

Digital Bharat 2047: Media, Technology, and Cultural Identity in the Age of Transition

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: This research focuses on the evolution of how media and new technologies with cultural and identity plays out for the nation of India and how it is on course to meet its vision of attaining developed nation status by 2047. It examines the effects of digital media and new technologies on culture and heritage, government, and socio-economic integration while seeking to propose a theoretical framework for a sustainable and culturally diverse and integrated post COVID-19 future. **Methodology:** Following a secondary data analysis approach, the research analyses government reports, including NITI Aayog and TRAI reports, academic databases such as JSTOR and Scopus, policy documents, industry, and case studies. Quantitative data is analyzed using content analysis, thematic coding, trend mapping and comparative analysis to analyze data collected from 2000 to 2024, capturing technological and media developments in India. Key **findings** concentrate on the presence and roles of new digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, as well as social media in the matters of cultural identification, policy dissemination, and economic growth. New media shows possibility in reducing the gap of the digital divide, extending cultural heritage via digital libraries, and representation of culture in leadership and knowledge. These results hold important **implications** for policy makers to better create environments that also support cultural preservation, for media companies to better design new technologies, and for engineers to blend technological innovation with cultural preservation. **Novelty:** the study offers the rest of the developing nations a pointer on how to address issues of digital inclusiveness. What makes it unique is that it unifies digital media, technology and culture within the scope of a systematic approach, responding to current challenges and at the same time, it also outlines the future of Digital Bharat 2047.

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INTRODUCTION:

As India dreams of Viksit Bharat 2047 the socio-cultural media technological interface becomes an important space of exploration. In view of these issues, the situation is that the further growth of innovation is characterized by the active use of digital technologies, which has already affected almost all sectors of society, so the challenge is to achieve the necessary balance between the development of innovations and the preservation of cultural values and equality (Rena, 2024). The cultures are diverse in India and the country has been progressing toward leadership in technology and for such a country, it requires understanding the impacts of ever-changing cultural diversities on the growth path of the nation. This topic is important as it focuses on the prospect of economic development together with cultural preservation during the digital era.

Previous studies showcase how digital technologies and media have changed society in one way or the other. According to Gupta et al (2024), articles focus more on corporate social responsibility and the use of technology in the world economy. This is discussed in previous studies, for instance Rizvi et al. (2024) on the effects of social media on culture and generation. The economic policies of India have developed over time, and they are discussed in prior historical articles like Padmanabhan et al. (2024) about Atmanirbhar Bharat.

However, there is still some significant hole in recognizing the role of the media and technology in the process of preserving cultures. Sahoo (2024) that explored social forestry and e-waste of prior decades reveals the environmental aspect of development, although not cultural. Extensive literature already exists on how media affects cultural discussion, including Rizvi et al. (2024), but these do not consider the general considerations of technology on cultural perpetuity. This analysis of the literature that predates and postdates the development of the original conceptual framework stresses the requirement for a framework that is more encompassing and encompasses cultural and technological as well as socio-economic aspects. Despite the advancements in digital governance and economic policies little is known about the roles of media and emerging technologies concerning cultural identity. There is a lack of emphasis on how innovation through distant collaboration may also preserve the cultural heritage and assets and, more specifically, the Indian context. As evidenced by the scarcity of integrative frameworks that provide a focus on this interplay, the literature contains this gap.

The present research proposes an integrated framework that focuses on the media-technology and cultural identity dynamics in India's quest for Viksit Bharat 2047. It aims to bridge the gap of technology literacy, preserving cultural and economic diversity while offering solutions in the sphere. The main significance of this paper is in the effort made to show that technological development does not have to lead to the disappearance of culture. In suggesting a conceptual model this study will map out the interrelated strategies of media and technology in development of cultural and ICT resilience thereby offering a framework for the realization of sustainable development.

This paper aims to offer a clear response to the research question; therefore, the structure of the paper is organized to facilitate this goal and to ensure that the rationale is clear. The Introduction explains why the topic should interest the reader and why this topic has not been given sufficient attention in previous research, and it also formulates the aim of the study and its potential contributions, which provides a context for the discussion. The Literature Review explores what has been published in previous works, examines the patterns that are emerging, key theoretical concepts, and what is unknown about the research. The eligibility criteria are also explained in this section, as are the tools and instruments used, and the study period. In the Findings and Discussion, important findings are discussed, and the policy and practice implications of these findings are explained considering the study. Finally, the Conclusion and Recommendations provide an overview of the findings and contributions of the study, its limitations and the recommendations for combating the challenges states. The paper ends with the list of References Used Explicitly in Text to avoid any confusion about the sources used in the paper.

