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Analyzing the role of inclusion of financial awareness and ethics in educational institutions in mitigating financial scams among youth in India

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Abstract
The increasing prevalence of financial scams in India has underscored the urgent need for financial awareness and ethics within Indian educational institutions. This paper analyzes the potential benefits of incorporating financial awareness courses that educate youth on recognizing fraud, understanding ethical financial practices, and promoting responsible financial behavior. As young individuals remain particularly vulnerable to deceptive schemes, a strong foundation in financial literacy can empower them to make informed decisions, avoid exploitation, and ensure financial security. By examining the current state of financial education in India and drawing comparisons with international case studies, this research highlights how financial awareness, coupled with ethics, can build resilience against fraud. Furthermore, it addresses challenges such as resource limitations, lack of standardized curricula, and cultural barriers that have impeded the widespread adoption of financial courses in Indian schools. Finally, the paper presents policy recommendations advocating for the early integration of financial awareness and ethics education, partnerships with financial institutions, and the use of digital tools to enhance accessibility. This analysis aims to provide actionable insights for fostering an ethically aware and financially responsible generation, ultimately reducing the impact of financial scams and contributing to a more secure economic environment in India.

Keywords : Financial awareness, Financial scams, Financial literacy, Financial resilience, Fraud prevention

Introduction
Financial literacy is knowledge of finance, risks, and proper decision on financial products and service. It involves digital transactions, budgeting, saving, investing, and ethical financial choices. Therefore, the more people are financially literate, the more easily they can recognize or identify whether it is a phishing attack or some other fraudulent investment scheme.

The following two data displays illustrate key trends in bank frauds in India.

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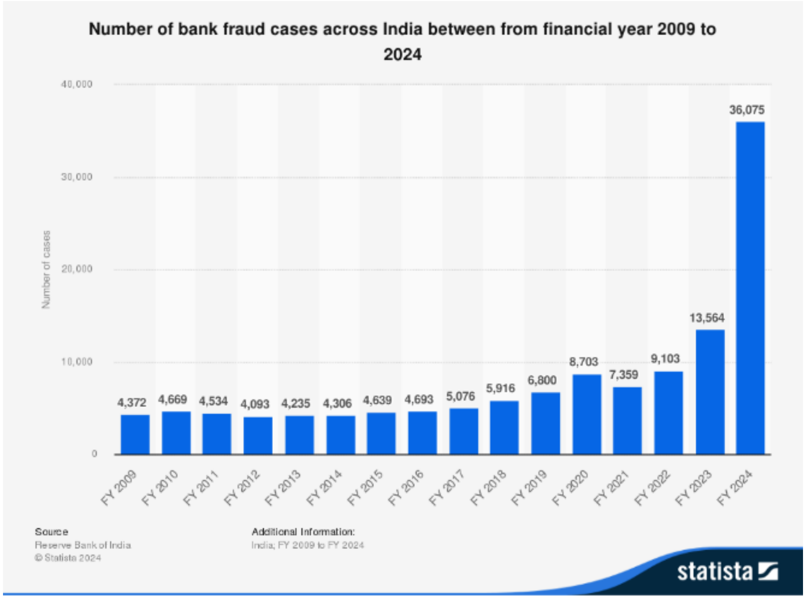

Figure 1.1

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Bank Group/Institution	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Number of Frauds	Amount Involved	Number of Frauds	Amount Involved	Number of Frauds	Amount Involved
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Public Sector Banks	3,044 (33.7)	32,288 (71.1)	3,392 (25.0)	18,750 (71.8)	7,472 (20.7)	10,507 (75.3)
Private Sector Banks	5,312 (58.7)	10,653 (23.5)	8,979 (66.2)	6,159 (23.6)	24,210 (67.1)	3,170 (22.8)
Foreign Banks	494 (5.5)	1,206 (2.7)	804 (5.9)	292 (1.1)	2,899 (8.1)	154 (1.1)
Financial Institutions	9 (0.1)	1,178 (2.6)	10 (0.1)	888 (3.4)	1 -	- -
Small Finance Banks	155 (1.7)	30 (0.1)	311 (2.3)	31 (0.1)	1,019 (2.8)	64 (0.5)
Payments Banks	30 (0.3)	1 -	68 (0.5)	7 -	472 (1.3)	35 (0.3)
Local Area Banks	2 -	2 -	- -	- -	2 -	- -
Total	**9,046** **(100.0)**	**45,358** **(100.0)**	**13,564** **(100.0)**	**26,127** **(100.0)**	**36,075** **(100.0)**	**13,930** **(100.0)**

