Trends and Innovations of Digital Integration in Inclusive Education: A Study in Indian Context

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Abstract:

Digital initiatives in India are spearheading a transformative shift towards inclusive education by leveraging technology to overcome barriers to access and enhance learning outcomes for all learners. By embracing innovative approaches and harnessing the power of digital tools, India is paving the way for 12 a more equitable and inclusive education system that empowers every learner to thrive in the digital age. In recent years, India has witnessed a significant surge in digital initiatives aimed at revolutionizing its education landscape, particularly in fostering inclusivity across diverse socio-economic backgrounds. This study explored the digital devices used in Inclusive Education, the trends of digital initiatives in Inclusive Education, innovations of digital Initiatives in Inclusive Education etc. It was a qualitative approach of study and the data were collected mainly from the secondary sources. The study covered, historical background of digital initiatives and how historically t1he concept of inclusive education emerged in Indian civilization i.e. from 19th century to 21st century. It was also investigated about various digital devices and innovations used in Inclusive Education. It was also explored the Digital India campaign and t2h e National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasize the i2n2tegration of technology in education to enhance accessibility and quality of learning for all learners.

Keywords: digital initiatives, inclusive education, digital tools, digital India.

1. Introduction:

India has been actively leveraging digital technology to enhance the education sector (Tyagi & Sharma, 2025)[1]. Various digital initiatives have been launched to promote online learning, improve access to educational resources, and facilitate the all-inclusive progress of the education system

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(Kumar, 2023)[2]. In January 2022, here are some key digital initiatives in the education sector in India: National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR), SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds), DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing), E-pathshala, National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER), National Academic Depository (NAD), e-yantra, National Testing Agency (NTA), Virtual Labs, Smart Classroom initiatives etc (MHRD). Although the national government already uses a number of e-learning platforms to support education, the abrupt COVID-19 outbreak brought to light a number of new, important projects (Sk & Sain, 2021)[3]. During the COVID time, a number of further online initiatives were launched, including PM e-Vidya, Swayam Prabha TV, the channel for people with disabilities, and e-textbooks (Sukla & Singh, 2023)[4].

Children with impairments and learning issues are to be educated under one roof with regular students using a novel approach known as inclusive education (Nazar et al., 2025)[5]. It attempts to maximize each student's potential by bringing all students together in a single classroom and community, regardless of their strengths or deficiencies in any one subject (Singh, 2016). Inclusive education as a system of education wherein students with and without disability learn together and the system of teaching and learning is suitably adapted to meet the learning needs of different types of students with disabilities (Twala, 2025)[6]. An inclusive education system seeks to give every student access to the finest learning environments and opportunities so they can reach their full potential (Alberta Education, 2010). Inclusive education is a result of the belief that education is a basic human right and the foundation of an ethical society (Paul and Chatterjee, 2023). Therefore, in the case of the so-called developing countries, inclusive education only becomes "better" than its predecessors if it is viewed within its larger context rather than as a "cheap alternative" to other special education programs (Bari, 2025)[7]. Digital initiatives play a significant role in promoting inclusive education by addressing various barriers to learning and providing equal opportunities for all individuals, irrespective of their background, abilities, or geographical location (Pundir et al., 2025)[8]. Digital technologies have the potential to facilitate the inclusion of diverse student groups

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in education through several means, such as augmenting the accessibility of educational content, boosting personalization, and offering chances for distance learning, as demonstrated during the COVID-19 epidemic (Mukharjee, 2025)[9]. Digital initiatives, such as online courses and e-learning platforms, make educational resources more accessible to a diverse range of learners (Chattopadhyay, 2025)[10].

Digital technologies enable personalized learning experiences, catering to the individual needs, pace, and learning styles of students (Syed, 2022). Adaptive learning platforms can provide tailored content, assessments, and feedback to accommodate an extensive range of learning abilities (Karan & Chakma, 2022)[11]. Digital initiatives support continuous learning throughout one's life (Sukla & Singh, 2023) [12]. They enable individuals to acquire new skills and knowledge, promoting lifelong learning and adapting to evolving educational and employment landscapes. Digital initiatives contribute significantly to creating an inclusive education system by addressing barriers, providing personalized learning experiences, and ensuring that educational opportunities are available to a diverse range of individuals (Weber, 2022)[13]. Embracing digital technology in education helps create a more equitable and accessible learning environment for everyone.

