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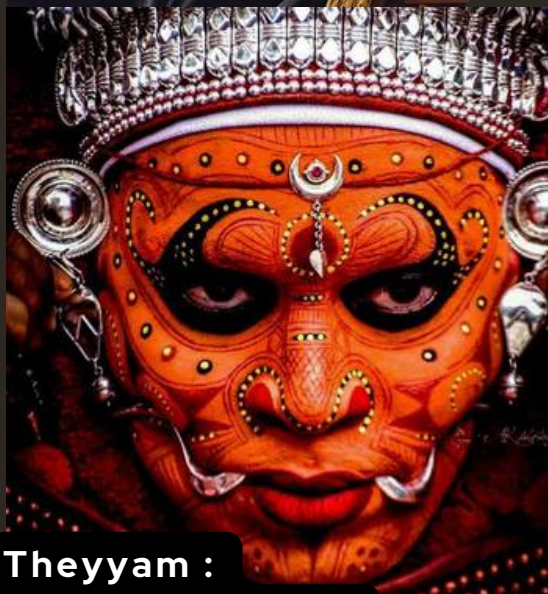
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Career Choice & Parental Expectations



Theyyam : The Divine Dance



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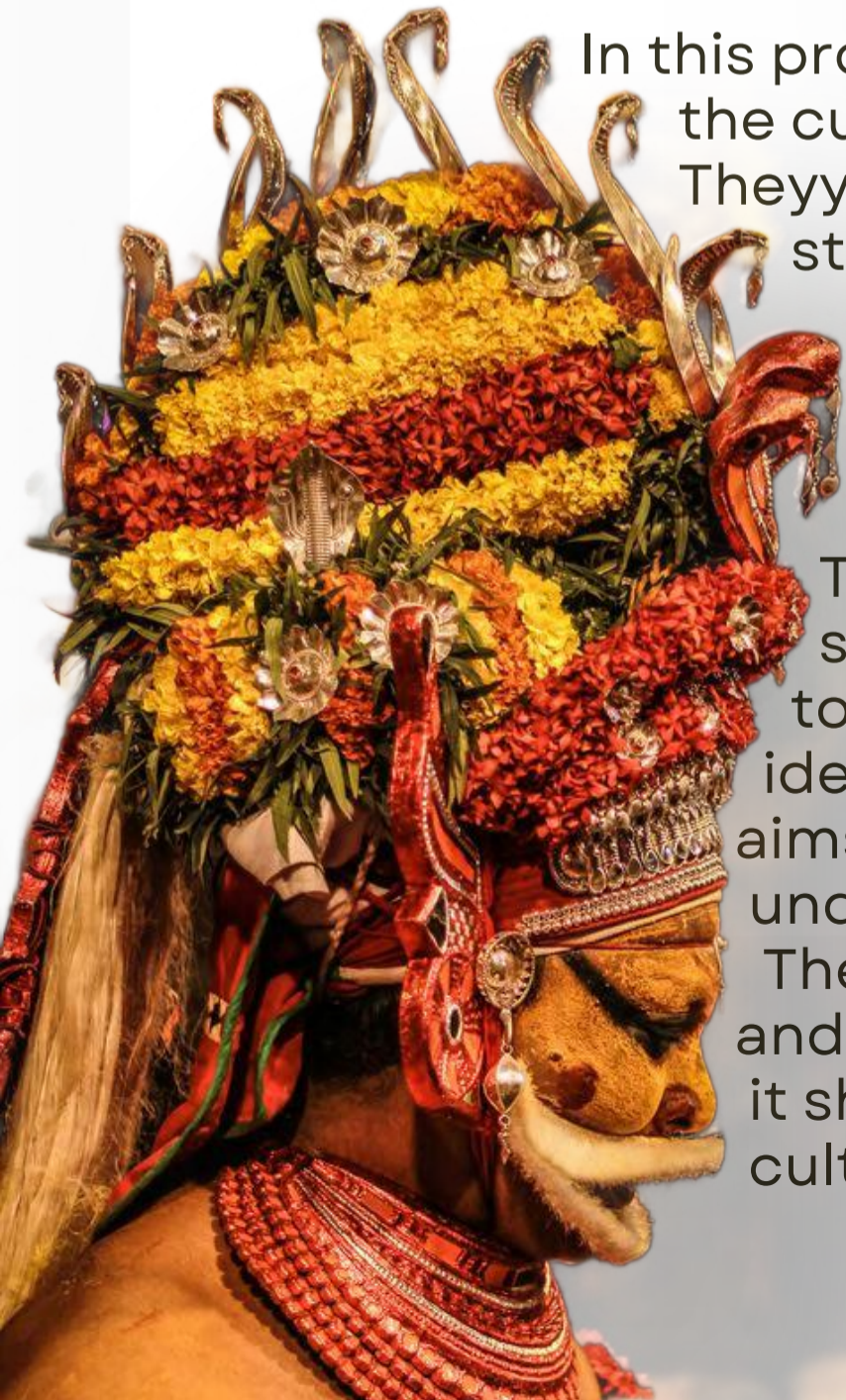
INTRODUCTION

Theyyam, an ancient ritualistic art form native to the northern parts of Kerala, India, is a vibrant and powerful embodiment of devotion, culture, and tradition. With roots tracing back thousands of years, Theyyam merges elements of dance, music, theater, and mythology to create a mesmerizing performance that symbolizes the manifestation of gods and divine spirits.

The word Theyyam is believed to derive from Daivam, meaning "god," emphasizing its profound spiritual significance in the communities that practice it. This sacred performance is not just an art form but a living tradition that plays a central role in religious ceremonies and local folklore.

The essence of Theyyam lies in its ability to bridge the mortal and divine worlds. Through elaborate costumes, detailed face paintings, and dramatic enactments, performers take on the role of gods, heroes, and legendary figures, captivating audiences and inspiring reverence. This art form is a celebration of cultural heritage that continues to be an integral part of Kerala's identity.

In this project, we will explore the cultural background of Theyyam, delve into the stories of prominent Theyyams, highlight the lives of the performers, and examine how Theyyam influences society, education, tourism, and cultural identity. This project aims to provide a deeper understanding of Theyyam's importance and the unique way it shapes and sustains cultural values.



CULTURAL BACKGROUND

• History of Theyyam

Historical literature such as Keralolpatti mention the Sangam era, roughly spanning from 600 BCE to 300 CE, as the origin of Theyyam. It is thought that native tribal communities were given the task of performing Theyyam by Lord Parashurama, the sixth avatar of Lord Vishnu.



The origins of Theyyam can be traced back over a millennium, intertwining with ancient local traditions and the worship of deities and ancestors. It is believed to have evolved from Kaliyattam, an indigenous tribal ritual, and emerged in the Kolathunadu region of North Malabar, which includes present-day Kasargod, Kannur, and parts of Wayanad and Kozhikode districts in Kerala.

Historically, Theyyam served as a means of addressing social and spiritual needs, with performances deeply embedded in local customs and rituals that predate the widespread influence of Hinduism. The Theyyam tradition encapsulates elements of tribal animism, honoring local deities and ancestral spirits through elaborate ceremonies. Its continuous evolution over centuries has resulted in a rich collection of rituals that reflect both ancient beliefs and later Hindu practices.

• Rituals and Practices



The rituals associated with Theyyam are intricate and multi-faceted, often involving a period of fasting and purification for performers. Theyyam preparation typically requires fasting for three to seven days, during which performers abstain from non-vegetarian foods and remain secluded.

The actual performance is characterized by elaborate rituals that include:

Opening Ceremony: This includes setting a date, transferring the ritual privilege to the performer, and gathering necessary offerings like betel leaves and money.



Theyyam shrine - Pottantheyyam, Guligan, Chamundi

Vellattam or Thottam: The performance begins with this preliminary ritual, which involves simple attire and no elaborate makeup.

Transformation into Deity: After a period of singing and drumming, performers wear elaborate costumes and makeup, fully embodying the deity they represent. This moment not only reflects transformation but also signifies the connection between the performer and the divine.

Sacrificial Offerings: Rituals may include animal sacrifices, which are considered essential in certain regional practices to appease and honor the deities.

- **Theyyam Season**

The Theyyam season in northern Kerala typically begins with the tenth day of the Malayalam month of Thulam, which generally falls in late October. It lasts up to seven months, concluding in mid-June with various rituals and festivals. The peak of the Theyyam season occurs between January and April, during which many grand festivals, known as Perumkaliyattam, are celebrated. These performances are pivotal for the local communities, as they serve not only as a form of worship but also as a means of social cohesion and cultural identity.

During the Theyyam season, hundreds of performances are conducted in ancestral homes and sacred groves, marking it as a significant period of cultural expression and spiritual engagement for locals. Theyyam performances are integral to village life in northern Kerala, serving as a conduit for communal prayers and celebrations



*Kathivanoor Veeran
(Thottam)*



*Kathivanoor Veeran
Theyyam*



Bali (Vellattam)

Bali Theyyam



PROMINENT THEYYAMS AND THEIR LEGENDS

—POTTAN THEYYAM—

‘Pottan’ in Malayalam means ‘Idiot’. Some believe that Pottan Theyyam or the Pottan Daivam earns the tag of ‘Pottan’ from the way the godliness is portrayed by the performer or the ‘Koladhari’ with a mixture of sarcasm and weird funny yet intense playfulness. But, according to legends, Pottan Daivam was manifested by Lord Shiva as ‘Pulapottan’ and hence the name.

The legend of Pottan Theyyam traces back to Sree Sankaracharya, a revered Hindu saint and philosopher. According to the myth, while preparing to climb the '**Sarvanjna Peedam**'—a throne of knowledge—Lord Shiva disguised himself as a Dalit

named '**Pulapottan**', accompanied by Goddess Parvathy disguised as '**Pulachamundi**' and his minister Nadikesan as '**Pulamaruthan**'. The purpose of this disguise was to test Sankaracharya's understanding of caste and humanity.

Upon sighting the untouchables across his way, Sankaracharya - the scholar trained in Vedas and Brahminical Ideologies ordered them to move out of his way.

In the form of Pulapottan, Lord Shiva engaged Sankaracharya in a series of arguments to challenge the caste system.

During their discussion, Pulapottan asked, “If there is a cut on the body, the blood will come out and the blood of mine and yours will have the same colour. So, what is the difference between us?” Sankaracharya realized that it was Lord Shiva testing his wisdom and kindness, teaching him the lesson of unity and equality.

This interaction is central to the teachings chanted during the Pottan Theyyam performances today, which promote unity and humanity



Pottan Theyyam serves as a powerful form of **social satire**, critiquing caste discrimination and social injustices prevalent in society. The opening song, "**Thottam Pattu**," delivers these messages in a satirical tone, ridiculing social evils and emphasizing the idea that all beings are creations of God



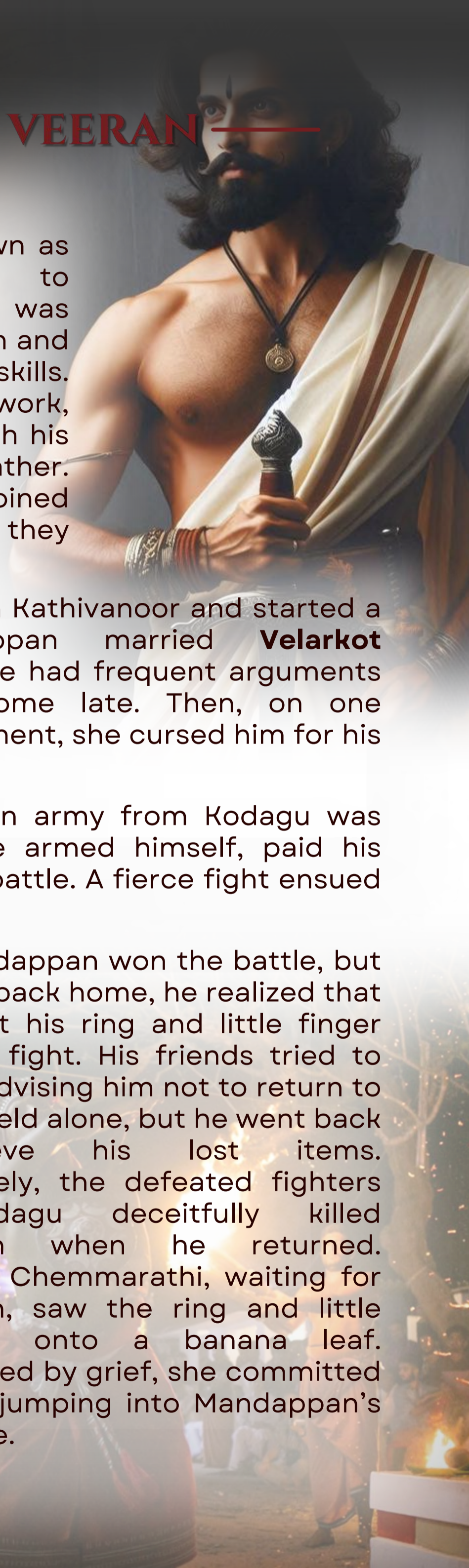
— KATHIVANOOR VEERAN —

Mandappan Chekavar, later known as Kathivanoor Veeran, was born to Kumarachan and Chaki Amma. He was blessed by the **goddess Chuzali** at birth and showed exceptional martial arts skills. Instead of pursuing regular work, Mandappan spent his time hunting with his friends, which led to tensions with his father. Eventually, Mandappan left home and joined his friends, only to be abandoned after they got him drunk.

He found refuge at his uncle's house in Kathivanoor and started a successful oil business. Mandappan married **Velarkot Chemmarathi**. Mandappan and his wife had frequent arguments because he would often return home late. Then, on one unfortunate day, during a heated argument, she cursed him for his tardiness.

When Mandappan learned that an army from Kodagu was approaching to attack his village, he armed himself, paid his respects to the gods, and went off to battle. A fierce fight ensued with the Kodagu soldiers.

Mandappan won the battle, but on his way back home, he realized that he had lost his ring and little finger during the fight. His friends tried to stop him, advising him not to return to the battlefield alone, but he went back to retrieve his lost items. Unfortunately, the defeated fighters from Kodagu deceitfully killed Mandappan when he returned. Meanwhile, Chemmarathi, waiting for Mandappan, saw the ring and little finger fall onto a banana leaf. Overwhelmed by grief, she committed suicide by jumping into Mandappan's funeral pyre.



Mannappan's relatives had a dream that led them to believe Mannappan and Chemmarathy were divine beings. Because of this, a traditional art form called Theyyam was performed in their honour, and it was named "**Kathivanoor Veeran**".

This Theyyam is known for its impressive physical and acrobatic performances. It usually takes place at night or in the early morning. The performance area is decorated with a unique platform called "**Chemmarathi Thara**", and banana plant stems are used for decorations. During the *Thottam* ritual of Kathivanoor Veeran Theyyam, various **Kalari** (martial art) movements and steps are displayed.



*Kathivanoor Veeran (Thottam) -
Payattu (Kalari Performance)*



Chemmarathi Thara

KANDANAR KELAN

Kandanar Kelan's story begins with the family of Meledath Tharavadu in **Kunnaru, Ramanthali**, near **Payyannur**. The lady of the house, **Meledath Chakki Amma**, adopted a child named **Kelan**, who evolved into an exceptional farmer, bringing prosperity to the farmlands he tended. Amazed by Kelan's agricultural skills, Chakki Amma urged him to utilize his expertise across all lands of **Wayanad**, which were divided into four provinces: Mukkuttikadu, Moovarkunnu, Nallathenga, and Karimbanakkadu

In response to his mother's request, Kelan ventured to Wayanad, taking along his bow, arrows, and enough toddy for the journey. However, upon arrival, he became intoxicated and began clearing the forest, setting fires to clear the land. In this process, he accidentally disturbed two nagas (serpents) named Kali and Karali, which ultimately led to his demise. The fire he ignited caused the snakes to bite him, leading to his tragic death in the flames

At this moment of despair, a warrior God named Vayanat Kulavan intervened. Observing the charred Kelan, the deity resurrected him and bestowed a new identity upon him, naming him Kandanar Kelan. He became a divine protector and was granted an honored position beside Vayanat Kulavan



Vayanattu Kulavan



Kandanar Kelan's Theyyam is exceptional as it features an intricate design of two entwined snakes on his chest, symbolizing his connection to the serpentine deities. His performance involves running through fire, adorned in silk clothes and silver anklets, a unique characteristic setting him apart from other Theyyams, which typically wear attire made of tender coconut leaves.



*Kandanar Kelan
- Vellattam*

OTHER NOTABLE THEYYAMS



Sree Muthappan Theyyam

Muthappan is believed to be born from the union of two divine figures, Vishnu and Shiva, and is regarded as a protector and benefactor of the community. Muthappan's worship includes colorful rituals and offerings, reflecting his deep connection to the local culture and devotion.



Kuttichathan Theyyam

Legend says Kuttichathan, the son of Shiva and Parvati, was adopted by a Namboothiri but rebelled against traditional teachings. After being punished and killed multiple times, Kuttichathan revived, took revenge, and was ultimately worshipped as Kuttichathan Theyyam.



Vishnumoorthi Theyyam

Vishnumoorthi Theyyam tells the story of Palanthai Kannan, a devotee of Lord Vishnu who, after facing violence and injustice from an upper-caste landlord, is killed. Divine retribution follows, and a shrine is established, symbolizing devotion and justice.



Raktha Chamundi

Rakta Chamundi Theyyam narrates the tale of the fierce goddess Chamundi, who is invoked to protect against evil forces. Known for her wrathful nature, she destroys demons and restores peace, embodying power, justice, and the protection of devotees.



Muchilottu Bhagavathi Theyyam

Muchilottu Bhagavathi Theyyam tells the story of a powerful goddess associated with wisdom and justice. Once a learned Brahmin woman falsely accused of wrongdoing, she transforms into a deity after her death, embodying both vengeance and protection, and is revered for her fierce power.



Gulikan Theyyam

Gulikan Theyyam centers around the deity Gulikan, born from Lord Shiva's toe. It emerged from the legend where Shiva protects Markandeya by defeating Yama, symbolizing devotion and community safeguarding through vibrant performances and offerings.



Kandakarnan Theyyam

Kandakarnan Theyyam is a significant ritual performance that centers around the deity Kandakarnan, believed to have been born from the throat of Lord Shiva. The story narrates the events where Kandakarnan is created to cure Goddess Bhadrakali from an illness.



Vettakkorumakan

Vettakkorumakan Theyyam is centered around the Hindu deity Vettakkorumakan, believed to be the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. The mythology narrates his transformative journey from a mischievous boy to a revered protector.