-: Nil/Negligible.
Note: 1. Figures in parentheses represent the percentage share of the total.
2. Data are in respect of frauds of ₹1 lakh and above reported during the period.
3. The figures reported by banks and FIs are subject to changes based on revisions filed by them.
4. Frauds reported in a year could have occurred several years prior to year of reporting.
5. Amounts involved reported do not reflect the amount of loss incurred. Depending on recoveries, the loss incurred gets reduced. Further, the entire amount involved is not necessarily diverted.
Source: RBI Supervisory Returns.

Figure 1.2

The graph (Figure 1.1) shows that from an initial total of 13,5642 cases in FY 23, the number of bank frauds has increased by 165.9 % in FY 24 and reached 36,075 cases. However, the table (Fig 1.2) reflects that the quantum of these frauds, measured in monetary terms have reduced by nearly 47% from ₹26,127 crore in the FY23 to ₹13,930 crore in FY24. The amount of money which can be fraudulently gained at a single instance is lower now than it was some years ago, implying that the current fraudsters choose multiple, small scams which primarily target the financially-compromised population. This trend points to a rising vulnerability, particularly among young and financially less savvy populations, who are often targeted in digital payment frauds. There is a need to educate students to be financially literate and taught good ethics in the Indian schools. We can minimize fraud incidents by imparting basic financial knowledge to the youth along with ethical financial practices, and it would make them make better financial decisions.

Review of literature

The Importance of Financial Awareness

Research consistently underscores the significance of financial literacy in enabling individuals, particularly those in rural areas, to access and utilize financial products effectively. For instance, Bhanot et al. (2012) found that understanding financial risk and return empowers young people to make better financial decisions. This highlights the critical role that educational institutions play in equipping students with the knowledge they need to navigate financial products, which can help safeguard them against scams.
Similarly, Kaur et al. (2015) demonstrated a strong link between financial literacy and reduced susceptibility to fraud. Their research on university students revealed that those with higher financial literacy were less likely to fall victim to fraudulent schemes, underscoring the importance of education in mitigating financial risks. Global studies, such as Lusardi and Mitchell (2014), further emphasize that improving financial literacy among youth can reduce their vulnerability to scams and enhance overall financial resilience.

Moreover, Bhattacharya and Singh (2019) argue that financial literacy has a cascading effect on household economic well-being, emphasizing the importance of early interventions in schools.

Ethical Financial Practices in Education

Incorporating ethical financial practices into educational curricula is equally important. Carpena and Zia (2018) found that financial education not only improves financial knowledge but also shapes attitudes toward ethical financial behavior. Teaching students about the ethical implications of their financial decisions fosters a more responsible approach to money management.

Mandell and Klein (2009) also highlighted the long-term benefits of embedding ethical practices in financial education. Their findings suggest that ethical training contributes to better credit management and more informed investment decisions. Experiential learning, as advocated by Potrich et al. (2015), can further enhance students' understanding of both financial literacy and ethics, creating a holistic foundation for responsible financial behavior.

The Role of Educational Institutions in Enhancing Financial Literacy

The importance of financial education becomes even more evident in geographically remote areas where financial inclusion remains a challenge. Bhanot et al. (2012) emphasized that financial education is key to enabling informed financial decisions, particularly in underserved regions. Schools can play a transformative role by introducing targeted financial literacy programs that prioritize both knowledge and ethics.
Cole et al. (2011) suggested that hands-on learning approaches, such as self-help groups and interactive workshops, have a more significant impact on financial behavior than traditional teaching methods. Recent evidence from Sharma and Gupta (2021) highlights how digital platforms can augment financial education efforts, making them accessible even in remote areas. However, as DaRosa et al. (2011) pointed out, barriers like limited resources and lack of teacher training often hinder the effective implementation of these programs. Addressing these challenges is essential to ensure that financial literacy initiatives reach their full potential.

Vulnerabilities and Scams Among Youth

Youth are particularly vulnerable to financial scams, making it essential to tailor educational programs to address their unique risks. Studies on older adults, such as those by Burnes et al. (2017) and James et al. (2014), reveal that demographic and behavioral factors significantly influence susceptibility to fraud. These insights are valuable for understanding similar vulnerabilities in younger populations.