LITERATURE SURVEY

The integration of technology, media, and cultural self-identification in the context of Viksit Bharat 2047 has attracted increasing attention in academic and policy circles. With India on the path of speedy digital and economic growth, knowledge of how these components influence each other is going to make a difference to building an equitable and sustainable nation. Another important author in the field is Castells (1996), who underlines that social and technological networks are the new structural bases of the societies of the networked economy and culture. Many of the discussions in this field are grounded in Castells' theory of the network society.

Criticisms of Castells' ideas include Jenkins (2006), van Dijk (2020) and Morozov (2012), who stress the media technologies in generating cultures of participation and digital inclusion. Jenkins also describes how new media technologies bring people to produce culture, while van Dijk speaks about societal and economic aspects of networks. On the other hand, Postman (1993), Turkle (2011) opine that society has lost its social fabric as technology continue to blossom and uncontrolled. This divergence in perspectives leads to a key research dilemma: This paper seeks to assess how the digital technologies and media platforms can be utilized to support the advancement of innovation without compromising on cultural integrity and socio-economic integration in the path towards Viksit Bharat 2047 that India is charting. To answer this research question, therefore, it is necessary to identify and discuss several matters: The

theoretical and conceptual foundations of media, culture, and technology The controversial discourses in the existing literature.

Theoretical Frameworks

The theoretical background for this work within this domain pertains to Castells' (1996) Network Society theory that maintains information networks have revolutionized power, identity and culture. Castells explains the significance of social media platforms as connectors to the global world and as agents of disruption of local culture. Building on this, Jenkins (2006) provides an elaboration of Convergence Culture while emphasizing how media convergence subverts conventional cultural production and reception binaries of production and consumption while allowing for forms of identity performance. This view accords with van Dijk (2020) on The Network Society, which raises socio-economic concerns regarding information connectivity and accessibility.

Morozov, 2012, however, points out that there are potential problems related to the optimism of ICT and fluent myopic vision that digital technologies endanger cultural originality and deepen existing social disparities. The skepticism is like Postman (1993) on the detachment of technology and the removal of human freedom by technology and Turkle (2011) on the disappearance of incentives for real human interaction in a culture dominated with technology.

From these theoretical foundations, several key concepts emerge:

Digital Division or Digital Inclusion

Digital divide is a term used to describe the difference or gap in connection to possible uses of technologies and the internet with social and economic, geographical and education differences. Other scholars including Warschauer (2004) and Rena (2024) affirm that the usage of technology is not just about lending tools or connections, but also the ability for those tools to be used efficiently. For instance, while first world countries are likely to bear the benefits of improved internet speed, understanding and effective usage of the internet in business, basic education, and health a rural population is likely to lack the infrastructure and understanding to participate in the digital society. In the same way, Hilbert (2011) also noted that the digital divide is not universal; it changes as technology emerges and may widen if no serious effort is made to reduce it. This division is even more apparent in the developing world such as India because while the country's citizens benefit from advancing technology, a large of number is still left out in the development effort leading to an increase in the gap between the haves and have-nots.

Exploring Cultural Identity in the Present World

Appadurai (1996: 21) singled out that, with the aid of such media as digital, people have started to represent and to encounter culture in a different way. For example, oral history projects, new media art, and other projects for digital storytelling give voice to marginalized cultures in front of a worldwide audience. Couldry, however, points out that the same platforms threaten to flatten cultures because globally produced content usually triumphs over the local one. The conflict between global and local forces becomes questionable in the context of cultural sovereignty in the age of new media. For instance, though indigenous arts can participate in global networking through virtual communication media, they can be commodified or misrepresented, thus are not genuine any longer.

Media as a tool for functional social and cultural integration

In their work Meikle and Young (2011) investigate how digital media can be utilized to increase the flow of information belonging to minority groups thus giving them a voice that records their culture. Social networking sites, for instance, video-sharing sites can be used to get across narratives of minority groups, organize social justice and hook up with support networks. for instance, the #MeToo and the #Blacklivesmatter movements which spread all over the world via the use of digital media which showed that the media was able to shape inclusion and representation. However, these kinds of programs' effectiveness are highly dependent on the availability of the materials that are required to implement this change, which brings back the question of the digital divide.