Makkavum Makkalum

Makkavum Makkalum Theyyam tells the story of Kunji Makkam, who is falsely accused and murdered by her brothers, leading to her deification. The performance highlights themes of betrayal and female strength through dramatic expressions and elaborate attire



Bali Theyyam

Bali Theyyam is a ritual performance that pays homage to the legendary warrior Bali from the Ramayana, renowned for his valor and tragic demise in battle. This Theyyam is characterized by its vibrant costumes and elaborate rituals that highlight Bali's heroism and struggle



Puthiya Bhagavathi Theyyam

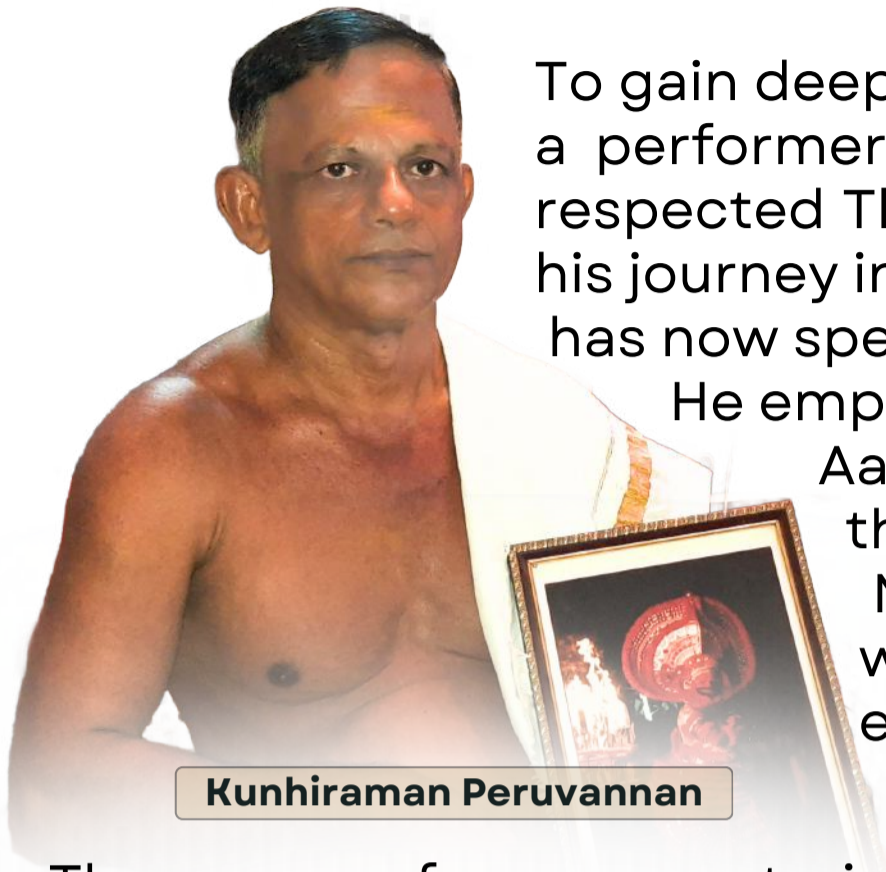
Puthiya Bhagavathi Theyyam, is a significant ritual performance in northern Kerala honoring the goddess Puthiya Bhagavathy. This Theyyam narrates the deity's story of healing and protection, originally created to eradicate smallpox



Neeliyar Bhagavathi

Neeliyar Bhagavathi Theyyam is a revered ritual dedicated to the goddess of the Mangattuparamba Neeliyar temple. She was once a wise woman who turned into a vengeful spirit after being betrayed but later became a kind mother figure embodying both vengeance and mercy.

LIFE OF PERFORMERS



Kunhiraman Peruvannan

To gain deeper insight into Theyyam and the life of a performer, I visited Kunhiraman Peruvannan, a respected Theyyam artist from my area. He began his journey in Theyyam at the young age of six and has now spent nearly 50 years in this sacred art.

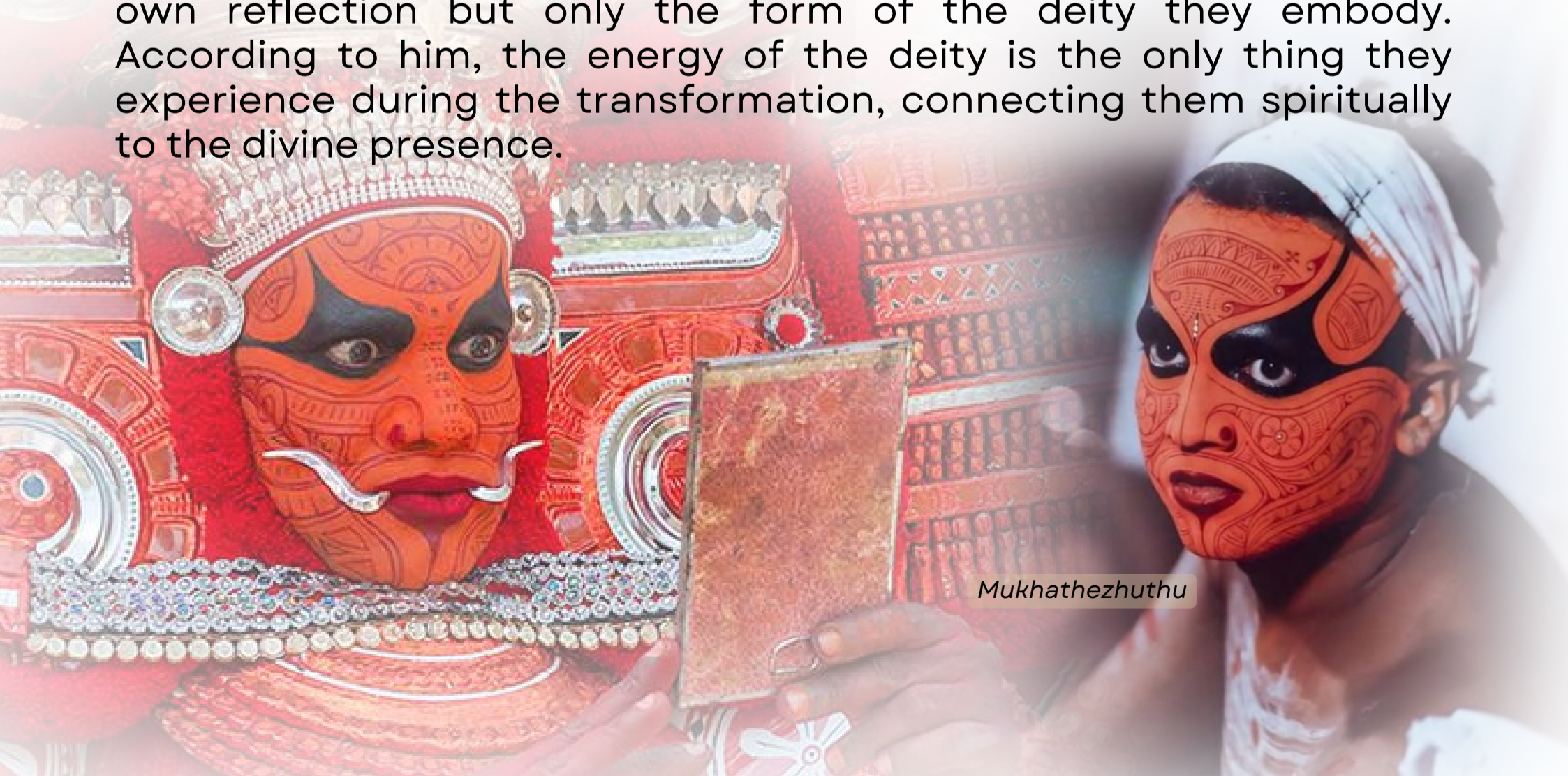
He emphasized the importance of starting as Aadivedan at a young age, as it allows the performer to get habituated to Mukhathezhuthu (the face-painting), which can cause dizziness, fainting, or even make someone lose their balance if they are new to it.

Theyyam performers are trained mentally, physically, and spiritually to fully transform into their roles. They learn the Thottam (the chant or story associated with each Theyyam) by listening and gaining experience. Additionally, before a ritual, performers follow strict fasting practices, including refraining from eating non-vegetarian food in the days leading up to the ceremony, to purify themselves and connect more deeply with the divine spirit.



Aadivedan

Kunhiraman Peruvannan explains that once the performer is fully dressed and prepared, a complete transformation takes place. At that moment, the performer is no longer themselves; they become the deity. When they look into the mirror, they no longer see their own reflection but only the form of the deity they embody. According to him, the energy of the deity is the only thing they experience during the transformation, connecting them spiritually to the divine presence.



Mukhathezhuthu



Performing Theyyams like Kathivanoor Veeran, which involves intense physical acts such as Kalari Payattu (a traditional martial art), can leave performers extremely tired. However, they do not feel the exhaustion during the performance. While performing, they are fully immersed in the role of the deity, and the physical strain does not affect them. It is only after they remove the attire of the Theyyam that they experience the tiredness and realize the toll the performance has taken on their body.

Over time, some aspects of Theyyam have changed. The natural materials once used for face-painting are now replaced with pre-made paints. The overall appearance has also become more polished, differing from the traditional, raw beauty of the past.



THEYYAM'S INFLUENCE ON CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Theyyam has a strong impact on Kerala's culture and society in many ways:



Preserving Traditions: Theyyam helps keep old stories, myths, and traditions alive. It passes down cultural values to future generations.

Bringing People Together: Theyyam brings people from all backgrounds together. It helps break down caste barriers and promotes unity in communities.



Cultural Identity: Theyyam is a key part of Kerala's culture. Its unique performances and costumes make people proud of their traditions and connect them to their roots.



Role in Festivals: Theyyam is an important part of Kerala's festivals and village celebrations. It marks important events in the year and brings communities together.

Boosting Tourism: Theyyam has become a popular attraction for tourists. Many people travel to Kerala to witness the performances, which also helps the local economy.



Spiritual Importance: Theyyam is a way for people to connect with the divine. Devotees participate in the rituals seeking blessings and protection from the gods.

CONCLUSION



In conclusion, Theyyam is not just a dance form; it is a profound expression of spirituality, culture, and social unity. Rooted in the rich traditions of Kerala, it serves as a living testament to the power of faith, devotion, and the preservation of ancient customs. Through its vibrant performances, Theyyam unites communities, transcending caste and social boundaries, while also fostering a sense of cultural identity.

Theyyam continues to thrive today, influencing the cultural landscape of Kerala, inspiring not only locals but also drawing tourists and cultural enthusiasts from across the world. The performances of Theyyam have an undeniable impact on society, as they promote unity, preserve stories and rituals, and contribute to the local economy.

Moreover, the life of a Theyyam performer is deeply intertwined with the traditions and spirit of this art form. The dedication and devotion of the performers keep the tradition alive, ensuring its survival for generations to come.

As we reflect on Theyyam's significance, it becomes clear that it is more than just a ritual; it is a symbol of the enduring connection between the divine, the community, and the individual. Through its continued practice and celebration, Theyyam will remain an essential part of Kerala's cultural heritage, offering a glimpse into a world where the divine and human realms intersect.





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Kathivanoorveeran Theyyam



Pottan Theyyam



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THE ENDURING INFLUENCE OF
SHAKESPEARE ON MODERN
LITERATURE AND MEDIA

"SHAKESPEARE'S ENDURING LEGACY"

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INTRODUCTION

1. William Shakespeare: A Brief Overview

- Born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.
- Author of 38 plays, 154 sonnets, and narrative poems.
- Known for works like Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, and Macbeth.
- Explored timeless themes such as love, ambition, power, betrayal, and identity.

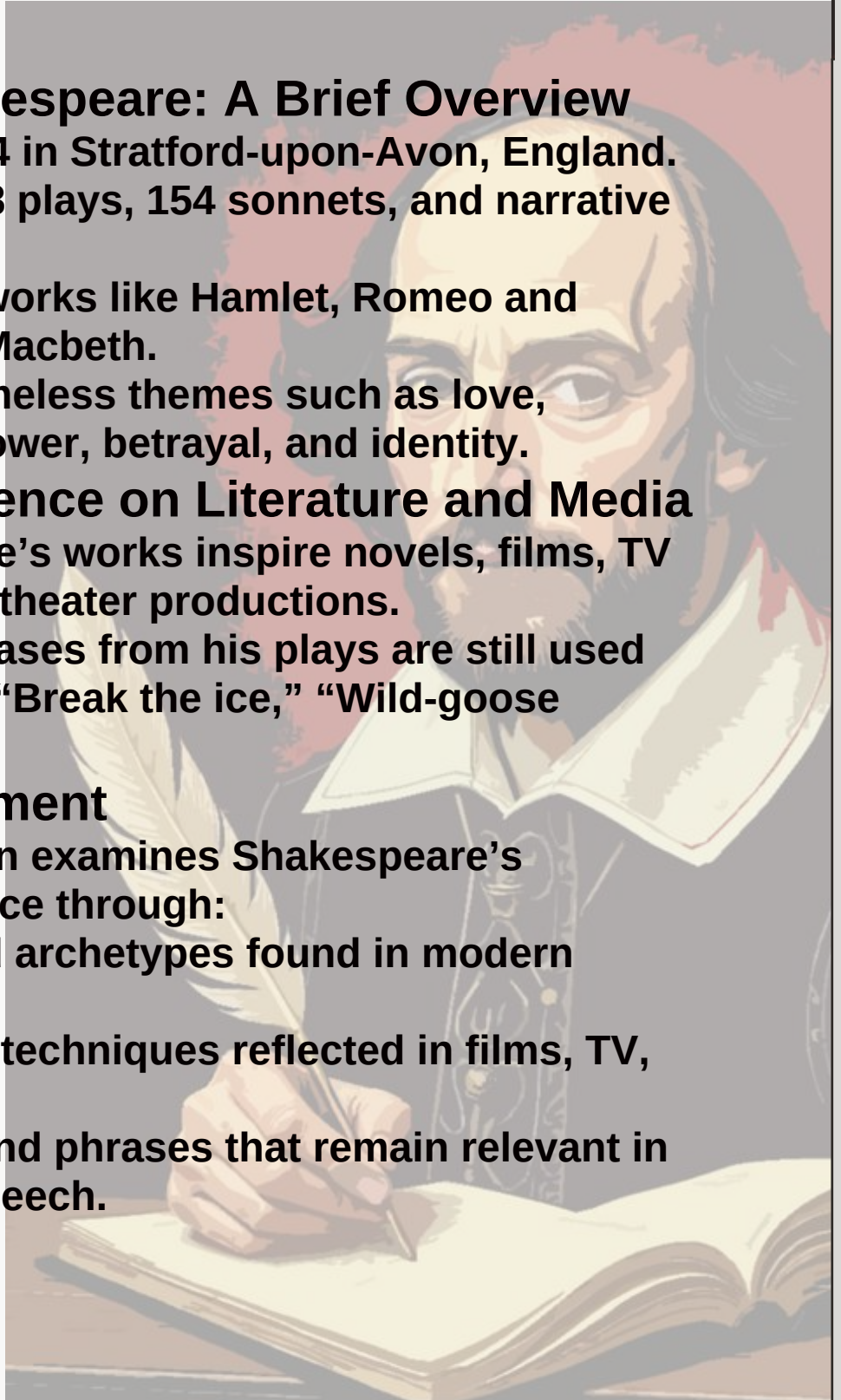
2. Lasting Influence on Literature and Media

- Shakespeare's works inspire novels, films, TV shows, and theater productions.
- Popular phrases from his plays are still used today (e.g., "Break the ice," "Wild-geese chase").

3. Thesis Statement

This presentation examines Shakespeare's enduring influence through:

- Themes and archetypes found in modern literature.
- Storytelling techniques reflected in films, TV, and theater.
- Language and phrases that remain relevant in everyday speech.





SHAKESPEARE'S LITERARY TECHNIQUES

- Soliloquies and Monologues
- Dramatic Irony
- Complex Characters and Psychological Depth



SHAKESPEARE'S LITERARY TECHNIQUES

Soliloquies and Monologues

- **Definition**

- **Soliloquy:** A speech by a character alone on stage, revealing their thoughts.
- **Monologue:** A speech delivered to other characters, expressing emotions or ideas.

- **Purpose**

- Offers insight into characters' motivations and emotional struggles.

- **Key Example**

- In *Hamlet*, the soliloquy "To be or not to be" reveals Hamlet's internal conflict and existential questions.

- **Influence on Modern Literature and Theatre**

- These techniques set the foundation for character exploration in contemporary works, enhancing emotional engagement with the audience.

SHAKESPEARE'S LITERARY TECHNIQUES

Dramatic Irony

- **Definition**

- A situation where the audience knows more about a character's circumstances than the character themselves, creating tension and anticipation.

- **Significance**

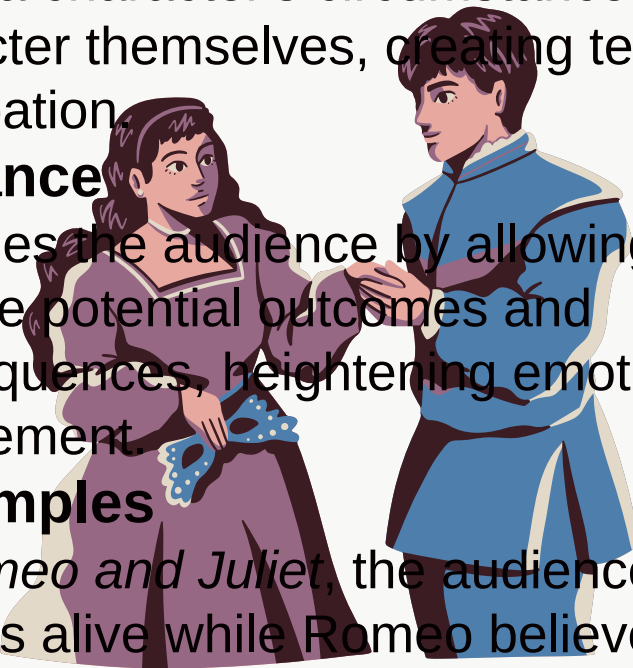
- Engages the audience by allowing them to foresee potential outcomes and consequences, heightening emotional involvement.

- **Key Examples**

- In *Romeo and Juliet*, the audience knows Juliet is alive while Romeo believes she is dead, leading to tragic consequences.
- In *Othello*, the audience is aware of Iago's deceit, while Othello remains oblivious, intensifying the drama.

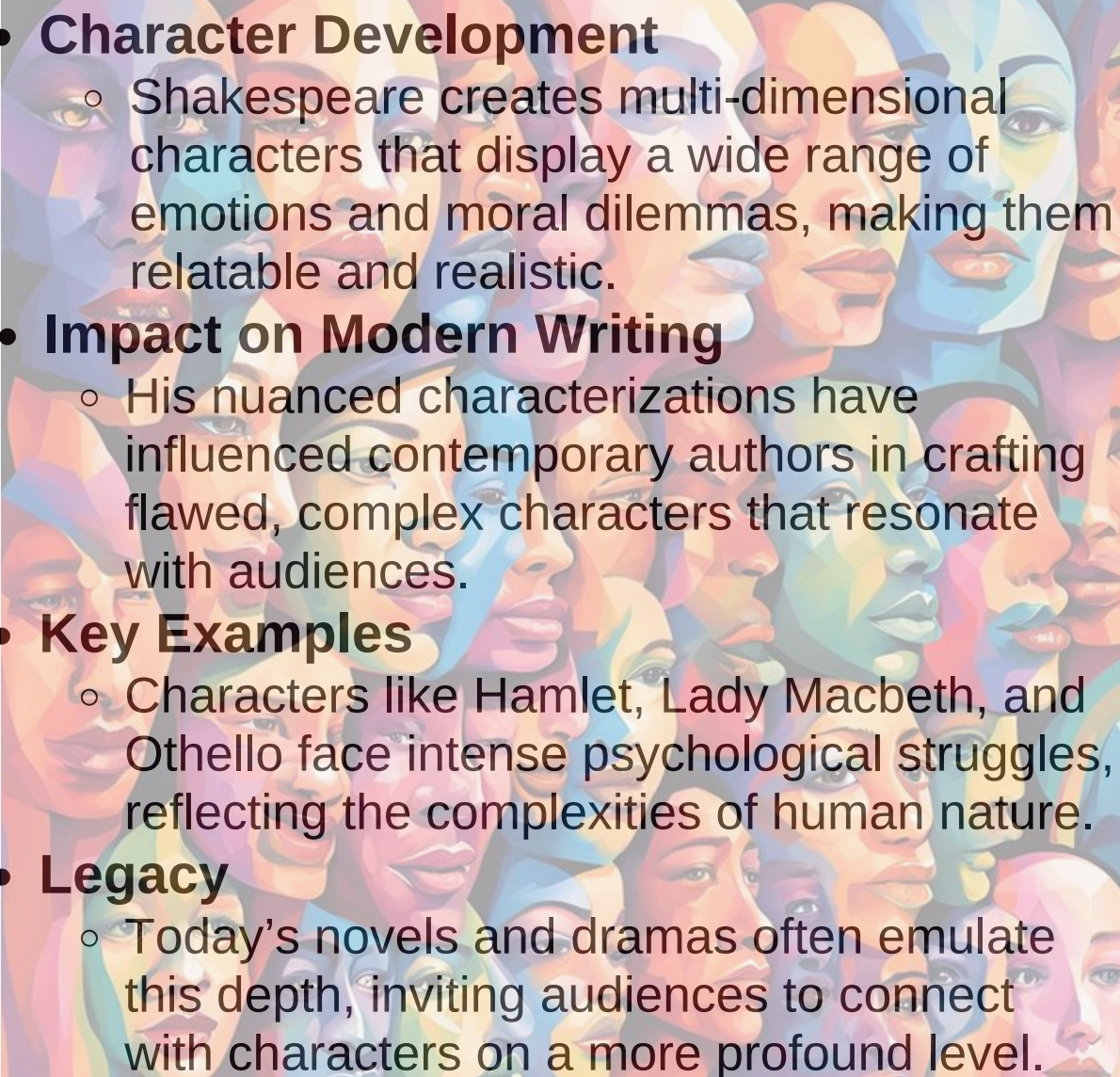
- **Modern Applications**

- Dramatic irony is widely used in films and literature to build suspense and deepen the narrative, keeping audiences invested in character fates.



