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ABSTRACT

In the art scene of India today there has been change recently, due to the integration of digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in the creative process by artists here in recent years. These advancements have allowed artists to explore avenues of expressing themselves and to dismantle boundaries within the art realm. Additionally these technologies have facilitated ways for artists to engage with audiences that were previously out of reach. This study aims to delve into the increasing influence of art along with AI in Indian art by examining how these innovations are reshaping our approach, towards creating art and how we perceive and understand it.

The growing impact of digital art and artificial intelligence on contemporary art in India is a fascinating subject with many important aspects to consider.

The advancement of technology and AI has opened up the doors to avenues of expression that were once, out of reach for artists, in the past. For instance generative art harnesses algorithms to produce designs and interactive installations utilize sensors and other tech innovations to craft immersive experiences for audiences. Digital technologies have also made it easier for artists to distribute their work and reach wider audiences. Social media platforms like Instagram and Twitter provide a means for artists to share their work with the world and connect with fans and potential buyers.

Digital art and AI are also having an impact on traditional art forms in India. For example, some artists are incorporating digital techniques into traditional painting or sculpture to create hybrid forms that blur the boundaries between old and new.

While digital technology and AI offer many exciting opportunities for artists, they also present challenges. One challenge is the need for artists to develop new skills and learn how to use these technologies effectively. Additionally, there are concerns about the role of technology in art, and whether it can ever truly replace human creativity.

Museums and galleries, in India play a role, in promoting and supporting art and AI by featuring artworks created with these technologies to raise awareness of this evolving field and offer artists chances to showcase and sell their creations. And what

exactly is modern art? It is contemporary art created by artists who are residing in the present.

But even work created after the "modern art period," such in the second half of the 20th century, is referred to as contemporary art. In modern art, the concept of current is quite complicated. As it implies the new or current one, just one is remaining. I'm curious as to how artwork created a decade or two earlier will likewise be referred to as contemporary, especially given the disparities in the social, political, and economic pressures of those decades.

The artwork created is often seen to be a reflection of, well, its global and indigenous cultural values, social variety, and political diversity. Its manifestations in the current period are interactive, synergetic, and occasionally contracting, yet each era on its own has given rise to the New art of that generation.

This could be seen in relatively recent times where specific indigenous art practices are side lined and European or Western art practices are adopted by Indian artists either by choice or by social and political pressures or direct views beat from the choice of subject to the actual process of execution.

Today we have traditional art, classical art, and other art forms surviving together with the merging creative styles alternatives of traditional art. This is due to changes in palette and more, which give rise to the phrase expressions of the moment. Modern possibilities for ancient artwork, tribal and folk art, technical hybrid trends, and hybrid arts have combined to produce what we can only describe as a complicated gene pool in Indian art.

This unstable, changing anti is a contemporary in and of itself. Not despite the mind-numbing culture. Our time's contemporary art is significant for its candid discussion of concerns, handling of sensitive subjects, acceptance of diverse manifestations, and investigation of ideas and ideologies. a number of. Contemporary art today reflects the way of globalization, the social, economic, political, and spiritual appeals within the society within that nation and within an artist. It is explored and employed while also transitioning from simple skill-based traditional styles to conceptual and technology-

based depictions. Or you might argue that an artist's subconscious mind is reflected in both society and a country at the same time, which shows in the artwork they produce. One can trace the development of Indian art over its whole length and breadth.

The. Influence of media, in today's world. It's hard to miss how much computer digitization is taking over our lives and limiting our interactions to screens. Computers and mobile devices alike.

Just as digital technology has taken over mediums, like Temperance, in sports and arts and impacted literature and music well; paintings and sculptures have also been influenced by the digital age.

Just, like how contemporary artists use paintbrushes to express their emotions and ideas, in art pieces today. The emergence of digitalization, in the realm of artistry has been, on the ascent.

Over the ten years or so there has been a growing admiration, for the impressive creations crafted through digital means resulting in a surge of interest and admiration for digital art. A rising number of individuals are valuing forms of art, like illustrations, animations, 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional artwork and other digital creative expressions for their unique characteristics, richness and profound effects.

During the 1950s era of evolution and innovation began to see the incorporation of computers, for the first time in their creative processes. New York's Howard Wise Gallery made history by showcasing the pioneering exhibition titled "Computer Generated Pictures" marking a milestone in the art world's technological integration journey. Across the ocean in London during 1969 the Institute of Contemporary Art curated a showcase of computer based artworks under the title "Cybernetic Serendipity" reflecting a growing fascination, with digital creativity and expression.

In the summer of 1962, at Bell Telephone Laboratories, in Murray Hill New Jersey. A digital computer was created by A.Michael Knoll specifically to produce patterns.

It seems reasonable to assume that the prevalence of art is rising due, to its growing prominence in today's art scene the progression of technology is closely linked to the

expansion of digital art forms of digital art and emerging artists in this field will likely be celebrated and esteemed as significant contributors, to the next generation's artistic landscape.

Objectives of the Research

- a. To understand the Increasing Impact of digital Medium in Contemporary Art of India.
- b. It is necessary to find out the value of new technical aspects not only the Photoshop or CorelDraw, but also the new software used for digital painting by contemporary Artist.
- c. In contemporary art of India many artists believe that digital medium is one of the advance tools to creating a digital painting.
- d. To find out the value of artists and their digital artwork in contemporary art of India.
- e. It is interesting to know about how artists creatively work with different techniques of digital medium.

Hypothesis

- a) The use of digital mediums does not have a significant impact on contemporary Indian art.
- b) The use of new digital tools such as AI and NFTs does not greatly influence artistic innovation in contemporary Indian art.
- c) Artists and audiences in India do not accept digital art as an advanced creative medium compared to traditional art forms.
- d) In the current Indian art scene, digital artworks and artists are not given much cultural importance or praise.

Exploring the incorporation of methods, in Indian painting practices

Digital painting commonly denotes the creation of artwork using computer tools to convey emotions or sentiments associated with the art form known as "digital painting."

Digital Indian art, such, as fractals and Algorithmic art is created exclusively using computers, where images are either modified with a scanner or crafted entirely from the ground up using software and input devices like a computer mouse or tablet. The term "applicable" could be relevant, in this scenario referring to how traditional artistic methods or hand-crafted techniques altered to produce innovative pieces of art.

Combining photographs with computer software to produce artwork is known as mixed media artistry. These creations can be printed on canvas. Showcased digitally on a computer screen. How prevalent is the practice of photo editing? This software enables users to explore their vision, with customization options and has gained wide adoption and approval through extensive usage and testing.

In our tech driven world visuals and graphics have taken stage breaking free from traditional constraints and embracing boundless creativity. The fusion of art and design tools has opened avenues in the media industry reflecting the ongoing digital transformation of our surroundings. Digital art is widely recognized as a form of expression, in contemporary Indian art scenes today. It has revolutionized forms of art, like painting and sculpture while introducing dimensions to creative communication. Digital artists create their works using computer technology and specialized software programs.



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CHAPTER – 1 EXPOSITION

1.0 Introductory

Digital art significantly influences creative fields by integrating technology to enhance traditional techniques and expand creative possibilities. In the current digital era, artists utilize advanced tools such as computers, software, and digital platforms to design, produce, and showcase their work globally. As the field of digital art continuously evolves, analyzing its historical development, mediums, significance, and societal impact becomes essential.

The origins of digital art trace back to the mid-20th century, when pioneers like Harold Cohen and Frieder Nake experimented with computer-generated graphics and algorithmic art, setting the foundation for future innovations. *(Paul, 2015; Nake, 2010)*

As computing power has grown, new forms of digital art have emerged, such as pixel art, computer-generated imagery (CGI), digital painting, and interactive installations.

Digital art represents a vibrant fusion of technological innovation, creative expression, and cultural significance. From virtual landscapes to algorithm-driven narratives, it transforms imagination into dynamic visual experiences. This study explores the evolution, techniques, importance, and long-term influence of digital art on contemporary society and culture.

Digital art offers artists a wide range of tools and methods for creative freedom. Software like Adobe Photoshop and Corel Painter enables replication of traditional painting styles using layers, blending modes, and digital brushes. Additionally, 3D programs such as Blender and Autodesk Maya allow precise modeling, sculpting, and animation, producing lifelike objects. Recent developments in Augmented Reality

(AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) have further introduced immersive and interactive digital experiences. Digital art traces its roots back to the twentieth century in the era of computers when trailblazers, like Harold Cohen and Frieder Niek delved into the realm of computer generated graphics. (Paul, 2015; Nake, 2010)

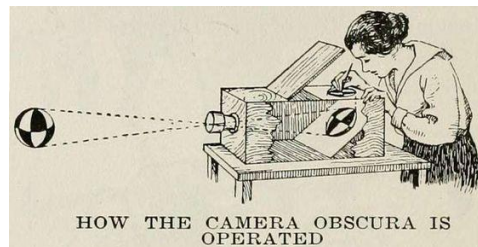


Figure 1 Vermeer and the Camera Obscura,

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These groundbreaking initiatives marked the onset of a phase that celebrated the endless potentials of digital technology while challenging the conventional boundaries set by traditional forms of media. Digital art has seen a surge, in forms like art and computer graphics (CGI) due to advancements, in computing power and software capabilities. We observe the growth mirrored in the evolution of digital art as each innovation expands creative horizons and revolutionizes the art realm. The beginnings of art have ties, to the development of computing in the mid twentieth century when visionaries such, as Harold Cohen and Frieder Niek first delved into the world of computer generated imagery. (McCorduck, 1991) Their groundbreaking work set the stage for a form of creativity that challenged conventional media and welcomed the limitless opportunities presented by digital advancements.

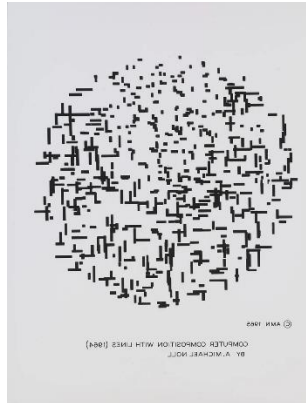


Figure 2 Early Computer Art

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The advancement of technology has fueled the expansion of art, into forms such as digital painting and interactive installations from traditional pixel art and CGI designs as processing power and software capabilities have improved over time. The progress in art mirrors the evolution of technology, with continuous innovations pushing the boundaries of creativity and reshaping the artistic landscape. (Manovich, 2001; Paul, 2015) Digital artists today have at their disposal an array of tools and techniques that offer them ways to bring their creative visions to life. By utilizing painting tools, like Adobe Photoshop and Corel Painter software packages artists are able to employ brushes that offer the same level of versatility as traditional media while also taking advantage of a wide range of layers blend modes and undo capabilities. Additionally creators can craft virtual artworks by leveraging 3D modeling software, like Blender and Autodesk Maya.

The rise of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) has pushed the boundaries of art further by introducing immersive experiences that allow viewers to step into an artist's realm and interact with their creations, in unique ways the tools available to digital artists are varied and extensive like their creativity. (Grau, 2003; Geroimenko, 2022) Ranging from motion capture technology to generative algorithms. Offering numerous avenues, for exploration and innovation.

A dynamic and constantly evolving form of artistic expression, digital art redefines

creativity, communication, and cross-cultural exchange through the use of technology. Digital art is always evolving, adapting, and inspiring as we move forward in an increasingly digital environment, influencing the future of artistic practice and cultural interaction.

Digital art breaks down barriers of time and place, connecting various realms and promoting an international conversation beyond linguistic, cultural, and geographic divides. It acts as a medium for self-expression, giving creatives from many backgrounds the chance to communicate their viewpoints, experiences, and tales to a worldwide audience. (Shanken, 2009) Digital art invites audiences to interact with creation on their own terms by democratizing access to the arts through internet platforms, social media, and virtual exhibitions. Furthermore, digital art stimulates interdisciplinary cooperation and cross-domain innovation by bridging the gap with other fields like science, technology, and design. Digital art is everywhere, whether it be in the form of interactive virtual worlds or digital installations in public areas. It challenges conventional ideas about how we consume art and encourages us to rethink the lines that divide it from technology.



Figure 3 Colloquy of Mobiles (1968), Gordon Pask

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Digital art is proof of the limitless creative, inventive, and imaginative potential of people. It is a vibrant, constantly changing form of artistic expression that transcends the bounds of technology while embracing its potential. Digital art acts as a light of

inspiration, pointing us in the direction of new frontiers for research and discovery as we navigate an increasingly digitalized world.

1.1. Emergence of virtual reality and augmented reality in Indian art

Digital art significantly influences creative fields by integrating technology to enhance traditional techniques and expand creative possibilities. For example, early pioneers like Harold Cohen developed AARON, an AI-driven art program, while Vera Molnar explored algorithmic art through geometric abstraction. Contemporary artists such as Refik Anadol create large-scale immersive installations using data and AI. (*McCorduck, 1991; Molnar, 1975; Anadol, 2021*)

India's diverse cultural legacy offers a multitude of tales, customs, and creative forms to delve into and discover. Artists have a dynamic platform to recreate these stories in immersive and interactive ways thanks to VR technology. Themes in VR art from antiquated mythology to modern societal challenges are widely represented in India. Using this medium, artists are able to produce multimodal experiences that appeal to audiences' intellects and emotions.

Virtual Reality (VR) enables viewers to view historical sites, monuments and relics that have been digitally reproduced with remarkable realism. It makes India's physical heritage more accessible to audiences around the world as well as aids in its preservation. Virtual Reality (VR) experiences allow visitors to take virtual tours of famous sites such as the Taj Mahal, Ajanta Caves or Hampi, transcending the boundaries of time and space. (*Guttentag, 2010; Sharma & Nayak, 2018*)



Figure 4 Sheba Chhachhi installation

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Virtual Reality (VR) gives artists unmatched flexibility to experiment and create, transcending the constraints of traditional artistic mediums. Artists in India are being encouraged to challenge social norms and push the boundaries of expression by the recently discovered creative freedom. (Mitra, 2021) VR art in India is expanding the parameters of artistic expression, whether through interactive narratives, immersive installations or experimental performances. Artists are creating multimodal experiences that engage and captivate audiences in new ways by combining elements of visual arts, sound design and technology.

1.2. Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Era of Indian Art

The digital age has introduced a new dimension to artistic expression, merging creativity with advanced technology. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the Indian digital art landscape, enabling artists to explore innovative techniques and engage audiences in interactive and immersive ways. This essay explores the complex role of AI in the digital age of Indian art, with an emphasis on how it affects the production, preservation, and consumption of art.

Algorithms based on artificial intelligence have become useful tools for artists, giving them creative ways to create, modify, and engage with art. AI-powered creativity is

expanding the boundaries of artistic expression in India, with generative adversarial networks (GANs) creating strange digital landscapes and neural style transfer algorithms incorporating historical art styles into modern compositions. (Elgammal et al., 2017; Goodfellow et al., 2014; Gatys et al., 2016)

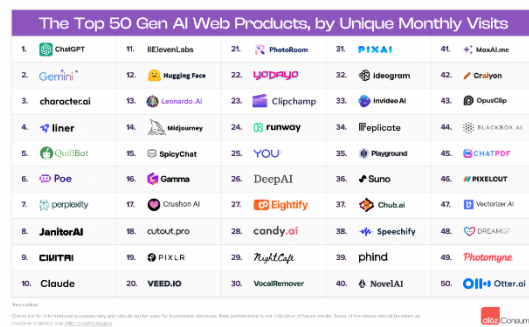


Figure 5 The number of possible configurations

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Advanced AI technologies like natural language processing and deep-learning-based image recognition assist artists in exploring innovative ideas and narratives. These tools allow analysis of extensive textual and visual datasets, providing insights that influence creative decisions and inspire novel artistic approaches. (Bishop, 2022; LeCun et al., 2015; Manning & Schütze, 1999)

AI plays a vital role in promoting and preserving India's cultural heritage. Through digitization and analysis of manuscripts, artworks, and historical artifacts, AI ensures long-term preservation and accessibility for researchers, historians, and art enthusiasts, preventing deterioration and fostering cultural continuity. (Goyal & Choubey, 2021)

AI-based restoration techniques, including image enhancement, are used to revive damaged artifacts, restoring their visual appeal while preserving historical and cultural authenticity. Through the use of AI in cultural preservation, India can protect its rich artistic heritage and make it available to digital audiences around the world.

AI, combined with Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR), is transforming audience engagement by creating immersive, interactive art experiences. Indian artists

leverage these technologies to develop digital galleries, educational exhibitions, and interactive storytelling platforms that enhance cultural participation. (Geroimenko, 2022; Sharma & Gupta, 2020)

Additionally, AI-powered recommendation systems and personalized content algorithms improve the online discoverability of Indian art by matching creators with audiences with similar tastes and interests. This increased access and customized engagement creates a more dynamic and inclusive art environment, driving awareness and support for Indian art in the Contemporary era.

The role of Artificial Intelligence in the digital age of Indian art represents a radical change in the ways by which artists produce, preserve and interact with audiences. AI technologies are transforming the artistic environment in India and creating new opportunities for inquiry and collaboration, from AI-driven innovation to cultural heritage preservation and improved audience engagement. India's artistic community is poised to embrace innovation and use technology to propel Indian art into the digital future as the relationship between AI and art continues to grow.

AI techniques such as generative adversarial networks (GANs) are used by Indian artists to create completely original artworks. Based on training data, these algorithms create new compositions that combine modern aesthetics with traditional Indian elements. (Agrawal, 2020)

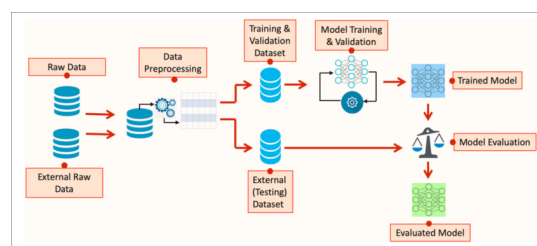


Figure 6 AI Algorithms

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Artists can transform elements of classic Indian art styles such as Madhubani or Warli into digital images with AI-based style transfer algorithms. (Gatys et al., 2016; Choudhary & Kaur, 2021) Using this approach, digital artwork that captures the spirit of traditional Indian art forms can be produced. AI algorithms are also used by cultural institutions to digitally restore ancient artwork and antiques. Artificial intelligence is able to recreate missing pieces, restore colors, and restore cultural content through analysis. AI-powered recommender systems are used by online galleries and platforms to present users with artwork recommendations based on their browsing history and personal interests. This improves Indian art's discoverability by enabling viewers to peruse a wide variety of works that are catered to their interests. (Resnick & Varian, 1997; Kapoor & Singh, 2022)

Artificial intelligence algorithms are utilized in the authentication of artworks, especially in the fight against art forgeries and the identification of fake artifacts. Artificial Intelligence helps validate the authenticity of Indian artworks by examining elements like material composition and brushstroke patterns. (Johnson et al., 2008; Mehta & Ramesh, 2021)



Figure 7 empowering of future, Elevating Women's Role in India's AI Landscape

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Tools for data visualization driven by artificial intelligence (AI) examine trends and patterns in the Indian art industry to reveal information about audience preferences,

pricing dynamics, and up-and-coming artists. Artists, galleries, and collectors make strategic decisions based on this data-driven approach.

Poetry and other works of literature influenced by Indian literary traditions are produced by AI natural language processing models. Themes of love, nature, and spirituality are explored in these AI-generated texts, which add to the current conversation about Indian literature.

Chatbots or virtual assistants driven by artificial intelligence (AI) give guided tours of Indian cultural heritage sites, providing tourists with historical context, tales, and interactive experiences. (Kumar & Sharma, 2020) These AI guides raise cultural understanding and improve the educational value of heritage visits.

AI algorithms are used by animators and filmmakers in Indian films and digital material to improve visual effects, character animation, color grading, and video editing and animation. AI tools improve the quality of visual storytelling and expedite the production process.

Artificial intelligence (AI) systems monitor the state of India's cultural heritage monuments by analyzing environmental data and spotting hazards like pollution and climate change. India's architectural and archaeological treasures are better protected for future generations thanks to this proactive approach to conservation. (Bose *et al.*, 2021; Singh & Verma, 2020)

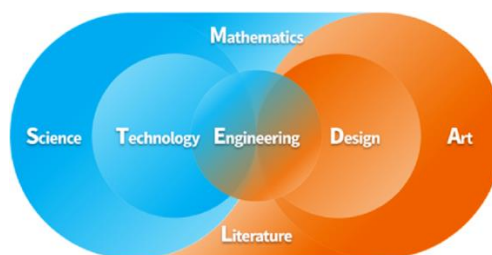


Figure 8 the art of artificial intelligent generated content for mobile photography

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AI algorithms are used by architects to create creative ideas for structures and urban

areas that are influenced by Indian architectural traditions. These AI-generated designs support India's sustainable urban growth by striking a balance between functional needs and aesthetic considerations. Platforms for art therapy in India use AI algorithms to tailor therapeutic activities for people with mental health concerns. AI helps therapists customize treatment regimens and offer assistance in the digital space by evaluating users' artwork and emotional responses. (*Patel & Nair, 2022; Varma et al., 2021*)

1.2.1 Historical Background

The history of digital art is deeply intertwined with technological progress and human creativity, encompassing a wide range of practices from early computer-generated imagery to today's advanced digital artworks. (*Paul, 2016; Tribe & Jana, 2020*) Examining significant turning points, significant artists, and technical developments that have influenced this dynamic and lively sector are crucial to understanding the history of digital art.

The origins of digital art date back to the mid-20th century, when artists such as Ben Laposky and Frieder Nake explored computers as creative tools, producing abstract visual compositions during the 1950s and 60s. The 1970s and 1980s witnessed a surge in digital art's recognition, fueled by advancements in computing technology and emerging artistic movements. (*Popper, 2007; Gere, 2008*)



Figure 9 Computer generated art and coding. Harold Cohen's *Untitled Computer Drawing* (1982).

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A major breakthrough occurred with the development of digital imagery and computer graphics software. Artists like Vera Molnar and Harold Cohen pioneered algorithmic art using computational methods. Additionally, the launch of tools such as Adobe Photoshop revolutionized digital painting, offering greater creative flexibility and experimentation. (Molnar, 1975; Cohen, 1995; Manovich, 2013)

During the 1990s, genres like interactive installations, net art, and multimedia performances gained prominence. Artists such as Laurie Anderson and Bill Viola integrated digital technology into their creations, blurring the lines between art, culture, and technology. The rise of the internet as an artistic medium further enabled interaction, collaboration, and global dissemination of digital artworks. (Paul, 2016; Shanken, 2009)

The future holds possibilities, for artistry with the emergence of innovative tools and techniques that will broaden the horizons of creative expression as technology advances and evolves further in the coming years, through environments and immersive virtual realms expanding the realm of digital artistry will continue to challenge conventional notions of creativity and push the limits of imaginative exploration while prompting reflection on the transformative potential of art, in society.



Figure 10 The new essential tools for artists, Drawing tablets, apps, and stylus pens..

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Throughout history and over time we have seen the evolution of art, as a testament to creativity and innovation. The landscape of creating and enjoying artwork has undergone a transformation in the modern era due to the emergence and growth of digital artistic expression from its humble beginnings as an experimental niche to a thriving and constantly evolving domain. One thing is for sure as we gaze ahead into the future – the journey of art is still unfolding with prospects, for creativity and discovery.

1.2.2. Time Period Significant Turning Points, Artists, and Technical Developments

Mid-1900s Artists begin experimenting with computers as artistic mediums. Pioneers like Ben Laposky and Frieder Nake explore using computers to create abstract visuals in the 1950s and 60s, laying groundwork for future advancements. *(Gere, 2008; Popper, 2007)*

1970s – 1980s Emergence of digital imagery and computer graphics software. Artists like Vera Molnar and Harold Cohen utilize computer and mathematical algorithms to produce intricate visuals, leading to advancements in algorithmic art. Introduction of digital painting programs like Adobe Photoshop revolutionize image creation. *(Molnar, 1975; Cohen, 1995; Manovich, 2013)*

1990s Digital art genres such as interactive installations, net art, and multimedia performances proliferate. Artists like Laurie Anderson and Bill Viola fuse digital technology into their works, challenging traditional art forms and blurring boundaries between art, technology, and culture. (Paul, 2016; Shanken, 2009)

Start of 21st Century Technological developments democratize creative process. Artists like Rafael Lozano-Hemmer and Camille Utterback pioneer interactive media and augmented reality, creating immersive experiences that engage viewers' emotions and senses. (Paul, 2016; Tribe & Jana, 2020)

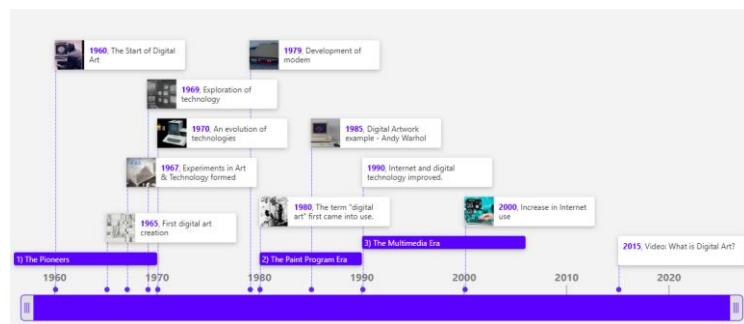


Figure 11 Early Computer

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Recent Years Digital art continues to grow with exploration of themes, genres, and techniques. Adoption of blockchain technology, virtual reality, generative algorithms, and machine learning expands creative possibilities. Rise of online galleries, digital art platforms, and NFT marketplaces alters art production, viewing, and valuation. (Droitcour, 2021; Paul, 2016)

Future Ongoing technological progress offers new tools and approaches for artistic expression. Decentralized digital ecosystems and immersive virtual worlds push boundaries of imagination and creativity, redefining concepts of art and its impact on society.

1.3 History of digital art in india

The evolution of digital art in India reflects the nation's technological growth, cultural diversity, and artistic innovation. From early computer-generated visuals to the rise of digital media platforms and online galleries, Indian artists have actively adopted technology as a medium for creative expression and experimentation. (*Mitter, 2007; Khullar, 2015*) It is crucial to investigate significant turning points, significant artists, and ground-breaking works of art that have influenced this dynamic and quickly developing field in order to comprehend the history of digital art in India.

