakkadinda		pakkadalli	pakkadavarege
munde	Front	mundina	mundininda	mundakke		mundinavarege
hinde	Behind	hindina	hindininda	hindakke		hindinavarege
olage	Inside	olagina	olagin inda	olic B		bac. Te Slata (he)
horage	Outside	horagina	horagininda	THE STATE OF		
mēle	Upon	mēlina	mēlin inda	mēlakke		mēlinavarege
kejage	Below	kelagina	kelagininda			kelaginavarege

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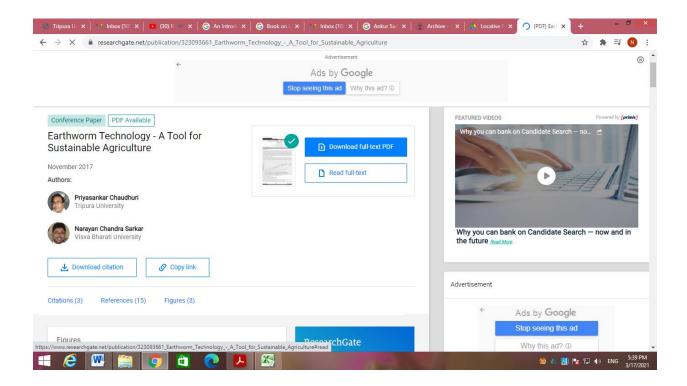
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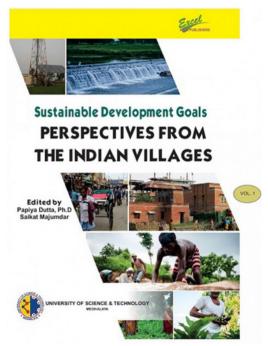
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CHAPTER 8

The Molsom Traditional Religion of Tripura

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Religion is one of the most important and outstanding features of human life. It is a universal phenomenon that can be found in all human societies and communities. It is said that the proper study of mankind is man. There is no more significant thing in the history of man than his religion. If the study of man is to be complete, it must include the study of religion. Different individuals may have their private opinions or personal attitudes towards religion. From the earliest times it has occupied a central place in life and history. So, I cannot afford to disagree with the words of Max Muller, the father of comparative religion, that the true history of man is the history of religion. In every community, the institutions of social life grow and develop in their own ways. As time passes, the ways in which the community does so become fixed. The rules which govern social behaviour become the law of the community. In a similar way, every community builds up its own religion, belief system, customs and culture. I would also like to put forward the view point of Comte, stating that 'religion resumes the entire history of human development'.

In this paper I intend to focus my attention on the study of traditional religion of Molsom which is one of the tribal communities of Tripura. It is to be noted here that so far no comprehensive study has been done on their traditional religion. Generally, it may be assumed that since Molsom has been recorded as sub - clan of the Halam community, no necessity was felt for comprehensive study on it. As a result it has failed to get the attention of the researchers and academicians. However, one must admit the fact that they also have distinct identity with unique traditions, culture, language, and belief systems. Before further discussions on their culture, traditional religion, rites, customs, and practices, I would like to provide a brief outline of Tripura indicating the land and its people, particularly Molsoms.

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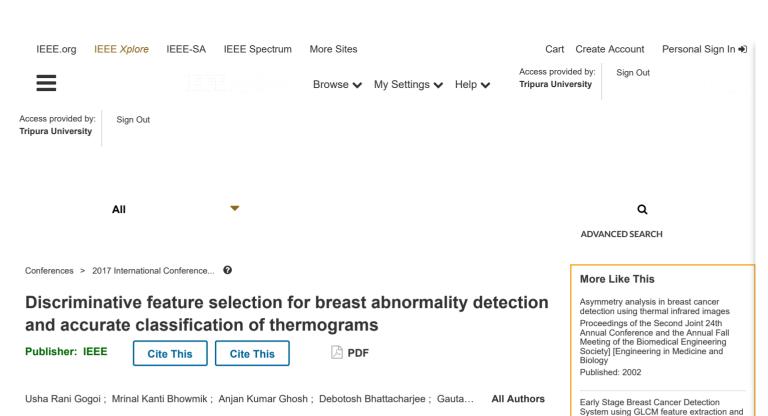
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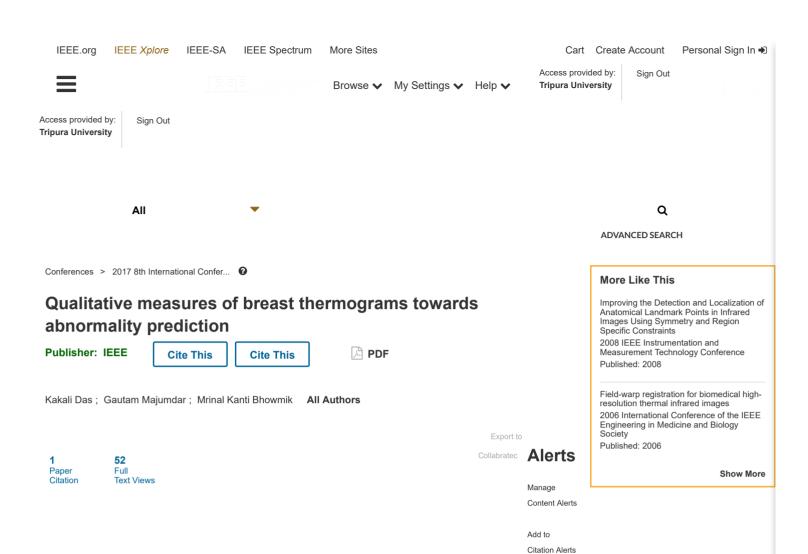
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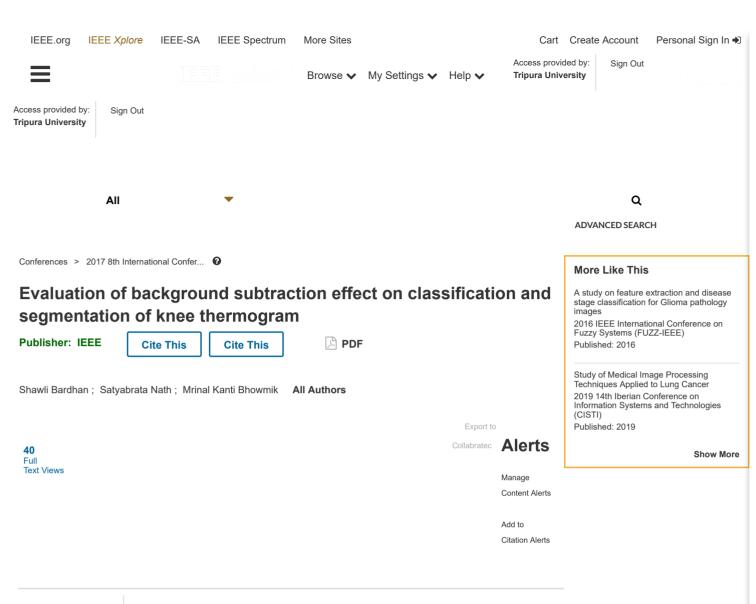
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Thermoregulation in human body is influenced by pathological abnormality. Due to the involvement of unknown physiological phenomena, measurement of abnormality is a very complex task for joint pain diseases. Presently the quantification of inflammatory joint disease depends on the capability of person to express the condition mainly through words, visual analog scale, and facial expression. Therefore, diagnosis of joint abnormality is a complex task for medical experts, especially in case of children, old age person, and person with impairments. Recording of the distribution of temperature in human body joints provides helpful information associated with physiological abnormality related to inflammatory pain. The skin of human body plays an important role in infrared distribution through preserving or dissipating heat. The heat dissipation through human skin is radiative in nature and mainly falls under the infrared part of the light spectrum. It makes infrared detectors most appropriate for receiving the radiation and recording the distribution of skin temperature. Medical Infrared Thermography (MIT) is the non-invasive method to screen the temperature distribution for detection of abnormality associated with inflammatory joint pain [1]. In present scenario, arthritis is the most commonly occurring inflammatory joint disease, and it causes severe pain in joints. In US, 18% of total disabilities are the result of arthritis and 43.2% of arthritis patients facing limitation in their daily activities [2]. Fig. 1.

Row 1: thermograms of healthy knee; row 2: thermograms of arthritis affected knee

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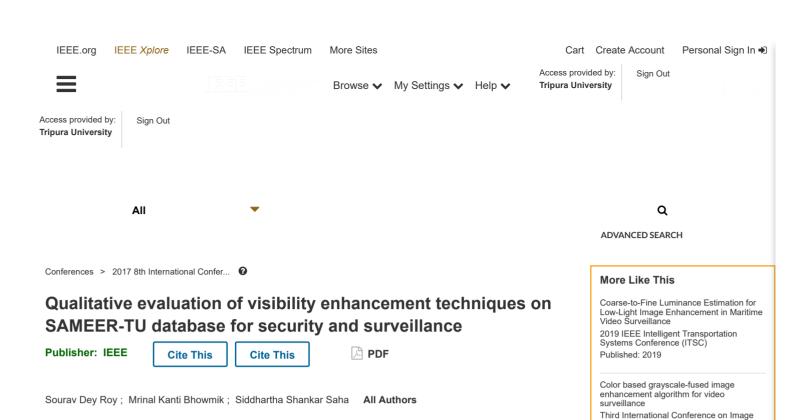
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For the last few decades, imaging technology has the potential to provide great benefits in computer vision applications. It is an interdisciplinary research program with broad range of applications that can impact our everyday lives such as surveillance, traffic monitoring, augmented reality, vehicle navigation, etc. Although computer vision systems are being appreciated for itsmajor success in indoor environments but still has been limited in outdoor environments [1]. Sign in to Continue Reading
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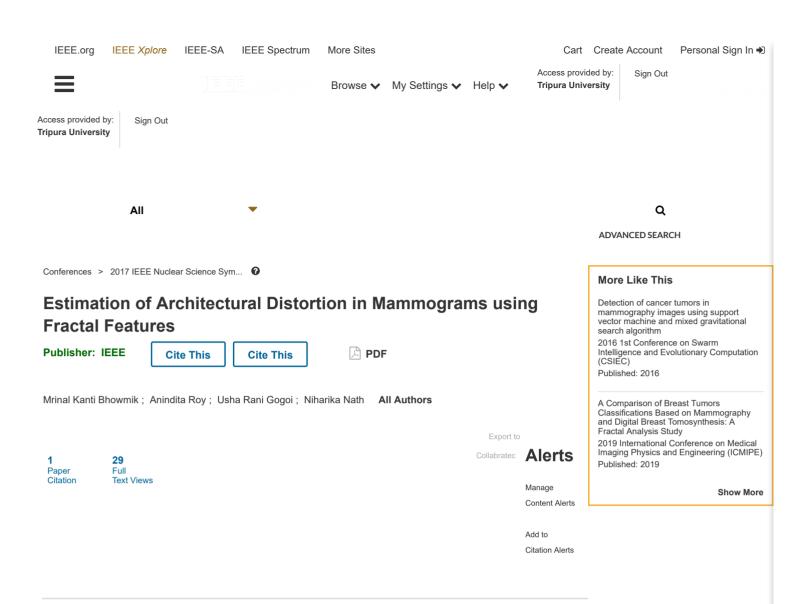
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Moving towards accurate breast cancer detection, X-ray mammography is the gold standard in medical imaging for its efficiency and reliability. Abnormalities often encountered in mammograms are in the form of benign or malignant masses, calcifications, asymmetry and architectural distortion. Other than masses and calcifications, architectural distortion should not be overlooked, since it is often the major cause of nonpalpable cancer. However, due to the appearance variability and subtle differences of the abnormalities from the tissues, the radiologists face ambiguity to detect and differentiate the malignant one from the benign one. Due to the existence of irregular and ill-defined structure in architecturally distorted areas, fractal features namely fractal dimension and lacunarity are considered in our work to differentiate the malignant architectural distortion from the benign architectural distortion. Our study can provide a second opinion to the radiologists in decision making. The performance of the proposed system has been evaluated with a dataset of total 19 mammograms with architectural distortions from the mini-MIAS database. The Mann Whitney Wilcoxon nonparametric test shows the statistical significance of fractal features in differentiating

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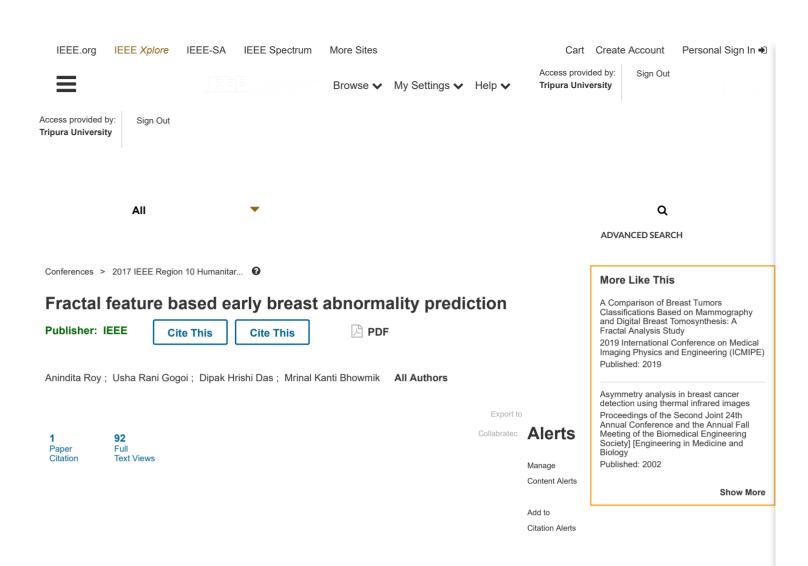
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Breast cancer is one of the major causes of cancer related deaths in women [1] . Survival rates are low in less developed countries due to lack of accurate detection [2] . X- Ray Mammography is considered as the gold standard screening modality for breast cancer. Abnormalities present in mammogram mainly constitute of circumscribed and spiculated masses, architectural distortion, asymmetry and calcifications [3] . Masses and calcifications are the most common form of abnormalities which are considered as precancerous or cancerous conditions [4] . However, architectural distortion should not also be overlooked, since it is the most common sign of non-palpable breast cancer. Analyzing the architectural distorted sites can lead to detection of abnormality at an early stage. As defined by BI-RADS [3] the normal area is distorted in architectural distortion with no mass visible. Architectural distortion is normally categorized as malignant or benign, where the malignant distortions represent the cancer and benign Sign in to Continue Reading distortion includes scar and soft-tissue damage due to trauma [5] . Based on the characteristics of the distorted area having asymmetric, localized distorted patterns, poorly circumscribed opacities with illdefined and irregular contours, the fractal features are found to be effective in differentiating these differences. Fractal features has found its wide applications in various imaging modalities such as in detection of breast abnormalities in mammograms or thermograms and in brain tumor detection from Magnetic Resonance Images [6, 7, 8, 9]. Fractal Dimension quantifies the space filling capacity of a fractal pattern and lacunarity quantifies the way in which the space is occupied by the shape with respect to their gaps [10] . Here in this work, the space filling capacity of the distorted area is determined by using fractal dimension and the Lacunarity is used to extract the information about how the space is filled by the distorted area. Based on the way of space filling, benign and malignant cases can be distinguished.

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abnormality prediction from both mammograms and thermograms. We focus on fractal features in discriminating the abnormal and severe abnormal breast images from the normal and mild abnormal breast images by observing the difference in fractal dimension and lacunarity values. We investigated that the combination of fractal dimension and lacunarity features gives prediction accuracy of 95.94% on the mini-MIAS mammogram dataset of 128 images and 86.11% on a newly created DBT-TU-JU breast thermogram dataset of 36 abnormal images as compared to 79.31% and 78.94% using textu...

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Breast cancer is one of the major causes of cancer related deaths in women [1]. Due to the lack of medical facilities for early detection in less developed countries or rural areas, the survival rates is very poor. Even though, X-ray mammography is considered as the gold standard screening modality for breast cancer, but it is incapable of detecting a mass until it attains a certain size [2]. Moreover, due to the radiation risk of mammography, it is not recommended for women whose ages are below 40 years [2]. These limitations of mammography necessitate the concerned research community to explore the feasibility of radiationfree, non-ionizing, portab@comin toscommercialerativeRienarchirego breast thermography (IBT) to be used as an adjunctive and routine checkup tool to improve the accuracy of breast abnormality prediction [1]. Moreover, due to its portability and non-ionizing nature, it can also be used for women in rural areas to pinpoint the patients that require urgent medical attention. Being a functional imaging modality, it detects the temperature distribution of the surface area. Due to angiogenesis, the temperature of the skin surface over the tumor is higher than the surrounding areas [3], [4], and therefore, the anomalous region is easily visible through an infrared camera.

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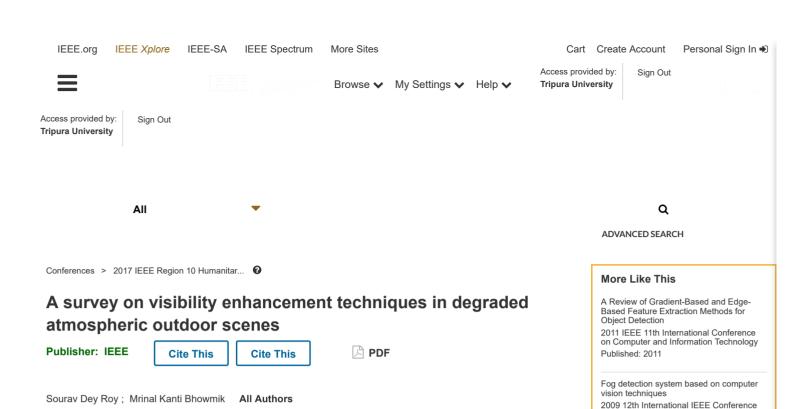
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Computer vision is all about visualizing and interpreting the real world around us with wide scope of applications in our daily lives such as surveillance, topography categorization, and independent navigation [1]. Although computer vision systems are being appreciated for its major success in indoor environments but still has been limited in outdoor environments [2]. There are several reasons for degradation of outdoor scenes but one of the main reason is presence of bad weather Sign in to Continue Reading conditions. These conditions can be steady (i.e. fog, mist and haze) or dynamic (i.e. rain and snow) based on types and sizes of the particles involved and their concentrations in space [2]. As a result, the outdoor images acquired under different weather conditions loses the contrast and color fidelity. Therefore enhancing the quality of image in poor visibility conditions is an evitable task for various computer vision applications.

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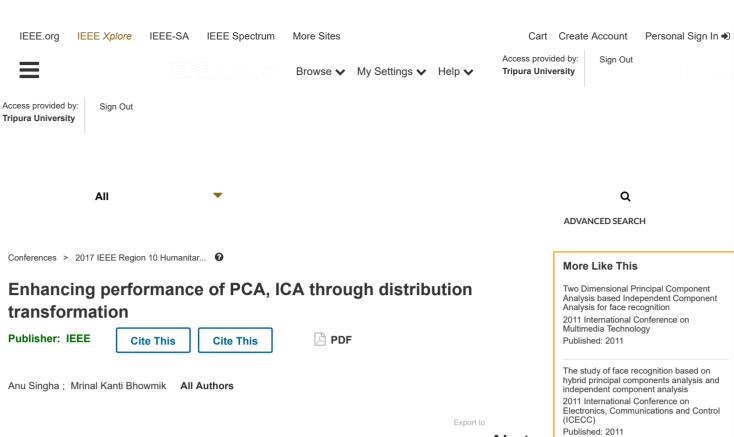
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In image analysis, face recognition have been a challenging and quite attractive key area of research which is usually used in security systems and law enforcements. There are number of popular face feature extraction methods has been proposed which is being started with a data matrix that is a concatenation of 1D image column vectors. The most noticeable methods among these are Principle Component Analysis (PCA) [1], and a generalized version of PCA i.e. Independent Component Analysis (ICA) [2] [3]. PCA or ICA are more effective when the original image data matrix to be close to Gaussian distribution [2] [4] [5]. According to central limit theorem (CTL) [6], a several independent random variables are mixed together in an additive fashion, and then resulting distribution is usually normal or Gaussian. But the CTL states that in many situations, the sample mean vary normally if only the sample size is reasonably large. Since normality of data is one key assumption of many statistical issues, transformation of non-normal data to normal data or near normal becomes important.

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Summary Mucuna, a tropical leguminous climber with ~150 sp distributed worldwide having ~10 reported from India, has attracted attention due to L-DOPA content in its seeds, widely used in therapeutics of Parkinson's disease. It is used in many Ayurvedic formulations as 'Atmagupta'. Mucuna, locally known as 'Bangphai' is used as ornaments, in religious festivals, and plant extract is used for pain relief, cut and wound healing by the tribal community. The two target species M. bracteata and M. interrupta grow wild in West and South Tripura and according to fruit morphology can be categorized in two distinct groups. The species show remarkable diversity in habitat, growth form, vegetative and reproductive morphology and plant-arthropod interactions. M. bracteata grows as widespread populations of cover crop in natural and managed terrestrial habitats and M. interrupta grows in isolated river side populations. Here is an effort to prepare a species specific key including collection area, plant exo-morphology, leaf micro-morphology, reproductive micro-morphology, chlorophyll and phenol content; and is first report of M. interrupta from Tripura.

