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ABSTRACT

The concern for shrinking attendance in class rooms in institutions of higher learning has been engaging the attention of academicians and administrators of education for a long time. A lot of published literature has created a national and international awareness of this critical issue. Hence it is the subject matter of the present research study. The area selected for the study is Dehradun and nearby areas of Uttarakhand because of the proximity and convenience of the researchers, who have knowledge of the institutions of higher learning in this part of the country. This area is fast becoming a major hub in the country for higher education. The research has brought out significant conclusions and suitable recommendations have been made for the benefit of academicians, administrators and policy makers. The authors sincerely hope this work would benefit the student and teaching community for creating a joint awareness and a problem solving attitude. Conclusions and recommendations are self explanatory.



EFFECTIVE FOOD PACKAGE DESIGN AND CONSUMER ATTRACTION

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ABSTRACT

Marketers nowadays face the complex task of making their product identifiable among the other competitive ones. The only product exposure a consumer contacts prior to purchase of a product is the package. So marketers utilise this package as a face of the product to attract consumers' attention and also use it as a tool to establish their brand. Package is essential for any product however its essentiality is very high for food products. A food product becomes presentable and saleable only with the package. So designing a package for a product is thus a challenging job for a manufacturer. A package design does more than just making the package appealing. It reflects the creativity and personality of the company. The impact of an effective package design in attracting a consumer is to be identified by a marketer to aid them in designing their packages.



DO ASIAN STOCK MARKETS INTERACT?

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ABSTRACT

The paper attempts to analyze long-term relationships among major stock markets of Asia namely India, China, Hong Kong and Japan using the Johansen and Juselius multivariate cointegration approach during Jan 2010 to June 2014. Short-run dynamics are captured through vector error correction models. The analysis reveals that there is an evidence of cointegration among the markets demonstrating that stock prices in the countries studied here share a common trend. The results reveal that the speed of adjustment of Indian stock market is higher than other stock markets of Asia.



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A Mobile application (or mobile app) is a software application designed to run on Smartphone, tablet computers and other mobile devices. They are usually available through application distribution platforms, which are typically operated by the owner of the mobile operating system, such as the Apple App Store, Google Play, Windows Phone Store, and BlackBerry App World. Some apps are free, while others must be bought. Usually, they are downloaded from the platform to a target devices i.e. mobiles, such as i-phones, android phones or windows phones, but sometimes they can be downloaded to laptops or desktops. Advances in Smartphone technology have enabled the prevalence of mobile applications. Such a variety of mobile applications make the Smartphone more interesting and more humanized, and running these applications has become the major function of Smartphones. The popularity of mobile applications has continued to rise, as their usage has become increasingly prevalent across mobile phone users. However, the most challenging task for companies and researchers is to know and predict mobile user's application usage patterns and tastes which is very important for improving Smartphone performance. Hence this research is undertaken to know the customer usage patterns and preferences of mobile apps. The results are discussed and conclusion is drawn.

EVALUATION OF RAJIV AAROGYASRI SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH AND SURVEY OF PATIENTS OPINION

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ABSTRACT

Poverty is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges facing India. Given the large proportion of its underprivileged population, the delivery of basic universal services seems almost unattainable. This issue is exemplified in public health service delivery. It is very common for poor Indians to use their life savings to access quality treatment for themselves and their loved ones. To address this problem of indebtedness of the poor due to overwhelming health costs, the Government of Andhra Pradesh launched the Rajiv Aarogyasri Healthcare Insurance Scheme in 2007 under which free tertiary healthcare services are provided to holders of below poverty line(BPL) ration cards. BPL families can avail benefits of this healthcare insurance policy without having to pay any premium. This study captures the objective, functioning, achievements and impact of Aarogyasri. The study was conducted for the period April 2007 to December 2013 based on patient data. Simple tools such as frequency counts, percentages, ratios, averages, and so on were used to understand efficiency of insurance mode, and measure the performance of the scheme. A brief analysis of the scheme based on officially available data and media reports from a public health perspective revealed that 87% of population of AP was covered under the scheme. From the sample study, it was found that males had 40% higher utilization than females under the scheme. The cost benefit ratio of insurance mode was 81% when compared to 91% for Trust mode. Implementation of the scheme through the insurance mode is highly inefficient in terms of cost. Patients' opinion regarding the scheme revealed that majority of them were happy with the scheme, none of them had a poor opinion about the flagship project of Government of Andhra Pradesh. The scheme has already contributed to its successful replication throughout the state. It aims to support the replication of such a scheme elsewhere in order to achieve 'Health for All', ensuring that the most underprivileged sections of society are able to claim their 'right to live'.