Fernandes et al. (2014) noted that overconfidence in financial knowledge often exacerbates the risk of falling victim to scams. Educational programs should therefore combine financial literacy with lessons on risk perception to mitigate this overconfidence. Moreover, early financial education, as highlighted by Lusardi et al. (2010), can instill resilience and reduce vulnerability to scams among young individuals.

A study by Verma et al. (2021) indicates that peer influence significantly impacts financial decisions among youth, suggesting that peer-led financial literacy programs could be particularly effective. Chawla and Tandon (2023) highlight that financial scam among youth are increasing, driven by digital platforms, further emphasizing the need for early education in online financial safety.

Knowledge Gaps and Future Research Directions

Despite the compelling evidence supporting the importance of financial education, several knowledge gaps remain. For instance, there is a lack of comprehensive studies focusing on the specific financial behaviors of youth in India and how these behaviors correlate with their experiences of financial scams. Additionally, while existing research highlights the importance of financial literacy, there is limited exploration of the effectiveness of various educational methods in conveying financial ethics and awareness to young learners.

Future research should aim to fill these gaps by conducting large-scale surveys and qualitative studies that investigate the financial experiences of youth in India. This could include examining the impact of different educational interventions on their financial behaviors and susceptibility to scams. Longitudinal studies could offer valuable insights into the evolution of financial literacy and ethical decision-making among young individuals over time. By examining how these competencies develop, such research could identify key factors that influence long-term financial behavior and ethical choices.

Additionally, assessing the impact of financial education on the prevalence of financial scams among youth is crucial. Research in this area would evaluate the effectiveness of educational interventions and determine whether heightened financial literacy directly correlates with a reduction in scam victimization, providing actionable data for policymakers and educators.

Objectives

This research explores the integration of financial awareness and ethics education in Indian schools to reduce youth vulnerability to financial scams. By analyzing survey responses and international case studies, it aims to assess the current levels of financial literacy among Indian students, including their understanding of financial concepts and scams.

The study examines the relationship between teaching methods and students' confidence in managing money effectively. It also reviews global financial literacy initiatives to derive actionable insights for curriculum integration and policy development in India.

Finally, the research proposes strategies to empower youth through financial education, fostering informed decision-making and societal well-being. The paper highlights the transformative role of financial literacy in protecting individuals and strengthening communities against financial exploitation.

Research methodology

This study adopts a mixed-method approach, combining primary and secondary data collection.The data was collected through a structured questionnaire targeting 107 school students across different grades, types of schools, and locations using stratified random sampling. The survey included demographic questions and items on financial literacy, confidence, scam awareness, and the perceived benefits of financial education. Data analysis used descriptive statistics for summarization and inferential tests like ANOVA and Chi-Square to assess relationships between variables.

Reports from financial education organizations such as Jump$tart Coalition and CFPB, government databases, and academic journals were the sources of secondary data. Focus areas included fraud reduction through financial literacy, curriculum integration practices, and cross-country comparisons of financial education methodologies. This dual approach ensured a comprehensive exploration of the research objectives.

Data analysis and interpretation

*1. **Primary Research (Data Collection & Analysis)***

The primary research investigates financial literacy, confidence in managing money, and scam awareness among school students. A survey of 107 respondents evaluated the impact of teaching methods on financial knowledge and behavior.

Hypotheses Tested:

1. **H1**: Confidence in managing money differs significantly based on the method of financial education delivery (e.g., workshops, formal courses, or informal teaching).
2. **H2**: There is a significant relationship between how financial ethics are taught and students' familiarity with common financial scams.

Statistical tools like ANOVA and chi-square tests were employed to validate these hypotheses and uncover actionable insights for enhancing financial literacy and scam resilience.

Demographics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age	107	1	3	2.12	.749
Gender	107	1	2	1.56	.499
Grade/Standard of respondent	107	1	3	2.01	.818
Type of school	107	1	3	1.63	.607
Location of school	107	1	2	1.50	.502

Table 2.1

The sample consists of 107 respondents distributed across different age groups, genders, grade levels, school types, and locations.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Frequency of money-related discussions at home	107	1	5	3.19	.837
Familiarity with creating a basic budget	107	1	5	3.12	1.052
Understanding of basic financial concepts	107	2	5	3.20	.806
Familiarity with common financial scams	107	1	5	3.06	1.008
Frequency of digital payment method use	106	1	5	3.32	1.074
Agreement level on financial education benefits	106	2	5	3.90	.716
Confidence in managing money	106	1	5	2.97	1.134
Willingness to participate in financial literacy programs	106	2	5	3.79	.933

Table 2.2

The descriptive statistics highlight respondents' **moderate familiarity with basic financial practices and concepts**, a **high agreement on the benefits of financial education** (Mean = 3.90), and **strong willingness to participate in financial literacy programs** (Mean = 3.79). Despite this, **confidence in managing money is relatively low** (Mean = 2.97), emphasizing the need for targeted interventions to boost financial confidence. There is notable variability in awareness levels of scams, budgeting skills, and digital payment usage, underscoring the importance of personalized financial education efforts.