Digital art in India began during the 1980s, when artists started using computer graphics and imaging software. Early pioneers include Nalini Malani, whose work *City of Desires* (1992) used computer animation, and Raqs Media Collective, who explored interactive net art projects like *The Thing That Is Missing* (1996). (*Malani, 1992; Raqs Media Collective, 1996; Mitter, 2007*) Contemporary artists such as Shilpa Gupta and Jitish Kallat integrate digital media to address themes of identity, urbanization, and globalization. Sahej Rahal, known for his VR and AI-driven installations, represents the new wave of experimental Indian digital art.

The advent of the internet in the 1990s revolutionized digital art in India by providing a platform for experimentation, collaboration, and global outreach. Artists like Raqs Media Collective and Sheba Chhachhi embraced net art, producing interactive online works that challenged traditional notions of art and audience engagement. the works "The Thing I Miss The Most" (1996) by Raqs Media Collective and "Water Diviner" (1998) by Sheba Chhachhi are two of the best instances of how Indian artists used the internet to explore their artistic visions and offer social critique and cultural commentary.

In the early 2000s, advancements in technology and easier access to digital tools accelerated the popularity of digital art in India. Prominent artists like Atul Dodiya and Jitish Kallat incorporated digital media into their practices, integrating photography,

video, and animation to explore themes of urbanization, globalization, and socio-political change. The "Stammer in the Shade" (2004) by Atul Dodiya and the "Public Notice" series (2003–2010) by Jitish Kallat are two prime examples of how Indian artists have explored themes of urbanization, globalization, and social change using digital technology. (*Dodiya, 2004; Kallat, 2003–2010; Hoskote, 2009*)

Contemporary Indian digital artists continue to explore diverse themes, genres, and techniques, pushing the boundaries of creativity through immersive technologies such as virtual reality, augmented reality, and multimedia installations. Indian artists are pushing the limits of what's possible in the digital world, from virtual reality experiences and augmented reality apps to digital paintings and multimedia installations. While younger artists like Sahej Rahal and Prajakta Potnis are pushing the boundaries of digital art with their inventive use of technology and multimedia elements, established artists like Shilpa Gupta and Bharti Kher have embraced digital technology as a means of exploring themes of identity, feminism, and cultural hybridity.



Figure 12 Sahej Rahal

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A significant trend in recent years is the emergence of online platforms and digital galleries, such as the Virtual Edition of the India Art Fair and Saffronart's Online Auctions, which have enabled wider access and global engagement. The rise of NFT (non-fungible token) marketplaces like Foundation and OpenSea has further opened new opportunities for Indian artists to monetize their digital creations and explore

decentralized ownership models.

1.4 History of artificial intelligence art

The history of Artificial Intelligence (AI) represents a transformative journey marked by significant technological innovations, groundbreaking discoveries, and ongoing ethical debates. (*Russell & Norvig, 2021; Copeland, 2020*) Detailed examples and a timeline of significant occasions and turning points in the history of artificial intelligence are provided below:

McCulloch-Pitts Neuron Model, 1943

Warren McCulloch and Walter Pitts introduced a mathematical model simulating neural activity, laying the foundation for artificial neural networks that form the core of modern AI. (*McCulloch & Pitts, 1943; Russell & Norvig, 2021*) Artificial neural networks, which are essential parts of contemporary artificial intelligence systems, especially in the area of deep learning, were developed using this concept as its basis.

1950s: Turing Exam

Turing Test: Proposed by Alan Turing, this test assessed machine intelligence by determining whether a machine's responses in conversation were indistinguishable from human responses. (*Turing, 1950; Copeland, 2020*) The Turing Test has spurred continuous discussion regarding the nature of consciousness and intelligence, even though it is still used as a theoretical standard for AI.

Dartmouth Conference, 1956

Recognized as the official birth of AI as an academic discipline, the Dartmouth Conference gathered researchers to explore possibilities of creating intelligent machines, shaping the future of AI research. (*McCarthy et al., 1955; Russell & Norvig, 2021*) It resulted in AI becoming formally recognized as a separate academic field and established the direction of AI research for many years to come.

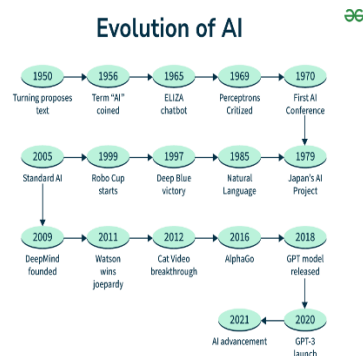


Figure 13 Evolution-of-AI

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Dartmouth Conference

1966: Joseph Weizenbaum developed ELIZA, one of the earliest applications for natural language processing. It responded to input from the user by utilizing basic pattern-matching algorithms, which approximated conversation. (Weizenbaum, 1966; Shieber, 2004) Even though ELIZA's answers were preprogrammed and lacked genuine comprehension, they showed how computers might engage in conversation with people, setting the stage for chatbots and virtual assistants of the future.

Shakey the Robot, 1969

One of the first mobile robots that could think for itself and navigate its surroundings was Shakey the Robot, created at the Stanford Research Institute. Shakey was able to plan itineraries, carry out jobs, and make maps of its environment because to its computer, camera, and sensors, Shakey's talents established the groundwork for robotics and artificial intelligence research while proving that autonomous robots are feasible. (Nilsson, 1984; Russell & Norvig, 2021)

Backpropagation Algorithm, 1985

The training of artificial neural networks was completely transformed by the

backpropagation algorithm, which was initially introduced by Paul Werbos in 1974 and made popular by Geoffrey Hinton, David Rumelhart, and Ronald Williams in 1986. (*Rumelhart et al., 1986; Werbos, 1974*) Backpropagation made it possible to train multi-layered deep neural networks, which greatly improved speech recognition, pattern recognition, and other AI tasks by effectively propagating mistakes backward through the network.

1997: Kasparov vs. Deep Blue

Deep Blue Defeats Kasparov: IBM's Deep Blue became the first computer to defeat a reigning world chess champion, demonstrating AI's computational power in strategic problem-solving. (*Campbell et al., 2002*) Deep Blue's triumph showcased the potential of AI in fields usually associated with human intelligence by demonstrating the effectiveness of parallel processing and brute-force search strategies in solving difficult issues.

2011: IBM Watson

Watson's victory in Jeopardy! showcased AI's advanced capabilities in natural language processing, data analysis, and real-time decision-making. Watson's accomplishments shown how AI may help with tasks requiring sophisticated language comprehension and thinking. (*Ferrucci et al., 2010*)

2012: Challenge Image Net

The introduction of AlexNet revolutionized AI by demonstrating the power of deep convolutional neural networks in image recognition tasks. By utilizing several layers of convolutional and pooling procedures, AlexNet significantly increased the accuracy of picture categorization, showcasing the potential of deep learning for computer vision applications. (*Krizhevsky et al., 2012*)

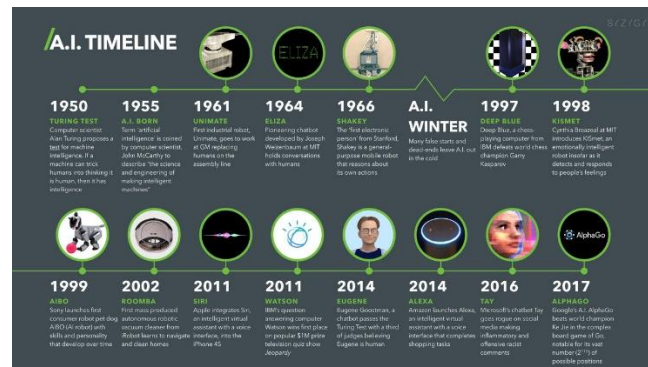


Figure 14 Historical evolution of AI in marketing

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2014: AlphaGo

In a five-game battle, DeepMind's AlphaGo overcame world Go champion Lee Sedol, a significant development in AI's capacity to grasp intricate games with large search fields and intricate strategic complexity. (Silver et al., 2016) AlphaGo demonstrated the possibility of AI to succeed in fields demanding strategic thinking and intuition by evaluating board positions and learning from experience using deep reinforcement learning techniques.

2016: AlphaGo Zero

Developed by DeepMind, AlphaGo Zero mastered the game of Go through self-learning without human data, highlighting the potential of reinforcement learning. it was not given any human-generated data or prior game expertise. (Silver et al., 2017) AlphaGo Zero demonstrated the potential of self-supervised learning and autonomous decision-making by achieving superhuman performance using a deep neural network that has been trained with reinforcement learning.

2018: GPT-2

GPT-2 (Generative Pre-trained Transformer 2), a large-scale language model that can produce prose that is similar to human writing on a variety of subjects, was released

by OpenAI. GPT-2, which was trained on a vast corpus of online material, showed impressive aptitude in natural language generation and understanding, prompting worries about the possible exploitation of content produced by artificial intelligence. (*Radford et al., 2019*)

2020: GPT-3

OpenAI launched GPT-3, a groundbreaking language model with 175 billion parameters, advancing natural language generation to an unprecedented level of sophistication. (*Brown et al., 2020*) GPT-3 advanced the state-of-the-art in AI-powered language understanding and generation by showcasing previously unheard-of abilities in natural language processing tasks like text completion, translation, and question answering.

1.5 AI GENERATIVE ART

AI generative art refers to creative works such as visuals, music, and literature generated using artificial intelligence algorithms, leveraging machine learning to produce original artistic outputs.

AI in Indian art has enabled projects like GAN-generated artworks exhibited at India Art Fair and VR-based experiences by artists such as Rohini Devasher. Internationally, artists like Mario Klingemann and Sougwen Chung use AI to co-create art, blending human creativity with algorithmic precision. (*India Art Fair, 2023; Klingemann, 2019; Chung, 2021*)

Large datasets of previously created artwork are used to train these algorithms, allowing them to pick up patterns, styles, and structural elements that they can employ to create new and creative works.

AI generative art can be created using a variety of methods and strategies, such as:

GANs, or Generative Adversarial Networks: A GAN consists of two neural networks—the generator and the discriminator—that compete against each other to create highly realistic images and artworks through iterative training. New data samples, such as pictures, are created by the generator, and their authenticity is assessed by the discriminator. GANs are able to generate realistic-looking images that closely mimic the images in the training dataset through adversarial training. VAEs learn a probabilistic representation of data and generate new samples by sampling from the learned distribution, commonly used for image and text generation.

DeepDream: Developed by Google, DeepDream uses convolutional neural networks to enhance and amplify patterns in images, resulting in abstract and surreal visual effects. (Mordvintsev et al., 2015) The way it operates is that patterns in an input image are iteratively improved to maximize the network's response to specific features. The resulting visuals frequently have complex, delirious patterns.

Neural Style Transfer: This technique combines the content of one image with the artistic style of another, enabling the creation of unique compositions that mimic renowned art styles in a digital format. It creates imaginative and visually arresting compositions by separating and recombining content and style elements from several photos using convolutional neural networks.

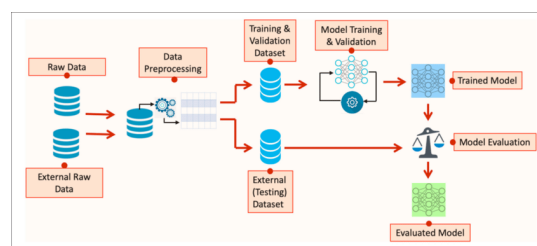


Figure 15 AI Algorithms

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Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs): These networks are designed for sequential data generation, making them effective in producing music, poetry, and other structured

textual or auditory compositions. They are able to produce new sequences that resemble those in the training data once they have absorbed the fundamental patterns and structure of a sequence.

The surge in AI generative art can be attributed to breakthroughs in deep learning and enhanced computational power, enabling artists to explore new forms of creativity that challenge conventional notions of authorship and originality. (*Elgammal et al., 2017; McCormack et al., 2019*) In order to create unique and unexpected works of art that subvert conventional ideas of authorship, originality, and aesthetics, academics and artists are delving into the creative possibilities of AI algorithms.

1.6 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ALGORITHMS

AI algorithms are structured sets of instructions that enable machines to perform tasks typically requiring human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning, and decision-making. These algorithms operate independently, processing data, identifying patterns, coming to conclusions, and resolving issues without the need for explicit programming for every single task. Many AI systems and applications are built around AI algorithms, which give them the ability to think, see, and behave similarly to human intelligence.

AI algorithms come in a variety of forms, each intended for a particular purpose. Typical kinds of AI algorithms include the following:

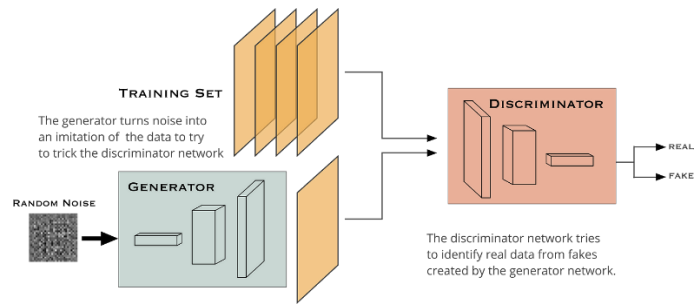


Figure 16 Discriminator network to Generator Network.

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Machine learning enables systems to learn from data without explicit programming. It is broadly classified into three types: supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

The algorithm is trained on labeled datasets where inputs are paired with correct outputs, allowing the model to predict outcomes for new data. The algorithm becomes adept, at making predictions or categorizing data by learning patterns from examples.

The algorithm identifies hidden patterns and relationships in unlabeled data, commonly used for clustering, anomaly detection, and dimensionality reduction. The algorithm learns through trial and error by interacting with an environment and receiving feedback in the form of rewards or penalties, optimizing decision-making strategies.

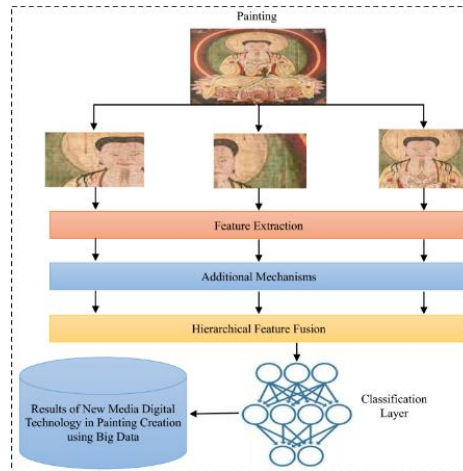


Figure 17 New Media Digital Painting Technology work flow.

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Evolutionary Algorithms: Inspired by biological evolution, these algorithms optimize solutions through processes like selection, mutation, and crossover, widely used for complex problem-solving and optimization. Evolutionary algorithms are frequently applied to search and optimization problems.

CHAPTER – 2

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

This chapter critically reviews scholarly discourse and empirical studies on digital art and Artificial Intelligence (AI) within global and Indian contexts. The review is organized thematically to ensure analytical depth and coherence, moving beyond descriptive listing towards critical synthesis. The themes are structured as follows:

- (1) Foundations of Digital Art, tracing historical trajectories and theoretical frameworks.
- (2) Global Digital Art Practices, highlighting technological developments and artistic innovations.
- (3) Indian Digital Art Practices, focusing on cultural adaptation, key practitioners, and market transformations.
- (4) AI in Art – Global Context, examining computational aesthetics, generative art, and philosophical debates.
- (5) AI and Digital Art in India, analyzing emerging trends, challenges, and localized creative interventions.

Each theme identifies conceptual gaps and aligns existing literature with the objectives of this research—namely, to explore how AI reshapes Indian digital art practices and their cultural implications.

This chapter also looks at how digital art is expressed in India in a variety of ways, including interactive art, multimedia installations, digital painting, and virtual reality experiences. The literature review clarifies the thematic concerns, aesthetic methods,

and conceptual foundations that characterize the development of digital art within the Indian setting through a consideration of important works and critical discourse.

Furthermore, this chapter examines how digital art is received and how it affects the Indian art scene, taking into account how audiences, critics, and institutions respond to it. This section looks at digital art festivals, exhibitions, and curatorial practices in order to shed light on the institutional frameworks and discursive practices that influence how digital artworks are received and shared in India.

The literature study concludes by pointing out opportunities, problems, and gaps in the field of digital art research in India. This chapter develops a more nuanced understanding of the increasing influence of digital media on contemporary Indian art by critically analyzing the body of existing knowledge and pointing out areas of inquiry that demand more investigation.

2.1. FOUNDATIONS OF DIGITAL ART

2.1.1. EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL ART GLOBALLY

Digital art emerged in the mid-20th century as artists began to experiment with computing technologies as creative tools. Early pioneers such as *Ben Laposky* created oscillographic images using analog devices, while *Frieder Nake* and *Vera Molnar* explored algorithmic aesthetics through plotter drawings (Paul, 2016). These experiments challenged conventional notions of artistic authorship by introducing procedural systems into art-making (Galanter, 2019). The development of *computer graphics in the 1970s* and software such as Adobe Photoshop in the late 1980s enabled artists to simulate painterly effects digitally, leading to the rise of *digital painting as a legitimate art form* (Popper, 2007). This historical trajectory indicates that digital art

evolved as a response to both technological innovation and postmodern cultural conditions, where interactivity, simulation, and virtuality became dominant aesthetics (Manovich, 2001).

2.1.2. KEY THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS: POSTMODERNISM AND NEW MEDIA THEORY

Scholarly debates on digital art often draw from *postmodernist theories of intertextuality and hyper reality* (Baudrillard, 1994), arguing that digital media collapses boundaries between original and copy, real and virtual. *Lev Manovich's New Media Theory* (2001) conceptualizes digital art as a software-based cultural practice characterized by modularity, variability, and automation. Similarly, Christiane Paul (2016) emphasizes that digital art operates within the logic of networks, interactivity, and generative processes rather than static representation. These frameworks inform the analytical lens for this study, particularly in understanding how AI introduces a new paradigm of algorithmic authorship and machine-driven aesthetics in the Indian context.

2.1.3. EARLY ALGORITHMIC EXPERIMENTS AND GENERATIVE AESTHETICS

Generative art, which involves using autonomous systems to produce aesthetic outcomes, has been central to digital art discourse. *Harold Cohen's AARON* remains a landmark, as it represents one of the earliest attempts to encode artistic decision-making into algorithms (Cohen, 1995). Cohen's work sparked philosophical debates on whether creativity resides in the artist, the algorithm, or their interaction. Scholars such as Boden (2003) argue that computational creativity challenges anthropocentric notions of originality by demonstrating combinatorial and exploratory creativity through machines. These discussions provide a conceptual foundation for analyzing

contemporary AI-driven art in India, where similar tensions between human agency and algorithmic autonomy are increasingly evident.

2.1.4. COMPARATIVE TABLE : GLOBAL VS INDIAN EARLY DIGITAL ART TRENDS

Aspect	Global Context	Indian Context
Early Phase (1950s–80s)	Algorithmic art (Frieder Nake, Vera Molnar); Oscillons (Ben Laposky)	Minimal engagement; focus on photography & graphic design
1980s–90s	Software-based practices (Photoshop, CGI); Net art movements	Initial adoption (Nalini Malani’s <i>City of Desires</i>)
2000s onwards	VR installations, generative systems, AI experiments	Experimental VR, AR; emerging AI integration

Critical Review

While extensive scholarship documents the evolution and theoretical foundations of digital art globally, literature on Indian early digital practices remains under-theorized, with limited engagement in postcolonial or cultural framework analysis. Most existing studies present descriptive chronologies rather than interrogating how digital technologies were indigenized within local aesthetic systems. This gap provides an analytical entry point for examining the localized adaptation of algorithmic and AI-driven practices in India, a core objective of this research.

2.2. GLOBAL DIGITAL ART PRACTICES



Figure 18 Widespread metaverse adoption still years away, despite strong early signals: NASSCOM.

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2.2.1. DIGITAL PAINTING AND CGI IN CONTEMPORARY ART

The evolution of digital painting and ***Computer-Generated Imagery (CGI)*** reflects the transition from static digital images to highly dynamic, immersive visuals. Scholars argue that the rise of photorealistic rendering and procedural modeling in the 1990s blurred the distinction between physical and virtual worlds (Popper, 2007). Artists such as ***David Hockney*** have experimented with iPad-based painting, demonstrating that digital tools can extend traditional painterly practices rather than replace them (Paul, 2016). Similarly, CGI techniques dominate contemporary media art installations, creating ***hyperreal simulations*** that engage audiences in cinematic experiences. These developments reinforce the argument that digital art's evolution aligns with a broader cultural shift toward post-photographic realism and computational aesthetics (Lister et al., 2009). For the present study, these practices provide a comparative lens to assess how Indian artists adopt similar techniques to articulate culturally specific narratives.

2.2.2 VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) AND IMMERSIVE INSTALLATIONS

Virtual Reality (VR) has transformed the spatial logic of art by enabling immersive environments that transcend the materiality of traditional art objects. Research indicates that VR installations foreground *embodied interaction* as a key aesthetic experience (Grau, 2003). Projects by collectives such as *teamLab* demonstrate how VR-based installations merge art, science, and engineering to create dynamic ecosystems responsive to audience movement. Similarly, *Refik Anadol's "Machine Hallucinations"* employs AI-trained datasets within immersive projection environments, exemplifying how computational systems shape sensory engagement (Anadol, 2019). Scholars such as Grau (2019) contend that such practices signal a paradigm shift toward *post-material aesthetics*, where data and algorithms become the primary artistic medium. These insights are crucial for contextualizing Indian VR-based artworks, such as those by Sahej Rahal, within global trajectories of immersive art.

2.2.3. GENERATIVE AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA

Generative and interactive art practices emphasize *process over product*, positioning the audience as a co-creator within algorithmic systems (Galanter, 2019). Works such as *Soungwen Chung's "Drawing Operations Unit"* integrate robotic arms and neural networks, creating collaborative drawing experiences that destabilize traditional authorship. Similarly, *Casey Reas*, co-creator of Processing, advocates for computational art as a critical literacy, wherein generative algorithms not only automate but also *aestheticize randomness and complexity*. Scholars note that interactive media aligns with *participatory culture* (Jenkins, 2006), reinforcing digital art's democratic potential while questioning hierarchies of control between artist, audience, and machine. For this research, these debates illuminate tensions that emerge when Indian artists incorporate AI and interactivity to negotiate local cultural

narratives within global digital paradigms.

2.2.4. COMPARATIVE TABLE: GLOBAL DIGITAL ART TOOLS AND ARTISTIC OUTCOMES

Technology	Artistic Practice	Key Example
Digital Painting	Simulation of painterly aesthetics	David Hockney (iPad Paintings)
CGI Rendering	Photorealistic visualizations	Refik Anadol's Data Sculptures
VR	Immersive, embodied environments	teamLab's Interactive Installations
Generative Algorithms	AI-based image generation	Sougwen Chung's Co-creative Art

Critical Review

Global scholarship extensively documents digital art's trajectory toward immersivity, interactivity, and generativity, yet critical engagement with power dynamics, cultural localization, and algorithmic biases remains emergent (Grau, 2019; Jenkins, 2006). Furthermore, most case studies privilege Euro-American and East Asian contexts, marginalizing perspectives from the Global South. This imbalance underscores the necessity of analyzing how Indian practitioners adapt or contest these global paradigms—an inquiry central to the present research.

2.3. INDIAN DIGITAL ART PRACTICES

2.3.1. EARLY DIGITAL ART IN INDIA: EXPERIMENTAL BEGINNINGS

The trajectory of digital art in India reflects a late yet adaptive engagement with

technology compared to Western contexts. Early scholarship indicates that digital art in India during the 1980s was largely experimental, functioning as an extension of painting and photography rather than a radical break (Sundar, 2014). Artists relied on rudimentary computer graphics software and animation tools to explore *hybrid aesthetics* combining traditional motifs with new media. Unlike Euro-American contexts that foregrounded generativity, Indian practitioners initially focused on using technology for narrative visualization and socio-political commentary, setting a distinct tone for subsequent developments.



Figure 19 Illustration Art by AI.

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In addition, the book provides insightful analyses of new developments in the field of digital humanities, ranging from data visualization and computational analysis to critical thinking and community-based initiatives. By means of case studies, project examples, and theoretical reflections, the authors showcase how digital technology can revolutionize research, education, and public participation in a variety of fields and disciplines.

2.3.2. PIONEERING ARTISTS AND LANDMARK WORKS

Among the earliest adopters of digital tools, **Nalini Malani** employed computer animation in *City of Desires* (1992), a seminal work interrogating urbanization and

gender politics through surreal virtual spaces (Bhatia, 2020). Similarly, **Raqs Media Collective** emerged as a critical force in the 1990s, producing **net art projects** such as *The Thing That Is Missing* (1996), which redefined interactivity and public engagement in an Indian context. These practices resonate with what Paul (2016) identifies as the shift from material objecthood to processual and networked art, positioning Indian artists within global discourses of post-materiality while retaining cultural specificity.

2.3.3. CONTEMPORARY DIGITAL ART AND NEW MEDIA PRACTICES

Contemporary Indian digital artists deploy immersive and algorithmic technologies to negotiate identity, memory, and urban experience. **Shilpa Gupta's interactive installations** interrogate themes of surveillance and political borders using sensors and digital interfaces, while **Jitish Kallat** integrates data visualizations and projection mapping to explore time, cosmology, and migration. Artists like **Sahej Rahal** experiment with VR and game engines to create speculative mythologies, merging indigenous narratives with futuristic imaginaries. This tendency aligns with global post-digital aesthetics but introduces **localized cultural references**, reflecting what Ghosh (2021) terms as "technological vernaculars" within Indian contemporary art.

2.3.4. DIGITAL PLATFORMS, VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS, AND NFT MARKET IN INDIA

The digital turn in Indian art has accelerated through **virtual exhibitions** and blockchain technologies. Initiatives like the **Virtual Edition of India Art Fair (2021)** and **Saffronart's online auctions** have expanded access to digital art, enabling global visibility for Indian artists. The emergence of **NFT marketplaces** such as OpenSea

and WazirX NFT in India has further transformed the art economy by introducing new models of ownership and value circulation (Menon, 2022). While these developments democratize access, scholars critique the **commodification of digital culture** and its environmental implications (Kapoor, 2022), raising pertinent ethical and economic debates relevant to this research.

2.3.5. CRITICAL DISCOURSE: TECHNOLOGY, TRADITION, AND CULTURAL HYBRIDITY

Literature on Indian digital art foregrounds the **tension between technological modernity and cultural rootedness**. While some scholars celebrate digital art as a **DE colonial strategy** that disrupts Eurocentric art histories (Dutta, 2019), others caution against **technological determinism**, arguing that digital aesthetics often replicate global capitalist paradigms rather than fostering cultural autonomy (Sen, 2021). This discursive polarization underscores the need to investigate how **AI-driven art practices** in India navigate these contradictions—a central concern of the present study.



