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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

It is my profound pleasure to introduce the proceedings of the ICSSR-sponsored one-day national seminar, "Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation, and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India," which provided a pivotal academic platform for in-depth exploration of the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence and innovation in fostering inclusive growth and sustainability in India. As Albert Einstein aptly said, "The measure of intelligence is the ability to change," and this seminar embodied that spirit of innovation and adaptability. The distinguished guest speakers and paper presenters significantly enriched the discussions with their profound expertise and insightful perspectives, thereby rendering the seminar an intellectually stimulating experience. Steve Jobs once said, "Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower," and I'm confident our deliberations will inspire leaders in this field. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, for their generous financial support, which was instrumental in the success of this endeavor, and to the organizing committee for their tireless efforts and meticulous planning.

As Mahatma Gandhi emphasized, "The true teacher is the learner," and I believe these proceedings will facilitate meaningful learning and knowledge sharing. I am optimistic that the knowledge and ideas disseminated through these proceedings will make a meaningful contribution to the ongoing scholarly discourse and research in this field, ultimately informing policy and practice.

Best Wishes

Dr. R. Manicka Chezian

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NGM College (Autonomous), Pollachi.

DIRECTOR- ACADEMIC MESSAGE

The ICSSR-Sponsored National Seminar on *"Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India"* marks a significant step toward addressing contemporary challenges through academic discourse. The seminar theme is of great relevance in today's rapidly changing global economy, where technological innovation must be aligned with sustainable development goals. Such initiatives not only foster knowledge but also provide a platform for informed dialogue between academia and practice.

I congratulate the organizers for successfully bringing together a community of scholars, researchers, and experts. The discussions and papers presented in this programme will certainly contribute to strengthening the body of knowledge and provide valuable inputs for research and policymaking in this emerging area.

Best Wishes
Dr. S.Saravanababu
Director Academic,
NGM College (Autonomous), Pollachi.

DEAN RESEARCH MESSAGE

The One-Day ICSSR-Sponsored National Seminar on *"Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India"* is a commendable initiative that highlights the importance of research in shaping our understanding of technology's role in development. The theme underscores the necessity for rigorous inquiry into how Artificial Intelligence and innovation can be effectively integrated into economic and social frameworks.

I appreciate the contributions of the scholars and paper presenters whose research findings have added academic depth to this seminar. Such scholarly engagement will not only stimulate future research but also foster interdisciplinary approaches that are essential for addressing the complexities of sustainable development.

Best Wishes
Dr. S.Umapathy
Dean Research,
NGM College (Autonomous), Pollachi.

DEAN STUDENT AFFAIRS MESSAGE

It gives me immense privilege to the ICSSR-Sponsored National Seminar on *"Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India"* has created a platform where students could interact with eminent academicians, researchers, and practitioners. For young learners, exposure to such knowledge-sharing sessions is invaluable, as it inspires them to think critically, innovate, and prepare themselves for a technology-driven future.

I commend the organizers for ensuring active student involvement in the seminar. I am confident that the learning outcomes of this academic event will encourage our students to pursue research, explore innovative ideas, and contribute meaningfully to building a sustainable and knowledge-based society.

I congratulate the HoD of UG Commerce with international Business Dr.N. Bhuvaneshkumar and Convenor Dr.R Gayathri and Other faculty members for their sincere effort.

Best Wishes

Dr. R. Muthukumaran

Dean - Student Affairs,

NGM College (Autonomous), Pollachi

PG AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MESSAGE

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome all participants to this timely and significant seminar on *"Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India."*

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and innovation stand as pivotal drivers of economic growth and sustainable development. India, with its vast human capital and dynamic entrepreneurial spirit, is uniquely positioned to leverage these cutting-edge technologies to reshape industries, improve efficiencies, and address critical socio-economic challenges.

This seminar aims to provide a platform for knowledge exchange, insightful discussions, and collaboration among scholars, practitioners, and policymakers. Together, we will explore how AI and technology can be harnessed to foster inclusive economic transformation while ensuring sustainability—both essential for the long-term prosperity of our nation.

I am confident that the deliberations and ideas generated through this seminar will inspire innovative approaches and actionable strategies, propelling India towards a future that is technologically advanced, economically vibrant, and environmentally responsible.

I extend my best wishes to all attendees for a successful and enlightening seminar.

With Best Wishes
Dr. R. Manikandan
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HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

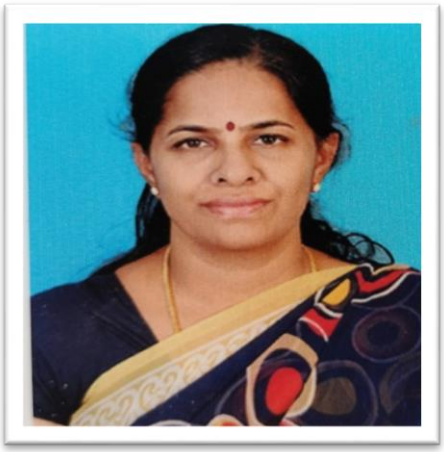
As the Head of the Department, I feel proud that our department has hosted the ICSSR-Sponsored One-Day National Level Seminar on *"Harnessing Artificial Intelligence, Innovation and Technology: A Pathway to Economic Transformation and Sustainable Development in India."* The seminar not only provided a space for knowledge sharing but also created opportunities for collaboration among faculty, researchers, and students. It reflects our department's commitment to academic excellence and our dedication to addressing issues of national importance.

