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PERFORMANCE AND ALTERNATIVE OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR INDONESIAN NATURAL RUBBER

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ABSTRACT

This paper was focused on the export development of natural rubber with respect to its growth and values. The aim of this paper was to propose alternative development strategies for natural rubber in future. The Analysis approach with Hierarchy Process (AHP) framework of export business of natural rubber was arranged consecutively from focuses or goals, factors, actors, objectives of actors, and alternative strategies for actors. Each components of goals, factors, actors, objectives, and alternative strategies were assessed on the basis of their importance by using Saaty scales. Information from experts were analyzed by using AHP technique. The development of natural rubber export from 2000 to 2006 showed that the competitiveness position of Indonesia in the world market was fairly good. In order to increase the growth and values of natural rubber export, the experts concluded that smallholders through their organizations and small-scale business were the main actors. This had to be supported by the government through deregulation related to the natural rubber commodity. The objectives of actors could be achieved by combining strategies such as: a) the provision of capital in smallholder rubber development, b) the development of farmers' and other actors' institutions, as shell as extension education, education, training, and services institutions, c) reduced cost and time in processing land certification and land use right (Hak Guna Urus Usaha / HGU), d) the development of transportation facilities from farm roads to export harbor, e) the development of quality standard, and f) improved access for farmers to financial institution [bank). The roles of the government as facilitators and regulators axe fundamental in implementing such development strategies of natural rubber. Keywords Rubber, export, role of government and objectives and strategies



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ABSTRACT

Small and Medium Enterprises are seen today as the backbone of every economy throughout the world. It has contributed significantly to the economic growth of nations. Consequently, financial information put forward by the SMEs should be able to meet the needs of the users. Hence, after five years of consultations, in July 2009, International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) published its accounting for SMEs. It was aimed at addressing the needs and capabilities of Small and Medium scale enterprises. Those matters like measurements of liabilities, assets, revenue and expenses have been expunged because the users of the financial statement of SMEs do not need elaborate and complex information provided in the general purpose financial statements. However, there have been no meaningful significant contributions from the academic who are saddled with the responsibility to teach the subject matter at their various institutions. This paper therefore looked at the perceptions of academic as regard whether the proposed IFRS for SMEs (Statement of GAAP for SMEs) will ease/soften the burden of financial reporting by SMEs.



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Accounting research does nothing but research which is the livelihood of University accounting departments because their reputation is largely dependent upon the quantity and the quality of members' research and publications. The objective of this paper is to explain our interpretation of accounting research, to connect the accounting research of the past 600 years, and the impact of research on Accounting. The year 1930 suggested the hypothesis that the profit and loss statement be replaced by the balance sheet as the focus of reporting practice. A few hypotheses may be formulated as the result of hunches. However, the paper concluded by setting out to test the hypothesis that the impact of accounting does not matter because it has had no effect on accounting practice. The research has had some impact on practice because it has helped Accountants to understand more fully the procedures. To adopt which in turn led to the reduction in the inconsistent practice. However the paper recommends that research should have had some impact on accounting practice.



EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE - A STUDY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE EMPLOYEES OF SALALAH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

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Emotional intelligence is important to professional success as technical ability. Emotional intelligence is the ability of a person to solve personal, business and social problems. Emotional intelligence is the innate potential to feel, use, communicate, recognize, remember, learn, and understand emotions. The person with high emotional intelligence are honest, knows their strengths and weaknesses. They do not allow themselves to become too angry or jealous, and they do not make impulsive, careless decisions. This study helps to know the emotional intelligence of employees working in educational institution. It is important for the employees working in service industries to have high level or morale with emotional intelligence. The study is based on the emotional intelligence and the study has adopted with analytical methodology by measuring the satisfaction level with respect to various factors. The questionnaire has been designed in five segments consist of personal information, adaptability, assertiveness, emotional management, self esteem and relationship of respondents. The number of respondents decided for the study is 200, covering teaching and non teaching staff on the basis of gender, age, occupation, educational background, marital status, designation, specialized department and number of years of experience. The study concluded that the improvement in emotional intelligence would increase the motivation and effectiveness of the employees.



ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) - A FOCUS ON NIGERIA

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Nigeria has indicated her intention to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as from 2012. This is taking place against the backdrop of the argument suggesting that IFRS are irrelevant to developing countries. And that those developing countries adopting it are doing so because IFRS is a product with "network effects." This contradiction and the question of the relevance of IFRS to Nigeria are evaluated and explored in this study, using the perception of users and preparers of accounting information and drawing from the economic theory of network. The results of the descriptive study showed that IFRS adoption in Nigeria will have the potential to be beneficial to a wide range of stakeholders albeit the challenges posed by the ethical environment prevailing in the country. The study recommends, amongst others that Nigeria's adoption of IFRS should be supported as a matter of national urgency to enable full attainment of the country's economic potential, the Nigerian Accounting Standards Board (NASB) should expedite approvals and processes required for formal adoption of IFRS as national accounting standard in Nigeria, the education, sensitization, and communication to stakeholders of issues associated with IFRS should commence in earnest, a rigorous IFRS capacity building program should be embarked upon by all regulatory bodies, firms and training institutions in order to provide the needed manpower for IFRS implementation and finally that this article be updated by further studies to take account of the areas of differences in perception between preparers and users so as to provide further useful information on the subject.



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This paper has attempted to measure different types of organisational stresses and the overall role stress with particular reference to the demographic variables of the banking and insurance employees. The ten sub-stresses comprising the ORS have been compared across age groups, genders, qualifications and length of experiences. The impact of demographic variables on stress has been seen by applying f, t and Levene's tests. The study revealed that at the overall level, highest mean value is of inter role distance and the lowest mean value is of personal inadequacy. Organisational stress has positive association with the length of experience, except beyond 20 years of experience. Among the four demographic variables under reference, the length of experience is revealed to have laid highest main effect on the sub-stress variables and the overall stress.



ANALYSIS OF FDI INFLOWS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

FDI is a tool for jump-starting economic growth through its strengthening of domestic capital, productivity and employment. FDI also plays a vital role in the up gradation of technology, skills and managerial capabilities in various sectors of the economy. The present paper attempts to analyze significance of the FDI Inflows in India since 1991 and analysis of various Indian sectors attracting FDI from 2005-2010.



THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

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ABSTRACT

Leadership has drawn great attention from scholars in various fields in the recent years. There is great controversy over the definition of leadership and thus many approaches to studying leadership. The present work, however, focus on the transformational, transactional and laissez-faire leadership model and the relationship between these leadership styles and employee performance. The study is a comparison between selected public and private sector enterprises and the data comprises of 43 middle-level managers and 156 subordinates. The paper looks first at various factors that add to the effectiveness of leadership through Garrett scores. It then discusses whether there is any differences in the leadership choice between the public and private sector enterprises. Finally, the relationship between the transformational, transactional, laissez-faire leaderships and employee performance is explored through correlation and regression analysis.

The results are likely to suggest that leaders must have the ability to attract / influence their subordinates, be able to set clear standards of performance to their peers and act as a best role model to the subordinates. The subordinates expect that their achievements must be recognized and rewarded either with monetary or with non-monetary terms. The Garrett's score that gives the preferences of the Middle level managers and the subordinates from among various leadership styles recommended the transformational leadership style in both the public and in the private sector enterprises. The results of correlation and regression analysis suggests that the transformational leadership style has significant relationships with performance outcomes; viz. effectiveness in work, satisfaction, extra effort and dependability. The study thus adds some additional knowledge for a better understanding of the preferred leadership approach and appropriate style for use with subordinate in various professional levels.



A FUZZY BASED SERVPERF MODEL TO ASCERTAIN RESTAURANT SERVICE

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The service performance of the restaurant industry can be measured and improved only by understanding the potential gaps in quality. To achieve this, the service quality must be thoroughly studied from both the conceptual viewpoint and service quality measurement. This study explores and identifies the perceived service quality of customers for different restaurant service dimensions through a fuzzy based SERVPERF measurement technique. Also the factors influencing the service quality of restaurant services are identified and suggestions are given for the improvement.

A COGNIZANCE TO INFORMATION SECURITY

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ABSTRACT

Information security means protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, perusal, inspection, recording or destruction. ^[1]The terms information security, computer security and information assurance are frequently incorrectly used interchangeably. These fields are interrelated often and share the common goals of protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information; however, there are some subtle differences between them.

In this paper, I show how our secured multiparty computation protocols protect the data of an organization during the war from the cyberspace war when a large number of defense units interact with one another, while hiding the identity and computations done by them. SMC is a problem of information security when large organizations interact with one another for huge data sharing and data exchange. It is quite possible that during sharing and exchange, the private data also get hacked. In order to protect and secure the private data, the protocols of SMC need to be deployed in the large computer networks on which the organizations work. The protocols work at the micro-level in terms of cryptography with which the data are encrypted and then shared, while allowing the keys to be used for sharable data while also keeping the keys untouched for private data. At the macro level, multilevel architectures are used for different types of security to be achieved. The computation part of the secured multiparty computation is based on the algorithmic complexity theory. The algorithms realize the protocols in such a way that it is tedious to break (decrypt) the keys to hack the private data.



