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TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION: THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN KERALA'S ACADEMIC LANDSCAPE

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the educational sector, particularly within the context of higher education in Kerala, India. As AI technologies rapidly evolve, their integration into academic systems is transforming traditional teaching methodologies, curriculum development, student engagement, and overall academic performance. The study aims to assess students' awareness and usage of AI tools and evaluate the effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools. Employing a descriptive research design, both primary and secondary data were used. Primary data were collected through structured questionnaires from 120 students using convenient sampling. Analytical tools such as Weighted Average Mean, percentage analysis, and Chi-Square test were applied to interpret the data. Key findings reveal that AI tool usage varies across demographics, with younger and female

students showing greater familiarity. While students acknowledge the potential benefits of AI—such as timesaving, creative enhancement, and improved academic support. The study underscores the transformative role of AI in academia and recommends targeted interventions to enhance awareness, and effective AI integration in education could play a pivotal role in advancing academic quality and supporting broader national economic goals.

Key words: AI, Higher Education, Student Awareness, Academic Performance, Kerala.

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1. Backdrop

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning have rapidly advanced in recent years, becoming integral to various sectors including healthcare, finance, transportation, and education. Globally, AI is enhancing efficiency and innovation through technologies like natural language processing and predictive analytics. In India, AI adoption is accelerating, supported by initiatives such as the National AI Strategy, which aims to position the country as a global AI hub. Sectors like healthcare, agriculture, manufacturing, and especially education are witnessing significant transformations due to AI integration.

In the field of education, AI is reshaping traditional learning approaches through personalized learning platforms, adaptive assessments, intelligent tutoring systems, and AI-powered administrative tools (Aleena, Krishna, & Biju S K., 2024). These technologies support educators in tailoring content, grading efficiently, and improving the overall quality of instruction. AI systems can adapt to individual learning needs, promoting better engagement, retention, and academic performance. Advanced tools like humanoid robots and web-based chatbots are also being used to supplement or replace certain instructional and administrative roles. The influence of AI in academia extends beyond the classroom to include research facilitation, administrative decision-making, and institutional planning (Biju S K., and Rajan, J. B., 2019). However, with these advancements come challenges related to data privacy, equity, and ethical AI use. As the education sector navigates these complexities, it is essential to understand both the benefits and implications of AI adoption. This study focuses on exploring

the impact of AI on higher education in India, particularly in Kerala, by examining its role in teaching methodologies, curriculum development, student engagement, and academic outcomes, while also addressing associated challenges and ethical considerations.

2. Literature review

2.1. AI in Personalized Learning and Student-Centered Approaches

El Dandachi (2024) offers a foundational exploration of how AI enhances personalized learning to support sustainable education. The emphasis lies in learner-centered strategies that adapt to individual needs and cultivate 21st-century competencies. The study discusses the optimization of instructional delivery and improved assessments through AI, portraying AI as a driver of educational equity and empowerment. Alam (2023) also highlights the importance of adaptive learning, where AI technologies analyze student data to deliver real-time feedback and adjust teaching strategies. Immersive technologies like AR/VR further enrich the learning experience, making education more interactive and accessible. This aligns with broader goals of personalized pedagogy. Baidoo-Anu and Owusu Ansah (2023) reinforce these findings by reviewing ChatGPT's potential in promoting personalized and interactive learning. Their work underlines ChatGPT's capacity to support formative assessments and continuous feedback, although they note risks such as data bias and misinformation.

2.2. AI Integration in Higher Education

Grájeda et al. (2024) examine the influence of AI tools in a Latin American university setting. Their study shows how AI fosters better academic experiences and acts as a diagnostic tool for areas of technological improvement. They advocate for AI literacy among students and staff as a prerequisite for meaningful integration. Hannan and Liu (2023) categorize AI applications in higher education into student experience, support, and enrollment management. While noting the strategic benefits, they acknowledge the study's limited scope and recommend expanding the scope to other operational domains in higher education. Kumar et al. (2023) and Chatterjee & Bhattacharjee (2020) focus on the Indian context. Kumar's work emphasizes AI's transformative role across teaching, assessment, and support systems while highlighting ethical and human-AI collaboration concerns. Chatterjee & Bhattacharjee use adoption theories like UTAUT to explore AI's acceptance in Indian institutions, proposing a model validated through empirical data. George and Wooden (2023) introduce the concept of "smart universities" where AI and quantum computing converge to modernize education. Despite the potential, they stress issues such as job displacement, qualification credibility, and institutional bias.