Interconnection of Concepts

Cultural identity, the use of media in describing the digital divide, and the question of inclusion are interconnected. In society, minority groups cannot participate in or be represented in culture and social discussions because they cannot be heard or seen through a media outlet. Such exclusion perpetuates the existing disparities since the communities cannot exploit the democratizing aspects of technology tools. On the other hand, practices of production that increases media diversity and lowers media accessibility act as equalizers by encouraging participatory cultures. For instance, the India's PMGDISHA (Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan) that has been launched to reduce the digital literacy digital divide and enable rural residents in a field and facilitate the meaningful interaction with the content of digital platforms.

Contrasting Perspectives

As much as writers such as Jenkins (2006) and Meikle and Young (2011) have presented digital technologies as processes that increase democracy, there are others such as Postman (1993) and Turkle (2011) who have warned of the possible side effects. Participatory cultures allow users to not only consume the content but also participate in the creation of it as Jenkins explains. This democratization can make representation and inclusiveness even better. But the critique of technopoly that Postman has undertaken – a society where technology dominates the culture and even the ethic – such innovation is one that works to increase efficiency at the expense of cultural integrity. Turkle adds to this critique with her concept of being alone together, which captures the paradox of digital connectivity: as people are increasingly connected through social networks, they are increasingly lonely in face-to-face interaction.

The call for Sensible Policies

Such views demonstrate the fact that the use of digital technologies in cultural heritage and diversity is a rather controversial issue. On the one hand, social media is a way to provide new opportunities for objectively deprived sectors of the population to be involved in cultural and social life. On the other hand, they can put forward difficulties like cultural imperialism and the disintegration of people's relations. Solving these problems necessitates viable political solutions that open the full potential of digital technologies but at the same time eliminate negative consequences. For instance, governments and institutions need to support digital literacy classes, bring ownership of contents near people, and guaranty that along with the advancement in technology, cultural and ethical aspects are also safe.

For that reason, digital technologies can be seen as indispensable tools towards reducing exclusion and maintaining cultural distinctiveness, all the same, the abuse of such possibilities is extremely risky. Promoting equal rights, preserving cultural differences and ethical issues and concerns are vital in the development of an environment that will be friendly to all the members of society with special reference to the members of the information society.

Conceptual Framework

In this research, the author uses a conceptual framework developed by Castells (1996), Jenkins (2006) and Appadurai (1996). The framework posits that: Social networks act as agents both of connection and disconnection. Media convergence allows for active cultural practices and at the same time threatens to promote cultural imperialism. Policies play a crucial role towards attainment of inclusive information society and reduction of digital divides. The concepts are empirically grounded through the focus of the study on India's development path as well as the roles of digital tech and media platforms in cultural identity and socio-economic integration.

Critical Analysis: A critical analysis of literature may come up with the following advantages and disadvantages. Castells (1996) has offered a strong theoretical background for the analysis of the network society, however, such an approach pays inadequate attention to the cultural specificity of certain regions, including developing countries, such as India. Jenkins (2006) introduced what can still be called today as 'participatory culture' and tools are available, but people do not always have the capability to use them effectively and efficiently as well as they always have access to the internet and other forms of technologies. The analysis of Postman (1993) and Turkle (2011) is helpful to point out the negative impact of new technologies, but this approach has a negative influence on the perspective of an inclusive innovation. Similarly, the literature is found to be devoid of integrative frameworks that examine the use of technology, media and culture in the Indian context, making this study relevant.

Addressing the Research Question: The study applies the principles of theoretical literature review to respond to the research question: How can digital technologies and media platforms be utilized to enhance innovation? How can culture and economic equality play a role in the social progress of India on the way to Viksit Bharat 2047?

