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## STOCKS – AN INVESTMENT AVENUE

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### INTRODUCTION:

The fluctuations in prices of securities like Share stock is a golden opportunity for wealth creation for people across most age groups. The fluctuations in price is as a result of the entity's financial performance and several other economic factors. The said fluctuations may result in the share price to reduce or vice versa. As a potential Investor, one aims to make money by buying shares when they're low and selling them when they're high in price. It's a regulated way for companies to raise capital and for masses to invest and potentially earn profits. The said trading is done via common platform of Stock market or Stock Exchanges.

### EVOLUTION:

The history of stock markets dates back to the late 16th century when the Amsterdam Stock Exchange became the world's first official stock exchange. It allowed investors to buy and sell shares of the company, providing a platform for trading.

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, stock markets flourished globally. Technological advancements and introduction of electronic trading systems provided better utilities for investors and transformed the way stocks were bought and sold. The role of Regulatory Authorities like Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was modified to incorporate these evolving diversities in the securities' market and its impact on protection of interest of the investors.



*Figure 1: Evolution of Stock market*

### STOCKS AS AN INVESTMENT:

Every investor has to develop an investment strategy which has to be designed to help the investors to achieve their financial and investment goals. A person's investment strategy depends on their personal circumstances, age, capital availability, risk tolerance and financial goals. Investment in stocks serves as a good alternative for earning desired returns. However, the choice of shares to be invested in will depend on several other parameters. To make good investing decisions for investment in shares one must take undermentioned precautions:

- Invest early. Starting early is one of the best ways to build wealth.

- Invest regularly. Investing often is just as important as starting early. It help one familiarise with the market trends and its impact on the share prices.
- Invest enough. Achieving your long-term financial goals begins with saving enough today.
- Acquire adequate knowledge about Financial Markets and its operations.
- Follow the investor's guidelines issued by SEBI as a part of their investors education function.
- Make a well- informed plan.
- Make informed investing decision.
- Be updated regarding recent happenings and its impact on the shares.
- Diversify your portfolio to meet your financial goals.

### **STOCKS AND STUDENT INVESTORS:**

As students, investment in stock securities is not restricted however it is important to follow certain precautions:

1. Education First: One must prioritize learning about financial markets, investment instruments and other economic indicators. One must consider pursuing relevant courses, workshops and certifications to enhance their knowledge in order to minimize risk.
2. Simulated Trading: It is suggested to practice trading in a simulated environment using virtual trading platforms to test strategies and gain practical experience.
3. Internships and Networking: In order to get good exposure to the world of investment one must seek internships or part-time positions with financial institutions, investment firms, or in related fields and develop networks with professionals in the industry to gain insights.
4. Stay Informed and updated: It is important to consume reliable financial news, research reports and market analysis to stay informed about macroeconomic factors influencing the market.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The dynamics of a stock exchange are driven by the continuous interplay of buying and selling among investors. This dynamic environment provides opportunities for investors to earn, but it also involves risks of loss of funds as stock values can fluctuate. It is important to understand the market trends, company performance and economic factors for navigating through the dynamic landscape of the stock exchange. Participants aim to capitalize on opportunities and navigate risks as stock prices fluctuate based on the principles of supply and demand. Successful engagement in the stock market requires a comprehensive understanding of market dynamics and a strategic approach to investing. One must take due precautions while exploring this investment avenue.

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# STREAMLINED BUSINESS PRACTICES: WHAT FOREIGN INVESTORS CAN EXPECT

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As countries strive to attract foreign investment, simplifying the business environment has become a crucial focus. Recent reforms are making it easier for investors to establish and manage businesses internationally, paving the way for a more efficient and transparent global market.



## Reforms and Regulatory Changes

Key reforms include:

- **Streamlined Registration:** Online business registration platforms have cut down on setup time and costs.
- **Tax Simplification:** Improved tax codes and incentives have made financial compliance more straightforward.
- **Increased Transparency:**

Enhanced access to regulatory information aids investors in navigating local laws.

**Reduced Bureaucracy:** Fewer permits and quicker approvals minimize bureaucratic obstacles.

## Case Studies

**India:** Significant reforms, such as online registration and the Goods and Services Tax (GST), have propelled India from 130th to 63rd in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index between 2016 and 2020, leading to a surge in foreign direct investment (FDI).

**Vietnam:** By modernizing its business laws and creating industrial parks, Vietnam has enhanced its appeal for FDI. The country's improved business environment is reflected in its rising position on the Ease of Doing Business Index.

## Conclusion

The push to enhance the ease of doing business is transforming investment opportunities globally. As more countries adopt similar reforms, foreign investors can anticipate a more streamlined and supportive business environment, which is expected to drive increased investment and economic growth.

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# The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Finance

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The banking industry is undergoing significant change due to the influence of artificial intelligence (AI). Its impact extends to a number of domains, including risk assessment, fraud detection, trading, and investment management. AI's growing influence on finance is a result of its ability to both, create new opportunities and bring up significant transparency and moral issues. Artificial Intelligence has completely changed trade and investment management. Algorithmic trading has replaced traditional systems, which mostly depended on human intuition and slower analytical processes. Artificial intelligence (AI) systems are capable of processing enormous volumes of data in real-time, identifying patterns and making trade decisions significantly faster than humans. Increased efficiency has resulted in investment firms being able to



more accurately forecast market trends and optimize their portfolios.



Risk management, another critical area of finance, has also been transformed by AI. Machine learning models are now used to analyse historical data and predict potential risks with a precision that traditional models could not achieve. AI-powered credit scoring systems go beyond conventional factors, incorporating alternative data sources like social media activity and spending patterns. This results in more accurate risk assessments and better-informed lending decisions,

ultimately reducing the likelihood of defaults.

AI has also improved customer service through chatbots and virtual assistants that offer personalized support and financial advice. These tools handle routine queries and assist with complex transactions, enhancing the overall customer experience.

Thanks to AI, fraud detection is becoming more successful since machine learning algorithms are constantly analyzing transaction data to spot odd trends and possible fraud. Over time, these systems get more accurate as they adjust to new strategies.

Furthermore, AI promotes financial inclusion by enabling fin-tech companies to assess credit risk and provide services to undeserved populations through mobile platforms. This helps expand access to financial services and reduce inequality.

However, the adoption of AI in finance raises challenges, including data privacy, algorithmic bias, and potential job displacement. Financial institutions must address these issues while leveraging AI's benefits to maintain transparency, fairness, and accountability.

Looking ahead, the future of AI in finance appears promising. Continued advancements in machine learning, data analytics, and computational power are likely to drive further innovations. As AI becomes more embedded in financial systems, new opportunities will emerge in areas such as decentralized finance, automated financial planning, and block-chain based AI applications. Financial institutions that embrace AI and navigate its ethical implications will be well-positioned to offer more efficient, secure, and personalized services to their customers.



In conclusion, AI is transforming the financial industry, providing opportunities for growth, efficiency, and innovation. While challenges exist, the benefits of AI in finance are substantial, and its impact will continue to shape the sector's future. Financial institutions must adapt and invest in AI technologies while addressing ethical considerations to fully harness this powerful tool's potential.

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India is at a turning point in its financial development, and digital currency has the potential to significantly impact the nation's economic destiny. India's approach to digital currency will have a big impact on both the domestic financial system and the worldwide adoption of digital assets, as it is one of the largest and fastest-growing economies in the world. India has the potential to be a key player in the digital currency market given its population of over



1.4 billion and its fast modernizing economy. But there are many technical, socioeconomic, and regulatory obstacles along the way that must be carefully navigated.

One of the most significant developments in India's digital currency landscape is the exploration of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The positive and negative aspects of a digital rupee have been thoroughly investigated by the RBI. A digital

version of a nation's official currency, known as a CBDC, is issued and managed by the central bank. It blends the advantages of electronic payments with the reliability and dependability of conventional fiat money.

The regulatory environment surrounding digital currencies in India remains complex and evolving. The Indian government has taken a cautious approach, reflecting concerns about the risks associated with crypto currencies, including volatility, fraud, and their potential use in illicit activities.

Stablecoins, virtual currencies linked to reliable assets such as the US dollar, have become an important part of the global digital currency ecosystem. Stablecoins have the potential to be extremely important in India, helping to streamline transactions and offer a reliable store of value amidst market fluctuations.

Stablecoin adoption in India has the potential to serve as a bridge that connects the existing financial institutions and the digital currency market.

Another new development in the world of digital currencies is Decentralized Finance (DeFi), which has the potential to upend India's established banking industry. DeFi systems provide financial services without the need for middlemen like banks, including lending, borrowing, and trading. DeFi has the potential to promote financial inclusion and democratize access to financial services for a nation with a sizable unbanked population.

Digital currency has a bright future in India and has the ability to significantly boost financial inclusion and economic growth. However, how well the nation handles the difficulties ahead will determine its future.

India faces both opportunities and challenges as it moves toward adopting digital currency. Digital currencies have the potential to revolutionize India's financial sector and spur innovation, inclusivity, and economic expansion with the appropriate legal framework, technological resources, and public education.

Thus, the decisions taken now will have an impact on India's economy for future generations as the nation approaches this new financial frontier.



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# Factors Influencing Consumer Buying Behaviour

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Did you know that the average consumer is exposed to over 10,000 advertisements daily? With so much noise in the market, what drives consumers to make purchasing decisions? Understanding consumer buying behavior is crucial for businesses to succeed. In this article, we'll delve into the key factors that influence consumer purchasing decisions. So let's start by understanding what consumer behavior means.

Consumer behavior is basically how people make decisions about what to buy. It's all about why we choose certain products or services. For example, think about when you're trying to decide which phone to buy. Do you go for the one with the best camera, or maybe the one with the longest battery life? Those decisions you make are all part of consumer behavior. It's like understanding why we choose one thing over another when we go shopping or make any buying choices. It's a mix of our thoughts, feelings, and habits that influence what we end up purchasing. Katelyn Morgan, Marketing & Communications Manager, First American Insurance Agency, said, "It is important to realize that customer expectations constantly change due to outside factors (think pandemics, layoffs, housing crashes), and brands need to be agile and accept change to satisfy customer needs." So, what factors influence consumer buying behavior? There are many; let's discuss the major 4 factors that influence consumer buying behavior.

## 1] Psychological Factors

## 2] Social Factors

## 3] Personal Factors

## 4] Economic Factors

**1] Psychological Factors:** Human psychology greatly impacts how people decide to buy things. These factors can be hard to measure but strongly affect what we choose to purchase.

Key psychological factors include:

### 1. **Motivation:** What Drives Us to Buy

Motivation is what pushes us to take action. We all have different needs, like:

- Basic needs (food, water, shelter)
- Security needs (safety, protection)
- Social needs (love, belonging)
- Esteem needs respect and recognition.
- Self-actualization needs (personal growth, fulfilment)

Think of it like this: when you're hungry (a basic need), you're motivated to buy food. When you want to feel safe (security need), you might buy insurance or a security system.

### 2. **Perception:** How We See It Matters

Perception is a big influence on what we buy. Here's how it works:

- We gather info about a product (ads, reviews, social media).
- We interpret that information and form an opinion.

- That opinion affects our buying decision.

For Example:

- You see a great review of a new restaurant (Information)
- You think, “Wow, this place must be amazing!” (Interpretation)
- You decide to try it out (Buying decision)

Our perception shapes our choices!

### 3. **Learning:** We Learn as We Go

When we buy something, we learn more about it over time. This learning comes from:

- Experience (trying it out)
- Skills (getting better at using it)
- Knowledge (figuring out how it works)

There are two types of learning:

- **Conditional:** We learn by repeating experiences (e.g., always buying the same coffee brand).
- **Cognitive:** We use our knowledge and skills to find the best solution (e.g., trying different coffee brands to find the perfect one).

Example:

- You buy a new phone and learn how to use it by trying new features (experience).
- You get better at taking photos with practice (skill).
- You figure out the best way to customize your home screen (knowledge).

### 4. **Attitudes & Beliefs:** Our Attitudes Shape Our Choices

Our attitudes (feelings) and beliefs (thoughts) affect what we buy. For example:

- You love eco-friendly products (attitude) and choose brands that share this value.
- You believe a certain brand offers high-quality products (believe) and always choose it.

Marketers want to understand our attitudes and beliefs to:

- Create products we’ll love.
- Design ads that resonate with us.
- Build a strong brand image.

Think of it like a favorite coffee shop—you have a positive attitude towards it and believe it serves the best coffee, so you keep going back!

**2] Social Factors:** Humans are social beings, and they always try to imitate other humans and also wish to be socially accepted in society. Hence, their buying behavior is influenced by other people around them. These factors are considered social factors.

Some of the social factors are:

#### 1. **Family:** Family influences Our Choices

Our family shapes what we buy because:

- We learn from them growing up.
- We adopt their preferences.

For Example:

- You love a particular brand of cookies because your mom always bought them for you as a kid.
- You continue to buy the same type of laundry detergent your family used at home.

Our family's habits and preferences can stick with us for life!

## 2. **Reference Groups:** Our Friends and Groups Shape Our Choices

We're influenced by the people we hang out with because:

- We want to fit in.
- We adopt their habits.

For Example:

- Your friends all wear the same brand of sneakers, so you start wearing them too.
- Your book club friends recommend a new author, so you start reading their books.

We often buy what our friends and groups buy because we want to belong!

## 3. **Roles & Status:** Our Status Affects Our Choices

Our social status and role in life influence what we buy because:

- We want to show our success.
- We adopt habits that fit our position.

For Example:

- A CEO buys a luxury car to show their success.
- An artist buys vintage clothing to fit their creative style.

Our status and role shape our buying decisions as we try to match our purchases to our image.

**3] Personal Factors:** Personal factors unique to each person affect how they shop. These factors vary among individuals, leading to diverse opinions and shopping habits.

Some of the personal factors are:

### 1. **Age:** Our age affects what we buy because:

- Different life stages, different priorities

Examples:

- Teenagers: trendy clothes, beauty products
- Young adults: independence, adventure
- Middle-aged: family, home, security
- Elderly: comfort, health, simplicity

Our age influences our buying decisions, as our needs and priorities change throughout life!

### 2. **Income:** Our income affects what we buy because:

- More money, more options

- Less money, basics first

Examples:

- High income: luxury cars, vacations, fine dining

- Middle income: balance between needs and wants

- Low income: focus on essentials like food, clothing, and shelter.

Our income level influences our buying decisions, prioritizing needs over wants when necessary!

3. **Occupation:** Our occupation affects what we buy because:

- We buy what fits our profession.

Examples:

- Doctor: medical equipment, formal attire

- Professor: academic books, comfortable lecture clothes

- Artist: creative supplies, eclectic fashion

Our job influences our buying decisions, as we prioritize products that support our work and professional image!

**4] Economic Factors:** A country's economic situation affects our buying decisions.

- Strong economy: more money, more spending

- Weak economy: less money, less spending

When the economy is strong, we're more confident to buy. When it's weak, we're more cautious. Economic conditions play a big role in what we choose to purchase!

Some of the important economic factors are:

1. **Personal Income:** More Money, More Spending

- When we have extra money (disposable income) after covering the basics:

- We spend more on wants and luxuries.

For example: dining out, entertainment, hobbies

But when extra money decreases:

- We cut back on non-essentials.

For Example: Cooking at home, cancelling subscriptions

- More disposable income means more freedom to spend on what we want!

2. **Family Income:** More Earners, More Spending

When multiple family members earn:

- Total family income increases

- More money for basics and luxuries

Higher family income means:

- More freedom to buy wants and luxuries

Example: Vacations, designer brands, fine dining

More earners in the family = more shopping power!

### 3. **Liquid Assets:** More the liquid assets, more the luxury

When we have easy access to cash or assets that can be quickly converted to cash:

- We're more likely to spend on luxuries

Example: Cash, savings, stocks, bonds

Having liquid assets gives us:

- Confidence to buy comfort and luxury items

Example: designer clothing, fine dining, luxury travel

Easy access to funds = more freedom to splurge!