2. Literature Review:

Ahmad, et. al. (2025) conducted a study to investigate the digital literacy policies: initiatives for equity and inclusion and the findings revealed that digital literacy becomes a critical vehicle for inclusive education, social mobility, and democratic participation, ensuring no one is excluded from the opportunities of the digital world. Another study was done by Prasad (2025) to examine the social impact of digital education in rural India and the findings revealed that the study comes to the conclusion that inclusive, culturally sensitive, and teacher-led innovation should take precedence over infrastructure expansion in India's digital education policy. Integrating digital education with community involvement, locally relevant material, and data-driven governance will be essential for a sustainable change. Again, Sumadevi (2024) conducted a study to investigate the revolutionizing higher education: role of digital initiatives in India for tackling challenges with innovation and technology and findings showed that the digital divide, worries about data security,

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and the guarantee of the reliability and quality of online resources are some of the issues that must be resolved as a result of the quick adoption of digital initiatives. It highlights how technology may revolutionize educational paradigms and enable universities to embrace innovation in order to meet the changing demands of students and the job market. Again, Yadav & Ghosh (2025) conducted a study to explore the unlocking India's digital vision: a case study analysis with NVivo and the findings showed that The study that is being presented is adapted to the human-centric outcomes approach in order to build the book's focus and contribute to the scholarly discourse that aims to take into account the inclusivity of educational equity as well as survival ones in order to ensure that all societal strata embrace the digital benefits.

Bharti (2025) designed a study digital transformation in education in India: opportunities, challenges and the way forward and findings showed that in the upcoming years, utilizing digital tools will not only improve educational quality but also have the potential to change the game for both teachers and students. Gupta & Ts (2024) conducted a study to investigate the navigating the digital frontier: the unique challenges and opportunities of education in India and the results show how Indian education is changing in a number of ways, including the digital divide, EdTech integration, government programs, blended learning approaches, emphasis on skill development, linguistic variety, and emerging technology. SK & Sain (2024) designed a study to implementation of digital initiatives in higher education in India: problems and solutions and this study examines solutions to the challenges associated with implementing digital initiatives, such as regular training and workshop program arrangements and to successfully implement digital projects in higher education, sufficient internet infrastructure must be provided, particularly in remote regions. Sustainable funding is also necessary.

Soratha (2025) conducted a study to investigate the nature of inclusive education concept in India and the findings showed that it is an effort to meet each child's unique needs, including those of children with impairments. It has been determined that integrating children with disabilities into education is a challenging undertaking that calls for extensive community involvement and mobilization as well as the provision of appropriate solutions to a variety of special children's learning needs in both formal and informal contexts. Saha & Azim (2025) examine to inclusive education: an overview of India and Japan and result showed as a key component of educational reform and social sustainability, both countries concentrate on creating inclusive education. Jan, et. al. (2025) conducted a study to investigate the inclusive and equitable education in India: policies, challenges, and prospects and the findings highlight that achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG-4) and fostering a more just, democratic, and cohesive society require equitable and inclusive education, which is not only a matter of policy compliance but also a moral duty.

3. Research Gap:

After critically reviewing various papers and articles, the majority of research on digital integration in inclusive education primarily originates from Western or developed countries. In India, while there are policies such as the RTE, NEP 2020, and initiatives aimed at digital learning, there is still a lack of empirical studies that investigate how these are implemented on the ground, their effectiveness, and the challenges faced by Indian schools (considering urban versus rural settings, variations across states, and public versus private institutions). There are broad discussions about digital learning and inclusion separately, but few studies examine the accessibility features of digital tools, their suitability for students with different disabilities (visual, hearing, cognitive, physical), and how well schools are equipped to use them. Limited studies on pedagogical models, teacher preparedness, and classroom practices that make digital integration truly inclusive. Therefore, this study aims to find out the trends and innovations of digital initiatives in inclusive education in India.