2.3. Ethical, Accessibility, and Inclusion Considerations

Pierrès et al. (2024) identify major ethical oversights in the application of AI in higher education, especially for students with disabilities. They point out a lack of inclusive perspectives and highlight eight risks specific to this student group. Similarly, Holmes et al. (2022) emphasize the need for transparent, fair, and inclusive AI applications, calling for ethical frameworks that are both actionable and multidisciplinary. Okaibedi (2023) and Cotton et al. (2023) explore academic integrity in the AI era, especially with the rise of generative tools like ChatGPT. They warn about misuse, plagiarism, and institutional unpreparedness. Cotton et al. suggest policy reforms and student training to promote ethical usage. Pant et al. (2023) analyze how AI practitioners perceive ethics in AI development. Although many are guided by workplace policies, formal education on AI ethics is often inadequate. This contributes to implementation challenges, including privacy and technological bias.

2.4. AI Chatbots and Intelligent Tutoring Systems

Traymbak et al. (2024) conduct a bibliometric study revealing a surge in interest in AI chatbots. Influential authors and recurring themes show that chatbots are rapidly gaining traction in educational settings. Labadze et al. (2023) further detail how chatbots act as virtual teaching assistants, offering explanations, feedback, and academic support. However, concerns about reliability, data accuracy, and ethical application remain critical. Lin et al. (2023) examine intelligent tutoring systems empowered by AI to promote sustainable education. These systems can offer scalable, individualized learning experiences, although they raise questions around privacy and algorithmic bias.

2.5. AI's Role in Learning Analytics and Performance Prediction

Jokhan et al. (2022) demonstrate the successful use of AI-based tools to predict student performance using analytics at the University of the South Pacific. Their predictive model achieved over 97% accuracy, offering timely interventions for at-risk students. Pallathadka et al. (2022) apply machine learning models like SVM and Random Forest to predict student outcomes using historical data. Such approaches help institutions proactively support students and improve academic performance. Salas-Pilco and Yang (2022) analyze how AI contributes to learning, teaching, and administrative tasks, highlighting tools such as predictive modeling, content analysis, and image analytics. Their review focuses on Latin America, offering regional insights.

2.6. AI Applications Across Educational Processes

Mallik & Gangopadhyay (2023) categorize AI applications into proactive and reactive educational tasks. Their analysis of 195 studies reveals a shift in algorithm use and data

management post-COVID-19. They highlight challenges like infrastructure gaps and ethical concerns that hinder global AI adoption. Dash & Sharma (2022) expand the discussion to smart cities, drawing parallels between AI in urban planning and education. Both fields benefit from AI's ability to process vast data for improved decision-making, though they face similar ethical and implementation hurdles.

2.7. Geopolitics, Market Dynamics, and AI Narratives in Education

Nemorin et al. (2023) delve into the broader discourse surrounding AI in education (AIEd). They identify three dominant themes: geopolitical influences, market-driven opportunities, and narrative shaping. Their work calls for critical reflection on how AI is framed and operationalized within global education systems. Chiu et al. (2023) note a gap in understanding AI's integration across different educational contexts. Their work highlights the fragmented nature of current research and stresses the need for holistic, cross-domain studies.

2.8. AI in K-12 and Broader Educational Transformation

Akgun and Greenhow (2022) explore AI's role in K-12 settings, emphasizing foundational AI components like machine learning and facial recognition. Their study proposes ethical instructional frameworks to guide implementation in schools, with resources from MIT and Code.org. Zhu et al. (2022) examine AI's role in shaping role cognition in Chinese education. They emphasize how AI affects perceptions of teaching roles and student engagement, advocating for further analysis of teacher-student interaction changes brought by AI systems.

3. Research Gap

Despite the growing body of literature exploring AI's applications in education across global and national contexts, significant gaps remain. There is limited research focused specifically on how AI can enhance student academic performance beyond generalized benefits. In particular, the degree of student awareness, usage patterns of AI tools, and their ethical challenges are under-explored. Moreover, existing studies often overlook the practical aspects of AI adoption, such as how students interact with these tools to support learning, research, and knowledge discovery. This study aims to fill that gap by investigating the actual awareness, engagement, and ethical concerns faced by students in the use of AI tools within academic settings.

