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# OPTIMIZING CAPITAL STRUCTURE THROUGH DEBT TO EQUITY BALANCING: A STUDY OF SELECTED ZIMBABWE STOCK EXCHANGE LISTED COMPANIES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The firm's capital structure as denoted by the debt to equity ratio or the financial debt to equity ratio is dependent on the weighted average cost of capital according to the traditional theory of capital structure. This study was conducted to investigate empirically, the determinants of capital structure for Zimbabwe Stock Exchange listed companies. The study also sought to establish if listed companies in the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange maintain a target debt to equity ratio as a measure of capital structure optimization. Data was collected through a questionnaire and also through the analysis of the financial statements of the selected listed companies. The findings from the survey confirmed that the cost of capital is a determinant of capital structure as denoted by debt to equity ratio. That is, capital structure depends on the weighted average cost of capital (WACC). The high WACC is associated with high debt to equity ratios and the cost of capital is a predominant consideration for making capital structure decisions in the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange listed companies. In addition, the analysis of the financial statements of the selected Zimbabwean listed companies revealed the evidence that companies with debt generally perform better than the all equity financed companies, the earnings per share (EPS) and Share Prices are generally higher. The majority of managers in the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange listed companies maintains a target debt to equity ratio and rebalances their capital structure to move towards their target whilst very few of managers have a no target policy at all. Few managers maintain a strict target and most managers maintain a target range and a considerable number of managers consider a flexible target as important.

# MAIZE CULTIVATION IN KARNATAKA & GROWERS' AWARENESS ON PRICE RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS.

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"Is Maize a potential crop for/to farmers of Karnataka?" Maize a versatile crop having wider adaptability under different agroclimatic conditions is globally known as queen of cereals with its usage. Maize with its highest yield potential is one of the principal cereal crops in India, contributes to the economic growth with substantial employment and significant contributions to export earnings. In India, Maize is the third most important food crop with nearly 9% stake in the national food basket. In addition to being staple food for humans and quality feed for animals, maize serves as a basic ingredient to thousands of industrial products. Maize is cultivated throughout the year in all the states of India & predominantly in Andhra Pradesh (20.9%), Karnataka (16.5%), Rajasthan (9.9%), Maharashtra (9.1%), and Bihar (8.9%) contributing to more than 80% of the national maize production. In southern states of India, farmers are substituting maize for rice wherever there is a drop in the water level, as maize is considered as a viable option for diversifying agricultural production owing to its adaptability in multiple seasons under different ecologies. Karnataka stands in first position in Maize productivity and is cultivated in all the seasons in most of the districts. Though Karnataka is considered to be one among top five growing states in agricultural sector, it is characterized by lack of reliable and timely information with a dearth of analysis on various vital aspects related to crop marketing, prices, trends at major national and international markets, demand and supply pattern, scientific forecasting, crop and weather information. Despite the initiatives from different segments including government of Karnataka, unfavorable deviation in market prices of maize are leading to reduced income to farmers and traders. It is known from studies that risks faced by Maize growers are forcing them to re-think on alternative commercial crops in the absence of awareness on effective risk management measures and tools like derivative instruments. This research paper is an attempt to study the marketing patterns of maize, awareness of price risk mitigating tools among maize growers in Karnataka state. Research work done through structured questionnaire served in vernacular language to maize growers in 3 selected high maize yielding districts of Karnataka state, tries to answer the questions like what are the constraints in maize marketing?, Are there tools available to mitigate the risks? What are the initiatives of the Government of Karnataka to increase the maize growers' financial returns? and so on.

# A STUDY OF LEAD LAGS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NSE EQUITY MARKET AND SINGLE STOCK FUTURES

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The relationship between the NSE equity and equity derivative markets well documented. Many studies concluded that future contracts have better price predicting power than spot market and identified future prices lead spot prices. This study aimed to identify the lead-lag relationship between equity spot and future market and to assess the role of stock futures market in price discovery process at NSE FO segment. High frequency one-minute data of spot and futures prices for 80 stocks collected for the period of four years i.e. from January 2012 to September 2015. The selected stocks pooled from 11 industries which are also present in SENSEX and NIFTY indices representing almost 70% of market capitalisation. A Bi-variate VAR model is deployed in order to identify causal relation between the markets and found bi-directional causality. An impulse response function deployed in order to assess the speed of price adjustment between the market and found the prices in both markets adjust together very quickly within the time frame of 3 minutes. Variance decomposition analysis resulted in depicting spot market strength in price discovery over the futures market.