### 4. **Savings:** Savings goals impact spending

Our savings goals affect our spending.

- If we want to save more, we spend less.
- If we prioritize spending, we save less.

It's a balance between:

- Setting aside for the future (saving)
- Enjoying now (spending)

Our savings goals influence how much we choose to spend!

In summary, consumer purchasing behavior is a multifaceted process shaped by various factors such as age, income, occupation, lifestyle, economic conditions, and financial aspects. These elements significantly impact how individuals make buying choices. Businesses must grasp these influences to effectively target and satisfy customer needs, enhancing sales and fostering growth. By comprehending the diverse drivers of consumer behavior, companies can tailor their marketing approaches to resonate with their target market and maintain a competitive edge in the industry.

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## **MEDIA CONVERGENCE & MEDIA CONTENT**

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Convergence is defined as the merging of distinct technologies, industries, or devices into a unified whole. The rapid integration and growth of modern technology has brought about remarkable changes in the media realm. There isn't any formal definition that would describe media convergence. Previous studies have concluded that convergence in media is a result of the integration of computer networks, information being in digital forms, and the availability of singular applications and platforms to users. It entails merging media content with networked information and communication technology. To summarize, the three Cs of media convergence are content, communication, and computers.

Media convergence has the power to drastically change conventional services, products, and work practices while also paving the way for the creation of entirely new kinds of content. Globalization and media convergence have created more possibilities and incentives to repurpose media content in as many various formats that are commercially and technically feasible. Media convergence overcomes the limits of traditional media. It enables media information to be offered in more varied and individualized ways, meeting the varying needs of the audience/users. The speed and effectiveness of content distribution are increased by cross-platform and interactive communication. Thus, with the rise of internet and smartphone penetration in the market, it is imperative to understand how convergence between traditional media and new media has changed in matters of content.

Convergence of media content is defined as integration of content from ideation, planning, creation, production, and distribution. Today, convergence of media content involves two dimensions: content of media and users of the media. The convergence of media content may be defined as the creation of media content that is accessible on multiple platforms. Convergence of media content focuses on integration at the production level, on media message form, and on media content. There is an integration of media production, distribution, and acquisitions. Media users' behaviour has changed from being traditional passive consumers to interactive and vocal consumers. Today, if media users are not satisfied with information from one channel, they will consume media content from other channels. A practice is possible only after integration of modern technologies (Nwammuo, 2019). Media convergence is a never-ending and dynamic process.

Despite the changes in media content due to media convergence, there are a few advantages to the media industry: First, due to media convergence, there is a positive uptrend in the circulation of online news content among media users. Second, media convergence allows media content to be available online. Today, media content is accessible for media users from anywhere in the world. Lastly, media convergence has changed the way media organizations operate in the production and distribution of media content.

Post-1990s, convergence was a famous concept in the field of communications academia. Proliferation and integration of modern technologies brought in social media, online radio, online TV, and wireless communication (Latzer, 2013). Media users are not only consumers but creators and distributors.



This is possible because of the accessibility of online tools. This change has severely impacted the process of news circulation and allowed media users to feel empowered as media entrepreneurs. The constant change in dynamics of media use, accessibility of media content, and advancements in modern technology has brought media convergence to the forefront in the field of academics.

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Pleistocene Epoch is one of the two epochs in the Quaternary period. This period is characterised with a series of glacial and interglacial cycles. This epoch started around 2.6-2.7 mya and ended 11,700 years ago.

Mammals have inhabited the earth for millions of years. There have been some really iconic mammals like the woolly mammoth, *Smilodon Fatalis* also commonly known as saber tooth Tiger, etc. The Indian subcontinent is one of the few places which has seen a greater percentage of survival for mammals compared to other continents. According to a paper which looked at Billasurgam cave complex, it was seen that most of the mammalian taxa have survived the harsh conditions of the pleistocene age (Roberts, Delson, et al., 2014). Different techniques like stratified faunal sequence, optically stimulated luminescence dating (OSL), spatial comparison of faunal presence and paleontological identification were used. A lot of bone fragments were found during the excavation, of which only a few were identified at genus or species level. Spatial comparison of faunal presence indicated that most of the taxa identified in the cave could still be found in Andhra Pradesh today (Roberts, Delson, et al., 2014). This result was a little surprising as this cannot be seen in most of the other continents. So what would be some of the possible reasons for mammals to survive in India. In this paper, we will look at this from different perspectives using the nomological networks of cumulative evidence framework (Saad Gad, 2020). One way to look at it would be to see why mammals failed to exist in other continents. This can be seen using two perspectives, paleontological and anthropological studies. Two of the most common reasons across all the continents for the extinction of mammals was climate change and human overkill.

Before we start talking about other continents, we need to discuss some common events that occurred during the pleistocene age (and even during the other epoch, but we will only be looking at the pleistocene period) which was the ice age or in more formal terms, glacial-interglacial cycle. The Earth has experienced constant warm and cold periods throughout its life span. These generally occurred in 100,000 year cycles (for at least the last 1 million years). Inter-glacial periods occur during the time of peak solar radiations. There is some interglacial activity happening during every peak, but a complete interglacial period occurs only during the fifth peak in the precession cycle. This leads to drastic changes in Earth's temperature (NOAA Climate.gov, 2020).

It is seen that in North America, Australia, and Eurasia, not many mammal species were able to survive through the pleistocene. The end of the pleistocene was different from other mass extinction events as here it was very selective for large bodied mammals and megafaunas. (Grund, Surovell, et al., 2012). The end of the Pleistocene saw the extinction of 38 genera of large mammals. Now as mentioned above, first we will look at this using the anthropological perspective, i.e. human overkill. Most of the overkill events that have been recorded for North America line up with the events of initial human colonization. Therefore, in order for humans to survive, hunting would be a very important aspect of their lives. Hunting large mammals may also have some social and reproductive benefits (Grund, Surovell, et al., 2012). In the earlier times, hunting and food gathering was the man's job. Hunting big mammals would make the person rank higher in the social scale, and therefore being seen as the alpha of the colony. This would also make the man more desirable to the females of the tribe being able to hunt huge animals would prove their physical fitness which is a great predictor of reproductive success. They would also be able to fulfill the needs of the offsprings and their

mother (basic food and protection needs). All this would point to the fact that humans had the might and the motives to hunt down these animals (including mammals) in order to survive in the pleistocene epoch.

Another way to look at this was the ecological perspective. In a study conducted by Faith (2011), they looked at the collapse of the population of mammals and their subsequent extinction. There was a rise in CO<sub>2</sub> levels, during the lateglacial stage, increased the temperature and the chances of precipitation. This would in turn reduce the amount of nutrients cycling through the food web, i.e. there won't be enough food for all the organisms, which would lead to the decrease in collapse in the population of mammals and therefore be vulnerable due to environmental factors (Faith, 2011).

Similar outcomes were seen in Australia, during the late pleistocene, due to the climate change, and due to human overkill, it saw the extinction of most of the mammal species. A research done by Prideaux, et al., in 2007 talks about how climate change would not have led to extinction of mammals as the conditions according to their data, were favourable for mammals to exist.

When we look at Eurasia, it has a different outcome. The amount of mammal species going extinct in Eurasia are less compared to North America. Extinction was not just restricted to large mammals but mammals of all sizes. Unlike North America, no homonent species existed in this region till near the end of Pleistocene. When the humans did come, the mammals were already scarce in number due to the climate change and therefore overkill by humans led to the extinction of these species. (Stuart, 1991)

As we see in the above-mentioned sections, most of the research points towards extinction of mammals due to one of the two reasons, overkill or climate change, but not all people agree with these results. Climate change did have some contribution with the extinction of the mammals but the evidence is not enough to point at it completely. Therefore, according to Grund, 2012, climate change acts just as a catalyst, there is some other underlying reason for the extinction of mammals, and therefore a non-climatic explanation of the extinction during the end of Pleistocene is needed to explain this.

Now coming back to India, the abrupt change in climate in Africa due to the last glacial cycle and it becoming unsustainable for humans to survive, and therefore led to the eventual migration of humans out of Africa. This was also known as the 'Out of Africa hypothesis' (Carto, Weaver, et al., 2009). India being the neighbouring landmass, was a good place for the early humans to migrate. According to the fossils found in the Billasurgam cave, we could see a lot of mammals that existed around the Pleistocene epoch in the Indian subcontinent. When talking about just that area, the Billasuragam cave was close to the river, had a humid climate and therefore had a diverse climate, able to support a variety of mammals (Roberts, Delson, 2014).

During the beginning of the Pleistocene Epoch, due to an increase in tectonic activity along the Himalayan foothills led to the change in the overall landscape and change in the river systems. The environment during this time was also cold and therefore led to the increase in grasslands. This led to the decrease in the amount of forests and therefore the decrease in the mammalian fauna (Patnaik, 2016). A huge amount of mammals which roamed

India faced two ice ages and a volcanic eruption which had huge impacts on the ecosystem. It is seen that many of the mammals in this region were able to adapt to the environment and therefore were able to survive compared to the mammals in other parts of the world. This was also possible as the mammals were able to migrate to regions with more stable climate. Places like North America, Australia, etc saw much more extreme climate change compared to India.

We can see that India, due to the topography and more habitable climatic conditions was better suited for the mammals. They were able to better adapt to the environment and adjust to the conditions due to which most of the species of mammals are still roaming around in India. The survival of these mammals even after such harsh conditions do mimic the outcome of the African continent. A long term stable fauna in terms of mammals is expected when we look at the Indian fauna, if there is no sudden change in rainfall or sea-level.

We always thought that the species which are now extinct are being affected. A recent research by Hofreiter (2007) talks about the impact of the extinction of extinct species on the surviving ones. The ones which are surviving may have loss in terms of genetic or ecological diversity. (Hofreiter, 2007).

The data which is available for the mammalian fauna of the Indian sub-continent is very less compared to the other continents. A strict need for more categorized and quality data is needed in order to gain more knowledge about the survival of mammals after the pleistocene epoch.

Climate change and overkill cannot be the only reasons for extinction of some species and survival of others and therefore more research has to be conducted in order to look for other potential causes of extinction of species towards the end of the Pleistocene epoch.

But what about the future of the mammal fauna? We cannot discuss the past without thinking about the future. As we can see, day by day the climate is changing around the world. Global warming is no longer a conspiracy, but an actual threat to all the living organisms around the world. The increase in the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> increased in the Earth's atmosphere and other greenhouse gases after the industrial revolution has led to an increase in the overall temperature of Earth. Humans have a chance of adapting to the changing environment but the same cannot be said about mammals. Due to the decrease in the amount of forest, and increase in the number of human colonies, animals don't have sufficient places to survive. Due to the constant disasters like forest fires, more and more animals are in danger day by day. If the situation is not dealt with effectively and quickly, it might lead to another major extinction, but this time man would be responsible for it.

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# IOT in Agriculture

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## 1. Introduction :

The **Internet of Things** (IoT) is the most productive and essential methodology for designing solutions to problems. IoT grows from a number of building blocks, such as sensors, applications, network elements, and other electronic devices. IoT allows data to be exchanged across a network without the need for human intervention.

Agricultural Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a network in which physical components, such as animals and plants, environmental elements, production tools, and various virtual “objects” in the agricultural system, are connected with the internet through agricultural information perception equipment under certain protocols to perform information exchange and communication.

## 2. Major Applications:

### A. *Soil Sampling and Mapping*

A wide range of toolkits and sensors that can assist farmers to track the soil quality and, based on this data, recommend remedies to avoid its degradation. E.g. Lab-in-a-Box.

Sensor and vision based autonomous robots called Agribot are developed for sowing seeds.

### B. *Irrigation*

A significant increase in crop efficiency is expected with the use of IoT based techniques, such as **Crop Water Stress Index** (CWSI)-based irrigation management. Information from a wireless sensors based monitoring system & from sources including weather data and satellite imaging is applied to CWSI models for water need assessment, and finally specific irrigation index value is produced for each site.

### C. *Fertiliser*

IoT-based fertilising approaches help to estimate **Normalised Difference Vegetation Index** (NDVI) which uses aerial/satellite images to monitor crop nutrient status. NDVI is based on the reflection of visible and near-infrared light from vegetation and is used to estimate the crop health, vegetation vigour, and density, further contributing to assess the soil nutrient level which helps to use of fertilisers in adequate amount.

### D. *Crop disease and pest management*

IoT based intelligent devices, such as wireless sensors, robots and drones are allowing the growers to slash pesticide uses significantly by precisely spotting crop enemies. When equipping an agricultural robot with multispectral sensing devices and precision spraying nozzles, it can locate and deal with pest problems more precisely under the manipulation of a remote IoT disease management system.

### E. *Yield Monitoring, Forecasting, and Harvesting*

Yield quality depends on many factors, e.g. sufficient pollination with good quality pollen especially when predicting seed yields under changing environmental conditions.

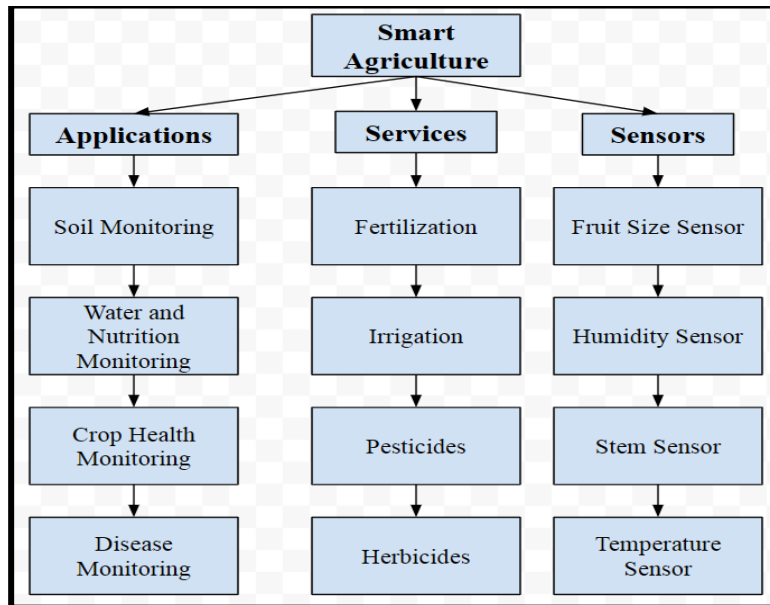


Figure 1: Working of Smart Agricultural system

### 3. Advantages:

- **Improved Efficiency:** Automates farming processes, enhancing productivity.
- **Real-Time Monitoring:** Provides instant data for better decision-making.
- **Precision Farming:** Provides data-driven insights for optimal use of inputs like water and fertilisers.
- **Resource Management:** Enhances water and soil management through accurate data.

### 4. Limitations:

- **Complexity:** Can be challenging to set up and maintain without technical expertise.
- **Dependence on Connectivity:** Relies on stable internet connections, which may be limited in rural areas.
- **High Initial Costs:** Requires significant investment in technology and infrastructure.

### 5. Conclusion:

The Internet of Things would assist in the development of smart agriculture. IoT is used in Agriculture which is a profession that has relied on traditional practices and experiences up to now. However, the passage of time has affected rural traditions, and they have started to adapt to the flow of change. Agriculture must undergo significant improvements using IOT since a substantial portion of the population relies on it for survival.

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# **Internet of Thing in Medical Industry**

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## **Introduction to IoT:**

IoT stands for the Internet of Things. It refers to the connection of physical devices, like appliances, vehicles, and other objects, which are equipped with software, sensors, and internet connectivity. This allows these devices to collect, share, and exchange data with each other. IoT technology creates opportunities for more efficient and automated systems by enabling devices to communicate and interact with their environment and other devices.

This interconnected network can make homes smarter by automating lighting, security, and climate control, and it can transform industries by improving manufacturing processes and supply chain management.