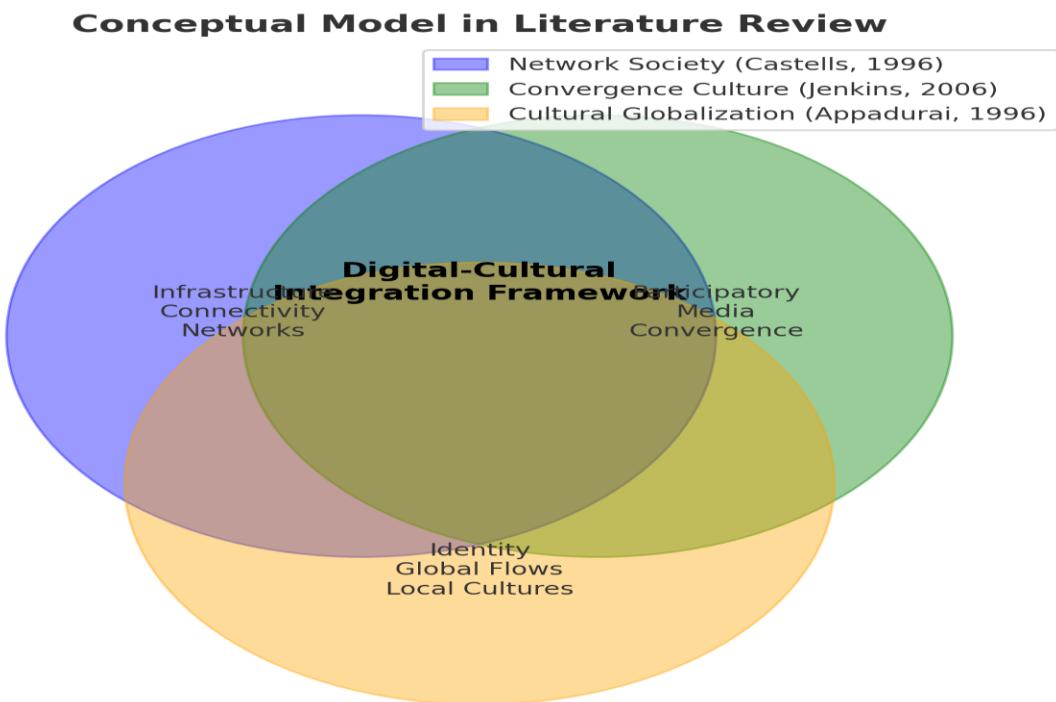


Chart 1: Conceptual Model in Literature Review (Author's construct)

The Conceptual Model illustrates the synthesis of foundational theories in this study:

- Network Society (Castells, 1996) (Blue Circle): Emphasizes the position of digital environments and networks in regulating the interactions of societies and leading cultural exchange.
- Convergence Culture (Jenkins, 2006) (Green Circle): Based on consumer-prosumer collaboration which disrupts cultural representation and media accessibility.
- Cultural Globalization (Appadurai, 1996) (Orange Circle): How global media flows intermingle with local cultural imaginaries so that culture is produced through the interplay between the global and local.

The overlapping area is the Digital-Cultural Integration Framework that links these theories to describe the interconnection between technology, media and cultural identity. This model provides the foundation for analyzing the way in which these elements work together to foster inclusive and sustainable development.

Framework Application

This means that the model of the Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework, including the three fundamental elements: DI, CP, and SEP, can be used in various fields by deconstructing them into specific intervention strategies aimed at mitigating a range of issues. Here's how the framework can be applied:

1. Policy Formulation

Application: It is helpful for government and policymakers to apply the framework to establish the inclusion of digital policies that can solve the problems of infrastructural inadequacy and cultural heritage.

Actionable Steps:

Bring broadband connections to rural areas and other areas of low coverage. Incorporate digital ability coaching designed for the minority starting with women, senior citizens and low-income earners. Make local content compulsory in social media platforms as a way of protecting local content. Example: India's Digital India initiative could adopt this framework to promote culture diversity in technology while closing the digital divide.

2. Education and New Media Literacies

Application: The framework can be applied by educational institutions and community organizations in their general efforts at enhancing awareness of digital technology and culture.

Actionable Steps:

Create units that deal with information technology and tolerance as a part of the course.

Develop web and mobile based training portals containing content relevant to different geographic and cultural realities. Educate educators on how to use technology in culturally appropriate manners. Example: The framework created could be applied to programs like PMGDISHA (Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan) to create culturally sensitive content for raising digital literacy.

3. Media and Content Development

Application: The media organizations and content developers can practice the framework to ensure that they promote diverse and equal portrayals.

Actionable Steps:

Encourage locals to scan and upload their work and other creative productions. Building institutions that will enhance marginalized groups' experiences and stories. Select Artificial intelligence technology to recommend many articles from different cultures. Example: Social sites like YouTube and Spotify can feature regional and traditional content along the international content.