4. Objectives of the Study:

(i) To find out the digital devices commonly used in inclusive education in India.
(ii) To find out the trends of digital initiatives in inclusive education in India.
(iii) To find out the innovations of digital initiatives in inclusive education in India.

5. Methodology of the Study:

The study used a qualitative methodology. Numerous secondary sources, including journals, research publications, and research reports were used to gather the data. The data were critically analyzed using content analysis techniques.

6. Data Collection:

In this study, the researcher analyzes pre-existing qualitative materials to gain insights, meanings, patterns, and interpretations related to the research problem. Such data may include policy documents, government reports, academic research articles, and credible digital sources. In the Indian education context, for example, documents related to NEP 2020, inclusive education policies, ICT initiatives, NGO reports, and EdTech case studies are commonly used.

7. Analysis and Discussion:

7.1 Digital Devices Used in Inclusive Education:

Digital devices play a significant role in inclusive education by providing tools and resources to accommodate diverse learning needs. Computers and laptops equipped with accessibility features

(screen readers, magnification tools, and speech recognition) provide a versatile platform for students with various abilities (Tripathi, 2024) [14]. Touchscreen tablets and smartphones are accessible and user-friendly, making them suitable for students with different motor skills (Thakur, et. al., 2025) [15]. Educational apps and tools on these devices can be customized to support individual learning needs. Interactive whiteboards make teaching livelier and more interesting (Sk & Sain, 2024)[16]. They help all students, including those with different learning styles, by enabling teachers to use interactive software, multimedia information, and cooperative learning activities. Electronic readers or e-readers provide customizable text options, allowing students to adjust font size, color, and background for better readability (Alam, & Ahmad, 2025)[17]. They are particularly helpful for students with visual impairments or dyslexia. These tools assist students with reading and writing challenges. Speech-to-text software allows students to speak into a device, converting their spoken words into text (Tripathi, 2024)[18].

Text-to-speech software reads digital text aloud, aiding students with reading difficulties (Gond & Gupta, 2017)[19]. Adaptive learning platforms use technology to personalize the learning experience based on individual student progress (Alam, & Ahmad, 2025)[20]. They can adjust content difficulty, pace, and style to accommodate diverse learning needs. Immersion learning experiences are made possible by AR and VR technologies (Suri & Sharma, 2025)[21]. Their interactive simulations and visualizations that accommodate varying sensory preferences can be very advantageous for pupils with diverse learning styles (Rao, 2023)[22].

Various educational apps and software cater to specific learning needs, including those related to language development, math skills, and social interaction. Different skill levels can be supported

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by customizing these programs (Tripathi, 2024)[23]. For students with visual impairments, braille displays connected to computers or note takers with braille keyboards allow access to digital content in a braille format. Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices assist students with communication difficulties (Tyagi & Sharma, 2025). These devices may include specialized communication boards, voice output devices, or communication apps on tablets. These devices, such as specialized keyboards, mice, or switches, cater to students with motor challenges, providing alternative methods for input (Kumar, 2023). Some inclusive education programs incorporate sensory devices, like interactive touch panels or sensory boards, to engage students with sensory processing disorders or autism. LMS platforms facilitate communication, collaboration, and organization. They can be adapted to provide accessible content and communication features for students with diverse needs.

7.2 Trends of Digital Initiatives in Inclusive Education:

Several trends shaped digital activities in inclusive education in India in January 2022. The goal of inclusive education is to give all students, including those with special needs or disabilities, equitable access to an education. Online learning platforms can be a big help in accomplishing the inclusive education goal of meeting every student's varied learning needs (SK & Sain, 2024)[24]. These systems frequently offer elements to accommodate various learning styles, like interactive tests, video lectures, and accessibility aids and numerous websites provide tools and features that encourage inclusion (Shukla & Shing, 2023)[25]. Here are a few instances of Indian online learning platforms: These include Blackboard Learn, Seesaw, Khan Academy, Bookshare, Learning Ally, Canvas, Moodle, Edmodo, Google Classroom, and Microsoft Team for Education, and Gynzy (Ballid, et al., 2022)[26]. Various mobile learning apps often include features such as voice commands, subtitles, and adjustable font sizes to make learning content more inclusive. Many of these apps are designed to cater to a diverse range of learners, making them valuable tools in inclusive education.

