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ROLE OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE

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ABSTRACT

Industrial development is of utmost importance to developing economies. The state of Jammu and Kashmir is unfortunate on this front despite having resources it lags far behind then the other parts of the country in industrial activity. Since agriculture has been gradually losing its strength to generate additional employment opportunities for the fast increasing work force in rural areas and the natural local factors are more conducive for Khadi & Village Industries. Khadi is an age old industry in our state. Being labour intensive, Khadi industry is highly useful in creating employment opportunities especially in far-flung and backward areas of the state khadi and village industries play an eminent role in the advancement of rural as well as semi-urban economy. The main objective of developing these industries is to raise the standard of living, generate more income, increase the use of local raw material and help the development of rural economy by generating employment for the people. The present study is an attempt to highlight the role played by Khadi & Village industries in the economic development of the state vis-à-vis growth in production, sales and employment generation.

KEYWORDS

economic development, khadi and village industries, labour intensive, per capita income, rural economy, small scale industries.

I. INTRODUCTION

ammu and Kashmir is strategically located on the northern extremity of India. It is the 11th largest state of India and accounting for 3.20% ⁽¹⁾ of the total geographical area and ranks 19th most populous state of India and constitutes about 1% ⁽²⁾ of the total population of the country. Jammu and Kashmir economy possesses almost all characteristics of an underdeveloped economy and continues to be predominantly agrarian and industrially backward state. The state of Jammu & Kashmir is ranked at the 21st position in terms of per capita income among all the Indian states and 11th in agriculture ⁽³⁾. The Jammu and Kashmir economy depends mostly on traditional forms of occupation. Unaffected and unaltered by modern day industrial developments and changing times, the indigenous traditional occupations of farming, animal husbandry and horticulture forms the backbone of the economy. The state economy due to various odds resulted in low economic activity, low employment and low-income generation. Jammu and Kashmir has always been characterised as a relatively backward economic region. The chief characteristics of the state are the predominance of the agricultural sector, low degree of urbanisation, inadequately developed infrastructure and low levels of investment although the state is vested with the substantial water resources, Mineral base, and is famous world over for its extraordinary handicrafts, handloom products, tourism, horticulture produce and cottage industry. While the state has enormous potential for the flourishing of various industries, still it is lagging behind in the field of industrialisation.

Industrial development is of utmost importance to developing economies. As the industrial base of an economy expands, there takes place a shift from low earning occupations of primary sector to high earning occupation of industry and with the result the standard of living of general masses rise. It is for this reason one of the major objectives of the planned economic development has been to diversify primary sector economy and to gradually expand the secondary and the tertiary sectors. It is a proven fact that rapid industrialisation can substantially push up the productivity, per capita income, the saving capacity of labour and increase in the rate of investment as well, which results in a rapid all round economic development.

The state of Jammu and Kashmir is unfortunate on this front despite having resource it lags far behind then the other parts of the country in industrial activity.

TABLE 1: RELATIVE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF KEY ECONOMIC SECTORS IN THE NET STATE DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN AT CURRENT PRICE IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR (Rs. in crores)

Year	Agriculture	Industry	Service
1960-61	76.17	9.97	13.86
1970-71	56.63	14.57	28.80
1980-81	47.40	12.90	39.70
1990-91	43.29	13.22	43.49
2000-01	33.01	21.68	45.33
2008-09**	28.00	28.48	43.52
2011-12	19.84	25.93	54.23

Source: Compiled from digests of statistics 1968-69, 1976-77 & Economic survey 2011-12 Directorate of Economics and Statistics Govt. of J&K. **at 2004-05 price.