4. Statement of the problem

In the evolving landscape of education, the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies offers both transformative potential and challenges. However, a significant gap exists in understanding how AI impacts student learning experiences, academic performance, and engagement. This study seeks to address this gap by exploring the extent of students' awareness of various AI tools, the frequency of their usage, and the ethical considerations surrounding their adoption. Additionally, it examines the challenges faced by students in integrating AI into their learning processes, such as access to tools, technical support, and data privacy concerns. By delving into these aspects, this research aims to provide comprehensive insights that can guide educators, policymakers, and institutions in effectively leveraging AI to enhance educational outcomes and foster innovation in the academic environment.

5. Objectives of the study

- 1. To study the students' awareness of various AI tools for learning.
- 2. To examine the effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools in enhancing student learning outcomes.

7. Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive research design using both primary and secondary data to explore the influence of Artificial Intelligence in academics among students in Kerala. A convenience sample of 120 students from various educational levels was surveyed using a structured questionnaire distributed via Google Forms. Data analysis involved WAM, percentages, cross-tabulation, and non-parametric tests like Chi-Square were applied to examine trends, relationships, and statistical significance across variables.

7.1. Demographic Profile

As part of the data collection, the demographic profile of respondents was collected and analysed in this part of the chapter pictures the proportion of male and female in total sample, age of respondents, their educational qualifications, and filed of study, which is given in Table no 1.

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents

Variables	Particulars	Number	Per cent
	Male	41	34.2
Gender	Female	79	65.8
	Total	120	100.0
	Below 18	5	4.2
	Between 18 to 24	86	71.7
Age	Between 25 to 30	23	19.2
1180	Above 30	6	5.0
	Total	120	100.0
	Higher Secondary	25	20.8
	Graduation	45	37.5
E1 4	Post graduation	33	27.5
Education	PhD	11	9.2
	Others	6	5.0
	Total	120	100.0

Source: Primary data

The demographic profile of the respondents is depicted in Table no 1. It provides a snapshot of their characteristics based on gender, age, education, and field of study. From Table 1, it is seen that out of 120 respondents, 79 (66%) were females and 41(34%) were males. The distribution shows a higher proportion of female respondents compared to male respondents. Out of 120 respondents, most respondents are between 18 to 24 years old (72%). Below 18 years old respondents are relatively few (4%). A small per centage are in the age range Between 25 to 30 years old (19%), and an even smaller group is Above 30 years old (5%). This indicates a predominantly young age group in the sample. The largest group of respondents has completed Graduation (38%), followed by Post Graduation (28%). Higher Secondary education is reported by 20.8% of respondents, while PhD holders constitute a smaller group (9%). Others (5%) likely includes respondents with non-standard educational backgrounds or incomplete higher education.

7.2. Academic performance since using AI driven educational tools

Figure 1 illustrates the impact of AI-driven educational tools on academic performance. It provides an overview of how these tools have influenced respondents' learning outcomes, ranging from excellent to poor performance. The figure captures the overall effectiveness of AI tools in enhancing or maintaining academic success.

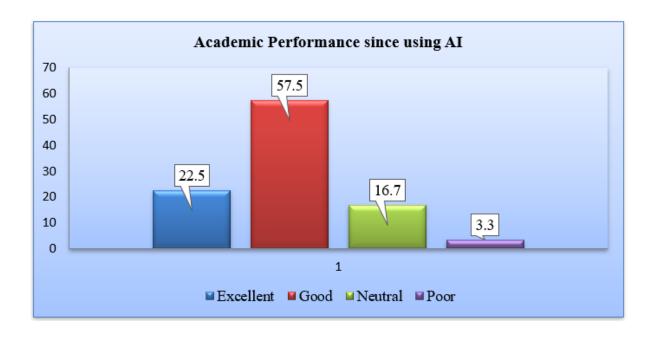


Figure 1: Academic performance since using AI driven educational tools

Figure 1 indicates that AI-driven educational tools have positively impacted academic performance, with 58% of students reporting "Good" and 23% "Excellent" outcomes. These tools likely enhance learning through personalized instruction, timely feedback, and focused support. However, 17% reported "Neutral" performance, possibly due to limited usage or poor tool integration. A small group (3.3%) experienced "Poor" outcomes, likely due to difficulty adapting to new technology or lack of support. Notably, no respondents reported "Very poor" performance, suggesting minimal negative effects. Overall, AI tools appear broadly beneficial, though effectiveness depends on user engagement and implementation quality.