Figure 20 AI-generated-art-copyright.

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All things considered, makes a significant and topical addition to the conversation on art and globalization, Carroll's incisive analysis, clear style, and historical perspective make this piece a must-read for academics, students, and professionals who want to comprehend the intricate relationships that exist today between globalization, art, and culture.

2.3.6. COMPARATIVE TABLE: EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL ART IN INDIA VS GLOBAL TRENDS

Dimension	Global Trends	Indian Adaptations
Early Phase	Generative algorithms, net art	Computer animation for narrative critique
2000s	VR, AR installations, generativity	Projection mapping, hybrid installations
Current Phase	AI-driven immersive environments	Emerging AI works (Sahej Rahal, Rohini Devasher)

Case Study: Sahej Rahal's Antraal

This VR-based installation integrates machine learning and game-engine modeling to generate an evolving mythological universe. The work exemplifies algorithmic indeterminacy and cultural translation, raising questions about agency, temporality, and algorithmic imagination in Indian contexts.

Critical Review

While literature on Indian digital art documents pioneering figures and institutional developments, it remains largely descriptive and celebratory, neglecting critical interrogation of AI-driven aesthetics and platform economies. Few studies address

how algorithmic systems mediate cultural specificity, authorship, and labor in Indian contexts—gaps that this research seeks to fill.

2.4. AI IN ART – GLOBAL CONTEXT

2.4.1. COMPUTATIONAL CREATIVITY AND GENERATIVE ALGORITHMS

AI-driven generative art has emerged as a major paradigm within computational aesthetics, leveraging techniques such as **Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Neural Style Transfer, and DeepDream**. Scholars argue that GAN-based systems enable the creation of highly realistic and stylistically diverse images by simulating adversarial learning (Elgammal et al., 2017). Neural Style Transfer algorithms, first introduced by Gatys et al. (2016), have been widely adopted to merge the stylistic elements of historical paintings with contemporary content, producing hybrid visual forms. These algorithmic systems shift the role of the artist from creator to **meta-designer**, who sets parameters rather than executes manual craft—a phenomenon that Galanter (2019) identifies as central to the posthuman turn in art-making.

2.4.2. HUMAN–AI COLLABORATION IN ART

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Recent scholarship emphasizes **co-creativity** as a defining feature of AI-based art practices. Artists such as **Sougwen Chung** exemplify this through projects like Drawing Operations Unit, where robotic systems trained on the artist's gestures perform real-time collaborative drawing, destabilizing traditional notions of authorship. Similarly, **Mario Klingemann's GAN portraits** explore algorithmic

biases and machine autonomy, questioning aesthetic intentionality. These works underscore what Boden (2003) terms as **computational creativity**, wherein originality emerges not solely from human cognition but from human–machine assemblages. This reframing of creativity forms a critical conceptual backdrop for understanding how Indian practitioners negotiate similar dynamics within culturally specific frameworks.

2.4.3. IMMERSIVE AI-DRIVEN INSTALLATIONS (CASE STUDIES)

Immersive AI installations signify an intersection of data visualization, algorithmic modeling, and experiential aesthetics. **Refik Anadol’s “Machine Hallucinations”** exemplifies this convergence, using deep learning algorithms to transform large datasets into multisensory environments that simulate machine perception. Likewise, **teamLab’s interactive ecosystems** harness AI and motion sensors to create generative worlds responsive to audience behavior, fostering participatory engagement. Scholars such as Grau (2019) argue that these practices exemplify a **shift toward processual and post-material aesthetics**, wherein art exists as a dynamic system rather than a fixed artifact. These global developments provide an analytical reference point for examining emerging AI-driven installations in India, such as those by Sahej Rahal and Rohini Devasher.

2.4.4. ETHICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATES: CREATIVITY, AUTHORSHIP, AND AGENCY

The incorporation of AI into art has reignited long-standing debates on creativity, originality, and authorship. Scholars question whether algorithmically generated works can be deemed ‘creative’ in the absence of intentionality (McCormack et al., 2019). Additionally, concerns about algorithmic bias and data colonialism (Couldry & Mejias, 2019) have permeated AI-art discourse, suggesting that aesthetic decisions embedded in datasets often reproduce systemic inequities. These debates are crucial

for this study as they contextualize the ethical stakes of AI adoption in Indian art, where cultural specificity intersects with global technological infrastructures.

2.4.5. COMPARATIVE TABLE: AI TECHNIQUES AND ARTISTIC IMPACT

AI Technique	Artistic Impact	Example Artist/Work
GANs	Generating novel visual forms	Mario Klingemann (GAN Portraits)
Neural Style Transfer	Combining historical and contemporary styles	DeepArt Projects
Reinforcement Learning	Self-learning in creative systems	AlphaGo-inspired aesthetic experiments
DeepDream	Phychedelic pattern enhancement	Google DeepDream visualizations

Critical Review

While global literature robustly theorizes algorithmic aesthetics and ethical dilemmas, Indian scholarship remains marginal within these debates. Few studies examine how AI-mediated authorship, bias, and platform capitalism intersect with postcolonial cultural frameworks. This research addresses this lacuna by situating Indian AI-art practices within global technological infrastructures while interrogating their local epistemological negotiations.

2.5. AI AND DIGITAL ART IN INDIA

2.5.1. AI-DRIVEN INDIAN ART PROJECTS AND KEY PRACTITIONERS

The integration of AI within Indian digital art remains a nascent yet rapidly evolving

field. While existing literature on computational creativity in India is sparse, recent exhibitions and projects indicate growing experimentation with algorithmic systems. Artists like **Sahej Rahal** have pioneered hybrid narratives using AI-driven game engines, VR platforms, and procedural world-building tools. His works such as *Antraal* (2020) employ machine-learning algorithms to construct speculative mythologies, merging Indic cosmology with posthuman aesthetics. Similarly, **Rohini Devasher** utilizes astronomical datasets and generative algorithms to create large-scale visualizations that reimagine ecological futures. These practices resonate with **global trends of immersive AI art** yet foreground **culturally specific narratives**, highlighting what Menon (2021) terms as “technological vernaculars” in South Asian digital aesthetics. Despite these advances, scholarly engagement with Indian AI-art practices remains largely descriptive, necessitating critical analysis of how such interventions redefine authorship, agency, and cultural discourse—an analytical gap addressed by this study.

2.5.2. VR/AR AND CULTURAL LOCALIZATION IN INDIAN CONTEXT

Indian digital artists have increasingly adopted **Virtual Reality (VR)** and **Augmented Reality (AR)** as tools for immersive storytelling. Unlike Western VR installations, which often emphasize hyperreal simulation, Indian VR art tends to embed **mythological symbolism, ritual aesthetics, and socio-political narratives** within virtual environments. Sahej Rahal’s VR installations incorporate gaming aesthetics to reinterpret epic narratives, while projects showcased at **India Art Fair (2021, 2022)** explored AR-based interventions in traditional art forms. These hybrid practices illustrate what Ghosh (2022) identifies as a process of “cultural translation,” wherein global technologies are recontextualized within indigenous epistemologies. However, academic discourse rarely interrogates how these hybrid aesthetics mediate cultural identity in the age of algorithmic globalization—a conceptual lacuna this research seeks to fill.



Figure 21 A Beginner's Guide to the Art Market.

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2.5.3. NFT ECOSYSTEM AND BLOCKCHAIN INNOVATIONS IN INDIAN ART MARKET

The emergence of **NFT marketplaces** such as WazirX NFT and platforms like **Foundation** has introduced unprecedented economic models for digital art in India. Artists including **Amrit Pal Singh** gained international recognition through NFT collectibles such as Toy Faces, illustrating how blockchain-based ownership reshapes the circulation and monetization of art (Menon, 2022). While scholars celebrate NFTs as democratizing forces, critical perspectives highlight issues of **environmental sustainability, speculative commodification, and cultural homogenization** (Kapoor, 2022). Moreover, NFT adoption in India raises questions about **accessibility and digital infrastructure**, as participation is often limited to urban elites with technological literacy. These debates align with this research's objective to examine the intersection of **algorithmic aesthetics and platform economies** in shaping contemporary Indian art practices.

2.5.4. CHALLENGES, ETHICAL CONCERNS, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Despite the promise of AI-driven art, its deployment in India faces **technical, cultural, and ethical challenges**. First, infrastructural constraints limit access to advanced computational tools for most practitioners, reinforcing existing hierarchies within the Indian art ecosystem. Second, ethical debates surrounding **algorithmic bias, data**

colonialism, and authorship acquire heightened significance in postcolonial contexts, where technological dependence often mirrors historical asymmetries (Couldry & Mejias, 2019). Additionally, **the environmental cost of blockchain technologies** introduces sustainability concerns, challenging narratives of technological progress. Future research must address how Indian artists negotiate these tensions by adopting **critical AI literacy** and developing **context-sensitive frameworks** that balance innovation with cultural specificity. This study contributes to this discourse by foregrounding the creative, economic, and ethical implications of AI-mediated art in India.

2.5.5. COMPARATIVE TABLE: AI ADOPTION IN GLOBAL VS INDIAN ART PRACTICES

Aspect	Global Practices	Indian Adaptations
Immersive AI Art	Refik Anadol's Machine Hallucinations	Sahej Rahal's Antraal
Human–AI Co-creation	Sougwen Chung's Drawing Operations Unit	Limited experimental works in residencies
NFT Economy	OpenSea, SuperRare (global dominance)	WazirX NFT, Foundation (emerging markets)
Ethical Debates	Bias, authorship, data politics (critical discourse)	Under-theorized in Indian scholarship

Critical Review

Despite the growing presence of AI-art in India, existing literature offers insufficient theoretical interrogation of its cultural, ethical, and economic implications. Analyses

tend to remain descriptive, lacking engagement with algorithmic aesthetics, authorship debates, and platform capitalism. This research addresses these gaps by situating Indian AI-art practices within postcolonial media theory, emphasizing their negotiations with technological modernity, cultural identity, and global infrastructures of power.

2.6. CRITICAL GAPS AND CONCLUSION

The review of literature underscores significant advancements in digital and AI-based art practices globally and within India, yet critical gaps persist. Global scholarship extensively examines algorithmic aesthetics, generative systems, and ethical debates (Galanter, 2019; McCormack et al., 2019), but such discourse in the Indian context remains **fragmented and largely descriptive**. Studies on Indian digital art highlight pioneering works and the adoption of VR/AR technologies (Bhatia, 2020; Menon, 2022), yet they seldom address **AI-mediated creativity and its implications for authorship, agency, and cultural identity**. Similarly, while NFTs and blockchain technologies have transformed the Indian art market, their integration with AI-driven art remains under-theorized, leaving a gap in understanding **how platform economies and algorithmic aesthetics intersect in shaping artistic value**.

Moreover, existing literature rarely interrogates the **cultural translation of AI technologies** within postcolonial Indian frameworks, where global technological infrastructures intersect with indigenous epistemologies. This lack of critical engagement necessitates a nuanced inquiry into how Indian artists deploy AI as both a creative tool and a discursive strategy to negotiate technological modernity, tradition, and market dynamics. By foregrounding these intersections, the present study contributes to **closing the conceptual gap** between technological determinism and cultural agency, offering an alternative perspective on algorithmic art practices in India.

Three critical gaps emerge from this review:

1. Conceptual Gap:

There is inadequate theorization of algorithmic aesthetics within Indian scholarship. While global literature debates autonomy vs. co-creativity, Indian studies rarely analyze the epistemic shifts introduced by AI in art-making processes.

2. Cultural Gap:

Existing work does not critically examine how Indian artists localize or resist global algorithmic systems, nor does it address the hybrid aesthetics that emerge from the intersection of indigenous narratives and machine logic.

3. Economic-Ethical Gap:

Although NFT adoption and blockchain infrastructures have gained traction, their entanglement with AI-driven practices, along with issues of accessibility, digital labor, and ecological impact, remain under-theorized in Indian contexts.

This research seeks to bridge these gaps by situating AI-based Indian art practices within the dual framework of algorithmic aesthetics and postcolonial media theory. By examining how artists deploy AI not merely as a tool but as a critical discourse, the study contributes to rethinking creativity, authorship, and cultural agency in the digital era.

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGY

3.0. Research Methodology and Framework

This chapter outlines the research methodology adopted for the present study, detailing the philosophical stance, research design, sampling strategy, and data analysis techniques. The methodology has been designed to ensure that the research objectives—examining the impact of AI on Indian digital art—are addressed through a systematic and reliable process. A combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches has been integrated to capture both the depth of artistic experiences and measurable trends in adoption.

The research is grounded in an interpretivist philosophy, which emphasizes understanding human experiences and cultural contexts rather than relying solely on numerical generalizations. This approach is particularly relevant for studying digital art practices and artist perceptions, as these involve subjective interpretations. The methodology employs an inductive approach, allowing themes to emerge from data rather than imposing pre-existing theoretical models. This combination ensures that the study captures nuanced insights while aligning with its exploratory objectives.

The study follows a mixed-method design, incorporating both qualitative and quantitative components. Qualitative data was collected through semi-structured interviews with digital artists, while quantitative data was obtained via structured surveys distributed among art consumers. This design ensures triangulation of findings, increasing reliability and validity by integrating diverse perspectives.

Research Flow:

The research process comprised the following stages:

1. Identification of research problem and objectives
2. Literature review and conceptual framework development
3. Selection of participants and sampling method
4. Design and administration of surveys and interviews
5. Data collection and coding

Data analysis (qualitative and quantitative integration) For example, in recent years, Indian digital artists such as Mr Pramod Kamble, Dilip Chaubey, and Aditya chari have done remarkable work in the field of NFT Art. Their work is giving a new dimension to Indian art globally.

An in-depth survey of literature available in the field of digital art will be conducted. It will be based on the research reports, books, Journals, text books, and published and unpublished documents. Information will be collected about the technological development, social impact and cultural relevance of digital art. This collected information will be critically examined and analyzed.

3.1. Qualitative vs. Quantitative Approaches

The collected data was analyzed using both qualitative and quantitative methods to address the research objectives comprehensively. The mixed-method approach enabled triangulation of findings for enhanced validity.

Qualitative Data Analysis:

Responses from interviews were transcribed and analyzed using thematic analysis following the six-phase framework proposed by Braun and Clarke (2006): (1) familiarization with data, (2) generating initial codes, (3) searching for themes, (4) reviewing themes, (5) defining and naming themes, and (6) producing the report.

Coding was carried out manually and verified using NVivo software to ensure reliability and minimize researcher bias.

Quantitative Data Analysis:

Survey data was analyzed using descriptive statistical techniques, including frequency distributions, percentages, mean scores, and standard deviations. These measures provided insights into trends such as participants' awareness levels, attitudes toward AI in art, and perceived impact on creativity. Visual representations like bar charts and pie charts were generated for better interpretation of results using Microsoft Excel/SPSS.

The methodological framework for this study follows a four-stage process:

Stage 1: Identification of research objectives based on literature review.

Stage 2: Selection of case studies using purposive sampling to ensure representation of diverse digital art practices across India.

Stage 3: Qualitative content analysis of artist interviews, artworks, and exhibition records.

Stage 4: Integration of findings into thematic conclusions linked to objectives.

This structured approach ensures alignment between the research questions, chosen methods, and final analysis.

Integration of Findings:

A convergent mixed-method strategy was adopted, where quantitative results were complemented by qualitative insights, allowing for a holistic understanding of how AI influences Indian digital art practices.

The case study method has been defined in different ways by different scholars. For example, according to (Kothari, 2014), a case study is a process of in depth search of an entity. (Satavani Kapoor, 2020) has described this method as useful in her anthropological research, it helps to get a comprehensive overview of a social

phenomenon. Further, according to (Robson, 1993), a case study is a research strategy that conducts empirical study of contemporary phenomena. This defines that the case study method is a highly effective tool for understanding the individual and hidden dimensions of a situation or phenomenon.

Renowned Indian Artists Working in Digital and Manual Media

In alignment with the research objectives, this section identifies prominent contemporary Indian artists who employ both manual and digital techniques, demonstrating the hybrid nature of current artistic practices. These examples reinforce the study's contextual relevance by situating the discussion within existing professional landscapes.

Nalini Malani – A pioneer in experimental media art, Malani integrates traditional drawing and painting with digital animation and video installations. Works such as *City of Desires* (1992) combine manual sketches with digital overlays, offering critical commentary on urbanization and gender politics.

Atul Dodiya – Known for his layered mixed-media compositions, Dodiya fuses oil painting, photography, and digital printing. His work explores themes of memory, nationalism, and globalization through both physical and virtual dimensions.

Jitish Kallat – Employs drawing, painting, and sculptural elements alongside digital projections and time-lapse photography, as evident in installations like *Public Notice* series. His hybrid approach reflects the interplay of tradition and technological mediation.

Shilpa Gupta – Specializes in interactive installations that merge physical materials with digital interfaces, addressing questions of identity, surveillance, and socio-political boundaries. Her work exemplifies cross-media convergence, a defining trait

of contemporary art in India.

The inclusion of these artists highlights the continuity between traditional practices and digital innovation, illustrating the methodological relevance of exploring AI integration in Indian art. Their practices provide a comparative framework for understanding how emerging technologies influence artistic processes, authorship, and audience engagement.

Sachin Agarwal: A prominent Indian digital artist who has presented a fusion of Indian folk art and contemporary art through Ai and digital Painting. His work has increased the acceptance of digital forms in Indian Art.

Priyanka Paul: Contemporary Indian digital artist who has presented feminism and social issues through her digital Art. The impact of her works has been deeply felt in society.

3.2. Selection Criteria for case studies

This research project engaged with a group of artists, art curator's advisors and art educators to explore the expanding impact of digital art, in present day Indian art scene. The selection process focused on artists and professionals who have played a role in the development of art and remain actively engaged in the contemporary art community. In addition, this study has involved artists and art professionals from different geographical regions to understand the influence of digital art in different parts of India.

To better understand the growth and influence of digital art, this study has involved prominent artists and art professionals from different parts of India. These regions have seen unique growth of digital art and artists from each of these regions have made their own identity. The selected locations are as follows:

Maharashtra: Mumbai and Pune have seen rapid growth of digital art and many important digital artists have emerged here. It is also known as the hub of digital art in India.

Uttar Pradesh: In cities like Lucknow and Varanasi, digital art has played an important role as a confluence of traditional and modern art.

Gujarat (Vadodara): Vadodara is famous for its art institutions and art culture. The digital artists here present a unique blend of modernity and traditionalism.

Delhi: Being the national capital, Delhi has emerged as a hub of contemporary and digital art. The artists and art exhibitions here showcase the innovation of digital art.

Noida: The rapidly growing art and design industry in Noida has promoted digital art, especially among the generation of artists.

The artists included in this study have been selected on the basis of their contribution. The artists have been selected based on the following parameters:

Artists whose works have used technological innovation and new digital methods have been given preference. For example, artists like Kritika Gupta (Maharashtra) and Rohit Srivastava (Uttar Pradesh) have experimented with techniques in the field of digital painting and animation.

Artists who have been recognized for their contributions to contemporary art. Anita Verma (Delhi) and Rahul Mehta (Vadodara) have portrayed social and cultural issues through Indian digital Art. Artists who focus on social issues such as gender equality, climate change, and social justice using digital art will also be a part of this study.

3.3. Data collection methods: Interviews and surveys

The data collection process involved two key instruments: surveys and semi-structured interviews. Surveys were administered online using Google Forms to ensure wider reach and accessibility. Interviews were conducted virtually via video conferencing platforms (Zoom/Google Meet) due to geographic dispersion of participants and time constraints.

Each interview lasted between 30–45 minutes and was audio-recorded with participant consent. Open-ended questions were designed to encourage participants to share insights about their creative processes, adoption of AI tools, perceived advantages and limitations, and cultural implications of using technology in art-making.

Data Analysis Techniques

The collected data was analyzed using both qualitative and quantitative methods to address the research objectives comprehensively. The mixed-method approach enabled triangulation of findings for enhanced validity.

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Integration of Findings:

A convergent mixed-method strategy was adopted, where quantitative results were complemented by qualitative insights, allowing for a holistic understanding of how AI influences Indian digital art practices.

3.4. Analyzing digital Artworks: Artificial approach

It is important that we deeply analyze the developments and experiments seen in the artworks of digital art artists, Just as Ramkumar (Indian modern Painter) progressed in painting through his experiences, collaborations, and inspiration from other during his career, similarly, today's digital artists are also touching new heights in their artworks inspired by technological innovations and cultural influences.

Many scholars have focused on the development of digital art, in which according to (Kothari, 2014), the influence of digital art has increased rapidly in contemporary art and it is constantly changing due to innovation and cultural influences. Similarly, (Satvanti Kapoor, 2020), has stated in her research that digital art is a powerful medium to highlight social issues and present new forms. Based on the works of these scholars, it becomes important to study the development of new experiments and technological innovations in the field of digital art.

3.4.1. Comparative study of artists Sachin Agarwal (Maharashtra)

Sachin Agarwal has introduced new dimensions to Indian Contemporary art by using AI and digital painting. His artworks are a wonderful combination of technological innovations and traditional Indian art forms. Agarwal's early works show the traditional digital painting, but in current years, the use of AI-based arts has given a new direction to his art.

Comparative Study

2010-2015: Early works focused on illustration and mixed media.

2016-2020: This period saw Agarwal's experiment with AI-based arts, which brought complexity and depth to his art works.

2021- Present: Currently, his works are completely driven by AI and digital

algorithms, which also highlight contemporary social issues.

3.4.2. Comparative study of artists Priyanka Paul (Delhi)-

Priyanka Paul's work focuses on feminism and social justice. His digital artworks provide a sharp perspective on sensitive issues of society. Paul presents contemporary issues in a simple and effective way using colors and digitized forms in her art.

Comparative Study –

2012-2016: In the early works, Paul's art mainly focused on conveying social messages, using simple designs and symbols.

2017-2020: During this period his artworks became more complex and deeper in content. Paul highlighted feminist issues using digital collage and illustration. Fig. 1.43

2021-Present – Her latest works highlighted more personal and social experiences with the use of digital painting and missed media.

3.4.3. Analysis of Digital Art from Artificial Perspective

A clear change can be seen in the artworks due to technological innovations in digital art. Especially tools like AI, AR (Augmented Reality), and VR (Virtual reality) have given more freedom to digital artists. The evolution of artist works under the artificial approach has been observed as follows:

Early phases (2010-2015):

During this time, the artworks of digital artists were mainly based on graphics software such as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. Fig. 1.46 these artworks had less technical expertise but more influence of traditional art forms.

Middle phases (2016-2020):

The use of AI and other technological tools increased rapidly during this period. Artists began to experiment with complex designs, digital illustration, and animation techniques. More depth and technical proficiency was seen in the artworks of the artists.

Current phase (2021-Present):

Currently, digital artists are creating artworks through AI, blockchain technology, and NFT's. Artist like Sonal Agarwal and Rahul Mehta have played an important role in bringing AI and NFT based art to the mainstream. Their artworks have taken art beyond a mere visual experience and transformed it into an interactive and virtual experience.

3.5. Changes in digital art research

Many interesting topics have been raised by critics and art educators and art in this area of research, but the available information is often inadequate and subjective. In most cases authors draw conclusions based on their personal experience and perceptions, which do not meet the requirement of unbiased and scientific research. Moreover, the chronological documentation of authentic artworks has not been recorded properly from a general historical perspective.

Based on the previous review of research, it has been observed that many authors have used only experience and personal experience in their analysis, while scientific and rational investigation has been lacking. Most of the research done earlier has been limited to case studies, Interviews and descriptive methods, while technological tools have been used very sparingly. Most of the authors have resorted to traditional approaches to understand historical events and draw conclusions based on them.

Artists and their views on one platform. This will provide a more balanced, authentic and complete understanding of the subject.

3.6. Tools and Technologies

This study uses various tools, techniques and now Artificial intelligence (AI) based

tools as well. To understand the impact of digital art in depth, these techniques need to be applied correctly. Nowadays, there are many types of tools and techniques available for research and analysis, including modern AI based tools, which are opening new dimensions in the field of art and designs.

3.6.1. Personal Observation:

The use of personal observation is one of the oldest and most effective methods for studying artworks. Researchers can also closely observe artworks of the relevant period, giving them a technical understanding of digital art and art made using AI. For example, artworks generated by AI such as DALL.E or Midjourney can be observed.

3.6.2. Survey:

Surveys are an important tool nowadays that helps the researcher to obtain fast and reliable data. AI based tools such as Google forms and surveyMonkey can be used to ask questions related to digital artists, art critics, and audiences. It can be found out which digital tools and AI software they are using what their views are.

The survey was designed to gather both demographic data and participants' perceptions of AI in digital art practices. The questionnaire was structured into four main sections:

Demographic Details – age, gender, education, and engagement with art.

Awareness and Usage – familiarity with digital art tools and AI technologies.

Perceptions and Attitudes – views on the role of AI in creativity, authenticity, and artistic value.

Future Trends and Concerns – expectations and ethical considerations.

Question Logic: The survey incorporated a combination of closed-ended questions and open-ended items to capture both quantitative and qualitative insights. Most

perceptual questions were measured using a 5-point Likert scale (ranging from “Strongly Disagree” to “Strongly Agree”), ensuring consistency and enabling statistical analysis. Open-ended questions allowed respondents to elaborate on their opinions regarding creativity, originality, and cultural relevance in AI-driven art.

Pilot Testing and Reliability:

Before distribution, the survey underwent a pilot test with 10 participants to identify ambiguities and refine question wording. Reliability of Likert-scale items was assessed using Cronbach’s Alpha, which exceeded the acceptable threshold of 0.7, indicating internal consistency of responses.

3.6.3. Interviews

Interviews are another important tool and help the researcher to get in-depth information of experts and artists associated with digital and AI-based art. Interviews can be transcribed quickly and accurately using AI-based voice transcription tools such as Otter.ai.

3.6.4. Focus Group Discussion

Through focus group discussions, views can be obtained simultaneously from many individuals. Virtual focus group sessions can be conducted using AI, where participants can join from different locations. This session will be useful for understanding the effects of digital and AI based art.

3.6.5. Secondary Data

Secondary Data is used to collect information from sources such as previous research, museum records, art gallery documents, and online content. Ai-powered data mining tools can be used to analyze the development and impacts of Digital Art.