Table 1 clearly shows that transformation of state economy has taken place from primary sector to service sector. Though industrial sector shows increasing trend but is inconsistent and increases at diminishing rate this is a clear signal that in the state of Jammu and Kashmir unfortunately has not been able to attract investments in this sector and remain an industrially backward state due to its unique economic disadvantages arising out of remoteness and poor connectivity, hilly and often inhospitable terrain, poor infrastructure, sparse population density, absence of a viable entrepreneurial class, shallow markets and most importantly a law and order situation. Nevertheless, many small and medium scale industries have come up basically in the traditional sectors along with new areas like food processing, agro-based units and metallic and non-metallic products. However, natural factors are more conducive for handicrafts, village and small scale industries. Besides, due to saturation of employment opportunities in government/traditional and non governmental sectors like agriculture, industrial sector has been declared as the main vehicle for accelerating economic activity besides providing employment to the educated unemployed youths in the state. However, the J&K state is on the path of industrialization in a modest way despite topographical limitations.

We can think of industrial development only when we have adequate infrastructure; the electricity, the railway and other cheap transport when found inadequate the industrial development is a dream. The same is the case with J&K economy having the natural resources in abundance, but still facing the scarcity of industrial development. Since private sector has remained shy and hesitant in accepting the challenge of industrialisation a heavy responsibility was placed on the state itself. To break the shackles and to attract the investment in this sector the government of the state has come up with a new eco-friendly industrial policy 2004⁽⁴⁾ to restore the industrial activities in the state. This policy will last till 2015. In order to judge the development of industrial sector in the state. The Industrial sector can be categorised in to three types:

- Small scale industries.
- Khadi and village industries.
- Medium and large scale industries.

The present study is an attempt to deliberate upon the role played by Khadi and Village Industries in the overall economic development of the state. It will also highlight the growth pattern in production, Sales and employment generation of the said industries.

OBJECTIVES

As is evident from the title of the paper, the major objective is to measure the overall impact of Khadi and Village industries on the economic development of the state. The related objectives of the paper are:

- To analyse the growth pattern in the production of Khadi and Village industries of the state. 1.
- To analyse the sales pattern of Khadi and Village industries of the state. 2.
- To analyse the employment generation in the state by Khadi and Village industries.

HYPOTHESIS

In conformity with the aforesaid objectives, the following hypothesis has been laid down for verification and confirmation:

H₀: There is no significant growth in the production of Khadi and Village Industries in the state.

H₀: There is no significant growth in the sales of Khadi and Village Industries in the state.

H₀: There is no significant impact of Khadi and Village Industries on employment generation in the state.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The present study is based on secondary data. The secondary data related to Production, Sales, Wages paid and Employment generation of Khadi & Village industries in Jammu & Kashmir has been compiled from the official records of Directorate of Industries and Commerce J&K government. Besides this, secondary data has also been taken from various issues of economic surveys and digest of statistics issued by Directorate of economics and statistics government of Jammu & Kashmir.

The data collected have been properly compiled, tabulated and analyzed with the help of various statistical tools like simple averages, Standard deviation, Variance. "t" test has also been used to test the hypothesis already set.

II. KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES (A BRIEF PROFILE)

Khadi is an age old industry in our state. Being labour intensive, Khadi industry is highly useful in creating employment opportunities especially in far-flung and backward areas of the state. This industry is mostly concentrated in Bhaderwah, Kishtwar, Samba, Banihal, and Rajouri in Jammu division and Bandipora, Shopian, Chadoora, Pakherpora, in Kashmir Valley. The Khadi and Village industries board provide financial and other assistance to these industries.

Khadi and village industries play an eminent role in the advancement of rural as well as semi-urban economy. The main objective of developing these industries is to raise the standard of living, generate more income, increase the use of local raw material and help the development of rural economy by generating employment

During the freedom struggle, the development of Khadi and village industries was entirely a non-governmental effort launched under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi. It was under the guidance of Mahatma Gandhi, provisional activities of Khadi were started in 1922[5], when they were symbolic of the 'fight for freedom'. The development of Khadi & Village industries was a movement to meet the twin objectives of self-reliance through local production and seeking active participation of the poor in the struggle for freedom through the removal of hunger and unemployment. After independence, the Government of India took the responsibility of bringing the development of Khadi and Village industries within the ambit of the Five Year Plans for promoting Khadi and village Industries, government of India set up Khadi and Village Industries commission (KVIC), which is a statutory organisation by an act of parliament. This organisation came up in 1956 and is playing a pivotal role for strengthening of rural economy by promoting and developing Khadi and Village Industries (6). Since agriculture has been gradually losing its strength to generate additional employment opportunities for the fast increasing work force in rural areas, the importance of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has increased to find an alternative and appropriate employment for rural people.