# MOBILE PHONE MESSAGING INTERVENTIONS MAY PROVIDE BENEFIT IN SUPPORTING THE SELF-MANAGEMENT OF LONG-TERM ILLNESSES: AN ANALYSIS

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Over 70% of Indian population lives in villages and deprived of adequate healthcare facilities within their reach. Urban poor and rural population are equally suffering due to lack of skilled health workers, infrastructure and inability to pay for expensive and long term illness. 50% of deaths in India occur due to chronic diseases<sup>13</sup>. Mobile penetration has been on rise and over 70% of Indian population now have access to mobile phones. With limited spend by government on healthcare new avenues are being looked to support long term illness. The objective of this paper is to analyze the views of over 300 doctors and assess if mobile based messaging intervention may help the patients in self-management of long term illness? The survey results indicate that 67% doctors use SMS for day to day patient care and 88% doctors believe that mobile based text messaging interventions may help self-management of long term illness. Further 93% doctors believe that mHealth including mobile based text messaging can play a crucial role in chronic disease management.

# LECTURERS' PERCEPTION ON STUDENTS' APPRAISAL OF COURSES AND TEACHING: A CASE OF UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA

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The appraisal of courses and teaching by students is a procedure designed and adopted by the University of Cape Coast (UCC) to elicit information from students on the quality of teaching and learning. It is meant to serve as a means of involving students in the institutional quality assurance system. We investigated university lecturers' perception on the students' appraisal of courses and teaching. Data were drawn from survey conducted among lecturers in the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. The evaluation were rated from Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (4). Measuring teaching effectiveness is important because the evidence produced is used to make decisions on various facets of academic life. A sample of 310 out of 553 lecturers at post were targeted and a total of 251 lecturers responded to the questionnaires given a response rate of 81%. Majority of respondents accept students to evaluate them (97%), with 83% agreed that students possessed value judgments, which could enable them evaluate their lecturers. Further, some of the lecturers believe that feedback from the student appraisal practice promotes self-improvement (91%), while, 39% respondents were of the view that evaluation by students does not influence their teaching or compliance with rules and regulations. Sixty-nine respondents were of the view that Heads of Departments (HOD's) should be allowed to evaluate lecturers, while fifty-four suggested assessment committees. The respondents were of the view that lecturers need to be consulted in designing student appraisal instrument in order to ensure ownership and acceptability.

# EDUCATION AS A MEANS OF WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT: A STUDY ON THE PARENTS' ATTITUDES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The role of female education has for long been recognized as a means for empowering women and encouraging equality in our country. But, there have been impediments in the form of a conservative attitude of the people of our societies, lack of initiatives by the Government and educational institutes etc. But the last decade has seen the paradigm to be favorable towards the girl's education and Government offering more impetus for families to send a girl child to the schools. The study, conducted in the form of survey, unfolded a proportional relation between the provisions of the Government such as scholarships and mid-day meals and the positive outlook of the parents to send their girl child to schools in the place of Norshingpur, Barak Valley. The study also revealed that the parents seem to be apprehensive to send a growing girl child, who has attained the age of puberty if there is lack of proper and separate sanitation facilities for girls in the schools. Therefore, the study also recommends an improvement in the sanitation facilities provided in the school.

# A STUDY ON OVERALL IMPACT OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT ON JOB PERFORMANCE, MORALE OF EMPLOYEES AND TO REDUCE THE EMPLOYEE RESISTANCE TO NEW TECHNOLOGY

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Training and development of employees in an organization is one of the fundamental operating functions. An employee training is a process, which helps the employees to learn the skill, knowledge, behavior and attitude that is required to carry out his job effectively. The purpose of this study is to identify skill needed by future trainees and to develop those specific skills and knowledge among the trainees. Training always plays a very important role to the employees because of greater job security and opportunity for advancement. This study titled "A study on the impact of training and development on employees at Auma India Pvt. Itd" is to know and measure the skill, knowledge acquisition and attitude of the employees at Auma India Pvt. Ltd, Peenya that in turn helps the employees to perform better. This study also helps the company to analyze its quality work in the industry and to find a way to improve its existing level to its excellence level.