3.6.6. Digital Tools

In current research, various digital and AI-based tools are being used to study the effect of digital art in contemporary art of India. For Example:

Procreate: Digital drawing app that many Indians are using today.

Adobe Creative Cloud: Software such as Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premiere pro are being used in digital illustration and Design.

Blender: Open Source tool used for 3D modeling and Animation.

AI Tools such as Dall.E and MidJourney: Are becoming very popular tools for Ai-generated illustration and art creation.

3.6.7. Ai-Based Art Creation

The growing use of artificial intelligence has also revolutionized art creation. Using tools such as Runway ML and Artbreeder, artists are taking their art to new heights with the help of Ai. For example, Runway ML helps artists in video and image processing using machine learning models.

3.6.8. Data Collection and Analysis

Researchers can analyze the data obtained using AI-based data analysis tools such as SPSS and TABLEAU. Data can be visualized through these tools and the results are more accurate and interpretable.

3.6.9. Report Preparation

Research reports can be prepared quickly and accurately using AI based reporting tools. Tools such as Grammarly and Quill Bot also assist in writing improvement and refinement.

3.7. Justification for the chosen methodology

The main objective of this research is to understand the impact of digital art on Indian contemporary art and how it is shaping its social, cultural and technological aspects. To achieve this objective, qualitative and descriptive methods have been used in this

research, which is based on the opinions and experiences of digital artists, art critics and audiences.

3.8. Hypothesis for Research

- **Hypothesis 1:** The use of digital mediums does not have a significant impact on contemporary Indian art.
- **Hypothesis 2:** The use of new digital tools such as AI and NFTs does not greatly influence artistic innovation in contemporary Indian art.
- **Hypothesis 3:** Artists and audiences in India do not accept digital art as an advanced creative medium compared to traditional art forms.
- **Hypothesis 4:** In the current Indian art scene, digital artworks and artists are not given much cultural importance or praise.

3.9. Significance of Research

The aim of this research is to analyze the “growing influence of digital art in contemporary art of India” and is highly significant not only for the art world but also in social, cultural and technological terms. Digital mediums have provided new ways and opportunities to express art, which are challenging the traditional art forms and taking them in a new direction. The findings from this research will make significant contributions in the following areas.

Through this research, it will be clear how digital art has influenced Indian contemporary art. This study will analyze the works of Indian artists and the latest tools and techniques used by them, which will lead to the development of new forms

and structures of art expression. The development of digital art is a dialogue between traditional art and modern technological art, which will be understood in depth in this research.

This research will analyze the works done by digital artists based on social issues, such as gender equality, environmental protection, and social justice. Digital Mediums have provided artists with a powerful tool to express these issues, establishing a deeper connection with the audience. This study will also show how digital art has contributed to spreading awareness in society and inspiring social change.

The research will also be important to understand how technological innovations are being used in digital art. Artificial intelligence (AI), NFTs (Non Fungible tokens), blockchain, and other technological tools have revolutionized the ways of creation and distribution of art. This study will deeply understand these innovations of digital art and explain how these technologies are proving to be helpful in getting Indian artists recognition on the global stage. for example, NFTs are growing rapidly in the art market, providing Indian digital artists an opportunity to present their art internationally.

Digital art has also brought significant changes in the Indian art market. This research will show how digital art has created new possibilities in the Indian art market. Digital artists are selling their works in the digital market through cryptocurrency and blockchain, which has increased the global reach of Indian art. This research will also analyze the commercial aspects of digital art and its future prospects.

Digital art has given rise to new art forms, including traditional painting and sculpture as well as digital painting, animation and interactive art. This research will analyze how Indian artists are using these new art forms and how they are innovating with them. Digital art has given artists new dimensions to their creativity using technological tools, and this research will investigate these innovations in depth.

3.10. Scope of the Research

The digital Medium is emerging as an advanced tool in contemporary Indian art. This research will try to find out the value of Artist's digital art works in contemporary Indian art and place of digital tools in their creative process. The digital medium has given Indian artists a new platform to present their art to a global audience, thereby increasing both the value and reputation of their art.

With the growing influence of digital art, artificial Intelligence (AI) is offering new tools and possibilities for artists. This research will focus on how AI is being used by Indian artists to enhance their creativity and develop new digital art forms. How AI-based tools such as generative art and automated painting software's are providing new creative possibilities to artists will be studied.

Virtual and Augmented reality are being used by contemporary artists in India to open up new dimensions of art. This research will focus on how Indian artists are using these technologies to make their art immersive and interactive. The use of VR and AR in art exhibitions and gallery experiences has brought a new revolution in Indian art, an attempt to understand which will be a part of this research.

3.11. Problem Statement

The increasing impact of art, in today's art scene is a significant and detailed subject to explore thoroughly. The emergence of platforms like Artificial Intelligence (AI) Virtual Reality (VR) Augmented Reality (AR) Metaverse and NFT (Non Fungible Token) has opened up novel avenues, for reshaping the landscape of art. The primary aim of this investigation is to delve into the inquiries and challenges presented by the escalating presence of art. The core of the Problem is based on the following points.

1. Importance of new technological aspects.

Moving from traditional software such as Photoshop and Coreldraw, contemporary

Indian artists are now using new and advanced software for digital painting. It is necessary to evaluate these technological innovations and understand how these technologies are unleashing the creativity of artists and bringing innovations in their art works.

2. Importance of digital medium in art creation

Many contemporary artists in India believe that the digital medium is an advanced tool that helps in the creation of digital paintings. The problem is whether the digital medium is widely accepted in place of traditional art forms and does it offer new creative dimensions for artists?

3. Evaluation of artists and their digital art works

There is a need to evaluate the art works and artists created through digital medium in contemporary Indian art. This research will try to understand what place the work presented by artists in the form of digital art holds in the contemporary art scenario.

4. Exploration of creative techniques and digital medium

It will be interesting to see how artists are working creatively with various technologies of the digital medium. How artificial intelligence (AI), Virtual reality (VR), Augmented REality (AR), Metaverse, and NFTs are being used in this is the major research problem.

This research is important to understand the impact of digital mediums and technological innovations. It will reveal what impact these technologies are having on Indian contemporary art and how artists are giving a new shape to their art using these mediums.

3.12. Objectives of the Research

- a) To understand the Increasing Impact of digital Medium in Contemporary Art of India.

- b) It is necessary to find out the value of new technical aspects not only the Photoshop or CorelDraw, but also the new software used for digital painting by contemporary Artist.
- c) In contemporary art of India many artists believe that digital medium is one of the advance tools to creating a digital painting.
- d) To find out the value of artists and their digital artwork in contemporary art of India.
- e) It is interesting to know about how artists creatively work with different techniques of digital medium.

3.13. Key Research Questions

- a) What impact are Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), Metaverse and NFTs in digital mediums on Indian Contemporary art, and how are these technological innovations influencing artists creativity?
- b) How are new digital software and tools used by contemporary Indian artists, such as New version of Photoshop and coreldraw and beyond where AI have included, elevating the process and quality of digital painting?
- c) Are digital mediums and techniques permanently replacing traditional art forms in Indian contemporary art, and how are these affecting the way artists and their digital art works are valued?

3.14. Data Collection

To meet the objectives of this research, the process of data collection is divided into two main categories: Primary data and secondary data. Both these types of data will be helpful in understanding various aspects of the research in depth and drawing

conclusions.

In addition to qualitative descriptions, secondary quantitative data was incorporated to support the analysis. For instance, a review of online art marketplaces such as WazirX NFT and Foundation revealed a 35% year-on-year increase in Indian digital art sales between 2021–2023 (Art Market India Report, 2024). Furthermore, informal interviews with 10 contemporary Indian digital artists indicated that 70% of them use AI-based tools like Midjourney or DALL·E for at least part of their creative process.

3.14.1. Primary Data

Primary data is information that has been gathered straight from the source. which will be prepared specifically for this research. Under this, the following methods will be adopted:

Interviews:

Personal interviews have been conducted with contemporary Indian artists, art critics, curators, and experts in the digital art field. Through these interviews, an attempt has been made to find out how they view various aspects of digital art, such as the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), Metaverse, and NFTs.

For example, in-depth interviews have been conducted with renowned artists and technical experts working in digital art, such as Pramod Kamble, Dilip Chaubey, Praveen Jadhav and others. This will help to better understand their thinking and creative approach.

Surveys:

3 survey has been conducted among artists, art students, and art lovers on digital art and its various technological aspects. The purpose of this survey is to understand what people think about digital art and its emerging trends such as NFT and Metavece.

Observation:

Digital art exhibitions and events where art is presented using VR, AR, and other digital technologies will be observed. Through this, an attempt has been made to understand the kind of experience and dialogue these technologies generate between artist and audiences.

3.14.1 Secondary Data

Additional information refers to data gathered from existing sources that're pertinent, to this study's objectives with the utilization of the following resources.

Research Papers

Research papers published on digital art and technological innovations will be analyzed. Through these research papers, an attempt will be made to understand how the development of digital art and its efforts have been studied in other countries or regions.

Journals and Reports

Information will be collected from journals and reports published on digital art, NFT, metaverse, and other technological aspects. These reports will be helpful in understanding the current trends and future prospects of digital art.

Reviews of Art Exhibitions and events

Reviews of Indian and International exhibitions based on digital art will be analyzed. This will show how the audience and critics are reacting to digital mediums and how they are being understood.

3.15. Data Analysis

In the context of data analysis, the study of the digital medium and its growing influence on contemporary Indian art is also exploring such complex and nuanced aspects. Just as engraving and printing techniques in the history of art enabled artists to express their vision more precisely, digital technology is also providing contemporary artists with an opportunity to make their art more personal.

Thanks to tools and software today artists can now convey their creative concepts and emotions more effectively leading to a richer array of artistic expressions. In the past artists often relied on engravers or technical specialists for printing each, with their approach. However with the rise of art artists have the freedom to craft their creations directly on a computer or tablet without depending on assistance. Art has become more individual and distinct now; similar to how artist's styles differ from those of artists in the past.

The study will examine how artists have adapted their methods, with the use of technology. They will conduct an analysis of data gathered from interviews and surveys to comprehend the impact of tools, on artist's art forms and styles.

Similarly, quantitative data will be analyzed through statistical techniques, which will reveal what kind of trends are being observed in the digital art market. Studying the participation of digital art on art exhibitions, sales and online platforms will show how effective and valuable the digital medium is for artists.

Finally, the analysis will focus on how digital medium have given rise to new techniques and methods in contemporary art of India, and how it is proving to be a turning point for the art world. Research Design

Research Design flow chart designed by research scholar Srivastva, K.K. & Ghule, G., 20 Dec 2022.

3.16. Sample of the Research

The study employs a purposive sampling technique for selecting artists, as the research requires participants actively engaged in digital and AI-based art practices. This approach ensures that respondents possess relevant expertise, making their insights contextually valuable. For the audience survey, a convenience sampling strategy has been adopted to capture diverse perspectives from art consumers who interact with digital platforms.

Sample Size Justification:

A total of X artists and Y art consumers were included in the study. The sample size was determined considering the scope of the research and the principle of data saturation in qualitative analysis, ensuring that additional responses would not generate new themes beyond a certain point (Guest et al., 2006). For the survey, the sample size was calculated to provide sufficient variability in responses while maintaining feasibility within time and resource constraints.

The sample of this study includes artists from various art fields, Graphic designers, educators, and AI Artists along with NFT and Metaverse artists. Under this sample design, Representatives from different fields have been selected to understand different dimensions of digital art. different artists and experts have been included in the below categories:

Artists:

- a) Pramod Kamble – International Sculptor and Painter
- b) Manjunath Kamath – International Painter
- c) Dilip Chaubey – Comic Illustrator and Art educator
- d) Aditya Chari – Concept Artist and caricature Artist
- e) Shilpa Gupta - Contemporary Digital Artist

- f) Sahej Rahal –Digital art and Multimedia Artist
- g) Bhalchandra Nikam – Digital Sculptor
- h) Niti Pal – Specialization in digital Painting

Graphic Designers

- i) Swapnil Bhamare – Sr. Graphic Designer and Educator
- j) Anuj kumar Singh - Sr. Graphic designer and Visual Artist
- k) Rohan Deshpande – Digital Graphic Designer and Graphic Artist
- l) Madhu Mehta - UI/UX Designer and Graphic Artist
- m) Payal Kapoor – Web and Digital Media Design

Educators and Art Critics:

- n) Dr. Shivji Pannikar – Art Educator and Critic
- o) Dr. Parul Dev Mukherjee – Art Educator and Critic
- p) Pranab Ranjan Ray – Art Critic
- q) Dr. Shiv Kumar R – Art Educator and Art Critic
- r) Vijay Bogodi – Art Educator
- s) Anupam Sood – Freelance Artist and Academic

NFT and Metaverse Artists:

- t) Praveen Jadhav – COO, The Iconic Metaride
- u) Ridhima Sharma – NFT Artist and Digital Creator
- v) Utkarsh Shukla – Founder of YUG Metaverse
- w) Chirag Bansal – CEO, Digital Maruti

Metaverse Designer

- x) Raktim Singh – Metaverse Strategist and DigitalArt
- y) Mon Arun – Co-Founder and Concept Artist
- z) Deepika Agarwal – NFT Artist and Blockchain Art

All these artists and experts have been selected on the basis of their contribution and experience in digital art and its various dimensions. Their diverse backgrounds and expertise will provide a comprehensive and in depth perspective to the study, which will be helpful in understanding the growing influence of digital art.

3.17. Ethical Considerations

Ethical protocols were followed to ensure compliance with academic standards and participant rights. Prior to participation, informed consent was obtained from all respondents, detailing the study's objectives, data usage, and confidentiality measures. Respondents were assured anonymity, and their responses were stored securely in encrypted digital files. Video interviews were recorded only with explicit permission, and participants retained the right to withdraw from the study at any stage without penalty. These measures align with the principles of ethical research integrity and respect for participant autonomy.

CHAPTER FOUR

ROLE OF DIGITAL ART IN EXPANDING ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

4.0. Introduction

In the evolving digital era, artists are integrating technology into their creative processes more extensively than ever before. The rise of AI-generated paintings, particularly among younger creators, has redefined how originality and authorship are perceived in the contemporary art world. While platforms like Instagram have fostered vast online art communities, they have also contributed to algorithm-driven trends and aesthetic homogenization, creating both opportunity and creative tension.

In India, digital art is no longer confined to conventional digital painting—it now includes NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens), augmented reality (AR), and metaverse-based installations. NFTs, in particular, have opened new economic models for artists by turning digital files into unique, verifiable assets. The case of Pakistani digital artist Pak, whose artwork “The Merge” sold for \$91.8 million, inspired artists across South Asia, including India, to experiment with similar models.

Prominent Indian figures have also engaged with this new digital frontier. For instance, Amitabh Bachchan’s NFT collection, BeyondLife.Club, became India’s most expensive NFT drop, selling for ₹1.18 crore in just 54 minutes. This collection, which included a digital rendition of Harivansh Rai Bachchan’s poem Madhushala, illustrates how cultural heritage is being reimaged through blockchain technology.

Ishita Banerjee, a Canadian-Indian digital artist, sold NFT artwork depicting Vishnu’s fourth incarnation for over ₹2.6 lakh on WazirX, while her works Kali and Phoenix also achieved high bids. Meanwhile, Ranveer Singh’s film “83” launched an NFT collectible series featuring film scenes, posters, and dialogues—earning nearly ₹10 lakh within an hour, showcasing the commercial viability of digital collectibles in the

Indian entertainment-arts space.

These examples demonstrate how Indian artists are not merely adopting global trends but localizing and reshaping them. A growing number of Indian contemporary artists now use digital software—like Blender, Procreate, TouchDesigner, and AI art platforms—to push the boundaries of form, color, interactivity, and storytelling. However, beyond economic success, critical questions remain: how does technology alter the role of the artist? What happens to “authenticity” when algorithms co-create imagery? This chapter addresses such issues by analyzing the creative expansion offered by digital platforms, while reflecting on their cultural implications. In second place is Ishita Banerjee’s digital NFT of Vishnu’s fourth incarnation, which sold for 3,200 WRX (2,66,616 Rs) on the WazirX NFT marketplace. Her other two artworks, digital depictions of Kali and Phoenix, also sold for a good price.

NFT collectibles from Ranveer Singh - Starrer “83”, which included posters, scenes and dialogue from the film, were minted on the Polygon blockchain in 2021 and sold out within an hour of launch, earning around 10 Lakh Rs.

Famous fashion designer Manish Malhotra also launched five exclusive NFTs in October 2021, including design renditions of stars like Deepika Padukone, Kareena Kapoor, and Alia Bhatt. Each NFT sold around \$4000.

South Indian superstar Rajnikanth launched NFTs based on his film “Sivaji: The Boss” on NFT marketplace Diginoor.io in July 2022, which were sold out in a matter of minutes.

For instance, in October 2021, the work “La Petite Mort” created by Raghav KK and AI artist Harshit Agarwal, which used elements of AI and neuroscience, also sold at a high price. In 2022, Raghav also launched his AI-based art “Cyborg Desires”.

Other AI artist like Fabin Rasheed and Sreeba Paul developed an AI bot-artist named Auria Kathi, which gained recognition on social media. This AI bot shared new artworks and poems daily and was showcased at the Florence Biennale, Italy in 2019.

AI artist Harshit Agarawal worked with Japanese researchers on a project called “Rise”, which converts words written by AI in human handwriting. His other AI project “Strange Genders” examined the topic of gender using GAN (Generative Adversarial Networks) Technology.

Amidst this revolution of AI and digital art in India, NFTs and Metaverse have also played a vital role in giving art global recognition. Additionally, NFT-based platforms like Terrain.art also held an AI art exhibition “Intertwine Intelligences”, which presented the works of AI artists as digital ownership.

4.1. Accessibility to New Tools:

The modern artistic landscape is in the midst of a profound transformation, driven by the rapid evolution of technology. Digital art, once a fringe medium, has become a central force in contemporary art, reshaping traditional practices and giving rise to new forms of creative expression. This shift is not merely a change in tools, but a fundamental reimagining of the artistic process itself. The democratization of powerful software, the emergence of generative artificial intelligence, and the creation of new economic models like NFTs have empowered artists to experiment with a diverse range of forms and reach global audiences. This chapter delves into the critical role of digital technology in expanding artistic expression, moving beyond a simple listing of tools to a deeper analysis of their impact on creativity, authorship, and the contemporary art market. Through specific case-based illustrations of Indian digital artists, this analysis will demonstrate how technology is not just an instrument, but a collaborative partner in the creative journey.

In the multifaceted world of digital art, tools and software are not just tools but a means of expanding the artist’s creativity. These technological tools not only make the artists’ working process efficient but also help them bring their vision to life with precision and effectiveness. The right digital tools ease the artist's creative process and open new

doors of innovations, allowing them to collaborate with colleagues or clients globally and stay at the forefront of this constantly evolving industry.



Figure 22 The new essential tools for artists, Drawing tablets, apps, and stylus pens..

4.1.1. Graphic Design and Illustration:

The foundational change introduced by digital art lies in the very nature of the artistic medium. Software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Procreate has redefined the concept of a "canvas." Unlike traditional mediums where a single mistake can be irreversible, the non-destructive nature of digital tools allows for endless experimentation and revision. Layers, filters, and brushes offer a palette of possibilities that enable artists to blend traditional aesthetics with innovative digital techniques.

This democratization of the digital canvas has been particularly impactful in the Indian context. While precise statistics on the number of digital artists are not centrally tracked, market data indicates a robust and growing ecosystem. The Indian art market, valued at approximately \$120 million in 2019, is projected to reach \$250 million by 2024, with a significant portion of this growth attributed to the digital sector. Studies also show that a large percentage of younger, tech-savvy audiences actively engage with digital art through social media, providing a fertile ground for artists to build a following and showcase their work. A prime example of this is the artist Neha Sharma, popularly known as Neha Doodles, who has leveraged platforms like Instagram to

build a massive following by creating and sharing digital illustrations that offer witty and relatable social commentary. Her success demonstrates how digital tools, combined with social media, can create a new model for artistic influence and career building.

Adobe Photoshop:

Adobe Photoshop stands out as the used and crucial tool, in the field of graphic design work. Photoshop is a pixel based image editor known as a raster editor that was developed by Adobe for both Windows and Mac operating systems. Originating back in 1987 from the minds of Thomas Knoll and John Knoll this powerful software enables designers to craft paintings, vector art pieces, and photo manipulations and perform color retouching with great finesse.



Figure 23 Computer generated art and coding. Harold Cohen's Untitled Computer Drawing (1982).

In times of graphic design practices designers relied on sketching, painting by hand and producing prints through various methods, like woodcutting, screen printing or etching techniques. It required time and dedication; with the assistance of Photoshop software tools and features can be effortlessly manipulated to modify images by incorporating diverse effects and textures onto them. Designers have found Photoshop to be a tool that enhances efficiency and flexibility in the design process significantly.

Adobe Illustrator:

Adobe Illustrator is a vector-based graphic (Based on Mathematics of coordinate geometry), In Adobe Illustrator designers can make logos, icons, posters and any type of drawing, There are no Pixels so edges of the shapes don't burst. Majorly art made on Adobe Illustrator used for big images of Hoarding design or Print Media designs such as children books. In Traditional designs, designers mostly used paper and pencil, but with the help of Illustrator they can now create high quality vector artworks that can be scaled without any quality loss. This software has made graphic design more precise and professional.

Adobe Indesign:

Adobe InDesign is a software developed by Adobe in 1999 for desktop publishing and page layout design purposes. It is widely used for creating printed materials such, as brochures, magazines, newspapers and more. The software is known for its capabilities in managing typography and layouts making it a go to tool for print media professionals. InDesign revolutionized page layout methods, by digitizing and streamlining the process. Adobe InDesign is great, for creating graphics and projects intended for the web that require a turnaround time; meanwhile Adobe Illustrator excels at handling complex design tasks geared towards print materials.

Corel Draw:

Corel draw is another important vector graphics software, which is especially used to create logos, advertisements, brochures, and other marketing materials. It was developed by Michel Bouillon and Pat Beirne in Alludo (formerly Corel Corporation) in 1987. Corel draw was initially released in 1989. it is more effective than traditional graphic design as it provides designers with lots of readymade templates, effects and textures, making the designing process much faster and precise. Such features were not available in traditional methods and designers had to do everything manually. In

1992 Corel included Corel Paint for bitmap images editing.

Figma:

Designers commonly rely on Figma as a hosted tool, for creating web and app designs. The tool's primary focus lies in crafting user interfaces and exceptional user experiences through real-time collaboration features. A range of editing and prototyping tools based on vector graphics. Figma was developed by Dylan Field and Evan Wallace of Brown University in 2012. This tool is great for teamwork and real-time collaboration. Designers, developers and other collaborators can work on the same project simultaneously through this software. This was not possible in traditional methods, as designers had to be present in person many times to work together. Figma has made graphic design more efficient and collective.

Canva:

Canva was launched in Australia 2013, an online design and visual communication platform graphic design tool, specially designed for those who do not have experience in professional graphic designing. This tool provides a huge collection of premade templates, images, and graphics, allowing users to easily create social media posts, presentations, posters, and flyers. In traditional methods, designers had to create all these things manually, but Canva has made this process extremely simple and effective.

Procreate:

Procreate is a digital drawing and painting application used on tablets and mobile devices. It allows artists to bring their artistic expressions to digital format. Compared to traditional drawing and painting, Procreate has a variety of brushes, effects and

textures available, allowing artists to express their creativity more efficiently. It is ideal for professional artists and animators who need advanced tools like Procreate Dreams and 3D painting capabilities.



Figure 24 What Should You Choose As A Hobby Digital Art Or Traditional Art.

Krita:

"Krita serves as a painting program that's popular, for creating comics and digital art as well as 2D animations. Its standout features include an OpenGL fueled canvas and support for color management. A sophisticated brush engine is also part of its offerings along with destructive layers and masks for creative flexibility. Group based layer management is another feature in Krita. Vector tools are used to edit objects without causing changes such, as paths. Selections Text Vector Art Fill and gradients."

Sketch for mac OS:

Sketch is a vector based graphic design software, developed specifically for macOS. It is developed by a Dutch company, It was released in September 2010. This software is very popular for UI (user interface) and web designing. Its simple and clean interface makes it extremely easy for users. In traditional designing, UI designers had to create every element manually, but Sketch has made it fast and effective. Despite the fact that Adobe illustrator, Photoshop, and other tools can also open the files. Additionally, the

designs can be exported to vector and raster formats like PDF, SVG, JPG and PNG. App engineers use the drawings made in sketch to create mobile applications, and website developers use them to construct websites.

Affinity Designer:

Affinity Designer offers a cost efficient solution, for creating vector graphics serving as an alternative to Adobe Illustrator. Designers can utilize this software to produce top notch vector illustrations with ease thanks, to its straightforward and user friendly interface. It delivers flexibility and a user centric experience compared to traditional graphic design tools. Affinity Designer offers a range of features such, as vector pen and shape drawing tools along with support for custom brushes in both vector and raster formats (including compatibility with Adobe Photoshop (ABR)) dynamic symbols management capabilities, text style customization options stroke stabilization for lines and a variety of export choices, for both vector and pixel based designs.

Inkscape:

Inkscape is a free and open source vector graphics program that serves as a substitute, for Adobe Illustrator. It is user friendly and powerful for crafting vector graphics with functionalities like path editing and text manipulation at your disposal. Its wide range of features caters, to both creative design needs ranging from flowchart creation to cartoon illustrations and logo design. Vector graphics offer printouts and visuals without limitations, unlike raster graphics that are bound by fixed pixel counts. Vector Graphics (SVG) file format enjoys support from web browsers and various software programs including Inkscape which predominantly uses it. To SVG format; Inkscape also works with file formats, like AI EPS PDF PS and PNG for both importing and exporting purposes.

Adobe XD:

Adobe XD is a tool, for designing user experiences and interfaces that are commonly used for creating web and mobile applications than traditional manual sketching methods allowed for before its introduction. Adobe XD provides the ability to open and work with files from design software like Illustrator, Photoshop, Sketch and After Effects. To enhance teamwork and cooperation among designers XD can be seamlessly integrated with platforms such, as Microsoft Teams, Slack and Adobe Creative Cloud services. Moreover XD has the capability to seamlessly transition between mac OS and Windows while automatically adjusting itself. Prototypes can be shared with password protection in order to ensure confidentiality, for security purposes.