The implementation of Khadi and Village industries programme in our country is a joint effort of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, which is an Apex organisation at the Central Level and the State Khadi and Village Industrial Boards, functioning in various States and Union Territories. The Jammu and Kashmir KVIB is playing a vital role in generating the employment to local populace not only this but also provide financial and technical assistance to unemployed youth and down trodden artisans of the state for setting up Micro and Small Units in Industrial and Service Sectors under Schemes Launched by Khadi & Village Industries Commission. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

The board has been assisting Co-operative Societies and individuals both technically and financially. Financial assistance is provided, at a low rate of interest of 4 percent per annum. Under the Khadi programme, working fund is provided which is free of cost. The Khadi & Village industries have played a vital role in bringing the prosperity in the rural areas of the state. The different aspects of industries production, Sales, and wages (in Rs. Lakhs) are discussed in detail in following

III. PRODUCTION PATTERN OF K&VI

The production of Khadi & Village Industries though showing an increasing trend, but from 2006 onwards there is a sharp decline in production of this industry. The production in the year 1980 was for Rs 426.72 Lakhs, it increased to Rs 4331.13 Lakhs; while as in the next decade it reached to Rs 8016.20 Lakhs. In the year 2006 it reached to a huge margin of 18464.83 Lakhs but it declined to a lowest of Rs 2915.80 Lakhs in the year 2010. Table 2 present the whole picture of production of K&VI over the number of years.

TABLE 2: PRODUCTION OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE OF JAMMU & KASHMIR (In Rs Lakhs)

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S.NO	Year**	Production					
1	1980	426.72					
2	1990	4331.13					
3	2000	8016.20					
4	2001	9000.00					
5	2005	10602.03					
6	2006	18464.83					
7	2007	9612.53					
8	2008	5211.71					
9	2009	2451.80					
10	2010	2915.20					

Source: Secretary J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board

^{**} Year indicating 31st March every year.

TABLE 3: TABLE SHOWING VAL	UE OI	F t-TEST F	OR PRO	DUCTION	
n of Khadi and Village Industries	Df	Mean	S.D	variance	5

Production of Khadi and Village Industries		Mean	S.D	variance	Std.Error
		7.10	5.24	2.74	1.657
	Value for t = 4.287				
	Significance level 95%				

Table 3 shows the standard deviation in the production of K&VI is 5.24 and the variance for the same is 2.74. The calculated value of "t" is 4.287 at 95% level of significance however the table value of "t" at 9 df and 95% level of significance is 2.262 which means table value of "t" is less than calculated value hence:

Hypothesis 1 already set stands rejected that is to say that there is significant growth in the production of Khadi and village industries in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

IV. GROWTH IN SALES OF K&VI

Sales represent the major source of revenue for Khadi and Village industries. It is the sales earned which largely determines the wages paid large sales means possibility of large amount of wages paid to workers and artisans and the vice-versa. Table 4 presents clearly that with the increase in sales wages paid also increase and with the decrease in sales automatically led to decline in wages as well. Sales in the year 1980 was just Rs.448.06 lakh which increased to Rs.4920 Lakhs in a period of one decade from 1980-1990. Then it further increased to Rs.8529.66 Lakhs in 2000 and Rs.22107.57 Lakhs in the year 2006 but from 2006 onwards the sales of K&VI started declining and reached to a small margin of Rs.3965.76 Lakhs in the year 2010. Graph 1 clearly shows that both sales and wages paid were showing increasing trend upto year 2006 but from here onwards a total opposite trend can be very well seen from the Graph 1.