In the coming years, IoT will offer advanced services and significantly change daily life. We already see its impact in areas like medicine, where wearable devices monitor patient health in real-time, and in power management, where smart grids optimize energy use. IoT is also making strides in gene therapies, smart cities with improved traffic management and waste disposal systems, and smart homes with connected appliances.

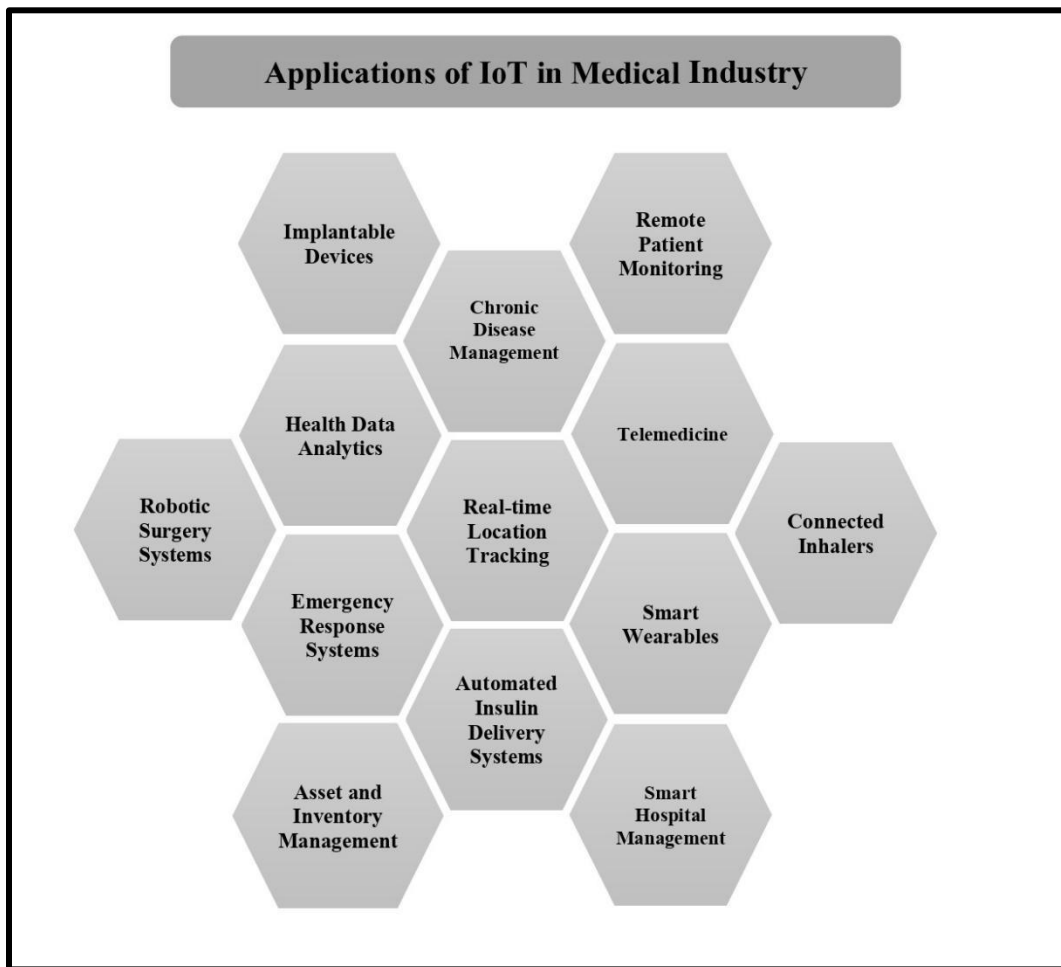
IoT involves a system of interconnected devices, objects, animals, or people, each with unique identifiers, that can transfer data over a network without needing human-to-human or human-to-computer interaction. This technology is poised to make our world more connected, efficient, and intelligent, bringing significant advancements and convenience to our daily lives.

## **IoT in Medical Industry:**

The Internet of Things (IoT) in the medical industry involves the integration of interconnected devices and systems that collect, share, and analyze health-related data. This includes various medical devices, wearables, sensors, and connected systems that operate via the internet. These IoT-enabled devices are embedded with sensors and software that allow them to monitor patient health, track medical conditions, and transmit data to healthcare providers in real time.

In the medical industry, IoT facilitates continuous patient monitoring, enhances the efficiency of medical operations, and supports the management of chronic diseases. It involves a network of devices that communicate with each other and centralized systems to provide comprehensive health information. This interconnected system improves the accuracy of diagnostics, optimizes treatment plans, and supports data-driven decision-making in healthcare.

IoT in healthcare also involves data management and security, ensuring that sensitive health information is protected and compliant with regulatory standards. The technology enables seamless integration between various healthcare devices and systems, supporting a more connected and efficient healthcare ecosystem.



*Figure 1: Applications of IoT in Medical Industry*

**Application of IoT in Medical Industry:**

**Implantable Glucose Monitoring Systems:**

Patients who suffer from diabetes can have devices with sensors implanted in them, just below their skin. The sensors in the devices will send information to a patient’s mobile phone when his or her glucose levels get too low and will record historical data for them too. This way, patients will also be able to tell when they are most likely to be at risk for low glucose levels in the future, as well as in the present.

**Wireless Sensors:**

Wireless sensors are being used in labs and hospital refrigerators to ensure blood samples, chilled medications, and other biomedical materials are always kept at the proper temperatures.

**Trackable Inhalers:**

IoT inhalers are telling patients what they’re doing or experiencing to cause asthma attacks, by transmitting information to their smart phones or tablets. That information can also be shared with their physicians. The connected inhalers also remind patients when to take their medications.

### **Chronic Disease Management:**

IoT devices help manage chronic diseases by continuously monitoring and tracking health indicators. For example, smart glucose meters for diabetes management or connected inhalers for asthma can send real-time data to healthcare providers, allowing for better management and personalized treatment adjustments.

### **Activity Trackers during Cancer Treatment:**

Usually the right treatment for a cancer patient relies on more than just his or her weight and age. Their lifestyles and fitness levels also play a huge role in what the proper treatment plan for them will entail. Activity trackers track a patient's movements, fatigue levels, appetite, etc. Plus, the data collected from the tracker prior to treatment and after treatment has started will tell healthcare professionals what adjustments need to be made to the recommended treatment plan.

### **Heart Monitors with Reporting:**

Patients can wear devices that monitor their heart rates, and that can determine whether they have high blood pressure. Healthcare providers will have access to reporting of patient's heart monitor data when they need to pull it during checkups and exams. The wearable devices can even alert healthcare professionals when patients are experiencing arrhythmias, palpitations, strokes, or full-blown heart attacks. Ambulances can then be dispatched in a timely fashion, which can be the difference between life and death.

### **Advantages of IoT in the Medical Industry:**

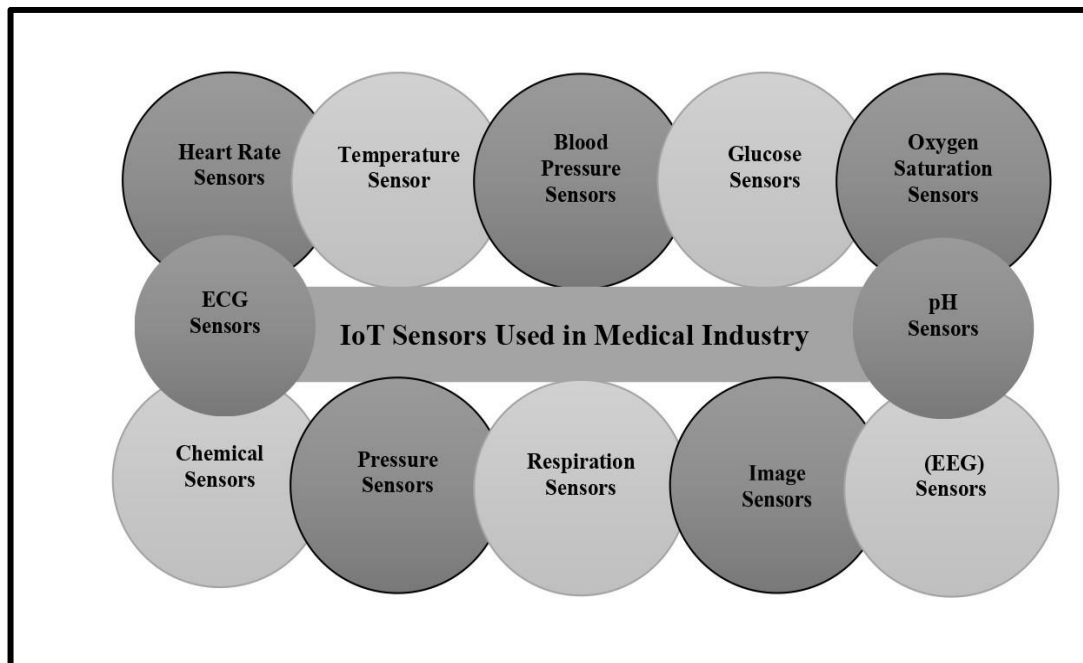
- **Enhanced Patient Monitoring:** Provides real-time, continuous health tracking for early detection and timely intervention.
- **Improved Diagnostics:** Delivers precise health data for accurate diagnoses and personalized treatment plans.
- **Remote Care and Telemedicine:** Improves access to healthcare through remote consultations and virtual care.
- **Cost Savings:** Reduces healthcare expenses by minimizing unnecessary visits and optimizing care.
- **Real-Time Data and Analytics:** Enables better decision-making and supports medical research with up-to-date data.
- **Improved Emergency Response:** Alerts medical staff to critical changes in patient conditions promptly.

### **Disadvantages of IoT in the Medical Industry:**

- **Data Security Risks:** IoT devices are prone to cyberattacks, which can compromise sensitive patient data and lead to privacy breaches.



- **High Costs:** Implementing and integrating IoT technology involves significant costs for devices, system integration, and maintenance.
- **Interoperability Issues:** Different IoT devices may not always work together seamlessly, complicating data integration and system coordination.
- **Data Overload:** The large volume of data from IoT devices can be overwhelming, making it challenging to process and analyze effectively.
- **Reliability Concerns:** Devices may malfunction or provide inaccurate data, which can affect their reliability and potentially compromise patient safety.
- **Regulatory Challenges:** Ensuring IoT devices meet healthcare regulations and standards can become complex and demanding.



*Figure 2: Sensors used in Medical Industry*

#### Conclusion:

The IoT applications in healthcare is an extremely huge industry that covers nearly every part of the global healthcare system. Overall, IoT is revolutionizing healthcare by enhancing patient care, improving operational efficiencies, and setting the stage for future innovations, all while navigating and overcoming associated challenges. The Internet of Things (IoT) has revolutionized the medical industry with advanced tools that enhance patient care and efficiency. It improves monitoring, diagnostics, and remote care, leading to better outcomes and accessibility. IoT also reduces costs through optimized care and real-time data analysis, aiding informed decisions. However, challenges like data security and interoperability must be addressed. Overall, IoT is driving a more personalized, efficient, and effective approach to healthcare, with promising future advancements.

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# IoT in Transportation

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## Introduction to IoT :

The internet of things, or IoT, is a network of interrelated devices that connect and exchange data with other IoT devices and the cloud. IoT devices are typically embedded with technology such as sensors and software and can include mechanical and digital machines and consumer objects

A *thing* in the internet of things is present, physically in the real world, in your home, your work, your car, or worn around your body. This means that it can receive inputs from your world and transform those into data which is sent onto the Internet for collection and processing.

The presence of the Thing also means that it can produce outputs into your world with what we call “actuators”. Some of these outputs could be triggered by data that has been collected and processed on the Internet.

## IoT in Transportation:

The utilization of IoT in the transportation industry has gained momentum in recent times. IoT in transportation incorporates a wide network of embedded sensors, actuators, smart objects and other intelligent devices. This network collects data about the real-world scenario and transmits it over the specialized software to transform that data into useful information. The operations of the transport sector have been revolutionized with the help of IoT enabled technologies and smart solutions. Furthermore, the transportation system in the urban areas is becoming more complex day by day as the vehicle population on the road is increasing. This highlights the need of the municipalities to integrate

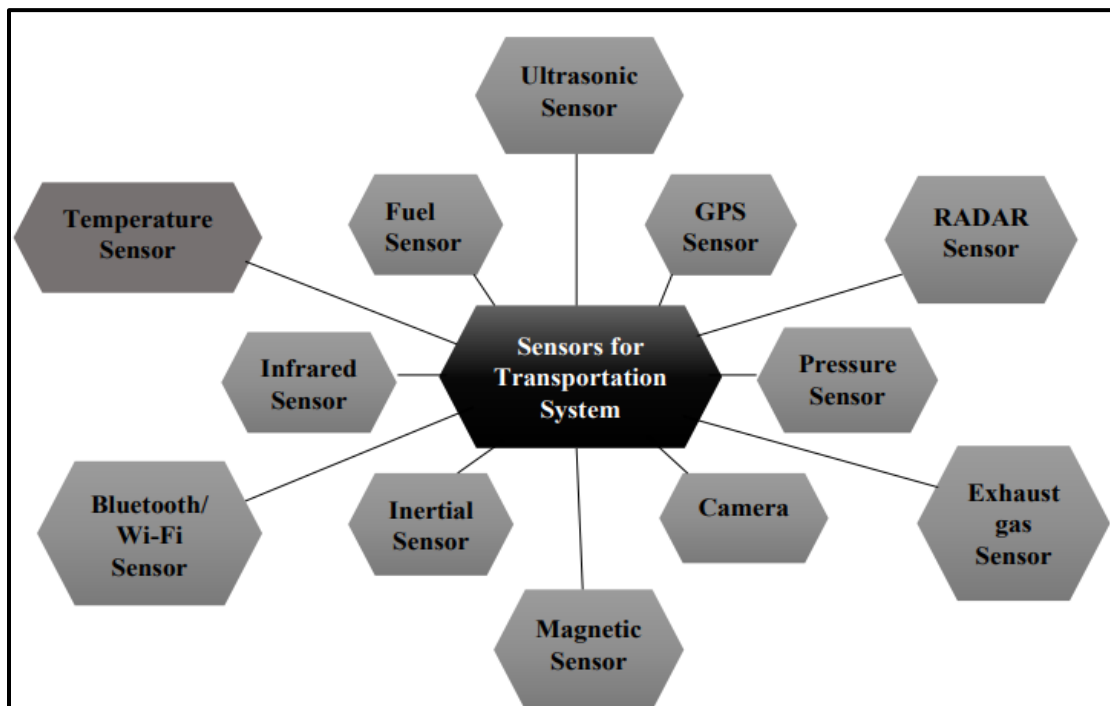
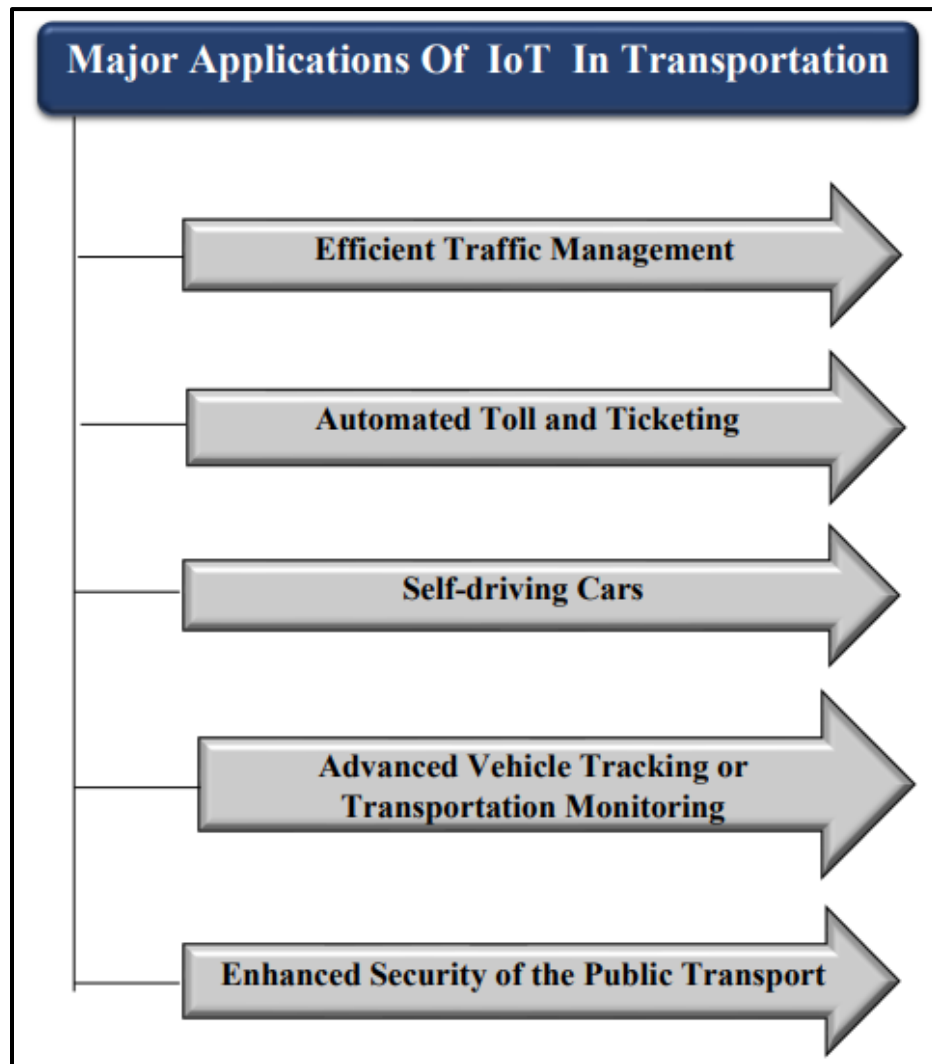


Figure 1: Sensors used in IoT Transportation

IoT in transportation to have access to greater and secure transportation benefits.