Here is some mobile learning apps used in India that can support inclusivity: Bookshare (ios, Android), Voice Dream Reader, Epic-Kids' Books and Videos, Proloquo2Go, Duolingo, Todo Math, Beeline Reader, Quizlet, Dyslexia Gold, Gus on the Go etc. Algorithms are used by adaptive learning systems to tailor the learning process to each student's demands. These tools can be especially

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helpful for the needs of students. Because these technologies can adjust the pace and level of difficulty of the content, they can be especially helpful for kids with varying learning capacities (Kumar, 2023)[27]. The following are a few instances of adaptive learning technology utilized in India's inclusive education system: DreamBox (math for grades K–8), Knewton, Smart Sparrow, ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces), Thinkster Math, Pearson MyLab and Mastering, IXL Learning, Thinkster Math, Cognii, Renaissance Accelerate Reader, Edmentum Exact Path, Quillionz, Brilliant.org, and other adaptive learning platforms in higher education (Chattopadhyay, 2025)[28]. E-books and digital libraries play an important role in inclusive education by providing accessible and customizable resources for a various range of learners. Digital resources, including e-books and digital libraries, have become more prevalent. These resources can be customised to accommodate various reading preferences such as adjustable text size, font type, and background colours (Rudrawar, 2023)[29]. Assistive technologies are tools, devices, or software designed to support individuals with disabilities and enhance their independence and inclusion in various activities, including education (Swargiary & Roy, 2023)[30].

Here are some examples of assistive technologies used in inclusive education in India: Screen Readers, Text-to-Speech Software, Speech-to-Text Software, Word Prediction Software, Electronic Textbooks and Audiobooks, Braille Displays and Notetakers, Graphic Organizers and Mind Mapping Software, Adaptive Keyboards and Mice, Screen Magnification Software, Closed Captioning and Subtitling, Sensory Devices and Tools, Adaptive Learning Platforms, Eye Gaze Technology, Smart Pens etc (SK, & Sain, 2024)[31]. The immersive and interactive learning experiences that are produced by Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technology present intriguing opportunities in the realm of inclusive education (Weber, et al., 2022)[32]. These technologies can be particularly beneficial in catering to diverse learning styles and addressing the needs of students with various abilities (Sanjib, & Kumar, 2007)[33]. The Indian government has been focusing on digital initiatives to promote inclusive education. Initiatives such as the Digital India campaign aim to make digital resources and technologies more accessible across the country

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including in the education sector (MHRD, 2019)[34]. Several digital initiatives in India have been launched to promote inclusive education and leverage technology for the benefit of all learners.

There are some key government digital initiatives related to inclusive education in India: DIKSA, SWAYAM, Accessible E-books, National Repository of Open Educational Resources, Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, National Digital Library in India, Unified District Information System for Education, Accessible Website for Persons with Disability, and ICT in Education (MHRD, 2019)[35]. Training educators to use digital resources successfully in order to meet the varied requirements of their pupils is becoming more and more important. Technology utilization for different learners and inclusive education are common topics covered in professional development programs. India has implemented several digital initiatives to enhance teacher training in inclusive education. These initiatives leverage technology to provide teachers with the necessary skills and resources to create inclusive learning environments. Here are some key digital initiatives related to teacher training in inclusive education in India: Teacher Professional Development in Inclusive Education through DIKSHA, Inclusive Teaching Practices through SWAYAM courses, Teacher Education through DTH, NIOS offers online courses and resources for in-service teacher training, including modules related to inclusive education and special needs, National Resource Centre for Inclusion (NRCI), Various e-learning platforms offer courses and modules specifically designed for teacher training in inclusive education and Digital Modules for Inclusive Education (Gond, & Gupta, 2017)[36].