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The genus Mucuna Adans (fam: Leguminoseae), a tropical leguminous climber, represented by ~150 sp species of annual and perennial legumes has its centre of origin at Africa, China, Malaysia, India and West Indies (Burkill, 1966; Natarajan et al., 2012); from where it spread to other regions of the world. There are 9-15 species from India (Jaheer and Sathyanarayana, 2010; Sathyanarayana et al., 2011; Natarajan et al., 2012), five are endemic to Western Ghats and Eastern Himalaya (Leelambika et al., 2010), two are endemic to Peninsular India and M. imbricata, M. bracteata, M. macrocarpa, M. sempervirens and M. nigricans are restricted to North East region (Jaheer and Sathyanarayana, 2010). Mucuna has attracted attention due to presence of L- DOPA (L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine), a non-protein amino acid precursor of the neurotransmitter dopamine in seeds, that is used $10.\ Photobacterium\ leiognathi\ cmb_001: New-generation\ oxygen\ detection\ biosensor\ for\ environmental\ quality\ monitoring.$

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Abstract

The rapid biosensing detection system is of utmost importance now a day for environmental quality assessment on a real time basis. The novel strain of *Photobacterium leiognathi* CMB_001 (MCC2643) isolated from the marine waters have shown unique sensitivity towards both dissolved oxygen and molecular oxygen in water samples and air within 4 seconds oxygen and molecular oxygen in water samples and air within 4 seconds and 8 seconds (p<0.05; n=7) of contact respectively. The Gram-negative bacilli (1.37 x 1.05 µm) with no pathogenicity has the capacity of retaining bacilli (1.37 x 1.05 µm) with no pathogenicity has the capacity of retaining chemiluminescence even after 32 months of isolation. Its sensitivity chemiluminescence even after 32 months of isolation. Its sensitivity towards concentration of dissolved oxygen and chemical inhibitors were detected within 4 seconds. This biological system coupled with image

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The rapid industrialization and urbanization of developing countries such as India have encroached on cultivable lands to meet the demands of an ever-increasing population. The altered land use patterns with increased fertilizer use has increased crop yields with leaching of major portion of the applied nutrients from the soil. Nitrates and phosphates are the agricultural pollutants that are discharged into aquifers due to anthropogenic reasons causing severe environmental and health problems. Production of these nutrients requires energy and finite resources (rock phosphate, which has gradually depleting reserves). An alternative management strategy would be to sequester excess nutrients within a biomass that is reused for agriculture. Two discrete enriched microbial consortia with the potential of simultaneous nitrate and phosphate sequestration upon application as biofertilizer restricted them within the plant root zone, ensuring prevention of eutrophication through leaching while making it available for uptake by plants. The nutrient accumulated biomass enhanced the crop yield by 21.88% during mung bean cultivation with maintained elemental content and other nutritional qualities. The major drawback of conventional biofertilizer application (slow release and action) could be overcome using this formulation leading to environmental protection, crop yield enhancement and soil fertility maintenance post-cultivation.



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Locative Nouns in Kannada

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The present paper examines some morphosyntactic properties of Kannada words which are traditionally treated as adverbs and postpositions. We show that these words form a sub class of nouns owing to their declining features. An appendix of such words is

provided at the end of the paper.

Kannada is a south Dravidian language spoken chiefly in the state of Karnataka and a minor language in many other states of India and across the world. Kannada exhibits overt morphological inflections which are, in many cases, regular. The language is agglutinating in nature, i.e. a word can be divided into a series of segments and each segment (morpheme) carries a distinct meaning in it.

In Kannada, words like *alli* 'there', $n\bar{a}\underline{!}e$ 'tomorrow' show some morphosyntactic properties which are similar to that of nouns, i.e they are decinable and come with suffixes that nouns bear as shown in (1) and (2).

- (1) rāju allige hoda Raju-NOM there-DAT go.PST.3MS 'Raju went there'
- (2) Tippu nāļeyinda kelasakke baruvudilla
 Tippu-NOM tomorrow-ABL work-DAT come.NMZL.NEG
 'Tippu would not come for work from tomorrow onwards'
- In (1), allige 'to there' is analyzed as alli 'there' + ge 'dative case'. alli also takes other case markers (genitive a, ablative inda) as in allina (alli there + a genitive), allinda (alli there + inda ablative) and postpositions as in allinavarege 'till there'. In (2), naaLeyinda 'from tomorrow' is analyzed as nāļe 'tomorrow' + inda 'ablative case'. Other forms of nāļe include nāļeya

'tomorrow's', nālege 'to tomorrow', nāleyavarege 'till tomorrow'. On the other hand, unlike nouns, they cannot be modified by adjectives as shown in (3) and (4).

(3) *dodda alli big there 'big there'

(4) dodda angala big front-yard 'big front-yard'

In (3), alli 'there' cannot be modified by any adjective as against (4) where angala 'front-yard' is modified by the adjective dodda 'big'.

Kannada grammars analyze such words as adverbs and postpositions owing to their meanings and syntactic functions corresponding to English adverbs and prepositions. Deviating from this conventional treatment, Spencer (1950) brings forth the morphological inflections that they bear and calls 'indeclinables whose form declines' and exemplifies with some expressions. Analogous to this observation, Sridhar (1990) observes that 'postpositions form a semi-closed class of elements' considering the declining properties of words functioning as postpositions at syntactic level. These two observations are a deviation from the traditional perspective. The present paper attempts an examination of these words which is similar to these two observations. To analyze these words, we take a lead from the category Locative Noun developed by the ILILMT team at CALTS, University of Hyderabd, which traces its origin to the concept 'Adverbial Noun' put forward by Bh. Krishnamurti. Krishnamurthi and Gwyn (1985) comment that Telugu expressions corresponding to English adverbs of place and time are adverbial nouns. Both these terms (Adverbial/ Locative) refer to words that denote space and time. These words form a sub-class of noun category (declinables) rather than belonging to the categories of adverb and postposition (indeclinables) at the level of morphology as they are overtly realized with suffixes. We adopt this framework of analysis and analyze the words under study. These words are regularly expressed with overt case suffixes as shown from examples (5) to (9).

- (5) avanu-ø mēlin-a maney-alli iruttane he-NOM on-POSS house-LOC be-FUT 'He stays in the upper house'
- (6) nālin-a vishaya ēnu? tomorrow-POSS topic what? 'What is tomorrow's topic?'
- In (5) and (6), mele and naaLe are in possessive form (mēlina and nālina respectively). In (5), mele has enough semantic meaning of 'an upper portion of a given space' (a location) to function as the possesser of the house giving the meaning 'the house that belongs to the upper portion (of a given space)'.
- (7) manjulā-ø uḍupiy-inda illi-ge bandaļu
 Manjulā-NOM Udupi-ABL here-DAT come-PST
 'Manjula came here from Udupi'
- In (7), illi is in dative case (illige) denoting a goal.
- (8) nānu-ø all-inda mane-ge hōde i-NOM there-ABL house-DAT go-PST 'I went home from there'
- (9) rāju-ø nāļe-inda shāle-ge hōguttāne Raju-NOM tomorrow-ABL school-DAT go-FUT 'Raju will go to school from tomorrow onwards'
- In (8), alli 'there' is realized with ablative case marker denoting the point of origin (space) of the movement. In (9), $n\bar{a}$, 'tomorrow' is marked for ablative case denoting the point of origin (time) of the action.
- (10) nann-a mane-ø alli ide
 I-POSS house-NOM there-? Be-PRE
 'My house is there'
- (11) gītha-ø nāle baruttāļe
 Geetha-NOM naale-? Come-FUT
 'Geehta will come tomorrow'

These words also appear without any overt suffixes as shown in (10) and (11). Deictic expressions alli, illi, nāļe, ivattu can appear without any overt suffixes. In such cases they function as adjuncts providing a temporal or spatial background for events.

(12) pustaka-ø mējin-a mēle ide book-NOM table-POSS on-PSP be-PRE 'The book is on the table'

Whenever these words take overt complements, they behave like postpositions as shown in (12). Here, $m\bar{e}le$ 'above' takes the overt complement $m\bar{e}ju$ 'table' functioning as a postposition.

In examples from (5) to (9), these words exhibit nominal properties. Sentences from (10) to (11) capture the syntactic properties of these words. alli in (10) and $n\bar{a}$ in (11) act as verbal modifiers whereas $m\bar{e}$ ie 'on' in (12) acts as a postposition.

We conclude that it is possible to treat these words as a sub category of nouns especially considering their ability to form oblique stems. Their functions as adverbs and postpositions are at syntactic level. Further, studies have shown that closed-class words like case-markers and postpositions develop from open-class word like verbs and nouns. The words (mēle 'on' of example (12) and words like hattira 'near', pakka 'side', munde 'front', hinde 'back', keļage 'down' of appendix) under study here present another evidence where nouns denoting space function as postpositions.

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	Silling	form	Ablative	Dative	Locative e.g.: Until	Post positions
		a	inda	86	alli	varege
ninne	Yesterday	ninneya	ninneyinda	ninnege	(6) qati rosh tolqi	ninnevavarege
nāje	Tomorrow	nājeya	nājey inda	nājege		nālevavarege
ivattu	Today	ivattina	ivattininda	ivattige	ele elep	ivattinavarene
yāvattu	When	yāvattina	yāvattin inda	yāvattige		vāvaftinavarada
modalu	First	modalina	modalin inda	modalige		
kae	Last	kaeya	kaeyinda	kaege	kadevalli	kadevavarege
āga	Then	āgina	āgin inda	o () O () O () O () Second	aže. n n	100
īga	Now	Īgina	īgin inda		eld di ev	
yāvāga	When	yāvāgina	yāvāgin inda	25:		9-04 010 000 000 000 000 000 000 000
nantara	Later	nantarada				iaCl vol. gat i gas dal
monne	Day before					
	yesterday	monneya	monneyinda	monnege	noo rotti oner	monninavarege
āmēle	After (something)	hing)	āmelina	āmelinda		bini orii c orii orii orii orii orii orii

Space	Meaning	Oblique form	Ablative	Dative	Locative	Post positions e.g.: Until
	a	inda	ge	alli	varege	
alli	There	allina	allinda	allige		alliyavarege
旧	Here	illina	illinda	illige		illiyavarege
elli	Where	ellina	ellinda	ellige		elliyavarege
hattira	Near	hattirada	hattiradinda	hattirakke	hattiradalli	
dūra	Far	dūrada	dūrad inda	dūrakke	dūradalli	
madya	Middle	madyada	madyad inda	madyakke	madyadalli	madyadavarege
nauve	Middle	nauvina	nauvin inda	nauvige	nauvinalli	nauvinavarege
kade	Side	kadeya	kadeyinda	kadege	kadeyalli	kadevarege
pakka	Side	pakkada	pakkadinda		pakkadalli	pakkadavarege
munde	Front	mundina	mundininda	mundakke		mundinavarege
hinde	Behind	hindina	hindininda	hindakke		hindinavarege
olage	Inside	olagina	olagin inda	ol o		bool To Show
horage	Outside	horagina	horagininda	rri Mrt		
mēle	Upon	mēlina	mēlin inda	mēlakke		mēlinavarege
kejage	Below	kelagina	kelagininda			kelaginavarege

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Gender Parity in Tripura under MGNREGA: A Study in West District of Tripura

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Abstract—Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act is aimed at enhancing the livelihood security of the rural households of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage and unskilled manual work. The scheme is considered to be gender sensitive as it has provided facilities such as (a) equal wages for women and men (b) creches for the children of women workers (c) be women etc.

MNGREGA was launched in India on 2nd February 2006 with 200 selected districts but in Tripura it was first introduced in Dhalai district and gradually by 2008 the other three districts was brought under this scheme. After its implementation, Tripura showed high participation of women among the other northeastern states and there have been payment of wages through either bank or post offices to ensure that there is no involvement of middlemen. However many cases are reported in the state regarding corruptions and the book adjustments shown against wages and issue of fake job cards.

This study will therefore aim to critically examine gender equality under MGNREGA and also to look at its impact on the economic conditions of women workers in west district of Tripura.

Keywords: MGNREGA, Poverty, Gender Equality, Livelihood, Wage Employment

1. Introduction

The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 has been introduced to provide livelihood security to every household in rural areas by providing the adult members of the household sat least 100 days of wage employment every year. Though this scheme was been introduced to enhance the livelihood of the rural people, the act consisted of provisions such as equal wages for men and women, crèches for children of women workers, work within the radius of five kms from the house, priority of women in the ratio of one third of the total workers, absence of any contractor and flexibility in choosing period of months of employment which encouraged a lot of women to work under MGNREGA.

The programme witnessed high participation of marginalized groups like SC/ST with 57% in financial year 2007–08 and 55% in financial year 2008–09. It also surpassed the minimum requirement of women workforce with 43% in FY 2007–08 which increased to 48% in FY 2008–09 as recorded in the Annual Report 2008–2009 by Ministry of Rural Development).

This paper will aim to critically examine gender parity under MGNREGA and also to look at its impact on the economic conditions of women workers in west district of Tripura. For this study, beneficiaries from Madhya Debendranagar village of Jirania block from West district of Tripura has been selected for this study.

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9 Social Construction and Perception of Mass Media

Television Soap Operas as Women's Genre: Reviewing the Genesis and Current Trends of Reception Studies

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Abstract

Daily soap operas are used to consider as women's genre because of its wide popularity among the women, irrespective of their heterogeneity. But in hegemonic discourse, it is presumed as inferior and unrealistic representation of some insignificant issues. Consequently, these viewers and their viewing practices were never got scholarly attention until the emergence of feminist discourse of reception.

Initially, it was assumed that media messages are very powerful to inject repressive ideology directly into the consciousness of the masses. Therefore, the analysis of media text as cultural constructor, imposing its intended messages on the audience, was given utmost importance. But contemporary culturalists argue that audiences are not passive viewers, rather, they are embedded in a social context that shapes their subjectivity and active engagement in interpretation or decoding of media messages. So, media messages are polysemic, negotiable, and subject to multiple interpretations. This ideological shift led to the development of reception theories. In this backdrop, the present article tries to focus on the shifting paradigm of media theories, from textual analysis to reception theory in the context of soap opera. It also intends to highlight the gradual shift in the whole reception paradigm from linguistic analysis to ethnographic turn and the recent amalgamation of text and context, with special reference to the feminist discourse.

Keywords: Reception study, Women's genre, Soap opera, Feminist theory.

Introduction

In the present-day world, mass media or more specifically, television is a crucial medium of cultural reconstruction. Due to limited avenues of entertainment and ease of access to television, it has been considered as the most popular and effective media for women. Among the variety of programmes, it is commonly evident that women are much more inclined to daily soaps, even more than cooking or fashion related programmes. Also most of the discussions among women's groups revolve around these soaps. It is believed that its features like centrality of female characters, multiple characters and plots, thrust on relationships. emphasis on problem solving, home as settings, portraval of powerful female and sensitive male etc. appeal predominantly to the female audience. This preference cuts across the boundaries of age, class, race, communal or religious affiliation, profession, rural-urban residence, educational background and other heterogeneities of the women. In fact, in spite of its sexist, patriarchal content, the feminists themselves are admittedly hooked on these daily soaps (Zoonen, 1994). Consequently soaps are considered as women's genre. But in hegemonic discourse, soaps are always disdained as a low cultural form, representing inferior, morally questionable and unrealistic portrayal of some insignificant issues.

Around 1970s the impact of feminist theories is felt in diverse disciplines including literature, Cultural Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology etc. But the most radical challenge provided by the feminist theories is felt in cultural studies, which discard the value laden distinction between high and low culture as well as the patriarchal bias. As a consequence, the cultural representations like soap opera gain scholarly attention and the sources of pleasure and enjoyment of a huge majority of female audience necessitate its re-evaluation rather than complete dismissal. Focus has been given on the power of soap operas in the construction of women's lives and their concepts of femininity.

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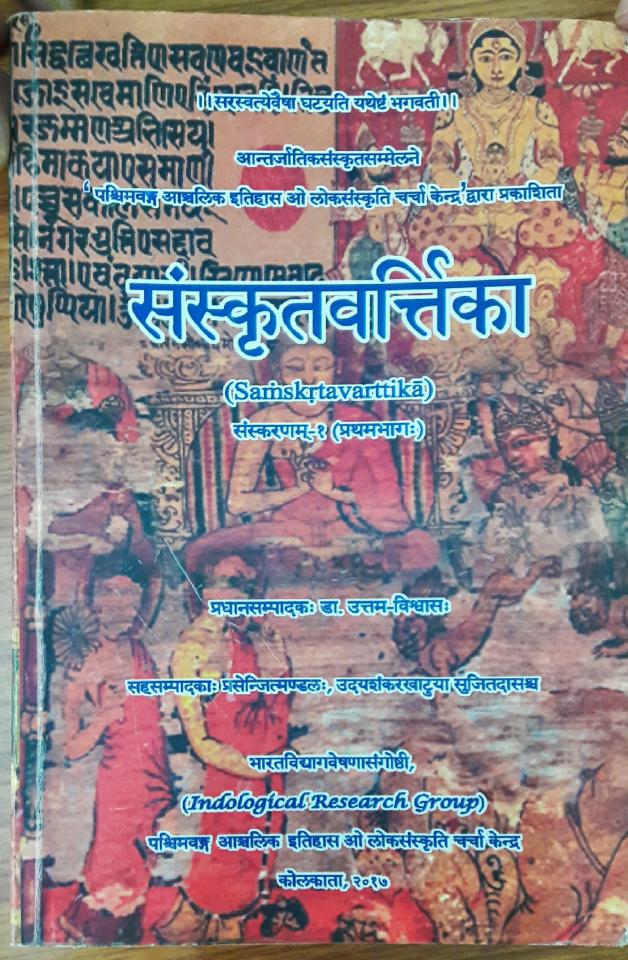
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काव्यमलंकरोति स तत्त्वविशेषो नामालंकारः। अलंकारशब्दस्याभिप्रायो भवति- आभरणं परिष्कारो विभूषणं मण्डनमाभूषणादयः—"अलंकारस्त्वाभरणं परिष्कारो विभूषणम्॥ मण्डनं च"ं। अस्मिन्नेव कोशग्रन्थे 'अलम्' पदस्यापि त्रिविधोऽर्थः प्राप्यते "अलं भूषणपर्याप्तिशक्तिवारणवाचकम्"ं। अलंकारशब्दस्य द्विविधं निर्वचनं प्राप्तम् "अलंकरोतीति अलंकारः" "अलंकृतिश्वालंकारः"। सर्वे आलंकारिकाः काव्यस्य जीवनाधायकतत्त्वरूपेण अलंकारं स्वीकुर्वन्ति—"अलंकारः काव्यजीवनमिति"। अत्र अलंमि'ति पदस्याभिप्रायः 'पूर्णता' भवति—"अलम्भावस्तु पूर्णता"। प्रायः सर्वेरालंकारिकैः स्वकीयविचारानुसारतः अलंकारस्य लक्षणं प्रदत्तम्। आचार्येण काम्मेनोक्तम्—"सौन्दर्यमलंकारः"। अनेनाचार्येण काव्यसौन्दर्य-हेतुभूताः समे धर्माः अलंकारेऽन्तर्भृताः भवन्ति—"काव्यं ग्राह्मम-लंकारात्"। अलंकारसम्प्रदायस्य संस्थापकेनालंकारतंत्रप्रजापतिचिरन्तनालंकारिकभामहेन काव्येऽलंकाराणां गौरवयुक्तमेव स्थानमृद्वोषितम्। तस्य विचारोऽस्ति यत् यथा विनतायाः वदनं कमनीयमपि अलंकारविरहितं शोभां न जनयति तथैव रम्यमपि काव्यालंकारवियुक्तं काव्यं न सहदयहृदयाह्वादनाय प्रभवति—

"रूपकादिरलंकारस्तथान्यैर्वहुघोदितः। न कान्तमपि निर्भृषं विभाति वनिताननम्॥"

भामहमतानुसारेणालंकाराः काव्यस्य स्वाभाविकशोभादायकधर्माः सन्ति यैः विदग्धमण्डनाकृशांगिसदृशानाम् अर्थमर्मज्ञानाम् अलंकृता वाणी विभूषिता भवति। अलंकारास्तावदु द्विविधाः शब्दगता अर्थगताश्चेति। बालभारतमहाकाव्येऽपि कविना

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"रस्यते आस्याद्यते इति रसः"। अनया व्युत्पत्त्या निष्पन्नोऽयं रसशव्दः। 'रस आस्वादे' इति धातुयोगे 'धञ्' प्रत्यययोगे "पुंसि संज्ञायां घः प्रायेण" स्त्रेणं निष्पन्नोऽयं रसशब्दः। अतः ज्ञायते यत् रसे आस्वादयता गुणसाम्ये धर्मस्य प्रधानता भवित। आद्याचार्यभरतेनाप्युक्तम्-"रस इति कः पदार्थः उच्यते आस्वादयत्वात्" संस्कृतवाद्यये रसशब्दस्य प्रयोगं प्राचीनकालादेवायाति। अनेकार्थकोऽयं रसशब्दः। सारदुग्धजलद्रवतरलवीर्यानन्दप्रेमभावनाविषरागगन्धस्वादिष्टपदार्थ-लावण्यादयः अभिप्रायोऽस्ति रसस्य-

रसो गन्धो रसे स्वादे तिक्तादौ विषरागयोः शृङ्गारादौ द्रवे वीर्ये देहधात्वभ्वुपारदे।। अनेकार्थनाममालानामकग्रन्थे रसशब्दस्य सम्बन्धे एवं विधमुक्तं वर्तते-शृङ्गारादौ कषायादौ घृतादौ च विषे जले। निर्यासे पारदे रागे वीर्येऽपि रस इष्यते।।

ऋग्वेदे यजुर्वेदे सामवेदे अथर्ववेदे आयुर्वेदे छन्दःशास्त्रे काव्यचिन्तनक्षेत्रे नाखक्षेत्रे संगीतशास्त्रे मूर्तीकलाक्षेत्रे चित्रकलाक्षेत्रे प्रभृतिविचारक्षेत्रे अयं 'रस' शब्दः विभिन्नार्थं सुप्रयुक्तः वर्तते। रसशास्त्रे तु सहदयावधारणायाः स्थानमतीवमहनीयमस्ति। तत्रैव हृद्ये संवादस्य रसनिष्पत्तौ सहृदयस्य हृदयसंवादस्य च स्थानं वरेण्यम् अस्ति। रसस्यार्थविकासप्रसंगे वयं पश्यामः यत् सामान्यव्यवहारे रसस्यार्थचतुष्ट्ये प्रयोगः भवति-

- १.पदार्थः रसः अस्तः तिक्तः कषादयश्च।
- २. आयुर्वेदे रसः
- ३. साहित्यरसः
- ४. मोक्षोऽथवा भक्ति रसः।