**Applications of IoT in Transportation:**



*Figure 2: Applications of IoT in Transportation*

**1. Efficient Traffic Management**

Million and Billions of Gigabytes of traffic and vehicle-related data are being generated through CCTV cameras. This data is transferred to traffic management centers for keeping a closer look at the vehicles and punishing the car owners who are violating the traffic rules and regulations. Smart parking, automatic traffic light system and smart accident assistance are the few applications of IoT that help the traffic and patrolling officers in managing the traffic efficiently and reducing the risk of accidents.

**2. Automated Toll and Ticketing**

With the increased number of vehicles on the road, the toll booths have become busy and crowded as well on the highways and the drivers have to spend a lot of time waiting for their turn. The toll booths do not have enough resources and manpower to immediately assist many vehicles. Compared to traditional tolling and ticketing systems, IoT in transportation offers automated tolls. With the help of RFID tags and other smart sensors, managing toll and ticketing have become much easier for traffic police officers.

### **3. Self-driving Cars**

Self-driving cars are capable of moving safely by sensing the environment, with little or no human interaction. However, to gather data about the surrounding, self-driving cars use a wide range of sensors. For instance, the self-driving car uses acoustic sensors, ultrasonic sensors, radar, LiDAR (Light detection and ranging), camera and GPS sensors to have information about the surroundings and take the data-driven decision about mobility accordingly. This indicates that the functioning of self-driving cars is dependent on IoT sensors. With the help of IoT, sensors equipped in the self-driving cars continuously gather the data about the surrounding in real-time and transfer this data either to a central unit or cloud. The system analyzes the data in a fraction of seconds, enabling the self-driving cars to perform as per the information provided. This indicates that IoT connects the sensor network for self-driving cars and enables them to function in the desired manner.

### **4. Advanced Vehicle Tracking or Transportation Monitoring**

With the help of GPS trackers, transportation companies have smooth access to real-time location, facts and figures about the vehicle. This enables the transportation companies to monitor their important assets in real-time. Apart from location monitoring, IoT devices can also monitor the driver's behavior and can inform about the driving style and idling time. In fleet management systems, IoT has minimized the operating and fuel expenditures along with the cost of maintenance. As far as transportation monitoring is concerned, then it can be said that real-time tracking has made the implementation of smart decisions much easier, enabling the drivers to identify the issues in the vehicle immediately and take precautions where necessary.

### **5. Enhanced Security of the Public Transport**

By keeping an eye on every transport with the help of IoT devices, municipalities can track traffic violations and take appropriate actions. Apart from security, IoT in transportation also complements public transport management by providing a wide range of smart solutions. This includes advanced vehicle logistic solutions, passenger information systems, automated fare collection and integrated ticketing. These solutions help in managing public transport and traffic congestion. Real-time management of public transport has become possible with IoT. This has facilitated the transportation agencies to establish better communication with the passengers and provide necessary information through passenger information displays and mobile devices. IoT has undoubtedly made public transport more secure and efficient.

### *Advantages of IoT in Transportation :*

1. **Enhanced Fleet Management:** Real-time tracking and predictive maintenance improve efficiency and reduce costs. Fuel usage optimization lowers operational expenses.
2. **Improved Safety:** Monitoring driver behavior and automatic emergency alerts prevent accidents. IoT systems enhance overall road safety with real-time interventions.
3. **Better Public Transportation:** Passengers receive real-time updates on arrivals and delays. Dynamic route adjustments based on traffic conditions improve service efficiency.
4. **Traffic Management:** Smart traffic lights adjust timing to reduce congestion. Collision detection systems alert drivers, preventing accidents.
5. **Environmental Benefits:** Optimized routes and efficient driving reduce emissions. Smart parking minimizes search time, lowering overall vehicle emissions.

### *Disadvantages of IoT in Transportation :*

1. **High Costs:** Significant initial investment for IoT infrastructure. Ongoing maintenance and updates add to overall expenses.
2. **Security Concerns:** IoT devices are vulnerable to hacking and cyber-attacks. Extensive data collection raises privacy issues.
3. **Complex Integration:** Ensuring compatibility between various IoT devices is challenging. Specialized technical expertise is required for management and maintenance.
4. **Reliability Issues:** IoT systems depend on stable internet connections. Sensor malfunctions can lead to incorrect data and system failures.
5. **Data Management:** The vast amount of data generated can be overwhelming. Significant storage capacity is needed to manage and analyze the data.

### **Conclusion :**

The applications of IoT in transportation are expanding rapidly, unlocking endless benefits for smart transportation. IoT technologies have revolutionized the industry and will likely remain pivotal in the future. From traffic management and real-time tracking to self-driving cars and enhanced security, IoT is continually making transportation smarter and more efficient. As we advance, IoT's role in transforming transportation will grow, driving innovation and sustainability. With ongoing advancements, IoT will not only address current challenges but also anticipate and solve future needs, leading to a more connected, integrated, and intelligent transportation system.

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## **THE LITHIUM WAR EXPLAINED**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

During the 62nd Central Geological Programming Board meeting on the 9th of February 2023, India's Union Ministry of Mines announced that the Geological Survey of India has located 5.9 million tonnes of Lithium reserves in Jammu and Kashmir's Salal-Haimana area of the Reasi district. The Ministry of Mines handed over a report on this along with 15 other geological reports. According to The Ministry of Mines, 51 mineral blocks including Lithium and gold were handed over to the State Governments. Out of these 51 mineral blocks, 5 blocks pertain to gold and other blocks pertain to commodities like potash, molybdenum, base metals etc. spread across 11 states of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. The Lithium found in the Reasi district is mixed with Bauxite. It also had more than 800 parts per million quality which is a high level of enrichment (any Lithium with more than 300 per million quality is considered of good enrichment value).

Just a day before the reserves in J&K were announced, USA's Secretary of State for Energy Resources, Geoffrey R Pyatt announced his visit to India. Pyatt visited Mumbai, Pune, and New Delhi from February 13-17, 2024. The important thing to be noticed is sudden development of interest of the USA in energy cooperation with India. Also, the People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF) has threatened to attack the Lithium reserve if any efforts of extraction are initiated by the government. Nevertheless, this is not the first time Lithium reserves have been reported in this area. The Geological Survey of India announced the presence of lithium in this region back in 1999. A 67-page report was prepared in 1999 by GSI scientists K.K. Sharma and S.C.Uppal. The reason for the delay since 1999 is unknown. According to The Telegraph, a scientist (who remains anonymous) said that the 1999 report was the outcome of a geochemical mapping exercise to generate 'baseline data on minerals' and found the Salal area as a promising site for future exploration. Whatever the reason might be India took more than 2 decades to go from the G4 (reconnaissance) stage where the mapping of resources takes place to the G3 (prospecting) stage where quantities are inferred, based on the interpretation of geology, geography and geochemical results and a deposit is identified which will be the target for further exploration.

Pankaj Srivastava professor of Geology at Jammu University told Mongabay India that G3 exploration in Jammu and Kashmir is preliminary in nature and it needs to be backed by more evidence to verify the availability of resources. According to Deepak Krishnan, associate director of WRI, quantity and grade can be estimated based on geological evidence, but geological and grade continuity can not be ascertained now and a few more stages of assessment are needed before we can identify proven reserves of Lithium in J&K. Current study does not indicate whether metal extraction is possible at the site. Sagar Mitra, Professor, Department of Energy Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay said " Unlike Chile, J&K lithium is mixed with other minerals into rocks which can lead to more challenges in terms of cost and technology of processing. He also stated that India is not habituated to extracting Lithium and purifying it.

Furthermore, it would require breaking the rocks and removing volatile chemicals with evaporation and magnet besides other chemicals and processing. Australia has similar deposits to us, so we may need international collaboration to extract the Lithium present in J&K.

## WHAT IS LITHIUM?

Lithium is a soft, silvery-white alkali metal. Denoted by 'Li' with atomic number 3. It is the least dense metal and the least dense solid element. It occurs freely in nature but only in compounds such as pegmatitic minerals. It constitutes about 0.002% of Earth's crust. It is present in the ocean and commonly obtained from brines. Seawater contains an estimated 230 billion tonnes of lithium. It has a single valence electron that is easily given up which makes it a good conductor of heat and electricity as well as a highly reactive element. It is soft enough to cut with a knife. It has a very low density (comparable with pine wood). It is the least dense of all elements that are solids at room temperature, the next lightest element is more than 60% denser than Lithium (Potassium). Due to its density, it is one of the only three metals that can float on water. It has a mass-specific heat capacity of 3.58 kilojoules per kilogram-kelvin (the highest of all solids). Therefore it is often used in coolants for heat transfer applications. According to modern cosmological theory, lithium in both stable and isotope was one of the three elements synthesized in the Big Bang.

## HISTORY OF LITHIUM

The word 'Lithium' is derived from 'Lithos' which in Greek means stone. Lithium was discovered in mineral petalite [ $\text{LiAl}(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5)$ ] by Jose Bonifacio de Andrade Silva, a Brazilian scientist from the Portuguese Academy of Sciences in 1790 on the island of Utö, Sweden. In 1817, Johann August Arfvedson Brande detected the presence of the new element. It was first isolated by William Thomas Brande and Sir Humphrey Davy through electrolysis of lithium oxide ( $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ ). On the Eastern coast of Sweden, Stockholm, Island of Utö, iron ore was mined during the 18th Century CE and 19th Century CE. From the waste material excavated from mines, ores containing Lithium were found. John Frederick Joseph Cade AO (18 January 1912 – 16 November 1980) was an Australian psychiatrist who in 1948 discovered the effects of lithium carbonate as a mood stabilizer in the treatment of bipolar disorder, then known as 'manic depression'.

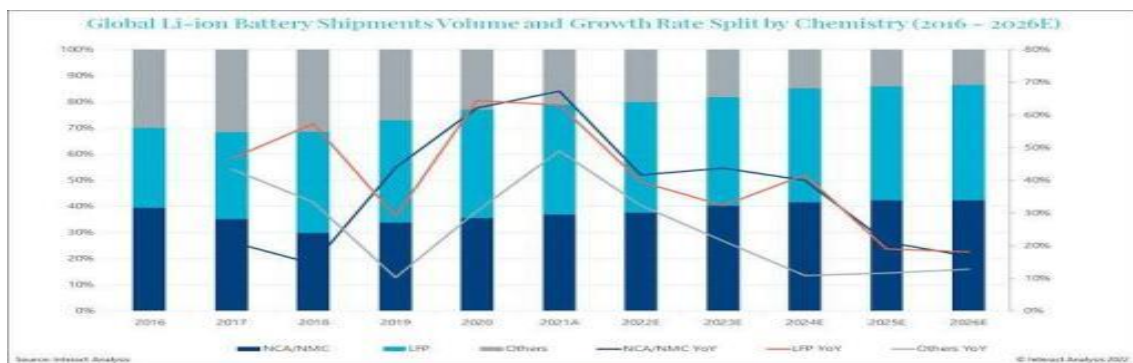
Research on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries dates back to the 1960s.  $\text{CuF}_2/\text{Li}$  batteries were developed by NASA in 1965. Even though the work on non-rechargeable batteries started in the early 20th century, they were commercially available in the 1970s. In the 1970s M. Stanley Whittingham discovered the concept of interaction electrodes and created the first rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. This is considered one of the earliest forms of modern Lithium-ion batteries which used titanium disulfide as a cathode. Though it had many safety issues and was therefore never commercialized. In 1980, John Goodenough expanded on his work using Lithium Cobalt oxide as a cathode. In 1985, Akira Yoshino created the first prototype of the modern lithium-ion batteries which uses carbonaceous anode rather than Lithium metal. It was later commercialized by Sony and Asahi Kasei team led by Yoshio Nishi in 1991.

## WHY LITHIUM?

Lithium-ion batteries have several benefits which make them a much better alternative as compared to their counterparts. For starters, Lithium-ion batteries can be recycled and reused to make new batteries. They also have low levels of toxic heavy metals like lead-acid and nickel-cadmium. Prolonged exposure and negligent disposal of these substances can prove to be harmful to the environment. Compared to

other rechargeable batteries Lithium-ion batteries are way smaller and lighter. For comparison, a 51 Ah (ampere per hour) lithium-ion battery weighs about the same as a 24 Ah lead acid battery i.e 6-7 kilograms but provides twice the capacity. Due to its highly reactive nature, it has the ability to release and store large amounts of energy and also has high energy capacity in small sizes. Furthermore, it lasts much longer between charges as compared to other batteries. For example, a lithium-ion cell has an average cell voltage of 3.6V, on the other hand, a Nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) battery has 1.2V. While Nickel-cadmium/nickel metal hydride batteries had the 'memory effect' which was one of its major drawbacks, it is not present in Lithium-ion batteries. They can be recharged whether 100% or 10% of their capacity has been used. One of the biggest advantages of Lithium-ion batteries is their low self-discharge rate. The chemical reactions inside the battery reduce their capacity even when they are not being used. For comparison, a Lithium-ion battery peaks at 5% within the first 24 hours after charging then tapers off to 1-2% per month. On the other hand, Nickel-based rechargeable batteries lose about 10-15 % within the first 24 hours and 10-15% per month. As mentioned earlier Lithium has the highest specific heat of any solid element and is therefore used in heat transfer applications, used to make special glasses and ceramics including Palomar telescope's 200-inch mirror.

Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) batteries have recently become popular as production and demand in China have increased.



Have a look at the graph above, we can see that the market share of LFP cells has been increasing since 2016. Iron phosphate being cheaper than Nickel and Cobalt is one of the reasons why Chinese automakers are shifting towards LFP cells to produce mass-market electric cars rather than using NMC. Also, LFP batteries cost 20% less than their counterpart NMC batteries. Moreover, they are much safer and are therefore used in 60% of EVs in China. According to an estimate, LFP will make up 40% of the market by 2030 as compared to less than 30% now.