Financial Literacy Workshop Attendance

Figure 2.1

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Yes	20	18.7	18.7
No	84	78.5	78.5
Total	107	100.0	100.0

Table2.3

A significant majority (78.5%) of respondents have not attended financial literacy workshops, while only 18.7% reported attendance. These findings indicate a limited exposure to structured financial literacy programs among participants. This highlights an area of opportunity for increasing outreach and accessibility to such workshops, emphasizing the potential impact of broader participation in fostering financial awareness and confidence. Addressing this gap could play a pivotal role in promoting financial literacy and better financial decision-making among the population.

ANOVA Analysis

H0: Financial confidence does not differ based on how financial knowledge was taught.
H1: Financial confidence differs significantly across at least one group based on the method of financial knowledge instruction (taught as a course, during workshops, not formally taught, or never taught).

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	37.013	3	12.338	12.868	<.001
Within Groups	96.835	101	.959		
Total	133.848	104			

Table 2.4

Means Plots

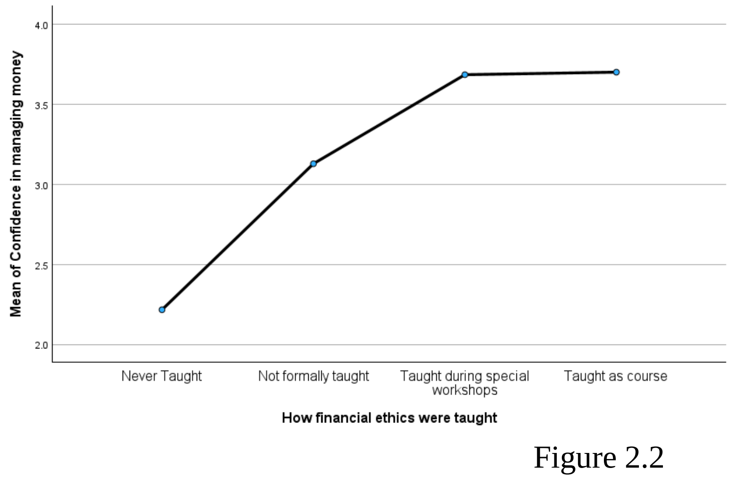

Figure 2.2

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- The F-statistic of 12.868 and the p-value of <0.001 indicate that there are statistically significant differences in confidence in managing money between the groups.
- Since the p-value is smaller than 0.01, we can reject the null hypothesis and conclude that the mean confidence in managing money differs across the groups.
- Further post-hoc tests would be necessary to identify which specific groups differ from each other.

CHI SQUARE Analysis
Null Hypothesis (H0): There is no relationship between how financial ethics were taught and scam familiarity.
Alternative Hypothesis (H2): There is a significant relationship between how financial ethics were taught and scam familiarity.

How financial ethics were taught * Familiarity with common financial scams Crosstabulation

			Familiarity with common financial scams					Total
			Not Familiar	Slightly Familiar	Neutral	Familiar	Very Familiar	
How financial ethics were taught	Never Taught	Count	7	9	11	9	1	37
		% within How financial ethics were taught	18.9%	24.3%	29.7%	24.3%	2.7%	100.0%
		% within Familiarity with common financial scams	77.8%	50.0%	25.6%	30.0%	16.7%	34.9%
		% of Total	6.6%	8.5%	10.4%	8.5%	0.9%	34.9%
	Not formally taught	Count	2	5	23	8	1	39
		% within How financial ethics were taught	5.1%	12.8%	59.0%	20.5%	2.6%	100.0%
		% within Familiarity with common	22.2%	27.8%	53.5%	26.7%	16.7%	36.8%