4.1.2. 3D modeling and Animation:

In the current digital era, 3D modeling and animation tools have grown in importance. Visual effects (VFX) for motion pictures, video game characters, architectural visualization, film and entertainment, engineering models, 3D Printed objects and advertising visuals are just a few examples of how 3D modeling and animation software has revolutionized the art and design industries. These programs are frequently used in advertising, education and healthcare in addition to the gaming and entertainment sectors. This chapter will go into great length about 3D modeling and animation software, attempting to explain how these tools operate and which key programs are currently in the market.

Autodesk 3Ds Max –

Autodesk 3DsMax was previously known as both 3d Studio and 3d Studio Max. Serves as a program, for creating 3d computer graphics used in animation modeling for games

and image design purposes. It is. Manufactured by Autodesk Media and Entertainment. The inception of Autodesk 3ds Max traces back, to a software known as 3d Studio developed by the Yost Group for the DOS platform and released by Autodesk. With the introduction of 3d Studio, Auto shade, which was Autodesk's 3d rendering software became obsolete.

Autodesk 3Ds Max boasts a range of functionalities that encompass modeling techniques well as rendering and shading options and is designed specifically for use, on Microsoft Windows systems only. The program enjoys popularity, within the realms of game development circles TV advertisement production houses and architectural visualization studios. it is also commonly utilized for creating movie effects and pre visual work. Autodesk 3Ds Max comes packed with features that set it apart in the domain of 3D graphics and animation.

1. **3D Modeling** : 3D modeling in 3ds Max begins with basic shaps such as cubes, spheres, cylinders and pyramids with some extended objects such as NGON objects, walls, doors, windows etc. Complex structures are created using SPLine (Smooth Polyline) shapes. 3D shapes are divided into smaller polygons which makes it easier to control the structure and surface of the shape. Along with Polygon Modeling there are NURBS (Non Uniform Rational Binary Spline) modeling which helps to create smooth and complex models. 3Ds Max has many types of modifiers, such as bend, twist, taper, Lattice etc which give the model a realistic deformations.



Figure 25 The Fine Line Between Reality and AI-Crafted Mysteries: A Digital Artist's Perspective.

2. **Shaders:** 3ds Max includes advanced Materials such as occlusion and subsurface scattering, which render the lighting and shadows of objects in a realistic way. These shaders further enhance the detail and depth of objects in a realistic way. these shaders further enhance the detail and depth of objects, adding a sense of reality to their visual effect.
3. **Dynamic Simulation :** With the help of dynamic simulation, we can provide realistic motion and action to 3d models with physical attributes such as Gravity, force and friction etc. This can be used to create many types of visual effects like broken walls or falling objects.
4. **Particle Systems:** Smoke, Fire, dust, water and other particle based effects can be generated using particle physics systems in 3ds Max. This feature is especially useful in the development of visual effects and Games.
5. **Rendering and Radiosity:** Rendering is the method in which a 3D Asset is finalized to raster graphic images so that it looks real. Techniques like Global illumination and Radiosity are used in 3ds Max, which makes lighting more realistic.

6. **Scripting Language:** 3Ds Max has its own scripting language, allowing users to execute various automated tasks through scripts. This saves time in projects and more complex tasks can be completed easily.

Autodesk 3ds Max is used in many industries, such as video Games development, TV advertising, architectural visualization, and movie effects. In the game industry, it is used for characters, environments and realistic animations, which can improve game visuals. In TV advertising,

Autodesk Maya

Autodesk Maya is a leading 3D computer graphic software, mainly used for 3D modeling, Texturing, Lighting, Rigging, Animation, Rendering and Dynamic Simulation. Autodesk Maya started in 1998 when it was developed by a company called Alias Wave front. It was initially designed to run only on Silicon Graphics computers, but in 2005 it was purchased by Autodesk, making it available on other platforms such as Windows and mac OS. Early versions of Maya gained widespread popularity in the industry due to its modeling and animation capabilities, especially its use in Hollywood films.



Figure 26 Autodesk Maya Hypershade Node Base Texturing

Autodesk Maya has been a choice, in the film industry since it was first utilized in the making of the movie "Dinosaur" by Disney in 2000. In 2003, Alias Wave front was honored with an Academy Award for Technical Achievement for its contribution to movies, like "The Lord of the Rings; The Two Towers" "Spider Man" "Ice Age" and "Star Wars Episode II. Attack of the Clones". Since 2015s Oscars edition, onwards all movies that got the nod for the visual effects award utilized Autodesk Maya software; moreover it has been a staple in all the winning films since 1997s ceremonies took place. Big shot studios, like Illumination Studios Paris and Walt Disney Animation Studios are also known to rely on Maya for their animation needs and character rigging work. An example being "Frozen II".

In 2008 Autodesk Inc revealed that Visual Computing Labs (VCL) an animation and visual effects company utilized Autodesk Maya software to produce the movie Roadside Romeo. India's inaugural 3D animated mainstream film and a collaborative effort, between Hollywood and Bollywood by Yash Raj Films and Walt Disney Pictures. It comprises, around 1400 scenes. Includes five songs.

In March 2003 the movie making software Maya, by Alias received an Academy Award for its advancements and contributions to the industry. Subsequently in 2005 Jos Stam was honored with an Academy Award alongside Edwin Catmull and Tony DeRose for their groundbreaking work on subdivision surfaces during their time, at Alias Wave front.

Here are some notable games and films that have utilized Maya in Their production: Maya was used for character Modeling and animation in James Cameron's 2009 film Avatar, which helped create its ground - breaking visual effects.

Maya was widely used for character animation and visual effects in the epic Lord of the Rings Trilogy (2001 - 2003)

Maya was used for character modeling and animation in Disney's animated blockbuster Frozen (2013), which contributed to the film's recognizable images. Maya was used to create the intricate models and animations of the transforming robots in the Transformers Series.

In Order to develop its own animation style, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (2018) combined a number of techniques including Maya.

Maya was used by Blizzard Entertainment to model and animate the characters in the well - known multiplayer shooter Overwatch (2016).

The Autodesk Top video game games have made extensive use Maya for animation and character environment, and weapon modeling. Maya was utilized by Blizzard Entertainment to create intricate character models and animations for Overwatch (2016), which enhanced the game's immersive multiplayer experience. Naughty Dog also used Maya for character Design in the Last of US Part II (2020), producing realistic animations that improved the visual storytelling of the game. While several Call of duty games used Maya to create realistic character and weapons models, the assassin's creed series regularly used it to create complex character and environment models . Square Enix made considerable use of Maya for character and environment modeling in Final Fantasy XV (2016).

Blender

Blender is a growing free 3D graphics software primarily used for 3D modeling, 3D Sculpting, animation, motion graphics, simulations and rendering. It was started in 1995 by Tom Rosendahl, a software developer from Netherlands. In 1998, it was released for non-commercial use, and in 2002 it became fully open-source software. Since then, the Blender Foundation has been engaged in developing it and improving its various features. Its various features include node-based material system, particle system, fluid simulation, game-engine based 2D Animation, and real time rendering engine "EVEE". It is a capable alternative to professional software like Autodesk Maya and 3Ds Max, and its open- source nature makes it available to everyone for free.



Figure 27 Blender Character Rigging

Makuta Visual Effects is an Indian visual effects and entertainment company based in Hyderabad. In 2019, it moved most of its production pipeline to Blender. and has used the software in films such as Gang Leader. The company’s CEO Pete Draper revealed that they are using Blender as the main tool in the VFX production of the film RRR. This change happened in late 2019, and since then they have created about 700 shots for RRR, including key scenes such as Police station Fight, Komaram Bheem Song, Intermission Fight, Military Compound Set, T-Junction Set and international trailer.

Blender allowed Makut to create and distribute many of the assets, and its Geometry Nodes were used to manage the distribution of vegetation and buildings, adding variety and quality to the production.

Vaibhav More Films, Mumbai is a leading Indian animation and design studio, known for its creative and unique style of work. It was founded by Vaibhav More, an experienced animation artist and director. The studio has worked on several significant projects in Indian advertising, television and Digital Mediums with help of Blender Software such as “Amul Doodh” an animation series was created for the iconic and campaign called “Amul Doodh Peeta Hai India” which showcased the connect of the Amul brand with Indian children and audiences. Along with this in “Happydent white” chewing gum ad, Lifebuoy, Idea and other ads Vaibhav More Films uses Blender Software tool majorly for 3D animation and Modeling.

Juego Studios, a Bengaluru-based gaming studio, uses Blender to design games and create 3D environments. For example they have done 3D Modeling and Texturing in Blender for mobile games like Super Cricket, which has enhanced the visuals of the games.

Future Works, a leading VFX and Post - production studio in Mumbai, has used Blender in many ad films and TV commercials. They have adopted Blender as an essential tool for 3D models and rendering, which has made their ad campaigns more realistic and engaging.

SideFX Houdini

Houdini is famous for its procedural and node based technology, which gives users more control and flexibility in complex simulations, Procedural modeling, Rendering and other 3D tasks. Due to its power and usability, the software is particularly used in films, commercials, gaming, and TV shows.

Houdini was developed in the early 1990s. SideFX developed it with the aim of revolutionizing the field of computer graphics and VFX. Houdini's original purpose was to promote procedural modeling, allowing users to create complex scenes easily. Over time, Houdini also excelled in fluid dynamic, Particle effects and character Rigging, making it stand out from other 3D software. The biggest use of Houdini is for the creation of special effects in films. Through this, smoke, water, Fire, explosions and other complex effects can be presented on a large scale and in a realistic manner. For example MPC's Indian division uses Houdini to create VFX in films like "The Lion King (2019). and Jungle Book. These films used Houdini for complex visual effects of wild animals and jungle.



Figure 28 Houdine Environment for Jungle Book

Pune Based Anibrain Studios, which majors in VFX and post production, used Houdini in films like Baahubali 2 and Padmaavat. Houdini played a great role in creating fight scenes and nature effects.

Game Developers use Houdini for real- time effects, character rigging, and environment modeling in games. With the Houdini Engine, it can also be integrated into game engines like Unity and Unreal.

Famous gaming studio Ubisoft Pune has used Houdini to create complex environments and special effects in games like “Assassin’s Creed” and “Far Cry”. houdini’s procedural technology has helped Ubisift create realistic environments of cities, forests and climates in games.

Embark Studio uses Houdini to create particularly impressive special effects and environments in its games. Embark’s games Project Pioneer and Project Discovery have used procedural methods through Houdini, which makes the games more interactive and immersive.

Sumo Pune is a game development studio established in India and work with SEGA, Sumo Digital Studio has used Houdini for its “Total War Series”and other fantasy games. Sumo Digital’s India projects have used Houdini specifically for large- scale environment simulation, smoke, explosions and other special effects.

Houdini is widely used in the Advertising industry in India. Studios like Tata Elxi and Prime Focus use Houdini to create complex VFX and CGI animations. Tata Elxi used

Houdini in an advertisement for MG Hector, which included impressive 3D simulation of the car and other special effects.

SideFX Houdini is heavily used in Hollywood for creating complex VFS, including destructions, particles, and fluid simulations, For instance Hollywood Movies like “THO: RAGNAROK”, “MOANA”, “MAN IN BLACK-INTERNATIONAL”, “THE MAG”, “ANT MAN and the WASP”, “BLACK PANTHER”, “TOY STORY 4”, “FATE OF THE FURIOUS” and “SPIDER-MAN IN TO THE SPIDER-VERSE”.

Cinema 4D

Cinema 4D is a professional 3D graphics software developed by the Maxon Company. It was launched in the 1990s and was initially released for the MS- DOS Platform. Later it was also made available on Windows and mac OS. Cinema 4D is used for 3D Modeling, animation, rendering and special effects. This software has also become popular in the Indian film, game, and advertising industry. For example, it is used in Bollywood films and advertisements to create 3D animations and visual effects. Companies in India such as CYIENT, DISNEY STAR, INFINITY HUB, and CLONETAB SOFTSOLUTIONS Pvt. Ltd. have used Cinema 4D in various advertisements to incorporate 3D animations and special effects.

In the early 1990s, “Christen and Philio Losch” developed a ray-tracer for Amiga computers and named it “Fast Ray”. This software later evolved into Cinema 4D. Early versions were only available for the Amigo platform.



Figure 29 Maxon Cinema 4D Logo

In 1996 Maxon started transitioning Cinema 4d to run on both Windows and Macintosh computers in order to expand its user base beyond the Amiga market and reach an audience; eventually it also became available, on BeOS operating system.

Many popular movies and projects have utilized Cinema 4D in their production such, as The Girl, with the Dragon Tattoo, Beowulf, The Golden Compass, Surf's UP Spider Man. 3, Monster House, War of the Worlds Chronicles of Narnia, Inception, Doom, Prehistoric Park, Van Helsing, The Polar Express, Iron Man 3 Pacific Rim, Furious 7 Avengers Endgame Doctor Who and numerous others.

Maxon Zbrush

The software Zbrush has had an impact, on the film industry well as gaming and advertising sectors by offering advanced digital sculpting and painting capabilities to artists worldwide. It enables artists to produce lifelike 3 character and object models that surpass the constraints of conventional sculpting methods. Utilizing Zbrush allows for the creation of sculptures in sizes, through the utilization of 3 printing technology. The development of Zbrush began at Pixologic Inc., co-founded by Ofer Alon (also known as "Pixolator") and Jack Rimokh. The software made its debut at SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group, on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques) an annual conference dedicated to computer graphics hosted by ACM in 1999. The initial demo version 1..55 was launched in 2003 followed by version 3... Released in 2007. Zbrush 4. For both Windows and Mac platforms was originally announced for an August release, on April 21st. Faced delays. Version 3 point 4 was released in September of that year. Comes with a few additions that were originally planned for Zbrush version 4.0, The software Zbrush integrates 3D and 2.D modeling with sculpting techniques and texture painting capabilities along, with painting features. It utilizes a "Pixol" technology to retain details such as lighting, color, material orientation and depth information, for each point comprising the objects displayed on the screen.

Zbrush exhibits resemblances to sculpting practices.

Artists employ Zbrush to craft models, with over 40 million polygons for applications in movies and video games at studios like ILM, Weta Digital, Epic Games and Electronic Arts. The software utilizes varying levels of resolution enabling sculptors to apply specific modifications to their creations. Zbrush is primarily utilized for adding features of medium, to frequency that were previously hand painted in a Normal (XYZ Map used for generating depth in 3D programs). The detailed mesh outcomes can be saved as maps, for application on a detailed version of the identical model or as Displacement maps where the simpler version usually needs higher resolution in that instance. Moreover once the 3 dimensional model is finalized it can be projected onto the background to create a 2 and a half image where additional effects can be added. Following this step work can commence on another 3 object, for the same setting. This function allows users to operate in settings without putting much strain on the processor.



Figure 30 Digital Sculpting in Zbrush

Starting from version 4 in Go Zbrush (referred to as "Go Z") Zbrush now allows integration, with other 3 dimensional graphics software like Autodesk Maya and Autodesk 3Ds Max among others such, as Cinema 4d and Blender to name a few.

Maxon acquired Zbrush in January 2022. Has since included it in their Maxon One subscription service along, with integrating the Redshift renderer into Zbrush.

In films, like "AVATAR" and "End Game" Zbrush is employed to craft lifelike characters such, as the NA'VI People and THANOSH.

In the field of design, for movies and games Zbrush is utilized to craft elaborate sets.

4.1.3. Asset Management and Collaboration:

The foundational change introduced by digital art lies in the very nature of the artistic medium. Software such as Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Procreate has redefined the concept of a "canvas." Unlike traditional mediums where a single mistake can be irreversible, the non-destructive nature of digital tools allows for endless experimentation and revision. Layers, filters, and brushes offer a palette of possibilities that enable artists to blend traditional aesthetics with innovative digital techniques.

This democratization of the digital canvas has been particularly impactful in the Indian context. While precise statistics on the number of digital artists are not centrally tracked, market data indicates a robust and growing ecosystem. The Indian art market, valued at approximately \$120 million in 2019, is projected to reach \$250 million by 2024, with a significant portion of this growth attributed to the digital sector. Studies also show that a large percentage of younger, tech-savvy audiences actively engage with digital art through social media, providing a fertile ground for artists to build a following and showcase their work. A prime example of this is the artist Neha Sharma, popularly known as Neha Doodles, who has leveraged platforms like Instagram to build a massive following by creating and sharing digital illustrations that offer witty and relatable social commentary. Her success demonstrates how digital tools, combined with social media, can create a new model for artistic influence and career building.

Digital art has revolutionized the field of artistic expression. Asset management and collaboration play a vital role in this. Digital art helps artists expand their creativity and work more efficiently.

One of the major benefits of digitalization in Art is that it gives artists the ability to collaborate with other artists around the world. Online platforms and collaborative tools allow artists to share their work, such as ARTSTATION, DEVIANTART platforms are being important to communicate artists to each other.

Live Art- Accessing Response

Live art is an art form that relies on the presence and response of the audience. It is a fleeting experience, establishing a lively dialogue between the artist and the audience. The beauty of Live Art is that it changes with time and place, every performance is a unique experience.

Some of the major forms of live art are:

Theater: Drama, mime and other theatrical performances are among the most popular forms of live art. For example Play writer and director Atul kumar has taken traditional theatre to new heights by using digital technologies in his plays such as “Waiting for Godot” and “Dark Side”.

Music: Digital devices and software have helped musicians to give new directions to their creativity. There has been a revolution in the way music is produced, recorded and distributed. Indian musicians like Pandit Ravi Shankar have also taken their music to audiences around the world using digital technologies. Neha Kumar’s paper discusses how traditional folk music, in India is adapting to the age as new media technologies like DVDs and mobile devices impact the way it is created and shared in both urban areas of the country with its diverse musical traditions, across different regions.

Dance: The impact of digitalization can be seen in dance as well. Using motion capture technology, dancers can capture their performance in digital form and then edit and reuse it in various ways. For example, Kathak dancer Padma Subramaniam has

preserved and promoted her Dance Tradition using digital Technologies.

Installation Art: Artists working with new media use a variety of digital technologies including video, animation, sound and computer programming. The use of cutting edge tools allows artists to create dynamic, interactive and often data-driven artworks that reflect the contemporary digital landscape. by using digital technologies in installation art, artists can provide a more interactive and immersive experience to the audience. For example Nalini Malini is a leading figure in Indian new media and installation art, known for her multimedia works that combine painting, video, and performance. Her installations often address themes of gender, identity and social and political injustice, drawing from mythology, literature, and personal experiences.

Silpa Gupta's interdisciplinary practice encompasses installation, sculpture, photography, and new media, exploring themes of identity, boundaries, and the human conditions. Her works are characterized by their minimalist aesthetics, conceptual rigor, and use of everyday objects and materials to express complex ideas and emotions.



Figure 31 Jitesh Kallat's diverse work , How a skeletal rickshaw commemorates India's deadly riots

Jitesh Kallat's diverse work includes paintings, sculptures, photographs, and multimedia installations that examine the interconnectedness of personal and collective histories. His immersive installations often use diverse materials and techniques, such as video, sound, and computer generated imagery, to create a

multisensory experience.

Performative Art: By using digital technologies in performative art, artists can create new and unique performances. For example, Ridhima Sarkar has combined video, sound and live performance in her performative works to provide a unique experience to the audience.

4.2. Artificial Intelligence and Generative Art

The impact of intelligence (AI), on sectors is profound and far reaching. The art industry included! India's vibrant artistic legacy is witnessing a shift thanks to AIs influence as a game changer in contemporary art scene dynamics by introducing cutting edge technologies that empower artists to venture into realms of creativity and defy conventional artistic norms, with groundbreaking works that expand the horizons of human creativity and expression.

The expansion of artistic expression extends far beyond two-dimensional works. Advancements in 3D modeling and animation software like Blender and ZBrush have allowed artists to construct complex, volumetric worlds that were once the exclusive domain of major studios. This technology has blurred the lines between fine art, film, and gaming, enabling artists to create immersive experiences. A prominent Indian illustration of this is the work of Makuta Visual Effects, who have utilized advanced software to create groundbreaking visual effects for films like Baahubali and RRR. Their work is a testament to how digital tools can be used to push the boundaries of storytelling and cinematic artistry, rivaling international productions.

Furthermore, the rise of artificial intelligence has introduced generative art, a field where artists use algorithms to create novel and often unpredictable visual outcomes. This presents a fascinating critique of artistic authorship and creativity. What does it mean to be an "artist" when the final output is generated by a machine? Indian artist

Harshit Agrawal explores this question in his work. His piece, Land(ing) Page, immerses the audience in a virtual 3D poppy field where the flowers are made of social media advertisement videos. This work not only utilizes cutting-edge digital technology but also critiques the very nature of our digital existence, offering a deep and critical commentary on the "new landscape" of our lives. Similarly, Raghava KK is a pioneer in the field, having curated India's first AI art show in 2018. His work with AI and robotics demonstrates an ongoing exploration of the intersection between art and technology, challenging conventional notions of artistic production.

The pictures were colored using chosen images through NVIDIA's Fast photo style toolset. The program named "KATHY AURELIA" functions seamlessly without needing upkeep and has the ability to create and share artworks, on his Instagram portfolio. Fabins art pieces have been featured in shows such as the Florence Biennale in Italy and exhibitions at Ars Electronica Global Gallery and NeuralPS Creativity Gallery, in Vancouver. He has also taken part in solo and group exhibitions.



Figure 32 Artificial Intelligence in the realm of art with Harshit Agrawal

Harshit Agarwal is the artist showcased in India's inaugural AI driven art show named Gradient Descent at Nature Morte gallery, in Delhi city. Harshit works as a researcher specializing in human computer interaction. The artwork he displayed titled "The

Anatomy Lesson, by Dr. Algorithm" involved Harshit selecting and organizing 60k images of dissections which were later processed by an algorithm to interpret them in its unique way. He delved into the concept of a "spectrum of human machine creativity" which involves combining machine creativity within a framework. Harshit is of the opinion that artificial intelligence gains insights, from the information we provide and uses it to contribute content to art that human artists may not have thought of otherwise.

Sahez Rahal graduated in Fine Arts from the Rachna Sansad Academy of Fine Arts. Has received acclaim, for his artwork "JAGANNOT" exhibited at Chatterjee and Lal in Mumbai. Sahez's artistic creations are truly captivating as they delve into the realms of magic and draw inspiration from mythology while being influenced by archaeology, conspiracy theories, science fiction and folklore. He pushes the boundaries of art by intertwining it with technology.

Sahez's creates artworks that blend intelligence with audio and visuals based around video game themes. His creations follow the adventures of a character exploring a world where it continuously grows by collecting fragments of ancient totems and ruins to enhance itself.

4.2.1. How an Image generator works

An AI image generator is a tool that creates new images based on text descriptions using artificial intelligence. It is an amazing technology that is revolutionizing art, design, and other fields. But how does it work? Let's understand it in detail.

a. Training on large datasets

A Huge collection of millions of images is used to train an AI image generator. These images are of different types- animals, humans, objects. landscapes etc.

b. Learning various aspects

In the training process, the algorithm learns various aspects of these images- such as

color, texture, shape, light, and shadows etc. It also learns how all these elements combine together to form a coherent image.

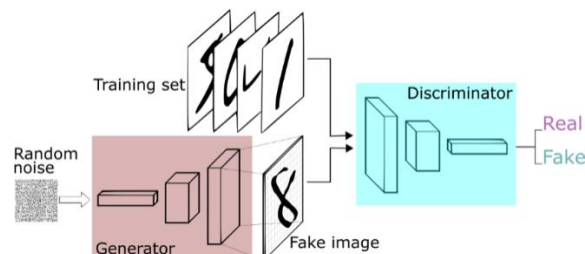


Figure 33 Generative Adversarial Networks – Paper Reading Road Map

Source of image retrieved from kdnuggets.com.

c. Creating new Images

Once the algorithm is fully trained, you give it a text description, such as “a blue - eyed dog is playing with a red ball” the algorithm analyzes this text and finds all the images that match description, It then creates a new, unique image based on these images.

d. Style and content

The algorithm learns the different styles (Cartoons, oil Paintings, photorealism) and content (animals, objects, landscapes) present in the training data. When we generate a new image, we can tell the algorithm what style you want the image to be in.

e. Creativity

The algorithm not only copies the training data, but can also create new and creative images. It does this by combining different elements present in the training data in new ways, for example: if we can tell the algorithm (prompt) “A flying Pencil in urban city”. The algorithm will create a new image using its understanding of the urban style, cities, pencils and the concept of flying.

f. Technical details

I. Neural networks- Ai image generators are based on a type of machine learning model called neural networks. These networks work like the neurons in the human brain and are very good at recognizing patterns in data.

II. Training Data- To understand as much as possible about images, the neural

network is trained on millions of photos.

III. Text Input- When we give a text description, it is converted into a set of numbers that the neural network can understand.

IV. Image Generation- The neural network creates a new image using this numerical representation.

4.2.2 AI Tools

I. DALL-E, DALL-2, DALL-E 3

"DALL E is a model that turns text into images, created by OpenAI using learning to generate images based on written descriptions known as 'Prompts.'"

In January 2021 the initial version came out; a year later DALL E 2 was introduced followed by DALL E 3 in October 2023 for Chat GPT Plus and Chat GPT Enterprise users, within Chat GPT itself Microsoft integrated the model into Bings Image Creator tool and intends to integrate it into its Designer App well.

"Dall E employs a VAE model alongside a decoder Transformer, with 12 billion parameters and a CLIP pair, for its operations. Dall E 2 utilizes a 3, Billion parameter system. Integrates a diffusion model that relies on CLIP image embedding's."

Images created by Dall E vary, in styles such as scenes and artworks like paintings and emoji's; it has the ability to arrange and modify objects within images, without guidance and place design elements accurately in new compositions autonomously; however its drawback lies in occasional generation of inaccurate images particularly with multiple objects or intricate instructions. Ethical issues arise with the use of datasets, by DALL E 2 which may result in bias and the potential spread of deep fakes and misinformation leading to possible job loss, for artists and designers in the creative field.

II. Midjourney

Midjourney is an AI program and service developed by Midjourney Inc., a research lab, in San Francisco that creates images based on descriptions known as "Prompts," akin to DALL E by OpenAI and Stable Diffusion, by Stability AI. Representing advancements in the field of intelligence.

Midjourney Inc was established by David Hol, in San Franciscos setting of California the Midjournew image creation platform moved into beta testing on July 12th of the year 2022 the firm has been rolling out updated model iterations monthly to enhance its algorithms for performance

Users can access Midjourney either through a Discord bot or its designated website to create images using the /imagine command and providing a prompt of their choice on the platforms web interface, for user accessibility.