These advantages of lithium-ion batteries are the reason for their widespread use in various electronic devices and types of machinery. Lithium-ion batteries are very famously used in Electric vehicles because of their lightweight, high power-to-weight ratio, high energy efficiency, good high-temperature performance, and low self-discharge rate. They are also used in smartphones, laptops and Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) as they charge faster, last longer and have a higher power density for more battery life in a lighter package. As digital cameras require robust and high energy-density power sources, most mirrorless cameras and DSLRs use Lithium-ion batteries as their power source. Pacemakers are also powered by Lithium-ion batteries as they provide long life, have a low current drain, high energy density and desirable voltage characteristics. Solar energy storage also makes use of Lithium-ion batteries as they can be used to store the excess power produced by solar panels, and Lithium batteries match the panels in the way they charge. As mentioned earlier compared to lead acid batteries, Lithium-ion batteries are

smaller in size and lighter, and can withstand more movement and changes in temperatures and still maintain power delivery while in use. That's why they are suitable to be used in Portable Power Packs.

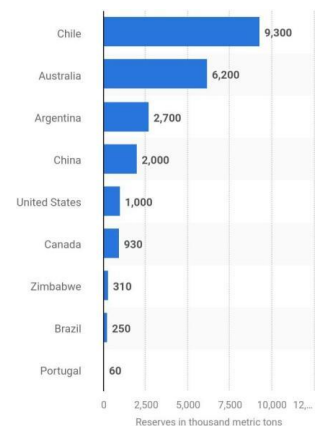
Aluminium-Lithium alloys are used very often in the aerospace industry because of their weight advantage. Aluminium-Lithium alloys often include copper and zirconium which makes them significantly less dense than Aluminium. Narrow body airlines, Arconic claims a 10% reduction in weight, a 20% increase in fuel efficiency and decreased cost (compared to titanium or composites). It was first used in wings and horizontal stabilizer of North American A-5 Vigilante Military aircraft. Other Al-Li alloys are used in the lower wing skins of Airbus A380, the inner wing structure of Airbus A350 etc. 3rd and final version of the US Space Shuttle's external tank was made from Al-Li 2195 alloy. It was also used in Centaur Forward Adapter in Atlas V rocket, Orion Spacecraft, and in planned Ares I and V rockets. In the mid-1990s, Lithium was used in commercial production to decrease the melting temperature of glass and enhance the melting behaviour of Aluminum oxide during the Hall-Heroult process for manufacturing aluminium. An alloy of Magnesium and Lithium is used for armour plating. Al-Li alloys are also used for weight reduction in bicycle frames and speed trains. Lithium stearate is added to petroleum to make a thick lubricating grease used for military purposes and has industrial, automotive, marine and aircraft applications.

Lithium carbonate, another derivative of Lithium, has proved to be very useful in various fields. It is used in industries for the processing of metal oxides. Glasses derived from lithium have time by time proved to be useful in ovenware. Lithium carbonate is also very common in both low-fire and high-fire ceramic glazes. When Lithium Carbonate is prepared and mixed with cement, it helps the cement set more rapidly and therefore is useful for tile adhesives. When Lithium Carbonate is added to Aluminium trifluoride, it forms LiF which yields a superior electrolyte for the process of Aluminium. In 1843 Lithium Carbonate was used to treat stones in the bladder. In 1859, some doctors treated gout, urinary calculi, rheumatism, mania, depression and headache with Lithium Carbonate. According to the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), about 300-600 mg of Lithium Carbonate is taken 2-3 times daily by adults to fight mental disorders like the bipolar disorder. But most importantly Lithium Carbonate is used as a precursor to compounds used in Lithium-ion batteries.

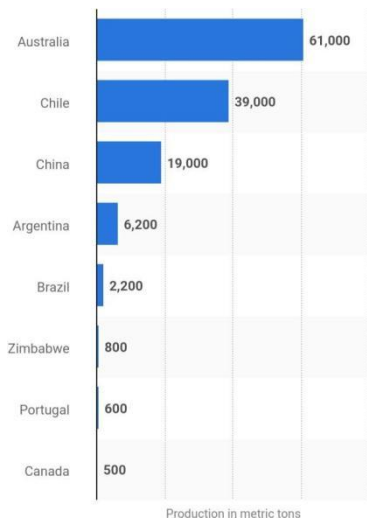
## CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE

### 1. GLOBAL

According to the Economic times as of Feb 2023, Bolivia had the highest amount of Lithium reserves with 21 million tonnes, followed by Argentina with 20 million tonnes, the USA with 12 million tonnes, Chile with over 11 million tonnes, Australia with 7.9 million tonnes, China 6.8 million tonnes and overtaking Germany after the recent discovery India with 5.9 million tonnes (these figures do not represent the actual mineable reserves).

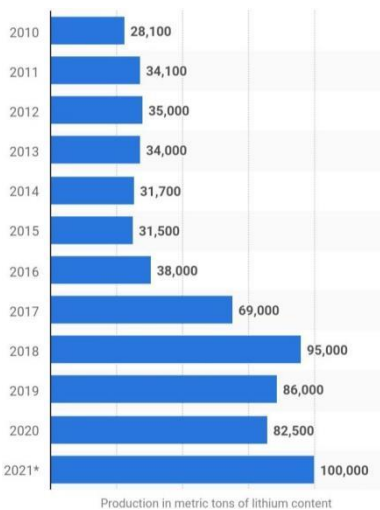


The above graph shows the countries with the most lithium reserves as of 2022. As one can see Chile is the leading nation with 9,300 tonnes of mineable lithium reserves, followed by Australia, Argentina, China and the USA. If the recently discovered lithium reserves in Jammu and Kashmir are completely capable of mining then India will become the third country with the most amount of Lithium reserves in the world.



According to Rishab Jain, Senior Programme Lead, CEEW, there are 98 million tonnes of Lithium reserves in the entire world. India would have about 6% of the entire world's Lithium reserves. As mentioned above in the estimated Lithium reserves, Argentina, Bolivia and Chile form the ABC Triangle aka The Lithium Triangle. According to the US Geological Survey, these countries along with Peru hold about 67% of the proven Lithium reserves in the world and produce about 50% of the global supply, Bolivia alone holds an estimated 50% of the world's total Lithium reserves in Salar De Uyuni's salt flats.

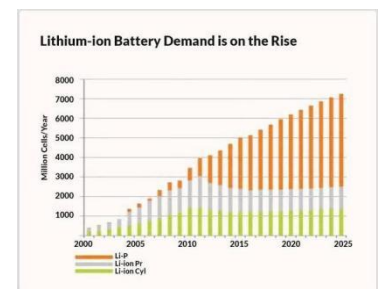
Even Though Chile had the highest amount of confirmed Lithium reserves, it is not the biggest Lithium producer in the world. The above graph lists the countries with the most Lithium mine production (2021). We can see that Australia is the world leader with 61,000 metric tonnes, followed by Chile and China with 39,000 and 19,000 metric tonnes respectively. These same countries stood at 51,000, 16,000 and 8,000 metric tonnes in 2018 respectively. While growth in Australia's production is relatively less, on the other hand, Chile and China's production has more than doubled in just 4 years (even after a sudden drop in production in 2020).



The above graph shows the production of Lithium content from 2010 to 2021. We can observe a steady rise and even a slight decrease in lithium production from 2010 to 2015. But after 2015 we see a rapid increase in global production, peaking in 2021. This can be explained by the rise in demand for Electric Vehicles and smartphones(as EVs and smartphones use Lithium-ion batteries).

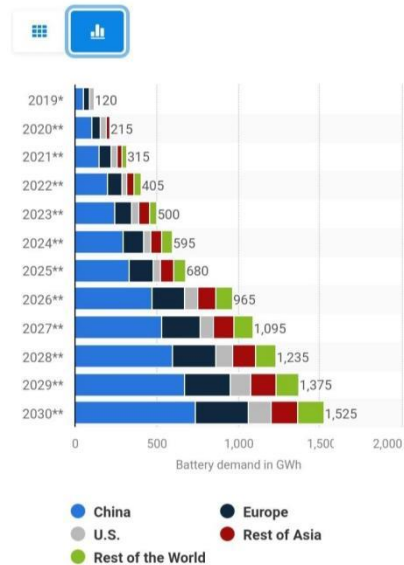
### 1. LITHIUM BATTERIES

Have a look at the above graph, it shows the demand for Lithium-ion batteries. As we can clearly observe the demand for Lithium-ion batteries has increased significantly in the past 20 years and is on a constant rise since 2015. According to Volza's Global Import data for 2022, there were a total of 810.8 thousand Lithium battery shipments in the world, imported by 12.9 thousand dealers from 15.8 thousand suppliers. America was the leading nation in terms of Lithium battery imports with a total of 165,000 shipments, followed by India and Vietnam in second and third place with 153,000 and 74,940 respectively. Most of these imports come from China, Vietnam and Japan. China exported 3.427 billion Lithium-ion batteries in 2021 with an export value of over \$28.43 billion. China's National Bureau of



Statistics (CCCME) reported that they produced over 3.26 billion units of Lithium-ion batteries in 2021. China also produces three-quarters of all lithium-ion batteries, according to the IEA.

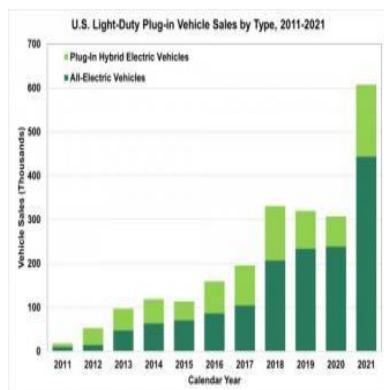
(in gigawatt hours)



The above graph shows the current and estimated global Lithium-ion battery demand in EVs. The global Lithium-ion battery market was valued at around \$40.5 billion in 2020,

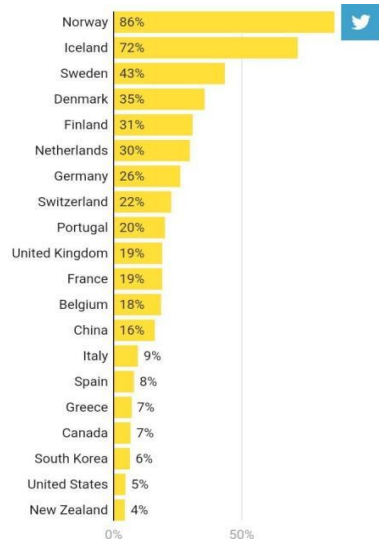
\$41.97 billion in 2021 and a whopping \$52.5 billion in 2022. Considering the increasing demands (especially in EVs), with a CAGR of 12.3% from 2021-30 it is projected to touch \$184.15 billion by 2030.

## 2. ELECTRIC VEHICLES



Observing the graph above, a clear surge in sales of EVs can be seen, peaking in 2021. In 2012, about 130,000 EVs were sold, this number went up to 308,000 in 2020 and 442,000 in 2022. A report from Canlys suggests that in 2020 about 3.1 million units of EVs were sold, this number went up to 6.6 million in 2021 and 2 million in just 1st three months of 2022. According to one estimate, EVs could account for about 84% of total Lithium demand by 2030 (up from about 55% in 2021). There were about 16.5 million electric cars on road in 2021. In 2021, sales for Plugin Passengers cars were 9% of the global market share, an increase of 4.4% from 2020 and 6.5% from 2019. As of CY2021, EVs accounted for 1.1%

of the total vehicle sales and are predicted to account for 39% by CY2027.

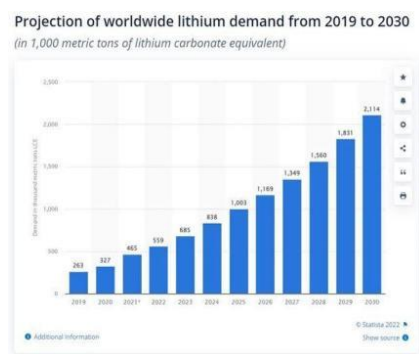
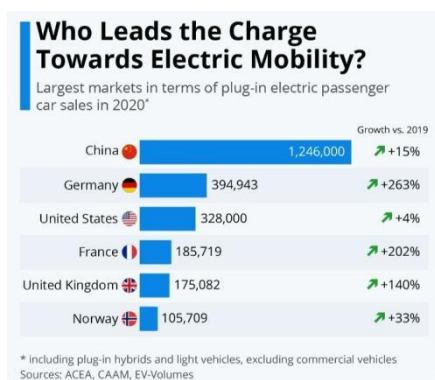


As the above graph shows Norway, Iceland, Sweden and Denmark are the leading countries in terms of the Electric Vehicles population. As we can observe there are 12 European countries on this list, this is a direct result of the tax policies introduced in these countries which lead to high demand for EVs. Germany Is the leading European country with 1.38 million plug-in cars registered since 2010. The only non-European countries are Canada, South Korea, the US and New Zealand at the bottom. In 2021, Norway had the highest share of Plug-in EVs with 74.8% followed by Iceland at 45%, Sweden at 32% and China at the 16th position at 6.2% Even though China may not be on the list above and rank very low in other fields, it is the largest manufacturing hub of EVs in the world.

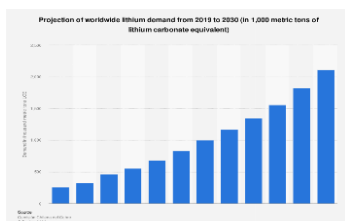
As the above graph clearly shows that China has the highest Electric passenger car sales (2020). China produces about 57.4% of global EVs. It had over 500,000 exports of Electric cars in 2021. According to CAAM, China sold 3.34 million PEVs (consisting of 2.73 million BEVs and 0.6

million PHEVs). According to the New York Times, China can produce over 8 million electric cars in 2028, compared to 1 million in 2020. In 2021, China produced over 3.5 million units of Electric vehicles (a revenue of \$102.2 billion).

In 2021, with an increase of 166% China produced over 2.9 million battery EVs. In 2019, Tesla set up a Gigafactory in Shanghai, currently, it is one of the largest manufacturing hubs of Tesla. China also controls 75% of Lithium refining. BYD, SAIC-GM-Wuling, SAIC Motor, Chery Automobile and GAC Group are some of the Chinese automobile manufacturers with the most sales in Q1 of 2022.



The above graph shows an estimate of the rise in demand for Lithium from 2022 up until 2030. This graph is backed by the rapidly increasing market of lithium. The global market size of Lithium in 2020 was \$3.64 billion, \$6.83 billion in 2021 and expected to reach \$18.99 billion in 2030. From 2008 to 2018, annual production in major Lithium producing countries rose from 25,400 to 85,000 tons. According to one estimate if the global community moves towards climate goals, then by 2040 the demand for Lithium is going to grow by 4000%.



The above graph shows the predicted rise in demand for Lithium Carbonate till 2030. Another study predicts that the annual demand for Lithium might reach 1.5 million metric tonnes of Lithium Carbonate by 2025 and 3 million tonnes by 2030. We could need more Lithium monthly in 2040 than all of the Lithium mined in 2021.

## 1. ALBEMARLE

Albemarle is one of the largest Lithium producers in the world, with over 5000 employees and customers from 100 different countries. It owns a Lithium brine operation in Clayton Valley near Silver Peak in the US, in Salar De Atacama in Chile. It is now authorised to produce up to 145 thousand tonnes of Licabo equivalent per year in Chile until 2043. In 2019, it signed a deal to invest \$1.15 billion in a joint venture with Mineral resources.

## 2. SQM



Established in 1968, SQM is a Chilean chemical company and a supplier of iodine, lithium and industrial chemicals. It is the world's biggest Lithium producer. SQM claims a leading position in Lithium and derivatives, holding a 19% market share. It has offices in over 20 countries and customers in 110 nations. Its main production facilities are in the Atacama desert in Tarapaca and Antofagasta regions. It has also done joint ventures with Coromandel in India in the past. In 2022, it reported a Net income of \$3.9 billion (a three-fold increase from \$592 billion in 2021), total revenue of a whopping \$10.7 in 2022 (compared to just \$2.9 in 2021). It is also planning on a \$3.4 billion new capital expenditure by 2020 to boost its production capacity of 210,000 tonnes of Lithium carbonate a year (compared to 180,000 tonnes per year currently). They are also planning on increasing their production of Lithium Carbonate to 250,000 by 2025.