Collaborative learning platforms play a significant role in fostering inclusive education by providing a space for diverse learners to interact, share ideas, and engage in collaborative activities. In India, several platforms are being used to promote collaborative learning in inclusive education settings. Here are some examples: ChatGPT, Google Workspace for Education, Microsoft Teams for Education, Edmodo, Pedlet, Kahoot, Collaborize Classroom, Flipgrid and Eduflow etc.

7.3 Innovations of Digital Initiatives in Inclusive Education:

Keep in mind that the field of inclusive education is dynamic, and new innovations may have emerged since my last update. It's advisable to check the latest sources and educational initiatives in India for the most current information on digital innovations in inclusive education. In January 2022, several digital initiatives and innovations have been implemented in India to promote inclusive education. These initiatives focus on leveraging technology to address the diverse needs

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of learners and ensure equitable access to quality education. According to Jyothsna (2025)[37], various e-learning platforms in India have adopted inclusive design principles, incorporating features such as subtitles, transcripts, and adjustable text sizes to accommodate diverse learning needs. Some platforms also offer content in multiple languages to cater to a broader audience. Ensuring that e-learning platforms are accessible is crucial for promoting inclusive education in India. Here are some examples of accessible e-learning platforms that are commonly used and can be adapted to support inclusive education: Google Classroom (Google Workspace for Education), Microsoft Teams for Education, e-PG Pathshala, NCERT e-Pathshala, e-Yantra Robotics Courses, Accessible MOOC Platforms and Khan Academy etc (MHRD, 2019)[38]. An essential component of inclusive education is a customizable learning route, which enables teachers to adapt lessons to the various requirements of their pupils. Customizable learning paths are becoming increasingly important in India in order to provide inclusive and accessible education for all (Kohama, 2012)[45]. The integration of assistive technologies, such as screen readers, voice recognition software, and speech-to-text tools, speech recognition software, word prediction software, electronic math worksheets and graphing tools, alternative input devices etc. is helping students with disabilities access educational content more easily (Bala, 2016)[39].

Schools and institutions are working to ensure that digital resources are compatible with a several of assistive devices. The use of virtual classrooms and webinars has become more widespread, providing and inclusive environment for students who may face challenges in attending traditional classes (Bala, 2016). These platforms often include features for real-time interaction, chat support, and video conferencing (Bala, 2016)[40]. Mobile applications specifically designed for inclusive education are gaining popularity. These apps often include features like gamified learning, interactive content, and accessibility settings to cater to diverse learning needs (Dubey, et al., 2024). Teachers can now access and modify content to match the unique needs of their pupils thanks to the promotion of open educational resources (OER), which includes interactive simulations, films, and textbooks (Dubey, et al., 2024)[41]. This method contributes to the development of a more adaptable and inclusive learning environment. Open Educational Resources (OER) are materials that can be used for teaching, learning, research, and other educational purposes that are freely accessible and licensed under an open license (Kumar,

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2023)[42]. For all students, including those with a range of needs, OER in inclusive education can contribute to fair access to high-quality instructional materials. OER is made available in India within the framework of inclusive education through a number of initiatives and platforms. Here are a few instances: National Digital Library of India (NDLI), Open Textbooks by Saylor Academy, OpenStax, Wikieducators, and Coursera for Campus, National Repository of Open Educational Resources (IRDE, 2020)[43].

Digital initiatives in inclusive education teacher professional development in India leverage technology to enhance the skills and knowledge of educators, ensuring they can effectively support students with diverse learning needs (Sharma, 2024)[44]. Several innovations have been introduced to make teacher professional development more accessible, engaging, and tailored to inclusive education (Nazar, et al., 2025)[45]. Here are some innovative digital initiatives: National Teacher Platform (NTP), Microsoft Educator Centre, and Google for Education Teacher Centre, Teacher Professional Development Apps, Virtual Workshops and Webinars, E-Learning Platforms for Teachers, Collaborative Learning Communities, Teacher Training Portals, Microlearning Modules, and AI-Powered Feedback and Support System etc (Kennedy & Thangia, 2020)[46].