SHAKESPEARE'S LITERARY TECHNIQUES

Complex Characters and Psychological Depth

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- **Character Development**
 - Shakespeare creates multi-dimensional characters that display a wide range of emotions and moral dilemmas, making them relatable and realistic.
 - **Impact on Modern Writing**
 - His nuanced characterizations have influenced contemporary authors in crafting flawed, complex characters that resonate with audiences.
 - **Key Examples**
 - Characters like Hamlet, Lady Macbeth, and Othello face intense psychological struggles, reflecting the complexities of human nature.
 - **Legacy**
 - Today's novels and dramas often emulate this depth, inviting audiences to connect with characters on a more profound level.



CHARACTER ARCHETYPES AND THEMES

- Archetypal Characters
- Universal Themes

CHARACTER ARCHETYPES AND THEMES

Archetypal Characters

- **Shakespearean Archetypes**

- **Tragic Heroes:** Central characters who experience downfall due to a tragic flaw (e.g., Macbeth, Hamlet).
- **Villains:** Antagonists who embody evil and manipulate others (e.g., Iago, Lady Macbeth).

- **Influence on Modern Literature and Media**

- Shakespeare's archetypes have shaped contemporary character roles, influencing the portrayal of superheroes and antiheroes.
- Modern stories often reflect these archetypes, such as the flawed hero in comic book narratives (e.g., Spider-Man) and morally ambiguous characters (e.g., Walter White from *Breaking Bad*).



CHARACTER ARCHETYPES AND THEMES

Universal Themes

- **Exploration of Themes**

- Shakespeare delves into timeless themes such as ambition, love, betrayal, and power, which resonate across cultures and eras.



- **Contemporary Reimaginings**

- Modern adaptations and retellings reflect these universal themes, showcasing their relevance today.
- Examples include films like *The Lion King* (inspired by *Hamlet*) and *She's the Man* (a modern take on *Twelfth Night*), which explore love, identity, and ambition in new contexts.



- **Cultural Impact**

- Shakespeare's themes continue to inspire writers, filmmakers, and artists, illustrating the enduring nature of his work and its influence on storytelling.



ADAPTATIONS IN MODERN MEDIA

- Film Adaptations
- Television
- Theater

ADAPTATIONS IN MODERN MEDIA



Film Adaptations

- **Famous Adaptations**
 - Notable films like "Romeo + Juliet" (1996, directed by Baz Luhrmann) and "Macbeth" (various adaptations) showcase Shakespeare's work in contemporary settings.
- **Staying True vs. Reinterpretation**
 - These adaptations often maintain core themes and characters while reinterpreting settings, language, and visual styles to resonate with modern audiences.
 - For example, Luhrmann's "Romeo + Juliet" uses modern dialogue and a contemporary urban backdrop, making the classic tale accessible to new viewers.

ADAPTATIONS IN MODERN MEDIA

Television

- **Shakesperean Influences**

- Many TV shows and miniseries draw inspiration from Shakespeare's themes, characters, and plots.

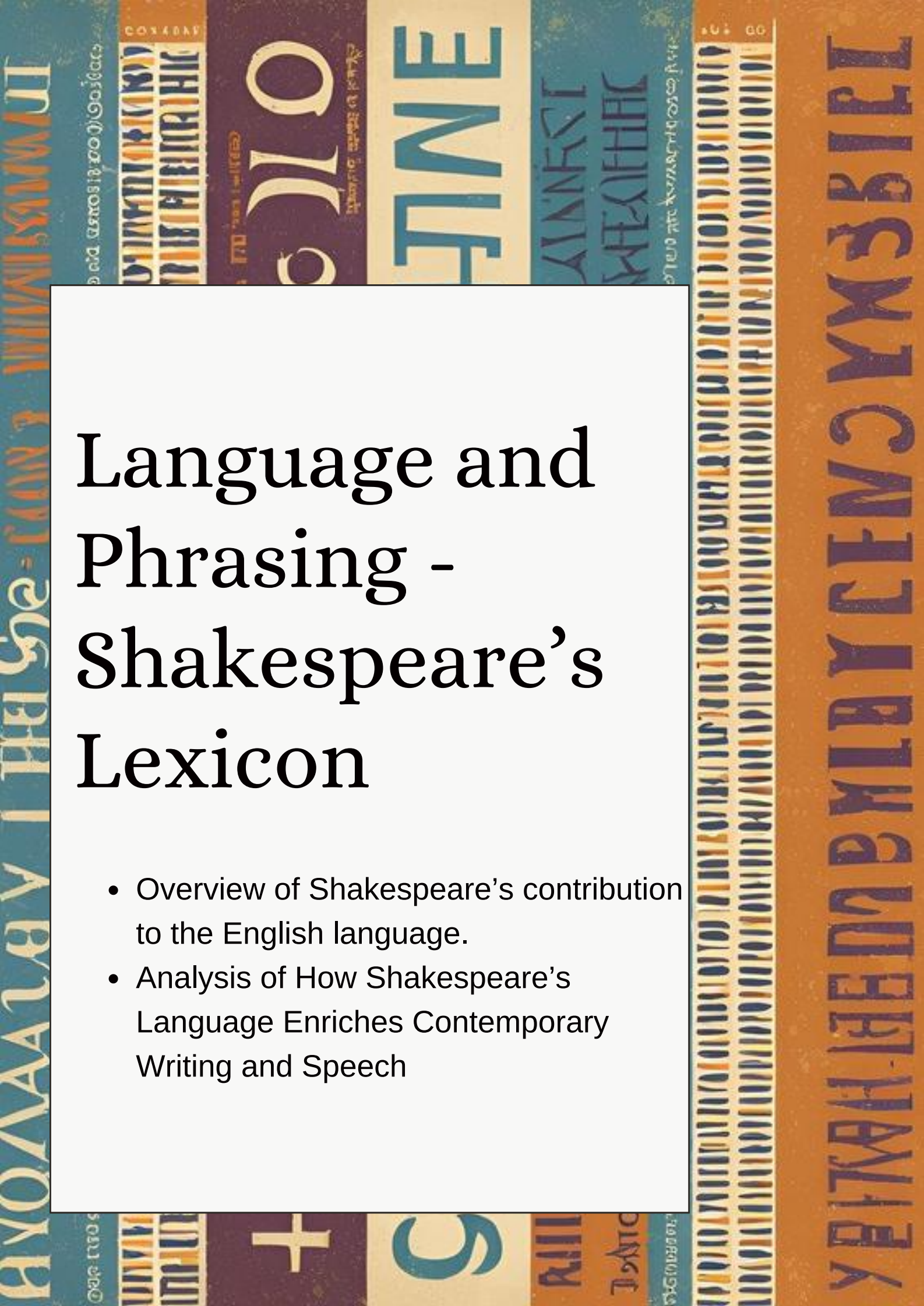
- **Modern Series Examples**

- Series like "The Hollow Crown" adapt Shakespeare's historical plays, bringing them to life with contemporary production values.
- Other shows, such as "Game of Thrones," reflect Shakesperean elements through political intrigue, complex characters, and moral ambiguity, echoing themes from plays like *King Lear* and *Macbeth*.

ADAPTATIONS IN MODERN MEDIA

Theater

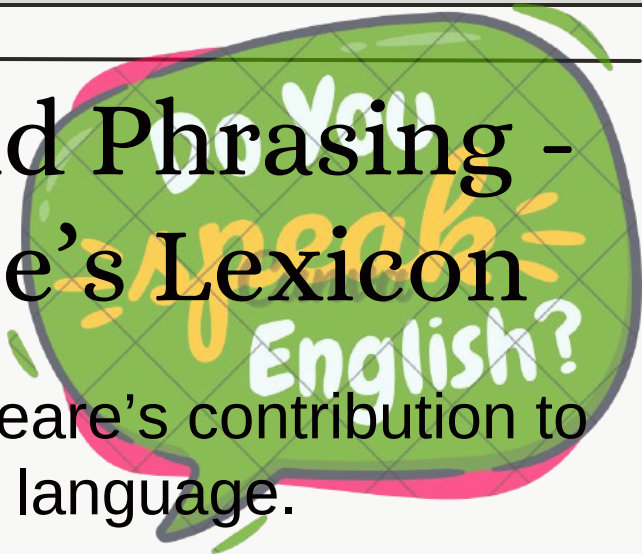
- **Contemporary Reinterpretations**
 - Modern theater productions often reinterpret Shakespeare's works, using innovative staging and fresh interpretations to connect with today's audiences.
- **Influence on Stagecraft**
 - Shakespearean techniques, such as soliloquies and dramatic irony, continue to influence modern stagecraft and storytelling.
 - Productions like "Hamlet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" may incorporate modern elements, such as diverse casting and updated settings, while still honoring the original text.
- **Cultural Impact**
 - These adaptations reflect the timelessness of Shakespeare's themes and the versatility of his works, inspiring new generations of theatergoers.

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Language and Phrasing - Shakespeare's Lexicon

- Overview of Shakespeare's contribution to the English language.
- Analysis of How Shakespeare's Language Enriches Contemporary Writing and Speech

Language and Phrasing - Shakespeare's Lexicon



Overview of Shakespeare's contribution to the English language.

- **Innovations in Language**

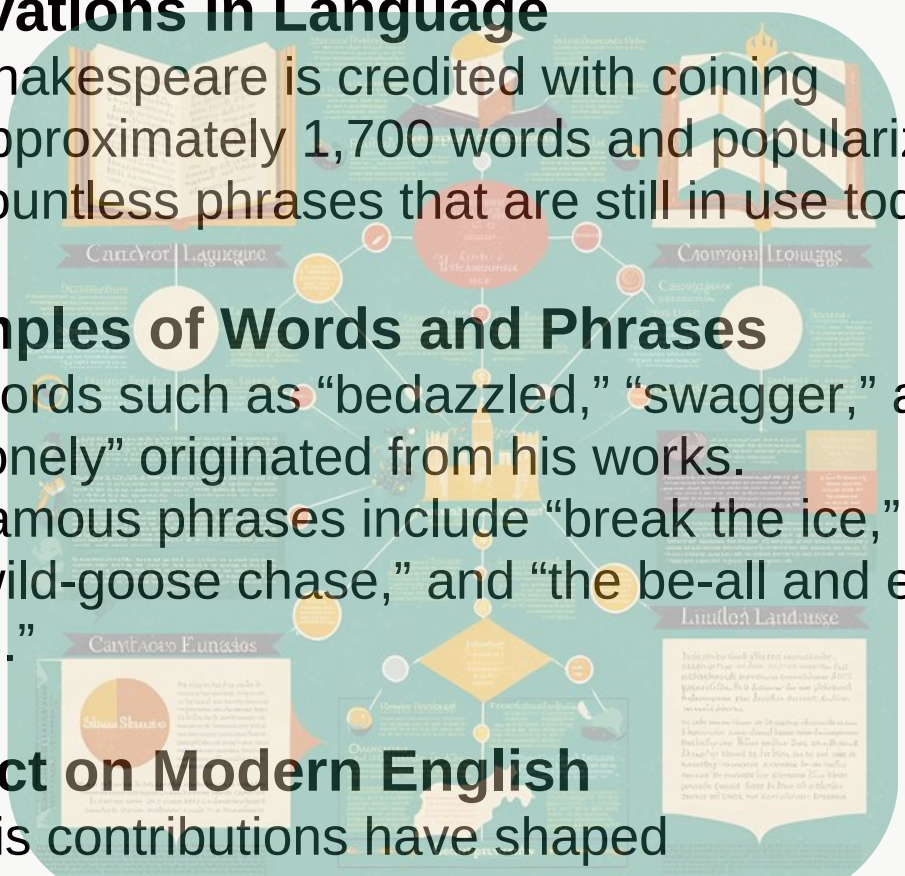
- Shakespeare is credited with coining approximately 1,700 words and popularizing countless phrases that are still in use today.

- **Examples of Words and Phrases**

- Words such as “bedazzled,” “swagger,” and “lonely” originated from his works.
- Famous phrases include “break the ice,” “wild-geese chase,” and “the be-all and end-all.”

- **Impact on Modern English**

- His contributions have shaped contemporary English, enriching vocabulary and enhancing expressive possibilities in both spoken and written forms.



Language and Phrasing - Shakespeare's Lexicon

Analysis of How Shakespeare's
Language Enriches Contemporary
Writing and Speech



- **Influence on Literary Style**

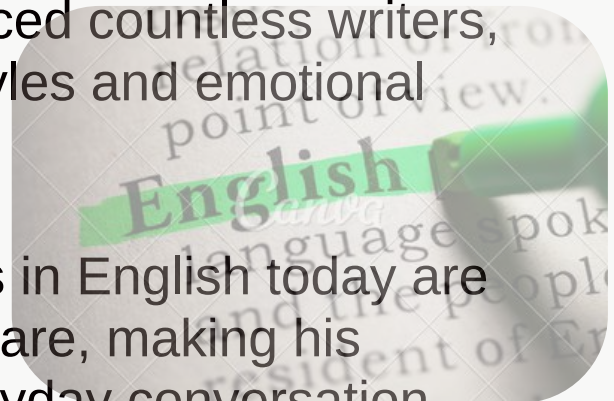
- Shakespeare's inventive use of language and poetic devices, such as metaphor and alliteration, has influenced countless writers, enhancing narrative styles and emotional depth.

- **Everyday Expressions**

- Many common phrases in English today are derived from Shakespeare, making his language a part of everyday conversation.
- Expressions like "heart of gold" and "fashion your own life" illustrate how his language permeates modern speech.

- **Cultural Relevance**

- Shakespeare's linguistic creativity continues to inspire writers and speakers, encouraging rich and vivid expression in literature, theater, and everyday communication.





CULTURAL IMPACT AND RELEVANCE

- Enduring Popularity
- Educational Influence

CULTURAL IMPACT AND RELEVANCE

Enduring Popularity



- **Relevance in Contemporary Culture**

- Shakespeare's works continue to resonate due to their exploration of universal themes such as love, ambition, and betrayal, making them relatable across generations.

- **Influence on Cultural Products**

- His plays have inspired countless adaptations in literature, film, and music, shaping narratives and artistic expressions in various forms.
- Other shows, such as "Game of Thrones," reflect Shakespearean elements through political intrigue, complex characters, and moral ambiguity, echoing themes from plays like *King Lear* and *Macbeth*.



CULTURAL IMPACT AND RELEVANCE



Educational Influence

- **Role in Educational Curricula**
 - Shakespeare's works are a cornerstone of literary education, introduced in schools worldwide to teach themes, language, and historical context.
- **Impact on Literature and Drama Studies**
 - His plays and sonnets serve as essential texts for analyzing character development, narrative structure, and poetic devices.
 - Studying Shakespeare fosters critical thinking and encourages students to explore complex human experiences, enhancing their appreciation for literature and the arts.

CASE STUDIES OF MODERN WORKS INSPIRED BY SHAKESPEARE

- Literature
- Film
- Television and Other Media

CASE STUDIES OF MODERN WORKS INSPIRED BY SHAKESPEARE

Literature

- **Modern Adaptations and Inspirations**
 - Novels and plays often reimagine Shakespeare's themes and narratives to reflect contemporary issues.
- **Examples**
 - "The Lion King" draws on elements of *Hamlet*, exploring themes of revenge, identity, and leadership.
 - Novels like "Hag-Seed" by Margaret Atwood rework *The Tempest*, providing a modern perspective on themes of redemption and power.

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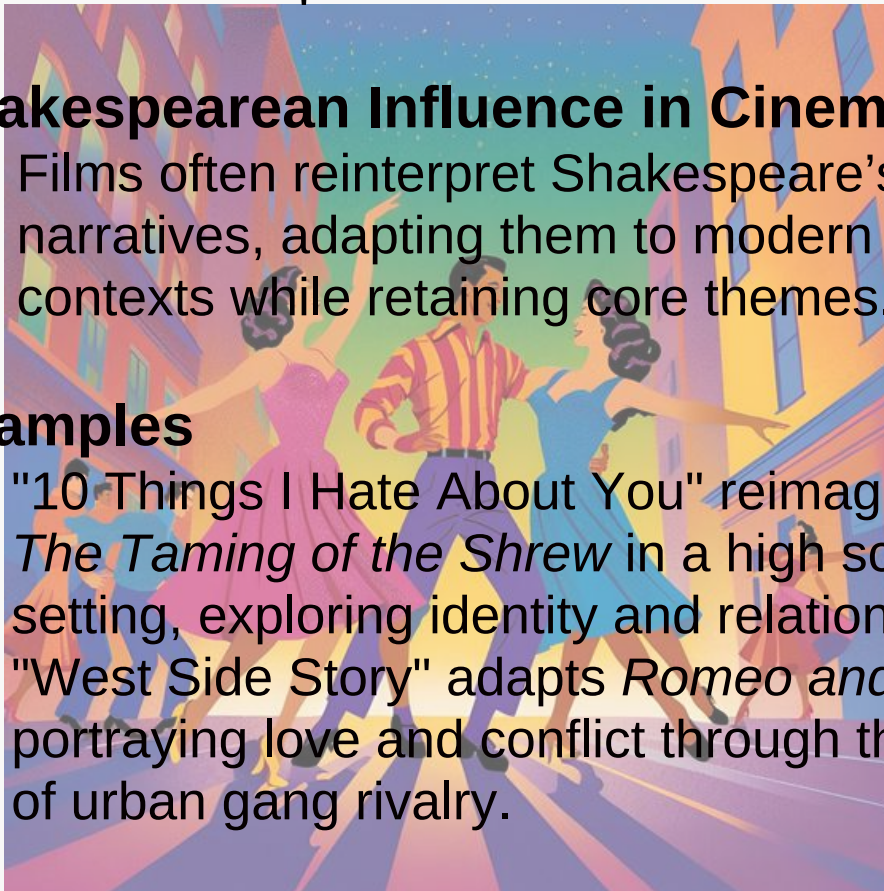


- **Shakespearean Influence in Cinema**

- Films often reinterpret Shakespeare's narratives, adapting them to modern contexts while retaining core themes.

- **Examples**

- "10 Things I Hate About You" reimagines *The Taming of the Shrew* in a high school setting, exploring identity and relationships.
- "West Side Story" adapts *Romeo and Juliet*, portraying love and conflict through the lens of urban gang rivalry.



CASE STUDIES OF MODERN WORKS INSPIRED BY SHAKESPEARE



Television and Other Media

- **Shakespeare's Influence in TV and Web Series**
 - Many shows incorporate Shakespearean themes of power, ambition, and betrayal into their narratives.
- **Examples**
 - "The Hollow Crown" directly adapts Shakespeare's historical plays, bringing his works to life through episodic storytelling.
 - Series like "Succession" and "House of Cards" echo themes from Macbeth and King Lear, exploring political ambition and familial conflict.
- **Other Media**
 - Web series, podcasts, and streaming content often reference Shakespeare's works, keeping his legacy alive in modern digital storytelling.

CONCLUSION

- **Summary of Key Points**

- Shakespeare's literary techniques, character archetypes, and themes have profoundly influenced modern literature and media.
- His works continue to inspire adaptations across film, television, theater, and other cultural forms.

- **Ongoing Significance**

- Shakespeare's exploration of universal human experiences ensures that his stories remain relevant in contemporary society.

- **Final Thoughts**

- His enduring legacy shapes not only artistic expression but also language, education, and culture, proving that Shakespeare's influence is timeless.

THANK YOU!

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ACTION PLAN

- 1. Selection of the topic**
- 2. Approval of the topic by the teacher**
- 3. Visiting neighbours and conducting interviews**
- 4. Data collection and analysis**
- 5. Preparation of a detailed report**

OBJECTIVE

- 1. To identify the challenges and barriers that hinder women's empowerment**
- 2. To explore the role of education, economic opportunities and social support in empowering women**
- 3. To identify best strategies for promoting women empowerment**
- 4. To investigate the effects of women empowerment in the overall growth of our country**





INTRODUCTION

Imagine a world where every woman has the freedom to dream, achieve, and lead, unbound by societal expectations or discriminatory practices.