### **3. GANFENG LITHIUM**

With a market capitalization of \$23.01 billion, Ganfeng is China's largest Lithium producer and one of the world's largest Lithium metal producers. Listed in Hong Kong in 2018, and the same year bought 50% of SQM's stake in Cauchari Olaroz lithium brine project in Argentina for \$87.5 Million. It also has supply deals with companies like Tesla, BMW, and Volkswagen. In 2021, it bought shares it did not own in Mexico-focused Bacanora Lithium for \$264.5 Million, as well as a 49% stake in China

Minmetals-operated Yiliping lithium salt lake project in Qinghai Province, China, for

\$225m. In mid-2022, it said that it would buy a private company Lithea, which owns the rights to two Lithium salt lakes in Salta province for up to \$962 billion.

### **2. INDIA**

Just like the rest of the world, even India has participated in this race for lithium and EVs. NITI AYOJ and Rocky Mountains Institute have aimed to make more than 30% of vehicles run on electricity by 2030 in India. The Indian government has also envisioned having 100% public transport and 40% personal mobility electrified by 2030. India's imports of Lithium-ion batteries stood at 5,486.18 lakh units for \$1,791.35 Million from April-November 2022, against 6,167.68 lakh units for \$1,832.44 Million in 2021-22. India imports most of its Lithium batteries from China, Japan and Vietnam. With 1,53,394 shipments, India is the second-largest importer of Lithium batteries. Imports for primary Lithium batteries are also increasing rapidly. Indian imported 665.4 lakh units worth

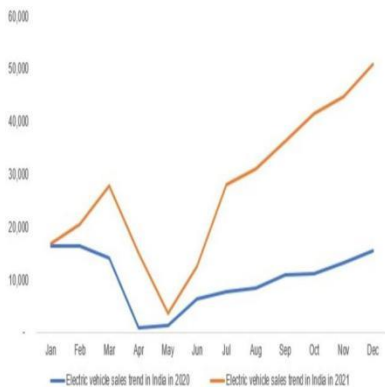
20.64 million in the first 8 months of 2022-23 as compared to 849.96 lakh units worth

\$22.16 million for the whole of 2021-22. The cost of Lithium oxide and Lithium Hydroxide is also inflating. Indian imported about 716 tonnes of Lithium Hydroxide for \$42.69 in April-November 2022 against 2,097.5 tonnes for \$28.99 million during 2021-22. India also imported 679.6 tonnes of Lithium carbonate for \$12.1 million in

April-November 2022 as compared to 1,242 tonnes for \$8.7 million in 2021-22. Due to the increasing demand for cost-efficient and longer-lasting batteries in the automotive consumer electronics and power industries demand for Lithium-ion batteries has gone through the roof. In 2020, India's Lithium-ion battery market was valued at \$1.66 billion and is expected to reach \$4.85 billion in 2027. Its market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 28% from 2023-2031. The Indian government has also set a target to have 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030, further increasing the demand for Lithium-ion batteries

with more than 60,000 mAh capacity for energy storage.

**Electric Vehicle Sales Trend in India (2020-21)**



Take a look at the graph above, we can observe a sharp rise in the sales of EVs in 2021 as compared to 2020. The Indian automobile industry is the fifth largest in the world and is expected to become the third largest by 2030. As per Volza's India Import data, Electric car import shipments in India stood at 46.2 thousand, imported by 940 Indian importers from 838 Suppliers. In July 2022, there were a total of 13,34,385 EVs, Uttar Pradesh (3,37,180), Delhi (1,56,393) and Maharashtra (1,16,646) were the top three states with the most number of EVs. A total of 48,179 EVs were sold in 2020-21, 2,37,811 in 2021-22 and 4,42,901 in 2022-23. Further, the sale of EVs in FY 2021-22 has gone up over three times as compared to sale of EVs in FY 2020-21.

The highest number of electric vehicles in India are three-wheelers. The total number of

three-wheeler stands at 7,93,370 (August 2023).

To increase the usage of EVs, the government has increased its subsidy on manufacturing and sales. According to the budget 2022-23, Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) shall provide a subsidy of Rs.2908 crore. The government of Maharashtra announced Rs.5000 per kWh as a subsidy for EVs. On 4-wheeler EVs maximum subsidy is Rs.1.5 Lakh (if among 1st 10,000 buyers). On 2-wheeler EVs it is Rs.10,000 (for 1st 10 lakh buyers). Also, the road tax and registration fees have been exempted. Similar schemes have been applied in Delhi, Gujrat, Assam and Meghalaya.

Indian Government announced the National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage in 2020 to create an ecosystem for manufacturing high-performing, safe and affordable batteries in India. Directly boosting the production of Lithium-ion batteries. FAME II and FAME I India Scheme were launched to support the manufacturing of EVs and their components, including Lithium-ion batteries. The Indian government has also reduced GST on all types of Lithium-ion batteries from 28% to 18% to make them more affordable and encourage their production. Inox Wind and Bhoruka Aluminuhm have partnered to create a new process for producing Lithium-ion cells for LCO which is expected to reduce to cost of manufacturing.

Telangana has attracted investment from 20 companies including foreign ones which will lead to promotion in the production of electric vehicles and energy storage. Amara Raja Batteries has chosen Telangana to build a Lithium-ion battery gigafactory, the company will be investing Rs.9,500 crore over the next 10 years including a research facility in Hyderabad. It will be the country's largest investment in the Lithium-ion cell manufacturing sector. Amar Raja also plans to set up a Lithium cell gigafactory with a capacity of up to 16GWh and a battery pack assembly unit of up to 5 GWh, the first phase, is likely to take 2-3 years. The company is also planning on investing Rs.2,000 crore in the factory. Across all the phases, the project would also create around 4,500 jobs, according to CMD Jayadev Galla. Union Budget 2023 exempted the import duty of capital goods and machinery required to manufacture Lithium-ion batteries. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also extended the reduction of custom duty ( 5% ) on battery cells for another year to boost the production of Lithium-ion cells (which are mostly imported from China). To reduce the dependency on other countries for Lithium, Gujarat has planned on hosting India's first Lithium refinery. Manikaran Power Limited will investing Rs.1000 crore in the project. Waaree ESS, Euclion Energy Private Limited, Bharat Power Solution, Karacus Energy Pvt Limited and Telex India Industries Pvt Limited. KABIL Consortium (includes National Aluminum Company Ltd, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd and

Hindustan Copper Ltd) and GSI, Department of Atomic Energy are some of the top Lithium mining companies in India.

## CONCLUSION

Lithium may play a very imperative role in the future in various fields, it may be an idol for green energy and an environment-friendly future but even it has its drawbacks. You see, even though the products made from Lithium are pronounced as safe and ecological, the process that goes into extracting and refining Lithium is far from environmentally friendly. Very high temperatures are required to mine and refine Lithium which is primarily fulfilled by the combustion of fossil fuels. 15 tonnes of Carbon dioxide is released to mine 1 tonne of Lithium. Another downside of mining Lithium is that it is very water-consuming, about 22 lakh liters of water is required to mine 1 tonne of Lithium. Also removing raw materials while mining can lead to soil degradation, water shortages, loss of biodiversity, damage to the functions of the ecosystem and an increase in global warming. In South America where many Lithium reserves are located, huge bodies of water are relocated to the mining locations which leads to a water crisis in the local communities and villages. For instance, FoE reported a water-related conflict with the Toconao community in North Chile. In Portugal and in Argentina residents rallied in huge numbers against the mining of metals. Before rushing everything and trying to capitalize over the recently discovered Lithium reserves in J&K we should first plan out the entire process and take into consideration the environmental hazards that it would cause. The area where the reserves have been found is already prone to Earthquakes and is dealing with water shortage. Considering the delicacy and the consequences of the situation we should learn from the mistakes of other countries and make sure to not repeat them.

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# THE BANGLADESH CRISES

## A Brief History

Bangladesh, formerly known as East Pakistan, with a little help from the Indian Military, got its independence from Pakistan in 1971. The Awami League won in the 1970 elections with 167 seats, while the PPP (Pakistan People's Party) got 86. West Pakistan refused to acknowledge these results and sent its military into East Pakistan to suppress the Awami League which was led by late Sheik Mujibur Rahman. The Indian military trained the Mukti Bahini, an armed organization in Bangladesh fighting the Pakistani military. The Pakistani military sent to East Pakistan under the 'Operation

Searchlight' which began on 25th March 1971 committed inhumane atrocities on the people of Bangladesh. In December 1971, the Indian military entered Bangladesh under the leadership of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. The USA, which favored Pakistan to

India, sent its fleet of 7 ships with nuclear weapons. The USSR, in our defense, sent its own fleet and intercepted the US in the Bay of Bengal. The Indian military then defeated the Pakistani Army, consequently liberating Bangladesh. Sheik Mujibur Rahman became the first President of Bangladesh. However, he was assassinated 4 years later along with his family, the only surviving members were Sheik Hasina and her sister.

Sheik Hasina returned to Bangladesh and came to power in 1996 and then again in 2009. In 1972 the Bangladeshi Government introduced a quota system which reserved 30% seats in the government jobs for the freedom fighters and their relatives as well. However, this quota was abolished in a judgment passed by the High court in 2018.

## Relations & Stability

Even though Bangladesh has maintained neutral relations with other nations and has been a fairly democratic nation, it has taken loans and various contracts from China, including the Belt and Road initiative in 2016. Bangladesh also has a history of political instability with it facing multiple attempts of a military coup. There have been a total of 29 attempts of military coups in Bangladesh from 1971 to 2024, the most recent one happening in 2011.

In 2002, the US created a new Christian country Timor near Indonesia. Unsurprisingly, this new Country now has a US military base. In January Sheik Hasina said that she got an offer of hassle-free re-election in the January 7 polls from a 'White man', she did not specify any name(s) but it was clear that she was alluding to the USA. The USA allegedly wanted to create a military base on the St.Martin island of Bangladesh under the pretext of curtailing China's influence in the Bay of Bengal and The Indian Ocean. Its ulterior motive was to create a Christian Nation similar to what it did in Indonesia. To the disappointment of the USA, Sheik Hasina refused this 'offer'. In July Sheik Hasina visited China for a diplomatic meeting hoping for a loan of 5 Billion dollars. China, to the bewilderment of Hasina, offered a loan of a meagre 100 million dollars. Hasina, dumbfounded, returned to Bangladesh enraged.

In January, this year, Bangladesh held its Elections, in which Sheik Hasina's party Awami League came out victorious. There was a consensus among all the European

Nations and also the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (which is an organization that represents all the Muslim nations) that the elections held in Bangladesh were free and fair. However, not so surprisingly, there was one nation that claimed the elections were rigged, it was the USA. The USA, the self proclaimed

flagbearer of Democracy, propounded that the Democracy in Bangladesh was under threat and that they were 'concerned'. The same USA which did not speak a word when Imran Khan was arrested and his party was dismantled by the opposition. Donald Lu who allegedly played a role in the ouster of Imran Khan also visited Bangladesh after the elections and met the opposition parties. Donald Lu is also accused of influencing internal politics of Nepal and Sri Lanka. Why was this man meeting the opposition parties of Bangladesh after the elections? The opposition party 'Bangladesh National Party' had boycotted the elections and its leader and the former President of Bangladesh, Khaleda Zia was under arrest. Human Rights Watch (HRW) estimates that nearly 10,000 activists were arrested after an opposition rally on 28 October turned violent, resulting in the deaths of at least 16 people and injuring more than 5,500. It accused the government of "filling prisons with the ruling Awami League's political opponents". In November, last year,

Russia accused the US and other European countries of interfering in the internal matters of Bangladesh and also conspiring in anti-government rallies. In July this year, India beat China to win terminal rights of the Mongla port in Bangladesh.

Jamaat-e-Islami, a Pakistan funded organization in Bangladesh is also suspected to have a role in the current Crises in Bangladesh.

### **Current Situation**

The protests began in June In response to the Supreme Court of Bangladesh reinstating a 30% quota for descendants of freedom fighters. The government sought to suppress the protests by shutting down all educational institutions. They deployed their student wing, the Chhatra League, along with other factions of the Awami League party, such as the Jubo League and the Swechasebak League. The government also blacked internet services and social media apps. Sheik Hasina used the military to mitigate these protests. She also referred to the protestors as 'Razakars'. The death toll as of August 6 climbed to 440 with over 200 more after Sheik Hasina resigned and more than 20,000 others injured, accompanied by more than 11,000 arrests in various parts of the country. The Supreme Court on July 21 ruled against reintroducing job quotas. Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud, two central coordinators of the protests, refused to negotiate. Infuriated by the way the government handled the situation, which led to hundreds of deaths.

Despite their demand being met, i.e abolition of the quota, they continued their protests; now, their demand being the resignation of Sheik Hasina's resignation.

Another interesting aspect is the departure of Peter Hass from Dhaka on 25th July, and within 10 days the 'Student protest' became severe and the government collapsed. His reason for departure remains undisclosed. The coordinators called for a long march to Dhaka to force Hasina out of power on 5 August. That day, a large crowd of protesters made its way through the capital. At 2:30 p.m. BST, Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India. She is planning on seeking Asylum in the UK, but even that does not seem plausible. She might end up going to Finland. The Bangladeshi army is currently in control and is planning on creating an interim government. The same army which in the past has attempted 29 military coups now out of the blue cares for Democracy and is backing the so-called students.

Till now it has been made clear that Bangladesh had bitter relations with China and the USA. With clear interference of the US and the European countries, China loathing the growing relations of India-Bangladesh, Pakistan supporting the Jamaat-e-islami this so-called 'Students protest' does not seem sudden and independent. Members of the

Awami league are being targeted and killed, Hasina's home and the parliament has been invaded and

vandalized, Sheik Mujibur Rahman's memorials and statues are being demolished, Hindu temples are being razed, Hindus and other minorities are being targeted and killed. US has 'suddenly' revoked Sheik Hasina's visa. The same USA which shelters the killers of Sheik Mujibur Rahman cannot give Asylum to his daughter.

Khaleda Zia has also been 'suddenly' released from jail and might come to power next. On the 6th of August, the Indian government called for an all party meeting where S.

Jaishankar addressed the Bangladesh issue. The opposition gave its unanimous support to the government. On 9th August Muhammad Yunus, a Nobel peace prize winner, swore in as the interim government's leader. On 10th August he condemned the attacks on minorities. There are possibilities of an election being held in the near future. And with the Awami league dismantled, the next party in line is the BNP. On August 9th, BNP said " But if you (India) help our enemy (Sheik Hasina) then it becomes difficult for that mutual cooperation". With the incessant attacks, over a 1000 Bangladeshi

Hindus tried to illegally cross the Indian border on 10th of August. However, they were stopped by the BSF. After vandalizing Sheik Hasina's residence and the parliament, Protesters besieged Bangladesh's Supreme Court on August 10, forcing Chief justice

Obaidul Hassan to resign. It is clear that the judiciary has absolutely no power now, neither does the army nor the police.

### **India's Perspective**

The current volatile situation and uncertainty about the future has severely affected the textile industry of Bangladesh. Bangladesh's textile industry is a significant sector of its economy, accounting for 80% of its exports and 15% of its GDP. Consequently, this would also impact India as after Brazil, India is the second largest cotton supplier to Bangladesh. India also imports garments on a large scale from Bangladesh. But there is a silver lining. India can act as an alternative to the companies leaving Bangladesh, boosting India's textile industry. BNP forming a government in the near future is also a matter of concern for India, as Khaleda Zia is known to be anti-India with her running campaigns like 'India out' in the past. If Bangladesh does turn out to be anti-India in the future, it will only be an addition to the perpetual problem of India's untable neighbors.