Impact of AI tools in different aspects of learning

Table 2 examines the impact of AI tools on various aspects of learning. It ranks these aspects based on respondents' experiences, highlighting areas where AI tools have been most and least effective. The table provides insight into how AI is perceived in supporting different learning needs, from timesaving to creative content generation.

Table 2: Impact of AI tools in different aspects of learning

#	Learning aspects		Very high	Neutral	Low	Very	WAM*	Rank
1	Creative content generation	N	45	27	1	0	22.1	2
1	Creative content generation		37.5	22.5	0.8	0	33.1	
	Time saver	N	59	17	1	0	34.7	1
2	Time saver	%	49.2	14.2	0.8	0		1
3	Relevant & up to date learning	N	0	26	50	42	15.2	6
	materials	%	0	21.7	42	35		0
4	Data analysis & interpretation	N	40	24	54	1	25.7	5
	Data analysis & interpretation	%	33.3	20	45	0.8	23.1	
5	Language support	N	46	20	3	2	32.9	3
	Language support	%	38.3	16.7	2.5	1.7	34.9	<i></i>
6	Overcoming writers block	N	33	37	1	1	31.4	1
	Overcoming writers block	%	27.5	30.8	0.8	0.8	31.4	4

Source: Primary data

*WAM – Weighted average mean score

Table 2 presents the impact of AI tools on various aspects of learning. It reveals a notable difference in their effectiveness across different areas. The most significant impact is seen in timesaving, which ranks first with nearly half (49.2%) of respondents rating it as "Very High" and 36% as "High," leading to the highest weighted average mean (WAM) of 34.67. This indicates that AI tools are highly valued for efficiency and helping students manage their time better. Creative content generation follows closely, ranking second showing that AI tools are particularly effective in fostering creativity.

Language support and overcoming writer's block also ranks highly, coming in third and fourth. This suggests that AI tools are instrumental in helping students with language-related challenges, such as grammar and vocabulary. The least impact is observed in data analysis and interpretation and providing relevant and up-to-date learning materials. It indicates that AI tools may not be as effective or widely used for analytical tasks as they are for other functions and are less successful in ensuring the relevance of educational content.

7.4. Academic performance since using AI-driven tools and educational qualification

The Table No:3 presents the relationship between respondents 'educational qualifications and their self-reported academic performance since the adoption of AI-driven educational tools. The performance levels are categorized into five groups: Excellent, Good, Neutral, Poor, and

Very Poor. The data is distributed across various educational qualifications, including Higher Secondary, Graduation, Post Graduation, Ph.D., and others, to assess how academic outcomes might correlate with different levels of education. This analysis provides insight into how different educational backgrounds may influence the perceived impact of AI tools on academic performance.

H0: There is no significant difference between educational qualifications and academic performance since using AI-driven educational tools.

Table No: 3 Educational qualification * Academic performance

#	Educational qualif	ïcation	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very poor	Total
1	Higher secondary	No	3	16	5	1	0	25
		%	12	64	20	4	0	100
2.	Graduation	No	10	24	9	2	0	45
	Graduation	%	22.2	53.3	20	4.4	0	100
3	2 D 4 1 4	No	5	22	5	1	0	33
3	Post graduation	%	15.2	66.7	15.2	3	0	100
	DI. D	No	4	6	1	0	0	11
4	Ph. D	%	36.4	54.5	9.1	0	0	100
	Otherm	No	5	1	0	0	0	6
5	Others	%	83.3	16.7	0	0	0	100

Source: Primary Data Chi-square value 18.052 at df 12, P-Value is 0.114

The Table No: 3 presents the academic performance of respondents across different educational qualifications since using AI-driven educational tools. Overall, a significant proportion of respondents with various educational backgrounds report positive performance, with an average of about 50-80 per cent falling into the "excellent" or "good" categories. Those with a Ph.D. and other qualifications tend to report the highest levels of performance, with a large majority ranking their performance as "excellent" or "good." On the other hand, those with higher secondary education show relatively lower performance. This suggests that higher educational qualifications may correlate with better perceived academic outcomes from AI-driven tools. The chi-square test statistic is 18.052 with 12 degrees of freedom, and the p-value is 0.114. Since the p-value is greater than the standard significance level of 0.05, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. This implies that there is no significant difference in academic performance across different educational qualifications after using AI-driven educational tools.