This volume explores how innovation can be harnessed not just for profit, but for purpose. It delves into the transformative potential of AI and technology across sectors, while also confronting the ethical, infrastructural, and policy challenges that must be addressed to ensure responsible growth. The chapters within are a blend of research, vision, and actionable insight—designed to inspire policymakers, entrepreneurs, academics, and citizens alike.

I sincerely thank the Guest Speaker(s), participants, and paper presenters for their active involvement. I also appreciate the tireless efforts of the organizing team in ensuring the success of this event. I am hopeful that the proceedings will serve as a valuable resource and inspire further research and innovation in the years ahead.

Best Wishes
Dr. N. Bhuvaneshkumar
Organising Secretary

CONVENOR MESSAGE



In the 21st century, India stands at a pivotal crossroads—where tradition meets transformation and aspiration converges with innovation. The convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), cutting-edge technology, and indigenous ingenuity offers a rare opportunity to redefine the nation's economic trajectory and social fabric. This book is born out of a deep conviction: that India's future will not be shaped merely by its demographic dividend or natural resources, but by how boldly and wisely it embraces the digital revolution.

As global economies recalibrate in response to technological disruption, India must chart its own course—one that is inclusive, sustainable, and uniquely Indian. From smart agriculture and precision healthcare to intelligent governance and green energy, AI and emerging technologies are no longer distant dreams; they are tools of empowerment, equity, and efficiency.

This book delves into the multifaceted impact of Artificial Intelligence on India's economic and social transformation, exploring how AI is reshaping industries, governance, and public services. It examines the preparedness of businesses and governments for workforce transitions driven by automation, and highlights AI's role in accelerating innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation—especially within the start-up ecosystem. From revolutionizing customer engagement strategies to enhancing healthcare through diagnostics and telemedicine, AI emerges as a catalyst for inclusive growth. The narrative also addresses critical concerns around data privacy, digital skills, and environmental sustainability, while showcasing AI's potential to tackle climate change, resource management, and social inequality.

India's journey toward sustainable development cannot be a borrowed blueprint. It must be a home-grown narrative—rooted in resilience, driven by innovation, and guided by a commitment to uplift every corner of society.

Dr. R.Gayathri
Seminar Convenor

SMART MARKETING WITH AI: PREDICTIVE CONSUMER INSIGHTS FOR PROMOTING TENKASI TOURISM

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Abstract

Tourism marketing is undergoing a paradigm shift with the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Predictive consumer insights enable tourism destinations to design targeted, personalized, and effective promotional strategies. This study explores the role of AI in promoting Tenkasi, a culturally and environmentally rich district in Tamil Nadu. The objectives include examining AI's role in smart marketing, analyzing predictive analytics on tourist behavior, assessing AI tools, and providing strategic suggestions for enhancing Tenkasi tourism. Statistical data from global and Indian tourism studies support the analysis, highlighting the transformative potential of AI for destination branding, revenue growth, and sustainable tourism development.

Keywords*: Artificial intelligence – Smart marketing – Predictive analysis – Tourist Behaviour*

1. Introduction

Tourism is one of the fastest-growing economic sectors worldwide, contributing 9.1% to India's GDP in 2023. Tamil Nadu continues to lead in domestic tourism. The state welcomed **over 308 million domestic visitors in 2024**, up from **286 million in 2023**. Tenkasi, known for Coutrallam waterfalls, Agasthiyar Hills, and Kasi Viswanathar Temple, remains underexplored compared to other districts. Leveraging AI-based smart marketing can position Tenkasi as a preferred tourist destination.

This paper focuses on predictive consumer insights and AI-driven marketing tools such as chatbots, targeted advertisements, dynamic pricing, and recommendation engines in promoting Tenkasi tourism.

Tourism marketing is undergoing a paradigm shift with the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Predictive consumer insights enable tourism destinations to design targeted, personalized, and effective promotional strategies. This study explores the role of AI in promoting Tenkasi, a culturally and environmentally rich district in Tamil Nadu. The objectives include examining AI's role in smart marketing, analyzing predictive analytics on tourist behavior, assessing AI tools, and providing strategic suggestions for enhancing Tenkasi tourism. Statistical data from global and Indian tourism studies support the analysis, highlighting the transformative potential of AI for destination branding, revenue growth, and sustainable tourism development.

The literature reveals a gap in **regional-level research** focusing on AI applications in less-promoted destinations like Tenkasi.