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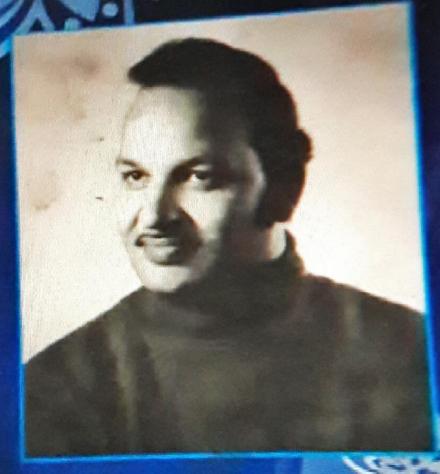
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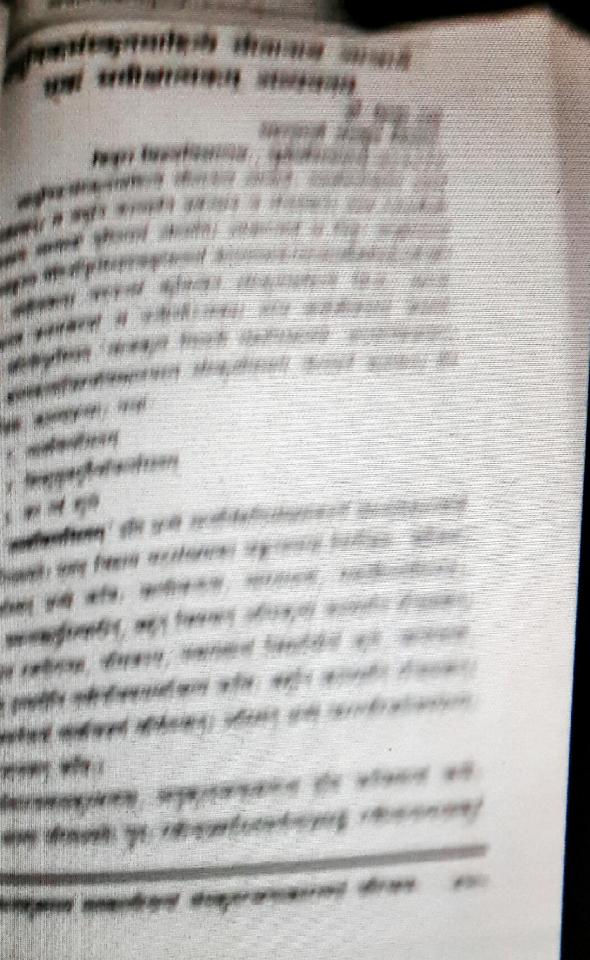
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भगवन्तं शिवमाश्रित्यैव शैवानां शास्त्रपरम्परा समाद्रियते। सैण्डर्सन्-महोद्यस्य मतानुसारं न तु ये केवलं शिवस्योपासनां कुर्वन्ति ते एव शैवाः अपि च ये खलु देव्याः आराधनां कुर्वन्ति तेऽपि शैवाः इति। १ एवं स्पष्टं भवति यदु शिवशक्त्योः भेदः नैव विद्यते तत्र प्रमाणं तावदागमशास्त्रम्। सूतसंहितावचने प्राप्यते"सा देवी परमादेवी शिवभिन्ना शिवङ्करी। शिवभिन्ना तया हीनशिवोऽपि हि निरर्थकः॥"इति। अपि च आचार्येण शक्तिव्यतिरेके सति शिवस्य शिवत्वं नैव स्वीकृतम्,तत्र दृश्यते"न शिवः शक्तिरहितो न शक्तिर्व्यतिरेकिणी। शिवः शक्तस्तथा भावानिच्छया कर्तुमीहते। शक्तिशक्तिमतोर्भेदः शैवे जात न वर्ण्यते॥" रवतो हि इ-कार एव शिवे (श्+इ+व्+अ) शक्तेः द्योतकः वर्णः। अत्र पत्रेऽस्मिन् श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतायाः महामाहेश्वराचार्येण अभिनवगप्तेन गूढार्थप्रतिपादनात्मके व्याख्यामूलके भगवद्गीतार्थसंग्रहे ग्रन्थे काश्मीरशैवदर्शनानुसारं शिवाद्वयवादोल्लेखपुरस्सरं मोक्षस्य स्वरूपं पर्यालोचिययते। आगममूलकमेतत् त्रिकदर्शनम्। नवमराताब्द्याः प्रथमार्धे आचार्येण वसुगुप्तेन यानि शिवसूत्राणि स्वप्ने महादेवानुग्रहात् अधिगतानि, तानि अपि आगमकल्पानि शैवदर्शने। तस्य शिष्येण भट्टकोल्लटेन स्पन्दकारिकायां जगतः उन्मेषनिमेषहेतुभूताया अहंविमर्शरूपायाः ज्ञातृत्वकर्तृत्वरूपस्पन्दशक्त्याः विवेचनं कृतम्। ततश्च सोमा-नन्देन स्वस्य शिव-दृष्टौ^३ त्रिकदर्शनस्य सर्वाङ्गतत्त्वमुन्मेषितम्। सोमानन्दस्य शिष्येण आचार्येण उत्पलदेवेन ईश्वरप्रत्यभिज्ञाकारिकायां प्रत्यभिज्ञापर्यायं शैवदर्शनं सम्यक् प्रतिष्ठितम्। तदन् दशमशताब्द्याम् अभिनवगुप्तेन तन्त्रालोके तन्त्रसारे च शैवदर्शनालोकेन दर्शनस्यास्य सारः प्रदत्तः। त्रिकदर्शनप्रतिष्ठापकेषु लघुग्रन्थेषु अभिनवगुप्तेन विरचिताः परमार्थसारः, बोधपञ्चद्शिका, प्रमार्थचर्चा,इत्यादयः य्रन्था उल्लेखयोग्याः। स्तोत्रयन्थेषु भैरवस्तव-क्रमस्तोत्र-अनुत्तराष्टिका-अनुभवनिवेदनस्तोत्र-देवस्थदेवतास्तोत्राणि च

प्रसिद्धानि। अनुत्तर-परमेश्वरस्य विश्वमये स्वरूपेऽत्र तादात्म्यत्वं प्रकटितम्। गुप्तपादेन ईश्वरप्रत्यभिज्ञाविमर्शिन्यां परात्रीशिकाविवरणे शिवदृष्ट्यालोचने च काश्मीरशिवाहय-वादस्य तत्त्वानि उन्मोचितानि। इतोऽपि श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतायाः व्याख्यामृलके भगवद्गीतार्थसंग्रहे काश्मीरशैवदर्शनस्य तत्त्वानुसरणमुखेन व्याख्या ग्रथिता।शैवसाहित्ये भगवद्गीतायाः महत्त्वम् अस्माद् कारणाद्धिकं विद्यते यतो हि एतत्परम्परानुसारेण ज्ञायते भगवता श्रीकृष्णेन महर्षेः दुर्वाससोऽद्वैतवादिनः शैवागमसमूहाः अधिगताः। उपमन्युतश्च अन्येषामागमानां तस्याहोरणिमति। अत्र टीकायां शुद्धविद्याविद्ययोः मध्ये संघातस्य एव पाण्डवकौरवयोर्मध्ये रणक्षेत्रं चोतकम्। मूलतः अत्र प्रत्यभिज्ञादर्शनस्य शिवाद्वयवादः परिस्फुटित। का नाम प्रत्यभिज्ञा? अहमीश्वर एव नान्य इत्येवं यः साक्षात्कारः स प्रत्यभिज्ञेत्युच्यते⁸ अथवा प्रतीपमात्मा-भिमुख्येन ज्ञानं प्रकाशः प्रत्यभिज्ञा। अविद्यावशादु जीवः स्वस्य शिवत्वं विस्मृत्य अणुत्वं लभते, ततश्च साधनया अविद्यापाशं नाशियत्वा पुनः शिवत्वमाप्नोति सोऽहं शिवेति प्रत्यभिज्ञां च जायते। त्रिकशास्त्रस्यास्य अपरं नाम स्वातन्त्र्यवादः, आभासवादः षडर्घशास्त्रं वा। अनुत्तरः इच्छा उन्मेषाश्च शक्तित्रयं त्रिक इत्यख्यया भूषितम् । परा-अपरा-परापराणां शक्तीनामपि कुत्रापि वा त्रिकत्वम्"। दर्शनेऽस्मिन् केषुचिद् स्थलेषु चिच्छक्तीच्छाशक्तिज्ञानशक्तीनां त्रिकसंज्ञा अपि प्राप्यते।

अस्मिन् आगमसम्मते मते द्विनवतिः आगमाः स्वीक्रियन्ते। तेषु च सिद्धानामक-मालिन्यश्च मुख्याः आगमग्रन्थाः इति। त्रिकदर्शनानुसारं शिवस्य रूपद्वयं वर्त्तते। विश्वमयः विश्वोत्तीर्णश्चेति, तत्र सर्वाकृतिः विश्वमयः, निराकृतिः विश्वोत्तीर्णः। एकिस्मिन् समये कथं तर्हि शिवस्य उभयत्र प्रकाशः? जयरथमतानुसारं दर्पणाद् भिन्नाः घटादयः पदार्थाः यथा दर्पणे प्रतिफलिताः अभिन्नरूपेण प्रतिभान्ति तथा परमशिवस्य इच्छानुसारं तस्य स्वरूपतः भिन्नरूपेण तस्यैव स्वरूपे अवभासितः स्थावरजङ्गमात्मकः विश्वः तस्य स्वरूपाद् अभिन्नरूपेण प्रकाशितः भवति। अतः स अवभासकरूपेण विश्वमयः विश्वोत्तीर्णश्चेति उभयात्मकः।

अर्जुनः यदा युद्धात् विरतिं निर्णीतवान् तदा भगवता यान् विचारान् समाश्रित्य अर्जुनाय उपदिदेश तेषां गीतोपदेशानां संकलनरूपोऽयं ग्रन्थः श्रीमद्भगवद्गीति। श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता योगशास्त्रमण्यित्ति। प्रत्येकमध्यायस्यान्तिमे "ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे" इत्युष्ठेखेन ज्ञायते यद् गीतायाः मुख्यं प्रतिपाद्यं ब्रह्मविद्यायाः गूढविद्यायाः प्रतिपादनं सारल्येन भगवन्मुखेनेति। आध्यात्मक्षेत्रस्य सर्वेषां सिद्धान्तानां समन्वयं कृत्वा एकस्य सिद्धान्तस्य स्थापनकार्यं दुरूहं भवति। अतः आचार्येण शङ्करेणोक्तं "तिददं गीताशास्त्रं

समस्तवेदार्थसारसंग्रहभूतं दुर्विज्ञेयम्"। शुद्धात्मकस्य शिवस्याभिव्यक्तिवशात् सृष्टे जगति सर्वं वासुदेवे परिसमाप्यते।

श्रीमद्भगवतगीतायाः व्याख्यान्वितेऽभिनवगुप्तपादेन विरचिते भगवद्गीतार्थसंग्रहे महाभारतस्य काश्मीरपाठः गृहीतः। आचार्यण अत्र ग्रन्थान्तर्गतानां श्लोकानां पदार्थप्रदर्शन-पुरस्सरमर्थः नैव विहितः अपि च गृहार्थः एव प्रकटितः स्वस्य व्याख्यायाम्। अभिनवगुप्तात् प्रागपि काश्मीरेषु बह्व्यः टीकाः भगवद्गीतायाः लिखिताः। तासु टीकासु नवमशताब्द्यां राजानकरामकण्ठेन प्रणीतायां सर्वतोभद्रटीकायां यः पाठः प्राप्यते दशमशताब्द्यामभिनवगुप्तस्य गीतार्थसंग्रहे प्रायः स एव पाठ दृश्यते, क्षेत्रीयपरिधिवशात् पाठभेदः कदापि जायते तस्य एव उदाहरणमूलकोऽयं गीतार्थसंग्रहः। पाठभेदेषु केचन अत्र उदाहरणाय प्रदीयन्ते-

- धर्मक्षेत्रे कुरुक्षेत्रे सर्वक्षत्रसमागमे। (१.१)
- अपर्याप्तं तदस्माकं बलं भीष्माभिरक्षितम्। (१.१०)
- पर्याप्तं त्विद्मेतेषां बलं भीमाभिरक्षितम्॥
- कर्मण्यस्त्वधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन॥ (२.४८)
- ईश्वरः सर्वभूतानां हृद्येष वसतेऽर्जुन (१८.६१)

गुप्तपादेन अत्र स्वीयदृष्ट्या गृहार्थप्रकाशनाय येषां स्थलानां व्याख्याकरणमावश्यकं मन्यते तेषां स्थलानामुपरि एव स्वस्य व्याख्या निगदिता। शरीरान्तर्गतयोः विद्याविद्ययोः शुभाशुभयोः भावनयोः प्रतिपादनं प्रतीकमुखेन विहिताऽत्र टीकायाम्। भक्तिरसस्रोतसा स्नातः भूत्वा अहंकारं परित्यज्य द्वैतसिद्धान्तस्य महामोहतः निर्गत्य च ब्रह्ममयिचितिशक्ते आलोकेन उद्भासितः सन् माहेश्वराचार्यः अभिनवगुप्तः स्वस्य व्याख्याने शिवाद्वयवादस्य मतं प्रदत्तवान्^९। शिवाद्वयस्य समन्वयदृष्टिअत्र प्रतिभाति-"लसद्भक्तिरसावेषहीनाहंकारविभ्रमः। स्थितेऽपि गुणसंमर्दे गुणातीतः समो यतिः॥ "अपि च" हत्वाद्वैतमहामोहं कृत्वा ब्रह्ममयीं चितिम्। लौकिके व्यवहारेपि मुनिर्नित्यं समाविशेत्॥" अस्यां टीकायां सर्वापेक्षया उल्लेखयोग्याः अभिनवगुप्तेन विरचिताः संग्रहश्लोकाः च गीतार्थावगमनाय द्रष्टव्याः। प्रथमोऽध्यायस्य प्रथमे श्लोके गुप्तपादेन कथितम् "कुरूणां करणानां यत्क्षेत्रं -अनुग्राहकम्, अत एव सांसारिकधर्माणां सर्वेषां क्षेत्रं-उत्पत्तिनिमित्तत्वात्, अयं स परमो धर्मो यद्योगेनात्मदर्शनम् (याज्ञवल्क्यरमृतिः) इत्यस्य च धर्मस्य क्षेत्रम्, समस्तधर्माणां क्षयादपवर्गप्राप्त्या त्राणभूतं तद्धिकारि शरीरम्" । अतः जीवस्य स्वस्य शत्रुभावनामित्रभावने च अत्र कौरवपाण्डवनिर्देशाद

परिस्फुटतः। यतः शरीरमेव सर्वेषामिन्द्रियाणां क्षेत्रम् यत्र रागद्वेषकोधक्षमाद्यादीनां पारस्कुटतान समावेशः दश्यते। प्रथमोऽध्यायस्य दशमे श्लोके यत्र अन्यैः टीकाकारैः केवलं कौरवाणां विजयपक्षः प्रकटितः तत्र अभिनवगुप्तेन अनुकूलप्रतिकूलयोः उभयपक्षयोः अर्थः प्रदर्शितः। ^{१२} सर्वेषामध्यायानां समापनावसारे अभिनवगुप्तेन संग्रहश्लोकः प्रदत्तः। अस्य गीतार्थसंग्रहस्य प्रथमोऽध्यायस्य अन्तिमे संग्रहश्लोके ज्ञानाज्ञानयोः चर्चा विद्याविद्ययोः उल्लेखेन सम्पूर्णस्याध्यायस्यास्य सारः निगदितः, तथा च निर्विकल्पसरण्यां त्यागस्य महत्त्वं च प्रदर्शितम्। १३ सेनयोरुभयोर्मध्ये इत्युक्ते ज्ञानाज्ञानयोर्मध्ये, "अत्र उभयोर्गि ज्ञानाज्ञानयोर्मध्यगः भगवतानुशिष्यते" इति अभिनवगुप्तः। ^{१४} स्वतन्त्रस्य परमेश्वरस्य चर्चा प्रसङ्गानुसारं उछिख्यते अभिनवगुप्तेन-"नास्य नाशकरणं शस्त्रादि किंचित्करम्, चिदेकस्वभावस्यानाश्रितस्य निरपेक्षस्य निरंशस्य स्वतन्त्रस्य स्वभावान्तरापत्त्याश्रय-विनाशावयवविभागविरोधिप्रादुर्भावादिक्रमेण नाशयितुमशक्यत्वात्।" एवं स्वतन्त्रस्य परमेश्वरस्य अभिव्यक्तिवशाद् जगतः सृष्टि इत्यभिप्रायः। द्वितीयोऽध्यायस्य "अव्यक्तादीनि भूतानि व्यक्तमध्यानि भारत" इत्यस्य श्लोकस्य टीकायां "किंच यत्तन्मूलकारणं किंचिद्भिमतं तदेव यथाक्रमं विचित्रस्वभावतया स्वात्ममध्ये दर्शिततत्तदनन्तसृष्टिस्थितिसंहतिवैचित्रयं नित्यमेव" इति वदता गुप्तपादेन परमेश्वरे वासुदेवे सृष्टिस्थितिलयानां पर्यवसानं कृतम्। १६ "न हि कश्चित् क्षणमपि जातु तिष्ठत्यकर्मकृत्" श्लोकस्यास्य ज्ञानिकययोः प्रसङ्गे टीकायां प्राप्यश्लोकं "न क्रियारिहतं ज्ञानं न ज्ञानरिहता क्रिया। ज्ञानिकयाविनिष्पन्न आचार्य पशुपाशहा॥"आश्रित्य ज्ञानकर्मसमुचयवादस्य सिद्धान्तः उपलभ्यते। एवं श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता-र्थसंग्रहस्य द्वितीयोऽध्यायस्य संग्रहश्लोके^{१८} मनसः प्रवृत्तिः कथं भवति तद्विषयिणी चर्चा उहिषिता। चित्तस्य विषयाणां त्यागमाध्यमेन भोगः भोगेन च त्यागस्य सत्यरूपमत्र यथार्थतया तेन उपस्थापितम्। अन्यसंस्करणै सह काश्मीरीयपाठस्य तुलनात्मकावलोकने श्लोकसंख्यास् पाठमेदोऽपि दृश्यते। यथा तृतीयोऽध्यायस्य नवद्श श्लोकतः पञ्चविंशतिश्लोकपर्यन्तं श्लोकेषु कमवैसादृश्यं दृश्यते, तथा च अत्र पञ्च संख्यकाः अधिकाः श्लोका अपि प्राप्यत्ते। यत्र अर्जुनः पृच्छति कामकोधादीनामुत्पत्तिः कथं वर्धते? प्रश्नामुत्तरूपेण च कृष्णोपदेशः द्रष्टव्यः। १९ संवादोऽयं प्रचितितभगवद्गीतासु नैव प्राप्यते। तृतीयोऽध्यायस्य एकादश तमस्य श्लोकस्य व्याख्यायां यत्र अन्ये टीकाकाराः देव इति शब्दस्य अर्थः यज्ञार्थे^२ निर्दिष्टः, तत्र अभिनवगुप्तेन इन्द्रियार्थे^२ देवशब्दस्य व्याख्या विहिता। एवं प्रकारेण चतुर्थोऽध्यायस्य चतुर्त्रिशत्तमे श्लोके^{२२} यत्र अन्यटीकाकाराणां मतानुसारे ज्ञानीनां रारणं प्रति ज्ञानं जायते तत्रापि इन्द्रियाणां प्रधानता अभिनवगुप्तेनोद्धोषिती।

इन्द्रियाणां शरणं गच्छन्तः मनुष्याः इन्द्रियान् संयम्य आत्मज्ञानलाभे समर्थाः भवन्ति। ^{२३} तृतीयोऽध्यायस्य साररूपे संग्रहश्लोके ^{२४} साधकस्य सन्मार्गे गमनाय धनादीनां तुच्छताज्ञानमावश्यकरूपेण वर्णितं तथा च तस्येव साधनं किं भवेदित्यस्य चर्चा चतुर्थोऽध्यायस्य संग्रहश्लोके ^{२५} इन्द्रियाणां संयमन-रूपेणोल्लिखिता। अतः पञ्चमाध्यायस्य त्रयोदश^{२६}

श्लोकस्य व्याख्यायां सुन्दरोतया आत्मनः स्वरूपवर्णनायामभिनवगुप्तस्याभिनवत्वं पर्यवसित। अध्यायस्यास्य संग्रहश्लोके उपनिषन्मन्त्रेषु निगदितस्य चरमतत्त्वस्य ब्रह्मतत्त्वस्य अभिव्यक्तिः सुचारुतया उपस्थापिता। षष्ठाध्यायस्य बहुषु श्लोकेषु पाठभेदः र दृश्यते,अपि च अन्यत्र व्याख्यायां नवीनत्वमपि प्रणिधानयोग्यम्। यथा"तं विद्यादुःखसंयोगवियोगं योगसंज्ञितम्। स निश्चयेन योक्तव्यो योगोऽनिर्वण्णचेतसा॥ "श्लोकेऽस्मिन् न केवलं पाठभेदः, अपि च निर्विण्णचेतसा अस्मिन् स्थले अनिर्विण्णम् इत्यस्य पाठभेदस्य टीकायां चोक्तम् –"उपेयप्राप्तौ दृढतरं, संसारं दुःखबहुलं प्रति निर्विणं चेतो यस्य" इति। भक्तेः सारस्वतत्वमध्यायस्यास्य साररूपे संग्रहश्लोके^{२९} तस्य मोक्षमार्गस्य विस्तारकमः यथाकमं सप्तमाध्यायस्य संग्रहे^{१९}अष्टमाध्यायस्य सारे^{११} च प्रस्तूयते। "चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहम्" इत्यस्य वाकास्य सार्थकता तत्र अद्वयरूपे परमशिवं प्रतिपादिता। सप्तमेऽध्यायेऽर्थदृष्ट्या तादृशः भेदसमन्वितः पाठः नैव लक्ष्यते। अष्टमाध्यायस्य २२ तमे श्लोके यः पाठभेदः ^{३२} दृश्यते तस्य उल्लेखः प्रचलितः भगवद्गीतासु नैव लभ्यते। अतः परवर्त्तिनि श्लोके अनावृत्तिः ३३ इत्यस्य पदस्य अर्थः गुप्तपादेन मोक्ष इति उक्तः। ग्रन्थस्यारम्भे मङ्गलाश्लोकेषु मोक्षस्य स्वरूपं सम्यगवभासते यत्र आचार्येणाभिनवगुप्तेन लिखितः श्लोकोऽयम्-"मोक्षश्च नाम सकलाप्रविभागरूपे सर्वज्ञसर्वकरणादिशुभस्वभावे। आकाङ्क्षाविरहिते भगवत्यधीशे नित्योदित लय इत्यान्प्रथितः समासात्" इति। एवं काश्मीरीयपाठान्विते भगवद्गीतासमन्विते गीतार्थसंग्रहे काश्मीरशैवदर्शनस्य मूलतः शिवाद्वयवादस्य प्रभा उदेति क्षणं क्षणम्। व्याख्यायां सर्वे ब्रह्मतत्त्वलाभाय अधिकारि न भवितुमर्हन्ति इति उदाहरणमुखेन सुष्टृ प्रदर्शितम् "यद्वदाकाशवाय्वोरविनाभाविन्यपि संबन्धे न तु जातुचिन्नभः स्पृशता श्रुयते, एवं सकलसंसारविसार्यपि भगवत्तत्त्वं न सर्वजनविषयम्" इति ३५। तथा टीकायां नारीशृद्रानां 🛰 कृते आचार्येण अभिनवगुप्तेन समदर्शितायाः प्रमाणं प्रस्तुतम्। मोक्षलाभाय स्त्रीशृद्वादय अपि समर्था भवन्तीति सिद्धान्तः तस्य टीकायां तेन प्रदर्शितः-" पापयोनयः पशुपक्षीसरीसृपादयः।स्त्रिय इत्यज्ञाः। वेश्या इति कृष्यादिकर्मान्तररताः। शुद्रा इति कार्त्स्येन वैदिकिकयानिधकृताः परतन्त्रवृत्तयश्च। तेऽपि मदाश्रिता यजन्ते।