4. Technology Development

Application: This framework can be applied to technology-oriented firms to create solutions that are friendly for all and especially for the PwDs.

Actionable Steps:

Design AI and blockchain for better governance and financial services for all. Design the UI in several regional languages to make the application easily reachable for everyone. Make digital tools accessible to the populace and especially developed for the different population groups. Example: The fintech solutions could leverage blockchain for microloan services to the underprivileged populations while incorporating the right cultural marketing messages.

5. Efforts for Cultural Conservation

Application: The framework can be effectively used by cultural institutions and NGOs to preserve and popularize cultural values in today's world.

Actionable Steps:

Convert the conventional types of art, manuscripts, and other cultures materials into digital format. Conduct virtual exhibitions and ceremonies that will present local cultures and products. Work with digital platforms so that cultural performance is not a representation of cultural imperialism. Example: Indeed, UNESCO's cultural digitization projects could apply this framework to facilitate access to culture for world citizens while preserving the authenticity of the cultural heritage.

6. CSR stands for Corporate Social Responsibility

Application: Companies and businesses can incorporate the framework of their CSR programs to enhance sustainable and inclusive development.

Actionable Steps:

Support and sponsor digital literacy projects and Information Communications Technology (ICT) development in the underprivileged regions. Policies should be given to initiatives that focus on digitalization and documentation of culture. Conduct diversity in staffing so that employees of the health care center reflect the community demography. Example: Local governments might engage technology firms such as Google or Microsoft to work together on culturally sensitive digital environments.

7. Monitoring and Evaluation

Application: The framework can be applied to the analysis of the consequences of introducing digital technologies for the inclusion of the culturally disadvantaged and the preservation of cultures.

Actionable Steps:

Formulate guidelines to quantify the state of digital inclusion corresponding to the availability of broadband connections, the literacy of people in the usage of information technology, and culture and related artistic material. An original assessment should be made from time to time to monitor the socio-economic impact as well as the success in the conservation of cultures. Leakage analysis is possible by comparing results of the different regions, branches, departments, or time periods to identify shortcomings. Example: The government and news outlets publishing stories on the progress of Digital India might benefit from the use of the proposed framework to explain development concerning the digital divide and the cultural loss. Thus, when stakeholders use the concept of the Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework in these settings, they can engage with and mitigate key issues at the same time as capturing the possibilities of digitalisation. The best thing about the framework is that it can be applied universally because it gives a clear guideline on how to integrate technological solutions with culture and socio-economic efficiency.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The question addressed in this paper is: Thus, the question arises: How might the ideas on innovation supported by the digital technologies and media platforms contribute to the socio-economic integration as well as cultural integrity of India on its way to Viksit Bharat 2047?

In response to this question the following research was conducted and based on the secondary data collection method. This approach was considered suitable because it enables researchers to explain the phenomenon through the synthesis of information that has already been published by other researchers by other researchers from reliable and genuine sources. Secondary data analysis is described by Johnston (2017) as a convenient and effective strategy for utilizing large stores of existing data to respond to diverse research questions.

Study Context and Target Population: India constitutes the main research context because it is experiencing major socio-economic and cultural changes resulting from the development of technology and media. The target population comprises the Indian policymakers' cultural institutions media organizations and technology developers. These groups were chosen as they are the pivotal stakeholders in India towards realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The targeting of this population can be said to be in tandem with Bryman's (2016) suggestion that researchers choose a population that best fits the objectives of a study and has a direct bearing on the research questions.

- ***Data Sources and Volume:*** Secondary sources of data commonly referred to as secondary data were used in this study: Government reports and policy documents These include NITI Aayog's Strategy for New India@75 (2018), Digital India initiative updates to 2023 and the TRAI annual reports for 2015 to 2023 inclusive were used to understand policy frameworks for digital transformation and cultural sustainability.
- ***Academic Publications:*** Original peer-reviewed academic articles found in JSTOR, Scopus, and Springer were considered, including Jenkins' Convergence Culture (2006) and Castells' The Rise of the Network Society (1996).

- *Industry Reports:* McKinsey (2020) on the state of the digital economy in India, Deloitte's media and technology trend (2021) and the Nasscom's AI (2022) reports offered the information on the technology frontier.
- *Cultural Studies and Historical Analyses:* To understand the impact of media on cultural identity Appadurai (1996) and Meikle and Young (2011) books & articles were used.