For centuries, women have been marginalized, their voices silenced, and their contributions overlooked. Confined to traditional roles, they were often denied education, economic opportunities, and political participation. Yet, throughout history, women have fought tirelessly to challenge these norms. Movements such as the suffragette campaigns of the early 20th century and the feminist waves of the 1960s and 1970s were pivotal in redefining societal attitudes toward women's rights. These efforts laid the foundation for the modern fight for empowerment, highlighting the importance of women's autonomy, equality, and representation.



Women across the world face barriers that hinder their empowerment, including gender-based violence, wage inequality, limited access to education, and underrepresentation in leadership roles. Cultural norms and deeply ingrained stereotypes often reinforce these inequalities, particularly in developing regions. For example, millions of girls are still denied basic education, and women in many countries continue to face significant pay gaps and limited career opportunities.

In this project , we will explore the multifaceted nature of women empowerment, delving into its historical roots, current significance, and the challenges that remain. By celebrating the achievements of women and addressing the obstacles they face, we can better understand the vital role empowerment plays in building a fairer, more inclusive world. Women empowerment is not merely a goal but a necessity for creating a brighter future for everyone



WHAT IS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT?

Women's empowerment involves promoting women's autonomy, self-reliance, and self-confidence, as well as challenging and changing the social, cultural, and economic structures that perpetuate gender inequality.



WHY IS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT NECESSARY?

Women's empowerment is crucial because it not only promotes gender equality and individual freedom for women but also significantly contributes to the social, economic, and political development of communities and nations at large; when women are empowered to fully participate in society, they can contribute their skills, talents, and perspectives to diverse fields, leading to increased innovation, economic growth, improved healthcare outcomes for families, and a more equitable distribution of power, ultimately creating a more just and prosperous world for all, furthermore, empowering women through education, access to healthcare, and economic opportunities helps break down harmful gender stereotypes, reduces gender-based violence, and fosters a healthier society where women can actively participate in decision-making processes at all levels, ultimately creating a more balanced and inclusive future.





BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Benefits

Economic Growth: Women's empowerment contributes to economic growth and prosperity within communities. When women have access to education, skills training, and economic opportunities, they can participate in the workforce, start businesses, and contribute to the local economy. Empowered women drive innovation, productivity, and entrepreneurship, leading to economic development and poverty reduction.

Social Progress: Women empowerment promotes social progress by challenging and transforming societal norms, attitudes, and practices that limit women's rights and opportunities. It involves promoting gender equality, addressing gender-based violence, promoting women's rights, and raising awareness about women's issues. When women are empowered, they can actively contribute to creating a more inclusive and equitable society where everyone's rights are respected.

Education and Skill Development: Empowering women through education and skill development programs has a direct impact on community development. When women are educated, they acquire knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities that enable them to make informed decisions and contribute to their families' and communities' well-being. Educated women are more likely to invest in their children's education and actively participate in community development initiatives.

Health and Well-being: Women's empowerment positively impacts the health and well-being of individuals and communities. When women have access to healthcare services, reproductive rights, and health information, they can make informed decisions about their own health and the health of their families. Ensuring women's health and well-being contributes to improved public health outcomes, reduced maternal and child mortality rates, and healthier communities.



Leadership and Governance: Empowering women to participate in leadership and decision-making roles within the community leads to better governance and representation. When women community leaders have equal opportunities to contribute their perspectives, knowledge, and skills, community decisions become more inclusive and reflective of diverse needs and priorities. Women's participation in local governance, as women community leaders, fosters accountability, transparency, and effective community development strategies.



Outcomes

The outcomes of women's empowerment are numerous and far-reaching, benefiting individuals, families, communities, and societies as a whole.

Women's empowerment enhances the quality and the quantity of human resources available for development. Empowerment is one of the main procedural concerns when addressing human rights and development.

Women's empowerment is key to economic and social outcomes. By providing women with the skills, resources, and support they need to start and grow their own businesses, entrepreneurship programs can help to increase women's economic participation and income-generating potential. By providing opportunities for mentorship, networking, and training, entrepreneurship programs can help women to develop their leadership skills and become more effective leaders in their businesses and communities.



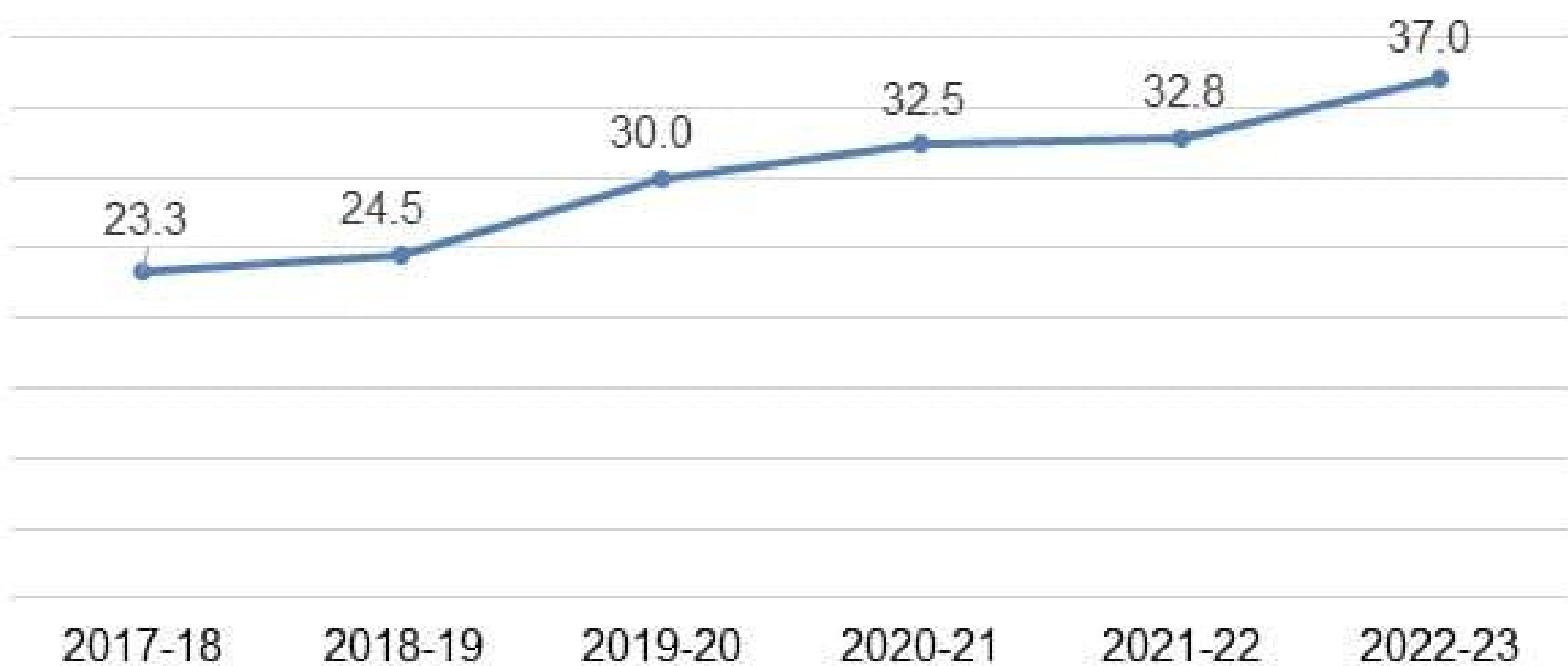
Socially, Empowered women prioritize education for themselves and their children and are less likely to experience domestic violence and abuse.

Also Women's empowerment leads to improved health outcomes, including reproductive health.

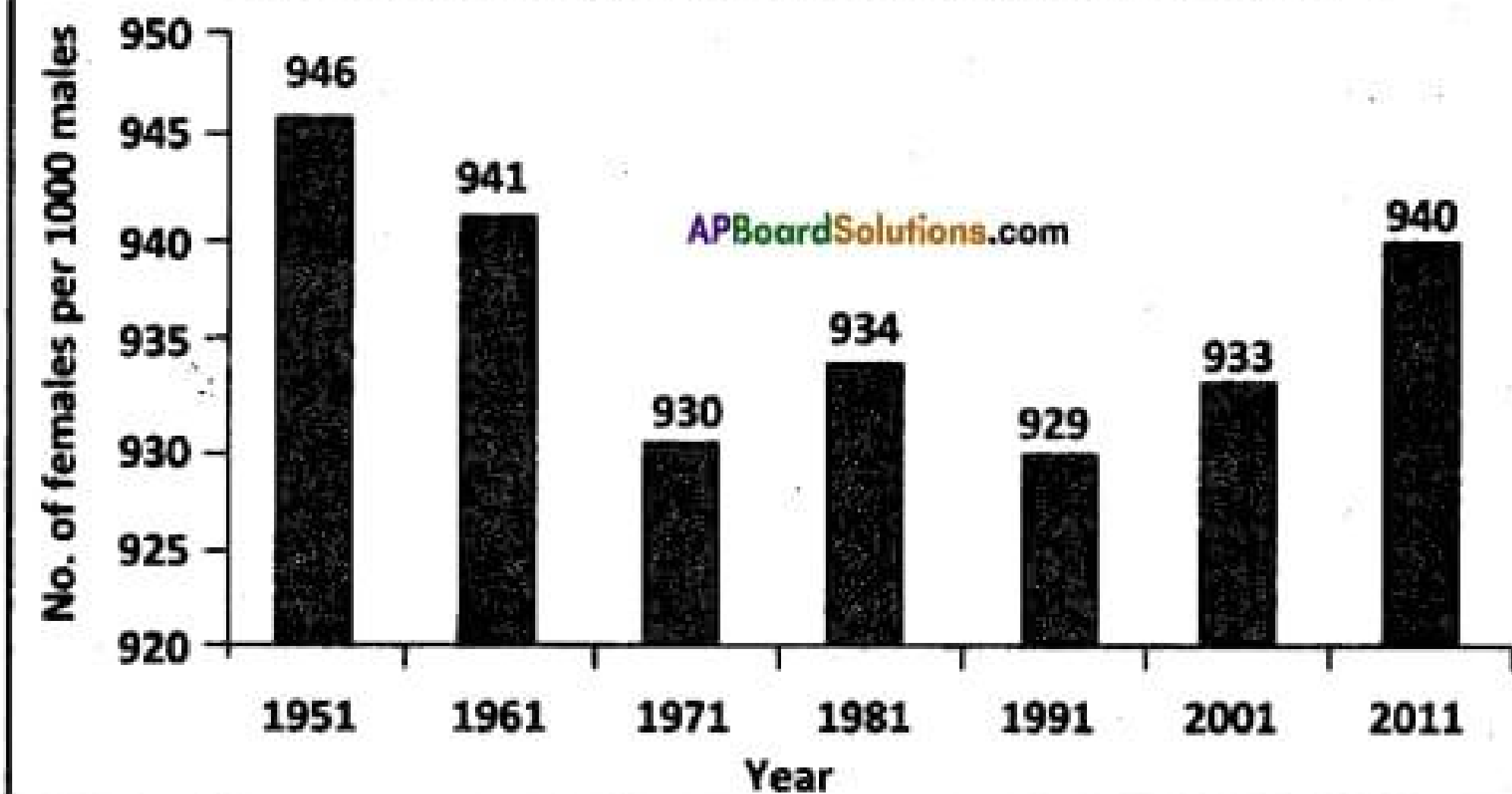
Overall, women's empowerment has a transformative impact on individuals, families, communities, and societies, leading to a more equitable, just, and prosperous world.



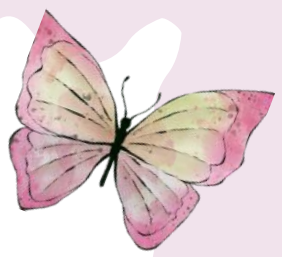
Female Labour Force Participation Rate
(%, 15 Years and above, Usual Status)



Graph : India Population : Sex Ratio, 1951 - 2011



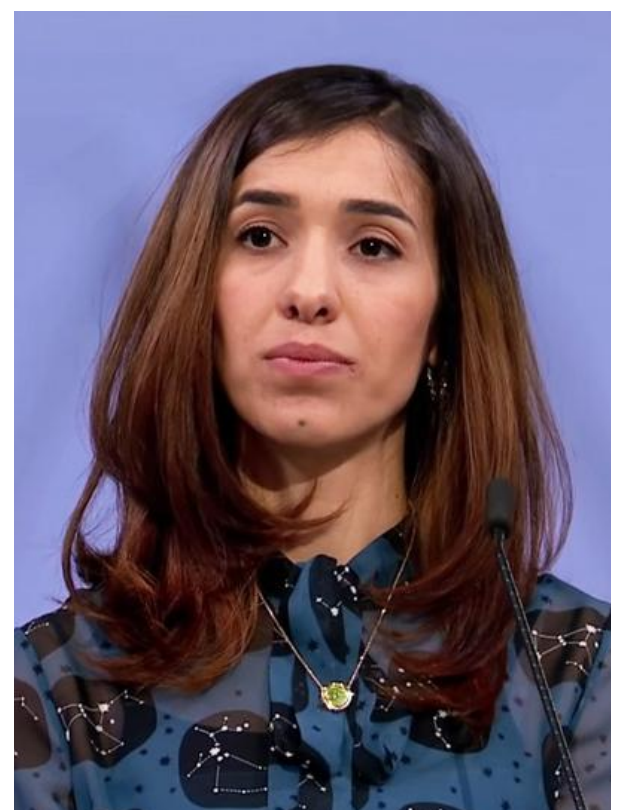
LEADING WOMEN FIGURES IN TODAY'S WORLD



MARY KOM is an Indian boxer and a six-time World Champion. Known as "Magnificent Mary," she won an Olympic bronze medal in 2012. Mary Kom faced numerous hardships throughout her career, including financial struggles growing up in a poor family, societal and cultural barriers discouraging women from boxing, and gender discrimination in a male-dominated sport.

She also had to balance her boxing career with motherhood after marriage and children, overcoming physical and mental challenges. Despite these obstacles, her unwavering determination led her to become one of the world's most successful female athletes, inspiring many with her resilience.

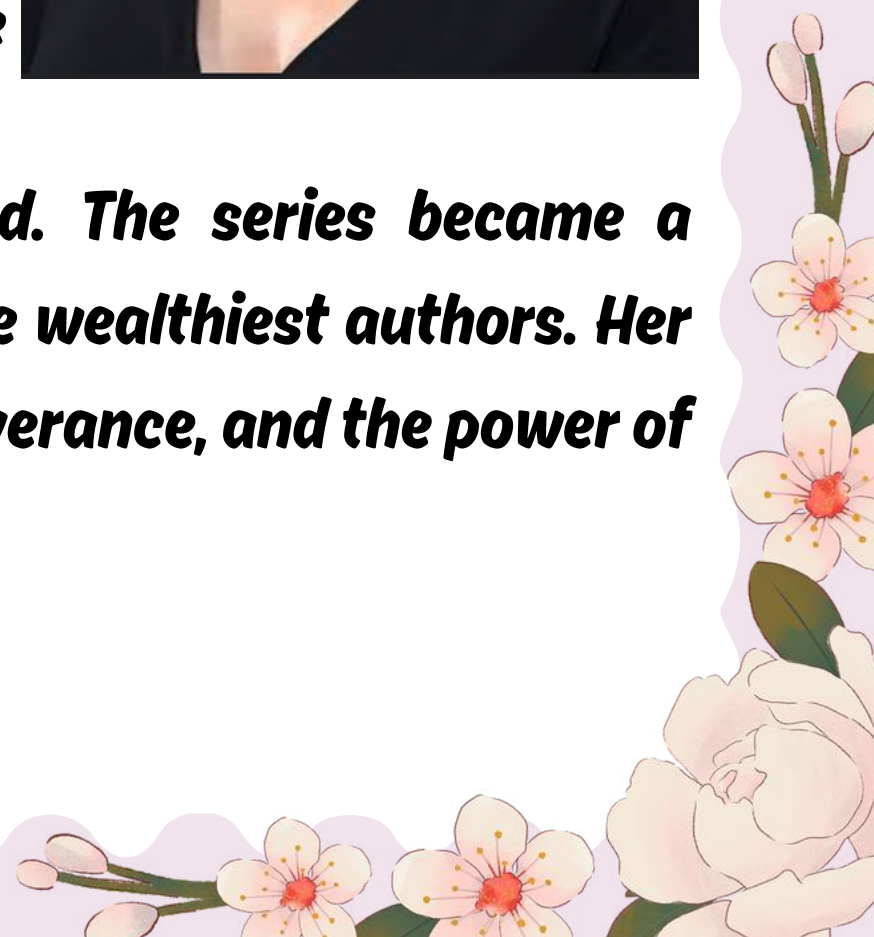
NADIA MURAD is an Iraqi Yazidi human rights activist. She survived captivity and sexual slavery by ISIS and now advocates for survivors of human trafficking. In 2018, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. Murad founded the non-profit organization Nadia's Initiative to support survivors of genocide and human trafficking. She continues to be a powerful voice for women's rights and human dignity.





LAXMI AGARWAL is an Indian social activist and motivational speaker who became a symbol of resilience and courage after surviving a brutal acid attack at the age of 15 in 2005. The attack was a result of her rejecting the advances of an older man. Despite the trauma, Laxmi fought back, campaigning against acid attacks and advocating for the rights of survivors. Her petition to regulate the sale of acid in India led to stricter laws and a landmark Supreme Court ruling in 2013. She was honored with the International Women of Courage Award in 2014 by Michelle Obama.

JK ROWLING the renowned author of the Harry Potter series is a remarkable example of resilience and determination. Before achieving success, she faced numerous challenges, including financial struggles, personal loss and bouts of depression. As a single mother living on welfare, she faced rejection from multiple publishers before Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was finally accepted. The series became a global phenomenon, making her one of the wealthiest authors. Her journey is a testament to resilience, perseverance, and the power of pursuing one's dreams despite adversity.





PRIYANKA CHOPRA is an Indian actress, singer, philanthropist and the winner of Miss World 2000 pageant. Throughout her career, she has faced numerous challenges, from navigating the male-dominated industries of Bollywood and Hollywood to overcoming racism and cultural barriers. Despite these

obstacles, Priyanka has continually proven that women can break barriers and succeed in multiple fields. Her resilience, determination, and advocacy for gender equality inspire women to embrace their uniqueness, pursue their dreams, and rise above societal expectations. Priyanka is also outspoken about mental health, women's rights, and body positivity, encouraging women to prioritize their well-being and speak out against injustices.

KIRAN BEDI India's first woman IPS officer, revolutionized policing with her fearless integrity. Known for reforming Tihar Jail, she introduced education and vocational training for inmates. Her fight against corruption and commitment to justice made her a trailblazer, inspiring countless women to challenge societal norms and pursue leadership roles.



SURVEY

We conducted a survey among the mothers of our friends to find out the number of employed mothers and other information.