2. Review of Literature:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has decreasingly converted tourism marketing by enabling data- driven strategies that enhance consumer engagement and destination visibility. former studies punctuate that AI- powered tools similar as prophetic analytics, recommendation machines, and chatbots significantly impact sight seer gets by offering individualized trip suggestions and real- time backing(Gretzel et al., 2015; Tussyadiah, 2020). exploration on smart tourism emphasizes that prophetic consumer perceptivity allow marketers to dissect patterns in rubberneck preferences, seasonal demand, and social media sentiments, thereby easing targeted juggernauts and perfecting sightseer satisfaction(Li et al., 2018). Scholars have also noted that destination marketing associations profit from AI- driven content personalization and position- grounded announcements, which increase sightseer flux and strengthen destination branding(Buhalis & Amaranggana, 2015). likewise, AI enhances decision- making by integrating big data from online reviews, reserving platforms, and digital vestiges, which helps cast trends and align tourism services with caller prospects(Mariani et al., 2018). While important of the literature focuses on global destinations, the operation of AI in promoting culturally rich but less- explored regions similar as Tenkasi remains limited, creating a exploration gap for examining how prophetic consumer perceptivity can be abused to design smart marketing strategies for indigenous tourism creation.

3. Objectives

1. To examine the role of Artificial Intelligence in promoting Tenkasi as a tourism destination through smart marketing strategies.
2. To analyze how predictive analytics influence tourist behavior and decision-making.
3. To assess the effectiveness of AI tools such as personalized recommendations, chat bots, and targeted advertisements in tourism promotion.
4. To provide suggestions for enhancing Tenkasi tourism through AI-driven consumer insights and marketing techniques.

4. Research Methodology:

The present study adopts a descriptive and exploratory exploration design to understand the part of Artificial Intelligence in promoting Tenkasi tourism through smart marketing. The exploration draws on both primary and secondary data sources. Primary data was collected through checks administered to 50 excursionists visiting Tenkasi and 20 original tourism stakeholders, including hostel directors, trip agents, and sleepover possessors. Secondary data was attained from published reports of India AI, the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation (TTDC), the United Nations World Tourism Organization(UNWTO), and applicable journal papers. For data analysis, the study employed descriptive statistics and chance analysis

5. Data Analysis and Findings

Table 5.1. Awareness of AI-based Tourism Services among Tourists (N = 70)

Awareness Level	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Highly Aware (use regularly)	18	25.7%
Moderately Aware (occasional use)	30	42.9%
Low Awareness	15	21.4%
Not Aware	7	10.0%
Total	70	**100%**

Table 5. 2. Preference for AI Tools in Tourism Promotion (N = 70)

AI Tool Preferred	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Personalized Recommendations	22	31.4%
Chatbots / Virtual Assistants	15	21.4%
Predictive Analytics (offers)	12	17.1%
Targeted Advertisements	11	15.7%
Location-based Suggestions	10	14.4%
Total	70	**100%**

Table 5. 3. Influence of AI on Tourist Decision-Making (N = 70)

Influence Level	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Strongly Influenced	20	28.6%
Moderately Influenced	28	40.0%
Slightly Influenced	15	21.4%
Not Influenced	7	10.0%
Total	**70**	**100%**

5.1.1 . Awareness of AI-based Tourism Services

Out of 70 respondents, **42.9% were moderately aware** of AI-based tools like recommendations and chatbots, and **25.7% were highly aware** and used them regularly. Only **21.4% had low awareness** and **10% were not aware.**

Finding: Most tourists know about AI tools, but awareness still needs to improve for wider adoption in Tenkasi tourism.

5.2.1. Preference for AI Tools in Tourism Promotion

Among the respondents, **31.4% preferred personalized recommendations,** and **21.4% preferred chatbots.** Predictive offers were chosen by **17.1%,** targeted ads by **15.7%,** and location-based suggestions by **14.4%**.

Finding: Tourists prefer **personalized and interactive AI tools** over general advertisements, showing that customized services work best for tourism promotion.

5.3.1. Influence of AI on Tourist Decision-Making

The study found that **40% were moderately influenced** by AI in their travel decisions, **28.6% strongly influenced**, while **21.4% were slightly influenced** and **10% not influenced.**

Finding: AI has a **strong impact on tourist choices**, with about 70% of respondents saying it affects their travel decisions.

6. Suggestions for Enhancing Tenkasi Tourism through AI

1. **Develop a Tenkasi Smart Tourism App** with personalized itineraries, real-time chatbot support, and predictive recommendations.
2. **Adopt AI-Driven Dynamic Pricing Models** in hotels and home stays to balance affordability and profitability.
3. **Use Sentiment Analysis Tools** to track visitor reviews and identify emerging attractions (e.g., Ayurveda wellness, temple festivals).

4. **Launch AI-Powered Targeted Campaigns** across domestic and global digital platforms.
5. **Promote Sustainable Tourism** by curating eco-friendly travel packages using AI insights into consumer preferences.

7. Conclusion

AI is revolutionizing tourism marketing by enabling predictive consumer insights, real-time personalization, and effective digital engagement. Tenkasi, with its rich natural and cultural assets, can leverage AI to strengthen destination branding, attract diverse visitor segments, and promote sustainable growth. By implementing AI tools such as chatbots, predictive analytics, and smart pricing, Tenkasi has the potential to emerge as a model smart tourism district in Tamil Nadu.

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