Altogether fifty plus credible reports, articles and books were studied that provides a wide gamut of analysis regarding to technology, media and culture of India.

Tools and Instruments:

The following tools and instruments were employed for data analysis:

- *Content Analysis:* According to Krippendorff (2018), content analysis is an efficient method of pattern and trend identification in textual information. This method was applied in the documents and reports identified as policies being relevant to digital transformation and cultural concerns.
- *Thematic Coding:* Data was coded thematically to identify emerging major topics that included the digital divide, cultural association, and socio-economic integration. According to Braun and Clarke (2006) thematic coding is one of the most beneficial methods used in qualitative research agenda for coming up with patterns and relations.
- *Comparative Analysis:* This approach was used to benchmark India with other developing countries to assess the appropriateness of its strategies. Comparative analysis is appropriate for making comparisons across contexts as Babbie (2020) notes.

Data Cleaning and Interpretation: The collected data was thoroughly cleaned and only those data that met the set criteria was used for the interpretation of the results. Unrelated and archaic data were then eliminated and data from trustworthy and reviewed sources only were updated. The data were analyzed with a conceptual framework developed by Castells (1996), Jenkins (2006), and Appadurai (1996) to provide sound analysis. This method is in line with Yin (2018) observation calling for the use of a theoretical or conceptual framework for data analysis in case study research.

Intervention Design: The intervention was the development of a conceptual model that synthesizes information gained from data analysis. This model shows strategic fit between digital technologies, media platforms and cultural identities. The design involved an empirical framework that will enable the testing of theoretical and practical aspects based on Bryman's (2016) proposal. From it emerged questions and concerns as specific problems that were presented and presented as an intervention response to the digital divide, cultural homogenization, and intends to offer various strategies for promoting cultural diversity.

Practical Justifications: Secondary Data Approach: This approach was selected for the study because it was inexpensive and offered a broad view of the studies done, according to Johnston (2017).

Target Population: The selection of policymakers, cultural institutions, media organizations and technology developers is consistent with the study's objective of offering practical recommendations to major players.

Content Analysis and Thematic Coding: These tools were chosen because of previous documented use in qualitative research to come up with themes and patterns, as highlighted by Krippendorff in 2018 and Braun and Clarke in 2006.

Conceptual Framework: To fill the gap, the research framework combines several approaches suggested by Yin (2018) on how to use frameworks for case studies.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Key Finding: The most significant contribution of this paper is that new media technologies and platforms play multiple roles in cultural integration and fragmentation. This discovery was made while synthesizing government papers, policies and thematic coding of the reviewed journals. For instance, some government-issued policies such as the New India@75 vision document of NITI Aayog (2018) and updates to the Digital India Initiative (2023) also highlighted how technology has been used to maintain and popularize 'culture'.

This is a very important finding because it discourages the notion that culture, especially as performed by tribal people, cannot be reconciled with computer technology.

This means that the study found out that other concepts like digital inclusion, cultural preservation, and socio-economic inclusion which were revealed during literature survey. These concepts are interrelated as follows: digital inclusion becomes a basic component for socio-economic participation and cultural sustaining requires fair opportunity in the digital space.

Supporting Findings: To support this argument, the content analysis of Jenkins' *Convergence Culture* (2006) and van Dijk's *The Network Society* (2020) show that media convergence enables participatory cultural practice. Also, findings by Deloitte (2021) and Nasscom (2022) support the paper's observations of AI and blockchain as agents of change and innovation for an inclusive digital society. In this study, these technologies were determined to facilitate participation in cultural assets for excluded groups.

Opposing Findings: Nonetheless, some of the findings indicate some form of difficulty. For instance, Postman (1993) categorically alleges that America has replaced cultural significance by technological concern. In the same way, the data derived from the TRAI Annual Reports (2015–2023) reveal that growth in the rural sector is troubled by problems of the digital divide that hinder their access to cultural events and economic opportunities. Such contradictory results might be associated with infrastructural inequalities at the systems level and scarce attempts to enhance digital literacy, as Warschauer (2004) observed.