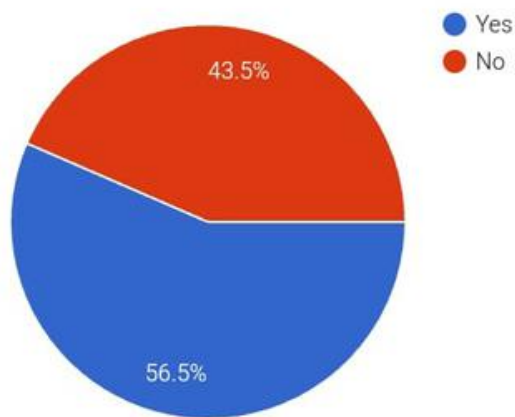
Name of the student	Name of mother	Are you employed	If yes enter your profession
Malavika	Sajeesha	Yes	Postman
Aarya	Prajila	Yes	Shop owner
Mitha	Sheeba	Yes	Government employee
Nidarsh p	Jisha p	No	
Vaibhav s unni	Sheena k k	Yes	Homeo Pharmacist
Sana	Huda	Yes	Teacher
Rohan	Shalini	No	
Atulraj VV	Chandana VV	Yes	supervisor in a private compar
Adityakiran TP	Sandhya TP	Yes	Pharmacist grade1
VINAYAK AV	SOUMYA AV	Yes	TEACHER
Meenakshi Viswanath	Jincy Mol M S	No	
Sreedath S	Smitha R	Yes	Teacher
Shivaprasad k	Jayasree v	Yes	Demonstrator
Megha	Mini k	Yes	Teacher
Abhinav k	Aruna kk	No	
Roselyn Jacob	Sincy Augestian	No	
Sreelakshmi A	Anaswara K V		
Sreeraj Babu	Soumya NV	No	
Nithina	Lathika	No	
Nived Nambiar	Sheena CC	Yes	Teacher
NEELANJANA M	SHEEBA K	Yes	ACCOUNTS OFFICER
Anuje Nambiar	Ramya k	No	
Anirudh S	Saritha V M	No	
Khusbuu	Anita	No	



Are you employed (for mother)

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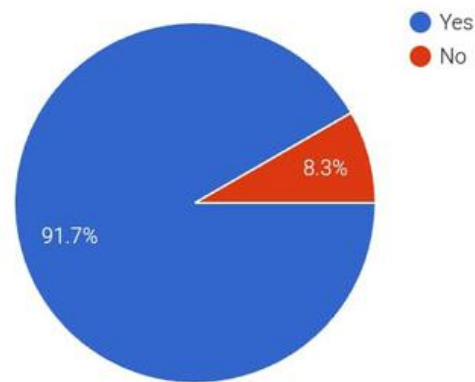
23 responses



Are you satisfied with your job?

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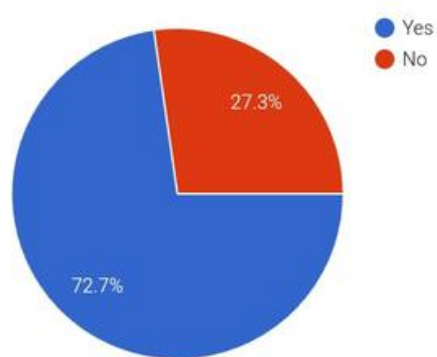


From the survey conducted it was observed that 56.5% of the mothers were employed and the rest were unemployed. Out of that, 8.3% mothers are not satisfied with their jobs due to the following reasons: more than 10 hours of duty, pressure from senior staff, lack of flexibility, work load, less preference in administrative field

FOR UNEMPLOYED MOTHERS : Are you contented (satisfied) being a housewife?

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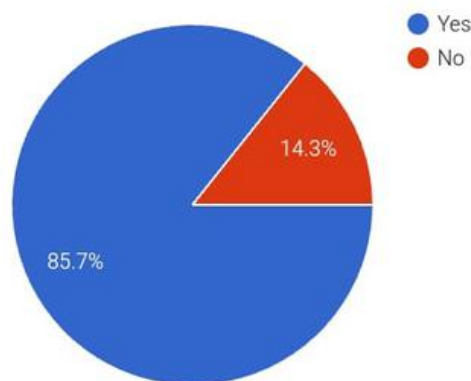
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If given a chance will you be interested in working ?

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14 responses



Out of unemployed mothers, 27.3% are not contented being a housewife. 85.7% are interested to work if given a chance

If no, what were your aspirations?

2 responses

Actually My ambition was to became a teacher, because I love teaching. And I completed my degree but due to early marriage I couldn't accomplish my dream.

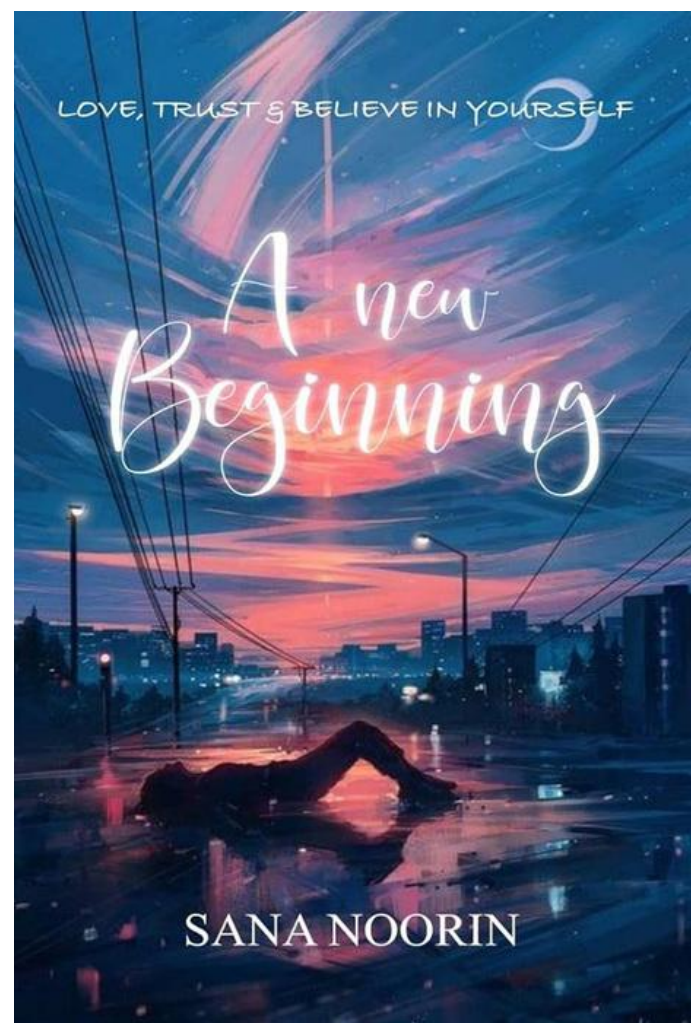
Teacher

It is concluded that a good number of mothers are employed, but unemployed mothers desire to be independent and work, but couldn't due to various reasons like early marriage

INTERVIEW WITH SANA NOORIN

Sana noorin, our classmate, is a budding writer and the author of the book named 'A New Beginning'. This brilliant young mind loves reading books and published her first book when she was only 15! Let's take a look at her journey and inspirations towards being a writer. The full interview is given below.

<https://youtu.be/tB9v68rIGEQ?si=8SblX7R9eOuge9Hf>



INTERVIEW WITH ANJANA P KUMAR

Anjana P Kumar is a Karate instructor, Asian Karate Federation Coach and South India's first woman secretary of Karate. With more than 500 students and all kinds of achievements under her name, she is the revolutionary force in the sports world. We are honoured to have the opportunity to interview this bold and dynamic young woman icon. The full interview is given below.

<https://youtu.be/LmoZYos-6GM?si=WvvP75KHapovWOb0>



PROJECT REPORT

This project report on the topic WOMEN EMPOWERMENT was conducted under the guidance of our English teacher Mrs Elice Benny.

We whole heartedly thank all the people who have helped us complete this project on time.

Through our involvement in the women empowerment project, we gained a deep understanding of the importance of empowering women and the transformative effect it has on both individuals and society as a whole. The project aimed at increasing awareness of the challenges women face and providing practical solutions to improve their social, economic, and political positions.

This project focuses on understanding and promoting the importance of women empowerment across different domains, highlighting key challenges and strategies to address gender inequality.





GROUP REFLECTION

In this group reflection, we will share our insights and key takeaways from the interview we conducted with Mrs Anjana P Kumar on the topic of Women Empowerment. Through this conversation, we explored her experiences, perspectives, and the challenges and progress in the journey toward empowerment. By reflecting together, we aim to deepen our understanding of the issues discussed and examine how we can contribute to promoting women's empowerment in our own lives and communities.

We were able to gather a lot of information regarding the topic through this which helped us in completing the project in a better way.



CONCLUSION

Women empowerment is not just a concept; it is a movement aimed at addressing historical inequalities, breaking barriers, and ensuring that women have equal opportunities in every aspect of life. It is a call to action for creating a world where gender no longer dictates one's potential or prospects.

Today, women empowerment is recognized not only as a moral and ethical imperative but also as a driver of global progress.

The journey toward women empowerment is not just about overcoming barriers; it is also about fostering resilience, confidence, and agency. It is about enabling women to make choices, take control of their lives, and challenge societal norms. Empowered women inspire others, creating a cycle of empowerment that benefits entire communities. As Michelle Obama famously said, "Empowered women empower women," underscoring the transformative impact of lifting others while striving for personal growth.



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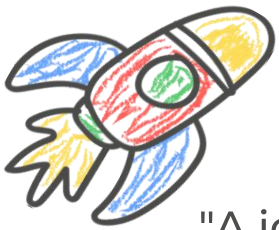
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Career Choice and Indian Parents' *Expectations*



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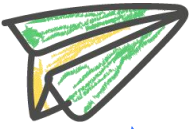


"A journey into career dreams and family expectations"



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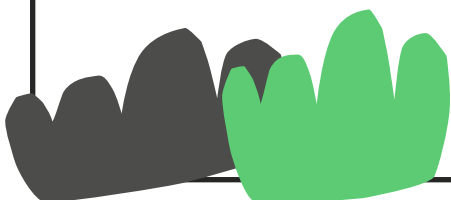
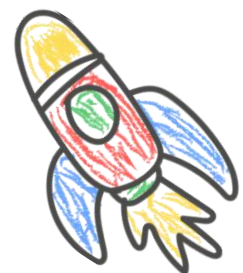




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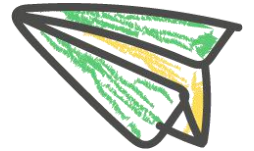
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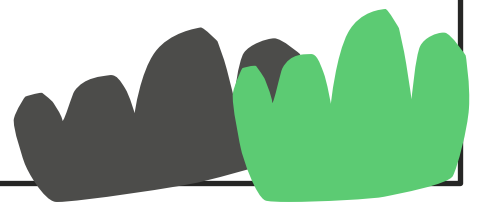
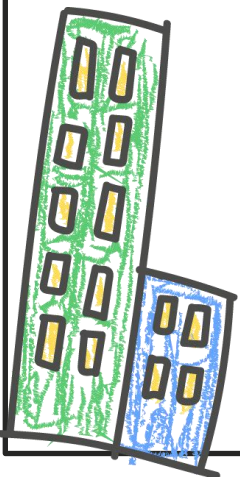
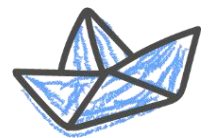




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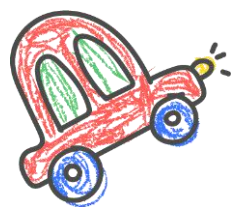
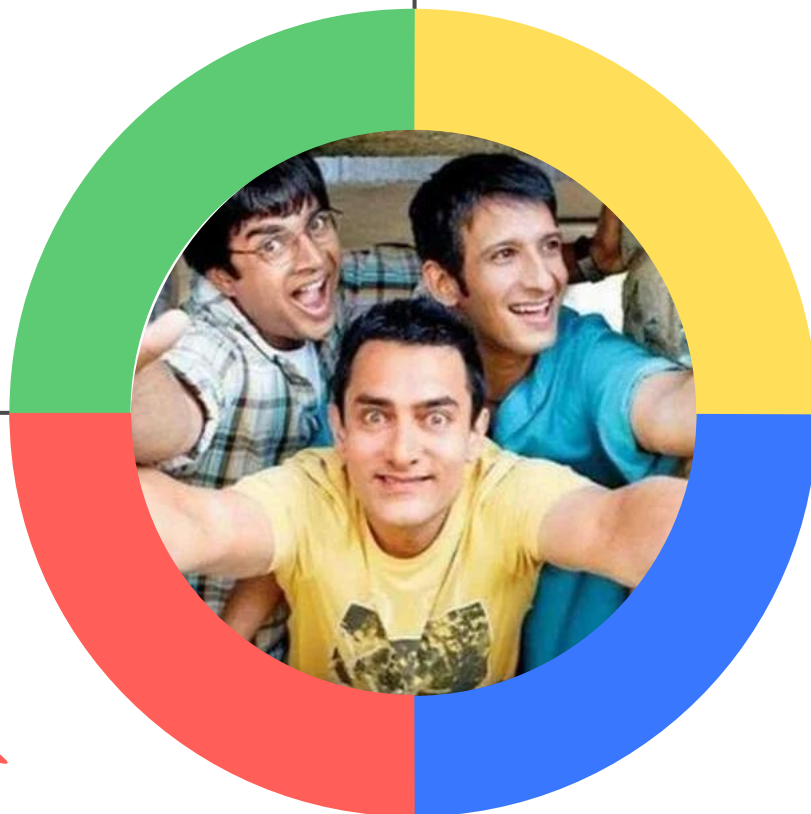
This project investigates the intersection of students' career choices and the expectations Indian parents often hold. By exploring survey responses from students and interviews with parents, this project highlights the tension between traditional career paths and modern aspirations. The findings aim to promote mutual understanding and effective communication to bridge these differences.



★ OBJECTIVES ★

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✓ To understand the most common career aspirations among students in India.

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✓ To identify parental expectations and the reasoning behind them.



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✓ To examine how societal norms shape both student aspirations and parental expectations.

✓ To suggest ways to reconcile differences in career planning.





Action Plan



1

Conduct a survey of students about their career preferences and parental influence.



2

Interview parents to understand their expectations and concerns.

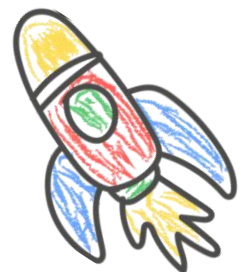
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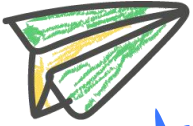
Analyze data to find patterns and correlations.



4

Prepare a detailed report summarizing findings and suggestions.





Introduction



In Indian society, career decisions are often a family affair, with parents playing a significant role in shaping their children's choices. Many parents tend to prefer stable, high-earning professions like medicine, engineering, or government jobs, while students today increasingly lean towards creative, entrepreneurial, and unconventional careers. This project delves into these dynamics, exploring how generational perspectives and societal expectations converge or clash.





Survey



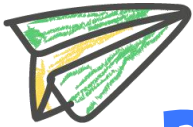
- *The survey was conducted among 28 students from Class XII to understand their career aspirations and the influence of parental expectations. Below are the key findings:*



55% of students prefer careers in creative fields like art, technology, or entrepreneurship.

40% align with traditional career paths such as engineering, medicine, or government services.

65% feel influenced by parents to choose a particular career.



Reasons for Career Choices (Students' Perspective):

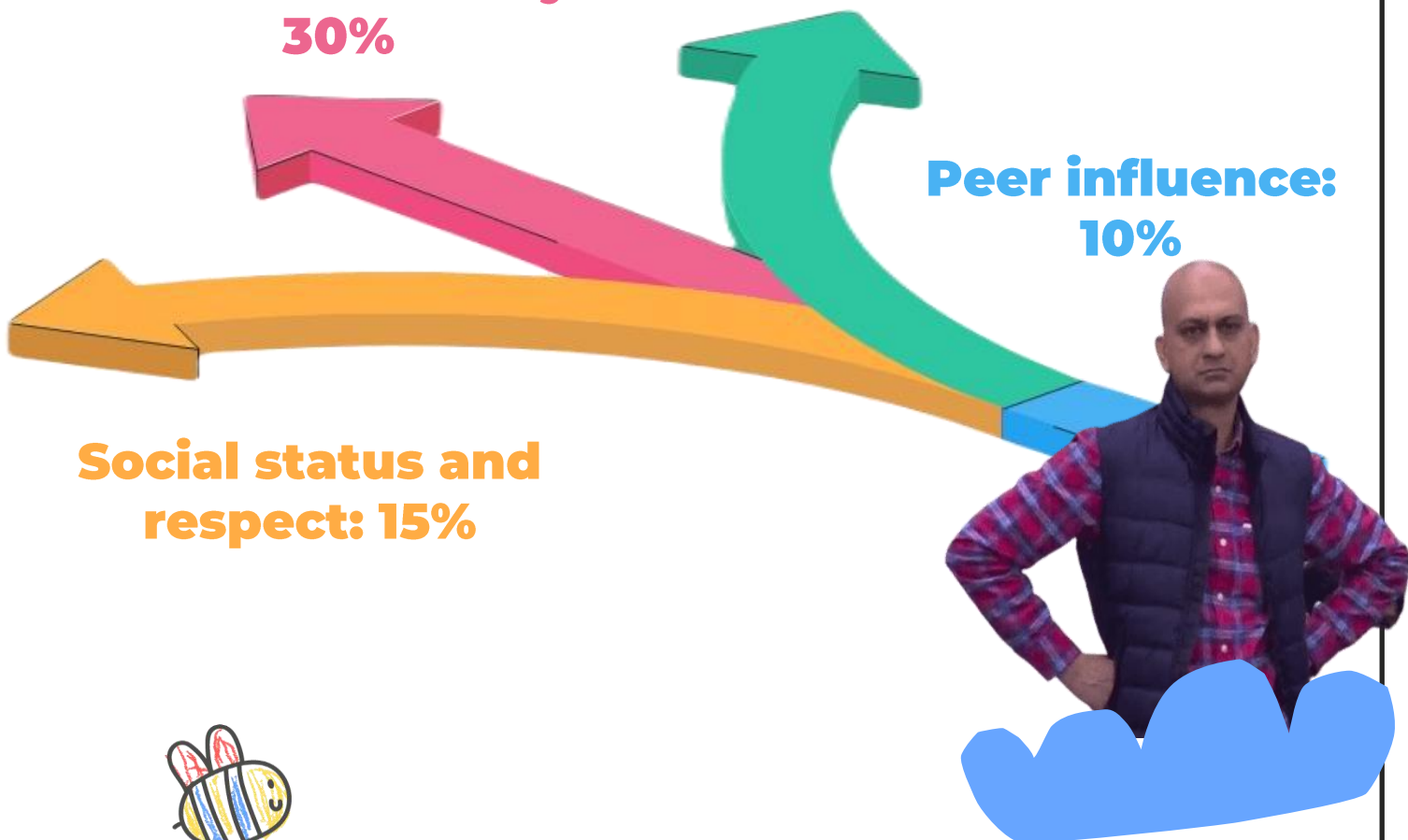


**Passion and personal
interest: 45%**

**Financial stability:
30%**

**Peer influence:
10%**

**Social status and
respect: 15%**





Survey Insights (Parents):



☐ Interviews were conducted with 20 parents to gather their views on their children's career choices. Key insights include:

➤ Preferred Careers for Their Children:

- 1 50% of parents favored traditional fields such as engineering, medicine, and law due to stability and societal respect.
- 2 30% expressed openness to creative or unconventional careers, provided they had financial viability.
- 3 20% had no specific preferences but emphasized the importance of education and hard work.





Reasons Behind Parental Expectations:

- 1** **Job Security:** 70% of parents believed traditional careers offered more security compared to modern options.
- 2** **Social Reputation:** 60% wanted their children to pursue careers that carried societal prestige.
- 3** **Lack of Awareness:** 40% admitted they were unfamiliar with unconventional career options and their prospects.

➤ Challenges Parents Faced in Supporting Their Children's Aspirations:

- 1** Fear of failure in unconventional fields.
- 2** Peer and societal pressure to conform to traditional expectations
- 3** Financial concerns about pursuing less conventional paths.





Interview (Among students)



Interview 1: Swathi (Student, Pursuing B.Tech)

? What motivated you to pursue B.Tech?

👤 *I've always been fascinated by technology and how it shapes our world. I wanted a career where I could innovate and solve real-world problems.*

? Were your parents supportive of your decision?

👤 *Initially, my parents wanted me to pursue medicine because they believed it had better job security. But after I explained my passion for technology and showed them my projects, they understood and supported me.*

? What challenges did you face while convincing your parents?

👤 *The biggest challenge was breaking the stereotype that engineering is only about long working hours and stressful jobs. I had to show them that it's also about creativity and innovation.*

? Do you feel pressured to meet your parents' expectations?

👤 *Yes, there's always a bit of pressure because they've invested so much in my education. But I try to stay focused on my goals and give my best.*

? What advice would you give to students facing similar dilemmas?

👤 *Have open conversations with your parents. Show them your passion through actions, not just words.*

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Interview 2: Aarya Ajith (Assistant Designer)



? What motivated you to pursue a career in fashion designing?

💡 *Fashion has always been a way for me to express creativity. I was inspired by how clothing can tell a story, and I wanted to be part of an industry that blends art and functionality.*

? How did your parents react when you decided to join NIFT Kannur?