TABLE 4: SALES OF AND WAGES PAID BY KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN J&K (in Rs Lakhs)

S.NO	Year**	Sales	Wages paid				
1	1980	448.06	109.10				
2	1990	4920.37	1368.85				
3	2000	8529.66	2452.82				
4	2001	9561.21	2710.60				
5	2005	11579.21	5242.66				
6	2006	22107.57	8300.72				
7	2007	11015.34	8286.56				
8	2008	6514.62	2865.56				
9	2009	3204.43	1044.29				
10	2010	3965.76	1239.00				

Source: Secretary J&K Khadi & Village Industries Board

GRAPH 1

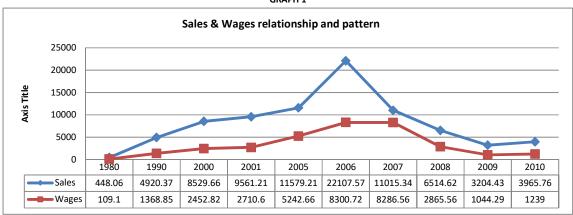


TABLE 5: VALUE OF t-TEST FOR SALES

Sales of Khadi and Village Industries	D.f	Mean	S.D	variance	Std.Error
	9	8.18	6.06	3.68	1.91
	Value for t = 4.266				
	Significance level 95%				

Table 5 shows the calculated value of "t" for sales data of K&VI in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The value of S.D and Variance is 6.06 and 3.68 respectively and the value for "t" is 4.266. However, the calculated value of "t" at 95% significance level and 9 df is 2.262, which means that calculated value of "t" is greater than table value hence:

Hypothesis 2 already set is also rejected that means there is significant growth in the sales of Khadi and village Industries in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

V. EMPLOYMENT GENERATION OF K&VI

Khadi is an age old industry in the state under study. Being labour intensive, Khadi industry is highly useful in creating employment opportunities especially in farflung and backward areas of the state. This Industry is capable of offering employment opportunities at the place of residence to a large section of the population. Rural industrialisation is important not only as a means of generating employment opportunities in the rural areas with low capital cost and raising the retail income of the people, but because Khadi & Village Industry have the capacity to correct regional imbalances by initiating industrial activities on dispersed basis in the most neglected, Backward inaccessible areas where perhaps the large-scale sector is unable to penetrate.

Khadi and village industries play an eminent role in the advancement of rural as well as semi-urban economy. The main objective of developing these industries is to raise the standard of living, generate more income, increase the use of local raw material and help the development of rural economy by generating employment for the people. Khadi and Village Industries promote rural industry. The development of rural industries increases the level of income in rural areas, and tends to break down the old self-sufficiency of the family and to lessen its cohesiveness creating opportunities for youth, women and the able bodied as well in changing the pattern of leisure life and work. Khadi and Village Industries should be looked upon not merely as a way of containing the rural workers and stopping them from migrating to urban areas by providing them some kind of remunerative employment in the villages.

^{**} Year indicating 31st March every year.

Table 6 and Graph 2 given below clearly shows that Khadi and Village Industries have played a very vital role in generating the employment for state population. In the 1980 Khadi industry provided employment to just 18396 persons and same raised up to 67433 persons in the 2000. But having a close look there is a steep decline in employment generation from the year 2005. In the year 2010 this sector provided employment to only 9020 persons which is very less in comparison to year 1980.

Graph 2 bring this fact that from year 1980 to 2000 that is almost for a period of 20 years the employment generation by Khadi & Village industry was following an increasing trend, but from the year 2005 there is tremendous decline so far as the employment generation of this sector is concerned. It is a matter of concern for us all especially for policy makers.

