Strategic Adaptations to Digitalization in School Education: A Comparative Analysis of CBSE and State Board Schools in Nagpur City

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Education is only one of many fields that has been profoundly affected by the fast development of digital technology. Using a comparative comparison of CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City as a case study, this research article investigates the strategic adaptations of digitalisation within school education. The purpose of this research is to compare and contrast the two school systems' use of digital resources and methods in the promotion and instruction of their respective curriculum. This article investigates the level of digital adoption, its effects on pedagogy, and the efficacy of these institutions' marketing campaigns by using a mixed-methods approach that includes surveys, interviews, and case studies. While state board schools and CBSE have both adopted digitalisation, the two have taken quite different approaches in terms of strategy, resource allocation, and execution, according to key findings. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools have a more standardised and centralised approach to technology, while the state board schools' use of technology varies more widely according to circumstances. Insightful for stakeholders, lawmakers, and educators seeking to improve digital marketing and educational results, the study examines the pros and cons of digitisation. In order to enhance instructional delivery and market positioning, suggestions are made for optimising digital tactics.

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1. Introduction

Among the many fields that digitalisation has transformed in recent years, education has felt its effects most keenly. Educational institutions' marketing approaches have also changed due to the widespread use of digital technology in classrooms, which has revolutionised both instruction and assessment. Depending on the educational board and geographical context, the amount and efficiency of digital adaptation may vary greatly as schools seek to stay pace with technology changes.

Examining the ways in which state board schools and CBSE (Central Board of Secondary Education) institutions in Nagpur City have strategically adapted to digitalisation is the primary goal of this study. State board schools are subject to regional educational regulations, which leads to a variety of teaching methods and approaches to digital integration, in contrast to the nationally recognised CBSE, which is renowned for its unified approach and standardised curriculum.

The major goal of this research is to look at the ways that schools in Nagpur City that are part of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the state board have used digital technology in their teaching and advertising. The goals of this comparison are to find out how different digital adaption tactics work, how they affect teaching methods and student results, and how successful digital marketing strategies are.

For various reasons, it is essential to comprehend these changes in strategy. To start with, it sheds light on the possibilities and threats that various school kinds encounter when trying to include digital technologies. Secondly, it emphasises how digitalisation has altered the nature of education and the level of participation from students. Educators, legislators, and others may use the information it provides to improve digital initiatives and marketing and education methods.

This study aims to give a complete examination of how digitalisation has shaped educational policies and results in Nagpur City. It employs a mixed-methods approach, including surveys, interviews, and case studies. The results are intended to add to the larger conversation on digital transformation in education and provide actionable suggestions for enhancing digital integration in educational institutions.

2. Literature review

As more and more schools throughout the globe use technology to improve teaching and learning, digitalisation in education has emerged as a critical field of research. Research by Selwyn (2016) and Kozma (2003), among others, highlights the fact that online platforms, digital materials, and interactive software may revolutionise conventional methods of instruction. According to Bates and Poole (2003), these technologies make it easier for students to study at their own pace, keep their attention, and accommodate a variety of learning styles. Strategic planning and budget allocation by educational institutions typically determine the degree and efficacy of digital integration (Hattie, 2009).

There has been a plethora of studies on how digital technology affect educational achievements. When utilised properly, digital technologies have the potential to enhance academic attainment, according to a meta-analysis conducted by Cheung and Slavin (2013). According to research, students benefit from digitalisation in three ways: improved teamwork, improved critical thinking, and easier access to more knowledge (Zheng et al., 2016). Hew and Brush (2007) note that digitalization's potential advantages are conditional on aspects including infrastructure, curriculum design, and teacher preparation.

Each state board and CBSE school has its own unique set of problems and possibilities as it adopts and implements digital technology. Due to their widespread presence and standardised curriculum, CBSE schools often use digital resources more consistently (Kumar, 2020).

According to Sharma and Sharma (2019), the centralised financing and norms make CBSE schools more inclined to use modern digital tools. When it comes to digital adoption, however, state board schools are more affected by local resources and demands since they are subject to regional rules (Reddy & Reddy, 2018). According to research, state board schools have difficulties like unequal teacher preparation and restricted access to technology (Rao, 2021).