The lack of significant variation indicates that AI-driven tools may contribute similarly to academic performance, regardless of the educational qualification of the user.

7.5. Impact of AI tools on different aspects of learning

The Table No: 4 examines the impact of AI tools on different aspects of learning, specifically focusing on the respondent's perceived effectiveness of AI in areas like creative content generation, timesaving, relevance of learning materials, data analysis and interpretation, language support, and overcoming writer's block. These impacts are assessed across five levels: very high, high, neutral, low, and very low. The table further cross-tabulates these impacts with academic performance, categorized into excellent, good, neutral, poor, and very poor. The aim is to understand how different aspects of AI-driven tools influence academic outcomes, with statistical analysis performed using Chi-square tests to evaluate the significance of these relationships.

H₀: There is no significant relationship between the impact of AI tools on providing relevant and up-to-date learning materials and academic performance.

H₀: There is no significant relationship between the impact of AI tools on language support and academic performance

Table No: 4 Impact of AI tools in different aspects of learning * Academic performance

#	Learning aspects		Very high		High		Neutral		Low		Very low		otal	
			N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	% E 0 27 0 69 0 20 0 4 0 0 0 27 0 69 0 20 0 4 0 0 56 27 33 14 15 20 25 4 0 0 0 27	
		Excellent	15	56	9	33	2	7	1	4	0	0	27	
	Creative content	Good	26	38	30	44	13	19	0	0	0	10w 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0	69	
1		Neutral	4	20	7	35	9	45	0	0	N % % 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	20	
	generation	Poor	0	0	1	25	3	75	0	0	0	0	4	
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Excellent	20	74	4	15	2	7	1	4	0	0	27	
		Good	32	46	28	41	9	13	0	0	0	0	69	
2	Time saver	Neutral	7	35	8	40	5	25	0	0	0	0	20	
		Poor	0	0	3	75	1	25	0	0	0	0	4	
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Excellent	0	0	1	4	4	15	7	26	15	56	27	
	Relevant & up	Good	0	0	1	1	13	19	32	46	23	33	14	
3	to date learning	Neutral	0	0	0	0	9	45	8	40	3	15	20	
	materials*	Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	75	1	25	4	
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Excellent	15	56	0	0	4	15	8	30	0	0	27	
		Good	22	32	1	1	12	17	34	49	0	0	35	
4	Data analysis &	Neutral	3	15	0	0	8	40	8	40	1	5	20	
4	interpretation	Poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	100	0	0	4	
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

		Excellent	15	56	8	30	3	11	1	4	0	0	27
5	Lamayaaa	Good	29	42	27	39	10	15	2	3	1	1	66
	Language	Neutral	2	10	10	50	7	35	0	0	1	5	20
	support**	Poor	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Excellent	16	59	8	30	2	7	1	4	0	0	27
		Good	14	20	30	44	24	35	0	0	1	1	68
6	Overcoming	Neutral	2	10	7	35	11	55	0	0	0	0	20
	writer's block	Poor	1	25	3	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
		Very poor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Primary Data

The Table No: 4 shows that AI tools have a significant impact on creative content generation and timesaving, with around 60 per cent to 75 per cent of respondents, particularly those with "Excellent" or "Good" academic performance, reporting a "Very High" or "High" impact. However, the impact on language support and providing relevant and up-to-date learning materials is notably lower, with over 50 per cent of respondents with "Neutral" or "Poor" performance rating these aspects as "Low" or "Very Low." Overall, while AI tools excel in certain areas, their effectiveness in language support and maintaining up-to-date materials is less pronounced.