# MILLING STUDIES OF PULSES USING DIFFERENT PRE-MILLING TREATMENT OF PIGEON PEA (CAJANUS CAJAN)

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Pigeonpea (Cajanus cajan (L.) Millspaugh) popularly called as tur or arhar, is second most important pulse crop of India due to its several unique characteristics. It is the most versatile food legume with diversified uses as food, feed, fodder as well as fuel. It has been recognized as a valuable source of protein particularly in the developing countries like India where majority of the population depends on the low-priced vegetarian foods for meeting its dietary their reliance on vegetarian diets besides limited buying capacity of more than 27% people living below the poverty line. This research relates to "Performance Evaluation Of CFTRI Dal Mill For Pigeon Pea" and aims to increase the recovery of dal. For experimentation, Arhar of variety T-21 was selected, as it is considered to be the one of the most populer variety in Madhya Pradesh. Examination of physical properties like moisture content, angle of repose, true density and coefficient of static friction of Arhar was done after treating it with moisture, NaCl & NaHCO3 followed by sundrying and grinding in the CFTRI Dal mill. Experiments show that grains soaked for one hour gave higher dal recoveries then 30 min and 2 hours soaked grains. In general, there was increase in dal recovery with the increase in moisture content but it was observed that it falls beyond 10% moisture content. NaCl treatment of grain of 6% concentration gave highest dal recovery when the grains were milled at 10% moistures content. Also, the generation of powder and broken was minimum at 6% NaHCO3 and 10% moisture content of grain. This research led to the result that at 6% NaHCO3 concentration & 10.5% moisture content the recovery of dal is highest.

# A STUDY ON FINANCIAL DERIVATIVE OPTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO SELECTED SECTORS

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Financial markets always give importance to maximize returns and minimize risk. Derivatives are among the head of the innovations in the financial markets and aims to increase returns and reduce risk. They offer an opportunity for investors to protect themselves from the vagaries of the financial market. This paper gives a clear representation of development of derivatives such as Option Contracts and an attempt has been made to analyze the profit and loss position of Option contracts of buyers and sellers of different securities. This paper has also given more prominence to understand the concept of derivatives with special reference to Option Contracts and finally it provides a practical knowledge about the operations in the Option market.

# AN ARTICLE ON PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: A STUDY WITH REFERENCE TO KIRLOSKAR ELECTRIC CO. LTD., MYSORE

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The study finds out that the performance appraisal mainly depends on many factors that regulate the standard operating procedure. In the process of following the standard operating procedures set by the organization, there will be a chance for some minor changes, that would make the factors either related or unrelated. In this case there no strong correlation between the responsibilities, accountability and the job satisfaction. It means that any employee has entered to the work place with a certain level of satisfaction and they would exactly know of what is to be done. Therefore, responsibilities of the supervisor and the individual employee's job satisfaction do not show a strong correlation. The inference of this gives insight to many other factors that might show a better correlation related to job satisfaction.

# TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN INDIAN BANKING SECTOR: AN INSTRUMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

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Over the last three decades the role of banking in the process of financial intermediation has been undergoing a profound transformation, owing to changes the global financial system. Technological innovation is one of the most important catalysts for the transformation of the banking industry in terms of its transactions processing as well as for various other internal systems and processes. In the context of Indian banking system, it touches the lives of millions of people and it is growing at a fast pace. In India, banking industry is facing number of challenges like business strategies, changing needs and perceptions of customers, new regulations from time to time and great advances in technologies. The pressure of meeting these challenges have required banks to change the traditional method of doing business. The various innovations in banking and financial sector are ATM, Debit and Credit cards, ECS, EFT, NEFT, RTGS, POS, Retail banking, net banking, mobile banking and many more value added products and services. This paper studies about financial innovation in banking in India. It also highlights the benefits and challenges of innovative banking trends. Banks boost technology investment spending strongly to address revenue, cost and competitiveness concerns. The purpose of present study is to analyze such effects of innovation in banking on growth and development of India.