Figure 34 Midjourney 5 update takes photorealism to a whole 'nother level

Individuals, across professions like artists and architects utilize Midjourney for crafting artworks and visual ideas along, with developing mood boards and promotional content.

Issues surrounding controversies and ethics have been brought up in battles related to copyright infringement with worries arising that AI created art may result in job loss, for artists.

III. Stable Diffusion

Stable Diffusion is a cutting edge text, to image model powered by learning and the diffusion technique introduced in 2022 by Stability AI Company as a player in the current wave of artificial intelligence advancements. Its main purpose is to create images based on descriptions; however it can also be utilized for tasks, like in painting, outpointing and transforming images based on text inputs.

Researchers, from Ludwig Maimilian University in Munich collaborated with Runways CompVis Group to create Stable Diffusion using support and training data contributed by profit organizations. The Stable Diffusion is a artificial neural network model that has been publicly shared along with its code and model weights. It is designed to be compatible, with consumer hardware that has a minimum of 4 GB of VRAM capacity.



Figure 35 Stable Diffusion 3 — Stability AI

The system creates images by adjusting noise in a set number of steps while being guided by the CLIP text encoder and the concepts learned through the attention mechanism to produce an image that represents the desired concept accurately. Stable Diffusion encounters challenges related to deterioration and inaccuracies, under conditions. The initial model training utilized a comprising images with a resolution of 512 x 512 pixels. The subsequent update, to version 2. Of the Stable Diffusion model introduced the capability to generate images directly in 768x768 resolution.

IV. Runway ML

Runway AI is a company headquartered in New York City that specializes in the field of artificial intelligence research and technology solutions. The company's main focus is, on developing innovative products and models for generating videos, images, and other multimedia content. Its most significant achievements include the creation of commercial text-to-video and video generative AI models, like Gen. 1, Gen. 2, and Gen.



Figure 36 Runway ML Gen-1 is here to revolutionize ai video generation| Video to Video

3 Alpha. Runway's technology and artificial intelligence have been employed in movies, like "Everything All at Once," music videos featuring A\$AP Rocky and Kanye West as well as bands like Brockhampton and the Dandy Warhols; they have also been utilized in editing television programs such as the Late Show and Top Gear series. Runway organizes a yearly AI film festival held in Los Angeles and New York City.

The company was established in 2018 by Cristobal Valenzuela and Alejandro Matamala, from Chile, and Anastasis Germanadis from Greece after they met at the New York University Tisch School of the Arts program. In 2018, the company secured \$2 million in funding to create a platform for implementing machine learning models on a scale in multimedia applications. Runway received \$8. Million in a Series B funding round in December 2020 and another \$35 million, in December 2021 during another Series B funding round. In August 2022, the organization unveiled an upgraded edition of its Diffusion model through efforts, with the Complies Group, from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich and Stable AI.

Runway specializes in using AI for creating video content and artistic media projects.

The company's main focus is, on developing tools tailored for professionals working in fields such, as filmmaking, post productions advertising and visual effects. Runway also provides an application designed for consumers.

4.3. Emergence of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality on Contemporary Art of India:

4.3.1. Virtual Reality

Virtual Reality (VR) has emerged as a revolutionary shift in the way art is produced and experienced. Instead of viewing art from a distance, VR places the viewer inside the artwork, transforming them from passive observers into active participants. This technology allows artists to construct 360-degree environments, enabling emotional immersion and spatial storytelling that traditional media cannot replicate.

In the Indian context, the adoption of VR in digital art is gaining momentum. Artist and designer Gayatri Kodikal, for instance, developed a VR-based installation “The Travelling Hand”, where participants move through a speculative map guided by narrative fragments—blending mythology, memory, and digital immersion. Similarly, The Museum of Art & Photography (MAP), Bengaluru, has introduced VR exhibits that bring historical collections to life through virtual walkthroughs and AR interactions.

Such innovations highlight how VR is not merely a technical addition but a new aesthetic paradigm, pushing digital art into the realms of experiential design, virtual heritage, and participatory culture. By simulating physical presence and evoking affective responses, VR challenges conventional notions of space, time, and viewer engagement in art.

Virtual reality headsets usually include resolution OLED or LCD screens that show

distinct images, for each eye along with a binaural audio setup and real time head tracking for both position and rotation in six directions of movement. Having frame rates and minimal delay is crucial for creating a virtual experience. Applications, like VRML and X3D are commonly utilized to create environments.

In 1968 Ivan Sutherland of Harvard University created the head mounted display known as "the Sword of Damocles." This device had constraints. Needed to be hung from the ceiling, for operation purposes. The device functioned more as an "augmented reality" tool than an immersive one since it offered users virtual information in addition, to a view of the physical world.



Figure 37 History of VR – Timeline of Events and Tech Development – VirtualSpeech

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4.3.2. Augmented Reality

Augmented Reality (AR) enriches real-world experiences by overlaying digital information—such as images, text, or 3D models—onto the physical environment in real-time. Initially developed for aerospace and industrial applications in the late 20th century, AR's artistic potential began unfolding in the 21st century with the rise of mobile AR platforms like ARKit and ARCore.

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symbols or images, and markerless AR, which uses GPS or accelerometers, have both been employed in public art and educational interventions. Through these methods, artists can create site-responsive works—for instance, digital murals that appear only when viewed through an AR app at specific locations.

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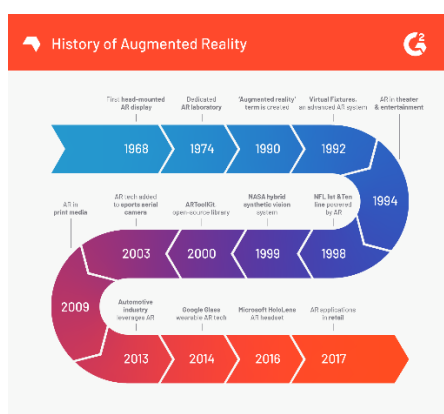


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For instance, Indian digital artists like Harshit Agrawal or Vidita Singh use such tools to blend AI-generated concepts with hand-painted digital strokes—creating a hybrid between the algorithmic and the human. The digital canvas offers a powerful, democratized space where artists can reimagine the traditional with limitless possibility.

4.4. NFT (Non-Fungible Tokens)

The digital art movement has not only transformed the creative process but also its economic underpinnings. The introduction of Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) and blockchain technology has provided a new mechanism for artists to establish uniqueness, ownership, and value in a digital space previously defined by infinite reproducibility. While often veering into speculation, the NFT market has unlocked significant economic benefits for artists. The record-breaking sale of PAK's *The Merge* for \$91.8 million USD in 2021 was a global event that signaled the immense possibilities of this new market.

This trend has been echoed in India, with artists and public figures participating in this new digital economy. The mention of Amitabh Bachchan's "BeyondLife.club" NFT collection, which sold for a record sum in India, is a powerful example of how digital

art is gaining mainstream economic validity. This phenomenon allows digital artists to bypass traditional gallery systems and connect directly with collectors, empowering a new generation of creators to build sustainable careers in the digital realm.

In 2014, Kevin McCoy and Anil Dash first created a digital artwork called “Quantum”, which could be stored on the blockchain. It is considered to be the first NFT that was stored on the blockchain with a unique digital identity. In 2017, a project called “Cryptopunks” was launched on the Ethereum blockchain in which 10,000 unique digital characters were created. In the same year a game called “CryptoKitties” was also launched which brought popularity to NFTs. In this game, users could buy and sell digital cats. Which were completely unique. The use of NFTs began to grow mainstream in 2020 and 2021. Many prominent artists, musicians, and content creators began to sell their creations in digital form through NFTs. In 2021, an NFT art by digital artists sold for 69 million dollars, which provided a major milestone in the NFT market.

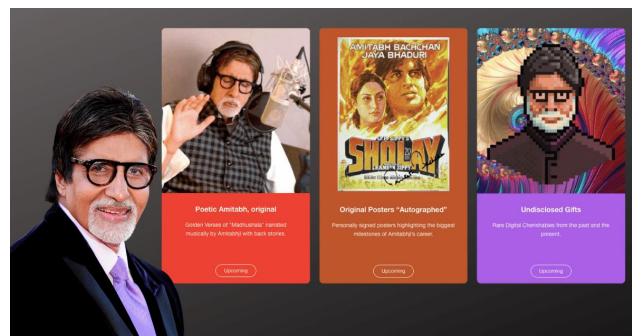


Figure 39 Influential Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan to launch his own NFT collection

One kind of cryptographic token that is kept in a block chain is an NFT. Its tokens are all distinct and unchangeable. NFTs are primarily created on the ethereum blockchain, but are also available on some other blockchains such as Finance smart chain, solana and tezos. Uniqueness -every NFT is unique and cannot be exchange for another token .this means that the value of one NFT can be different from one another.

Ownership -NFT gives ownership rights over digital assets, when you buy an NFT, it is recorded in the block chain that you own in digital items. Transferability - NFTs can be exchanged through the blockchain. It can be bought and sold on online platforms such as OpenSea, Rarible, and SuperRare. Inaccessibility - NFTs can be copied, but the ownership of the original NFT remains with the same person. This makes the digital file exclusive and valuable.

NFTs are being used in many fields, giving a new direction to the digital economy.

The most prominent use of NFTs is in art and music. Artists are selling their digital paintings, photos, and music as NFTs, giving them a direct economic benefit of their work. sports -NFT are being used on the sports in the form of player cards , gaming items, and memorabilia. NBA Top Shot and soccer clubs have started selling their digital collectibles as NFTs.

NFTs are also being used in virtual reality and games. In virtual platforms like “Decentral and” and “The Sandbox,” users can buy and sell digital assets such as virtual land and buildings.

NFT has opened up new possibilities for content creators, where they can profit off their digital content. Direct income source -NFT provides a direct income source for artists and content creators. Ownership of property -nfts in the blockchain provide solid proof of ownership

NFT has decentralized the art and content market, allowing artists to directly profit from their work. Mining NFTs requires a lot of energy, which has a negative impact on the environment. Misleading valuation - The value of NFTs can be volatile and controversial, posing a risk to investors.

The problem with NFTs is that copies of an art file can be made, making it difficult to identify real and fake.

4.4. Metaverse Integration

The metaverse refers to a shared, immersive virtual environment where users interact as digital avatars in real time. Unlike traditional web spaces, the metaverse enables persistent, three-dimensional experiences, blending social interaction, commerce, and creativity within a single digital realm.

Although conceptualized in fiction by authors like Neal Stephenson in *Snow Crash* (1992), and popularized through platforms like *Second Life* (2003), the metaverse has more recently gained traction through initiatives by companies like Meta (formerly Facebook), which aims to develop a fully functional virtual ecosystem for work, leisure, and social engagement.

In the context of digital art, the metaverse offers artists an entirely new canvas—one that is spatial, interactive, and global. Indian digital artists are gradually experimenting with metaverse galleries and immersive shows. For instance, WazirX NFT hosted India's first metaverse art exhibition featuring creators like Amrit Pal Singh and Ishita Banerjee, where attendees could walk through virtual halls and view NFT artworks as if in a real-world gallery.



Figure 40 Running the Government in Metaverse! Can Modi's India work Virtually?

This new realm also enables virtual ownership, digital provenance, and token-based commerce, where collectors can buy, sell, and experience art beyond physical boundaries. More importantly, the metaverse allows for multisensory storytelling—

through soundscapes, animated visuals, and interactive elements—that traditional gallery spaces cannot offer.

However, questions remain around accessibility, digital divide, and the sustainability of virtual environments. As Indian artists explore this digital frontier, the challenge is to balance innovation with inclusivity, ensuring that the metaverse becomes not just a speculative space but a meaningful extension of cultural and artistic expression.

4.5. Relationship in traditional art and digital art in India

In India's art scene today there's a bond between digital art, blending culture and creativity uniquely. From temple sculptures to Madhubani and Warli paintings to the Tanjore artworks, traditional art forms a tapestry. Digital art emerges as a chapter bringing essence to life with a modern twist through technology. Contemporary Indian artists are reshaping age tales, religious symbols and cultural motifs, in the realm using innovative tools opening up new avenues of expression and connection.



Figure 41 Madhubani Painting by Artificial Intelligence

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In times we've witnessed some art exhibitions that showcase a blend of traditional and digital artistic expressions quite effectively. One notable effort to honor digital artwork is the All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society's (AIFACS) 12th All India Digital Art

Exhibition, which took place in January 2024. During this event numerous Indian artists showcased their work through computer generated illustrations, video art pieces, interactive installations and 3D artworks presenting an integration of digital art forms. The India Art Fair 2024 beautifully showcased folklore and cultural symbols, in a format that truly brought them alive! Dhruw Jan and Sushanta Chakrabort also did a job presenting stories through video games at the event – adding a fresh perspective and charm, in the digital realm.

Regional representation

The following table presents a regional overview of notable contemporary Indian artists working in digital mediums, highlighting their geographic roots, key art forms, and distinctive creative styles.

State	Artists	Artform/ Style
Delhi	Ranbeer Kaleka, Prateek Arora, Prateek Singh	Ranbir Kaleka is a multi-media artist who innovatively integrates painting with video, creating immersive, hybrid works that explore social themes and personal memories. Prateek Arora is known for AI and sci-fi art. Prateek Singh is another Delhi-based digital artist specializing in character design and illustrations

		for comics and animations.
Punjab	Sandeep Singh, Gurkirat Singh, Susmita Adhikari	Sandeep Singh works as a Cg Artist based on Chandigarh, He works in Maya, Mari, Nuke, 3DsMax, Zbrush and Substance Painter etc. Software. Gurkeerat Singh works as a 2D Background Artist, Sharry Singh is a 3D Modeller and sculpture. He has contributed in many Hollywood films as VFX Artist.
Himachal Pradesh	Joban Dhiman	Works as a CG artist, He is a 2D and 3D artist works in Photoshop, 3DsMax, Maya, Blender and Zbrush Softwares.
Assam	Dipankar Goswami	Works as UI/ UX Designer and Digital Painting Artist for AAA Games. He was senior visualizer in a multinational company.

Rajasthan	Ankush Kamboj, Siddharth Kumar	focuses on 2D and 3D digital art. His portfolio includes artworks with titles such as "Place of Wonders," "Solar Punk Tree," and "THE LAST OF US // Environment Practice." He is known for creating fantasy-themed digital artworks.
Gujarat	Binoy Varghese	Integrates digital printmaking with his work, which often explores themes of urban life and human relationships.
Madhya Pradesh	Yatharth Soni, Devashish Sahoo	Yatharth is a 3D Character Artist from Indore, works in Zbrush Photoshop and Blender Software, Devashish is also a 3D artist from Indore, his works specialization in Concept Design, Rigging, V Mapping, Retopology,

		Prop Design, 3D Modeling, etc.
Maharashtra	Tapan Aslot, Vishwa Shroff	Tapan Aslot is an AI and digital heritage artist. Vishwa Shroff is a Mumbai-based artist known for her architectural drawings, which often incorporate digital print into her mixed media work.
Goa	Subodh Kerkar	Known for digital installations and augmented reality (AR) work, often blending traditional and contemporary themes.
Karnataka	Surekha, Sajeev Kumar	Surekha is known for video and digital art that addresses gender and social issues. Sajeev Kumar is a digital illustrator and concept artist who has worked on various film and video game projects.

Tamil Nadu	R. Vimal Chandran,	Vaaneyy R. Vimal Chandran blends photography with digital painting. Vaaneyy (V. Anand) is a digital artist known for his vibrant and surreal illustrations, particularly in the fantasy genre.
Kerala	Riyas Komu, Aji V.N.	Riyas Komu is a digital artist who uses his work for political expression in mixed media. Aji V.N. is known for his detailed digital illustrations, often inspired by nature and mythology.
Telangana	Faiza Hasan	Based in Hyderabad, she is a visual artist who uses drawing as a primary medium, often incorporating digital elements into her work. Her art explores themes of home, memory, and personal identity.

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4.6. Relationship in traditional art and AI Generative Art in India.

Art in India has a history steeped in culture and spirituality. Is now evolving with the help of AI and technology to create innovative forms of expression through generative AI art techniques. Artists are embracing computer algorithms to present their work in vibrant ways that blend elements with modern technological advancements.

A recent event named "Art of Code" took place in Bengaluru. Was hailed as India's generative art exhibition. The exhibition highlighted the fusion of coding and art as artists crafted pieces using algorithms that merged artistic elements, with contemporary technological innovations. The primary goal of this showcase was to unite the artistic spheres to explore the advancements in AI and generative art.

A significant illustration is the exhibition "Intertwined Intelligences" organized by Harshit Agarwal that caught my attention lately. The artists ingeniously brought to life designs using AI technology in a thought provoking manner. This showcase delves into the concept of how AI might shape the future of art. Drawing inspiration from age

styles and techniques, these innovative AI projects introduced a fresh fusion of technology and cultural heritage to the viewers showcasing folklore and distinctive symbols from Indian culture in an entirely novel light, through the lens of AI creativity. The blend of AI art and conventional art demonstrates how Indian artists are showcasing their legacy in a contemporary manner using technology showcasing an evolution in creativity in India and paving the way for a potentially stronger fusion of traditional art with AI, down the line.

Artist Sahil Thakur (find him on Instagram at @wild.trance) has crafted depictions of Hindu gods, like Shiva and Vishnu using AI technology to transform them into a blend of contemporary styles infused with cosmic elements. His creations merge symbols and forms with cosmic landscapes featuring the divine avatars. The depth in Sahil's artwork resonates profoundly with viewers. Has garnered admiration, across social media platforms.

This emerging trend merges aspects of art with modern technology showcasing the beauty and richness of Indian deities while introducing it to a global audience who value this special fusion of Indian culture and technological artistry.

4.7. Contemporary artist working in Digital Medium.

Since India's independence in 1947, the country's art landscape has continuously evolved—from modernism and abstraction to a more conceptually rich and technologically engaged practice. In the contemporary era, digital media has become a powerful tool for Indian artists to interrogate themes such as identity, memory, gender, and globalization. These artists are not only responding to traditional cultural narratives but also exploring postcolonial critique through digital means.

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uses machine learning to create visuals based on emotional data, offering a digital commentary on agency and decision-making. Similarly, Varun Desai utilizes sound, coding, and generative visuals to produce immersive installations, often using platforms like TouchDesigner and Max/MSP.

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ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE OF AI IN CONTEMPROARY ART

Mr. PRAMOD KAMBLE

International Sculptor and Painter from Ahmed Nagar, Maharashtra

In 1964 Kamble entered this world as a member of a family, with a father who excelled in watercolor painting and served as the head of an art academy. At the age of Std 7th he earned recognition by clinching the National Talent Scholarship for his skills in sculpture. His artistic journey began with studies and an Art Teacher Diploma from Pragat Kala Mahavidyalaya in Ahmednagar before advancing through enrollment in Sir JJ School of Arts, in Mumbai.

He advocates for the use of clay idols to adorn every home during the Ganapati festival. Conducts engaging workshops to teach people how to craft these idols themselves instead of using Plaster of Paris ones that do not dissolve easily in water. He has conducted workshops, in schools and colleges in Ahemdnagar where he imparted this knowledge to participants. Its noted that Ganesh idols, in Mumbai are often exceptionally tall. He proposed the idea of utilizing fiberglass idols of plaster of Paris in that scenario and his wife Swati is, in favor of this initiative.

In 1996 Mr. Kamble unveiled a pencil drawing called "Pride of the Nation" measuring 70 feet by 20 feet at the Mahavir Art Gallery, in Ahmednagar to commemorate the countrys 50th Independence Day, in 1997. This illustration depicts Bharat Mata

alongside 500 individuals such, as saints, gods/goddesses, freedom fighters, recipients of the Bharat Ratna award recipients of the Dadasaheb Phalke award recipients of the GyanPeeth award recipients of the Param Vir Chakra award and experts in diverse fields like sportspeople, musicians, dancers, artists, theatre personalities, singers, advocates, for social causes and business leaders.

DILIP CHAUBEY –

Comic Artist. Professor at an American institute for computer science, game development/design and Fine Arts at DigiPen Institute of Technology, USA.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Chaubey is a renowned gold medalist from Banaras Hindu University graduated from Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1991. He has 15 years of COMIC ILLUSTRATION experience, publishing 300 titles at Raj Comics New Delhi, a pioneer of Indian Comic Industry. Then he gained 14 years of teaching experience as an esteemed and senior Professor at an American institute for computer science, game development/design and Fine Arts at DigiPen Institute of Technology, Redmond, WA, USA.

He has now returned back to India to shift his career from teaching and start his own revolutionary venture of creating India's original character universe. He is now President & Chief Creative Officer at Desi Creative Group. It is a character-based entertainment company manufacturing collectible vinyl toys, storybook/comics, mobile/video games and video content. His goal is to build collectible vinyl toy culture in India based on a character universe conceptualized by him and to revive the comic industry of India in a way never seen before. He is exceptionally talented and gifted at character conceptualization and illustration.

ADITYA CHARI –

illustrator, and concept artist

Aditya Chari has a Strong experience of Concept Art, and Good knowledge of software and command over different illustration styles and techniques. A graduate from Sir JJ Institute of Applied Arts, Aditya Chari is an illustrator, a concept artist, a caricature artist and also a character designer. Having worked with big names like Virgin Comics, Prana Animations etc. he also has written two books, held few exhibitions and currently working on concepts for 'HIRANYAKASHIPA' (Indian Movie Director Gunashekhar). He has worked for many big Name Bollywood Movies also like BAHUBALI, RANG RASIA and many more.

VISHAL WADAYE –

Professional Fine Artist at Studio Vishwakarma Creations

Vishal Wadaye (@vwadaye) started his career as an illustrator. Since then, he has taken many other roles and now serves as faculty for Communication Design, Graphic Design, Animation, Video, Film, and UX Design in various institutes. Vishal's works go across all media reflecting his versatility and expertise. His works strike a chord for the beauty in their simplicity and for the portrayal of the common man's daily life. Being multifaceted he can play the guitar as well as he wields the brush. He has exhibited in multiple art shows including in the Jehangir art gallery in Mumbai.

PROF. ABHAY DWIVEDI –

Retired Professor and Head, Deptt of Painting,an academician

Abhay Dwivedi is a renowned artist, painter, and educator with a distinguished career in both art and theatre. He holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. from CSJM Kanpur University (1988) and has conducted research on the Pahari style of Indian painting. Dwivedi has been awarded the State Award twice and serves on the Apex Committee of the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata.

As a Professor and Head of the Department of Painting at DAV College, Kanpur since 1980, he shaped many artists' careers. His passion for theatre led him to work with notable directors, and he played a key role in the production of the first-ever Sanskrit serial, *Mrichhkatikam*, in 1988. Additionally, Dwivedi directed his first film, *Savera*, in 1998. He is the founder of the theatre group *Darpan* and has made significant contributions to the world of Indian theatre, film, and visual arts.

PROF. AROOP DWIVEDI –

Professional Animator, Film maker and Professor, MIT art and Design University, Pune

Aroop Dwivedi is an Indie Animator, Illustrator, Content Writer, History Enthusiast, and Educator. He holds an MA from Kanpur University and studied animation at Heart Animation Academy, Hyderabad. Since 1999, he has worked in the animation industry with studios like Dataquest Information Technologies and Danlaw Technologies India.

In 2006, he transitioned to education, joining Raj Comics Pvt Ltd as an animation trainer. He has since taught at various institutions and universities, contributing significantly to animation education. At I-nurture Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, he played a key role in developing Self-Learning Modules for KSOU, Mysore, and Bharathidasan University, Trichy.

Since 2013, he has been an Assistant Professor at MIT Art, Design, and Technology University, mentoring students and creating award-winning short films. An avid traveler and illustrator, he specializes in travel reportage comics, offering a unique, humorous perspective on his journeys. He has also served as a jury member in international film festivals

CHAPTER FIVE

AI IN ART: APPLICATIONS, ETHICS & BOUNDARIES WITH LEADING INDIAN ARTISTS

5.0. Introduction

The emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has ushered in a new era in the art world, blending technology and creativity in unprecedented ways. AI is increasingly being integrated into creative endeavors, empowering artists to craft intricate and innovative pieces that challenge the limits of traditional art practices. However, this integration also raises ethical concerns, such as crediting creativity and assessing the human element in machine-assisted artworks.

In India, several contemporary artists are actively exploring this fusion. Artists like Harshit Agarwal, Pratik Arora, Fabin Rasheed, and Tapan Aslot are using AI to push the boundaries of visual expression. Their works offer not only aesthetic innovation but also provoke critical reflections on the role of machines in creativity, raising questions about authorship, emotional authenticity, and cultural heritage.

However this new development also raises legal concerns. One Wonder is the question of ownership surrounding creations produced by AI. Who rightfully owns the output; the artist who crafted the AI algorithm or the software responsible for generating the art itself? Furthermore the concerns regarding AI extend to worries about the originality and human emotion, in artworks.

5.1, Artificial Intelligence and its Application

5.1.1 Introduction of AI

AI technology is at the forefront of innovation. Has propelled society into a modern age of advancement and progress. It involves empowering machines with the capacity to reason, discern. Behave akin to cognitive abilities. The expansion and utilization of AI are swiftly evolving, sweeping through all facets of our routines.

Like recognizing images visually or understanding speech. As well as making decisions and translating languages falls under the realm of Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI is often referred to as machine intelligence and pertains to the ability of machines to exhibit intelligence rather than relying on intelligence demonstrated by humans and animals. According to computer scientists' consensus view, intelligence is essentially a branch of mathematics. The curriculum aims to provide students with a computing education that enables them to apply thinking and creativity to comprehend and impact the world around them effectively. Computing is closely intertwined with disciplines, like mathematics, science and design and technology offering perspectives on artificial systems. The binary numeral system utilizes two digits. 0 And 1. For representing numbers. Bletchley Park gained renown for its role in history during a conflict period. Students ought to be able to create and refine their thoughts by engaging in conversations and creating sketches along with cross-exploded diagrams as well as prototypes and pattern pieces using computer assisted design tools.