गजेन्द्रामोक्षणादीनि चिरतानि हि परमकारुणिकस्य भगवतः सहस्रशः श्रूयन्ते। किमहें पुनरेतद्विपरीतवृत्तयः।" एवं पूर्वोपक्षोत्तरपक्षोह्रेखपुरःसरं "मां हि पार्थ व्यपाश्रित्य येऽपि स्युः पापयोनयः। स्त्रियो वैश्यास्तथा शूद्रास्तेऽपि यान्ति परां गतिम्" इत्यादीनं श्लोकानां व्याख्या प्रस्तुता, यत्र भेदाभेदं निराकुर्वता तेन भगवतः सर्वानुमाहिकाशक्तेः स्वरूपमेवोद्धोषितम्। सारसंग्रहे च तस्याः एव द्यूतिः। एवं काश्मीरशैवदर्शनाश्रितानि तत्त्वानि उदाहरणमुखेन अनेभ्यः आगमादिभ्यः उद्धेखपुरःसरमन्येषु अध्यायेषु अपि व्याख्यातानि, मूलतः आचार्यस्य टीकायां प्रथमतः नवमोऽध्यायपर्यन्तं विस्तृता व्याख्या प्रणिधेया अत्र एव सारः। यतो हि नाम्ना ज्ञायते गूढार्थानां संग्रहत्वाद् गीतार्थसंग्रह इति अतः अनुह्लिखिताः संग्रहश्लोकाः अन्तटिप्पण्यांप्रदीयन्ते सारावगमनाय इति। अतः अनुह्लिखताः संग्रहश्लोकाः अन्तटिप्पण्यांप्रदीयन्ते सारावगमनाय इति।

ज्ञानकर्मसमुचयवादस्य प्रतिष्ठापिकायामस्यां व्याख्यायां प्रकाशविमर्शमाया-रूपस्या-द्वयशिवस्य चिच्छक्तेः वा स्फुरणात्मकं ज्ञानं भासते। सत्यस्य शिवस्यअभिव्यक्तिः अस्मिन् जगति, प्रसङ्गेऽस्मिन् उदाहियते लक्ष्मणजूमहाराजस्य कथनम्- " Vedanta holds that this universe is untrue, unreal. It does not really exist. It is only the creation of illusion (Māyā). Concerning this point Kashmir Shaivism argues that if Lord Śiva is real then how could an unreal substance come out from something that is real. If Lord Śiva is real then his creation is also real. Why should it be said that Lord Siva is real and his creation is an illusion (Māyā)? Kashmir Shaivism explains that the existence of this Universe is just real as the existence of Lord Śiva. As such it is true, real, pure and solid. There is nothing at all about it which is unreal.एवं कार्यकारणतत्वेऽत्र सांख्यदर्शनं स्वीकियते। यद्यपि काश्मीरशैवदर्शने परमशिवस्य इच्छाशक्तेः कारणादेव सृष्टिर्भवतीति। अत्र गीतार्थसंग्रहे च वर्णितः, अभिनवगुप्तेन ज्ञानकर्मणोः समुचयः प्रदर्शितः, सृष्टेः आभासः पञ्चमोऽध्यायस्य चतुर्दश-श्लोकस्य टीकायां तेन उक्तम्-"एष किंचित्कस्यचित्करोति।प्रवृत्तिस्त्वस्य स्वभावमात्रं न फलेप्सया।तथाहि संवेदनात्मनी स्वभावमात्राक्षिप्तसमस्त सृष्टिस्थितिसंहित-प्रबन्धस्य स्वस्वभावान्न मनागप्ययो जातुचित्। इति न कर्त्रवस्थाितिरितं कर्तन्तं विकास प्रकाशानन्दस्वातन्त्र्यपरमार्थस्वभावस्य कर्तृत्वं किंचिद्। तदभावात्कानि कर्माणि, तद् सत्त्वे कस्य फलम्, को वा कर्मफलसंबन्धः। कर्मात्र क्रिया। कर्मफलमपि च क्रियाफलमेव। "अनेन च गीतार्थसंग्रहे काश्मीरिशवाद्वयवादस्य मतं प्रतिष्ठापयता आचार्येण अभिनवगृप्तेन स्वरचनयायामभिनवत्वं च प्रस्तुतम्। ब्राह्मणेन लोटकेन प्रचोदिते सित एषा व्याख्या अभिनवगुप्तेन ग्रथिता अतः दृश्यते अयं श्लोकः—"तच्चरणकमलमधुपो भगवद्गीतार्थ-संग्रहं व्याद्घ्यात्। अभिनवगुप्तः सिद्दवजलोटककृत-चोदनावशतः"। व्यासदेवप्रणीतस्य महाभारतस्यअन्तर्गतायाः मोक्षप्रतिपादिकायाः १० भगवद्गीतायाः टीकायां गूढार्थप्रकाशनाय एषः प्रयासः विहितः। गीतार्थसंग्रहे काश्मीरिशवा-द्वयवादस्य आलोचनासमापनावसरे भगवन्तं शिवं प्रति अभिनवगुप्तपादस्य प्रणतिपूर्वकं लेखनी तस्य अभिनवत्वमेव प्रकटयतीत्यलम्।

"अभिनवरूपा शक्तिस्तद्गुप्तो यो महेश्वरो देवः। तदुभययामलरूपमभिनवगुप्तं शिवं वन्दे॥"^{8र}

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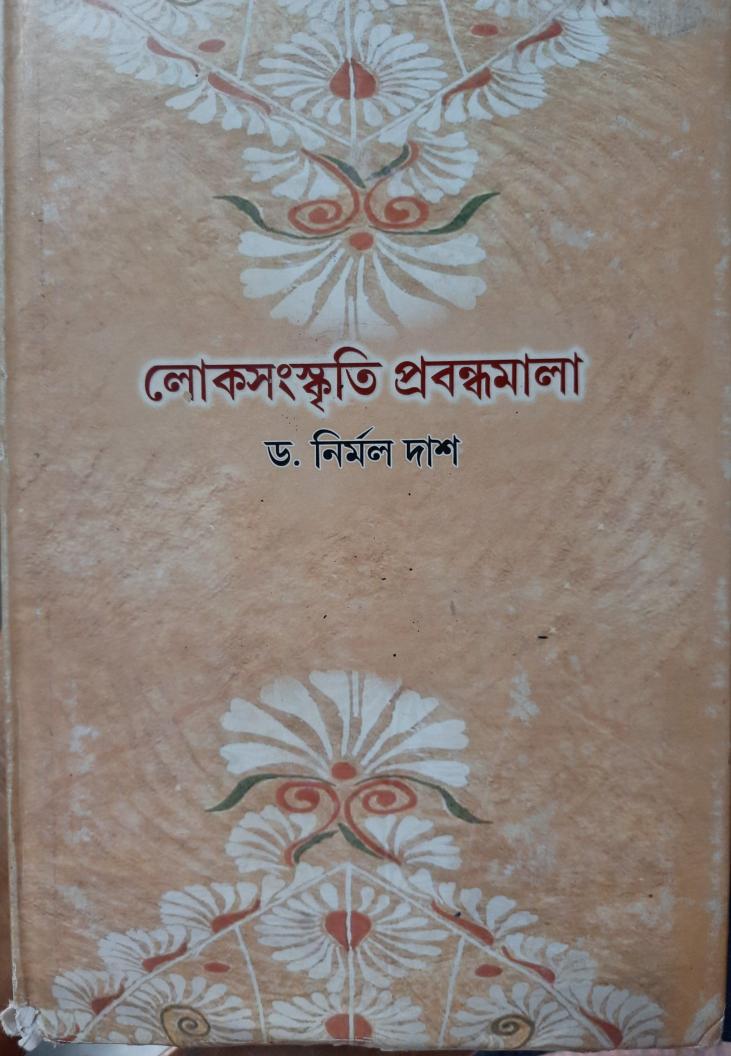
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ভুবনায়ন বা শ্লোবালাইজেসন অর্থনীতির সঙ্গে সম্পর্কিত গভীর ব্যঞ্জনাবাহী একটি শব্দ। সম্প্রতি, বিভিন্ন দৃষ্টিকোণ থেকে বিবিধ ব্যঞ্জনায় শব্দটি আমাদের কাছে পরিচিত হয়ে উঠেছে। সাহিত্যের গতি প্রকৃতি নির্ধারণে অর্থনীতিরও যে একটি সম্পর্ক রয়েছে, তা সবারই জানা। আমরা নির্বাক বিস্ময়ে অর্থনীতির জগতে এই ' গ্লোবালাইজেসনে'র সর্বগ্রাসী আধিপত্য প্রত্যক্ষ করছি। অতি দ্রুত, অর্থনীতির একটি জালে আপামর ভারতবাসী বন্দী হয়ে যাচ্ছে। এ হল বাণিজ্য ও বিনিয়োগের বিশ্বব্যাপী বিস্তার ব্যাপারটা যে আগেছিল না, তা নয়। তার স্বরূপ ভিন্ন এবং এর মাত্রাও ছিল না বহুমুখী। তবে সাম্প্রতিক বিশ্বায়নের বহুব্যাপকতা ও আগ্রাসন লক্ষ্যণীয় বিষয়। শুধু বাণিজ্য ও বিনিয়োগ নয়, সামগ্রিক উৎপাদন ব্যবস্থা, উঁচুতলা থেকে নিচুতলা পর্যন্ত রুটি-রুজির সঙ্গে তার সুসম্বন্ধ। আক্ষরিক অর্থেই বিশ্বায়ন অর্থনীতির জগতের সমান্তরালে গোটা দুনিয়ার মানবসংস্কৃতির প্রতিস্পর্ধী হয়ে দাঁড়িয়েছে।

বিশ্বায়নের গতিশীল প্রক্রিয়ায় ব্যবসা-বাণিজ্যের প্রশ্নে দেশীয় অর্থনীতি এবং জাতীয় মুদ্রার নির্দিষ্ট গণ্ডি অবলুপ্ত হয়ে গেছে। ১৯৯৭ সালের আগস্ট মাসে হাভানায় (কিউবার রাজধানী) বিশ্বের তিনশো দেশের ট্রেড ইউনিয়নের প্রতিনিধিরা বিশ্বায়নের সূত্র নিয়ে আলোচনায় সমবেত হয়েছিলেন। গৃহীত মূল প্রস্তাবে বিশ্বায়ন সম্পর্কে বলা হল: That the neo-liberal Globalisation in a new stage of capitalism characterised by Economic concentration in the hands of transnational corporations which in its search for competiveness and cost effectiveness, one trying to cut back but all possible means.

ফসল। এখানে আলোচনা করতে গিয়ে অদ্বৈত পূরাণ প্রসঙ্গ টেনে এনেছেন। যাকে লোক উপাদান আখ্যা দেওয়া যায়। প্রসঙ্গত, ভিখারীদের নিয়ে গবেষণার ক্ষেত্র অদ্বৈতকে আমরা পথ প্রদর্শক বলতে পারি।

'গঙ্গাসাগর মেলায়' যাবার অভিজ্ঞতা অর্জন করেছিলেন অদ্বৈত। মানুষেরা মেলায় এসে জীবনকে ভিন্ন চোখে দেখার দার্শনিক প্রত্যয় লাভ করে আবার সংসার জীবনে ফিরে যায়। তাঁরা কপিলমূণির পায়ে শ্রদ্ধা নিবেদনের জন্য এখানে আসে। সগররাজার যাট হাজার সন্তানের কথাও তাদের জানা আছে। লেখক জানিয়েছেন: "দিশেহারা কূলহারা মানুষ অনেক দুঃখ ক্লেশ ভোগ করে এখানে এসে উপস্থিত হয়। কেন, কিসের আশায়? এর জবাব দেওয়া সহজ নয়।"

অদৈত লক্ষ্য করেছেন: "খোশআমোদে গান আর সরকারের প্রচার যেন মানুষের তীর্থ দর্শনের সমস্ত আকাঙ্ক্ষাকে মাটি করে দেয়। আমার মতে তীর্থস্তানের দুর্গমতাকে তার কৃচ্ছে সাধ্যতাকে এভাবে পঙ্কিল করে দেওয়া কোনক্রমেই উচিত নয়। বিশেষ করে এই স্থানে আমোদ-প্রমোদের আমদানি একান্তই গর্হিত।"

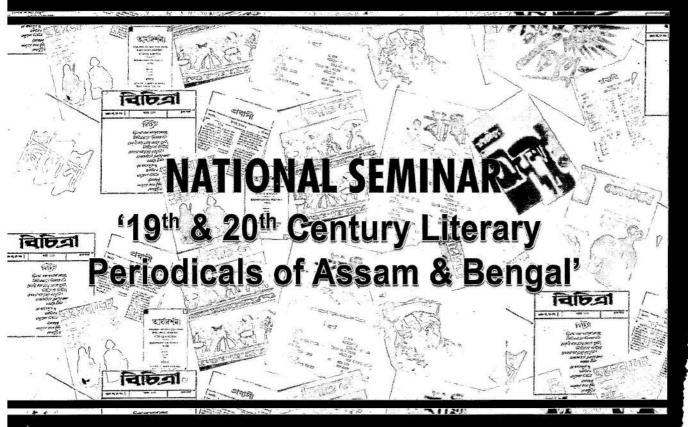
অদ্বৈত মল্লবর্মণ তাঁর সৃষ্টিকে সমৃদ্ধি দিয়েছিলেন লোকসংস্কৃতিকে অবলম্বন করেই। তাই তিনি লোকসংস্কৃতির উপাদান সংগ্রাহক এটা যেমন সত্য তেমনি জলজীবনের মহাকাব্য রচনার ক্ষেত্রেও তিনি একজন সফল স্রস্টা। তিনি উপলব্ধি করেছিলেন, উচ্চকোটির সংস্কৃতির প্রভাবে লোকসংস্কৃতির জগৎ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হয়। লোকসংস্কৃতির বৃত্ত ভেঙে যায়। তাই 'সাগরতীর্থে' প্রবন্ধে লিখেছেন: "তীর্থক্ষেত্রে যাবার জন্য যেদিন থেকে আমরা যান্ত্রিক যানবাহনকে অবলম্বন করতে শিখেছি, সেইদিন থেকে তীর্থ আমাদের নিকট তাদের মাহাত্ম কিছু কিছু হারাতে বসেছে। তিনি এই হারিয়ে যাবার কথাই উপন্যাসে বলেছেন একটু ভিন্নভাবে। তিনি বলেছেন: "মালোদের নিজস্ব সংস্কৃতি ছিল। গানে, গল্পে, প্রবাদে এবং লোকসাহিত্যের অন্যান্য মালমসলায় সে সংস্কৃতি ছিল অপূর্ব। পূজাপার্বণে, হাসি ঠাট্টায় এবং দৈনন্দিন জীবনের আত্মপ্রকাশের ভাষাতে তাদের সংস্কৃতি ছিল বৈশিষ্ট্যপূর্ণ।"

অদ্বৈত মল্লবর্মণ অত্যন্ত সচেতনভাবে একজন লোক উপাদান সংগ্রাহকের ভূমিকা পালন করেছেন। আবার তাঁর শ্রেষ্ঠকীর্তি 'তিতাস একটি নদীর নাম' উপন্যাসের সমৃদ্ধি লোক উপাদানকে কেন্দ্র করেই। মালোদের জীবনসংস্কৃতি এই উপন্যাসের আত্মা। দেহ হল উপন্যাসের কাহিনি। এই দুইকে কখনো ছিন্ন করা যায় না।



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, শুরাষ্ট্রাটির প্রাণজ্যোতিষ মহাবিদ্যালয়ের ইতিহাসে আন্তর্বিদ্যুক চর্চার অঙ্গ হিসাবে বাংলা ও অসমিয়া বিজ্ঞাগের যৌথ প্রয়াসে প্রথমবারের মতো একটি জাতীয় পর্যায়ের আলোচনা চক্র অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছিল ২০১৪ সালের ২৯ ও ৩০ ডিসেম্বর। আজ প্রায় দুবছর অতিক্রান্ত। পর্যবেক্ষণ সমিতির প্রতিবেদন অনুযায়ী বিভিন্ন অংশগ্রহণকারীদের কাছে পুনর্লিখনের জন্য পাঠানো গবেষণা নিবন্ধগুলো সংগ্রহ ফাব্লে এই সংকলন প্রকাশে আমাদের অনাবশ্যক দেরি হয়ে গেল। সেজন্য আমরা ক্ষমাপ্রার্থী।

এই আলোচনা চক্রের আলোকবর্তিকাটির শিরোনাম '১৯ ও ২০ শতকে প্রকাশিত অসম এবং ষঙ্গদেশের সাহিত্য-সাময়িকী।' ইউ.জি.সি-র আর্থিক অনুদান এবং 'কলিকাতা লিটল ম্যাগাঞ্জির্ম শাইব্রেরি ও গবেষণা কেন্দ্র'-র সহযোগিতায় আলোচনা চক্রটি সুসম্পন্ন হয়েছে।২৯ ডিসেম্বর মহাবিদ্যালয়ের অধ্যক্ষ শ্রী হলধর তালুকদার এবং অন্যান্য বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিদের দ্বারা মঙ্গলদীপ প্রজ্জ্বলনের মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠানের শুভসুচনা হয়। ড° প্রণতি শর্মা গোস্বামীর সভাপতিত্বে অনুষ্ঠিত উরোধনী সভায় সূচক-ভাষণ প্রদান করেন বিশিষ্ট পণ্ডিত ও সাময়িক পত্রিকার নিম্নাত গবেষক শ্রী স্থপন বসু। এছাড়া সারগর্ভ বক্তব্য রাখেন প্রথিতযশা গবেষক শ্রী রাজেন শইকীয়া। মধ্যাহ্ন বিরতির পর বিজিন্ন কক্ষে এবং মূল প্রেক্ষাগৃহে অসমিয়া, বাংলা ও ইংরেজিতে লেখা গবেষণা পত্রগুলো নিয়ে অধিবেশন শুরু হয়। ৩০ ডিসেম্বরেও একই ভাবে অধিবেশনগুলো চলতে থাকে। এদিন মধ্যাহ্ন বিরতির আগে অনুষ্ঠিত আলোচনা সভায় অসম ও বঙ্গের পত্রপত্রিকা নিয়ে তথ্য সমৃদ্ধ বক্তব্য প্রদান করেন কলিকাতা লিট্ল ম্যাগাজিন লাইব্রেরি ও গবেষণা কেন্দ্র-র কর্ণধার শ্রী সন্দীপ দত্ত। এরপর সমাপ্তি অধিবেশনে বিশিষ্ট রবীন্দ্র-গবেষক অধ্যাপক উষারঞ্জন ভট্টাচার্য লক্ষ্মীনাথ বেজবরুয়ার প্রথমা কন্যা সুরভিকে কেন্দ্র করে অসম ও বাংলার সাময়িক পত্রে সাহিত্যচর্চার একটি মনোজ্ঞ ছবি শ্রোতাদের উপহার দেন। বিশ্বভারতীর বাংলা বিভাগের অধ্যাপক অমল পাল ছিলেন অনুষ্ঠানের অন্যতম আমন্ত্রিত অতিথি। তিনি না আসতে পারায় তাঁর পাঠানো ঠাকুরবাড়ির শিশু-পত্রিকা বিষয়ক একটি নাতিদীর্ঘ চিত্তাকর্ষকলেখা অনুষ্ঠানে পড়ে শোনানো হয়। সব শেষে ছিল প্রশংসাপত্র বিতরণ। অধ্যক্ষ শ্রী হলধর তালুকদার সেগুলো অংশগ্রহণকারীদের হাতে তুলে দেন। ইংরেজি বিভাগের অধ্যাপক অভিজিৎ দত্ত উপস্থিত সবাইকে ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন ও বিদায় সম্ভাষণ জানালে এই আলোচনা চক্রের ওপর যবনিকা নেমে আসে।

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অসমীয়া, বাংলা আৰু ইংৰাজী মিলি সর্বমুঠ ১০৭খন গৱেষণা পত্ৰৰ সাৰাংশ পোৱা হৈছিল যদিও পর্যবেক্ষণ সমিতিৰ প্রাথমিক নির্বাচনৰ ভিত্তিত ৯১খন পত্রহে মনোনীত হয়। এই পত্রসমূহ দুদিনধৰি ৮ টা সত্রৰ বিষয়ভিত্তিক সঞ্চালকসকল- ড° বিভাস চৌধুৰী, ড° বিকাশ বয়, ড° মালিনী গোস্বামী, ড° বিভা ভবালী, ড° সঞ্জয় দে, ড° ৰামচন্দ্র ডেকা, ড° পৰমানন্দ ৰাজবংশী, ড° প্রণতি শর্মা গোস্বামী আদি বিহানমণ্ডলীৰ সঞ্চালনাত পঠিত হয়। সত্রসঞ্চালক সকলে কিছুসংখ্যক গৱেষণা পত্র সংকলনত সনিবিষ্ট কৰাৰ আগেয়ে সংশোধনসহ পুনর্লিখনৰ বাবে পৰামর্শ দিয়ে। সত্র সঞ্চালক আৰু পর্যবেক্ষণ সমিতিৰ প্রতিবেদনমর্মে বিশেষ কিছুমান গৱেষণা পত্র অংশগ্রহণকারীলৈ পুনৰ লিখন অথবা শুধৰণিৰ বাবে প্রেৰণ কৰা হৈছিল। ইয়াৰে কিছুমান পত্র আমি বহুবাৰ যোগাযোগ কৰিও সংশোধিত ৰূপত নোপোৱা বাবে তেখেতসকলৰ পত্রসমূহ এই সংকলনত স্থান দিব পৰা নগ'ল। সংকলনটি প্রকাশ কৰাত অনিচ্ছাকৃতভাবে পলম হোৱাৰ ইয়ো এটা কাৰণ। তাৰ বাবে আমি ক্ষম্প্রার্থী।