# LITERACY AND LITERARY PROGRAMMES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN INDIA

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#### **ABSTRACT**

India is the second highest populated country in the world, it was achieved 67% of literacy and 33% will be inroad because of poverty, religion, school environment community, social cultural condition. To overcome from this Govt. has taken strong will and steps to eradicate illiteracy from India by providing free education, books for 1st to 10th standard for both boys and girls and give more importance to girls education for all the communities to bridge the general gap at elementary school level by 2001 to 2011, this makes citizens educationally strong and meet their demands and those of their family needs by increasing their productivity and their potential to achieve a higher standards of living. Govt. has made special scheme for backward classes such as scheduled tribes and scheduled castes in the name of Tribal special programme. and also Government has introduced several programmes towards the society like Akshara scheme, Akshara Deepa, sarvashikshana abiyana etc. In this way the Government has taken the decisions to overcome from the illiteracy in this country.

# THE DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGERIAL WOMEN OF BELOW POVERTY LINE SELF HELP GROUP IN DISTRICT GONIDA IN MAHARASHTRA

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Organization plays a major role in the development of managerial women. The purpose of this paper is to see if managerial women in Maharashtra. Maharashtra is chosen with the special reference to Gondia District. Self help group are gift of 21<sup>st</sup> century of our country. our country is occupied by villages mainly maximum population is located in rural areas, small colonies currently population of our country is more than 115 corers and out that 70% population is in rural areas and concern with country is called as agriculture country 35% of our population is literate and rural areas it is less 20-25%. It is fact that poverty follows illiteracy. In this condition principle of women self dependent saving unit will be ray of light for our country to fix the critical problem of our country.

#### PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF KUDUMBASREE LINKED MICRO ENTERPRISES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The educated Indian women have to go a long way to achieve equal rights and position because traditions are deep rooted in Indian society where the sociological set up has been a male dominated one. Despite all the social hurdles, Indian women stand tall from the rest of the crowd and are applauded for their achievements in their respective field. Kudumbasree is an innovative women centered, state poverty eradication programme in rural and urban areas of the state of Kerala. It aims at eradicating absolute poverty, with in a definite time period, under the leadership of local governments. Kudumbasree is a holistic, participatory, women oriented innovative poverty reduction approach. It envisages prosperity of the economically backward families of the state. Kudumbasree linked micro enterprises play a vital role in poverty alleviation and socio- economic development of the marginalized, and help to bring about equitable and balanced economic development with low amount of capital investment. Women owned business is one of the fast growing segments of micro enterprises. Increased income in the hands of women is invested in health, education and housing of their families. The present study about problems and prospects of Kudumbasree linked micro enterprises analyses problems faced by micro enterprises, the reasons for irregularity of income for these types of units and the quantum of investment in current and fixed assets by these units.

### PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF LEATHER INDUSTRY IN VELLORE DISTRICT

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Indian leather industry has experienced a huge change from being an exporter of raw leather to an exporter of finished leather products. Credit can be given to the various policy initiatives taken by the government from time to time. At present leather industry is among top industries which earn foreign exchange for India. There are more than 1200 units in Vellore district contributing around 37% of Indian leather goods exported to foreign countries. In Vellore these industries are facing environmental issues. Measures are required to avoid pollution of ground water and agriculture fields due to effluents from these leather and tanning units. Through this paper, an attempt has been made to see the present condition of leather industry, its current problems and other burning issues.

#### **CHANGING E-TAIL TRENDS IN INDIA**

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E-tail refers to Electronic retailing i.e. offering goods and services by the marketer to the retail customers through the internet. In the present decade this category of business has grabbed a lot attention on account of significant increase in the number of companies in this area and lucrative offerings and sales growth made by such retailers. This paper aims at identification and analysis of significant changes in e-tail trends along with major causes of such changes.