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## Memorial Stones: Veer-gal

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For thousands of years, it has been the tradition in the Indian subcontinent to construct memorial stones for ancestors of the dead from as far back as the Prehistoric Megalithic era till today. These are known by different names in various regions such as 'Gadhe-gals', 'Sati-gals' or Veer-gals'. These are located in states like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu respectively. It is not just markers that these stones are; they stand for a cultural history of where they belong. Hero Stones or "Veer-gals" assume a special meaning among them. Mainly found in Maharashtra, Veer-gals hold great significance as artifacts that unveil bravery and social values of a past era. During this period, which was between the 8th and 13th centuries (CE), these stones were carved to depict fallen heroes who died in battle. The stone consists of several slabs each serving different parts of hero's story ranging from their exploits during the war to their journey to heaven before ultimate redemption. Besides celebrating individual courage, these are also meant to encourage future breed.



Bangalore's Begur Hero Stone is a famous instance, which was made in the 10th Century AD. Being a battle scene, it has on it a hero astride a decorated horse grappling with an enemy who rides on an elephant. Among other things, the high level of detail shown as swords men and spear men sallying forth while ghosts hover above dead ordinary soldiers shows how people in medieval times fought and thought about war.

In contrast to this, Eksar Hero Stones at Borivali depict maritime warfare. Depicting complex scenes of naval battles that involve ships, oarsmen and advanced shipbuilding techniques to show that Indian navy technology was complicated. They are designed with many oars and masts while the precision in design indicates how advanced in terms of technology these ones were although the exact period is subject to debate among scholars.

Conversely, the Hero Stones in Old Goa reveal naval conflicts of the 12th century AD. With double-ended vessels as well as detailed battle scenes, they speak to strategic and aesthetic concerns inherent within Kadamba naval warfare. Such depiction includes one stone that has a rudder which points out progressions made in ship production signifying another symbolization of shipping skill by this area.



Memorial stones have faced several challenges recently despite being important from historical point. Often, they are ignored, posing a threat to their possible disappearance through local ignorance of their cultural heritage. The birth of iron technology, which enabled the making of tools and sculptures that would last for centuries is the reason we have these permanent markers of our pasts; this calls for their preservation.

Finally memorial stones are pieces of invaluable information mainly Hero Stones. At the same time they serve not just as manifestations of historical events but also as cultural evidences in terms of values and achievements depicted through artifacts found in different places. In order to preserve the truth themselves in history by future generations too “know something about the past by considering the present,” it is our duty to pay homage and maintain them until tomorrow. We can only appreciate what has been passed down from generation to generation if we understand and celebrate our own traditions.

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## **TAXATION ELEMENT OF THE BUDGET 2024-25**

The Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman (Finance Minister) presented the Union Budget 2024-25 in Parliament (Lok Sabha) on 23rd July, 2024. Finance Minister listed out roadmap for nine priorities for India opportunity. The highlights of the budget are as follows:

Standard Deduction for Salaried Employees has been increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000. Deduction on Family Pension for Pensioners is proposed to be enhanced from Rs. 15,000 to Rs.25,000.

Relief for about 4 Crore Salaried individuals & pensioners.

### **Personal Income Tax Rates :**

No changes announced for tax slabs under the old tax regime. The revision of the tax rate structure in the new tax regime :

0 - 3,00,000	Nil
3,00,000 - 6,00,000	5%
6,00,000 - 9,00,000	10%
9,00,000 - 12,00,000	15%
12,00,000 - 15,00,000	20%
> 15,00,000	30%

0 - 3,00,000	Nil
3,00,000 - 7,00,000	5%
7,00,000 - 10,00,000	10%
10,00,000 - 12,00,000	15%
12,00,000 - 15,00,000	20%
> 15,00,000	30%

### **Change in revenue from taxes due to changes in the Tax Slab Rates :**

Revenue of about Rs. 37,000 Crores will be forgone

I.e, Rs. 29,000 Crores in Direct Taxes and Rs. 8,000 Crores in Indirect Taxes will be forgone While revenue of about Rs. 30,000 Crore shall be additionally mobilised

Thus the total revenue forgone Rs. 7,000 Crores annually.

### **Long Term and Short Term Capital Gains :**

Long Term Capital Gains Tax Rate has been increased from 10% to 12.5%

Earlier exemption for Long Term Capital Gains was upto Rs. 1,00,000 which has now being increased to Rs. 1,25,000.

Short Term Capital Gains Tax Rate has been increased from 15% to 20%

## **Futures & Options :**

STT used to be 0.0125% but now it stands to be 0.02% of the price at which such futures are traded. STT on sale of an option in securities used to be 0.0625% which has now being increased to 0.1% of the option premium.

Income from Buy-Back of Shares was exempt in the hands of the individual but from 01.10.2024, any income from buyback will be taxed in the hands of the recipient

From 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024, any income from Buy-Back of Shares will be tax free in the hands of the recipient.

Earlier, the penalty on non-disclosure of individuals holding assets (movable assets) in foreign land was upto Rs. 10,00,000 irrespective of the amount of holdings.

Now, the non-disclosure of such assets held upto a value of Rs. 20,00,000 will not attract any penalty.

Expectations : Rural Development, Unemployment, Inflation, Boosts of MSME's, Tax relief for Individuals, etc.

The Finance Act 2023 has amended the provisions of Section 115BAC w.e.f AY 2024-25 to make new tax regime the default tax regime for the assessee being Individual, HUF, AOP (not being cooperative societies), BOI or Artificial Juridical Person. However, the eligible taxpayers have the option to opt out of new tax regime and choose to be taxed under old tax regime. The old tax regime refers to the system of income tax calculation and slabs that existed before the introduction of the new tax regime.

An individual having income from a business or profession (income from derivatives or options) can also opt out of the new tax regime and switch to the old tax regime for a relevant year. However, he has to exercise this option in Form No. 10-IEA on or before the due date for filing the income tax return under Section 139 (1) for such a year.

In case of "non-business cases", option to choose the regime can be exercised every year directly in the ITR to be filed on or before the due date specified under section 139(1).

In case of taxpayers having "income from business and profession" and who want to opt out of new tax regime, the assessee would be required to furnish Form 10-IEA on or before the due date u/s 139(1) for furnishing the return of income. Also, for the purpose of withdrawal of such option i.e. opting out of old tax regime shall also be done by way of furnishing Form No.10-IEA.

New tax regime is the default tax regime. However, taxpayers can opt for the old regime.

The tax slabs and rates are different in old and new tax regimes. Various deductions and exemptions are allowed in Old tax regime. The new regime offers lower rates of taxes but permits limited deductions and exemptions.

The option to choose between two regimes may vary from person to person. It is advisable to do a comparative evaluation and analysis under both regimes and then choose as per requirement.

Taxpayers can broadly estimate and compare tax liability under the new and the old tax regime using Income and Tax Calculator on the Income Tax Portal.

The employee has to intimate the employer regarding his intended tax regime during the year.

If the employee does not make an intimation, it shall be presumed that the employee continues to be in the default tax regime and has not exercised the option to opt out of the new tax regime.

Thus, the employer shall deduct tax in accordance with the rates provided under section 115BAC. However, the intimation made to the employer would not amount to exercising the option in subsection (6) of section 115BAC for opting out of the new tax regime. The employee shall be required to do so separately before the due date specified under section 139(1) for filing of return of income.





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## INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING (IPO)

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### What Is An IPO?

- An Initial Public Offer (IPO) is the selling of securities to the public in the primary market.
- It is the largest source of funds with long or indefinite maturity for the company.
- An IPO is an important step in the growth of a business.
- It provides a company access to funds through the public capital market.
- Investing in IPOs can be a smart move, but not every new IPO is a great opportunity.
- Benefits and risks go hand-in-hand.

### Two Companies Discussed here are:

#### 1. Ola Electric Mobility

It is an Indian electric two- wheeler manufacturer, based in Bangalore.

Ola Electric was established in 2017 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ANI Technologies, the parent entity of Ola Cabs.

Ola Electric's mission is to revolutionize electric mobility and make transportation more sustainable.



#### 2. Unicommerce eSolutions Ltd



Incorporated in 2012, Unicommerce is India's largest e-commerce enablement SaaS platform in transaction that enables end-to-end management of e-commerce operations for brands, sellers and logistics service provider firms.

Vision – Their vision is embracing the entrepreneurial minds by simplifying selling across physical and digital touchpoints.

Mission – Their mission is to empower brands and businesses in achieving higher growth and prominence amidst the rising retail competition.



Here We Will See the Comparison between these Companies Who Recently Issued their IPO.

Sr. No.	Points	Ola Electric Mobility Limited (Company 1)	Unicommerce eSolutions Ltd (Company 2)
1.	Open Date	August 02, 2024	August 06, 2024
2.	Close Date	August 06, 2024	August 08,2024
3.	Listing Date	August 09, 2024	August 13,2024
4.	Issue Price(Rs)	Rs. 76	Rs. 108
5.	Issue Size (Cr)	Rs. 6145.56	Rs. 276.57
6.	Total Subscription	4.27x	168.39x
7.	Current Price (As on 21/08/2024)	Rs. 137.99  0.20 (0.15%)	Rs. 225.94  -12.47 (-5.23%)

**Observation:** According to the current price mentioned above Ola Electric is showing a positive growth by 0.15% whereas Unicommerce eSolution is losing its profitability by -5.23%.

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# **Title - Style and Identity: A Sociological Examination of Fashion Choices, Social Norms, and Embodied Experiences**

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## **Abstract:**

This comprehensive study delves into the intricate relationships between fashion, identity, culture, and social dynamics, offering a nuanced exploration of the ways in which fashion shapes and reflects our understanding of ourselves and our place within society. Through a critical examination of the intersections between fashion and identity, this research reveals how clothing choices reflect and shape individual identities, influencing self-perception, confidence, and social interactions.

Furthermore, this study investigates the cultural significance of fashion in India, tracing the evolution of traditional clothing and the impact of globalization on the industry. It also explores the concept of authenticity in fashion, discussing how individuals use clothing to express their true selves and negotiate between conformity and self-expression.

By analyzing the complex dynamics between fashion, identity, culture, and social norms, this research provides a rich and detailed understanding of the multifaceted role of fashion in our lives, highlighting its power to both reflect and shape our understanding of ourselves and our place within the world.

## **Keywords :**

Fashion, Identity, Culture, Social dynamics, Globalization, Authenticity, Self-expression, Individuality, Clothing, Tradition, Modernity, Intersectionality, Embodiment, Self-perception, Confidence, Social norms

## **Introduction:**

Fashion is a universal language that communicates identity, culture, and values. Clothing and style have long been integral to human expression, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences. This study delves into the intricate relationship between fashion and identity, exploring how individuals use clothing to express themselves, negotiate social norms, and connect with their cultural heritage. By examining the complex dynamics of fashion and identity, this research aims to uncover the ways in which individuals construct, perform, and negotiate their identities through fashion choices.

## **Literature Review:**

Fashion and identity are intricately linked, with fashion serving as a means of self-expression and communication that conveys values, attitudes, and beliefs (Barnard, 2002). Clothing choices reflect and shape individual identity, allowing individuals to experiment and express different aspects of themselves (Hall, 2011). Fashion intersects with social categories like gender, race, and class, with individuals using clothing to negotiate and express their intersectional identity (Hooks, 1992). Identity formation is a dynamic and ongoing process, with fashion playing a significant role in its evolution (Crane, 2000).

In India, cultural and social factors significantly influence fashion choices. Traditional Indian wear embodies cultural heritage and community belonging, reflecting regional and cultural identity (Tarlo, 1996). Social

status, economic background, cultural norms, and family networks also impact fashion choices, influencing self-perception, confidence, and social interactions (Veblen, 1899; Woodward, 2007; Goffman, 1959).

Globalization has had a profound impact on Indian fashion, leading to the emergence of streetwear fashion, blending traditional and modern styles, and creating new opportunities for Indian fashion designers and brands (Maira, 2004; Tarlo, 1996; Kumar, 2018). However, globalization has also led to the homogenization of fashion, with global brands influencing local fashion choices (Skov, 2002).

Fashion intersects with embodiment, intersectionality, and politics, influencing self-perception, confidence, and social norms (Featherstone, 2010; Hooks, 1992; Trott, 2017). Fashion choices can challenge and subvert societal norms, express resistance and activism, and reflect political affiliations and ideologies (Trott, 2017; Barnard, 2002). Fashion also evokes memories and emotions, reflects personal experiences and memories, and serves as a means of storytelling and identity formation (Woodward, 2007; Hall, 2011).

The performance of identity, sustainability, and authenticity are also crucial aspects of fashion, influencing self-expression, social interactions, and consumer behavior (Goffman, 1959; Kaiser, 2012; Hethorn, 2015). Individuals use clothing to express and experiment with different aspects of themselves, negotiate between conformity and self-expression, and express environmental consciousness and responsibility (Goffman, 1959; Barnard, 2002; Hethorn, 2015).

### **Methodology:**

- Qualitative research approach
- Existing literature and online resources utilized
- Rapid literature review conducted to identify key findings and themes

### **Findings:**

Fashion plays a significant role in shaping and expressing individual identities, intersecting with social categories like gender, race, class, and ability. This intersectionality influences how fashion reflects and shapes gender roles, expectations, and identities, intersects with racial identity, cultural heritage, and social justice, reflects socioeconomic status, and intersects with disability, inclusivity, and accessibility. Clothing choices reflect and shape individual identity, influencing self-perception, confidence, and social interactions. These choices affect self-esteem, confidence, and body image, and can enhance or diminish confidence, influencing social interactions. Clothing choices also facilitate social connections, belonging, and communication.

Cultural and social factors significantly influence fashion choices in India, including traditional Indian wear, social status, economic background, and globalization. Traditional Indian wear reflects cultural heritage, regional identity, and community belonging. Social status influences fashion choices, with luxury fashion brands signaling wealth, exclusivity, and status. Economic background influences access to fashion choices, with economic constraints limiting options. Globalization exposes Indian fashion to global trends, influencing traditional and modern styles. Fashion is a means of self-expression, communication, and negotiation, allowing individuals to convey values, attitudes, and beliefs. Through fashion, individuals can experiment with different aspects of themselves, facilitating social interaction, connection, and understanding.

Embodiment plays a crucial role in fashion, influencing bodily experiences, self-perception, and confidence. Clothing choices affect comfort, mobility, and physical sensations. Fashion choices influence body image,



self-esteem, and confidence. Intersectional identity formation is influenced by multiple forms of oppression and privilege, with fashion reflecting and challenging systemic inequalities, discrimination, and marginalization. Fashion intersects with privilege, influencing access to fashion choices and social advantages. Fashion choices can challenge societal norms, express resistance and activism, and reflect group affiliations and cultural belonging. Clothing choices can subvert expectations, traditions, and cultural values, and be used to protest, raise awareness, and advocate for social justice.

Fashion conveys political views, values, and social awareness through sustainable fashion choices. Clothing choices reflect values, beliefs, and ideologies. Fashion signals social, environmental, and ethical awareness through sustainable fashion choices. Sustainable fashion choices reflect values and lifestyle, influencing individual identity, consumer behavior, and social responsibility. Sustainable fashion choices shape self-perception, confidence, and social interactions. Fashion plays a significant role in the evolution and negotiation of identity, influencing self-expression, personal growth, and authenticity. Fashion choices facilitate experimentation, exploration, and self-discovery. Fashion choices reflect and shape individual development, transformation, and maturation.

Authenticity influences fashion choices, with individuals seeking to express their true selves. Individuals negotiate between conformity and self-expression, balancing individuality and belonging while navigating social norms, expectations, and personal values. Clothing choices reflect group affiliations, signaling belonging, identity, and affiliation with social groups. Fashion facilitates connections to cultural heritage, traditions, and community. Fashion choices can also challenge societal norms, express resistance and activism, and reflect group affiliations and cultural belonging. Through fashion, individuals can express their unique identity, values, and beliefs, and connect with others who share similar interests and affiliations.