দুদিনীয়া এই অনুষ্ঠান স্কলমে সম্পন্ন কৰাত অধ্যাপক উষাৰঞ্জন ভট্টাচাৰ্য, ড° সন্দীপ দন্ত, মান্যবৰ গৌতম বন্দোপাধ্যায় আদি ব্যক্তি সকলৰ সু-পৰামৰ্শ, উৎসাহ উদ্দিপনা আছিল আমাৰ অনুপ্ৰেৰণাৰ উৎস। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ প্ৰাক্তন ছাত্ৰ সন্মিলনীৰ সভাপতি শ্ৰীযুত কমল দাসৰ সহায়ৰ কথাও আমি কৃতজ্ঞতাৰে সুঁৱৰিছো। মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ আমনীয়া বিভাগৰ স্নাতক তথা স্নাতকোত্তৰ শ্ৰেণীৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী, বাংলা বিভাগৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী আৰু গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ বাংলা বিভাগৰ কিছু উৎসাহী ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী লগতে মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ বিভিন্ন বিভাগৰ সহকৰ্মী, কৰ্মচাৰী আদি সকলোৱে একান্তসহযোগতহে এই আলোচনা চক্ৰথন সফল হৈছিল। এই আপাহতে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলোকে আমি ধন্যবাদ আৰু কৃতজ্ঞতা জ্ঞাপন কৰিছোঁ লগতে আলোচনা চক্ৰত অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰা বজা, সঞ্চালক, গৱেষক আদি সকলোটিকে আমি কৃতজ্ঞতাৰে স্মৰণ কৰিছোঁ। এই সংকলনৰ ছপাৰ দায়িত্ব ভাৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে ব্যতিক্ৰম ছপাশালে। সুন্দৰ-সুচাৰু প্ৰকাশনৰ বাবে আন্তৰিক শুভকামনা জনাই তেওঁলোকলৈ আমি ধন্যবাদ জনালোঁ। সংকলনৰ সমস্ত দোষ-ক্ৰটিৰ বাবে দায়ী আমি — তাৰ বাবে সকলোৱে ওচৰত শিৰ নতহৈ ৰ'লো।

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সঞ্জয় ভট্টাচার্যের 'পর্ব্বাশা

রিন্টু দাস সহকারী অধ্যাপক, বাংলা বিভাগ ত্রিপুরা বিশ্ববিন্যালয়

বাংলা সাহিত্যে অনেক কবি-দেখকই সাহিত্য পত্ৰিকা সম্পাদনার সঙ্গে যুক্ত। কিন্তু কথনোই তাঁদের সম্পাদক পরিচিত সাহিত্যিক পরিচিতিকে ছপিয়ে যায়নি। এক্ষেত্রে 'মনতম ব্যক্তিক্রম 'পূর্ব্বাশা'র সম্পাদক সঞ্জয় ভট্টাচার্য। কবি, প্রাবন্ধিক এবং উপন্যাসিক ছিসেবে অসামান্য প্রতিভার স্বাক্ষর রাখলেও সম্পাদক হিসেবে তার পরিচিত বঙ্গে প্রচারিতি। আর তাই কবি, প্রবান্ধিক অথবা উপন্যাসিক নয়, 'পূর্ব্বাশা'-র সম্পাদক হিসেবেই তাঁকে আমরা অধিক গ্রহণ করেছি। অথক জীবনানন্দ দাশের মৃত্যুর পর তার শোকসভার পঠিত সঞ্জয় ভট্টাচার্যের স্বর্রচিত কবিতা গুনে সুধীর্ভনাথ দত ভার মুগ্রতা প্রকাশ করে বুদ্ধদেব বসুকে বলেছিলেন,

আমাদের সময়ে সপ্তয় আর কেউ এরকম লিরিক কবিতা লেখেন নি, লিখকেন না, তিনিই প্রধান হয়ে

বুদ্ধদেৰও সুধীজনাথের সহে সহমত পোষণ করেছিলেন। প্রদঙ্গত জীবনানন্দের উদ্দেশে পঠিত কবিভারির উল্লেখ করা যেতে পারে ঃ

'তুমি ঘুমে কেঁদে ওঠো বলে আমি অপরাধে আগি 🍃 কোনো অন্ধন্যর হ্রাণে, নারীর অথবা পৃথিবীর। সেখানে হয়ত অনুরাধী সব আলো অপরার্ধে,

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সুধীয়েনাথের কাছ থেকে দরাজ সার্টিফিকেট পাওয়ার পরও কবি নয়, পত্রিকা সম্পাদক হিসেবেই সঞ্জয় আজও সকলের কাছে সমধিক পরিচিত। তাঁর বিচিত্র সৃষ্টিশীল প্রতিভার যথার্থ মূল্যায়ন এখনও গবেষকদের বিফেনাধীন।

'পূর্কাশা'-র সম্পাদক হিসেবে ১৯৩২ থেকে ১৯৭০ - এই দীর্ঘ উনত্রিশ বছরের পথ পরিক্রমা ও এই পত্রিকার সঙ্গে সঞ্জরের অছেন্য সম্পর্ক প্রমাণ করে দের একজন সং ও নিষ্ঠাবান সম্পানকের দায়িত্ববোধ। গুধু দায়িত্ববোধ নয়, চিরকুমার সঞ্জয় ভট্টাচার্যের সঙ্গে 'পুর্ব্বাশা'-র ফেন গড়ে উঠেছিল এক গভীর প্রণয়ের সম্পর্ক। আর ভাই জীবনের মুল্যবান ও দীর্ঘ সময়কে তিনি সমর্পন করেছিলেন এই পত্রিকার উক্ষেশে। বারবার বিলুপ্ত ও বিশ্মৃতির হাত থেকে

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একে উদ্ধার করার মনিয়া প্রচেন্টাই ভার সাক্ষ্য বহন করছে। আচিগুকুমার সেল**গড়ের একট** পুকর্বসের কুমিরা শহরের একটি চায়ের লোকানে একদল শিক্ষিত বেকার যুবকের চায়ের আসরের বিশিষ্ট সভা ছিলেন সঞ্জয় ভট্টারর্য। নাটক, গানের আসর , সাহিত্যালোচনা করতে করতে নিজেদের সাহিত্যচর্চা, মতবাদ ও সাহিত্যে অবদান কোনো সামগ্রিক পরে প্রচার করার কথা অনুভব করেন এই পিঞ্চিত সাহিত্যানুরাগী মুবকের দল। এই দলের এক জন্যতম সদস্যের ভাষা অনুসারে,

"চায়ের পেরালায় তুফান বইতে শুরু করল। ক্রমেই আমদের বন্ধমূল ধারনা হল যে আমাদের সাহিত্যচর্চা, মতবাদ বা সাহিত্যে অবদান কোনও সাময়িক পত্রিকার মাখ্যমে প্রচারিত হওয়ার ওভক্ষণ এসে গেছে। এই তক্ষণ বোর্ফেমিয়ানের দল একটি অতি দুরূপ কারের অপ্রসর খেল।"

নিছক আৰু দিতে দিতেই একটি মাসিক কাগজ কো করার পিছাত গৃহীত হয় সকলে মিলে। সঞ্চয় ভট্টাচার্য পত্রিকাটির নামকরন করেন 'পূর্কাশা'। অগুজ অজয় ভট্টচোর্য পত্রিকার নামকরপের কথা উত্থাপন করলেন,

"বংগদের একটা সূত্তের অনুবাদে আমি 'পূর্বাশা' শব্দটি ব্যবহার করেছিলাম, কললাম, 'পুকশি।' হলে কেমন হয়, খার মানে পুবদিক ?"

সর্বসম্মতিক্রমে নামটি গৃহীত হয়। অঞ্চন্ন ভট্টাচার্মের গ্রন্তাবরুমে পরিকার সম্পাদক মনোনীত হন সঞ্জয়। সহসম্পাদক মঢ়োনীত হন অক্তিত গুহু এবং শ্রীমান নারায়ণ টোধুরী ছিলেন মূদ্রকের প্রকাশক। কর্মাধ্যক্ষ ছিলেন একুশ বছরের যুক্ত সত্যপ্রদান দন্ত। পত্রিকরে কার্যালয় ছিল তাঁদের চায়ের আভ্যন্থল লক্ষ্মী কেবিন। 'কল্লোল', 'কালিকলম' ও 'প্রগতি' পরিকার অবলুস্তির পর তাদের স্থান নিতেই এই পত্রিকার চারিত্রিক বৈশিষ্ট্য সেই অনুযায়ী করার সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়। এই পত্রিকার প্রথম সংখ্যার প্রচলে এঁকেছিলেন সঞ্জয় च्हों। हार्य निरक्षके,

"সাতটি সমকেন্দ্রিক বৃস্ত - সুর্যোর প্রতীক, তার উপর পুর্ব্বাশা লেখা - যা ছাপার হরফের মতো নয়, জ্যামিতিক।"

'পুষর্বাশ্য' -র প্রথম সংখ্যার উলেখযোগ্য রচনা হিল প্ৰযোগ**্যত সেনের ত্রিপুরার ইতিহা**স বিষয়ে প্রবন্ধ,

'দ রোভ খাবে' উপসামের অন্তর ভট্টাচার্য। এ বর্গ সার্যা 'দুৰ্বাসা'নামের এখার ক্রেন্ট্রিয় লক্ষ্য ছিলেন শনিবায়ের 📆 পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিক কর্মান্ত যায়। এই ধ্যালা গ্ৰা রামানত চটোপাখ্যায় 📭 প্রমুখ। ১৩৫০-শ্রে স্ট্রাইড়ার সপ্তয় ভট্টাচার্য দ' কর কবিভার পংক্তি ভূসে

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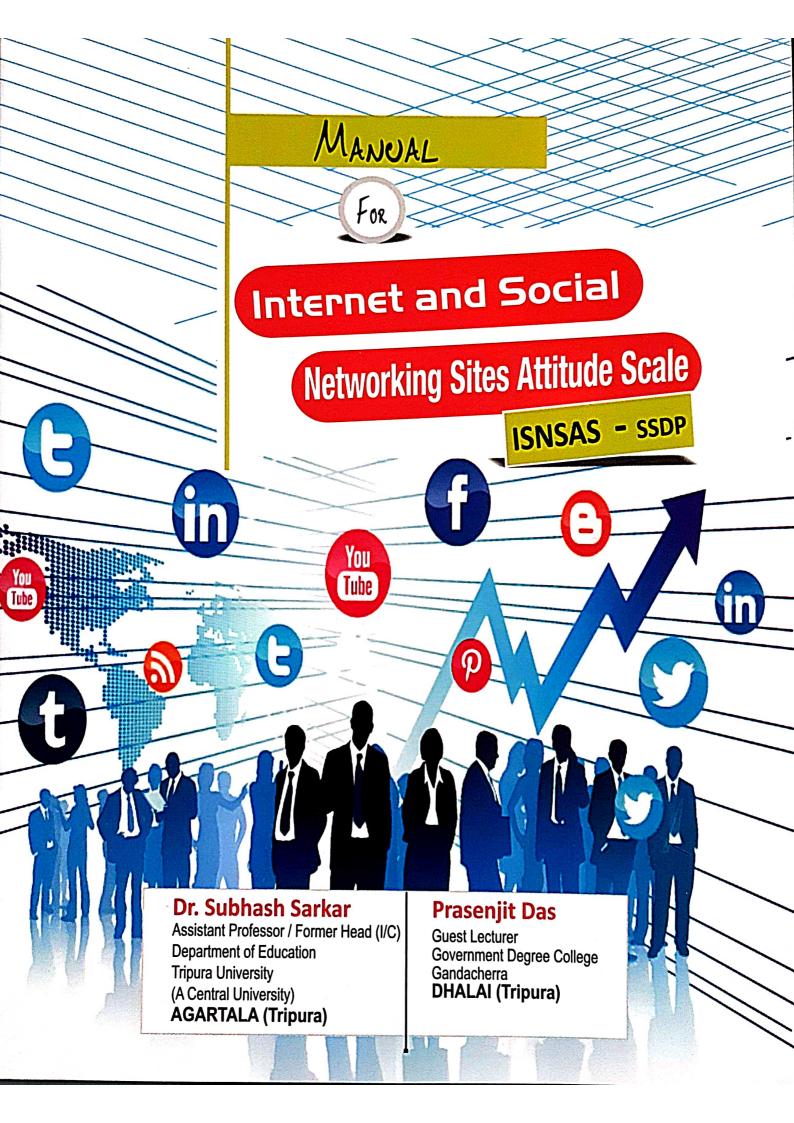
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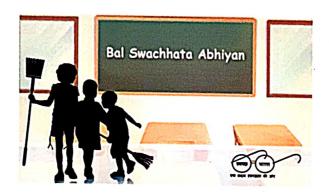
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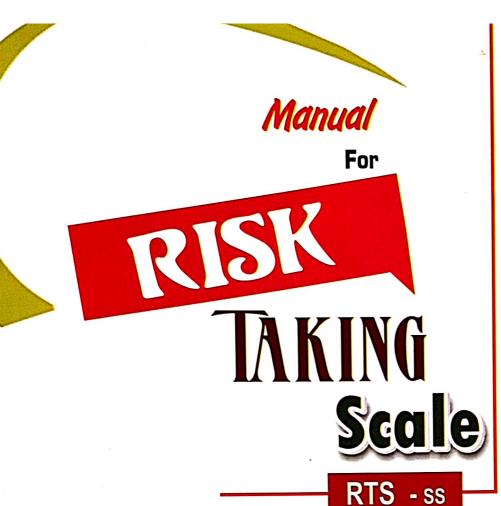
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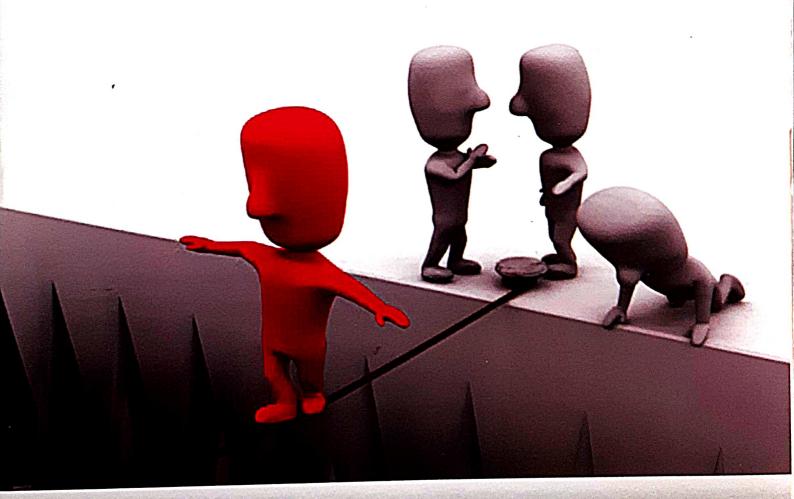




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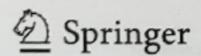
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When the "Deluge" Happened: The Flood of 1929 in the Surma–Barak Valley of Colonial Assam

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Abstract The Surma-Barak valley comprised the districts of Sylhet and Cachar in colonial Assam. This valley has been prone to flooding from time immemorial. Although our knowledge of floods in pre-colonial days is inadequate, with the arrival of the British from the late eighteenth century, our sources of information took a great leap forward. One of the heaviest floods to visit Sylhet and Cachar was in June 1929, and it left a trail of havoc in the valley. But this flood is more important because it provided another occasion for the Indians to evaluate the role of the British in aggravating floods in the valley. The majority of the inhabitants of the valley considered the flood of 1929 to be a *Plabon* or Deluge, the like of which had never happened before. On the other hand, the British officials flatly rejected these allegations. In the end, a committee was formed to investigate the causes, but its findings failed to satisfy the Indians. This paper will deal with this important event in the history of Assam and will show that nationalist critique of colonial rule in Assam had varied dimensions, as yet mexplored by historians.

Introduction

The Surma-Barak valley is one of the major river systems in the colonial province of Assam. It included the districts of Sylhet and Cachar. Both of these districts had been flood-prone from time immemorial. The floods were caused not only by local minfall, but also by rains in the surrounding Khasi, Jaintia, North Cachar, Lushai, and Manipur hills. The water that accumulates in the hills ultimately finds its way into the Sylhet-Cachar plains, further complicating the flood problem. As a result, people living in this part of the globe had to devise coping mechanisms to negotiate floods. They were helped in the process by "nature's topography," to use a phrase

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INTRODUCTION

Socio-economic formation in a particular geographical space is always dependent on the type of climate and topography of the prevalent area. Human history is replete with examples of ancient civilizations mostly growing in and around sources of water, namely rivers, seas, lakes, etc. Such sources of water provided sustenance to these civilizations by helping agriculture and communication. Abundance of rainfall was and is a crucial factor that contributed to civilizational growth. For example, Indian civilization over the centuries has depended on timely monsoon and agricultural calendar of Indian peasants evolved as a response to it. But there is also another side of the story. Excess of rainfall have caused largescale flooding leading to destruction of not only property but also human and animal lives. The Andhra flood of 2009 is a case in point. But still, mankind over the centuries in every part of the globe had devised means to cope with natural calamities. It had shown more 'prudence' than 'profligacy' in dealing with 'nature' in pre-industrial/colonial age. However, with the coming of the industrial age, first in Europe and then gradually spreading to other parts of the globe since the nineteenth century, led to a change in the mentality of the people, particularly those in power. A new found confidence in science and technology began to shape their attitude. Developments in science and technology created an illusion that humans can control anything under the sun and be the master of all. 'Nature' was now to be controlled and 'natural resources' were now to be extensively harnessed and exploited for the use of man. In short, 'nature' is to be made subservient to 'humans'. Natural calamities such as floods were now begun to be

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26. State Politics in Tripura: A Synoptic View

State Politics in Tripura A Synoptic View

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In popular imagination fed by media reports, Tripura is represented as a In popular is represented as a disturbed state where insurgents and separatists run the show. Oblivious of the fact that since its merger, Tripura, despite several handicaps and obstacles, has made slow but steady strides forward, its image was tarnished for a long time and g still continues. The present essay, exploratory in nature, is a sincere attempt, albeit briefly, to highlight and examine the major, complex and variegated pattern of political developments in its history, particularly in the twentieth century when both constitutional and extra constitutional methods were employed from time to time to achieve the desired political goal by the concerned stakeholders. Its twentieth-century history is in fact a story of transition from monarchy to democracy. The year was 1949 when the Manikya dynasty that had been ruling Tripura for 600 years decided to merge with India. The transition was otherwise smooth at a time when momentous changes were happening all around the subcontinent. However, faultlines soon appeared and Tripura could not remain unscathed from these momentous changes, some of which had a direct bearing on the state itself. Tripura's contemporary politics still reverberates with issues whose origin lie between the late 1940s and 1960. Tripura, geographically a small entity, nationally a non-entity, has an unusual complexity in its politics being shaped by a wide spectrum of political opinions from Marxist to nationalist to ethnic varieties for the last 70 years, consequently, its reading becomes a very interesting case study. In the twenty-first century, Tripura's importance has increased because of its strategic geographical location in the overall schema of the Look East Policy and therefore a perusal of its politics and problems deserves the utmost care and attention from policymakers. It is an irony of history that Partition and Independence of mid-twentieth century, which put Tripura in a quandary because of its geographical isolation from rest of India, now finds itself in thick of things because of its very geographical location!

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Chapter 21

Role of Rural Libraries in Community Development: A Case Study of Kokborok Library

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Abstract

Information needs vary from individual to individual so does information seeking behavior. The information need of an urban user is quite different from the information need of a rural user. Although the basic library services remain same across the world the needs and expectations of the users vary. The libraries of rural areas can play vital role in community development and upliftment. The present study is an attempt to investigate the need and expectation of Kokborok library users and the services provided by them. It was found that 70% of the total population belongs to male category; (95%) of the sample belong to the age group 18-29; Highest number of users (40%) prefers to read fictional books followed by reference books (15%); 65% of the sample find the collection very useful; majority (80%) of the users belong to students category followed by Govt. service holder, farmer, housewife, business holder 5% each; users (40%) use internet services in the library followed by library lending services (30%);55% of the total population uses the library weekly followed by daily (15%). The results found by the study give a clear picture of the Kokborok library; its services and users needs and expectations.

Keywords: Rural library 2. Community library 3. Kokborok libray 4. Tribal Library 5. Public Library

Introduction

Information needs vary from individual to individual so does information seeking behavior. The information need of an urban user is quite different from the information need of a rural user. In India, more than half of the population resides in rural areas. But the rural population's access to information is in a very poor state. The rural libraries, in Indian context, are still not equipped with advanced technologies and are mostly in traditional

A Scientometric Study of DOAJ: The Current Status of the Journal Directory

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Abstract—The study aims to analyze the current status of the Directory of Open Access Journals. A survey was used to gather data. The web-based directory DOAJ was searched and browsed for collecting data from the period 20 December 2016 to 31 December 2016. Highest number of journals is contributed in the year 2016: 70.63 times more journals have been contributed in the year 2016 as compared to its beginning year 2002. Brazil (9.64%) has the highest number of journals included in the open access directory followed by United Kingdom and United States. The directory also includes foreign languages such as Spanish, apart from English. From study, it is seen that developing and developed countries have taken open access more seriously.

Keywords: Open Access, Journals, DOAJ, Scholarly Communication

INTRODUCTION

The scholarly community has seen a paradigm shift of priced journals to open access journals. The major reason behind rising of open access journals is the elevating cost of the journal and monopoly of the publishers. Over the years, the cost of journals is increasing and at the same time the budget of libraries is shrinking. As the amalgamation of information communication technology, World Wide Web and the internet has emerged and touched the sea of scholarly communication the Open Access (OA) movement has been at the vanguard of journal growth. Open Access Journals (OAJs) lay concrete on the means for more admittance to research findings. (Mohammad reza Ghane and Mohammad Reza Niazmand, 2016).