# A STUDY ON TWO WHEELER PURCHASING PATTERN OF COLLEGE STUDENTS IN KOTTARAKARA TALUK

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The study finds out that purchasing pattern is the decision process and physical activity engaged in when evaluating, acquiring, using or disposing of goods and services. The present study reveals that there is a heavy demand for Honda motorcycles in the market, so their supply has to be drastically improved so as to meet the demand of the customer. Two wheelers with attractive design can be introduced to attract more customers. The main aim of marketing is to meet and satisfy target customers' needs and wants. The field of consumer behaviour studies states that how individuals, groups and organization select, buy, use and dispose of goods, service, ideas, or experience to satisfy their needs and desires understanding consumer behavior and knowing customer are never simple. The wealth of products and service produced in a country make our economy strong. The behaviour of human being during the purchase is being termed as "Buyer Behaviour". They may not be in touch with their deeper motivations. It consists of mental and physical activities which consumers undertake to get goods and services and obtain satisfaction from them. It includes both observable activities such as walking through the market to examine merchandise and making a purchase and mental activities-such as forming attitudes, perceiving advertising material, and learning to prefer particular brands. Purchasing pattern and consumer behaviour are very complex and dynamic, therefore, management needs to adjust with the change otherwise market may be lot. The individual's specific purchasing pattern ofbehaviours in the market place is affected by internal factor, such as need, motives, perception, and attitudes, as well as by influences such as the family social groups, culture, economics and business influences.

#### **HUMAN INTERACTION WITH SMART MOBILE PHONE**

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The intersection of computer science and behavioral sciences, this field involves the study, planning, and design of the interaction between people (users) and smart mobile phones. Attention to human-machine interaction is important, because poorly designed human-machine interfaces can lead to many unexpected problems. Now days the new generation are tech — savvy and they are born in the digital age. The study here aims at to find out the improved user interfaces or interaction techniques. There are several problems associated with the using of smart mobile phones. Those problems are mainly associated the various demographic factors. Most of the people doesn't have any awareness in using the mobile phones. These problems can be overcome through user-friendly apps and proper advertisement. Well-formed questionnaire about the new ideas for uses interfaces invite observation and measurement of human interaction with technology of interest. Few information has been collected through perception also.

### POLITICIZATION OF STUDENTS' UNIONS: A STUDY IN BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA

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The study aimed to find out whether student leaders were drawn from politicized families and whether participation or non-participation of their parents in politics had any bearing on the emergence of student leadership. Also, the study also examined their roles and responsibilities of being leaders and look at how far the patron-client relationships exists between the political leaders and students' union. The sample consists of 120 students representing from 14 different colleges of Bhubaneswar. 73 (60.8%) are 1st-year students; 27 (22.5%) are 3rd year and 13 (10.8%) are 1st-year students; 5 (4.2%), NA and 2 (1.7%). The findings of this study on students' opinions on social justice have been presented given participants' socio-political, economic and cultural backgrounds. This study has shown that students thought socio-economic status and political views were two factors most likely to expose an individual to injustice in India. The study recommends that the future research should focus on a specific aspect of benefits such as social movement or social justice.

# RELEVANCE OF UNORGANISED RETAILERS AND THEIR PROBLEMS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO CALICUT CITY

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Everybody needs to go to the market in their life. Market is the place where we can buy almost anything for a price. In the market there are mainly two types of retailers competing with each other to sell their products in an organized format of surroundings such as with buildings, furniture and so on. And some other sellers moving their products by informal surroundings. They have no any organized format of framework. They are running their business by sitting in a street or in a public footpath or in a small roof. These kinds of sellers are still common in major big and small cities. Today, vending is an important source of employment for a large number of urban poor as it requires low skills and small financial inputs. Broadly defined, a street vendor is a person who offers good or services for sale to the public without having a permanent built-up structure but with a temporary static structure or mobile stall (or head-load). Street vendors could be stationary and occupy space on the pavements or other public/private areas, or could be mobile, and move from place to place carrying their wares on push carts or in cycles or baskets on their heads, or could sell their wares in moving buses. The Government of India has used the term 'urban vendor' as inclusive of traders and service providers, stationary as well as mobile, and incorporates all other local/region specific terms used to describe them.

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