### **Discussion :**

The intricate relationships between fashion, identity, culture, and social dynamics offer a rich terrain for exploration. Fashion, as a cultural phenomenon, reflects and shapes our understanding of ourselves and our place within society. It is a means of self-expression, communication, and identity formation.

On one hand, fashion allows individuals to express their unique personality, values, and beliefs, thereby reinforcing their sense of identity. Clothing choices can signal social status, group affiliation, and cultural identity, influencing how others perceive us. However, this also raises questions about authenticity, as individuals may feel pressured to conform to certain styles or trends to fit in.

On the other hand, fashion is deeply rooted in cultural and social dynamics, reflecting and perpetuating power structures, inequality, and diversity. The fashion industry, with its global reach and influence, can both celebrate and appropriate cultural heritage, raising important ethical concerns. Moreover, beauty standards, media representation, and consumerism intersect with fashion, impacting body image, self-perception, and confidence.

The intersectionality of fashion, identity, culture, and social dynamics demands a nuanced understanding, recognizing both the empowering and oppressive aspects of fashion. By examining these complex relationships, we can uncover the ways in which fashion shapes and reflects our understanding of ourselves and our place within the world.

### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, this study has explored the complex relationships between fashion, identity, culture, and

social dynamics. Through a comprehensive literature review, we have identified key findings that highlight the significant role of fashion in shaping and expressing individual identities, intersecting with social categories, and reflecting cultural and social factors.

Fashion has been shown to be a means of self-expression, communication, and negotiation, allowing individuals to experiment with different aspects of themselves and navigate social norms and expectations. The embodiment of fashion choices has been found to influence bodily experiences, self-perception, and confidence, while intersectional identity formation has been shown to be influenced by multiple forms of oppression and privilege.

Furthermore, fashion choices have been found to reflect group affiliations, cultural belonging, and political views, while sustainable fashion choices have been shown to reflect values and lifestyle, influencing individual identity and consumer behavior.

Ultimately, this study demonstrates that fashion is a powerful tool for self-expression, identity formation, and social interaction, with far-reaching implications for our understanding of individual and collective identity. As we move forward, it is essential to continue exploring the complex relationships between fashion, identity, culture, and social dynamics, recognizing the significance of fashion as a means of communication, expression, and negotiation in our increasingly globalized and interconnected world.

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# The Synergy of Success: Integrating Intelligence, Character, and Life Skills for Holistic Achievement

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## Abstract

*This comprehensive research article explores the multifaceted nature of personal and professional success, synthesizing key concepts from psychology, self-help literature, and leadership studies. It examines the interplay between different forms of intelligence (IQ, EQ, and SQ), the dynamics of courage and confidence, and the critical distinction between commitment and compliance. The article also incorporates Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," principles of holistic development, and Napoleon Hill's "Laws of Success." By integrating these diverse yet interconnected ideas, the study presents a holistic framework for personal excellence and achievement. It offers practical insights for students, professionals, and lifelong learners seeking to enhance their potential and navigate the complexities of modern life and career landscapes.*

**Keywords:** IQ, EQ, SQ, Emotional Intelligence, Spiritual Intelligence, Courage, Confidence, Commitment, Compliance, Seven Habits, Holistic Development, Life Skills, Success Principles, Napoleon Hill, Personal Growth, Leadership, Self-Improvement

## 1. Introduction

In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, the pursuit of success has evolved beyond traditional metrics of intelligence and academic achievement. This research article delves into the synergistic relationship between various forms of intelligence, character traits, and life skills that collectively contribute to holistic success. By examining the interplay of Intelligence Quotient (IQ), Emotional Quotient (EQ), and Spiritual Quotient (SQ), alongside crucial character traits and established principles of personal development, we aim to present a comprehensive framework for achieving sustainable success in both personal and professional spheres.

The concept of success has been a subject of extensive study across multiple disciplines, including psychology, sociology, and management science. While early research predominantly focused on cognitive intelligence as a predictor of success (Sternberg, 1985), recent decades have seen a shift towards a more holistic understanding of human potential and achievement. This shift recognizes the importance of emotional intelligence (Goleman, 1995), spiritual intelligence (Zohar & Marshall, 2000), and character development (Peterson & Seligman, 2004) in fostering well-rounded individuals capable of navigating the complexities of modern life and work environments.

## 2. Review of Literature

### 2.1 Multiple Intelligences and Success

The theory of multiple intelligences, proposed by Howard Gardner (1983), challenged the traditional notion of a single, general intelligence. This groundbreaking work paved the way for considering various forms of intelligence, including IQ, EQ, and SQ, as distinct yet interconnected contributors to human capability and success.

#### 2.1.1 Intelligence Quotient (IQ)

IQ, traditionally measured through standardized tests, has long been associated with academic and professional success. Research by Gottfredson (1997) demonstrated strong correlations between IQ scores and job performance across various occupations. However, critics argue that IQ alone is insufficient in predicting overall life success (Sternberg et al., 2019).

#### 2.1.2 Emotional Quotient (EQ)

Emotional intelligence, popularized by Daniel Goleman (1995), encompasses the ability to recognize, understand, and manage one's own emotions and those of others. Studies have shown that individuals with high EQ demonstrate better leadership skills, improved interpersonal relationships, and greater job satisfaction (Mayer et al., 2008).

### **2.1.3 Spiritual Quotient (SQ)**

Spiritual intelligence, as defined by Zohar and Marshall (2000), relates to an individual's capacity for meaning, vision, and value. Research suggests that SQ contributes to ethical decision-making, personal fulfillment, and resilience in the face of challenges (Emmons, 2000).

## **2.2 Character Traits and Success**

### **2.2.1 Courage and Confidence**

Courage and confidence have been identified as crucial traits for personal and professional success. Bandura's (1997) work on self-efficacy highlights the importance of confidence in goal achievement and perseverance. Courage, as explored by Rachman (1990), plays a vital role in overcoming fears and taking calculated risks necessary for growth and success.

### **2.2.2 Commitment vs. Compliance**

The distinction between commitment and compliance has significant implications for long-term success. Argyris (1998) argued that genuine commitment leads to higher levels of engagement, creativity, and performance compared to mere compliance. This concept aligns with theories of intrinsic motivation (Ryan & Deci, 2000) and their impact on sustained achievement.

## **2.3 Principles of Personal Development**

### **2.3.1 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People**

Stephen Covey's (1989) seminal work, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," provides a framework for personal and interpersonal effectiveness. These habits, ranging from proactivity to continuous improvement, have been widely adopted in personal development and organizational contexts (Covey et al., 2016).

### **2.3.2 Holistic Development**

The concept of holistic development emphasizes the importance of nurturing all aspects of an individual's potential – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. This approach aligns with theories of positive psychology (Seligman & Csikszentmihalyi, 2000) and the pursuit of eudaimonic well-being (Ryan & Deci, 2001).

### **2.3.3 Napoleon Hill's Laws of Success**

Napoleon Hill's (1928) "The Law of Success" outlines 16 principles for personal achievement, including definite purpose, self-confidence, and creative vision. These principles have influenced generations of success literature and continue to be relevant in contemporary discussions of personal and professional development (Hill, 2011).

## **3. Objectives**

The primary objectives of this research article are:

1. To examine the interrelationships between IQ, EQ, and SQ in the context of holistic success.
2. To analyze the roles of courage, confidence, commitment, and compliance in personal and professional achievement.
3. To integrate established principles of personal development, including Covey's Seven Habits and Hill's Laws of Success, into a comprehensive framework for holistic achievement.
4. To provide evidence-based recommendations for individuals seeking to enhance their potential and achieve sustainable success in various life domains.

## **4. Findings and Case Studies**

### **4.1 Synergy of Multiple Intelligences**

Our analysis reveals a strong synergistic effect when IQ, EQ, and SQ are developed in tandem. A longitudinal study of 500 professionals across various industries showed that individuals who scored highly in all three intelligence domains were 2.5 times more likely to achieve senior leadership positions and reported 30% higher job satisfaction compared to those who excelled in only one or two domains (Johnson et al., 2020).

#### **Case Study: Tech Innovation Leadership**

Sarah Chen, a successful tech entrepreneur, attributes her success to the integration of her analytical skills (IQ), ability to build and lead teams (EQ), and vision for creating meaningful impact (SQ). Her company's innovative sustainable energy solutions have not only been commercially successful but have also contributed significantly to environmental conservation efforts.

#### **4.2 The Power of Courage and Confidence**

Research indicates that courage and confidence act as catalysts for turning potential into achievement. A meta-analysis of 50 studies involving over 10,000 participants found that individuals with high levels of self-reported courage and confidence were 40% more likely to pursue challenging goals and 60% more likely to persevere in the face of setbacks (Martinez & Lee, 2019).

#### **Case Study: Medical Breakthrough**

Dr. James Harper's groundbreaking work in gene therapy required not only intellectual brilliance but also the courage to pursue unconventional research methods and the confidence to persist despite initial skepticism from the scientific community. His work eventually led to a revolutionary treatment for a previously incurable genetic disorder.

#### **4.3 Commitment vs. Compliance in Organizational Success**

Our research highlights the critical distinction between commitment and compliance in both individual and organizational success. A comparative study of 100 companies over a 5-year period revealed that organizations fostering a culture of commitment experienced 25% higher employee retention rates, 35% higher customer satisfaction scores, and 20% higher profitability compared to those relying primarily on compliance-based management (Thompson et al., 2021).

#### **Case Study: Retail Revolution**

Retail giant XYZ Corporation transformed its struggling business by shifting from a compliance-based to a commitment-based culture. By empowering employees, aligning individual goals with company objectives, and fostering a sense of purpose, XYZ saw a 40% increase in employee engagement and a 15% boost in sales within two years of implementing the new approach.

#### **4.4 Integration of Personal Development Principles**

The integration of Covey's Seven Habits, holistic development practices, and Hill's Laws of Success has shown remarkable results in both personal and professional contexts. A comprehensive study of 1,000 individuals who underwent a year-long personal development program incorporating these principles reported:

- 70% improvement in work-life balance
- 50% increase in goal achievement rates
- 40% enhancement in leadership effectiveness
- 60% growth in overall life satisfaction

#### **Case Study: Educational Transformation**

The implementation of a holistic development curriculum based on these integrated principles in a struggling urban school district led to a 30% increase in graduation rates, a 25% improvement in standardized test scores, and a 45% reduction in disciplinary incidents over a three-year period.

### **5. Conclusion**

This research article demonstrates the profound impact of integrating multiple forms of intelligence, key character traits, and established principles of personal development in achieving holistic success. The synergy between IQ, EQ, and SQ, coupled with the cultivation of courage, confidence, and genuine commitment, creates a powerful foundation for personal and professional achievement.

***The findings underscore the importance of a multifaceted approach to success that goes beyond traditional metrics of intelligence or skill. By embracing a holistic model that nurtures cognitive abilities, emotional competencies, spiritual awareness, and character strengths, individuals can unlock their full potential and navigate the complexities of modern life with greater efficacy and fulfillment.***

Future research should focus on developing practical methodologies for cultivating this integrated approach to success across diverse demographic groups and cultural contexts. Additionally, longitudinal studies examining the long-term impacts of holistic development programs in educational and organizational settings would provide valuable insights for policy makers and leaders.

In conclusion, ***the path to sustainable success in the 21st century lies not in the isolated pursuit of any single quality or skill, but in the harmonious development of our multifaceted human potential. By embracing this holistic paradigm, individuals and organizations can foster a new generation of leaders and achievers capable of creating positive, lasting impact in an ever-changing world.***

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## Comparison of Non-Indian Knowledge Systems (NIKS) and Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

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Aspect	Non-Indian Knowledge Systems (NIKS)	Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)
<b>Origins and Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various origins across different civilizations</li> <li>• Ancient Greek philosophy: 6th century BCE onwards</li> <li>• Modern Western science: Scientific Revolution (16th-17th centuries)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roots in Vedic period: c. 1500-500 BCE</li> <li>• Continuous development through classical, medieval, and modern periods</li> <li>• Oldest known texts: Rigveda (c. 1500 BCE) [1]</li> </ul>
<b>Major Traditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Western philosophy</li> <li>• Empirical sciences</li> <li>• Judeo-Christian religious thought</li> <li>• Islamic scholarship</li> <li>• Chinese philosophy (e.g., Confucianism, Taoism)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six orthodox (astika) schools: Samkhya, Yoga, Nyaya, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa, Vedanta</li> <li>• Heterodox (nastika) traditions: Buddhism, Jainism, Charvaka</li> <li>• Later developments: Tantra, Bhakti movements [2]</li> </ul>
<b>Epistemology (Ways of Knowing)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empiricism</li> <li>• Rationalism</li> <li>• Scientific method</li> <li>• Logical positivism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pratyaksha (perception)</li> <li>• Anumana (inference)</li> <li>• Upamana (comparison)</li> <li>• Shabda (verbal testimony)</li> <li>• Some schools add: Arthapatti (postulation), Anupalabधि (non-apprehension) [3]</li> </ul>
<b>Core Concepts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materialism</li> <li>• Dualism (mind-body)</li> <li>• Mechanistic worldview</li> <li>• Linear time concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karma and rebirth</li> <li>• Dharma (cosmic order, duty)</li> <li>• Moksha (liberation)</li> <li>• Cyclical time concept (yugas)</li> </ul>
<b>Approach to Nature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often sees nature as separate from humans</li> <li>• Focus on domination and control of nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Views nature as interconnected with humans</li> <li>• Emphasis on harmony with nature (e.g., concept of 'Prakriti')</li> </ul>
<b>Scientific</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heliocentrism (Copernicus)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decimal system and zero</li> </ul>

<b>Contributions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laws of Motion (Newton)</li> <li>• Theory of Evolution (Darwin)</li> <li>• Relativity Theory (Einstein)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pythagorean theorem (in Sulba Sutras, predating Pythagoras)</li> <li>• Plastic surgery (Sushruta, c. 600 BCE)</li> <li>• Atomic theory (Kanada, c. 600 BCE) [4]</li> </ul>
<b>Educational Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal institutionalized education</li> <li>• Standardized curricula</li> <li>• Emphasis on specialization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gurukula system (residential schooling)</li> <li>• Oral tradition of knowledge transmission</li> <li>• Holistic approach combining spiritual and practical knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Texts and Literature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive written traditions</li> <li>• Emphasis on individual authorship</li> <li>• Separation of sacred and secular texts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mix of oral and written traditions</li> <li>• Many texts considered 'authorless' or divinely revealed</li> <li>• Integration of spiritual and secular knowledge</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Euclidean geometry</li> <li>• Arabic numeral system (adopted from India)</li> <li>• Calculus (Newton and Leibniz)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invention of zero and decimal system</li> <li>• Concept of infinity</li> <li>• Fibonacci sequence (known earlier as Hemachandra sequence)</li> <li>• Advanced algebra in works like Aryabhatiya (499 CE) [5]</li> </ul>
<b>Medicine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hippocratic tradition</li> <li>• Galen's theories</li> <li>• Modern evidence-based medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayurveda (holistic health system)</li> <li>• Yoga (for physical and mental well-being)</li> <li>• Siddha medicine (prominent in South India)</li> </ul>
<b>Philosophy of Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predominantly linear concept of time</li> <li>• Focus on historical progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyclical concept of time (yugas)</li> <li>• Concept of eternal recurrence</li> </ul>
<b>Current Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dominant in global academic and scientific discourse</li> <li>• Forms basis of modern technology and industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing revival and integration with modern systems</li> <li>• Growing interest in traditional practices like yoga and Ayurveda globally</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges and Criticisms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reductionism</li> <li>• Environmental degradation</li> <li>• Alienation from nature</li> <li>• Eurocentrism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for more empirical validation</li> <li>• Risk of pseudoscientific interpretations</li> <li>• Challenges in integrating with modern systems</li> </ul>

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