STUDY ON THE TIME DURATION OF INTERNSHIP IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT COURSE CURRICULUM

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ABSTRACT

The changes in the hotel industry are fast and the course curriculum needs to be in accordance with the needs of the industry. Unfortunately, syllabus of hotel management is not uniform throughout the country. There are differences in the internship training from academic program to academic program. The training in the course curriculum of Hotel management course is widely recognized and must be beneficial to all the stakeholders concerned. Students must be benefited by working in the real life situation which cannot be created in the classrooms where as industry professional could identify potential employers by evaluating the performances of the trainee's. This paper is an attempt to find the right time and duration of internship component in the course curriculum of hotel management course. The research instruments used in the study was questionnaires focused on student's training component. Four different survey versions were created for each of the four groups surveyed for the study: Hotel management students pre-training, Hotel management students post-training, hotel management faculty members and hotel industry professionals. Statistical test was performed on all stakeholder opinions regarding right duration of training in terms of weeks. Significant differences were found between stakeholders opinions in terms of right time for training for both the times. Significant differences were found between stakeholder's opinions in terms of right time for training for first time however there is no statistical difference in right time for training for the second time. Universities offering hotel courses and other affiliated institutions needs to review prevailing training component in their course curriculum to make it as effective as possible by adapting a uniform practice which would be beneficial to all stakeholders concerned



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ABSTRACT

In this paper an overview of the relevant literature pertaining to role of Human Resource Management (HRM) System for new Global Economy has been done. Here analysis is being done about Human Resource Management, listing and analysis of various existing human resource model, what developments are to be done in improving the Human Resource Management. Some of the Human Resource Management activities and Policies are considered to develop the proposed model. The outcome of these activities is Cordial relation with management, Cordial relation with employee, Employee Motivation, Organizational satisfaction. These Human Resource Management output or outcomes are linked to the organizational performance. In this paper the models for Human Resource Management, Knowledge management and Intellectual Capital are proposed.



CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS AND PERCEPTIONS ON SERVICE QUALITY IN BANKING SECTOR: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN RAJASTHAN REGION

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ABSTRACT

Service quality is a competitive mace in the banking industry. As competition becomes more rigorous and environmental factors become more argumentative, the concern for service quality grows. Retention of customer is the ultimate successful performance of any banking sector. The study has been carried out at both aggregate and disaggregates levels in order to explore and map the differences. The study also traces the factors affecting customer expectations and perceptions in regard to the service quality of public sector banks in Rajasthan region. The primary data were collected with the help of a standardized questionnaire of service quality of Parasuraman which was administered to a convenience sample of 200 respondents accessing public sector banking services in Jaipur, a city in Rajasthan, and the banks identified of the public undertaking were UCO bank and corporation bank. The data collected were analyzed with the statistical tools of Wilcoxon test i.e 'z-'test. And P value was identified for all the five dimensions of service quality under study i.e. Tangibles, Reliability, Responsiveness, Assurance and Empathy. The study interoperates according to statistics from the Wilcoxon test, and p statistic obtained smaller than the significance level of 0.05, so the assumption H_0 is rejected and therefore H_1 is accepted. i.e H_0 which states that there is no significant difference between customer expectations and perceptions of quality of services in banking sector is solely rejected and H_1 which states that there is a significant difference between customer expectations and perceptions of quality of services in banking sector is accepted. Thus it had been accepted that public sector banks are not able to meet their customers' expectations in the five areas of SERVQUAL. In other words, the service has been received from customers less than their expectations.



DETERMINANTS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT INFLOWS IN THE TRANSITION ECONOMIES OF EUROPEAN UNION

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Foreign direct investment flows have increased together with the economic globalization and technological advances in the fields of information, communication and transportation since 1980s and foreign direct investment flows played a key role in rapid growth of some countries. This study examines the major determinants of foreign direct investment inflows in seven transition economies of European Union by using panel data regression model during the period 1997-2011. We found that there was a positive relationship between foreign direct investment inflows and economic growth, trade openness, infrastructure and financial development, while there was a negative relationship between foreign direct investment inflows and inflation, taxes.