💡 *At first, they were hesitant. They were unsure if fashion designing would offer stable career opportunities. But after I showed them successful alumni stories and explained the potential growth in the industry, they agreed.*

? Did you face any challenges during your academic journey?

💡 *Yes, balancing creativity with deadlines was challenging. Also, convincing my parents to let me intern in different cities away from home wasn't easy. But those experiences shaped me into who I am today.*

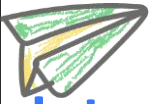
? How has your experience been working as an Assistant Designer at CERULEAN GLOBAL?

💡 *It's been amazing! I get to work on real projects, collaborate with experienced designers, and see my ideas come to life in finished products.*

? What advice would you give to students aspiring to pursue fashion designing?

💡 *Fashion designing isn't just about glamour—it's hard work, long hours, and constant learning. If you're passionate, stay dedicated, and the results will follow.*





Interview 3: Rohan Shyam (Software Developer)



? Rohan, can you tell us a bit about your early interest in software development?

🧠 I've always been drawn to technology. I started coding at 13 and loved the challenge of creating something from scratch.

? You mentioned your parents wanted you to become a civil servant. How did you feel about that?

🧠 I was confused. I knew being a civil servant meant job security, but my heart was set on software development.

? How did you manage to balance your parents' expectations and your love for coding?

🧠 It was tough. I worked on coding projects secretly while focusing on academics to meet their expectations.

? Can you tell us about the app you created and how it gained recognition?

🧠 I created a productivity app for students. It gained recognition in a national tech competition and received positive feedback.

My parents watching interview of UPSC toppers

Me:





Interview (Among Parents)



Interview 1: Suresh (parent)



? What are your thoughts on your child choosing a career path at this stage?

☞ It's important to have a clear vision, but I don't want them to feel pressured to decide too soon.

? How important is job stability to you when considering your child's career?

☞ Stability is key, but I understand that the future may bring careers with less security.

? What do you think about your child pursuing a passion over a more traditional, conventional career?

☞ Passion matters, and I've realized it can lead to long-term success, even over conventional careers.

? How do you plan to support your child as they explore their career options?

☞ I keep the conversation open and provide resources, but I want them to take charge of their journey.

? What advice would you give to other parents when it comes to supporting their children's career decisions?

☞ Be flexible, encourage exploration, and balance guidance with independence.

ABC





Interview 2: Sajeesha (parent)



? What are your thoughts on your child's career choices?

👤 I support them, but I'm concerned about the competitive job market. I want them to choose something they enjoy, with growth potential.

? Do you believe in the importance of financial independence when it comes to career decisions?

👤 Yes, it's important for their career to lead to financial independence and stability, so they don't struggle later.

? What do you think is more important: career satisfaction or financial success?

👤 Both are important. A fulfilling career should also support a comfortable lifestyle.

? How do you support your child in their career journey?

👤 I encourage them to explore opportunities and discuss their plans regularly to help them navigate their career path.

? What advice would you give to parents about their children's career choices?

👤 Trust your child's decisions but help them stay realistic. Support them in making informed choices with long-term goals in mind.

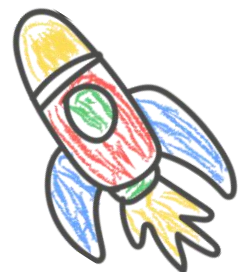




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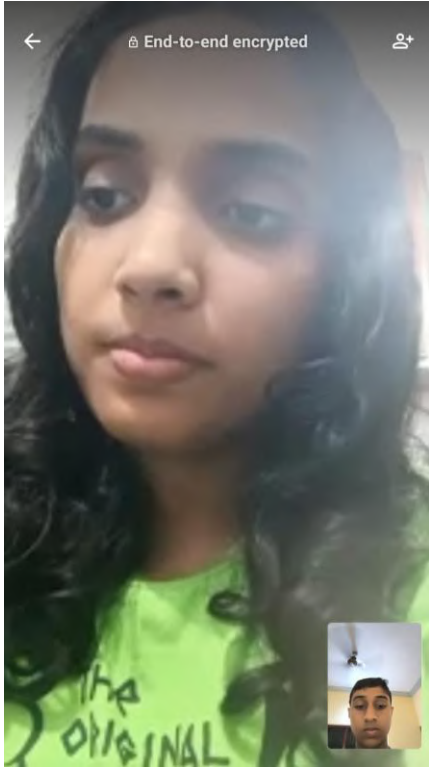


- ✓ **Communication is Key:** Open dialogue often helps bridge the gap between parents and children.
- ✓ **Show Results:** Demonstrating success in one's chosen path can earn parental trust.
- ✓ **Find a Middle Path:** Sometimes, blending expectations with personal passion creates the best outcomes.
- ✓ **Parental Concern is Valid:** Parents often prioritize security and stability, but passion and skill cannot be ignored.

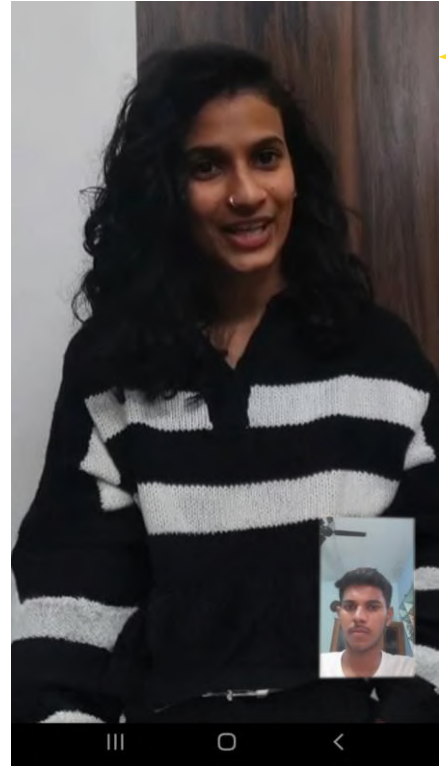




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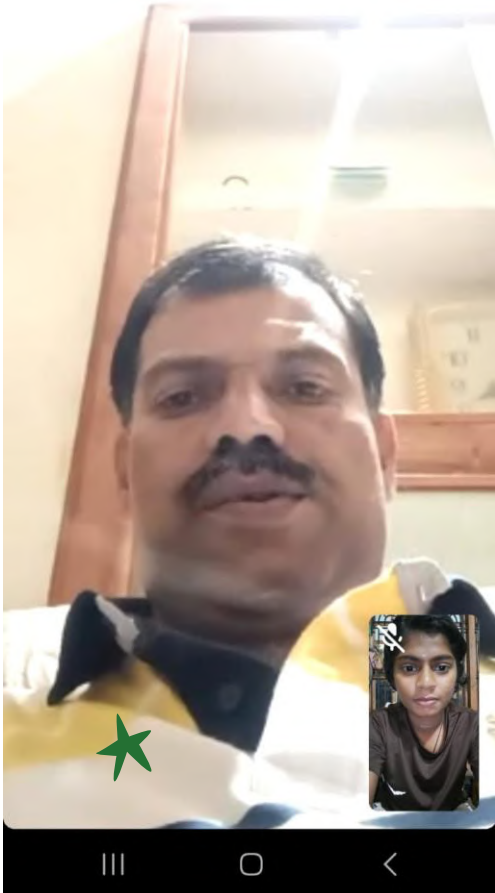


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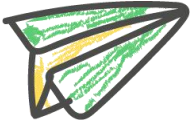
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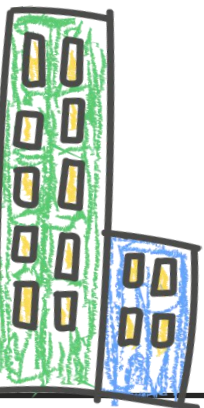




Conclusion

The study on Career Choice and Indian Parents' Expectations highlights the significant role parents play in shaping their children's career decisions. While parental guidance often comes from a place of care and experience, it can sometimes lead to pressure and conflict with a child's personal aspirations.

However, with better awareness, open communication, and access to career counseling, both parents and children can work together to make informed decisions. Striking a balance between parental expectations and individual interests is key to ensuring fulfilling and successful career choices.





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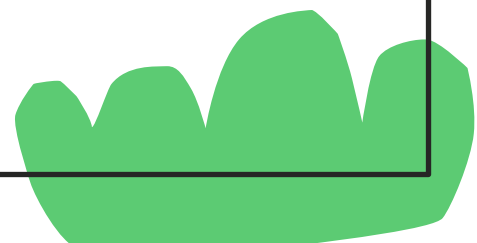
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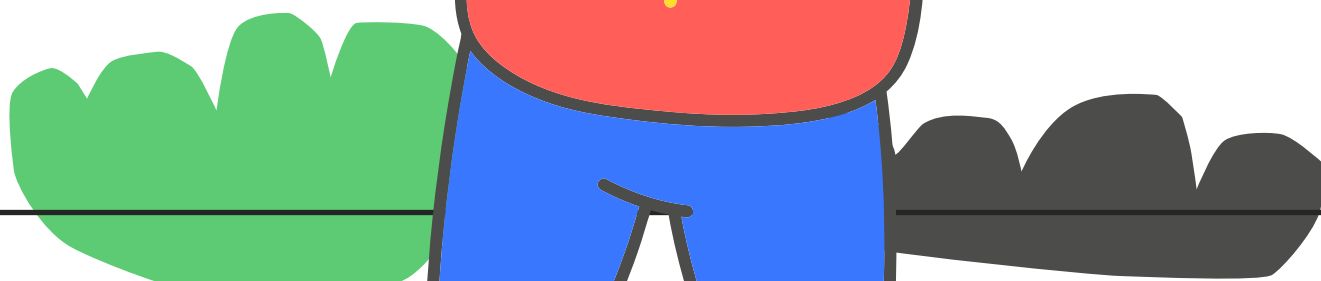


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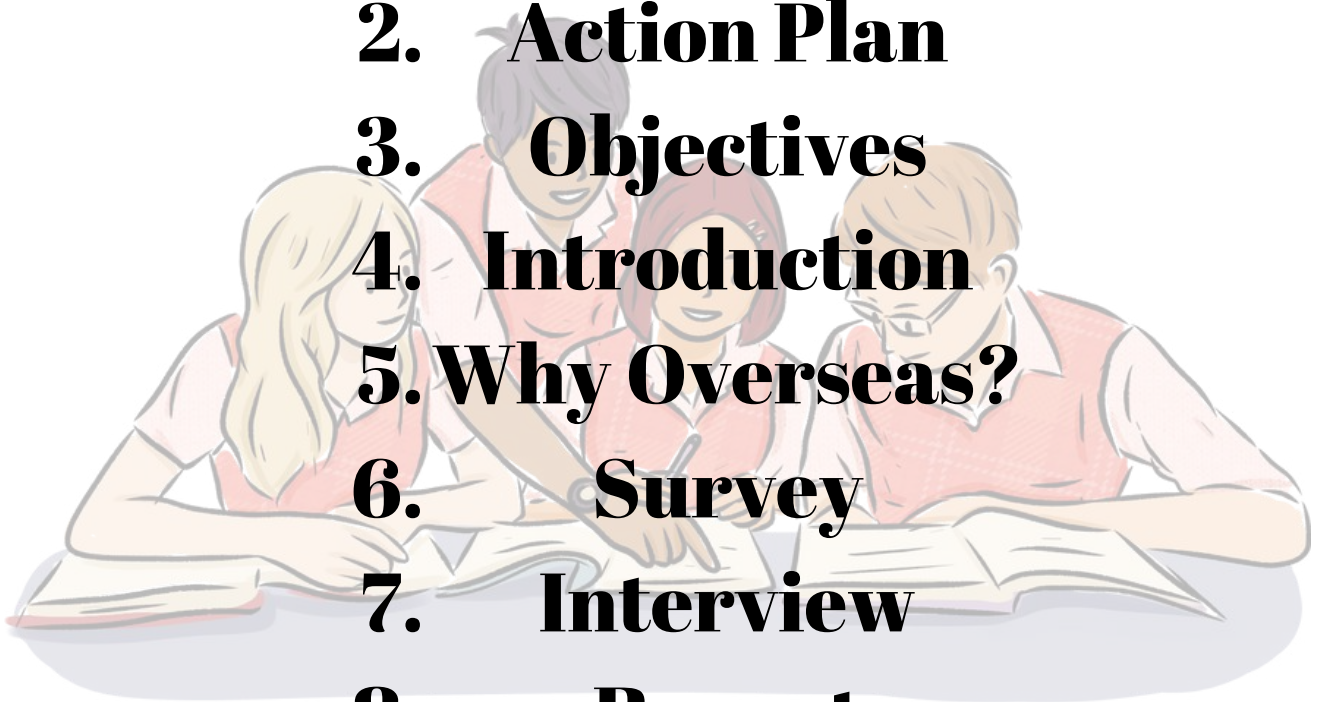
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Abstract

This project investigates the growing trend of Indian students pursuing higher education abroad, a phenomenon driven by various factors in an increasingly globalized world. The primary objective is to understand the motivations behind this trend, focusing on aspects such as educational quality, career prospects, and cultural experiences. Parents were interviewed to have an insight to their thoughts and opinion regarding this matter. Surveys were distributed to students who have either studied or are planning to study overseas. Key findings reveal that the majority of respondents are motivated by the desire for better educational opportunities and enhanced career prospects. Additionally, exposure to diverse cultures plays a significant role in their decision-making process. More importantly personal interest was key factor which drives majority of the students to pursue their higher education overseas. These insights highlight the importance of international education in shaping career trajectories and highlight potential areas for policy development aimed at supporting students in their pursuit of global education opportunities.

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Action Plan

1. Selection of the topic.
2. Approval of the topic by the teacher.
3. Contacting students who are pursuing higher education abroad and parents interviews.
4. Conducting survey among high school students.
5. Data collection and analysis.
6. Preparation of a detailed report.

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Objectives

1. To know the primary motivations for Indian students studying overseas.
2. To know the quality of education abroad compared to that in India.
3. To study the pattern in the trend.
4. To know the opinions of parents in allowing their children to pursue higher education abroad.
5. To know the views of high school students regarding this matter.



Introduction

The rising trend of Indian students pursuing higher education abroad is not merely a reflection of individual aspirations but also a significant shift in the educational landscape. As students seek diverse learning environments, advanced research opportunities, and global networking, they are contributing to a rich exchange of ideas and cultures. While challenges such as financial constraints and cultural adjustments persist, the benefits of an international education—ranging from enhanced career prospects to personal growth—often outweigh these hurdles.

Moreover, this trend underscores the importance of a responsive education system in India that can adapt to the needs of its students. By understanding and supporting these aspirations, we can foster a generation that not only excels academically but also contributes positively to the global community. Ultimately, the pursuit of higher education abroad serves as a bridge, connecting Indian students with the world while enriching both their lives and the fabric of our society.

Why Overseas?

Indian students increasingly choose to study abroad for a variety of compelling reasons, reflecting both educational aspirations and socio-economic factors.

Quality of Education

One of the primary motivations is the perceived superior quality of education available in foreign institutions. Many Indian students find that universities abroad offer a more practical and application-oriented approach compared to the theoretical way of studying in India. This includes access advanced research facilities, innovative teaching methods, and a curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking and creativity.

The opportunity to engage with diverse academic environments is also appealing, as it enhances learning experiences and prepares students for global job markets. Moreover, many of the university offer scholarships, financial aids, stipends which makes it more appealing.



Career Prospects

Employment opportunities play a significant role in this trend. Graduates from foreign universities often enjoy better job prospects and higher salaries than their friends who studied in India. Companies frequently prefer candidates with international qualifications, viewing them as having a broader skill set and better preparation for the workforce. Additionally, many countries offer post-study work options, allowing students to gain valuable work experience after completing their degrees

Cultural Exposure and Personal Growth

Studying abroad provides Indian students with cultural exposure, allowing them to experience new lifestyles and broaden their perspectives. This immersion in different cultures fosters personal growth, independence, and adaptability—skills that are increasingly valuable in today's globalized world. Many students also appreciate the opportunity to learn new languages and make international connections.

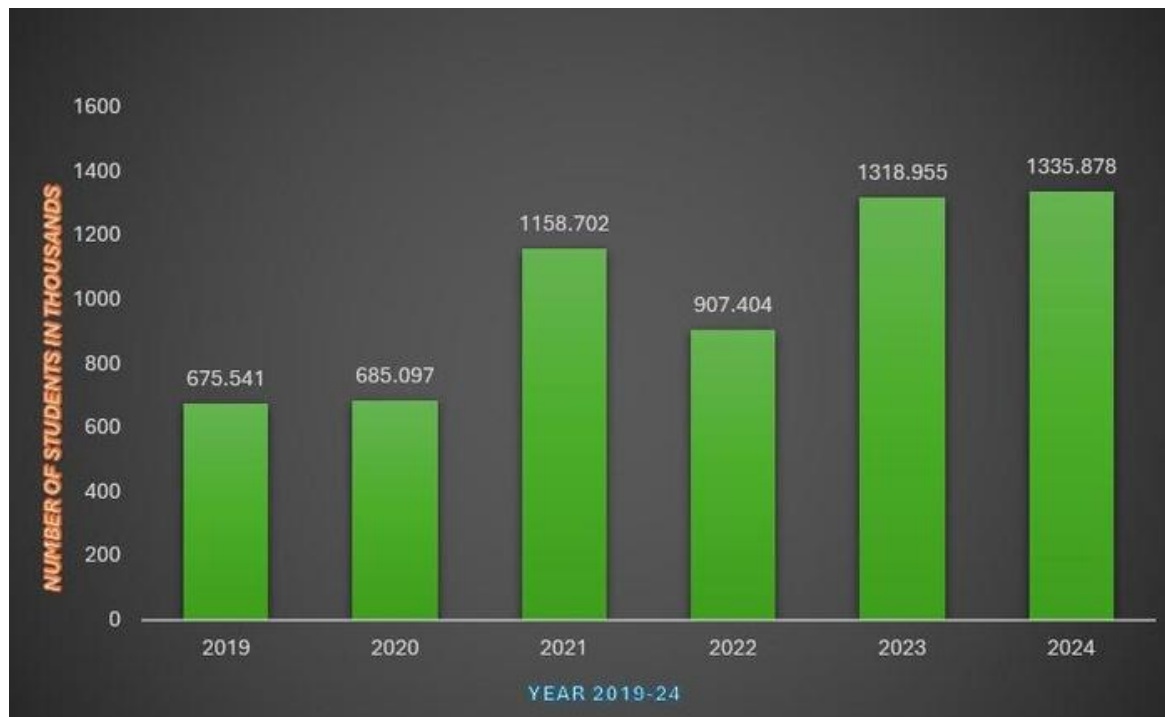


Financial Considerations

Financial factors also influence this decision. While studying abroad can be expensive, many universities offer scholarships and financial aid options that make it more affordable for Indian students. The increasing disposable income among India's middle class further supports this trend, as families are more willing to invest in overseas education.