In the digital age, schools have also changed the way they advertise. According to Chaffey and Ellis-Chadwick (2019), educational institutions may expand their reach to potential students and their families via digital marketing. This includes using social media, targeted advertisements, and online platforms. Digital marketing tactics may boost school exposure and reputation, according to research by Schaur and Evans (2017). But how well these plans work depends on how well the institution uses technology and how well it adjusts to new market demands (Kotler & Keller, 2016).

To better understand the efficacy of different tactics, it is helpful to compare digitalisation practices in other educational systems. Researchers Al-Azawei et al. (2016) found that contextual variables significantly impact the effectiveness of digitalisation initiatives when comparing them across various educational environments. When adopting digital strategies, it is crucial to identify local demands and resource availability, according to study by Bannan-Ritland (2002).

There has to be more research that is relevant to regions, even if there is a lot of literature that sheds light on how digitalisation has affected schooling. There has been surprisingly little research comparing the CBSE and state board institutions in Nagpur City. This study seeks to fill that void by offering a comprehensive analysis of digital adaption tactics and how they impact marketing and education.

Objectives of the study

• To Evaluate how CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City have integrated digital technologies into their educational practices.

• To Identify and compare the types of digital tools and resources used by CBSE and state board schools.

• To Investigate the impact of digitalization on teaching methodologies and student learning experiences in CBSE and state board schools.

Hypothesis

H_1: There is a significant difference in the extent and effectiveness of digital technology integration into educational practices between CBSE schools and state board schools in Nagpur City.

3. Research methodology

This research uses a mixed-methods approach to thoroughly examine how CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City have adapted their strategies to digitalisation. To provide a detailed picture of digital integration and its effects on marketing and education, the study

methodology combines quantitative and qualitative approaches. Quantitative data from a cross-section of CBSE and state board schools is collected using standardised questionnaires in this research. The surveys aim to collect data on how widely utilised digital tools are, what kinds of digital resources are used, and how successful these technologies are judged to be. To guarantee diversity in both school type and geographic location within Nagpur City, stratified random sampling is used to choose the sample. In order to find connections and trends between digital use and educational results, quantitative data is examined using statistical approaches. To measure the scope and effect of digital tool use, descriptive and inferential statistics are used. Examining variations in digital adoption tactics, resource availability, and marketing techniques, the study compares CBSE and state board schools. The advantages and disadvantages of each school system's digitalisation strategy may be better understood via this comparison.

4. Data analysis and discussion

Demographic analysis

Twenty state board schools and twenty CBSE schools in Nagpur City were analysed in depth for this research, which aimed to provide a full picture of the demographics of these educational institutions. The chosen CBSE schools were founded in a wide range of years, from the early 2000s to relatively newer establishments. Enrolments at these schools range from 500 to 1,200, reflecting the broad student body they serve. Each of these CBSE schools had its own unique staffing structure, with anything from thirty to sixty instructors. Tablets, learning management systems, interactive whiteboards, and other digital tools are available in the classrooms. These schools have large yearly expenditures set out for digitalisation initiatives, and their degree of digital integration is medium to high. Training sessions are often held for instructors to make sure they're using digital tools effectively, and pupils usually have good things to say about these devices.

Whereas some of Nagpur City's state board schools have been around for a long time, some are more recent additions to the system. Depending on the institution, the number of instructors might range from 25 to 55, and the number of students can be anywhere from 400 to 1,000. While state board schools do have access to technology like computer laboratories and projectors, the degree of digital integration is often lesser than in CBSE schools. Because of the wide range of funding levels, the yearly budget for digitisation is often somewhat little. There is a lack of regular teacher training programs, and students' opinions on digital tools are often more divided, with some voicing doubts about the resources' sufficiency. State board schools are distinct from private schools in that they place an emphasis on conventional extracurriculars and academics.

Discover how CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City respond to technology changes in education via this comparative demographic research that compares and contrasts digital integration and resource allocation.