Journal prices are rising above the increased rate and thereby, are bringing about a financial disaster for research libraries (Bosch and Henderson, 2012; Odlyzko, 2013). As a result, libraries face a big issue in terms of buying scientific journals at huge cost. This results in mired for researchers and other library users in accessing scientific findings. Also, the authors are required to give away their rights to the content in the commercial publishing picture. Finally, the copyright restrictions and licensing policies boost up the author's loss of control over publications mostly funded by public investments (Suber, 2012). Researchers/ authors worked mutually to solve this crisis and eventually developed open access publications.

Use of Mobile Technologies in the Academic Environment: A Comparative Study of Three Indian Universities

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Abstract

The main purpose of this paper is to make a comparative study of the use of handheld device by the students/scholars of 3 universities i.e. Manipur University, Tripura University, and Delhi University in terms of their academic activities. On the other hand, it examines the degree of handheld device usage in the student population. This paper will help to find the purpose of handheld device usage, the degree of internet usage through handheld devices, the use of handheld devices concerning academic dealings.

A survey was conducted through a well-structured and precise questionnaire circulated personally among 180 students in 3 universities in the study.

A large majority of the students of three universities uses smart phone, and (68%) of Manipur University (MU), 56% in Tripura University (TU) and 58% in Delhi University (DU) use internet for reading news. 82% students of DU use internet for reading study related documents, while 60% students of TU and 72% in MU students use internet for reading documents. Most of the populations from each University i.e. MU 82%, TU 80%, and DU 92% are interested in accessing e-Books, e-articles, and e-reviews services through mobile technology.

The paper highlights the use of handheld device for academic purpose and students' opinion regarding the use habit of handheld device.

Keywords: Handheld Device, Handheld Technologies, ICT, Mobile Services, E-Books, Mobile Technology, Smart Phones

1. Introduction

Technology has touched every sphere of life in every possible way. It has brought immense change in our lifestyle. The way one gathers information, reads, or one does online transactions have totally changed because of availability of numerous technologies. With the use of mobile phones and the popularity of smart phones, access to the technologies has become even easier.

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The whole world has monitored the wave of technological changes and so have libraries. Libraries have always accepted the challenges of adopting new technologies, implementing use of modern equipments, and automating it in services, so that it can provide better and ubiquitous services to its user community. Emergence of ICT has compelled the libraries to revise and rework its services (Malathy & Kantha, 2013). To provide the best service, to compete with the search engines, to satisfy the user needs and to change the passive library users into active library users, libraries must

adopt all available and advanced technologies such as Wi-Fi, mobile communications, and Library 2.0 and 3.0 etc. Since, it is seen that mobile devices are extensively used by today's younger generation; libraries can take advantage of it and start providing their services with the help of mobile communications. But at the same time, it is important to realize whether they would like to be offered such services. With this aim, the current study is being conducted to determine the mobile phone usage by the student / scholar community of three different universities and their attitude towards receiving library services through their mobile devices, and also to study the impact of mobile phone usage on academic activities.

1.1 Different Types of Handheld Devices

There are various categories of mobile devices or handheld devices such as cellular phones, multimedia phones, laptops, notebooks, e-book readers cameras, etc. But this study is only confined to smart phones as it is the most widely used amongst all devices. Smart phone, today, is used for performing a range of activities including voice and video calling, e-mail transfer, text messaging, photography, playing and making videos, setting an alarm clock, searching the internet, searching databases of scholarly information, accessing a course management system, reading or listening to books and articles, newspapers, online shopping, internet banking, using a GPS navigation system, playing games, uploading and downloading content from internet (Joan K. Lippincott, 2010).

Today, another shift has been experienced i.e. from the web to app. It has been observed that many commercial entities have stopped their services on the World Wide Web and have started their services only through the installed mobile apps, and lucrative offers are also provided for installing the apps. This phenomenon has also, in some or the other way, popularized the use of internet enabled smart phones.

Nowadays, Smart phones are being used by different age groups and more particularly by the younger generation. So, the study is intended to determine the perception, attitude, and awareness of students and scholars of three Indian universities. The study has also tried to compare the perceptions and attitudes of the students/scholars from the selected three universities.

1.2 Objectives of the Study

- To determine the degree of handheld device usage among the students / scholars of three universities in the study.
- 2. To determine the purpose of handheld device usage.
- 3. To determine the degree of internet usage through handheld devices.
- 4. To determine the use of handheld devices in academic activities.
- 5. To find out the e-book usage habit of the sample population.
- To compare the handheld device usage habits of students /scholars from the selected three universities.

1.3 Scope of the study

The study was made to understand the information seeking among the students/scholars in the mobile era using mobile technologies and understand their interest in receiving such services from their libraries.

1.4 Limitation of the study

Due to different constraints the study is confined only to the students/scholars population. The study does not stress on the librarian's /library professionals' point of view. The study is limited to only three Indian universities.

2. Literature Review

Nor Shahriza Abdul Karim, Siti Hawa Darus, and Ramlah Hussin (2006) studied the perceptions on the application of wireless hand services in the context of library and information services and received highly positive response. A high majority of the respondents indicated their willingness to become the users of such services if offered.

Reese Bomhold Catharine (2013) investigated educational use of smart phone technology. This research provided evidence on the actual use of mobile devices by students for library administrators and educators interested in developing integrated mobile academic library applications. Lorraine Paterson and Boon Low (2011) provided facts for libraries to determine the value of developing their personal mobile services. It also demonstrated the proliferation of mobile device usage within the university and library context, and indicated the services students would find most useful on a mobile device. It also provided insight into a rapidly moving area of technology. The research found that it is very important for libraries to cuddle the varying student mentality by providing services through the handheld devices.

Peter Richardson, Steven Dellaportas, Luckmika Perera, Ben Richardson (2013) did a research on students' insight on using ipods in accounting education and found that students like to use ipods because of its portability. It supports well-organized use of time and study planning. Students with an inclination for visual education rated the iPod as being vital to their learning. Amit Kumar (2014) studied opinion of students of JNU about the success of mobile technology in libraries. It was found that the a large number of students were willing to use mobile technology for better services, and it was anticipated by the students that services should be provided to them by libraries through mobile technology. Patrick Lo, Allan Cho, Man-hon Leung, Dickson K.W. Chiu, Eddie H.T. Ko, and Kevin K.W. Ho (2016) undertook a study to find the use of smart phones by art and design students for accessing library services and learning. The survey explored art and design students' use of smart phones for accessing library services and learning at the Hong Kong Design Institute (HKDI). Survey results showed that while the HKDI students were all smart phone owners and active users of such mobile communication devices, only a minority of them "frequently" use these mobile devices for formal learning purposes. They demonstrated a keen preference to use search engines, social communications, and other diverse use of smart phones. Except for research and image /audio-visual needs, the rest of their needs and usage behaviour is similar to mainstream university students.

3. Methodology

To meet the objectives of the study a survey was conducted in all three universities simultaneously. Total 180 questionnaires were distributed among the students / scholars, out of which 150 students responded (50 from each university). The study was conducted during July 3rd to July 22nd, 2016. Each student was approached individually.

4. Data Analysis

4.1 Types of Mobile Devices used by Students

Findings of this study indicated that 82% students in MU use smart phones and rest use tablet, out of which 90% use Android operating system and 10% use Windows; and on an average 10-15 apps (44%) are installed. In TU 94% use smart phones, out of which 68% use Android OS, and 32% use Windows.

MU followed by 50% in TU and 72% in DU. 54% use internet for online shopping in MU, 48% in TU and only 40% in DU.

Maximum use internet for the reading of study related documents (82% by DU) followed by social networking (72% by DU students) and to read news (68% by MU students). The study found that Google

Table 1: Purpose of Using Internet in Phone

Purpose of Using Internet in Phone	Manipur University	Tripura University	DelhiUniversity
To read news	34 (68%)	28 (56%)	29 (58%)
To play online games	4(8%)	7 (14%)	9(18%)
To read related documents to studies	37 (74%)	30 (60%)	41 (82%)
To download music and movies	6(12%)	25 (50%)	15 (30%)
To recharge mobile	10 (20%)	15 (30%)	10 (20%)
To read blogs	0(0%)	7 (14%)	8(16%)
To use social networking	31 (62%)	25 (50%)	36 (72%)
Online shopping	27 (54%)	24 (48%)	20 (40%)
Online ticket booking	7(14%)	9(18%)	18 (36%)
Online banking	16(32%)	11 (22%)	5(10%)

On an average, 5-10 apps (42%) are installed in the smart phones. In DU 98% use smart phones with Android OS in a majority of smart phones (78%). On an average 5-10 apps (42.7%) are installed in smart phones. Whatsapp is the most used app by the majority of students (58%) in the universities under study.

Table 1 shows that majority of the students (68%) of MU use internet for reading news while 56% in TU and 58% in DU. 82% students of DU use internet for reading study related documents while in TU 60% and 74% in MU. 62% use social networking in

(78%) is predominantly used search engine by students of all three universities under the study.

The study also stated that highest number of students 36% from MU makes use mobile devices to complete study related assignments, followed by 42% from TU and 68% from DU. It was found that 48% students of MU use office in their smart phones while only 36% in DU and 32% in TU.

On an average, majority of the students (90.7%) read articles in their smart phones from all three universities under the study.

The study revealed that 64% in DU, 62% in TU, and 52% students in MU feel that it is important to be connected through the phones. 76% students from MU subscribe to alerting services while 64% in DU and 54% in TU through their mobile devices.

4.2 Library Usage

The study found that highest number of students from MU i.e. 26% use the library catalogue a couple of times in a week, 16% in TU and 8% in DU. 34% of the population has never used the catalogue in MU & TU while 44% in DU. 20% in TU, 2% in MU and 8% in DU never visited the library.

Table 2: Services

Services	Manipur University	Tripura University	DelhiUniversity
e-Books, e-article and e-reviews	41 (82%)	40 (80%)	46 (92%)
Links to library catalogue	7 (14%)	12 (24%)	16(32%)
Pay fines	13 (26%)	3(6%)	15 (30%)
Reminders	2(4%)	9(18%)	3(6%)
Book reservations	5(10%)	12 (24%)	7(14%)
Programs, events, new additions,			
library news	21 (42%)	10 (20%)	20 (40%)
Feedback	3(6%)	3(6%)	5(10%)
Services of positioning of holdings	1 (2%)	0(0%)	2(4%)
Booking library training sessions	1(1%)	1 (2%)	0(0%)
Any other (please specify)	0(0%)	0(0%)	0(0%)

Table 2 portrays that most of the populations from each University i.e. MU 82% TU 80% and DU 92% are interested in accessing the e-Books, e-article and e-reviews services through mobile technology.

Table 3: Impact of mobile technologies

Impact of Mobile Technologies	Manipur University	Tripura University	Delhi University
Access to the library	12 (24%)	19 (38%)	22 (44%)
Usability of information sources	7(14%)	15 (30%)	10 (20%)
Ease of use the library	5(10%)	8(16%)	20 (40%)
Quality and efficiency of library	26 (54%)	8(16%)	6(12%)

Highest number of population i.e. 54 % in MU feels that the impact of mobile technology will increase the quality and efficiency of the library while 38% in TU and 44 % in DU feel that it will increase the access to the library.

Table 4: Use the Catalogue

Use the catalogue	Manipur University	Tripura University	DelhiUniversity
While traveling	4(8%)	5 (20%)	22 (44%)
At my place of residence	6(12%)	8(16%)	2(4%)
Within the Library	15 (30%)	8(16%)	10 (20%)
As a part of a study group	12 (24%)	14 (28%)	6(12%)
On campus, outside the libraries	13 (26%)	12 (24%)	12 (24%)

Table 4 depicts the interest of the sample population in terms of using the library catalogue in different circumstances. It was found that highest number of population i.e. 30 % in MU is interested to use the library catalogue within the library premise, 28% from TU is interested in using it as a part of a group study while 44% from DU would like to use it while travelling.

4.3 E-book Usage

The study depicted that 40% of the population from TU reads E-book very often, 40% from MU reads sometime and 32% DU reads E-book very often, out of which 74% from MU and 68% from DU read it on smart phones while 50% from TU reads it on Laptop. Majority of the population from each university (92% in MU, 66% in TU and 96% in DU) have not purchased an e-book. Majority of the sample population (40% in MU, 40% in TU and 48% in DU) have never listened to audio books and only 28% in MU, 26% in TU and 20% in DU listens to audio books sometimes. Majority of populations from each university (70% in MU and TU & 88% in DU) do not own kindle for reading E-books. None of the three university libraries provide Kindle facility. Majority of the sample under the study (98% in MU, 80% in TU and 90% in DU) wants their library to have kindle facilities to be provided by their libraries. In MU

and in TU 100% population use PDF format to read e-book in their smart phone while in DU 85% read it in PDF format and the rest 15% in dedicated apps.

5. Conclusion

The study found that majority of students in each university use smart phones among different handheld devices available, and Whatsapp is the most used app by them. A good number of students in DU use internet for the reading of study related documents and social networking, while in MU maximum students use internet for reading news. In TU most students use internet to download music and movies. The result shows that maximum students from each university are interested in accessing the e-books, e-article and e-reviews services through mobile technology. Out of all, majority of students of MU feels that mobile technology will increase the quality and efficiency if the library. Students from MU are interested to use the library catalogue within the library premises, from TU as a part of group study whereas from DU during travelling. In case of e-book usage, it was found out that students of TU and DU read e-books very often either on their smart phones or laptop mostly in PDF format. None of the libraries are providing Kindle facilities and hence majority of students wants their library to provide the same.

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An Overview of Digital Libraries Software

With Special Reference to Open Sources Software

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Abstract

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Open source software is free alternative to costly commercial software for developing the digital libraries. Digital libraries play an important role in academic institutions. Lack of awareness and knowledge in open source technology among library professionals restricts wide adoption of open source digital library software. This article gives an overview of available major open source digital library software.

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Introduction

Open source software is computer software whose source code is available under a license (or arrangement such as the public domain) that permits users to study, change, and improve the software, and to redistribute it in modified or unmodified firm. It is often developed in a public in collaborative manner. It is the most prominent example of open source development and often compared to user- generated content.

For many libraries, organising their thesis, dissertations, university publications and other media can be daunting task, especially as the library grows with more material. With today's computing technology, it is very easier to browse the publications of university in their digital library through internet connection at any place. It is just because the world has been blessed with wonderful software solutions that make everything easier to do, doesn't mean that every library in the universe is using these solutions. Many Libraries do not have huge amounts of money to burn, and any that they do get usually goes to purchasing additional resources. Because of this need for software (and the installation and training costs associated with any), and the lack of money available to spend on it, many libraries are left to fend for themselves when it comes to staying up to date with the latest technology. Unless, of course, they embrace the open source movement and use some of the countless software solutions available to help out. Most software that we all use every day is known as "proprietary" which in a nutshell means that it costs money and that the actual code of the software is restricted, in that the code of the software cannot be modified, copied, or changed from its original construction. The code is "unreadable" and pretty much is what it is. Open Source Software, on the other hand, is quite the opposite. The open source mentality revolves around sharing and collaboration, and these two important elements describe open source software perfectly.

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First and foremost, open source software is free for anyone to have; more importantly, not only is the software free, but it is also free for anyone to copy, hack, modify, etc. This increases the possibilities of a software program's potential because of this free-thinking model. Many large groups of programmers have customised basic open source programs into whatever they deemed necessary, and have in turn given these modifications back to the open source community for free where others can continue to build on their work. There are many different kinds of open source software solutions out there today that could be embraced by the library. There's basic operating system, document processing programs, Library Management Software (LMS), Digital Library software, Content management software and many more.

Background of Open Source Software Movement

The history of open source software began with the early stages of computer and software development. At that time programmers and developers frequently shared their software freely. Advent of companies in software development with the aim of profit making restricted the culture of sharing source code of software. Milestones in the history of open source Software are:

- 1983 Richard Stallman formed GNU project
- 1985 Creation of Free Software Foundation
- 1991 Development of Linux kernel by Linus Torvalds
- 1998 Open Source Initiative (OSI) formed by Eric Raymond

The two terms, "free" and "open source" have been used as synonymous for free distribution of software. Popular licenses used for this purpose are the GNU General Public License (GPL), BSD license, GNU Lesser General Public License, MIT License, Mozilla Public License and Apache License. All these licenses have some differences in their terms and conditions; they ensure users freedom to using, copying, distributing and improving the software. Fundamentals of these licenses are similar to the philosophy of Free Software Foundation. "Free software is matters of the users' freedom to run, copy, distributes, study, change and improve the software" (Kumar 2008).

In 1998, a group of individuals advocated that the term free software be replaced by open source software (OSS) as an expression which is less ambiguous and more comfortable for the corporate world. Software developers may want to publish their software with an open source software license, so that anybody may also develop the same software or understand how it works. Open source software generally allows anybody to make a new version of the software, port it to new operating systems and processor architectures, share it with others or market it. The aim of open source is to let the product be more understandable, modifiable, duplicatable, reliable or simply accessible, while it is still marketable. The Open Source Definition, notably, presents an open-source philosophy, and further defines a boundary on the usage, modification and redistribution of open-source software. Software licenses grant rights to users which would otherwise be prohibited by copyright. These include rights on usage, modification and redistribution. Several open-source software licenses have qualified within the boundary of the Open Source Definition. The most prominent example is the popular GNU General Public License (GPL). While open source presents a way to broadly make the sources of a product publicly accessible, the open source licenses allow the authors to fine-tune such access. The "open source" label came out of a strategy session held in Palo Alto in reaction to Netscape's January 1998 announcement of a source code release for Navigator (as Mozilla). A group of individuals at the session included Todd Anderson, Larry Augustin, John Hall, Sam Ockman, Christine Peterson and Eric S. Raymond. They used the opportunity before the release of

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Navigator's source code to clarify a potential confusion caused by the ambiguity of the word "free" in English. The 'open source' movement is generally thought to have begun with this strategy session. Many people, nevertheless, claimed that the birth of the Internet, since 1969, started the open source movement, while others do not distinguish between open source and free software movements. The Free Software Foundation (FSF), started in 1985, intended the word 'free' to mean "free as in free speech" and not "free as in free beer." Since a great deal of free software already was (and still is) free of charge, such free software became associated with zero cost, which seemed anti-commercial.

Advantages of Open Source Software

- Lower Software Cost Open source solutions generally require no licensing fees. The logical extension is no maintenance fees. The only expenditures are for media, documentation, and support, if required.
- Simplified License Management Obtain the software once and install it as many times and in as many locations as you need. There's no need to count, track, or monitor for license compliance.
- Lower Hardware Cost In general, Linux and open source solutions are elegantly compact and portable, and as a result require less hardware power to accomplish the same tasks as on conventional servers (Windows, Solaris) or workstations. The result is you can get by with less expensive or older hardware.

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- Scaling/Consolidation Potential Again, Linux and open source applications
 and services can often scale considerably. Multiple options for load balancing,
 clustering, and open source applications, such as database and email, give
 organisations the ability to scale up for new growth or consolidate to do more
 with less.
- Support Support is available for open source—often superior to proprietary solutions. First, open source support is freely available and accessible through the online community via the Internet. And second, many tech companies are now supporting open source with free online and multiple levels of paid support, for example, Liblime.
- Escape Vendor Lock-in Frustration with vendor lock-in is a reality for all IT
 managers. In addition to ongoing license fees, there is lack of portability and
 the inability to customise software to meet specific needs. Open source exists
 as a declaration of freedom of choice.
- Unified Management Specific open source technologies such as CIM (Common Information Model) and WBEM (Web Based Enterprise Management) provide the capability to integrate or consolidate server, service, application, and workstation management for powerful administration.
- Quality Software Evidence and research indicate that open source software is good stuff. The peer review process and community standards, plus the fact

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Disadvantages of Open Source Software

- There is no guarantee that development will take place. In other words; it is not possible to know if a project will ever reach a usable stage and even if it reaches it, it may die later if there is not enough interest.
- There may be significant problem with intellectual property.
- OSS requires high maintenance, if possible structurally quality issue with the source code.
- There is no guarantee to work your software well in future. Unless you will try
 to develop yourself as master of that software because there is no support for
 your software at your library.
- It is very important with OSS that you have to develop your own skills for particular that software which you are going to implement in your library.

Digital Library

A digital library is an organised and focused collection of digital objects, including text, images, video and audio material stored as electronic or digital formats along with methods for access, retrieval and for selection, creation, organisation, and maintenance of the collection. The digital library should have the following elements:

- Collection in the form of electronic format.
- It is not a single entity.
- The linkage between the many digital libraries and information services are transparent to the end user.
- Universal access to digital libraries is a primary goal of many libraries.

Digital libraries have some expectation like: Content Management, User Interface, user administration, system administration, interoperability, etc. The main characteristics of digital library software are:

- Object model
- Collection and relation supports
- Metadata and digital content storage
- Search and browse
- Object management
- User interface
- Access control

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 - Multiple language supports
 - Interoperability feature
 - Level of customisation

Advantages of Digital Library

Digital Library has certain characteristics, which make them different from traditional library. It has expansive and accurate system of searching with large volumes of text, image and audio video resources. Digital libraries do not need physical space to build collection and it can be accessed from anywhere, anytime. Different people can access same source at the same time. The advantages of digital libraries are mentioned hereinbelow:

- Preserve the valuable documents, rare and special collections of libraries, archives and museums.
- Provide faster access to the holding of libraries worldwide through automated
- Help to locate both physical and digitised versions of scholarly articles and books through single interface.
- Search optimisation, make simultaneous searches of the Internet possible, prepare commercial databases and library collections.
- Offering online learning environment
- Making short the chain from author to user.
- Save preparation/ conservation cost, space and money.
- Digital technology affords multiple, simultaneous user from a single original which is not possible for materials stored in any other forms

Digital Library Software

There are so many digital library open sources software by implementing one of which, we can make digital library or institutional repository at our library. Some

1. Greenstone Digital Library Software (GSDL)

The Greenstone digital library software is an open-source system for the construction and presentation of information collections. It builds collections with effective full-text

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searching and metadata-based browsing facilities that are attractive and easy to use. Moreover, they are easily maintained and can be augmented and rebuilt

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entirely automatically. The system is extensible: software "plugins" accommodate different document and metadata types. The aim of the Greenstone software is to empower users, particularly in universities, libraries, and other public service institutions, to build their own digital libraries.