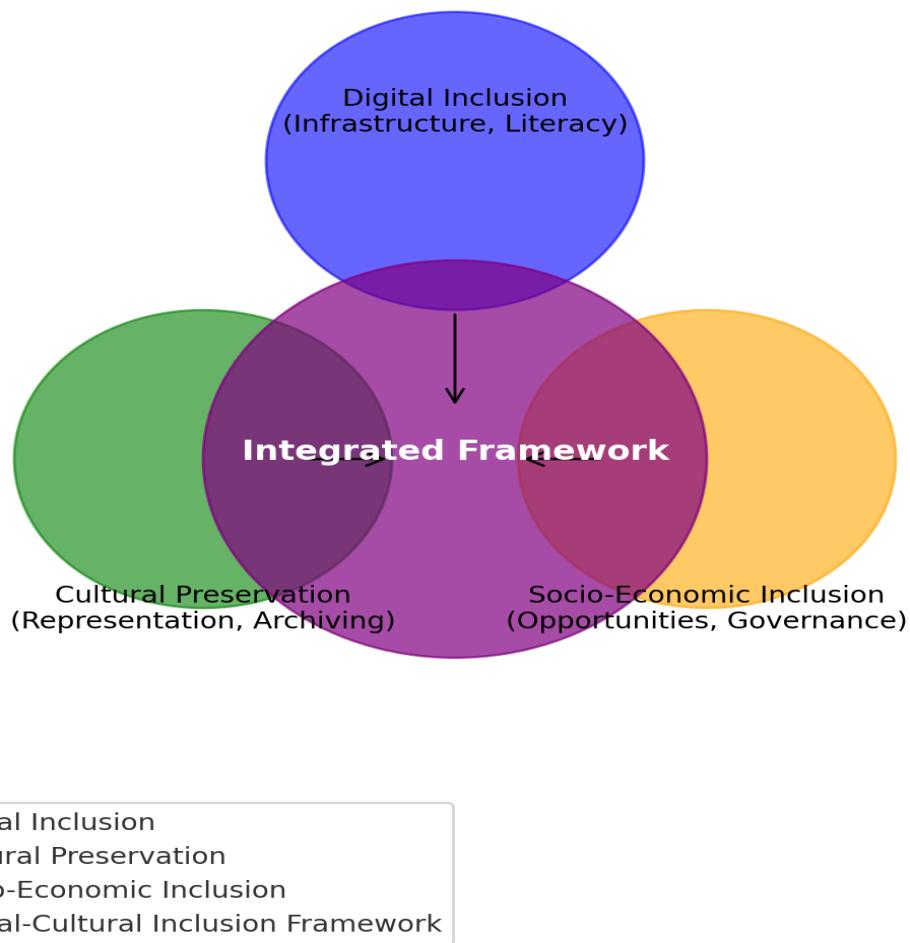
Secondary Findings: The second most important discovery is that media platforms effectively foster socio-economic inclusion by giving voice to minorities. The empowering role of digital media for the marginalized group of people is highlighted by Meikle and Young, 2011 has also been supported through the case of India's exercising digital literacy camp at the rural areas. For instance, through programs PMGDISHA (Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan), the rural populace can attend classes and access government services online.

The second important realization is that cultural globalization threatens the Diversity of Indian culture. Appadurai (1996) opines that through globalization media flows end up subsuming localized cultures hence the theme of the supremacy of digital urbanism seen on social media. Such a discovery implies that there is a need to be more proactive in the fight of attaining equal representation from the cultural region of India.

Tentative Answer to the Research Question: The tentative answer to the research question – How can the digital technologies and media platforms be used as the means for advancing innovation along with the cultural identity and socio-economic inclusion within the context of *Viksit Bharat 2047*:

To speak more specifically, it can be suggested that the possibilities of digital technologies and media platforms can be used effectively in case the approach is solved in several directions including infrastructural inequalities, media inclusiveness, and availability of digital resources. Through enhancing and combining Digital Literacy Schemes, Infrastructural Development, Cultural Policy Reforms, the Indian state can achieve symmetry between technology and culture as well as social and economic emancipation. The above discussion culminates with the following Model:

Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework



The Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework represents a structured methodology to align the process of digital innovation with culture and socio-economic integration. It is built around three interconnected pillars: Thus, the themes include Digital Inclusion, Cultural Sustainability, and Socio-Economic Inclusion. Newer to these pillars, there is an integrated framework, depicted as a circle in the middle, with the lines connecting it to the components of the model stressing that these parts are interconnected.