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		financial scams						
		% of Total	1.9%	4.7%	21.7%	7.5%	0.9%	36.8%
	Taught during special workshops	Count	0	2	6	8	3	19
		% within How financial ethics were taught	0.0%	10.5%	31.6%	42.1%	15.8%	100.0%
		% within Familiarity with common financial scams	0.0%	11.1%	14.0%	26.7%	50.0%	17.9%
		% of Total	0.0%	1.9%	5.7%	7.5%	2.8%	17.9%
	Taught as course	Count	0	2	3	5	1	11
		% within How financial ethics were taught	0.0%	18.2%	27.3%	45.5%	9.1%	100.0%
		% within Familiarity with common financial scams	0.0%	11.1%	7.0%	16.7%	16.7%	10.4%
		% of Total	0.0%	1.9%	2.8%	4.7%	0.9%	10.4%
Total		Count	9	18	43	30	6	106
		% within How financial ethics were taught	8.5%	17.0%	40.6%	28.3%	5.7%	100.0%
		% within Familiarity with common financial scams	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	% of Total	8.5%	17.0%	40.6%	28.3%	5.7%	100.0 %

Table 2.5

	Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	23.410[a]	12	.024
Likelihood Ratio	23.464	12	.024
Linear-by-Linear Association	11.142	1	<.001
N of Valid Cases	106		

Chi-Square Tests

a. 12 cells (60.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is .62.

Table 2.6

The test revealed a statistically significant association ($\chi^2(12) = 23.41$, $p = 0.024$), indicating that teaching methods significantly influence scam familiarity. Additionally, a significant linear-by-linear association ($\chi^2(1) = 11.14$, $p < 0.001$) suggests a linear relationship between the method of teaching and familiarity with scams.

Observations and Interpretation:

This analysis clearly reveals that there is a relationship between the teaching method and students' familiarity with financial scams. Most of the "Never Taught" or "Not Formally Taught" students reported that they were "Not Familiar" or "Neutral" to scams, with 2.7% and 2.6%, respectively being "Very Familiar." However, students "Taught During Workshops" or "Taught as a Course" revealed higher familiarity. For example, 42.1% of workshop attendees were "Familiar" and 15.8% were "Very Familiar," whereas 45.5% of course-taught students were "Familiar" and 9.1% were "Very Familiar." This implies that formal and workshop-based financial education effectively increases scam awareness.

2. **Secondary Data Analysis**

Financial literacy initiatives around the world show that the world is keen on equipping people and combating financial fraud by educating people, especially vulnerable populations. This section discusses notable programs and their impacts, as well as a comparative analysis of financial literacy metrics in the USA, Canada, Singapore, and India.

1. Jump$tart Coalition (U.S.)

Established in 1995, Jump$tart focuses on school-based financial education, improving teachers' financial behaviors and enhancing student knowledge, particularly for disadvantaged groups.

Impact: Fraud cases reduced by 20% (from 2M to 1.6M annually) and improved decision-making and fraud awareness.

2. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) (U.S.)

Founded in 2011, the CFPB targets financial literacy gaps in vulnerable groups, offering resources, training, and legal protection. A 2024 lawsuit against Zelle highlighted its regulatory role.

Impact: Fraud cases reduced by 20.8% (from 1.2M to 950K annually), empowering consumers to make informed decisions.

The following table shows more initiatives, their focus areas, and impact further illustrate fraud reduction and consumer protection outcomes. Initiative	Launch Year	Focus	Fraud Reduction/Impact
Jump$tart Coalition (U.S.)	1995	School-based financial education	20% reduction in fraud cases
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) (U.S.)	2011	Financial literacy for vulnerable groups	20.8% reduction in fraud cases
Canadian Financial Literacy Database (CFLD) (Canada)	2010	Centralized financial education resources	Improved scam awareness and prevention
Investor Education Fund (Canada)	2007	Investor fraud prevention	Educates investors, reducing scam losses
Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC)	2001	Consumer protection and financial literacy	Helps individuals recognize and avoid scams

3. Canadian Financial Literacy Database (CFLD) (Canada)
Launched in 2010, the CFLD centralizes tools and resources, enabling Canadians to recognize and avoid scams. Regular updates address emerging fraud trends.
Impact: Increased scam awareness and improved decision-making.