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A number of studies have been conducted to examine investment performance of mutual funds of the developed capital markets. Grinblatt and Titman (1989, 1994) found that small mutual funds perform better than large ones and that performance is negatively correlated to management fees, but not to fund size or expenses. Hendricks, Patel, and Zeckhauser (1993), Goetzmann and Ibbotson (1994), and Brown and Goetzmann (1995) present evidence of persistence in mutual fund performance. Grinblatt and Titman (1992), and Elton, Gruber, and Blake (1996) show that past performance is a good predictor of future performance. Blake, Elton, and Grubber (1993), Detzler (1999), and Philpot, Hearth, Rimbey, and Schulman (1998) find that performance is negatively correlated to fund expense, and that past performance does not predict future performance. However, Philpot, Hearth, and Rimbey (2000) provide evidence of short-term performance persistence in high-yield bond mutual funds. In their studies of money market mutual funds, Domian and Reichenstein (1998) find that the expense ratio is the most important factor in explaining net return differences. Christoffersen (2001) shows that fee waivers matter to performance. Smith and Tito (1969) conducted a study into 38 funds for 1958-67 and obtained similar results. Treyner (1965) advocated the use of Beta Coefficient instead of the total risk

This paper is intended examine the modeling dimensions of measuring performance of mutual funds during the last 50 years, which leads to innovative research in financial modeling of mutual fund's performance measure.



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ABSTRACT

This research paper adds to the increasing body of knowledge in the sphere of Servant Leadership. Although there has been loads of research in the area of Leadership, especially Transformational Leadership and Emotional Intelligence, there has been limited research in the area of Self Awareness (as a component of Emotional Intelligence as per Goleman, 1996) and Leadership, particularly Servant Leadership. This research paper attempts to fill the void. This study indicates that there is positive relationship between Self Awareness and Servant Leadership. The usefulness of this research can be seen in leadership development area.



PERFORMANCE OF NEW GENERATION BANKS IN INDIA: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Evaluating Indian Banks' performance is not an easy task, as it seems. There are so many factors, which need to be taken care while differentiating good banks from the bad ones. Just by using some standard ratio for banks' financial analyses, one can reach at conclusions some time or the other, and still could be away from actuality. However, there has to be some mechanism through which these banks can be compared and evaluated from time to time. The traditional analysis largely focused on parameters like Credit –Deposit ratio, commonly referred to as CD ratio, level of nonperforming assets, Capital Adequacy ratio and the other usual earnings ratio. Now, the things have changed; by just having high CD ratio it doesn't mean that the bank is sound. The basic definition of banking business has changed, largely due to the entry of private banks as well foreign banks in the banking industry which has given a totally new dimension to the banking business, which was never thought of a decade ago. This paper tries to analyse the economic performance of commercial banks on the basis of some modern techniques popularly used for this purpose.



ROLE OF MICROFINANCE IN UPLIFTING WOMEN STATUS

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ABSTRACT

Microfinance is now a proven strategy for reaching poor women. Microfinance both credit and saving has potential to improve the well-being of poor women in developing countries. Microfinance programme in India has been increasingly promoted to empower women. However, only a few studies examine the link between microfinance and women's empowerment. For the majority of women borrowers, microfinance helps in lifting women out of poverty and achieving economic and political empowerment with their homes, their village and their countries. The purpose of this article is to examine the contribution of microfinance and microfinance programme like Self-Help Group, Bank-Linkage to empower the women.



FIVE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS FOR SERVICE EXCELLENCE: A LESSON TO LEARN TO INDIAN ORGANISATIONS

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ABSTRACT

Some service experiences are not as fulfilling as customer often expect. Little things that appear small are often done wrong. Creating value to the customer is indeed more complex that what we assume. And that is why it is important for organizations to map out service experiences wisely. But, unfortunately most of the organizations got associated with products and services rather than on organizations responsible for creating them. On our way to rediscovering service excellence and recognizing it as a major tool for market place success, we are learning to view service excellence from customers' point of view. So, in order to compete effectively it is important for any organization to first get into the mind of the customer i.e., to explore customer's focused values. And then to focus on various solutions to create positive customer experience i.e., creation of customer value. One approach is to identify the determinants of service excellence that may relate to the services. Keeping this in mind, successful companies are now gearing to organize their businesses around the customer experience rather than organizing their businesses along the product lines are geographic business units. Today, with ever-increasing focus on customers, companies are taking a service oriented approach to customer value management. This paper focuses on a framework in identifying few ingredients in the formula for service excellence viz. service failure recovery, service employee empowerment, service delivery, service technology, and last but not the least service training and development.



FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN INDIA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN MULTI-BRAND RETAIL SECTOR

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ABSTRACT

In the year 1991 India faced severe balance of payments deficits and was forced to bring about changes in Foreign Direct Investment [FDI] policy. India is among the top most attractive destinations for FDI. The government has allowed FDI in the wholesale cash and carry companies to sell to retail outlets owned by their domestic partners in a limited way for on-selling to retail customers. This provides a window to them for benefitting from the retail boom in the country. The present study aims to understand and analyze the challenges and opportunities faced by FDI Inflow and the future outlook towards FDI in Multi – Brand Retail Sector. It concludes that inward FDI can enhance competition and accelerate the process of innovation in the local Retail Sector.



IMPACT OF ADVERTISING ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO EATING HABITS

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ABSTRACT

Advertisement is integral part of the industry which wants its product to be reached to the customer, and thereby converting them into consumers. Advertising is sole of everyone's' lifestyle, and the degree of impact of adverting on children is becoming devastating day by day. Advertisements showcase the 'must haves' for a kid making them a consumer even before they have reached the age of 3. on the contrary, advertisement are educating, updating and motivating the children to learn good thing as well. Thus the objectives of this research paper are to explore both the beneficial and harmful effects of media on children's food habits, and to identify how the advertising industry can be regulated by formulating unified laws to prevent the over-exposure of children to the ad world. I am also emphasizing on directing children's towards imbibing healthy food habits in them by suggesting parents to be more aware & regulating the advertisement targeted on children. This research paper also take a review on what kind of regulations are implemented in some parts of world regarding advertisements targeting children's & what kind of steps are being taken in India in this direction. Using 'On the Spot' sampling method 100 children between 5-15 yrs age group and 50 parents are interviewed with the help of interview schedule and data collected is presented in the form of pie chart. The research paper concludes that advertising severely affect the eating habits of present generation children. The role of parents and legal system plays crucial role in preventing the anti-health ads influencing the children's eating habits.



THE IMPACT OF DIVIDEND POLICY ON SHAREHOLDERS' WEALTH (A STUDY WITH REFERENCE TO FERRO ALLOY AND ALLOY STEEL INDUSTRY IN INDIA)

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this paper is to analyze the impact of dividend policy on shareholders wealth in Ferro Alloy and Alloy steel companies in India. To measure the impact of dividend policy on shareholders wealth multiple regression and step wise regression models are used by taking DPS (Dividend per share) RE (Retained earnings per share) PE $_{t-1}$ (Lagged price earning ratio) and MPS $_{t-1}$ (Lagged market value per share) as independent variables and MPS (Market value per share) as dependent variable. To decide the proportion of explained variation in the dependent variable, the coefficient of determination (Adjusted R^2) has been tested with the help of F values. The analysis is based on a sample of 18 steel companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange over a period of 10 years from 1999 to 2008. The dividend policy can be constructed as distribution (timing and pattern) of dividend payment. The empirical results of the study show that there is a significant impact of dividend policy on shareholders wealth in Alloy steel companies, while the shareholders wealth is not influenced by dividend pay out to the extent that Ferro Alloy steel companies in India are concerned.



DETERMINANTS OF CORPORATE PROFITABILITY OF LISTED COMPANIES IN INDIA

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The study highlights the determinants of corporate profitability in India by taking a sample of 61 non financial companies from BSE-100 Index. Both firm specific variables and Macro economic variables are used to see the determinants of profitability. With the help of Fixed Effect analysis and correlation analysis, it is proved that firm specific factors like financial asset, Size of the firm are positively significant on profitability while leverage and Average Payment Period are negatively influenced the profitability. The macro economic variables like GDP and Interest rate account positive effect on profitability.



CUSTOMER PERCEPTION ON ELECTRONIC CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT IN BANKS - AN EMPIRICAL STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Building relationship with customers is becoming the main goal of any organization. This is very much true for services industries like banks. Due to LPG measures and deep competition, banks in India whether public or private are forced to execute their operations in customer centric way. eCRM is a powerful tool that can be used by banks to attract, expand and retain their customers.

This paper is an attempt to identify customer perspectives on eCRM practices in banks. It also tries to identify the level of satisfaction of customers regarding eCRM and its relevance with demographic variables. The study collected data from 150 respondents through questionnaire which included questions on a five point scale. Two hypotheses were framed and tested using cross tabulation and ANOVA. The results of the indicated that demographic factors like age, income, education, computer knowledge etc., have a positive relationship with customer perception and level of satisfaction. The study concluded that the banks have to identify right strategies to attract customers with different demographic profile and to offer them the right ecrm practices.



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