INCIDENCE OF POVERTY AMONG THE RURAL LABOUR HOUSEHOLDS: A STUDY IN CHITTOOR DISTRICT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

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The world development report (1990) defines the poverty as the inability to attain a minimal standard of living. Poverty is normally defined by a critical level of money income or expenditure. This is just one of the multiple dimensions of poverty, which ranges from the basic economic needs of individuals to their social, political and cultural rights. UNDP (2000) addresses poverty as a denial of human rights. According to it, good health, adequate nutrition, literacy and employment are not favours or acts of charity bestowed upon the poor by governments and international agencies. They are basic human right, as valid today as they were 50 years ago when the universal declaration of human rights was adopted. Poverty, therefore, needs to be explained from a perspective of sustainable human development. Poverty is a multi-dimensional concept. The new method The Human Development Report 2003 of UNDP has provided the details of Human Poverty Index (HPI) and the method of calculating HPI. Keeping in view the methodology for the estimation of Human Poverty Index (HPI), the formula has been adopted in calculating HPI for the study. In constructing HPI, 6 deprivations have been taken into consideration.



FINANCIAL BEHAVIOUR Vs. PERSONALITY TYPES: A MECHANISM TO IMPROVE CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

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From the recent past financial institutions are orienting towards the financial behaviour pattern of their customers. The financial behaviour differs from one customer to the other and understanding financial behaviour of the customers can provide a competitive advantage for any financial institution Hence the behavioural finance becomes an eye widening topic of importance. Does Personality of an individual affect their financial decision making? is the one line question of the article and for differentiating the personality types Myer Briggs Type Indicator(MBTI) is used. This article tries to find out the relationship between personality types and financial behaviour of the customers. Descriptive research is being carried out in this study. Two hundred and thirty sample respondents were chosen for the study and primary data was collected using questionnaire. The collected data was then analysed using non parametric tests and the hypothesis testing was done. The findings of the study can be used for financial institutions like banks, investment brokers, and insurance companies for understanding their customers and their characteristics which in turn leads to a better customer relationship management.



FINANCIAL INCLUSION: AN INSTRUMENT THAT PULLS MILLIONS OF RURAL INDIANS OUT OF THE CLUTCHES OF POVERTY - A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

This article provides a review of Financial Inclusion Programme - an initiative to provide financial services to the rural Indians. How Financial Inclusion pulls millions of rural Indians out of the clutches of poverty is also explained in detail. RBI has taken several initiatives such as providing No-Frills Account, started Financial Literacy Centre's, simplified KYC norms and branch authorization policy, deployed Business Correspondents, issued Kisan Credit Cards and General Credit Cards etc. How far India reached in achieving the financial Inclusion path is analysed through CRISIL Inclusix, RBI Working Paper Study And World Bank Access Survey. Most of the South Indian states achieved high Financial Inclusion but still its proper and speedy implementation is required in other states in India.



POVERTY ERADICATION THROUGH INTEREST FREE FINANCE: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Poverty is the main burden of any society or any country. The economic imbalance is common world wide. It can be minimized by various activities and methods. Interest free institutions are one among the methods of poverty eradication. The paper focuses the need and importance of interest free micro financing institutions instead of interest based micro financing institutions. This paper analyzes the services of the Al-Ameen Welfare Society, Perimbalam; an interest free micro financing firm established in 1991. Author concludes the paper by suggesting establishing such type of interest free micro financing firms throughout the country; it will be a great relief to the poor society.



EMPLOYEE RETENTION STRATEGIES: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

In today's market, employees have control. They say: "You're lucky to have me working for you." If you don't believe that and treat them accordingly, they will quickly find another employer. The shift from employer-driven market to a candidate-driven market has created a war on talent that requires employers to compete more heavily for good candidates than ever before. They also need to be more alert to signs of dissatisfaction or restlessness on the job. What is Employee Retention? Retention is all about keeping good people and how you manage them. Employee retention is a process in which the employees are encouraged to remain with the organization for the maximum period of time or until the completion of the project. The first step in it is to understand why employees leave. The second is to implement employee retention strategies to get them to stay. This article emphasises on employee retention as relating to the efforts by which employers attempt to retain employees in workforce. The objective behind the current study is to explore and analyze the various employee retention strategies that aim at retaining highly skilled personnel and at the same time building up under-performers. The Study Concludes that "Recognition, flexible work arrangements, work-life balance, employee engagement, health and safety, communication, workplace diversity, formal wellness programs, inclusion and employee development are some examples of approaches that can become a part of the mix when developing retention strategies.