The chi-square tests presented in Table No: 4 reveal mixed findings regarding the impact of AI tools on academic performance. Specifically, the relationship between AI tools and the provision of relevant and up-to-date learning materials approaches significance with a chi-square value of 16.591 (df = 9, p = 0.056), and similarly, the impact of AI tools on language support also borders significance with a chi-square value of 20.842 (df = 12, p = 0.053). These p-values, slightly above the 0.05 threshold, suggest that while there may be a tendency for a relationship between these aspects of AI tools and academic performance, the evidence is not strong enough to conclusively reject the null hypothesis. This implies that although AI tools appear to have varying degrees of effectiveness, particularly in creative content generation and timesaving for high-performing students, their influence on providing relevant materials and language support may not be significantly linked to academic outcomes, potentially due to the tools' uneven integration or varying levels of usage across different performance levels.

7.6. Factors contributing to effectiveness of AI driven tools

Table 5 outlines the key factors that contribute to the effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools, ranking them based on their importance as perceived by respondents. The

^{*} Chi-square value 16.591at df 9 P-Value is 0.056

^{**} Chi-square value 20.842 at df 12 P-Value is 0.053

table highlights the significance of features such as user-friendly interfaces, personalized learning experiences, and content quality in enhancing the educational value of AI tools. This provides insight into what makes these tools effective for learners.

Table 5: Factors contributing to effectiveness of AI driven educational tools

#	Factors		Extremely important	Moderately important	Important	Slightly important	Least important	WAM*	Rank
1	User friendly interface	N %	54 45	38 31.7	20 17	5 4.2	3 2.5	33	1
2	Personalized learning experience	N %	47 39.2	40 33.3	25 21	4 3.3	4 3.3	32.13	4
3	Real time feedback & assessments	N %	37 30.8	49 40.8	28 23	4 3.3	2 1.7	31.67	6
4	Integration with existing learning materials	N %	39 32.5	45 37.5	30 25	4 3.3	2 1.7	31.67	6
5	Accessibility	N %	47 39.17	42 35	24 20	5 4.17	2 1.67	32.47	3
6	Quality of content	N %	52 43.3	35 29.2	28 23	2 1.7	3 2.5	32.73	2
7	Multilingual support	N %	43 35.8	43 35.8	25 21	6 5	3 2.5	31.8	5
8	Real world application	N %	41 34.2	40 33.3	29 24	7 5.8	3 2.5	31.27	7

Source: Primary data

*WAM – Weighted average mean score

Table 5 gives the factors contributing to the effectiveness of AI driven educational tools. The effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools is influenced by several key factors, each varying in importance as perceived by users. The most critical factor is a user-friendly interface, which ranks first with a weighted average mean (WAM) of 33.00, highlighting the necessity of intuitive and easy-to-navigate interfaces for the successful adoption of AI tools in education. The quality of content and accessibility follows closely, this indicates that high-quality, accurate, and reliable educational content is crucial for users. Personalized learning experiences rank fourth with a WAM of 32.13, showing that customization to meet individual learning needs is a significant driver of effectiveness for AI tools. Multilingual support, real-time feedback and assessments, and integration with existing learning materials, it is slightly less critical than the top-ranked factors. Finally, real-world application ranks seventh, suggesting that while the

practical application of AI tools is valued, it is considered somewhat less important compared to other factors in driving the overall effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools.

8. Findings

In this section, we delve into the key findings of the study, presenting a detailed account of the results obtained from the analysis of the data.

8.1. Demographic profile of the sample.

- 1. Two-thirds of the respondents are female, making up 66 per cent of the sample, while males constitute 34 per cent.
- 2. A significant majority (72%) of the students are at the young age group of 18-24 years.
- 3. Most students (38%) have completed Graduation, with 28 per cent holding Post Graduation degrees.
- 4. The predominant field of study is Commerce & Management, which represents 61 per cent of the students.

8.2. Effectiveness of AI-driven educational tools

- i. **Positive impact of AI tools on academic performance**: The study shows a generally positive impact of AI tools on academic performance, with most students perceiving a beneficial effect.
- ii. Consistency in the effectiveness of AI tools: no significant difference was found in academic performance across educational qualifications
- iii. *Higher education levels report better outcome on using AI*: Advanced-degree students report higher performance levels compared to those with higher secondary education.
- iv. *AI tools have greater impact on time saving*: -AI tools are most effective for timesaving, followed by creative content generation, language support, and overcoming writer's block. Data analysis and interpretation, as well as providing up-to-date materials, show less impact.
- v. *User friendly interface is the most important factor contributing to AI* effectiveness: User-friendly interfaces, followed by high-quality content, and personalized learning are critical factors for AI tool effectiveness.