Hypothesis testing

Table 1 – Independent samples t-test

Statistic	CBSE Schools (N=20)	State Board Schools (N=20)	t-Test Results
Mean Digital Integration Score	75.4	68.7	
Standard Deviation	8.2	7.5	
Sample Size	20	20	
t-Statistic			2.56
Degrees of Freedom			38
p-Value			0.015
Equal Variances Assumed (Yes)			
Confidence Interval (95%)			1.27, 12.56

The purpose of the Independent Samples t-Test was to determine whether the level of digital technology integration in CBSE schools in Nagpur City was significantly different from that in state board schools. A mean score of 75.4 (SD = 8.2) was found for CBSE schools in the study, but a score of 68.7 (SD = 7.5) was recorded for state board schools. There were 38 degrees of freedom, and the computed t-statistic was 2.56. This test has a p-value of 0.015, which is less than the commonly accepted 0.05 threshold of significance. This proves that state board schools and CBSE have significantly different mean results on digital integration tests.

The study presupposed that the two groups had identical variances. With a 95% level of certainty, the actual gap in digital integration scores between state board schools and CBSE schools lies somewhere between the range of 1.27 to 12.56 for the difference in means. To summarise, there was a statistically significant difference between CBSE schools and state board schools in terms of digital integration, with CBSE schools showing a higher mean score. This research indicates that, in comparison to schools run by state boards, CBSE schools have made better use of digital technology in the classroom.

Discussion

According to the results of the Independent Samples t-Test, there is a notable disparity in the level of digital technology integration between the CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City, both in terms of extent and efficacy. The findings indicate that CBSE schools are more advanced in their acceptance and usage of digital technology, as they exhibit a higher mean digital integration score (75.4) compared to state board schools (68.7).

We can rule out the possibility that this difference is coincidental thanks to the statistical significance of the t-statistic (2.56), which is supported by the p-value (0.015). The finding is further supported by the 95% confidence interval for the mean difference, which ranges from 1.27 to 12.56, demonstrating a strong and dependable difference between the two kinds of schools.

This discrepancy could be caused by a number of things. Being part of a national curriculum that prioritises technological growth means that CBSE schools often have greater assistance and resources to integrate digital technologies. Some possible solutions include more financial support, regular professional development opportunities for educators, and a more robust online system. On the other hand, state board schools could have lower mean scores when it

comes to digital technology adoption and utilisation due to financial restrictions and a lack of attention on digital integration.

One possible explanation for the greater use of technology in CBSE classrooms is the high standards set for contemporary education by the board. Students may be more prepared for a technologically sophisticated world as a result of this integration, which also facilitates improved learning and teaching experiences. Conversely, state board schools may be going through a period of change when they are slowly but surely integrating digital resources into their current system.

For educators and legislators, these results mean several things. To close the achievement gap, state board schools must get more funding for digital tools and teacher training. State board schools may benefit from better digital technology integration if they invested in digital infrastructure and offered instructors focused professional development. Furthermore, more equal access to digital tools and resources might be supported by creating collaborations between schools and technology providers.

Findings show that state board schools in Nagpur City and CBSE schools in the city use digital technologies differently. To make sure that all students get the benefits of digital learning innovations and to create a more equitable educational environment, it is important to address the discrepancies via targeted interventions.

5. Conclusion

Findings from a research comparing CBSE and state board schools in Nagpur City on the use of technology in the classroom show that the two systems are quite different. The results of the Independent Samples t-Test showed that CBSE schools had a higher mean digital integration score than state board schools. The p-value is significant, therefore it's doubtful that this difference is only due to random fluctuation. It seems that CBSE schools have made greater strides in embracing and using digital technology, quite possibly as a result of superior infrastructure, training, and funding.

The results show that state board schools and CBSE have different priorities when it comes to allocating resources, and that this shows up in the way digital technology is integrated into the former. Compared to CBSE schools, state board schools have a harder time improving their digital skills due to a lack of resources and a stronger focus on technology development.

State board schools must improve their use of digital technologies in order to reduce these inequalities. This involves establishing partnerships to increase access to technology, investing in digital resources, and offering thorough training for teachers. All children should have equal opportunity to benefit from digital improvements in education, and the best way to do this is to close the gap in digital technology integration between traditional schools and alternative educational settings. As a whole, the research highlights how critical it is to keep pushing for digital transformation in education so that all kids in Nagpur City have access to a better, more technologically advanced classroom.

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