2. DSpace

DSpace is a groundbreaking digital institutional repository that captures, stores, indexes, preserves, and redistributes the intellectual output of a university's research faculty in digital formats. It manages and distributes digital items, made up of digital files and allows for the creation, indexing, and searching of associated metadata to locate and retrieve the items. DSpace has been designed and developed by

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries and Hewlett-Packard (HP). DSpace was designed as an open source application that institutions and organisations could run with relatively few resources. It is to support the long-term preservation of the digital material stored in the repository. It is also designed to make submission easy. DSpace supports submission, management, and access of digital content.

3. EPrints

EPrints is an open source software package for building open access repositories that are compliant with the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting. It shares many of the features commonly seen in Document Management systems but is primarily used for Institutional Repositories and scientific journals. EPrints has been developed at the University of Southampton School of Electronics and Computer Science and released under a GPL license.

4. Fedora

Fedora open source software gives organisations a flexible service-oriented architecture for managing and delivering their digital content. At its core is a powerful digital object model that supports multiple views of



each digital object and the relationships among digital objects. Digital objects can encapsulate locally managed content or make reference to remote content. Dynamic views are possible by associating web services with objects. Digital objects exist within a repository architecture that supports a variety of management functions. All functions of Fedora, both at the object and repository level, are exposed as web services. These functions can be protected with fine-grained access control policies. This unique combination of features makes Fedora an attractive solution

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l easy rebuilt in a variety of domains. Some examples of applications that are built upon Fedora include library collections management, multimedia authoring systems, archival repositories, institutional repositories, and digital libraries for education.

5. Digital Commons

Digital Commons is a hosted IR platform licensed by Berkeley Electronic Press (or Bepress) that was officially launched in 2004. Digital Commons is a

Digital Commons

hosted open access institutional repository and publishing solution, combining traditional institutional repository functionality with tools for peer-reviewed journal publishing, conference management, and multimedia. Digital Commons supports OAI-PMH version 2.0. Metadata is exposed through the OAI. Content published to Digital Commons institutional repositories is optimised for indexing by Google, Google Scholar, and other major search engines. With Digital Commons institutional repository software, "institutions can collect, preserve, and make visible all of their intellectual output, including pre-prints, working papers, journal articles, dissertations, master's thesis, conference proceedings, presentations, data sets, images, and a wide variety of other content types. Digital Commons supports a variety of publication and editorial workflows, as well as peer review. Content is uploaded through batch uploads, by linking to external sites, or via a customisable submission form.

Digital Commons provides user notification tools and options for social sharing. These include RSS feeds and automatic email notification for reports of newly-published content, mailing list manager to announce newly-published research and social sharing buttons. Digital Commons also provides individual readership statistics to users through its Author Dashboard. Digital Commons institutional repositories integrate with other Bepress software including SelectedWorks and the Digital Commons Network.

6. OPUS

OPUS is an open source software package under the GNU General Public License used for creating Open Access repositories that are compliant with the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting. It provides



tools for creating collections of digital resources, as well as for their storage and dissemination. It is usually used at universities, libraries and research institutes as a platform for institutional repositories.

OPUS, originally an acronym for the Online Publikationsverbundder University ät Stuttgart, was developed with the support of the Deutsches Forschungsnetz in 1997 and 1998 at the University of Stuttgart. OPUS is used at many universities and library networks. Since December 2010, the Cooperative Library Network of Berlin-Brandenburg (KOBV) took over the development and

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Fedora irchival management of the project at the Zuse Institute in Berlin. In Germany, the OPUS software is the most commonly used for the operation of open access repositories (according to a survey carried out in 2012, 77 repositories were based on OPUS). OPUS-based repositories may either be hosted or operated by universities on their own or as part of hosting services provided by the German library network.

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7. CDS Invenio

CDS Invenio (formerly CDSware), the integrated digital library system, is a suite of applications which provides the framework and tools for building and managing an



autonomous digital library server. The software is readily available to anyone, as it is free software, licensed under the GNU General Public Licence (GPL). The technology offered by the software covers all aspects of digital library management. It complies with the Open Archives Initiative metadata harvesting protocol (OAI-PMH) and uses MARC 21 as its underlying bibliographic standard. Its flexibility and performance make it a comprehensive solution for the management of document repositories of moderate to large size. CDS-Invenio is a web-based integrated digital library system developed by CERN. CDS Invenio is maintained by, and used at, the CERN Document Server

8. MyCoRe

MyCoRe is an Open Source project for the development of repositories, digital library and archive solutions. The technical base of the system is formed of Java class libraries, XML technology and different database backends. MyCore has several features, some of them are:



- Metadata Management
- Classification Management, hierarchical or flat
- Persistent identifier with Uniform Resource Name URN Standard
- Search
- User and rights management
- Supported Interfaces: OAI, Z39.50, WebServices
- Image viewer (optional)
- Integration of audio / video streaming server (optional)
- Simple workflow for users (optional)
- Simple Web Content Management System
- Institutional Repository Functionality

9. dLibra

dLibra is the first Polish system for building digital libraries, which has been developed by the (PSNC) since 1999. dLibra is an effect of research in the field of digital libraries which has been performed in PSNC since 1996.



dLibra system is now the most popular software of this type in Poland. dLibra enables building professional repositories of digital documents which can be accessed by external individuals and systems on the Internet. Communication and data exchange is based on well-known standards and protocols such as: RSS, RDF, MARC, DublinCore or OAI-PMH. Digital libraries based on dLibra offer to their users expanded possibilities such as: searching the content of stored elements, searching bibliographic description with use of synonyms dictionary, grouping digital publications and navigating in these structures or precise and expanded access rules to elements. dLibra is used by institutions such as academic and public libraries to make stored digital publications available on the Internet. These institutions by using PIONIER network and dLibra software create Polish platform of distributed digital libraries. Current list of installations of dLibra system is available here. In addition, PSNC offers training and technical help in the field of dLibra system usage.

Conclusion

There will be continuing expansion of digital library activities. LIS and computer science professionals face challenges that will lead to improved systems. More and more libraries will have departments and programs in the digital library arena. Digital libraries will build upon work being done in the information and data management area. Digital libraries provide an effective means to distribute learning resources to students and other users. Planning a digital library requires thoughtful analysis of the organisation and its users, and an acknowledgement of the cost and the need for infrastructure and ongoing maintenance (Adams, Jansen, and Smith 1999).

Open Source essentially empowers less privileged communities though it does not follow that it is meant only for them. There is no denying the fact that OSS enables bridging the digital divide in more ways than one. Libraries in the developing countries are able to support electronic access, digital libraries, and resource sharing because they are able to use OSS. Even libraries in well-developed countries are becoming more inclined towards OSS to improve their services. The Dspace is fairly powerful software. The major advantage of the software is that it allows submission of digital documents by its members. Presently, it lacks METS (Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard), which will make it much more powerful. Dspace is the most popular among the digital library solutions available in the open source domain. Other digital library software like Eprints is

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iuch ions ts is also widely used. Educational institutions dominate in the use of these packages. However, many institutions have implemented digital libraries, but not all are online. Open access of knowledge is possible only if these repositories are made online. India is benefiting well from the open source movement.

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Awareness and Perception Towards E-learning Among Faculty Members of Tripura University: A Case Study

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Abstract

Learning is gaining or acquiring of new knowledge and skills in something by study, experience or being taught. Learning can be facilitated by direct means, by personally attending classes conducted in the academic institutions or by indirect means such as distance learning. The online education referrers to teaching and learning method mediated by a computer system of a place which may be different from the learner's personal computer system. The modern developments in ICTs and emergence of the Internet have brought a gigantic transformation in the method of teaching and learning. The current study investigates the awareness and perception towards the new form of learning, i.e. elearning among the faculty members of Tripura University. The study discovered that 52% of the total respondents belong to male category. 36% of the respondents are from age group 30-34, followed by age group 25-29 (34%). Maximum response from each department is 4 (4%). Most of the respondents are Assistant Professor (36%), followed by guest faculty (32%). Maximum (96%) respondents are aware of e- learning concept which is very encouraging in itself. Most respondents (76%) are aware of SWAYAM. More than half of the total respondents (52%) are interested to conduct course through Swayam. Maximum (80%) respondents are aware of e-PG Pathshala. Maximum of the respondents (84%) have not enrolled in any e-learning course. The maximum respondents (25 %) out of the enrolled ones have enrolled for e-learning course is from NPTEL portal. The results found will be a great help for the stakeholders of E-learning as it provided new insights.

Keywords: E-Learning, Online Learning, Swayam, E-PG Pathshala, Tripura University

1. Introduction

Today's education system is facing a paradigm shift as influenced and shaped by information communication technologies, digital technologies and their application in the education system. Though education system is always known to undergo a massive transformation by adopting newer and advanced technologies, the benefits remained limited to the learning institutions in mostly the first world countries. But now the scenario has tended to change as developing countries are also taking the wave of E- learning seriously. For instance, Govt. of India's ambitious initiative "Swayam" platform may come up as a game changer.

In the beginning of the third millennium, a new form of learning called e-learning is being introduced. The e-learning decreases the educational costs and it is more effective learning than traditional learning. Globally, it allows the fast dissemination of new techniques and processes, cancelling geographic



challenges. In addition, time, efficiency plays a role, as travel is reduced. Users can conveniently access training materials from home or while on the road via the Internet.

The letter "e" in e-learning stands for the word "electronic", e-learning would incorporate all educational activities that are carried out by individuals or groups working online or offline, and synchronously or asynchronously via networked or standalone computers and other electronic devices. These various types or modalities of e-learning activity are represented in Table 1.

Table 1. E-Learning Modalities (Romiszowski, 2004).

Individualized self-	Individualized self-
pacede-learning online	pacede-learning offline
Group-basede-learning synchronously	Group-basede-learning asynchronously

The mechanism of interactive use of the Internet, information communication technologies and digital technologies in teaching and learning process can be referred to as E-learning. There are a series of terms used synonymously with E-learning such as online learning, virtual learning, distributed learning, network and web based learning.

The process Teaching and learning have advanced over time; and the current situation being experienced in academic institutions is the use of information technology as an arbitrator. This novel swing provides another outlook on education, with an emphasis on the use of electronically mediated tools to ease the learning process (Piccoli et al., 2001).

E-Learning, defined as instructional content or learning experiences delivered or enabled by electronic technology (Aydin and Tasci, 2005), predominantly computer networks and standalone computers, is one of the main advancements that is increasingly diffusing in corporate settings.

The study aimed to survey the awareness and perception of e-learning among the faculty members of Tripura University. Tripura University is the only central university in Tripura. In the year 1987 it was started as a state university and converted to central university in the year 2007. A total number of 40 departments are there running different courses under the University, which includes Certificate Courses, Under Graduate, Post Graduate Diploma and Post Graduate Studies.

Government of India has taken some striving steps towards implementation of E-learning courses through portals such as "Swayam" and "E- PG Pathshala".

1.1 SWAYAM

Swayam is a programme started by the Government of India and designed to attain the three fundamental principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The aim of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all. This is done through developing IT platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from 9th class till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time. All the courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost to the residents in India. More than 1,000 specially chosen faculty and teachers from across the Country have participated in preparing these courses.

1.2 E-PG Pathshala

E-PG Pathshala is another MGRD, Government of India initiative taken under National mission on Education through ICT (NME-ICT). Under this program, UGC has been allocated to design E courses under 77 subjects at postgraduate level. Scholarly courses under all areas of knowledge have been included in this program.

1.3 Objectives of the study

- ❖ To identify the rate of awareness on E-learning among the faculties of Tripura University.
- ❖ To determine the frequency of use of E-learning tools among the sample population.
- To identify perception towards using E-learning tools among the faculties.
- To identify future plans regarding conducting of E-learning courses among the faculties of the university.
- ❖ To identify the rate of enrolment of E-learning courses by faculties of the university.

1.3 Significance of the study

E-learning is the type of educational instruction that occurs through the Internet. Whenever one watches a training video online or enrolls in a virtual class one is engaging in E-learning activities. Recently, the use of the Internet and other information communication technology has brought immense change to the mechanism of teaching and learning. In this regard, it is important to study the rate of awareness and perception of E-learning among the academicians active in higher education. With this view the current study was prepared to determine

the awareness and perception of E-learning among the faculty members of Tripura University.

1.4 Limitation of the study

Due to time constraints, the current study investigated the awareness and perception towards E-learning only among the faculty members of Tripura University. For this study, opinion of students and research scholars was not undertaken. Also, the study considered faculties from only one organization that is Tripura University.

2. Review of Literature

Wang, Q., Zhu, Z., Chen, L. & Yan, 2009 studied the status of E-learning in China and found that there was a significant difference in in terms of development in different geographical locations in the country. The study also found that there is a certain group of students who cannot attain highly regarded universities after completion of their senior schools and as a consequence they crave for E-learning.

Ehlers, U. D, 2009 abridged the related literature in the area of E-learning and sketched the differences between e-learning 1.0 and e-learning 2.0 and combined it with a succession of formerly available literature.

Tai, 2008 constructed a hybrid system composing of artificial neural network (ANN) and data-mining (DM)tools. They used ANN tools to identify the different types of E-learners and data mining tools were used to bring out the best learning path rules.

Csete and Jennifer Evans, 2013, studied the institutional proposals to implant E-learning in a university in Hong Kong, from 2006-12, through large-scale funding of 43 e-learning projects. The

guiding principles behind the university's E-learning development was outlined. They strongly stressed that e-learning projects need careful preparation, scaffolding and managing. Also that piloting, evaluation and formal reporting as well as the availability of professional, technical and instructional design sustain are noteworthy aspects in triumph.

Sawang, S., Newton, C. & Jamieson, 2013 insisted that in order to conquer technological blockades, organizational support should be offered to the Elearners. The support mechanism includes user training, technical support, and managerial sustain to use e-learning. Organizations adopting e-learning need to examine the support requirements of the potential learners, and, where necessary, have resources for that support in place.

Richard Boateng, 2016 tried to determine factors affecting E-learning adoption among students of the University of Ghana. They studied factors such as computer self-efficacy (CSE), perceived ease of use (PEOU), perceived usefulness (PU) and attitude towards use (ATTU)) in the conceptual model of the study. It was found that "perceived usefulness" and "attitude towards use" had a direct effect on Elearning adoption whilst, PU and PEOU also had a direct relationship on ATTU. Other variables such as CSE and PEOU had an indirect relationship on ELA though they were found to have an insignificant direct relationship on ELA.

3. Methodology

For the current study two methods were applied. An extensive literature survey was done to get the idea bout previously done work in the area of Elearning. A questionnaire was prepared with Google

form and distributed through e-mail IDs to all the faculties of Tripura University. 100 responses well received from 30 different departments of the university within 25 days. The responses received were analyzed with the help of Microsoft excel.

4. Data collection and analysis

The collected data is analyzed and represented in both tabular and graphical format.

Table 1: Gender wise distribution of sample population

Sl. no	Category	Number	Percentage
1	Male	52	52%
2	Female	48	48%
	Total	100	100%

Table 1 reveals the gender wise distribution of the sample and it shows that out of 100 respondents, 52 (52%) are male and 48 (48%) are female.

Table 2: Age Group wise distribution

Sl. No.	Age group	Number	Percentage
1	25-29	34	34%
2	30-34	36	36%
3	35-39	20	20%
4	40-ABOVE	10	10%
	Total	100	100%

Table 2 shows the Age group wise distribution of the respondents, out of 100 respondents, 34 (34%) respondents are from age group 25-29, 36 (36%) respondents are from age group 30-34, 20 (20%) respondents are from age group 35-39 and 10 (10%) respondents are from age group 40 - Above.

Table 3: Department wise distribution

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	Department	No. of	Percentage	
No.		Respondents		
1	Sociology	3	3%	
2	Commerce	4	4%	
3	Chemical and			
	polymer			
	Engineering	2	2%	
4	M(16) Language			
	Division	3	3%	
5	Library and			
	Information Science	4	4%	
6	Economics	4	4%	
7	Business Management	4	4%	
8	Law	3	3%	
9	Statistics	3	3%	
10	Material Science			
	and Engineering	4	4%	
11	Mathematics	3	3%	
12	Computer Science			
	and Engineering	2	2%	
13	Political Science	4	4%	
14	Philosophy	4	4%	
15	Botany	3	3%	
16	Zoology	3	3%	
17	Electrical Engineering	4	4%	
18	Microbiology	3	3%	
19	Physics	3	3%	
20	Human Physiology	3	3%	
21	Chemistry	4	4%	
22	Philosophy	3	3%	
23	Rural management			
	and development	4	4%	
24	Journalism and Mass			
	communication	2	2%	

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28	Technology Molecular Biology	4	4%
	and bioinformatics	3	3%
	Pharmacy	3	3%
29	Filatiliacy	3	3 /0
29 30	English	4	4%

Table 3 shows the department wise respondents. Out of 100 respondents from 30 departments, the department of Sociology, Language Division, Law, Statistics, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology, Physics, Human Physiology, Forestry and bio-diversity, Molecular Biology have 3 (3%) respondents from each. The department of Commerce, Library and Information science, Economics, Business Management, Material Science and Engineering, Political Science, Philosophy, Electrical Engineering, Chemistry, Rural Development and Management, Geography and Disaster Management, Information Technology and English have 4 (4%) respondents from each. The department of Chemical and Polymer Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Journalism and Mass Communication have 2 (2%) respondents from each.

Table 4. Designation wise distribution

Sl. No.	Designation	Number	Percentage
1	Professor	12	12%
2	Associate Professor	20	20%
3	Assistant Professor	36	36%
4	Guest Faculty	32	32%
	Total	100	100%

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Table 4 states that out of 100 respondents, 12 (12%) respondents are Professors, 20 (20%) respondents are Associate Professors, 36 (36%) respondents are Assistant professors and 32 (32%) respondents are Guest faculties.

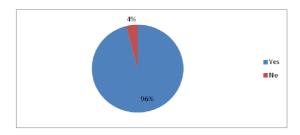


Figure 1: Awareness wise distribution of the respondents

Figure 1 states that out of 100 respondents, 96, (96%) respondents are aware of E-learning whereas 4, (4%) are not aware of it.

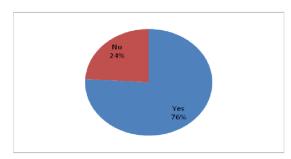


Figure 2: Awareness of Swayam

Figure 2 represents that out of 100 respondents, 76, (76%) respondents are aware of Swayam and 24, (24%)) respondents are not aware of it.

Table 5 : Interest in conducting E-learning courses-wise distribution

Sl. no	Category	Number	Percentage
1	Yes	52	52%
2	No	4	4%
3	May be	44	44%
	Total	100	100%

Table 5 states that out of 100 respondents, 52, (52%) respondents are interested in conducting a course through Swayam. 4, (4 %) are not interested and 44 (44%) respondents are not sure of it.

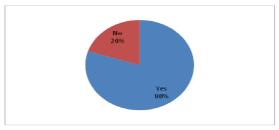


Figure 3: Awareness of E-PG Pathshala?

Figure 3 shows that out of 100 respondents, 80 (80%) respondents are aware of E-PG Pathshala, whereas 20, (20%) are not aware of it.

Table 6: Enrollment for any e-learning courses wise distribution

Sl. no	Category	Number	Percentage		
1	Yes	16	16%		
2	No	84	84%		
	Total	100	100%		

Table 9 reveals that out of 100 respondents, 16, (16%) respondents have enrolled for E-learning course from some of the portal. Whereas 84, (84%) respondents have not enrolled for any E-learning course.

Table 7: Portal of Enrolment wise distribution

Sl. No.	Portal name	Number	Percentage
1	Khan Academy	3	18.7%
2	NPTEL	4	25%
3	Coursera	2	12.5%
4	www.class-central.com	3	18.7%
5	edx	2	12.5%
6	WIPO	2	12.5%
	Total	16	100.00%

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Table 7 shows portal used by the respondents to enroll them in the e-learning course. 3 (18.7%) respondents have enrolled to each Khan Academy and www. class-central.com. 2 (12.5 %) respondents have enrolled to each Coursera, edx and WIPO. And 4 (25%) respondents have enrolled to NPTEL.

Table 8: Courses offered wise distribution

Sl. No.	Responses	Number	Percentage		
1	Yes	4	4%		
2	No	96	96%		
Total		16	100.00%		

Table 8 portrays that out of 100 respondents only 4 (4%) respondents have said that their department or departmental colleagues offering E-learning course, 96 (96%) respondents have responded in negative.

Table 9: Future Planning regarding E-learning course offering

Sl. No.	Responses	Number	Percentage		
1	Yes	56	56%		
2	No	8	8%		
3	May be	36	36%		
	Total	100	100%		

Table 9 states that out of 100 respondents, 56 (56%) respondents are planning to offer e-learning course in near future from their department. 8 (8%) respondents are not going to offer and 36 (36%) are not sure of it.

Table 10: Attending training wise distribution

Sl. No.	Responses	Number	Percentage	
1	Yes	32	32%	
2	No	68	68%	
Total		100	100%	

Table 10 depicts that out of 100 respondents, 32 (32%) respondents have got training program on how to conduct e-learning courses and 68 (68%) respondents have not gone through any such program.

Table 11: Frequency of using E-learning tools

Sl.	E-learning tools	Frequently	Percentage	Sometimes	Percentage	Rarely	Percentage
No.		Use		Use		Use	
1	Video conferencing	4	4%	16	16%	80	80%
2	Emails	84	84%	12	12%	4	4%
3	Search engines	84	84%	8	8%	8	8%
4	Virtual Classrooms	4	4%	24	24%	72	72%
5	Audio/Video tapes	28	28%	48	48%	24	24%
6	WebCT	16	16%	12	12%	72	72%

Table 11 shows the frequency of using different elearning tools.

- ❖ Video conferencing: Out of 100 respondents, 4 (4%) respondents frequently use it, 16 (16%) respondents sometimes use it and 80 (80%) respondents rarely use it.
- Emails: 84 (84%) respondents frequently use it, 12 (12%) respondents sometimes use it and 4 (4%) rarely use it.
- ❖ Search Engines: 84 (84%) respondents frequently use it, 8 (8%) respondents sometimes use it and 8 (8%) rarely use it.
- ❖ Virtual Classroom: 4 (4%) respondents frequently use it, 24 (24%) respondents sometimes use it and 72 (72%) rarely use it.
- ❖ Audio/Video Tapes: 28 (28%) respondents frequently use it, 48 (48%) respondents sometimes use it and 72 (72%) rarely use it.
- ❖ WebCT: 16 (16%) respondents frequently use it, 12 (12%) respondents sometimes use it and 72 (72%) rarely use it.