9. Suggestions

In the light of findings from comprehensive analysis and other statistical evaluations conducted, the following suggestions are proposed. These recommendations are designed to address the diverse findings across different variables such as gender, age, educational qualifications, and field of study. The aim is to enhance the integration and effectiveness of AI tools in academics. By implementing these suggestions, educational institutions and stakeholders can better support students in leveraging AI tools to improve their academic experiences and outcomes.

9.1. Suggestions for Educational Institutions

- 1. Organize regular educational campaigns, workshops, and training sessions within institutions to raise awareness about the benefits and usage of AI-driven educational tools.
- **2.** Focus on hands-on experiences, such as demos and tutorials, to improve familiarity and build confidence among students and educators.
- **3.** Establish peer support networks where experienced users can share tips and best practices with less familiar users, fostering a community of learners who help each other improve their understanding and usage of AI tools.
- **4.** Develop and distribute customizable AI toolkits that include best practices, case studies, and video tutorials tailored to specific academic disciplines or learning outcomes.
- **5.** Institutions should allocate resources to procure and maintain cutting-edge AI tools and infrastructure. By providing access to high-quality AI platforms for personalized learning, data analysis, and content creation, institutions can ensure students and faculty have the necessary tools for enhancing academic performance.
- **6.** Educational institutions should establish regular training programs for both students and faculty, focused on the effective use of AI tools. These programs should include hands-on workshops, tutorials, and access to technical support, helping users fully leverage AI's potential in academic settings.
- 7. Institutions can foster innovation by encouraging students and faculty to engage in AI-driven research projects. Offering grants, research support, and collaboration opportunities for projects that explore new applications of AI in education will enhance the tools' effectiveness and drive further advancements in academic practices.

9.2. Suggestions for Educators and Faculty Members

- 1. Establish a program where students and faculty members become "AI Tool Ambassadors" who actively promote and demonstrate the benefits of AI tools in various departments. This peer-led approach can increase awareness and comfort with AI tools.
- 2. Educators can use AI-driven tools to tailor learning experiences based on individual student needs and they can enhance student engagement and academic performance.
- **3.** By designing assignments or activities that naturally incorporate AI tools, educators can make the tools a valuable part of the learning process without disrupting the flow of lesson
- **4.** To maximize the effectiveness of AI tools, educators should stay updated on advancements and provide ongoing training for both students and them.

9.3. Suggestions for Students

- 1. Participate in workshops and training sessions organized by institutions to enhance understanding and confidence in using AI tools.
- **2.** Engage with peer support networks to gain practical insights and advice on AI tool usage.
- **3.** Take advantage of customizable AI toolkits provided by educational institutions to better understand and apply AI tools in academic work.
- **4.** Utilize AI tools to receive personalized learning experiences and real-time feedback to improve academic performance.
- **5.** Leverage AI tools to foster creativity, generate ideas for projects, and overcome writer's block.
- **6.** Engage with AI-powered interactive simulations and collaboration platforms to enhance learning and practical application of knowledge.

10. Conclusion

This study has thoroughly explored the impact of AI on academic environments, revealing both its substantial promise and the challenges hindering its full potential. The integration of AI tools in education is recognized for its ability to personalize learning experiences, streamline administrative processes, and enhance overall academic performance. Implementing the

recommendations from this study is expected to drive significant improvements: it will foster deeper student engagement with AI tools, enhance their effectiveness in academic settings, and lead to measurable gains in academic performance. Overall, the study reinforces the need for a thoughtful and strategic approach to AI in education, aiming to maximize its benefits while mitigating its challenges. The article outlines key suggestions to address these gaps and enhance the effectiveness of AI in learning. The researcher hopes the authorities will initiate the implementation of the proposed recommendations which will ensure the above said outcome and is expected to lead to achieve the national vision of becoming an economically powerful nation through enhanced performance and leveraging the demographic dividend using AI tools in their academics and employment as well.

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