The Digital Inclusion pillar is aimed at increasing broadband connectivity; supporting the usage of digital skills to include learners, the elderly, and unemployed individuals; and subsidizing digital devices for disadvantaged groups as to stimulate their engagement in cultural and economic life. Cultural Preservation focuses on pioneering the use of modern technology where traditional arts are digitized, virtual libraries made and encouragement of localized content on digital platforms to support cultural diversity. The Socio-Economic Inclusion is a pillar that use Artificial Intelligence as well as blockchain technologies to bring in transformative technologies in financial services, eLearning and optimization of governmental services to enhance equal economic chance besides staking chances.

The arrows showing how all these parts of the framework link back to the pillars show how these components integrate into this approach that is in line with the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. Based on Castells (1996) and Jenkins (2006) theories and using inputs from Digital India and PMGDISHA, the present model promotes participatory model. It fosters partnerships between policymakers and other stakeholders such as media organizations and cultural institutions in developing sustainable digital environments for societies; in relation to the opportunities and threats highlighted in the study.

There is still a gap in understanding how this framework deals with questions of inclusivity. Through the Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework, all digital, culturally and socio-economically marginalized communities find a voice to be heard through the interconnected pillars of this model. Digital Inclusion is a way of leveling the playing field on technology by extending broadband connectivity, encouraging take-up of ICT and supporting the use of the tools by the disadvantaged groups. Cultural Preservation preserves

many stories by incorporating traditional arts into a digital database, establishing virtual cultural repositories, and encouraging local content to give a voice to indigenous and other marginalized communities. Socio-Economic Inclusion utilizes technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and blockchain to enhance the governance systems, the provision of financial services as well as e-learning services to increase inclusiveness (Rena,2024). The combination of these pillars establishes synergy within the framework of addressing inclusiveness, more so as it empowers joint working among the policy makers, culture bearers and other community stakeholders towards development of appropriate and sensitive policies. Due to a connection of various infrastructural, cultural, and socio-economic gaps, this framework guarantees that everyone will be able to engage and live the digital transformation in India and attain the goal of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

CONCLUSION:

When the results are combined, the following conclusions emerge in order of importance:

1. New media technologies and cultures are therefore seen as facilitators of cultural affordance and break. This finding also indicates that they can sustain cultural practices but possible dangers of cultural imperialism (NITI Aayog, 2018; Appadurai, 1996).
2. Through such a lens, media platforms are strategic in socio-economic inclusion since such groups are more likely to be heard. It shows that the government through projects such as PMGDISHA can ensure that using digital tools in disseminating education and resources, the rural population is also reached (Meikle & Young, 2011).
3. Cultural globalization is still one of the most pressing issues. Popular media cultures from globalization have favored hegemonic and urban cultures while disregarding localized cultures (Appadurai, 1996).

When the study assimilates these findings with literature, it reinforces the views of Castells (1996), Jenkins (2006), and Meikle and Young (2011) that hold the possibility of integration and representation in digital technologies. However, the study must refute Postman (1993) and Turkle (2011) who paint a largely negative picture of technological developments, as this study shows that with the advancing technology, there are development challenges as well as opportunities. All this now means that our contribution is the work titled ‘The Development of the Digital-Cultural Inclusion Framework: a model combining Digital inclusion, Cultural preservation and Socio-economic inclusion’. Through this framework, the following gaps in literature are filled Proactively to advance policy and stakeholder understanding for synchronizing technological advancement with cultural and social sustainability.

This means that the study recommends that in the future we change our policies and practices as follows:

1. Enhance Digital Accessibility: Build new broadband networks in rural areas and use digital literacy campaigns in different mainstream groups in society (Deloitte, 2021; Nasscom, 2022).
2. Support Localized Content Creation: Introduce measures which motivate digitized content based upon India’s multiculturalism, paying particular attention to guaranteeing that non-biased coverage of regions coexists (Appadurai, 1996).
3. Promote Inclusive Technology: Promote the adoption of the AI and blockchain for enhancing transparency of the system in governance and accessibility of its services to the people, so that it can eliminate systemic prejudice (Jenkins, 2006).

And, finally, now that the study has done all this, we know that we should do more research to answer the new question that the study has arrived at: In what ways can the international media discourse be globalized in a manner that sustains the society’s diverse cultural particularisms and digital democracy? Following from this question emerges from this research and responds to the tension in the global-local nature of digital cultural communication.

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