Table 2.7

Comparative Analysis

A review of financial literacy metrics across four countries highlights the varied approaches and outcomes:

Metric	USA	Canada	Singapore	India
Financial Literacy Rates	Moderate to High	Moderate	High	Low (27% financially literate)
Curriculum Integration	Standardized in some states	Integrated into social studies	Holistic, part of the core	Limited; not formally integrated
Teacher Training Levels	Limited	Moderate	High	Minimal training for teachers
Student Financial Behaviour	Data-driven analysis	Emphasis on savings	Emphasis on budgeting	Limited data; focus on savings culture
Financial assessment testing	State-level testing	Provincial-level assessments	Nationwide assessments	Rarely assessed formally

Program Reach	Variable by state	High coverage	Nationwide and uniform	Fragmented; urban/private schools

Table 2.8

India's Efforts

India has made some strides in promoting financial literacy among school students, driven by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and other organizations. Programs such as Financial Literacy Week and tools like the "Raju and the Money Tree" comic simplify financial concepts for young learners. The National Strategy for Financial Education (NSFE) emphasizes interactive activities for students aged 10 to 16, complemented by digital modules and games.

However, certain challenges like inadequate teacher training and inconsistent program implementation make government initiatives less effective. Thus, in order to make the government initiatives successful and ensure increased financial awareness among Indian youth, it is imperative that there be a continued collaboration among regulatory bodies, educational institutions and NGOs.

Findings

Current Levels of Financial Literacy

The survey show Indian students lack familiarity with basic financial concepts like budgeting, savings, and digital payment methods. While aware of financial scams, they struggle to recognize newer digital frauds.

Teaching Methods and Financial Confidence

Students taught financial concepts through practical, interactive methods like workshops and simulations show greater confidence than those taught via traditional lectures. Schools with integrated financial literacy programs report better scam awareness and decision-making skills.

Global Best Practices in Financial Education

Countries like the USA, Singapore, and Canada use teacher training, student assessments, and long-term program tracking to integrate financial literacy. Regular curriculum updates, case studies, and collaboration between policymakers and educators enhance program effectiveness.

Challenges in the Indian Educational Context

Indian schools face challenges like a lack of standardized curriculum, insufficient teacher training, and limited resources, reducing the reach and impact of programs.

Recommendations

Integrating financial education into school curricula is crucial, especially in rural and underserved areas. Teacher training should focus on storytelling, gamified learning, and digital platforms to make lessons engaging. Regional campaigns in local languages can address unique challenges, ensuring inclusivity. Regular assessments and certifications can motivate students and track progress. Workshops on phishing and digital fraud will help students stay updated.
A national framework with outcome evaluations and pilot studies can drive innovation. Collaboration among the government, private sector, and NGOs will empower Indian youth to navigate the financial world confidently.

Implications

The research sheds light on the importance of financial literacy in establishing a financially informed society. It calls for policy makers to consider financial education being taught in school under a unified curriculum. It would help youngsters be better prepared, avoid becoming victims of frauds, and practice ethical finances.

Such knowledge can be tapped by educational institutions in designing appropriate financial programs for students based on their age and developmental stage. Teacher training is essential for effective delivery of lessons. Banks and other financial institutions can facilitate these efforts by aligning their products with ethical standards and educating consumers about finance, thus minimizing fraud, building trust, and strengthening customer relationships.

Financial literacy allows young people to be empowered and make effective choices in the realms of digital finance, avoid scams, and make more informed financial choices. At an aggregate level, mass financial education can improve social and economic stability through a reduction in the impact of frauds on the financial system. This enables an increasingly secure and resilient financial system, giving further impetus to individual well-being and societal advancement.

Conclusion

The study underscores the critical need to incorporate financial literacy and ethics education in Indian schools to empower youth with essential knowledge and skills for informed decision-making. It underlines the potential of structured financial education in mitigating risks such as financial scams and promoting societal well-being by analyzing gaps in current practices and drawing inspiration from successful global models. Pragmatic, age-specific teaching approaches should be combined with strong policy and teacher training. Financial awareness instilled at a young age can lead to the development of an entire generation of financially confident, ethically rooted, and exploitative-resistant children.

Limitations and scope

This study has the disadvantage of using convenience sampling, which may limit generalizability of findings. Further, self-reported data are liable to be riddled with biases. Though the geographic and demographic scope is very diverse, it may not reflect India's large diversity in educational and socio-economic setups. Insights derived from developed countries are useful but may not necessarily fit India's unique context. Resource constraints further restricted the sample size and the depth of data collection. However, despite all the challenges, this study does provide a fundamental framework for integrating financial literacy and ethics within Indian education systems. It holds significant potential for youth empowerment and reducing financial frauds as the door opens to future research possibilities.

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