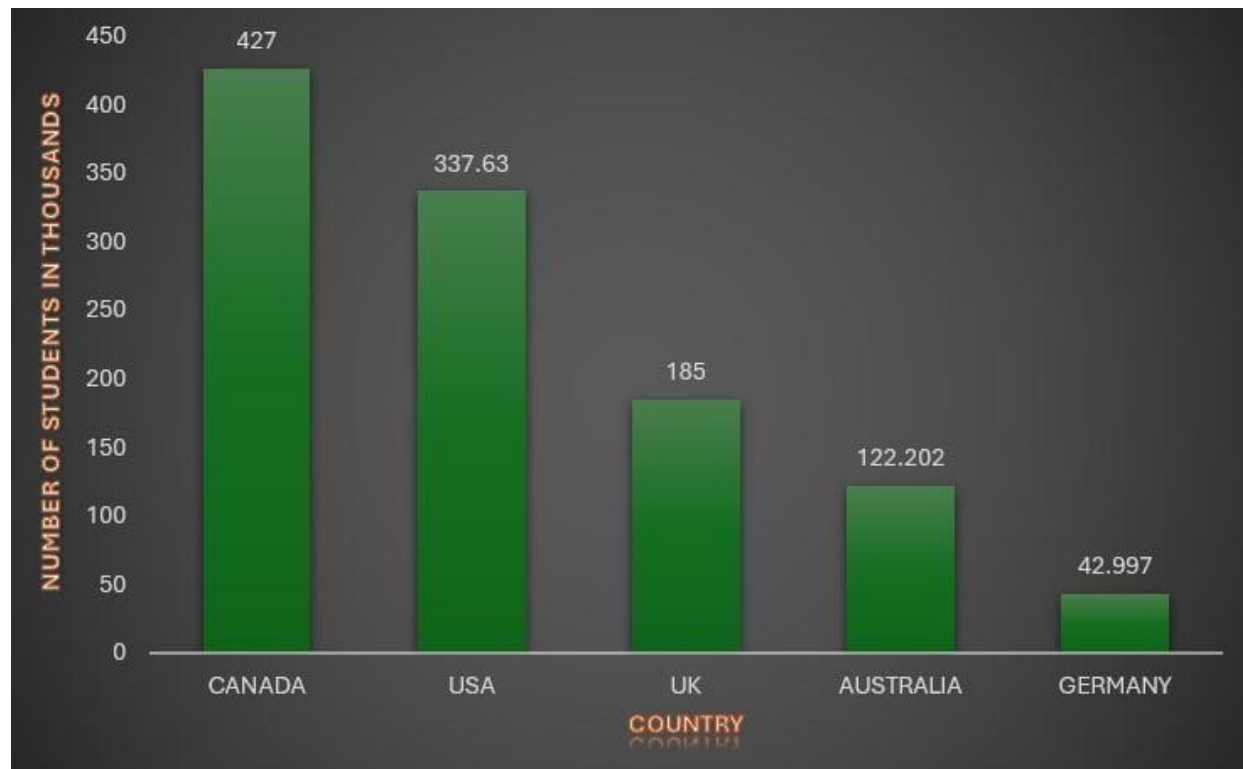


Number of students studying in foreign country from 2019 to 2024



The above graph demonstrates the increase in the number of Indian students pursuing higher education abroad. There has been a significant increase from 675,541 in 2019 to 1,335,878 in 2024. But there has been a notable decline in the year 2022. As per the data collected from various sources there has been decline particularly in popular destinations like the UK and Canada due to various reasons like stricter immigration regulations, federal policies, less job opportunities, war between Russia and Ukraine and much more. While there is an overall decline in certain countries, some regions witnessed an increase such as Germany, France, Japan etc. But the overall significant rise can be attributed to diverse educational opportunities, cultural exchange and global exposure, government support etc.

The popularity of countries among Indian students in year 2024



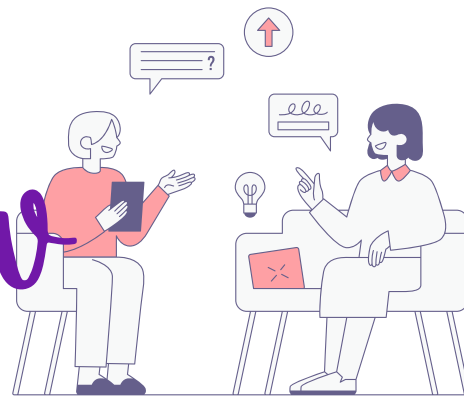
The graph illustrates the popularity of different countries among the Indian students in the year 2024. It is evident from the graph that Canada ranks the highest with 427,000 Indian students which is followed by 337,630 in the USA. The reason for the high rank is due to easy access to permanent residency, lower costs and scholarships, networking potential, job opportunities and so on. The United Kingdom and Australia have an average number of 185,000 and 122,202 learners respectively. Germany has the least number of Indians compared to the other 4 countries with about 42,997. Which is due to the German language barrier, cost of living, lack of awareness and so forth.

Survey among high school students

Question	Yes	No
Are you interested in studying abroad?	72.2	27.8
Do you believe you will have a successful career if you study abroad?	55.6	44.4

A survey was conducted among high school students to know what their thoughts were when it came to pursuing their university education abroad. The majority of the students, about 72.2 percent, were interested in going abroad while the remaining 27.8 had no interest. The reasons for the former were quality education, personal interest, career opportunities while for the latter, it was personal reasons, cultural difference, climate adaptation etc. Even those who were interested in studying abroad (about 44.4 percent) were not sure if they would have a successful career despite graduating from universities abroad. The underlying causes for this concern mismatch of expectations, recognition of degrees, job competition and so forth.

Interview



Among Students

1. Name: Mohammed Sahel
Course: MBBS
Country: Uzbekistan

? What motivated you to pursue your higher education abroad?

👤 Personally I love exploring different cultures and places. I felt that this would be the perfect opportunity to get international exposure and create a new circle. Enhancing career opportunities too had a major role.

? How do you perceive the quality of education abroad compared to India?

👤 In India education is more focused on theoretical and understanding skills but in abroad they're more into experience and practical knowledge.

? Were your parents supportive regarding this matter?

👤 Yes.

? Do you plan to return to India after your studies for work?

👤 Yes

? Students usually have high expectations of their university life in abroad. So is the reality harsh enough to crush their expectations?

👤 Just like the coin have 2 faces, college life abroad has both cons and pros. But what matters is how we resolve and overcome it to achieve our goals.

? What about the tuition, living and traveling expenses, are they really expensive? And do the universities provide scholarships or financial aid?

👤 Compared to India it is higher but affordable. Yes, some universities do provide scholarships and stipends.

? Do you face any obstacles due to language barrier or cultural background? If yes, how did you overcome it?

👤 No personally i have not faced much, i was able to get along with the local people and I had fun learning about their culture and traditions. I have learned the basics and learned to communicate in the local language.

? How do you think studying abroad will impact your career prospects?

👤 I think that we will have higher chances and opportunities as we have more international exposure, proficiency in language and practical skills.

? Can you share any advice for students considering to study abroad?

👤 If you have a passion and goal. Never lose sight of it. Living abroad, it sure is going to be difficult but hold onto your dream and face the challenges.

2. Name: Roumi Zainab

Course: International Relations

Country: UAE

? What motivated you to pursue your higher education abroad?

👤 To be more independent and my course availability motivated me to pursue my higher education in UAE

? How do you perceive the quality of education abroad compared to India?

👤 It differs from those back in my home country but it is better even though it takes time to adjust.

? Were your parents supportive regarding this matter?

👤 Yes.

? Do you plan to return to India after your studies for work?

👤 No

? Students usually have high expectations of their university life in abroad. So, is the reality harsh enough to crush their expectations?

👤 No, not really. It may be because from the very beginning I had no such great expectations. And at the same time, life anywhere isn't going to be easy.

? What about the tuition, living and traveling expenses, are they really expensive? And do the universities provide scholarships or financial aid?

👤 Yes, they are expensive. Also, the availability of scholarships for undergraduate are less compared as for post graduate degrees

? Do you face any obstacles due to language barrier or cultural background? If yes, how did you overcome it?

👤 Yes, language barrier. All I could do was to keep perfecting my language skills and more importantly my friends helped too.

? How do you think studying abroad will impact your career prospects?

👤 I believe I will have a wide range of opportunities than in India.

? Can you share any advice for students considering to study abroad?

👤 Find at least one friend to survive in a different country.

3. Name: Neha Jose

Course: Nursing

Country: Australia

? What motivated you to pursue your higher education abroad?

👤 It is a kind of tradition for our people to pursue their nursing degree abroad. So I just went with the flow and also I wanted to do part time jobs.

? How do you perceive the quality of education abroad compared to India?

👤 It's okay but in my opinion it's not worth the money.

? Were your parents supportive regarding this matter?

👤 Yes.

? Do you plan to return to India after your studies for work?

👤 No

? Students usually have high expectations of their university life in abroad. So, is the reality harsh enough to crush their expectations?

👤 Yeah. The life outside your home is not actually how it is shown on YouTube. Many of the teenagers are influenced by social media making them seem that college abroad is rainbows and cupcakes when it's actually not.

? What about the tuition, living and traveling expenses, are they really expensive? And do the universities provide scholarships or financial aid?

👤 It is expensive but manageable. They do give out scholarships but it's less for undergraduates.

? Do you face any obstacles due to language barrier or cultural background? If yes, how did you overcome it?

👤 Nope, being an extroverted kind of a person it was easy for me to get together with everyone and it's definitely one of the best parts of studying abroad.

? Can you share any advice for students considering to study abroad?

👤 Choose the university and the place carefully. Also, as I said earlier, life is not easy but never become disheartened and lose hope.

Overview

We interviewed some of the students who are pursuing their higher education in different countries to know why there's a trend nowadays among the students to go abroad and study despite the same course being available in their home country.

By interviewing we came to know there are many reasons like personal interest to know about other cultures, get international exposure; to be independent but the major reason is exceptional education and career opportunities. These availabilities are limited to certain classes due to the expensive tuition fees, traveling and accommodation expenditure and sometimes it's not worth the money, so choose carefully. However, some of the universities do provide scholarships which are restricted for undergraduate degrees. Moving onto cultural and language differences, some people do find it challenging initially but over time they learn to overcome and settle down with the pace of life. One thing they want to advise all the young adults who are dreaming is to hold onto their dreams and keep fighting for it. Life anywhere especially somewhere other than your hometown won't be filled with rainbows and cupcakes as it is characterized in social media. So, they advise us not to get disheartened and lose any hope but to overpower it.

Among Parents

1. Name: Deepthi Girish

? Are you aware of the increasing trend of Indian students studying abroad?

👤: Yes

? What do you think are the main reasons for this trend?

👤: Personally I think the main reason is the quality of education and career opportunities that other countries provide.

? What factors influence your willingness to send your child abroad for education?

👤: Primary reason might be the quality of education, safety, and job opportunities they get soon after completing their course.

? Have you considered taking loans or scholarships for your child's overseas education?

👤: No

? What level of education do you envision for your child?

👤: Postgraduate

? What concerns do you have about your child studying abroad?

👤: I do have a lot of concerns like how quickly she would be able to adapt the culture, academic pressure, and about her safety.

2. Name: Biju John

? Are you aware of the increasing trend of Indian students studying abroad?

👤: Yes

? What do you think are the main reasons for this trend?

👤: Sub Standard education in India, and lack of job opportunities post studies

? What factors influence your willingness to send your child abroad for education?

👤: Better Education and Job prospects there.

? Have you considered taking loans or scholarships for your child's overseas education?

👤: No

? What level of education do you envision for your child?

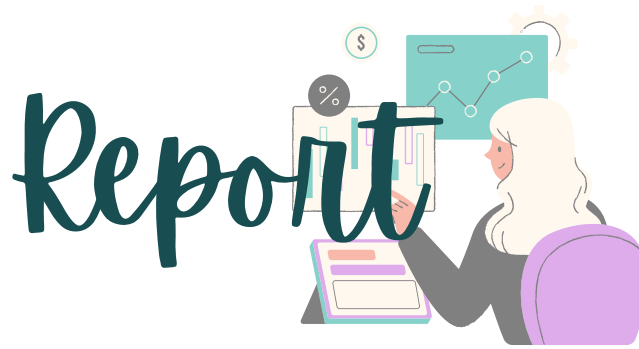
👤: PHD

? What concerns do you have about your child studying abroad?

👤: Safety

Overview

We interviewed some parents who wish to send their children abroad to pursue higher education to know about the factors that influence their willingness, their concerns and the main reason behind the growth of this trend in the past years. On interviewing we came to know that most parents send their children abroad because of good quality education and because of the job opportunities provided by other countries as compared to India. The main concerns for most of the parents are safety, academic pressure that the child may face and cultural adaptation.



This project on the topic *THE RISING TREND OF INDIAN STUDENTS PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION ABROAD* was conducted under the guidance of our subject teacher Mrs. Elice Benny.

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Through this project we are able to understand why nowadays young students prefer to go to foreign countries for their higher education. The main aim of this project was to find the underlying reasons for the recent rise in the trend of travelling abroad for studies. By the end of the project, we were able to understand that various factors like enhanced educational and career opportunities, personal interest, global exposure were the reasons for the trend. Even though the journey through college life is not that easy its definitely worth at the end.



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ABOUT ME

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Vineet Vohra is an internationally renowned street photographer who hails from India. Known for his exceptional ability to capture candid moments and the essence of human interaction in his photography. His unique vision and dedication to street photography have not only earned him a place among the most influential photographers of his time but have also inspired countless aspiring photographers to explore the genre and develop their own distinctive styles.

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NGUAN'S WORKS





Minimalism



Portraiture



Emotional depth



Quiet moments





VINEET VOHRA'S WORKS





Conceptual



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Urban



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PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES - NGAUN





cinematic, minimalist style that captures quiet, introspective moments. His work often features solitary figures in urban or natural settings, utilizing soft, pastel colors and natural light to create a calm, nostalgic atmosphere. Through his subtle compositions, Nguan explores themes of solitude, human emotion, and the relationship between individuals and their surroundings, leaving room for narrative ambiguity and personal interpretation. His images feel like stills from a film, evoking deep emotional reflection.



VINEET VOHRA'S WORKS





His work spans various genres, but he is particularly recognized for his street and documentary photography. Vohra's style is characterized by capturing raw, unfiltered moments of daily life, often focusing on the intersection of culture, identity, and human emotion. His images are bold and evocative, using strong contrasts and compositions to highlight the beauty in the mundane.

Vohra's work offers a deep, reflective look into the complexity of life in urban spaces, with an emphasis on authenticity and the fleeting nature of moments.



COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS





The left image showcases a minimalist, urban aesthetic with clean lines and soft tones, emphasizing architecture and structure. In contrast, the right image captures vibrant street life, focusing on human interaction and cultural storytelling, with rich textures and bold colors, presenting a raw and candid glimpse of daily life.





The survey was conducted among 18 people including Students, People from society and Photographers. The key findings are given in the coming slides.

INVESTIGATORY SURVEY: COMPARING NGUAN AND VINEET VOHRA'S PHOTOGRAPHY

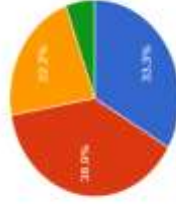
Have you heard of the following photographers? (choose option if you know them)

11 responses



Based on the sample images which photographer's style do you find more appealing?

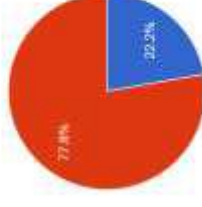
18 responses



● Nguan
● Vineet Vohra
● Both equally
● Neither

How would you describe the emotions evoked by Vineet Vohra's photography?

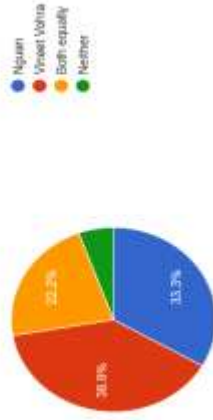
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● Energetic and lively
● Thought-provoking

Based on the sample images which photographer's style do you find more appealing?

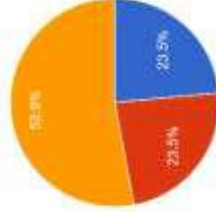
18 responses



● Nguan
● Vineet Vohra
● Both equally
● Neither

Do you think Vineet Vohra's photographs effectively portray India's culture and identity?

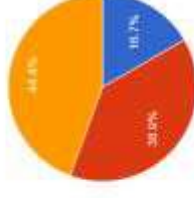
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● Yes
● No
● Maybe

In your opinion, which photographer better captures human emotions and everyday life?

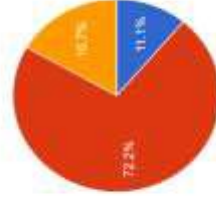
18 responses



● Nguan
● Vineet Vohra
● Both equally

Which photographer's work do you think tells a stronger story through visuals?

18 responses



● Nguan
● Vineet Vohra
● Both equally

INTERVIEW

We have interviewed two type of people one of them being common person and other is photographers:

PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Name: Pankaj arora (wildlife photographer)

1) Do you prefer one photographer over the other? If yes, why?

Yes, I prefer Vineet Vohra. His photographs capture the emotions and life of everyday people in a way that feels very real and close to my heart. His use of natural light and his focus on personal moments speak to me more than Nguan's work, which feels distant and less connected to my own experiences.

2) *How would you describe Nguan's photography style?*

Nguan's style is calm, dreamy, and soft. His photos often show quiet moments, like people walking alone or looking at the city. The colors in his photos are gentle, making everything feel peaceful and a bit far away, like a dream. His pictures have a kind of nostalgia and stillness.

3) *How do Vineet Vohra's photographs resonate with you emotionally?*

Vineet Vohra's photos really touch my heart. His pictures show real people, their lives, and struggles in a way that feels honest. The emotions in his work are raw and powerful, reminding me of my own experiences. There's a warmth and simplicity in his photos that make me feel connected to them.

4) *Can you identify recurring themes or motifs in Nguan's and Vineet Vohra's works?*

Both photographers focus on people, but in different ways. Nguan's work often shows solitude, quiet moments in a city, and the feeling of being alone. Vineet Vohra's photos are more about human connections, community, and the beauty of simple, everyday life. Both show the world, but from different angles.

5) *Do you see any elements of universality in their works that transcend cultural boundaries?*

Yes, both Nguan and Vineet Vohra's works show universal emotions like loneliness, love, and connection. No matter where you are from, you can understand the feelings in their photos. Nguan's peaceful, quiet moments and Vineet's honest look at people's lives can resonate with anyone, no matter their culture.

6) *Do you have any personal preferences or biases that might influence your view of their work?*

Yes, I might be biased towards Vineet Vohra's work because I relate more to his subjects, who are often from everyday life like me. His focus on the people of India and their emotions feels closer to my own experiences. Nguan's work, though beautiful, doesn't have that same personal connection.

Name: Arjun NM(portrait photographer)

1. What initially drew you to their photography styles? Their photography styles are totally contrasting. People get attracted to Nguan's style of photography as it portrays a dreamy, classic and aesthetic pictures. Whereas Vineet Vohra's taste is different his portraits exhibits the raw story behind it.
2. How would you describe Vineet Vohra's photography style? Vineet Vohra's photographic skills are exceptional as he looks deeper into a scene and captures the raw essence of human life in the hustle- bustle of a city. This make a viewer to unwind the story behind it and create a better understanding
3. Does Vineet Vohra's dynamic street photography capture the essence of Indian culture accurately? Yes vineet Vohra's dynamic street photography capture the essence of Indian culture accurately because he captured the life of local people that everyone forgets when talking about the Indian culture and history.
4. Which photographer, in your opinion, tells a stronger story through their visuals? Why? Vineet Vohra tells a stronger story through their photos as when everyone roughly come across his portraits are of simple content which all may have seen in their real life. But by seeing it as a photograph it evokes a sense of curiosity among the people to know the story behind it.
5. Which photographer's work do you think is more relatable to a global audience, and why? Nguan's photography is more relatable to global audience as he captures the streets and cities of Singapore. It has a dreamy and aesthetic touch also perfect blend of lights and pastel colours make it more attractive to global audience
6. In one sentence, how would you summarize the essence of Vineet Vohra's photography? Vineet Vohra's photography is not attractive when compared to today's fashion and aesthetic world in which we are living and dreaming of. On the contrary when we try to go into our roots his portraits reflects the the essence of common human interaction

Name:Abhay Pv(street photographer)

1. What initially drew you to their photography styles? Usually, I am huge fan of aesthetic photos , so while I was browsing for new ones on google,I came across Nuguan's Photography and it gave me an experience of being in that place for real .
2. Do you prefer one photographer over the other? If yes, why? No, I am addicted to Nguan's photography. I don't prefer any other photographer
3. In terms of technique, which elements stand out to you the most in their work? (e.g., use of light, composition, color, storytelling). The angle from which the photo is taken and the classic vintage style is outstanding. Also these present real life scenarios in a better condition through social media.
4. How would you describe Vineet Vohra's photography style? Vineet Vohra's photography is based on the timing. Each moment captured by him may only exist for a fraction of second, such skills require patience and dedication.
5. Do you think Nguan's minimalistic approach reflects his cultural background effectively? No, Nguan always doesn't click photos for showing his culture. It is to show the life around him and the aesthetic feeling.

COMMON PEOPLE

Name: Gireesh V

1. How familiar are you with the works of Nguan and Vineet Vohra? I have never heard of these photographers as this is the first time I came across them.

2. How would you describe Nguan's photography style? Nguan's photography styles demonstrates mainly the city life. His photos are perfect and colourful.