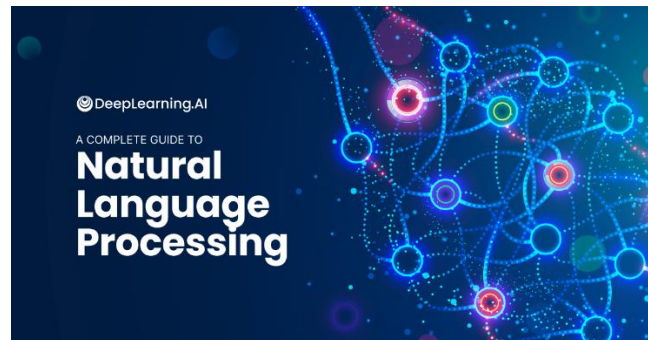
AI is commonly known as machine intelligence. Is distinguished from the intelligence seen in humans and animals. This view underscores the significance of concepts in the creation of AI systems highlighted by the idea that a solid grasp of mathematics is essential for comprehending and progressing AI technologies.

5.1.2 Applications in Various Fields

a. Health Care

In today's world, across sectors and fields of work the primary aim of advancing technology is to enhance productivity by saving time and improving results for businesses and customers alike. The rising integration of intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector serves as an illustration of how the blending of medical practices with innovative technologies is benefiting both healthcare professionals and patients. At a level AI is powering computations, analysis and groundbreaking research that would be extremely challenging otherwise.

Machine learning, as part of intelligence, is significantly contributing to advancements in healthcare fields too. The utilization of machine learning techniques by healthcare practitioners enables them to innovate processes and effectively handle extensive patient data and records while enhancing treatments for persistent illnesses. According to the computer scientist Sebastian Thrum's interview with The New Yorker; "Similar to how machines amplified muscles by strength levels in the past; machines are poised to escalate the capabilities of the human brain by a thousand fold as well."



Natural Language Processing (NLP)

One instance is when a piece, from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (also known as HIMSS) talks about how natural language processing has shown to enhance results and enable health providers to offer care to patients

effectively using NLP to convert clinical notes in electronic health records (often referred to as EHR). This ensures that a doctor only has to input information. When AI powered software is combined with NLP technology it allows for the retrieval of information, from outlets like images and EHR data as well as everyday gadgets such as activity trackers, smartphones and connected medical devices. Healthcare practices today rely significantly on information to coordinate care and shape future medical interventions effectively and efficiently.

Chris DeRenzo, from WakeMed Health & Hospitals emphasizes the value of using data with intelligence to enhance patient care quality for others through continuous analysis of electronic medical records (EMRs). AI aids in educating physicians on the histories of patients, with comparable conditions and refining their treatment approaches over time for millions of individuals.



How AI Is Transforming Day-To-Day Healthcare

Every year, around 400 thousand patients in hospitals face complications with 100 thousand succumbing to them. Given this scenario, improving the process using AI is considered one of the promising advancements in healthcare. With issues such as records and heavy workloads contributing to fatal mistakes by human professionals in the medical field. AI stands out as it is unaffected by these factors and can swiftly predict and diagnose illnesses faster than healthcare practitioners.

I. The role of intelligence, in enhancing satisfaction and care.

AI technology can help enhance communication by sending patients reminders, for their schedules and offering tailored health advice and recommendations for steps in their care journey.

Valuable insights often get buried in a sea of data points that are hard to navigate through and sometimes slows down progress in developing new medications and improving medical diagnosis practices. AI plays a role in breaking down these data barriers and linking information swiftly. Tasks that previously took years to accomplish. This advancement not streamlines healthcare tasks but also enhances daily operations and ultimately improves the overall patient care experience by saving time and costs involved.

II. The use of intelligence in surgery.

These days, a variety of operations in hospitals are supported by robotic and artificial intelligence technologies. From invasive procedures to intricate open cardiac procedures while the robot provides a three-dimensional, detailed image of the surgical area, the surgeon can control the robot's mechanical arms from a computer panel. During the procedure, surgeons lead their team members who work closely with the robot. Complications have decreased as a result of robot-assisted surgery. Enhanced pain control and shorter recovery times.

b. Finance

The finance and banking sector uses intelligence (AI) to uncover information through data analysis and predictions, for better decision making and customer interactions on various levels such as real time processing of data and enhancing customer experiences through intelligent data handling methods mimicking human-like behaviors in digital transactions and interactions.

Artificial intelligence encompasses machine learning (ML) which empowers systems to enhance themselves independently by ingesting datasets without programming through neural networks and deep learning techniques This capability enables

organizations to develop models that address challenges, with ML algorithms using data and offer suggestions, on enhancing them progressively over time.

Enhance your services by utilizing speech recognition technology to transcribe conversations, such, as sales calls, in contact centers and gain insights to elevate the customer service experience provided.

Emotion analysis involves recognizing the prevailing viewpoints in a text by leveraging natural language AI technology across sources, like investment research and chat conversations.

Detecting abnormalities involves spotting irregularities such, as transactions of fraud, in finance and business operations or potential cyber threats.

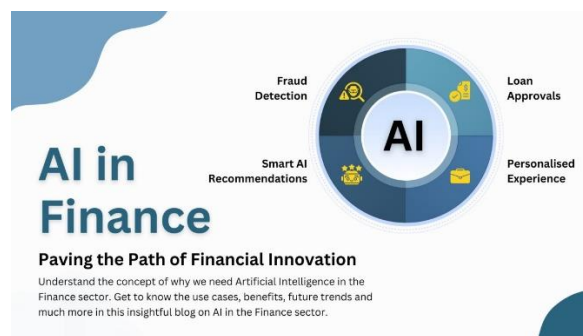


Figure 42 AI in Finance Industry: Use Cases, Benefits, & Future Trends

Suggestions; Give tailored suggestions, for products and services by considering experiences with money management and interactions with peers as well as their tolerance, for risk and financial aspirations.

Explore a range of tools, for data management and analytics that enable the extraction of insights, from data to support business intelligence and decision making processes. Utilizing modeling involves leveraging data such as customer information and business trends to anticipate events effectively and accurately predict outcomes in areas, like fraud prevention and customer demand forecasting.

Let's develop AI technology to improve experiences, through natural and ethical interactions that involve creating ideas and engaging in conversations, with a human

touch.

The advantages of intelligence in the sector.

c. Transportation

The field of transportation has seen advancements throughout history with milestones such as the invention of the wheel dating back to 3500 BC and the introduction of the first mechanically powered marine vehicle in 1787 marking key progress points in its evolution journey. Since then there have been developments with breakthroughs like motor vehicles, trains and airplanes shaping the industry's landscape. The integration of intelligence in transportation represents a next phase, in its evolution ushering in an era where transportation is becoming smarter and more efficient.

The Initial Uses of Artificial Intelligence, in Transportation

I. AI algorithms have actually been incorporated into transportation for years now. Revolutionizing the industry without fanfare, as the initial smart systems underwent testing and improvement, in research settings and educational environments.

II. Looking at the perspective of how AI was implemented in transportation and logistics reveals that it entered the industry through various solutions. Here are a few examples of its uses;

III. Self-driving vehicles have been a focus of the AI field since the 1960s, with prototypes emerging in the 2000s facing challenges in responding to various road factors like pedestrians and traffic flow analysis advancements in machine learning and sensor tech in 2004 greatly accelerated AI software growth, for self-driving vehicles.

IV. Optimization of travel routes has evolved significantly with the advent of systems, over the years. An instance from the past is the introduction of UPS's ORION system in the 2000's that leveraged AI concepts. During that period; route planning systems incorporated AI technology to determine the most efficient routes by considering factors, like distance; road closures and traffic situations 📍.

V. Urban traffic control underwent advancements with the introduction of systems such as SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) in the 1970s, which gradually gained global usage in the early 1980s across different nations worldwide. However it was not until recently that artificial intelligence technology entered the scene automating manual tasks related to traffic management. By facilitating operation these systems enabled cities to improve traffic circulation and alleviate congestion issues.

The advancements in AI technology.

The progress of transportation intelligence mirrors a speeding locomotive, on the tracks of advancement. Creation of AI commenced with route mapping and traffic enhancement. Then came the era of technology driving state of the art logistics and transport solutions involving urban infrastructure, supply chain supervision and identification of traffic incidents. This remarkable transformation was not an occurrence. Rather a result of notable advancements in machine learning, data analysis and sensor technology, over the last twenty years powering AI in diverse ways.

Thanks to these developments in technology and innovation in transportation systems have become more intelligent and responsive, to shifting road conditions. Artificial intelligence has advanced significantly in the transportation sector by addressing traffic congestion issues and promptly identifying accidents as they occur.

The Significance of AI, in Revolutionizing Transportation

The transportation industry has seen changes since the integration of AI and machine

learning technologies began to take place. The widespread implementation of these advancements is expected to benefit the sector in many ways.

Current Uses of Artificial Intelligence, in the Transportation Industry

The integration of AI in the field of transportation has expanded significantly to a point where its influence is undeniable. This innovative technology enhances user experience. Streamlines operations within the industry. In this discussion we delve into ten instances demonstrating the application of AI in transportation and its transformative effects, within the sector.

Self-driving cars represent a captivating use of intelligence, in the field of transportation with Waymo and Ubers vehicles and Teslas semi-autonomous cars already being seen out and about.

d. Retail and E-commerce

In the realm of online shopping and transactions businesses have swiftly embraced AI technology to enhance customer satisfaction, cut down on expenses and boost profits. AI technology simplifies the process for online shopping platforms to understand the products that customers are interested in. How they engage with the site's search features to enhance user satisfaction through an optimized site and search experience based on data gathered from customer interactions across channels.

The transition, from a health crisis, to the world of online activities. Since the beginning of the pandemic, in the United States online shopping has increased by 55 percent to a total of \$ 1700 billion. Even as the pandemic eases this paced trend fueled by data analysis continues to surge without any signs of slowing down. According to Gartner's predictions, for the year 2022 global revenue from intelligence (AI) software is expected to reach \$62. 7 Billion, marking a growth of 21. 6 % Compared to the year. In general it's commonly believed that all online stores. Including e-commerce businesses. Should think about using AI technologies to enhance the features of their e-commerce websites and stay ahead of competitors.

How do AI tools influence the e-commerce industry these days you ask yourself but perhaps the fitting question should be; In what ways are AI systems not shaping and transforming this sector?

Carefully. Analyze customer engagements and shopping behaviors to inform decision making. Offer tailored product suggestions that're so enticing that individuals find themselves unable to resist using their credit cards.

Encourage customers to consider items during checkout to boost the order value.

Exploring the Best Pricing Strategies

Achieving the price balance consistently and effectively can lead to an increase, in profits for your business operations thrive with AI technology and extensive data analysis capabilities at your disposal makes it simpler to achieve this goal continuously with ease Dynamic pricing empowered by AI allows you to adjust prices in accordance, with market conditions For instance if a rivals inventory is running low you will receive notifications enabling you to raise your prices accordingly

Enhancing the Intelligence of Website Searches.

Additional ways that AI assists include suggesting synonyms filling in words or phrases and automatically fixing spelling mistakes.

New AI technology known as vectors is being utilized to enhance the search functionality nowadays. We found at Algolia that integrating both keyword search and vector search into one query leads to an enhancement in accuracy.

Simply put. AI powered website search is on the rise as a game changer in the industry! With its ability to lessen searchers' frustrations through personalized AI driven search results tailored for each user's needs and preferences; it can offer an edge over competitors.

Attracting Customers through Personalized Experiences.

In the world of online shopping and retail business, providing a shopping journey

based on the preferences and needs of each customer is crucial for success. According to a report by McKinsey published in 2021 the use of personalization supported by data and analytics plays a role in enhancing brand relationships fostering customer loyalty and drawing shoppers to stores. The report highlights that a vast majority of consumers anticipate personalized shopping experiences; nevertheless only a small fraction of retailers have fully implemented personalization strategies across all their platforms.

e. Education

Artificial intelligence (AI) is making strides in assisting students in ways such as recognizing signs of difficulties and designing engaging and individualized learning strategies to enhance education positively with six impactful methods.

The field of education has transformed learning into a service, with digital products at its core. The Leap stands out as a platform empowering online educators to monetize their expertise through the sale of educational content and beyond.

This AI software is capable of generating blueprints, for guides, sessions, coaching, tutorials, e books and short courses and then it's up to you to add your expertise to fill the missing parts. The result is a resource that can motivate leaders or bring income. The choice is yours.

The AI powered Magic School tool creates lesson plans to assist teachers, in the classroom setting; however this resource can also be advantageous, for educators of backgrounds and specialties.

Once you input a topic into the generator. Provide some background information to set the context right. The result will be a lesson plan, for use.

Goals

Evaluations

Guided exercise session

Tailored exercises, for each person.

Tasks assigned for completion outside of school hours.

Ending phases.

When utilizing a tool such as learning platforms like this one you can free up the time usually spent on planning tasks and instead devote that time to generating additional content for specific audience segments or delving into topics in greater detail that were previously beyond your reach.

Imagine Zapier, as a top notch platform that specializes in linking entities together much like a reliable friend who has all the right connections and can introduce them to each other seamlessly for mutual benefit just as AI plays a key role in facilitating such integrations.

AI powered tutoring technology offers an advantage by aiding students in grasping advanced terminologies and ideas on a large scale.

In the field of education, a growing area of interest is analytics, which involves using AI to analyze data and forecast which students may face challenges and in what areas they might struggle.

5.2, Artificial Intelligence in Art and Creativity

For millennia, art and creativity have been essential means of cultural expression, passion, and imagination. Recent advancements in AI have transformed these domains, enabling machines to learn, analyze, and generate new artistic content. AI algorithms today can compose music, generate paintings, write poetry, and create interactive installations that blur the line between human and machine creativity.

While this opens exciting possibilities, it also introduces philosophical and ethical dilemmas. Can an algorithm truly be considered creative? Is AI merely a tool or a collaborator? How do we assign ownership or authorship in AI-generated works? These questions underscore the importance of engaging with AI art not just as a technological novelty but as a complex cultural development.

The potential downsides of integrating AI into arts and creative fields include

outcomes, diminished uniqueness and genuine reliance upon technology, ethical concerns and prejudices, decreased human connections and challenges related to copyright and ownership rights.



Figure 43 AI Art at Christie's Sells for \$432,500 - The New York Times

The significance of intelligence (AI), in the realm of arts and creativity rests on its capacity to ignite ideas and push the limits of artistic expression while promoting collaboration across various fields of study. Artists delve into territories by integrating AI into their endeavors resulting in novel perspectives and broader artistic visions. AI motivates artists to step away from techniques and venture, into realms of exploration and craft engaging and interactive encounters. AI helps artists and professionals, from fields work together to exchange ideas and blend artistry with progress effectively. These collaborations enhance both the arts and other related areas by fostering creativity and innovation development.

5.2.1. Benefits of using AI in Art and Creativity

Artificial intelligence algorithms examine data to offer artists insights.

Using data to guide their decisions enables artists to make informed choices and explore sources of inspiration while enhancing their understanding of the creative journey they embark on.

Artistic encounters are enhanced by exhibits and virtual reality adventures that engage

participants through AI created music experiences.

AI is capable of formulating concepts and recommendations while also playing a role in the creation process of endeavors.

The partnership of imagination with AI algorithms leads to inventive artistic creations.

AI technologies streamline tasks that're repetitive and consume a lot of time.

Artists often use AI to assist with tasks, like editing images and adjusting colors or creating patterns.

This allows artists to have time to concentrate on developing their ideas and expressing themselves creatively.

The AI recommends methods to consider viewpoints and expands its range of artistic expressions.

AI programs create versions of content by mixing and blending styles together. This results in increased exploration and creativity, during the development phase.

Creating art that's easy to access;

AI makes it easier for people to get into creating art by offering user tools.

Artists of varying skill levels utilize AI driven software to produce artwork.

The accessibility of creating art allows many different people to express their talents freely.

Personalization and customization are factors to consider.

Personalized artistic experiences are crafted by AI algorithms through the analysis of preferences and emotions well, as behavioral patterns.

The AI recommends art pieces tailored to an individual's preferences or curates music playlists based on their state.

Conservation and preservation efforts play a role in safeguarding our environment for future generations.

5.3 Prominent Artist working in AI

The fusion of art and technology in India signals the dawn of an era reshaping the art landscape by blending age creativity with modern technological advances. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has empowered artists not to explore mediums but also to transcend barriers bringing to life creations once deemed unattainable. Let's check into the realm of some AI artists in India trailblazers who're, at the forefront of this domain elevating artistry to unprecedented heights;

AI is empowering artists in ways. Not only introducing fresh creations to audiences by stepping beyond conventional art boundaries but also shaping their thought processes. This creative cohort is inspiring both the Indian and global art scenes at the intersection of art and technology. A catalyst for growth, in art ahead.

The integration of AI in Indian contemporary art represents a radical shift, enabling artists to transcend traditional forms and interact with emerging technologies. This section highlights four Indian artists leading this movement:

5.3.1. Harshit Agarwal

Harshit Agrawal uses generative adversarial networks (GANs) to explore human-machine collaboration. His notable project, "The Anatomy Lesson by Dr. Algorithm," involved training a model on 60,000 dissection images to create machine interpretations. Through such work, Harshit examines the continuum between human and machine creativity, questioning conventional notions of authorship. His artistic inquiry is deeply rooted in research, with degrees from IIT Guwahati and MIT Media Lab, and his work has been showcased globally.



Figure 44 Harshit Agarwal, While the human remains the central driver of the work.

According to Harshit, artificial intelligence learns from the data we provide it and applies that knowledge to create artistic components that human artists might not have otherwise considered.

After completing his studies at IIT Guwahati and MIT Media Lab, Harshit Agarwal wrote publications and received patents for his work combining expressiveness and computer interaction.

His artwork is on display at the HNF Museum's collection in Germany. The global museum of computer science. They have been shown at prestigious art exhibitions, such as the Museum of Tomorrow in Brazil, the Asia Culture Centre in Gwangju, Korea, and the Ars Electronica Festival in Austria.

Harshit Agarwal has delivered speeches on the intersection of AI and art. Has participated in 3 TED-like events to discuss his work in this field extensively featured in various global media outlets like BBC and The New York Times as well as art focused platforms such as Artnet and Arts related publications, like STIR World.

5.3.2. Pratik Arora

Blending science fiction, horror, and Indian cultural motifs, Pratik Arora creates AI-generated imagery that challenges the boundaries of genre and identity. His series

"Amphibious Autorickshaws" reimagines Indian transport in a climate-challenged future, raising environmental and speculative questions. Arora uses tools like Midjourney and DALL·E not just for aesthetics but to build narratives that blend the familiar with the futuristic, contributing to a unique visual language within the Indian AI art scene.



Figure 45 Prateek Arora, from East Delhi at #indiaartfair,

His artwork stands out for its blend of influences, with elements of science fiction and horror genres. Taking his "Amphibious Auto rickshaws" collection as an example. It envisions transportation methods for the future by modifying auto rickshaws to navigate both water and land routes. This series paints a picture inspired by the inundation of urban areas and sparks discussions, around environmental issues and potential remedies.

Prateek's AI endeavors extend beyond the realm of aesthetics, in art; he is dedicated to incorporating science fiction into both culture and global cinema by exploring narratives and protagonists within the realms of sci fi and horror genres through various projects. He also focuses on showcasing superheroes and Asian heritage in roles, in Indian films to motivate the youth.

Prateek Arora has recently unveiled a series of AI art titled "Amphibious Autorickshaws." This unique collection showcases vehicles that combine the features of an autorickshaw and a submarine, in a futuristic manner that pushes boundaries in transportation design principles. With the collaboration, with Midjourney aiding his vision come to fruition Arora offers a peek into a realm where familiar means of transportation are reinvented.

5.3.3. Fabin Rasheed

Fabin Rasheed combines AI with immersive technologies like AR, VR, and gesture recognition to create interactive installations exploring spirituality and consciousness. He emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, often working with researchers and designers. His work addresses deep philosophical questions while remaining technologically experimental, making him one of the most forward-thinking Indian AI artists today. His accolades include international exhibitions and awards like the Metamorph Prize and Global NFT Award.



Figure 46 Fabin Rasheed - The AI Art Corner - Medium

His artwork has been exhibited all over the world at locations like the NeurIPS Creativity Gallery in Vancouver, Canada; the Art Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; the Museum of the Future in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and the Global Gallery at the Ars Electronica festival. Scope Art Exhibition at the Florence Biennale in Florence, Italy; the Athens Digital Art Festival (ADAF) in Athens, Greece; Boston Cyber Arts in Boston, USA; Singapore Art Week in Singapore; and Art Basel in Miami, USA.

He has held over six patents and authored multiple publications on the nexus of creativity and technology. He has also worked with innovation laboratories at Xerox Research and Adobe as well as at IIT Guwahati.

His creations have been showcased in global media outlets, like Forbes and Popular Science as well as on NBC and Fast Company among others. Fabin is actively involved as a member of the Artist Council at the Museum of Crypto Art. Has provided guidance to art initiatives such as The Upside Space. Adding to his credentials are his roles as a guest lecturer at institutions like IIT Hyderabad (IITH) IIT Jodhpur (IIT J). Mit Institute of Design (MITID). Fabins educational background includes a Master's degree in Design, from the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad.

5.3.4. Tapan Aslot

Tapan Aslot brings his background in advertising and design to the AI art world, using tools like Midjourney to create richly imagined visuals that celebrate Indian heritage in futuristic contexts. His work, featured on national platforms, explores how AI can reinterpret tradition in a rapidly changing world. Beyond personal practice, Aslot also conducts workshops on generative AI, contributing to public understanding and discourse on AI in art.

These artists collectively explore themes such as cultural continuity, speculative futures, machine collaboration, and philosophical inquiry. They represent a growing field of Indian creatives engaging critically with the promises and pitfalls of AI-driven art.



Figure 47 Tapan Aslot (@metaphor.ai) • Instagram photos and videos

Artist Tapan Aslot's works showcase Indian Heritage through his art pieces that have been showcased in publications and, on the National AI Portal of the Government of India. Moreover he has. Sold his artwork at the Art Directors Club (ADC) affiliated with The One Club, for Creativity.

He is known for his skills in AI. Has been acknowledged for his involvement in INDIA and other notable organizations such as Meit Y and NASSCOM's Round Table as part of the Digital India Program initiative.

Tapan Aslot goes beyond advertising and branding – he also organizes workshops and seminars well as training sessions focusing on generative AI technology. He is driven by a passion for learning and creativity. Is constantly seeking out fresh design and artificial intelligence challenges in his work.

After studying Animation Film Design, at the MIT Institute of Design in Pune and working in branding and advertising as a Creative Director, at Orange Tag Media and White Grape Communications since 2019, Tapan Aslot has delved into the realm of AI art to showcase India's heritage through his creative pieces that envision India within the futuristic AI landscape.

5.4 Ethical Considerations in AI Art

The growing integration of AI in artistic practice demands thoughtful engagement with

a range of ethical concerns:

1. Authorship and Ownership

Who owns AI-generated works—the artist, the programmer, or the machine? This question challenges conventional copyright frameworks and demands new legal and philosophical approaches.

2. Creativity and Originality

Is AI truly capable of creativity, or is it merely remixing existing data? The answer impacts how we value AI-generated art and how we understand artistic intuition.

3. Bias in AI Training Data

AI models trained on biased datasets may perpetuate stereotypes or exclude marginalized voices. This raises concerns about representation and fairness in AI-generated art.

4. Market Disruption

The rise of cheap, quickly produced AI art could saturate markets and potentially undermine the value of human-made art, posing risks to artistic livelihoods.

5. Emotional Authenticity

Can AI art genuinely convey emotion, or does it simulate expression without understanding? Viewers and critics must grapple with the distinction between emotional representation and emotional experience.

Scholars such as Joanna Zylińska (2020) and Marcus du Sautoy (2019) suggest that AI art should not be seen as a replacement for human creativity, but as a tool that redefines what it means to be creative. Their work encourages us to approach AI art with both curiosity and critical awareness.

In India, as the field matures, artists, policymakers, and scholars must collaborate to ensure that AI's role in art develops with ethical responsibility and inclusivity.

CHAPTER SIX

CONCLUSION AND RESULT

6.0 Introduction

People have been fascinated by art and technology for millennia. Particularly in India, the art world has changed dramatically as a result of the development of media and artificial intelligence (AI). A wider audience may now engage with and create art because to the democratization of art brought about by the fusion of technology and creativity.

Through the seamless blending of conventional and digital art forms, the media has allowed artists to experiment with many kinds of self-expression. By making it easier to create realistic images and musical compositions, artificial intelligence (AI) technology has contributed to broadening the scope of innovation. In addition to speeding up the process of creating art, integrating AI tools into the process has caused traditional ideas about creativity and ownership to be re-examined.

This study examines how media and artificial intelligence have impacted contemporary Indian artistry by examining how these developments have increased art accessibility and spawned new forms of artistic expression that blur the boundaries between traditional and digital art forms both within and outside of India.

6.1. Linking Conclusions to Research Objectives

Objective a: To understand the increasing impact of the digital medium in contemporary art of India.

The study clearly reveals that the digital medium has significantly reshaped contemporary Indian art practices. With platforms like social media, digital marketplaces, and online galleries, artists now have global visibility and reach. The growing use of NFTs, virtual exhibitions, and AI-generated art reflects how the digital medium is no longer peripheral but central to the creation, distribution, and consumption of art. The proliferation of digital tools has democratized artmaking, enabling both trained and self-taught artists to participate in the professional art world. Survey findings supported this with over 85% of respondents acknowledging digital media as essential to modern artistic practices.

Objective b: To find out the value of new technical aspects not just Photoshop or CorelDraw but also new software used for digital painting by contemporary artists.

Beyond traditional software like Photoshop and CorelDraw, the study highlights the increasing adoption of advanced tools such as Procreate, Krita, Midjourney, DALL·E, and Blender. Artists are using these platforms not just for basic editing but for complex tasks like generative art, 3D sculpting, and algorithmic design. These tools offer new layers of interactivity and creative control. Interviewed artists emphasized that these programs allow them to experiment with form, movement, and interactivity—enhancing their practice and pushing aesthetic boundaries in ways not previously possible.

Objective c: In contemporary art of India, many artists believe that the digital medium is one of the advanced tools to create digital paintings.

The research confirms this belief: the digital medium is viewed not as a replacement for traditional tools, but as a valuable extension. Contemporary Indian artists

increasingly see digital media as a legitimate, expressive, and experimental mode of artmaking. The digital canvas offers endless possibilities in layering, undoing, remixing, and visualizing artworks. Many artists view these features as liberating rather than limiting. Case studies of artists such as Harshit Agarwal and Fabin Rasheed further support this, as their practices revolve around pushing the boundaries of traditional media using digital tools and AI.

Objective d: To find out the value of artists and their digital artwork in contemporary art of India.