Table 12: Perception towards using E-learning tools

Sl No	Perceptions	Agreed	Percentage	Disagreed	Percentage	No-idea	Percentage
1	I dislike the idea of using e-learning tools	4	4%	84	84%	12	12%
2	I have a generally favourable attitude towards using e-learning tools	92	92%	0	0%	8	8%
3	I believe it will be a good idea to use e-learning tools	92	92%	4	4%	4	4%
4	Using e-learning tools is a foolish idea	0	0%	100	100%	0	0%

Table 12 represents the perception towards using elearning tools, here we have taken some of the perceptions are

I dislike the idea of using e-learning tools: Out of 100 respondents, 4 (4%) respondents are agreed with this statement. 84 (84%) respondents are disagreed and 12 (12%) respondents have no idea about this.

I have a generally favorable attitude towards using e-learning tools: Out of 100 respondents, 92 (92%) respondents are agreed with this statement. 8 (8%) respondents have no idea and none of them are disagreed about this statement.

I believe it will be a good idea to use e-learning tools: Out of 100 respondents, 92 (92%) respondents are agreed with this statement. 4 (4%) respondents are disagreed and 4 (4%) respondents have no idea about this.

Using e-learning tools is a foolish idea: Out of 100 respondents, 100 (100%) respondents are disagreed with this statement.

5. Findings and Discussions

52% of the total respondents belong to male category. 36% of the respondents are from age group 30-34, followed by age group 25-29 (34%). Maximum response from each department is 4 (4%). Most of the respondents are Assistant Professor (36%), followed by guest faculty (32%). Maximum (96%) respondents are aware of E-learning concept which is very encouraging in itself. Most respondents (76%) are aware of Swayam. More than half of the total respondents (52%) are interested to conduct course through Swayam. Maximum (80%) respondents are aware of E-PG Pathshala. Maximum of the respondents (84%) have not enrolled for any E-learning course. The maximum respondents (25

%) out of the enrolled ones have enrolled for elearning course are from NPTEL portal.

Most of the department or departmental colleagues (96%) of the respondents are not offering any elearning course. More than half of the total respondents (56%) are planning to offer e-learning course in near future from their department. Most of the respondents (68%) have not got any training program on how to conduct e-learning course. Emails (84%), search engines (84%) are most used elearning tools by the respondents. More than 90% respondents are in favor of e-learning concept.

6. Conclusion and Suggestions

Technical ability is not an obstacle when learners are provided with an authentic learning task. In other words, the authenticity of the task and the content of the E-learning system act as a bridge mechanism for exemplifying perceived benefit from E-learning; put simply, the system must be, and must be seen to be, a good way of learning. Organizations can do little to fundamentally alter employees' openness to change, except by fostering a change-friendly environment. Using technology such as E-learning as a supplemental system and allowing it to demonstrate its perceived benefit may alter the intention to adopt. However, it is essential that the system clearly demonstrates relative advantage as the lever for adoption. From the above study a few suggestions have been conclude such as:

- 1. It is suggested that the department should provide the e-learning courses.
- 2. The faculty must get enrolled to any e-learning course to understand the concept of it more clearly.
- 3. The faculty must get training to conduct such type of program.

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Collection Development Strategy in Library and Information Centers

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ABSTRACT

In libraries and information centers, collection development is considered an essential element of the information life cycle. The goal of any collection development organization must be to provide the library with a collection that meets the appropriate needs of its clients within the limits of its fiscal and personnel resources. To reach this goal, selection policies and practices play fundamental role in developing a strong collection. Collection development involves a number of activities by which a library acquires materials of all types by implementing the selection policy and the plans for document acquisition. Collection development is a dynamic and continuous activity. It involves the users, the library staff, and the subject experts on selection team. It is not an end in itself,

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Social Media as Voice of the People or the Propagandist

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Abstract

Today internet has become an unavoidable adage. freeing its wings through platforms like Social Media. Social Media is becoming a potent tool for voicing opinion of the netizens or people, exercising a power given by the new evolving web based technology of this century. In a democratic country like India where a free voice and participation among the people are the accepted norms, Social Media is the power that is given to the people. We can see how this power is used in Jasmine Revolution of Arabian countries and Anna Hazare movement of India. With globalization and free economy of this country, Social Media can really have a pivotal role for development of our country.

With growing number of netizens throughout the globe, Social Media can surely be a potent tool for development by bridging Digital Divide in a country like India. But this power and technology are also used by propagandists to spread their partial views and sometimes becomes a tool for spreading partisan ideas. Then the same power becomes a malevolent tool in the hands of a few destabilizing the very base of society, as seen in India also.

The paper dwells on the use of Social Media as a cause for bringing issues through participatory mode in a democratic country like India by merging digital divide and as a reaction for overlooking by mainstream media. But at the same time it brings the threat of spreading unhealthy rumors by propagandist's elements which can destabilize the existing one.

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Keywords: Social Media, Democracy, Online Activism. Propagandist, Netizens

Introduction

"The mass do not now take their opinions from dignitaries in Church or State, from ostensible leaders or from books. Their thinking is done for them by men much like themselves, addressing or speaking in their name, on the spur of the moment."

— John Stuart Mill

In the recent dynamics of media, technology has empowered people to view this world with more power to people. People are now becoming the content creator for the media with evolution of New Media like Social Media which is a huge platform of sharing and seeking information online.

India, the largest democracy, has a resurging sweep of Social Media paradigm influencing prevalent system of politico, socio economic scenario. With this, the netizens decentralize media and strive to democratize information online. Social media is also considered as a tool to merge the digital divide of the country which is riddled with perennial problems of poverty, unemployment etc.

This Social Media is changing the world by providing people a platform for freedom of speech. People are now active readers who engage themselves on international forum with discussion, comment on subject pertinent to them. They are "instantly collaborating, contributing, interpreting and interacting" (Senger & Suopis, 2010). Along with some odds, Social Media paves the way for empowering citizens in terms of information, though sometimes how far the information is with quality or positive becomes an another important area of concern.

Methodology

The study is basically based on secondary data collected from various online sources and libraries. The researchers have done extensive literature review to understand the relation of online activism and social media and how netizens use it to spread

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Uses and Gratification of Facebook: A Critical Study

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DOES DIGITAL MEDIA USE MEAN DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT?

A CRITICAL STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MARGINAL COMMUNITIES IN TRIPURA

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Abstract:

This study is a historical study on major Internet and social media usage habits. This study seeks to find out significant works in the direction that have been done in Tripura in the past. It offers a critical understanding of the relationship between usage of social media use and social media empowerment among users in marginal digital spaces like Tripura, where average digital footprint is still low.

Keywords: Internet, Social media, Facebook, marginal digital space, Tripura, India.

I. Introduction

Before going into any analytical study of social media behaviour, usage or implications on users, perhaps a bit of introspection on the type and form of social media we are discussing about is the call of the hour. The widely accepted nomenclature — 'social media' in the academic domain as well as common parlance has rather obscured the very motto of having a 'social' media.

As Dahlberg (Dahlberg, 2015) says, a host of pre-Web social media were active as interactive platforms for the then users of computer-mediated communication. These included computerized bulletin board systems like the Usenet, FidoNet, synchronous online chat platforms like the Internet Relay Chat (IRC). However, one would be grossly misplaced in an argument, should the assumption be based on free interactive platforms ruling the virtual interactive space in the 1990s. There were solely subscription-based, highly firewalled commercially run interactive platforms like CompuServe, American Online as well.

Hence, how could one really differentiate between the virtual interactive platforms predating the current millennium? Well, the answer perhaps could only be better utility and a discursive array of functions available now that weren't the case then. By now, we mean the post-2004 phase when Facebook (then The

Facebook) came into being. As we now see, the use of the new social media is divided into two distinct segments. One among them is the utilitarian use of social media, where the users set professional connections as sole purpose of the networking.

We have got developers offering professional networking platforms like LinkedIn, which all the facilities of new social media. And then, we have a second segment with all the facilities of new social media users who have taken up usage of such platforms for pure of new social media are most popular in the hands of users from entertainment. The new social media are most popular in the hands of users from the latter group. They are usually relatively less-educated users from humble backgrounds, who are most adept to embracing new technological facilities.

A study conducted on them by Neha Kumar has shown that urban poor, especially users from under-privileged classes are the fastest adapters to new technology. Their choice of use of cell phones were found to be heavily influenced by the device's capacity of accessing fast internet, Facebook and other interactive applications. However, the same users weren't well-versed with the use of basic internet functions, which revealed very important finding that social media enabled users aren't exactly synonymous to digitally enabled youths.

II. Contextualising Digital Empowerment

Numerous studies have been conducted on the definition of digital empowerment. However, the closest definition that could be achieved by the European Parliament and the European Council in 2006. A segment in a set of recommendations put forth by the European Parliament and the European Council stressed on the term digital competence, which has come to be the closest and categorized relative of digital empowerment. The recommendation identified digital competence as a condition which fulfilled one out of 8 key components that were considered essential for a knowledge society.

"Digital competence involves the confident and critical use of information Society technology (IST) for work, leisure, learning and communication. It is underpinned by basic skills in ICT: the use of computers to retrieve, access, store, produce, present and exchange information, and to communicate and participate in collaborative networks via the Internet."

Some researchers have tried to focus on the aspect that all interaction and tommunication media, which were computer-mediated and pre-dating 2000, were equally social as the ones widely practised today are. (Dahlberg, 2015) Hence, he chooses to call social networking sites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the like as new social media. To him, the older versions of computer-mediated communication platforms like Usenet, FidoNet, IRC etc. were the pathfinders to reach the age of new social media that we have today.

cholars like Dahlberg. They have claimed that social media is actually a phenomenon

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Antioxidant, Total Phenol and Some Nutritional Status of Dioscorea hamiltonii Hook. F. and Dioscorea bulbifera L. Var. sativa (Hook.f.) Prain, in Tripura, NE India

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Summary The present study was carried out to investigate the antioxidant activity (DPPH scavenging potential), total phenolic content, total protein, free amino acid, carbohydrate and moisture content of male and female tubers of *Dioscorea hamiltonii* and *Dioscorea bulbifera* var. *sativa*. Methanolic extracts of female tubers of both the species had the highest phenolic content and antioxidant activity in comparison to their male stalks. Direct correlation is observed in their phenolic content and antioxidant activity. Total protein, free amino acid and carbohydrate content of the female stalk of both the species werefound to be higher in comparison to male tubers. *D. hamiltonii* female has highest Soluble sugar content (5.92 \pm 0.132 mg/gm) and *D. bulbifera* var. *Sativa* female has the lowest (2.09 \pm 0.119 mg/gm). Moisture content is highest (67%) in male *D. bulbifera* var. *Sativa* and lowest (65%) in *D. hamiltonii*. The data furnish useful information for utilization of this underutilized wild tuber crop in Tripura.

Keywords: Antioxidant activity, Dioscorea hamiltonii and Dioscorea bulbifera var. sativa

Dioscorea a dioecious genus of Dioscoreaceae is an important tropical 'Yam' which plays a vital role among the tribal communities of Tripura by serving as a food and as a traditional medicine. The literature survey reveals that, some varieties are producing toxic tuber, although some variety produces popular tuber vegetables and food. Different ethnic groups of the State have been using several species of Dioscorea as a source of food due to their high nutrientcontent. Most of the Dioscorea species grow widely in the forest floor in adverse climatic condition. For their edible tubers the wild varieties D. bulbifera var. sativa and D. hamiltonii are quite popular to the forest dwellers of the State. D. hamiltonii is also consumed by these people to get relief from piles and burnt and D. bulbifera var. sativa enhances appetite (Teponno et al., 2007). D. bulbifera var. sativa is also used for the treatment of leprosy and tumour in Bangladesh (Mbiantchaet al., 2011).

Tubers of bulbifera are also used for the treatment of pig cysticercosis by the native people of western highland of Cameroon (Teponno et al., 2007). Tubers of D. hamiltonii are very popular among the tribal peoples of Tripura and is often compared with potato tubers for their taste as a vegetable. High antioxidant activity of storage protein (dioscorin) and mucilage (carbohydrate) of tubers are also reported in other species of Dioscorea (Hou et al., 2001, 2002).

Although both the species of Dioscorea have long been used as food and traditional medicines, no scientific work has so far been carried out to highlight the nutritional status and anti-oxidant activity of these species. Therefore the present work was undertakento evaluate the nutritional status and anti-oxidant activity of these species.

Materials and Methods

Materials

The fresh tubers of D. bulbifera var. sativa and D. hamiltonii were collected from Debipur, South Tripura, India. Plants were identified using the Flora of Tripura (D.B Deb, Vol.-II,1983) Flora of Assam (Kanjilal et al.,1939) and Bangladesh ethno botany online data base,.

Plant Sample Extraction

Tubers were cleaned, shade dried and pulverized to a powder in a mechanical grinder. Required quantity of powder was weighed and transferred tostoppard flask and treated with methanol until the powder is fully immersed. The flask was shaken every hour for the first six hours and then it was kept aside and again shaken after 24hours. This process was repeated for four days and then the extract was filtered with Whatman NO. 1 filter paper. The filtrate was collected and evaporated to dryness by using the vacuum distillation unit.

Moisture Content

The moisture content was determined by drying the samples in an oven at 80°C for 48hrs and was expressed on a percentage basis.

Estimation of Total Phenol Content

Total phenol content was estimated using the Folin-Ciocalteu method. Samples (100µl) were mixed thoroughly with 2 ml of 2% Na₂CO₃. After 2 min. 100 µl of Folin-Ciocalteu reagent was added to the mixture. The resulting mixture was allowed to stand at room temperature for 30 min and the absorbance was measured at 743 nm against a blank. Total phenol content was expressed as milligram per gram of methanol extract of plant samples using Gallic acid as standard.

DPPH Radical Scavenging Activity

The free radical scavenging activities of methanol extract of all the samples were evaluated by 1, 1-diphenyl-2-picryl-hydrazyl (DPPH) method. Different concentration of

methanol extracts (50,100, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200 µg/ml) was mixed with 300 µl DPPH (0.02mM). The absorbance was measured at 517 nm using a UV-VIS double beam spectrophotometer (Dynamica, DB-20, Sl. No. - 6622065) after 30 minutes of incubation at dark. Blank is prepared by mixing methanol with DPPH. Ascorbic acid was used as the reference. Scavenging of DPPH was calculated by using the formula: DPPH scavenging activity (% of inhibition) = $(A_0 - A_1)*100/A_0$, where A_0 is the absorbance of control reaction and A1 is the absorbance of the sample. All the sets were repeated thrice and results were recorded as average.

Estimation of Total Free Amino Acids

The amount of total free amino acid was estimated following the method of Yemm and Cocking (1955). In this method, 50mg fresh tubers were homogenized in 10ml of 50% aqueous ethanol with a pinch of activated charcoal. The slurry was centrifuged at 1000 rpm for 10 minutes and free amino acids were extracted in the form of a clear supernatant. The volume of supernatant was raised to 10 ml with aqueous 50% ethanol. To 1ml of the supernatant 2ml of Ninhydrine (2%, w/v in dehydrated alcohol) was added. The mixture was kept in a water bath at 75±2°C for 10 minutes and after cooling, aqueous alcohol (1:1) was added to make up the volume to 3ml. The absorbance of the violet complex was measured at 570nm on a spectrophotometer. The amount of total free amino acid was calculated with the help of a standard curve prepared from glycine and was expressed as mg of amino acids per gram fresh weight of the sample.

Total Protein

The total amount of protein was determined by the Lowry method (1951). In this 500mg sample crushed in 5ml of extraction buffer and centrifuged in 10,000 rpm for 30 minutes and the supernatant is used for estimation of protein.

Estimation of Carbohydrate

The amount of total Carbohydrate was estimated by the Anthrone method. In this method 100mg dried powder sample was taken into a test tube and hydrolyzed by keeping it in a boiling water bath for three hours with 5ml of 2.5N HCl and cool to room temperature. The material was neutralized with solid sodium carbonate until the effervescentstopped. After that the volume was made upto 100ml with distilled water and centrifuged. The supernatant was collected. To 0.5ml of the supernatant 4ml of 0.2% anthrone was added and the volume was made up to 5ml with distilled water. The mixture was heated for eight minutes in a water bath, cooled rapidly and measure the green to dark green colour at 630 nm.

Estimation of Soluble Sugar

The amount of total soluble sugar was estimated following the method of Yemn and Willis (1955). In this, 500mg fresh tubers were crushed in 10ml of 95% aqueous ethanol and centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 15 minutes, to the supernatantpinch of activated charcoal was added and the volume was made up to 10ml, it was centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 15 minutes and the clear solution was taken. To 0.2ml of the supernatant 2.5ml of 2% anthrone was added and the volume was made up to 3ml with 95% aqueous ethanol. After 30 minutes absorbance was measured at 620nm on a spectrophotometer. The amount of total soluble sugar was calculated with the help of a standard curve prepared from glucose and was expressed as mg of soluble sugar per gram of the fresh weight of the sample.

Statistical Analysis

All the data were analyzed by using (Statgraphics Centurion XVII, software) and means were compared by T-test. Mean was considered to be significant when the P-value is less than 0.05 (P<0.05). Correlation tests were done using Microsoft Excel 2007.

Result and Discussion

The highest phenol content of methanolic extract of female tubers of *D. hamiltonii* and *D.* bulbifera var. sativa were found to be 11.66±0.24 mg/gm and 13.5±0.90 mg/gm respectively. Methanolic extract of the female tuber of both the species showed the highest phenolic content (13.50±0.9) and antioxidant activity (IC₅₀ value is 57.17±3.12) in comparison to their male stalks (Table-1, Fig. 3). Total protein (0.188±0.05mg/gm.; 0.186±0.01mg/gm.), and carbohydrate content (1.42±.036 mg/gm.; 1.02±0.08 mg/gm.) of the female tubers of Dioscorea hamiltonii(Table-1, Fig. 1) and Dioscorea bulbifera var. stiva are significantly higher than that of their male tubers (Fig. 2). Significant direct correlation was observed in the phenolic content, antioxidant activity, carbohydrate content and total protein content of both the species studied. Highest free amino acid content was recorded in male stalk of D. bulbifera var. sativa. Soluble sugar content of both the stalks, male (4.83±0.045 mg/gm) and female (5.92 ± 0.132 mg/gm)} of D. hamiltoni and the male tubers (5.86±0.175 mg/ gm) of D. bulbifera var. sativa were recorded higher than the female tubers of D. bulbifera var. sativa. The moisture content was highest (67%) in male Dioscorea bulbifera var. sativa, than that present in both the male and female D. hamiltonii (65%). Whereas, the moisture content of female tuber of Dioscorea bulbifera var. sativa was 57% which showed the woody nature of the tuber. The antioxidant activity and the total phenol content reported in this paper is in accordance with the previous report on D. alata (Lin et al. 2005) and D. batatas(Hou et al. 2002). These data may be used for future research and utilization of this underutilized wild tuber crop in Tripura.

Table 1: Antioxidant activity (IC_{50}) and some nutritional status of male and female tubers of D. hamiltonii and D. bulbifera var. sativa.

Constituents	Dioscorea hamiltonii		Dioscorea bulbifera var. sativa	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Moisture content (%)	65	65.5	67	57
Total Protein (mg/gm) mean ±SD	0.17±0.010	0.188±0.005	0.21±0.005	0.186±0.005
Carbohydrate (mg/gm) mean ±SD	0.63±.060	1.42±.036	0.67±±.01	1.02±0.08
Soluble sugar (mg/gm) mean ±SD	4.83±0.045	5.92±0.130	5.86±0.175	2.09±0.119
Free amino acid (mg/gm) mean ±SD	.015±0.0025	.025±0.004	2.69±0.098	1.22±0.04
Antioxidant activity (IC50 value in µg/ml)	220.27±3.02	104.27±3.38	131.78±2.70	57.17±3.12
Phenol(mg/gm) ±SD	1.69±0.091	11.66±0.245	5.78±0.09	13.5±0.9

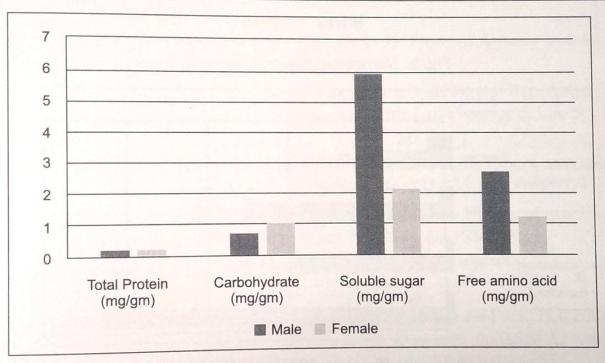


Fig. 1: Nutritional status of D.bulbifera var. sativa.

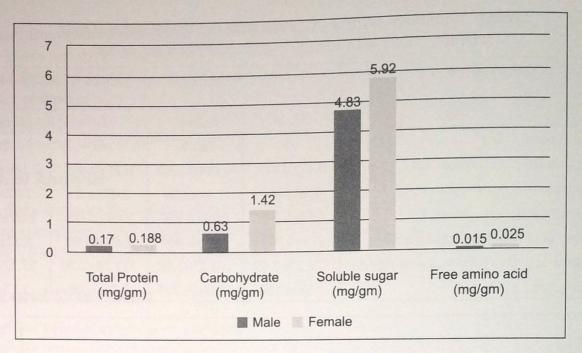


Fig. 2: Nutritional status of D.hamiltonii.

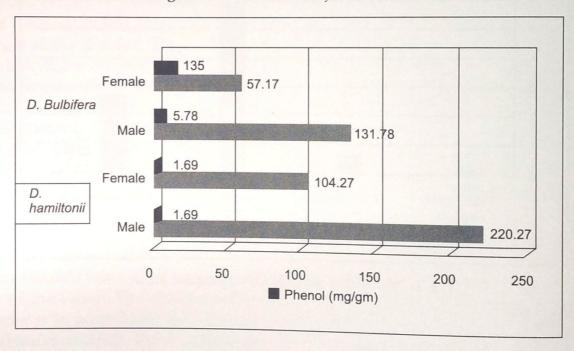


Fig. 3: Phenolic content and antioxidant activity of D. hamiltonii and D. bulbifera var. sativa.

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