3. How would you describe Vineet Vohra's photography style? Vineet Vohra's photography style concentrates more on rural life. Nothing more special about the pictures.

4. Which photographer's work do you think is more relatable to a global audience, and why? Vineet Vohra's photography is more relatable because everyone should know about the rural life and provide better facilities for them.

Name : Madhav P

1. What emotions or moods do you feel when looking at photographs of urban life, like those taken by Nguan? I feel filled with aesthetic vibe. Best pictures to use as wallpapers (laughs)

2. How do you think the use of soft, muted colors in Nguan's photos affects your perception of the scene? The person who has taken this photo is really dedicated. The angle of photographing and color sense is actually perfect.

3. What do you think the solitude and quietness in Nguan's images say about modern city life? The struggles faced by common people to live in a busy city filled with chaos focusing on their minute details.

4. Do you notice any recurring themes or elements in Nguan's work, such as empty streets, foggy settings, or reflective surfaces? How do these elements make you feel? These elements give us a sense of relief, hope and calmness. The editing and color combination is based on human algorithm.

OUR GROUP INTERVIEWING PEOPLE:-





CONCLUSION

In comparing Vineet Vohra and Nguan, both photographers share a keen sensitivity to human emotion and a talent for capturing intimate moments, yet their approaches and aesthetics differ significantly. Vohra's work is grounded in the rawness of street and documentary photography, often showcasing the energy and complexities of urban life with bold contrasts and dynamic compositions. His focus is on authenticity, exploring the realities of culture and identity in everyday settings.

In contrast, Nguan's style leans toward a more cinematic, minimalist approach, using soft lighting and muted colors to evoke a sense of quiet introspection. His work often portrays solitude and emotional depth through serene, almost dreamlike compositions that leave room for interpretation.

While both photographers excel in creating narrative-rich images, Vohra tends to emphasize the vibrancy of human interaction and urban environments, whereas Nguan delves into moments of individual reflection and connection with the environment. Ultimately, both artists share a deep understanding of the emotional power of photography, though they convey it through distinct, yet equally compelling, visual languages.



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Human Negligence and Its Role in Triggering Landslides in Kerala



"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

Setting the Scene: Kerala's Unique Landscape

Kerala is a beautiful place, but it's also got some big problems. Imagine living in a place where the ground can suddenly give way and your house can slide downhill. Or where rivers can burst their banks and flood your whole neighborhood. That's life for a lot of people in Kerala.

The mountains in Kerala are really tall and steep. When it rains a lot, the soil gets super wet and heavy. It's like trying to stack wet sand - it just can't hold together. So, big chunks of the mountain can break off and come crashing down. That's a landslide.

Down by the coast, it's a different story. Lots of rivers and lakes make it pretty, but when it rains too much, these waterways get super full. They can overflow and spread out, covering everything in water. That's a flood.

To make things worse, people have cut down lots of trees. Trees help hold the soil in place on the mountains, so without them, the landslides are even worse. And when there are no trees to slow down the rain, the rivers fill up faster and flood easier.

It's like a giant puzzle with lots of pieces, and they all fit together to make life really tough for people in Kerala.

A Deluge of Neglect: Unveiling the Human Hand in Kerala's Floods



Introduction

Kerala, often called "God's Own Country," is renowned for its lush landscapes, serene backwaters, and natural beauty. However, in recent years, the state has faced a series of devastating floods and landslides. While these disasters may seem like acts of nature, **human negligence has significantly contributed** to their frequency and intensity.

The Role of Human Negligence:

- **Deforestation** in the Western Ghats has eroded natural barriers, making the region more prone to landslides.
- **Unplanned urbanization** has led to poor drainage systems, turning cities into flood-prone areas.
- **Dam mismanagement** and **illegal mining** have weakened the land, worsening flood conditions.

Consequences:

The environmental damage is immense—forests are destroyed, ecosystems are disrupted, and biodiversity is threatened. On a human level, lives have been lost, homes destroyed, and communities displaced. The economic toll is staggering, with infrastructure and agriculture taking a massive hit.

Land of the Monsoons: The Tale of Kerala's Terrain

Kerala, located on the southwestern coast of India, is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and rich biodiversity. The state's diverse geography features lush hills, extensive coastlines, and intricate backwaters, creating a unique ecological tapestry.

Key Characteristics:

- **Monsoon Climate**: Kerala experiences heavy rainfall during the monsoon season, which is crucial for its agriculture but also increases vulnerability to floods and landslides. The region's heavy precipitation can reach up to 3000 mm annually, making it one of the wettest places in the world.
- **Ecological Balance**: The interplay of the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea fosters rich ecosystems but poses challenges. As the environment becomes increasingly vulnerable to climate change, the impact of human activities—such as deforestation and unplanned urbanization—becomes more pronounced.
- **Historical Context**: Over the years, Kerala has faced numerous natural disasters. The devastating floods of 2018 serve as a stark reminder of the need for sustainable development and effective disaster management to protect both nature and local communities. This delicate balance of beauty and peril emphasizes the urgent need for awareness and better planning to safeguard Kerala's future.

A. Unplanned Urbanization and Construction

Concrete Dreams, Watery Realities

Kerala's rapid urbanization has dramatically transformed its landscape, with many natural floodplains lost to development. This unplanned growth has blocked essential waterways and strained existing drainage systems, making urban areas particularly vulnerable to flooding. For example, cities like Kochi experience severe flooding during monsoon seasons, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable urban planning and infrastructure improvements.

B. Environmental Degradation

Whispers of the Vanishing Forest

Deforestation driven by agricultural expansion and infrastructure projects has significantly impacted Kerala's ecological balance. Sand mining along riverbanks destabilizes soil structures, increasing the risk of landslides, especially in hilly areas. The loss of forest cover diminishes the land's ability to absorb rainwater, contributing to severe erosion and habitat destruction. Studies show a correlation between these practices and the rising frequency of landslides, underscoring the need for urgent conservation efforts.

C. Water Management and Dam Mismanagement

The Misguided Waters: Dams and Disarray

Mismanagement of dams exacerbates flooding risks in Kerala. The absence of an integrated water resource management system leads to inadequate responses to seasonal changes, resulting in reservoir overflow during heavy rains. Local authorities indicate that timely and coordinated water management strategies could significantly mitigate flooding impacts. A systematic approach is essential for enhancing the state's resilience against future disasters.

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A. Concrete Dreams, Watery Realities

Kerala's rapid urbanization has dramatically transformed its landscape, often at the expense of its natural floodplains. This unplanned growth has significant implications for flood management and environmental sustainability.

Blocking Waterways: Many rivers and water bodies in Kerala have been encroached upon due to urban development. This encroachment has led to the filling of wetlands and riverbanks, crucial for managing excess rainwater. Research indicates that approximately 30% of Kerala's water bodies have been lost to encroachment, severely limiting their ability to absorb and channel rainwater effectively.

Inadequate Drainage Systems: The existing drainage infrastructure in many urban areas is outdated and poorly maintained. Heavy rains frequently overwhelm these systems, resulting in significant flooding. Cities like Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram often experience inundation during the monsoon, with drainage systems unable to cope with the high volumes of rainfall.

Environmental Consequences: Unplanned construction disrupts the natural flow of water and threatens local ecosystems. The loss of wetlands, which serve as natural buffers during heavy rains, has heightened vulnerability to flooding. Environmental experts warn that continuing this trend could inflict irreversible damage on Kerala's rich biodiversity and natural heritage.

Socioeconomic Impact: The repercussions of flooding extend beyond environmental concerns. Communities suffer severe economic losses, displacement, and increased health risks due to

waterborne diseases. Vulnerable populations, especially in low-lying areas, bear the brunt of these disasters, underscoring the urgent need for improved urban planning and disaster preparedness.

. B. Environmental Degradation

Whispers of the Vanishing Forest: Deforestation, sand mining, and hill slope construction have intensified the environmental degradation in Kerala, exacerbating the risks of landslides and floods. The loss of forest cover reduces the land's ability to absorb rainwater, while sand mining destabilizes riverbanks, contributing to erosion and increased flood risks.

C. Water Management and Dam Mismanagement

The Misguided Waters: Dams and Disarray: Mismanagement of dams and the absence of an integrated water resource management system have worsened Kerala's flooding crises. Delayed responses to emerging situations further aggravate the impact of these natural disasters, revealing the critical need for strategic water management policies

"Stories from the Flood: Chronicles of Loss and Survival"

Case Study 1: Wayanad

Sub-Title: "The Submerged Village: Echoes of Despair"

Description:

In August 2018, Wayanad faced one of its worst flooding disasters in recent history. The incessant monsoon rains led to rivers overflowing and inundating entire villages, particularly in areas like Kainatty and Meppadi. The rapid urbanization and agricultural expansion in these regions had compromised the natural floodplains, exacerbating the flooding. Thousands were displaced, with many families recounting harrowing experiences of evacuating as water levels rose. The extensive damage to homes and infrastructure prompted immediate community-led recovery efforts, highlighting the resilience of Wayanad's residents as they worked together to rebuild their lives and restore normalcy.

Case Study 2: Kalpetta

Sub-Title: "Landslide's Lament: The Mountain's Cry"

Description:

Kalpetta, the administrative hub of Wayanad, was severely impacted by landslides during the heavy rains of 2018. Deforestation for agricultural purposes and unregulated construction on hill slopes had increased the region's susceptibility to landslides. In the wake of the rains, several landslides occurred, burying homes and blocking crucial roadways, which hampered rescue operations. Residents described the terrifying moments of earth shifting, with many forced to flee for their lives. This disaster underscored the critical need for sustainable land management and disaster preparedness initiatives to mitigate future risks in the region.

Case Study 3: Sultan Bathery

Sub-Title: "Echoes of the Past: A Town's Struggle"

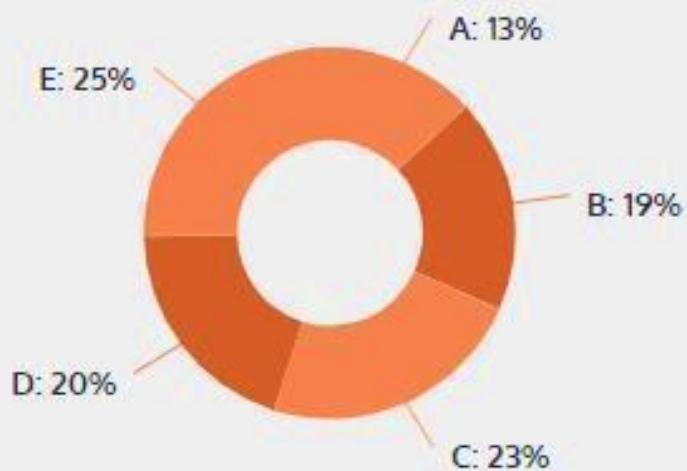
Description:

Sultan Bathery, a town with a rich history and strategic importance, also experienced the brunt of the floods in 2018. The town's unique geography, combined with poor drainage systems, led to widespread waterlogging, affecting both residents and local businesses. Reports indicated that over 200 families were affected, with many losing their homes and livelihoods. The floods also led to an outbreak of waterborne diseases, prompting health concerns among the affected communities. In the aftermath, local authorities collaborated with NGOs to provide relief and implement better flood management strategies, emphasizing the need for resilience in the face of future climatic challenges

Landslide Causes: Public Views

Causes by importance:

Deforestation 30%,
Unplanned
Construction 25%,
Sand Mining 15%,
Extreme Weather
20%, Water
Management 7%,
Other 3%.



Interview with Anjali , a Wayanad Flood Survivor

****Interviewer:**** Thank you for speaking with us today, Anjali. Can you tell us a bit about what happened when the floods hit your village?

****Anjali:**** It was terrifying. The water rose so fast, we barely had time to grab anything. We rushed to higher ground, but many of our neighbors weren't so lucky. Their homes were swept away, and some people are still missing.

****Interviewer:**** How did you get to safety?

****Anjali:**** We had to walk for hours to reach a nearby town. It was a long and dangerous journey, but we were lucky to find shelter with some relatives. I'm currently staying with my aunt in Kannur.

****Interviewer:**** What's the situation in your village now?

****Anjali:**** It's a disaster zone. Many houses are completely destroyed, and the roads are completely blocked. The entire village is buried under mud and debris. We're very concerned about the spread of diseases and the lack of clean drinking water. The situation is really dire.

****Interviewer:**** How are you coping with the trauma of the flood?

****Anjali:**** It's been tough. I'm still shaken by everything. Many of my friends and neighbors have lost everything, and it's hard to even think about it. We're all trying to support each other, but it's difficult. The emotional toll is heavy.

****Interviewer:**** What are your plans for the future?

****Anjali:**** I'm not sure yet. I'll stay with my aunt for a while, but eventually, I'll need to go back to my village. We'll have to rebuild our homes and our lives, but I don't know how long that will take. It's going to be a long and difficult journey.

****Interviewer:**** Is there anything you'd like to say to the people helping with the relief efforts?

****Anjali:**** We're incredibly grateful for all the help we've received. The food, water, and medical supplies have been a lifeline. We couldn't have made it through without their support. But there's still so much more to do. We need help rebuilding our homes, our farms, and our community. Every bit of assistance counts.



A. Local Residents

Name: Ranjini Menon

Occupation: School Teacher

Description:

In Wayanad, Ranjini Menon, a dedicated school teacher, shares her experience during the devastating floods of 2024. "When the rains started pouring, we all thought it was just another monsoon," Ranjini recalls. "But within hours, it turned into chaos. The water rose so fast; I had to rush to evacuate my family." With tears in her eyes, she remembers how her home was flooded within minutes, forcing them to seek shelter on the roof. "I felt helpless, watching everything I worked for wash away," she reflects. "But what struck me was the incredible spirit of our community. Neighbors helped each other, sharing food and supplies, and looking after one another." Ranjini expresses her gratitude for the rescue teams and volunteers who worked tirelessly to bring aid. "It's heartwarming to see people come together in times of crisis. I'm committed to educating my students about disaster preparedness, so they are better equipped for the future."

B. Government Officials

Name: Megha Shree

Occupation: District Collector, Wayanad

Description:

Megha Shree, the district collector of Wayanad, has been instrumental in leading the relief and rehabilitation efforts following the recent devastating floods. She has been working tirelessly to ensure that help reaches every affected person.

In an interview, Megha Shree expressed her deep concern for the people of Wayanad and her commitment to rebuilding their lives. She highlighted the challenges posed by the floods, including damaged infrastructure and widespread devastation.

Despite the difficulties, Megha Shree and her team have been working around the clock to restore essential services and provide immediate relief to the affected population. She has also emphasized the importance of community involvement and collaboration in the recovery process. Megha Shree's dedication and leadership have been crucial in guiding Wayanad through this difficult time. Her efforts have been widely appreciated by the people of Wayanad and the state government



C. Environmental Experts**Name: Dr.Devika Suresh**

Occupation: Environmental Scientist

Description:Dr. Devika Suresh, a respected environmental scientist based in Kalpetta, discusses the environmental challenges that contributed to the flooding. "The deforestation and rapid urbanization in Wayanad have significantly impacted our landscape," she warns. "The natural barriers that once protected us are disappearing, making us more vulnerable to extreme weather events." Dr. Suresh explains how the loss of wetlands and forests reduces the land's ability to absorb rainfall. "It's heartbreaking to see our rich biodiversity at risk, and I am grateful to see local communities becoming more aware of these issues," she adds. Dr. Suresh calls for a collaborative effort to restore natural ecosystems and implement sustainable practices. "We have the power to change our future, and I believe that together we can create a safer and more resilient Wayanad," she concludes with hope.

Resilience and Unity in Kerala

In the face of adversity, the people of Kerala have continually demonstrated an extraordinary spirit of resilience and unity. When the floods struck in 2024, countless individuals and organizations came together, showcasing the true essence of community support.

Community Efforts:

Local communities sprang into action, organizing relief camps and supply drives. Residents of Wayanad rallied to gather food, clothing, and medical supplies for those displaced by the floods. Volunteers worked day and night, often at their own expense, to ensure that no one was left behind. Neighborhoods transformed into hubs of solidarity, where families opened their homes to those in need, providing shelter and comfort amidst the chaos.

Volunteerism at Its Best:

Grassroots organizations played a crucial role in mobilizing volunteers. Groups like *Kerala Disaster Management Society* coordinated efforts, connecting those in need with resources and assistance. Young students, local businesses, and retired professionals joined hands, proving that age and experience do not define one's ability to contribute. Their collective action became a beacon of hope, illuminating the path forward for many affected families.

Support from Organizations:

National and international organizations also stepped in to provide vital support. NGOs like *Oxfam India* and *Goonj* delivered essential supplies and organized training sessions for disaster preparedness. The Kerala state government, alongside these NGOs, launched initiatives to rebuild infrastructure, emphasizing sustainable development to prevent future disasters. Their collaborative efforts aim not only to restore what was lost but to enhance the region's resilience against future calamities.



As the waters receded, the stories of courage and compassion remained etched in the hearts of the Keralites. The 2024 floods revealed not just the vulnerability of the land but also the unwavering strength of its people. Their ability to rise from the depths of despair, supporting one another and working hand in hand for recovery, stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of Kerala.

Together, they have shown that in times of crisis, unity and resilience are not merely concepts; they are lived realities that pave the way for a stronger, more cohesive future.

Lessons Learned

The devastating floods and landslides in Kerala have unveiled critical lessons for the state and beyond, emphasizing the urgent need for a multifaceted approach to disaster management.

Importance of Sustainable Development:

Sustainable development is paramount in preserving Kerala's rich biodiversity and natural resources. The balance between economic growth and environmental conservation must be prioritized to ensure the long-term viability of the region. Adopting eco-friendly practices and policies will help mitigate the impact of natural disasters, as seen in various studies highlighting the correlation between sustainability and resilience against climate-related events.

Need for Better Urban Planning and Infrastructure:

The rapid urbanization of Kerala has often outpaced infrastructure development. Effective urban planning is essential to create resilient communities that can withstand floods and landslides.

Implementing strict regulations on land use and ensuring adequate drainage systems can significantly reduce vulnerability. Lessons from past disasters indicate that incorporating green spaces and maintaining natural floodplains can enhance urban resilience.

Role of Community Awareness and Participation:

Community awareness and participation are crucial for disaster preparedness. Engaging local populations in training sessions and simulations fosters a culture of readiness. Reports suggest that areas with high community involvement in disaster risk management tend to recover more quickly from calamities. Educational initiatives can empower residents to take proactive measures and contribute to recovery efforts.

Necessity of Integrated Water Resource Management:

A comprehensive approach to water resource management is essential to address the complexities of flooding. Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) promotes coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources. This approach can help balance social and economic needs while ensuring environmental sustainability. Implementing IWRM can provide communities with better tools to manage water resources effectively, reducing the likelihood of future disasters.



CONCLUSION

Kerala's saga of floods and landslides unfolds as a powerful narrative of both tragedy and triumph, underscoring the critical consequences of human negligence on our environment. Each disaster serves as a clarion call, reminding us of the delicate balance between progress and preservation. But within this story lies an opportunity—a chance for transformation and renewal.

As we reflect on the indomitable spirit of Kerala's people, we see a mosaic of resilience painted with strokes of community solidarity and hope. From the young volunteers tirelessly working to assist affected families to the elders sharing wisdom gained from generations, every act of kindness reinforces the strength that binds this remarkable state together. By fostering community awareness and participation, Kerala can not only recover but also rise stronger and more united.

Looking ahead, the path to a sustainable future is illuminated by the lessons learned from past experiences. Prioritizing integrated water resource management, sustainable development, and innovative urban planning will empower Kerala to navigate the complexities of climate change and environmental degradation.

In this journey, Kerala stands as a beacon of hope and an exemplar of perseverance, proving that even in the face of adversity, unity and proactive measures can create a brighter, more resilient tomorrow. Together, let us embrace this opportunity to rewrite the narrative, transforming challenges into catalysts for sustainable growth and environmental harmony.



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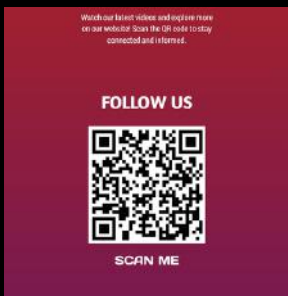
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