TABLE 6: EMPLOYMENT GENERATION BY KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN J&K

Year	Employment (No's)	Percentage change over 1980
1980 (March)	18396	
1990 (March)	46241	+151.36%
2000 (March)	67433	266.56%
2005 (March)	46539	152.98%
2010 (March)	9020	-50.97%

Source: Compiled from the data provided by KVIB, J&K government

GRAPH 2: EMPLOYMENT TREND IN KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN J&K

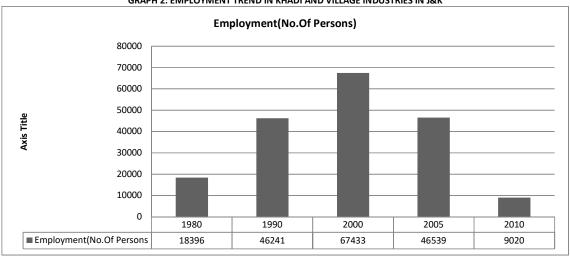


TABLE 7: TABLE SHOWING VALUE OF t-TEST

Employment generation of Khadi and Village Industries	D.f	Mean	S.D	variance	Std.Error
	4	3.752	2.36	5.57	1.056
	Value for t = 3.554				
	Significance level 95%				

Table 7 presents the values of S.D and Variance which are 2.36 and 5.57 respectively and the calculated value of "t" for employment generation data of K&VI in the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The value for "t" is 3.554. However, the calculated value of "t" at 95% significance level and 9 df is 2.262, which means that calculated value of "t" is greater than table value hence:

Hypothesis 3 already set is also rejected which means there is significant impact of Khadi and Village industries in the employment generation in the state of <u>Jammu and Kashmir.</u>

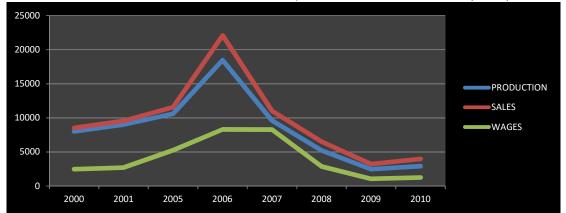
VI. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

A close study of performance of Khadi and village industries in the state economy from 1980 to 2005 and then from 2005 to 2010, which is around a period of 30 years reveals that up to 2006 production, sales and contribution in terms of providing wages all the three has shown increasing trend. In the year 1980 the production was of worth Rs 426.72 Lakhs, the sales for the same year was Rs. 448.06 Lakhs and the sector provided the wages worth Rs 109.10 Lakhs. These figures have gone upto Rs. 18464.83 Lakhs (production), Rs. 22107.57 Lakhs (Sales), Rs. 8300.72 Lakhs (Wages) in the year 2006. When we analyse the performance after 26 years the production has gone upto Rs 18464.83 Lakhs, the sales have gone upto Rs 22107.57 Lakhs and the wages gone upto Rs. 8300.72 Lakhs, but from year 2007 to 2009 onwards a sharp decline in all the three parameters viz: production, sales and wages though in the year 2010 we see again recovery. The production, sales and wages are inter-related with each other and all the three impact the employment generation when from 2006 onwards there is decline in the already stated parameters that negatively impacted employment provided by Khadi and Village Industries this can be seen from the fact that in the year 2005 the industry provided employment to 46539 persons but it declined to 9020 persons in the year 2010 which is a matter of great concern. Graph 3 clearly present the picture of decline on account of production, sales, and wages in the Khadi & Village Industries from 2007 but showing recovery in the year 2010.

The present study also makes it clear that the variance calculated for production, sales and employment data pertaining to Khadi and Village Industries comes to 2.74, 3.68, and 5.57 respectively which mean there is highest volatility in employment generation followed by sales and production respectively. Therefore, production of K&VI is more consistent in comparison to sales and employment generation. Thus it can be concluded that if employment generation of the industry has to be increased then production and sales compulsorily has to be increased for which following suggestions are forwarded:

- Use of modern methods and technology to increase production.
- Dynamic entrepreneurs to invest in such industries and start ventures.
- Political will to bring the industry on track.
- Government to provide financial and technical support.
- Provide adequate training for enhancing the skill of people engaged in such industries.
- Provide market facilities for the output of K&VI.

GRAPH 3: KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES PRODUCTION, SALES AND WAGES FROM 2000 TO 2010 (In Lakhs)



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