A STUDY ON EMPLOYEES' INVOLVEMENT TOWARDS EFFECTIVENESS OF TEAM WORK IN GLOBAL SCENARIO

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The word TEAM refers to Together Everybody Achieve More. A good team does not have an I. Effective Teamwork depends a lot on the team leader. But the team members are also crucial to this process. After all, without its members a team will not be a team. Sometimes it is challenging to make a team work. A number of factors can spoil it and it can become quite a challenge to handle unruly and difficult people. Yet, it is still one of the most powerful ways of organizing work to be done in the organization. The main focus of the study is to understand about team work practices and their involvement in achieve effective team work. The study reveals that the employees are satisfied with the present team, working hours, work environment, communication with the team leader and his guidance. This can be further improved for enhancing better quality of work life. The employees of the organization are very dynamic even when assigned a different role in the team. This shows a positive sign of flourishment of the teams. Moreover, the consistent motivation and inspiration by the team leader will certainly enhance the level of participation of team members. The research is descriptive and the sample method used is Convenience sampling method. Nearly 116 samples are taken to study the Team Work at M/s LUCAS TVS LIMITED, PUDUCHERRY.



COMPARATIVE STUDY OF UNORGANISED AND ORGANISED RETAIL: THE CASE OF INDIAN GROCERY MARKET AT NCR

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Consumer Store choice has been subject of frequent research in the developed market, however the Indian retail sector is highly fragmented and unorganised till last decade. Many international retailers along with Indian retailers entered in the Indian market and opening the stores across the country. The competition is intensified between unorganised and organised retailing especially in Food and Grocery (F & G) sector. Competition in the retail market is of intertype, intratype and intercategory. Researcher's traces inter-category competition in the paper, which signifies the two different retail formats are competing for share of wallet of consumers selling similar type of merchandise. Both the organised and unorganised formats are trying to lure customers with various retail dimensions i.e. merchandise offerings, variety of services they offered, value for money, problem solving attitude, visual merchandising of the store, proximity and overall feel. All these dimensions have sub-items and have relatively important role for having patronage behavior of the customer towards their store. The researchers identified above seven dimensions and each dimension is having sub-items. In this study we found that there is a significant difference between unorganised and organised retail in the Indian grocery retail market on all the seven dimensions.



HAPPINESS MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE

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Although there is a lot of emphasis on happiness in our lives but somehow we haven't considered it important in our professional lives, given the fact that one-third of our waking life is spent at workplace. Considering this, the present paper attempts to establish the inevitable role of individual happiness in organisation's prosperity and also present a roadmap for contemporary HR professionals on how they can work to map happiness quotient of employees.



RISK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN YES BANK

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ABSTRACT

Risk management is a part of the growth strategy of any organization. The banks have to comply with Basel II and Basel III accord as per RBI guidelines. They have to achieve a minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio of 9% for existing banks and 10% for new private Sector banks under Basel II. New generation banks are more profit intensive and strictly comply to risk management practices to survive in the long run. The main aim of this paper is to measure the prevailing risk in Yes Bank, a new Private sector bank from Nov 21, 2004 - March 31, 2005 to April 1, 2013- March 31, 2014. The paper also emphasizes on the risk management practices followed by Yes Bank. An empirical model is constructed with Ratio analysis, Cluster analysis and Altman model. It was concluded that the bank had comprehensive risk management policy, rich clientele and low level of Non Performing Assets. Low Net Interest Margin was a matter of concern throughout the period.



THE EFFECT OF THE CHANGE IN SHORT-RUN FOREIGN DEBT STOCK IN TURKEY ON THE OUTPUT VOLATILITY

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In this study, the effect of the change in short-run foreign debt stock in Turkey on the output volatility is analyzed. In the analysis, the monthly data related to total short-run foreign debt stock and industrial production index following a similar course with Gross Domestic Product (GDP) were used between January 2005 and December 2013. The effect of the change in short-run foreign debt stock on the output volatility was analyzed with the GARCH Model. As the result of the analysis, an avoidant relevance was found between the short-run foreign debt stock and output volatility.



A CASE STUDY ON SELF-HELP GROUPS: MARKETING PERSPECTIVES & LEARNING

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Mr. Rohan, the chief coordinator of SARAS exhibition held at Hyderabad was facing a problem of lack of public response during the first four days of the 11 day long fair of the shelf help groups. Throughout the year this exhibition of the shelf help groups is held at all the all major metropolitan cities of India. This year at October the venue of the exhibition was fixed at Hyderabad .Though unlike last year the venue ground of the exhibition was changed from Necklace Road to Nampally Exhibition Ground in Hyderabad but considering the sales and the consumer participation in the exhibition the result was not so good. For this reason the coordination between the shelf help group participants and the exhibition coordinators was not looking very good and both of them were having their own reasons of failure for not having enough sales and consumers in the fast few days of the exhibition. Sensing the issue being the lack of marketing mix application Mr. Rohan hired some business analysts to analyze the problem and suggest some measures from marketing point of view.



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