Digital initiatives in inclusive education often leverage Learning Management Systems (LMS) to facilitate the creation, delivery, and management of educational content (Sharma, 2024)[47]. In India, several innovative features and approaches have been integrated into LMS platforms to enhance inclusive education (Singal, 2005). Here are some innovations in digital initiatives using Learning Management Systems for inclusive education in India: Google Classroom (Google Workspace for Education), Microsoft Teams for Education, Moodle, Schoology, Edmodo, Byju's, LMS for Special Education, Gamification Elements, Real-time Progress Tracking, Inclusive Digital Library etc., (Dubey, et al., 2024).

The creation of multimodal content, including videos, podcasts, and interactive simulations, caters to divers learning preferences (Mani, 2000)[48]. Multimodal content creation involves using multiple modes of representation (such as text, images, audio, video, and interactive elements) to convey

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information (Pundir, et al., 2025)[49]. In the context of inclusive education in India, various digital initiatives have incorporated multimodal content creation to address diverse learning styles, preferences, and abilities (Shing, et al., 2025)[50]. Community engagement platforms in inclusive education play an essential role in fostering collaboration among educators, students, parents, and the broader community (Bonagani, 2024)[51]. These platforms aim to create an encouraging environment for learners with diverse needs and promote inclusivity in education. In India, various digital initiatives have incorporated innovative features to enhance community engagement in inclusive education. Here are some innovations in digital initiatives related to community engagement platforms in inclusive education: Teacher Parent Communication Apps, Edusoar, and School Management Systems with Parent Portal, Social Media Platforms for Education communities, and Community Webinars and Workshops (Duo, 2028)[52].

Table-1: About the Digital Tools/ Devises have been integrated in Inclusive Education:

Sl. No	Name of the Digital Tools/ Devices	Types of Application	Effect / Benefit of Integration of Digital Device
1	Google Expeditions	AR/VR Applications	Experiential learning for diverse learners
2	Google Classroom, Moodle	Learning Management Systems (LMS)	Flexible, self-paced learning
3	Khan Academy, BYJU'S	Multimedia Learning Apps	Concept clarity through visuals
4	Kahoot, Quizizz	Game-based Learning Apps	Increased motivation and engagement
5	Mindspark, DreamBox	Adaptive Learning Software	Personalized learning pathways
6	Natural Reader, Google TTS	Text-to-Speech (TTS)	Supports students with dyslexia
7	NVDA, JAWS, TalkBack	Screen Readers	Enables access to text for visually impaired students
8	Avaz, Proloquo2Go	AAC (Augmentative & Alternative Communication) Apps	Supports non-verbal learners
9	Zoom, Microsoft Teams	Video Conferencing Platforms	Access for home-bound learners
10	Padlet, Jamboard	Discussion & Collaboration Tools	Encourages participation of shy or anxious learners
11	SWAYAM	Online Course Platform	Ensuring access, equity and quality in learing.
12	SWAYAM PRABHA	Educational TV Channels	Reaches rural, remote and economically weaker learners
13	DIKSHA	National digital platform for teachers and students	Teacher empowerment, inclusive school education.

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14	e-PATHSHALA	Digital repository	Supports diverse learning styles and disabilities
15	NDLI (National Digital Library in India)	Digital library	Inclusive knowledge access for all
16	Virtual Labs	Online Laboratory Simulations	Supports learners with physical and infrastructural limitations
17	NAD	Online repository of academic awards	Ensuring secure, equitable and life ling access to academic credentials.

8. Conclusion:

Digital initiatives in inclusive education have far-reaching implications for learners, educators, and educational systems. Digital initiatives increased access to educational resources, personalized learning, inclusive content, assistive technologies, enhances collaboration, professional development, diversity and professional awareness, flexible learning environment, data driven decision making and digital initiatives in inclusive education requires careful planning, ongoing support, and a commitment to addressing potential challenges to ensure that all learners can benefit from these innovations. India's various digital initiatives have made inclusive education much more effective and efficient. Since education and quality of life are the two variables that are most difficult to quantify accurately, the implications and conclusions on the variety of topics chosen for statistical analysis and structural modelling are thoroughly examined. A popular and legally-mandated educational agenda for educational changes and a better future, NEP 2020 is projected to be extremely challenging to implement in the context of digitization and improving life quality.

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