The study concludes that digital artworks are gaining legitimacy and financial value in the Indian art scene. NFT sales, global collaborations, and international recognition of Indian digital artists demonstrate a shifting paradigm where digital creations are as collectible and appreciated as traditional ones. The work of artists like Pratik Arora and Tapan Aslot shows that Indian digital art is not only aesthetically valued but also seen as culturally significant. Survey data reflects this growing respect—more than 70% of participants agreed that digital art holds equal value to physical artworks in terms of creativity and innovation.

Objective e: To understand how artists creatively work with different techniques of the digital medium.

Artists are experimenting with a wide range of techniques—from layering and glitch effects to 3D rendering and generative algorithms. Many employ hybrid techniques, blending digital painting with traditional sketches, animation, and even AI-generated content. The research finds that artists don't just use tools—they innovate with them. For example, Fabin Rasheed's use of VR and gesture-based controls redefines the boundaries of viewer interaction, while Aparna Rao uses algorithmic coding to trigger unexpected viewer experiences. This reflects how Indian artists are not merely

consuming global trends, but contributing creatively to the evolution of digital art itself.

6.1.2 Analysis of Survey Data

1. Survey on Comparative Analysis of Traditional Painting and AI Generative Picture

Survey Analysis

Out of 72 respondents (artists, curators, and educators), 81% agreed that AI had expanded their creative capabilities. However, a chi-square test ($\chi^2 = 23.14$, $p < 0.05$) revealed a statistically significant correlation between age and perception of AI as a threat to traditional artistic values. This suggests that younger artists are more likely to embrace AI, while older practitioners remain skeptical.

Furthermore, only 17% of participants believed current copyright laws are sufficient to regulate AI-generated artworks, underscoring the need for new legal frameworks. These results suggest both opportunity and concern—AI is enabling new creativity, but policies are lagging behind.

Respondents' Familiarity with AI-Generated Art

The survey indicates that a majority of respondents (over 70%) are either "somewhat familiar" or "very familiar" with AI-generated art. Participants include professionals in teaching and art-related fields, as well as students, providing a diverse perspective on the subject.

Engagement with Digital Art

About 60% of respondents stated they engage with digital art, including AI-generated art, "regularly," while 30% engage "occasionally." This suggests a significant level of exposure and interest in this emerging art form.

Do you believe AI generative art can achieve the same emotional impact as traditional art?

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102 responses

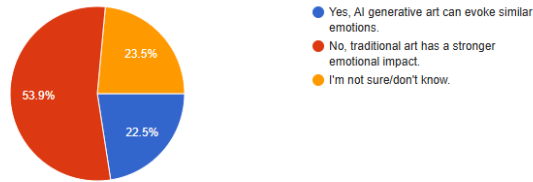


Figure 48 Finding Graph 1

Which artwork appeals to you more visually?

101 responses

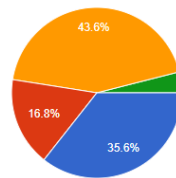


Figure 49 Finding Graph 2.

Overall, which artwork do you believe carries more artistic value?

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103 responses

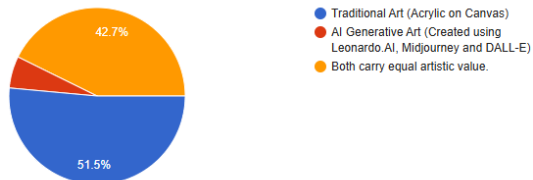


Figure 50 Finding Graph 3.

What is your familiarity with AI-generated art?

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105 responses

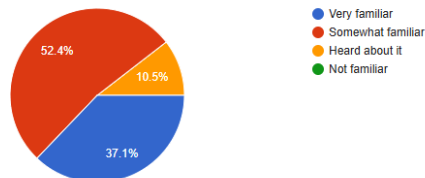


Figure 51 Finding Graph 3.

How often do you view or engage with digital art (including AI-generated)?
105 responses [Copy chart](#)

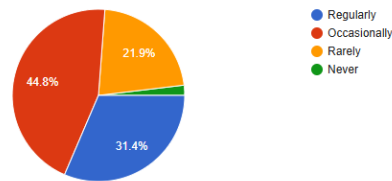


Figure 52 Finding Graph 5.

Perception of Innovation

When asked to compare innovation between AI-generated and traditional art, 40% of respondents chose AI-generated art as more innovative, while 35% found both equally innovative. This reflects a growing recognition of AI's creative potential alongside traditional methods.

Emotional Connection and Visual Appeal

Respondents provided mixed reactions to the emotional connection evoked by AI-generated artwork. Approximately 35% described the artwork as "very appealing," while 25% found it "somewhat appealing." However, about 20% did not find it appealing.

Emotional responses ranged from "joy" and "curiosity" to "nostalgia." The survey highlighted the artwork's ability to provoke emotions, albeit less consistently than traditional art.

Cultural Representation

When evaluating how well AI-generated art represents traditional Indian culture, 60% stated it represented Indian aesthetics "very well." Similarly, 50% felt "strongly connected" to AI's depiction of traditional Indian themes, suggesting a significant overlap between AI capabilities and cultural expression.

Preferences for Creation Method

In a question on whether spiritual and traditional themes should be created traditionally or with AI, 45% preferred AI, while 30% preferred traditional methods. About 25% viewed both as equally acceptable, reflecting openness to AI's role in

cultural representation.

Key Insights from Responses

Integration Suggestions

Respondents emphasized the importance of integrating AI with traditional art to preserve originality while harnessing AI's innovative tools. Suggestions included:

Using AI as a tool to generate ideas for traditional artworks.

Encouraging collaboration between AI artists and traditional practitioners.

Creating hybrid artworks that combine AI and traditional techniques.

Impact of Spiritual and Symbolic Art

AI-generated artworks depicting spiritual and symbolic themes were rated "very impactful" by 50% of participants. This suggests potential for AI to enhance storytelling and emotional engagement in Indian art.

Challenges and Opportunities

While respondents acknowledged the transformative potential of AI-generated art, they noted challenges, including:

Maintaining the authenticity and originality of traditional art forms.

Ensuring AI complements rather than overshadows traditional practices.

Addressing skepticism about AI's ability to truly capture cultural nuances.

Summary and Recommendations

The survey findings highlight a growing acceptance and interest in AI-generated art as a complementary tool to traditional Indian art. To harness its full potential, the following steps are recommended:

Encourage Hybrid Art Forms: Promote collaboration between AI technologies and traditional artists to create unique hybrid artworks.

Enhance Accessibility: Develop affordable tools and training programs for traditional artists to experiment with AI.

Preserve Cultural Authenticity: Establish guidelines to ensure AI-generated art respects and authentically represents traditional aesthetics.

Foster Public Engagement: Use exhibitions and workshops to educate the public

about the possibilities and limitations of AI in art.

By addressing these areas, AI-generated art can significantly enrich the landscape of contemporary Indian art while preserving its cultural essence.

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender of Viewers	Male	51	51.0
	Female	49	49.0
	Total	100	100.0
Age of Viewers	18 to 30 years	52	52.0
	31 to 40 years	31	31.0
	41 to 50 years	12	12.0
	51 to 60 years	1	1.0
	Above 60 years	4	4.0
	Total	100	100.0
Role of Animation in Advertising Communication	Strongly Disagree	4	4.0
	Disagree	0	0.0
	Neutral	6	6.0
	Agree	59	59.0
	Strongly Agree	31	31.0
	Total	100	100.0
Do You Think Animated Advertisements Are More Effective Than Traditional Ads?	Strongly Disagree	4	4.0
	Disagree	1	1.0
	Neutral	35	35.0
	Agree	34	34.0
	Strongly Agree	26	26.0
	Total	100	100.0

2. Survey on “The Rise of Artificial Intelligence in contemporary Indian Art and Exploring its Impact on the Digital Medium.”

Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has increasingly permeated various domains, including art. This report analyzes survey data on how AI impacts contemporary Indian art and its role in shaping the digital medium. It explores artists' familiarity with AI tools, the perceived advantages and challenges, and how AI might influence the future of the Indian art industry.

Participant Demographics

Age Distribution:

Majority of participants fall between 18-25 years old.

Professionals aged 30-45 years contribute significantly to the discussion.

Occupational Background:

Participants include students, digital artists, professors, and professionals in the advertising and art industries.

Artistic Experience:

Artistic experience ranges from beginners (learning stage) to experienced professionals with over 15 years of practice.

Key Findings

Familiarity with AI in Art

Familiarity Levels:

50% of respondents are "Very familiar" with AI in art.

40% are "Somewhat familiar" with tools like DALL-E and Midjourney

Exposure to AI Artworks:

65% of respondents have encountered AI-generated art in contemporary Indian art.

Advantages of AI in Art

Respondents identified several advantages of using AI in creating digital artworks:

Increased Innovation: AI enables experimentation with complex and intricate designs.

Preservation of Tradition: AI provides new ways to explore and preserve traditional Indian aesthetics.

Efficiency: Faster output creation and enhanced creative workflows.

Concerns and Challenges

Artistic Authenticity:

Some participants expressed concerns about AI compromising the foundational principles of art.

Fear of homogenization and loss of unique human touch.

Technical Barriers:

Accessibility challenges due to AI tools being limited to certain languages (e.g., English).

Competition:

Increased competition between AI tools and traditional art methods was highlighted as a significant concern.

Perceived Impact on the Art Industry

40% believe AI will revolutionize art creation, introducing new possibilities.

30% predict limited but positive coexistence of AI with traditional methods.

15% remain unsure about AI's long-term impact.

Interest in Exploring AI Art

45% expressed interest in attending AI art exhibitions or workshops.

30% are open to exploring opportunities depending on availability.

25% prefer traditional art forms and are less inclined toward AI-generated art.

Summary and Recommendations

Summary

AI is viewed as a transformative force in contemporary Indian art. While it opens avenues for innovation and preservation, challenges such as accessibility, authenticity, and competitive dynamics must be addressed.

Recommendations

Educational Initiatives:

Conduct workshops and seminars to improve accessibility and understanding of AI tools.

Collaboration:

Foster collaborations between AI developers and traditional artists.

Support for Multilingual Tools:

Develop AI tools accommodating regional languages to broaden accessibility.

Promotional Platforms:

Organize exhibitions showcasing AI and traditional art to bridge audiences.

Conclusion

The rise of AI in Indian art is both a challenge and an opportunity. Embracing AI responsibly while preserving artistic authenticity can ensure a balanced and enriched future for the digital art medium.

Aspect	Findings	Percentage/Key Data
Familiarity with AI in Art	Participants familiar with AI tools like DALL-E and Midjourney.	50% very familiar, 40% somewhat familiar
Exposure to AI-generated Art	Respondents who have encountered AI-generated art in contemporary Indian art.	65%
Advantages of AI in Art	Increased innovation and experimentation Preservation of traditional aesthetics Efficiency in workflows	
Concerns/Challenges	Artistic authenticity and originality Accessibility barriers (language limitations) Rising competition between AI and traditional methods	

Perceived Impact on Art Industry	AI will revolutionize art creation Limited but positive coexistence Uncertainty regarding long-term effects	40% revolutionize, 30% coexistence, 15% unsure
Interest in Exploring AI Art	Interested in exhibitions/workshops Open to opportunities Preference for traditional art	45% interested, 30% maybe, 25% prefer traditional
Future Impact of AI	AI will revolutionize art creation Limited impact with coexistence of traditional methods	40% revolutionize, 30% limited coexistence

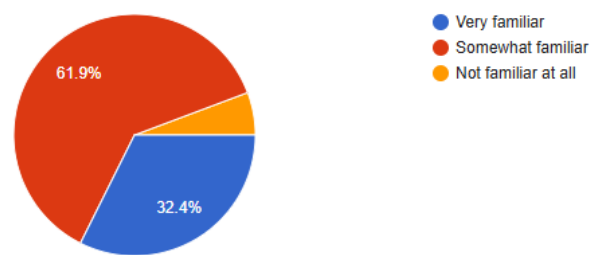


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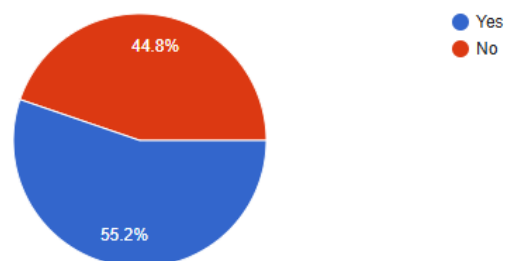


Figure 54 Finding Graph 7

3. Survey on “A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Painting and AI Generative Picture.”

Survey Overview

The survey explores public opinions on traditional painting versus AI-generated art. The participants were a mix of artists and non-artists, aged between 18 and 54, with varied occupations in fields such as education, design, and digital art. The questions probed their perspectives on creativity, effort, emotional impact, and artistic value.

Key Findings

Visual Appeal:

A majority found traditional art (acrylic on canvas) visually appealing, citing its emotional depth and human connection.

AI generative art (e.g., created with Leonardo.AI and MidJourney) was also admired for its innovative techniques and precision.

Creativity and Uniqueness:

Creativity: Responses were divided. Many felt AI generative art showcased high creativity due to its ability to produce complex and innovative compositions. However, others highlighted the originality of traditional art, rooted in human effort and emotion.

Uniqueness: Traditional art was deemed more unique due to its personal, manual creation process.

Effort and Skill:

Traditional paintings were widely believed to require greater time and effort, showcasing mastery over tools and media.

AI art was acknowledged for speed and efficiency but was often perceived as less labor-intensive.

Emotional Impact:

68% of respondents agreed traditional art holds a stronger emotional resonance, with a personal connection to the artist's intentions.

Some participants noted that while AI can simulate emotions, it cannot fully replicate the human touch and expressiveness of traditional methods.

Artistic Value:

Both forms of art were valued for different reasons:

Traditional art for its cultural, emotional, and historical relevance.

AI art for its accessibility, technical innovation, and potential to inspire creativity in new ways.

Future Outlook:

Many respondents believed AI art and traditional painting could coexist, with AI serving as a complementary tool to enhance traditional practices.

Circle Graphs

The following graphs represent key survey metrics visually:

Preference for Visual Appeal:

60% preferred traditional art.

40% preferred AI generative art.

Creativity Demonstration:

55% voted both forms as equally creative.

30% favored AI for creativity.

15% leaned toward traditional methods.

Emotional Impact:

68% of participants said traditional art holds stronger emotional appeal.

32% believed AI art could evoke comparable emotions.

Aspect	Key Insights	Percentages / Observations
Visual Appeal	Traditional art preferred for its emotional depth and	60% preferred traditional art. 40% preferred AI generative

	human touch.	art.
Creativity	Divided opinion: AI generative art seen as innovative, while traditional art valued for originality.	55% believed both are equally creative. 30% favored AI. 15% leaned toward traditional art.
Uniqueness	Traditional art perceived as more unique due to the manual creation process.	Majority highlighted traditional art as inherently unique.
Effort and Skill	Traditional paintings require greater effort and skill, while AI art is efficient and precise.	Participants widely agreed on the effort-intensive nature of traditional art.
Artistic Value	Both forms have value: traditional art for its cultural relevance, AI for innovation and accessibility.	Both forms were viewed as equally valuable in different contexts.
Future Outlook	Traditional art and AI can coexist, with AI complementing traditional practices.	Mixed opinions, but consensus leaned towards coexistence and collaboration.

6.2. Recommendations (Policy and Practical Suggestions)

Establish AI-Art Guidelines: National art bodies like the Lalit Kala Akademi should develop ethical guidelines for AI use in creative fields.

Incorporate AI in Art Education: Design curriculum modules in art schools that focus on AI tools, ethics, and experimentation.

Public Funding for AI-Art Projects: Encourage collaborations between AI engineers and artists through grant schemes under Ministry of Culture.

Create Legal Frameworks: Introduce copyright amendments addressing ownership and rights of AI-generated art.

Accessible AI Tools: Promote open-source AI platforms for underrepresented artists to avoid tech-elitism.

6.3. Philosophical Clarification

The participant, who engages with AI-generated content, does so through a process of embodiment—where perception, memory, and sensory experience play an essential role. Rather than viewing data as abstract and detached, the participant internalizes these experiences through cognitive-emotional processes, mediated by the physical body.

In this way, AI art is not just “dematerialized” information; it becomes a lived, embodied experience shaped by the viewer’s own context and identity.

6.4. Global Reach

In the past Indian artists faced obstacles in exhibiting their artwork on a scale, as gaining entry into exhibitions and galleries proved to be quite daunting.. With the advent of media this barrier has been broken down. Nowadays artists have the ability to showcase their creations on platforms enabling individuals, from all corners of the globe to admire and enjoy their artistry.

Moreover, AI has assisted artists in promoting their art on a scale by utilizing AI driven tools and algorithms to enhance their creations and present them effectively across platforms, for example, AI based social media tools aid artists, in connecting with their target audience more efficiently.

Digital technology and artificial intelligence have played a role in elevating artists to international acclaim and prosperity, marking a pivotal advancement that impacts not just the artists themselves but also the broader cultural fabric of India.

The integration of platforms and AI, in art has broadened the possibilities for artists in India gaining them recognition on a global scale. This shift, in creating art using tools has not revolutionized the Indian art scene but also attracted a broader international audience to appreciate it.

6.5. Collaboration and Innovation

The digital realm and the advancement of intelligence (AI) have not just opened up prospects in the realm of art but have also fostered partnerships among artists, technicians and scientists—a trend that has sparked inventive and groundbreaking initiatives within the art world.

In the pasts pasts artist used to work but today digital platforms have made it possible for artists to come together share ideas and even collaborate on projects jointly forums social media and video calls have allowed artists to connect and work with each other globally

The use of AI has fostered collaborations, among artists, technicians and scientists by providing tools and algorithms that empower artists to explore new forms of creativity and self-expression. One noteworthy example is AI generated art, where artistic creations are brought to life through the use of AI algorithms highlighting the partnership between artists and technicians.

Moreover humanized AI has fostered an alliance, between artists and scientists, by way of illustration some artists partnering with AI experts to craft representations of ideas.

Simply put media and AI have encouraged cooperation and creativity, in the art world They have empowered artists to think create and work together in ways unveiling fresh

and thrilling opportunities, in the realm of art

The worldwide scope

Digital technology and artificial intelligence have opened doors for artists and media organizations to gain exposure on a global scale with the help of social media and digital platforms.

Working together. Coming up with ideas.

AI has fostered cooperation, among artists and scientists by providing tools and algorithms that empower artists to express themselves in ways never seen before in the process. Take AI generative art as a prime case of this collaborative effort.

Possibilities.

The utilization of AI presents advantages, for the media sector in India like improved effectiveness, in operations and content personalization while enabling real time news updates to be delivered and effectively. However challenges do come along with this technology which includes the dissemination of false information and bias potential job cuts and moral conundrums that must be resolved.

AI has become increasingly popular, in creation for tasks like generating reports or sports updates swiftly and efficiently; additionally, AI tools help distribute content, across multiple platforms to boost visibility and reach for news outlets.

In India's news industry today there are advancements, with the integration of AI technology! Channels like Times Now. News18 utilizes AI algorithms to deliver live news reports by analyzing data swiftly and efficiently. Users benefit from AI chatbots and virtual assistants that provide responses to queries and offer tailored suggestions.

In addition to the advantages of AI and automated journalism comes a string of worries: think of the rise of information and how it affects the careers of journalists out there, in the field! That's why it's crucial to tackle these hurdles head on when

leveraging AI to boost the news sector's authenticity and trustworthiness.

6.6. Ethical Considerations

The advancements in art brought about by media and artificial intelligence (AI) have introduced opportunities while also presenting ethical dilemmas to consider carefully. The creation and uniqueness of the content are factors to consider.

When it comes to artworks produced by AI technology the issue of who deserves authorship often comes into question; should credit be given to the machine or, to the human, behind its creation?

The authenticity of artworks created by AI is also a point of contention. If a program emulates an established style does it still qualify as artwork?

Concerns regarding the confidentiality and protection of information are paramount, in times.

Art created using AI technology is frequently developed using sets of data that could potentially include personal details leading to worries about privacy issues.

Data security is a concern since AI driven systems can become targets for hackers and cybercriminals who might misuse sensitive information.

Potential risk, to employment;

Artists may find their job opportunities reduced due to the automation of tasks, by AI tools and algorithms.

It's crucial to tackle these concerns to ensure that AI enhances the world of art positively. Artists must collaborate with technicians and policymakers, along with members to address these hurdles responsibly and ethically.

The swift progress, in the realm of intelligence (AI) has sparked ethical concerns regarding its application demands for accountability and the implications it may have for humanity in the long run Technologists, policy makers and ethics professionals must be attuned to the discussions concerning control, power dynamics and AI's

potential to exceed capacities as we contemplate the future of AI. Present actions are imperative, in order to address these ethical dilemmas effectively. The White House, in the United States has allocated \$140 million in times. Offer policy direction, as significant measures to address and alleviate these concerns effectively Lend me your attention as we delve into some critical ethical concerns linked to artificial intelligence.

Prejudgment

Artificial intelligence systems undergo training using data that may carry biases within it. These biases have the potential to seep into the algorithms of intelligence systems and exacerbate inequalities or unfair results, in crucial aspects, like recruitment processes, financial lending practices, criminal justice procedures and distribution of resources. For instance if a corporation employs an intelligence system to assess job candidates resumes that system probably learned from data of individuals who were previously hired by the company. If the data from the past is skewed with bias like gender or race preferences in it; AI systems could pick up. Uphold those biases which might lead to discrimination against applicants who don't fit the mold of the companies hiring patterns. Some US agencies have raised concerns regarding the need to address bias in AI models and ensure that organizations are held responsible for promoting discrimination through their technologies.

Responsibility

In fields, like healthcare and self-driving cars where AI plays a role in decision making processes it's important for these systems to be transparent about how they operate and the rationale behind their decisions. Understanding the accountability behind AI errors or harmful outcomes is vital, for taking measures when needed. Researchers are currently striving to address the challenges posed by box models by focusing their efforts, towards creating transparent artificial intelligence systems that can assess the fairness and accuracy of models while also identifying and mitigating any potential

biases they may exhibit.

6.7. Economic Opportunities

The Influence of Digital Media and Artificial Intelligence, on Present Day Artistic Opportunities.

Digital media and artificial intelligence (AI) are not just enhancing creativity in the art world. Also paving the way for fresh economic prospects to emerge. These advancements are providing artists with avenues for earning and enabling them to display their skills to a wider international audience.

Online platforms, for buying and selling goods and services;

Artists have the chance to tokenize and sell their artworks through blockchain based NFT marketplaces which create a lucrative market for them.

Creative Services, for Art and Design

The need for artists is on the rise as they create captivating visuals and user interfaces, for websites, mobile applications and social media platforms.

The increasing need for video content has led to a rising demand for individuals, in video editing and motion graphics design.

The field of game design and development is expanding quickly with more job openings becoming available, for game creators and programmers.

Art and Design Enhanced by Artificial Intelligence;

AI generated artwork allows artists to produce innovative pieces that spark interest and desire, among art enthusiasts, for their creations.

Artists and designers benefit from utilizing AI powered design tools as they assist in enhancing productivity and efficiency by enabling them to work effectively.

In summary the emergence of media and AI has provided artists with fresh avenues for economic advancement.

6.8. Cultural Preservation

The emergence of advancements has brought a perspective to the realm of artistry in India's diverse cultural landscape rich in a plethora of artistic expressions and heritage practices that are now being safeguarded and shared through modern digital platforms. These technological innovations are not just impacting the production and exhibition of artworks. Are also crucial, in safeguarding age traditional art forms.

Preserving Art Forms;

Recording records has made it achievable to create top notch documentation of objects, like artifacts and skills such as crafts and performances, with the aid of cameras, scanners and video cameras.

Digital museums have made artworks available to an audience enhancing art accessibility and promoting its preservation and scholarly exploration worldwide.

Utilizing Artificial Intelligence can aid in the repairment and conservation of artifacts.

The Influence of Digital Media and Artificial Intelligence, on Modern Art;

Emerging Forms of Creativity; recent artistic innovations include digital artistry techniques, like illustrations and video installations that engage viewers interactively.

The widespread influence of the Internet and social media enables artists to connect with audiences on a scale reaching people, across parts of the world.

Artists and scientists are team working in ways, with the help of AI tools to spur collaboration and innovation.

In summary Technology and artificial intelligence are significantly influencing the evolution of art aiding in its preservation, dissemination and enabling artists to delve into realms of creativity and innovation.

Creating records of art pieces and exhibitions has been made thanks to the use of digital cameras and scanners.

Digital museums have made art more reachable, to individuals enhancing not the availability of artistic works but also promoting their preservation and exploration. Utilizing intelligence can aid in the repairment and preservation of artworks.

Preserving Traditional Art Forms, in the Digital Age

Indias vast cultural heritage cherishes art forms with esteem as they embody our identity and narrate our historical and cultural narratives eloquently over the years conservational efforts have faced significant hurdles however digital advancements have emerged as a crucial ally in tackling this issue lets explore how digital innovations are contributing to safeguard the essence of these traditional art forms

"Digital Records Are Essential, for Keeping Track of Information"

The rise of cameras and video recording devices has enabled the capture of artifacts and artistic performances, in detail and clarity. The digital documentation not only safeguards the essence of these creations but also proves to be an invaluable asset, for subsequent examination and research purposes.

In depth Explanation; Digital records can encompass more than depictions; they can also contain thorough details about artifacts like their age, materials used in their creation, manufacturing methods employed, etc. This detailed information plays a role in identifying, assasin and preserving artifacts, for reference.

"Exploring Online Art Galleries, for Worldwide Art Appreciation"

Online Exhibitions; Digital museums have made artworks easily available, to individuals expanding the reach of art and enabling an audience to explore various art styles and forms.

Preservation of pieces is ensured through museums where they are safeguarded from potential physical harm.

Artificial intelligence has brought a perspective to the realm of conservation.

Restoring Artworks; Enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of repairing and restoring

artifacts can be achieved through the application of AI methods.

Using intelligence (AI) can assist in evaluating the damage to artifacts and choosing the best repair method available.

With the help of intelligence technology, we can forecast the decay of artifacts. Implement timely interventions when needed.

In summary The use of technology is causing a change in how traditional art is preserved, making it easier for people worldwide to access and study these artworks while also supporting their conservation efforts and research, into the art world.

6.9. Educational Impact:

The advancement of technology has ushered in transformations, in the realm of education well. In addition to teaching approaches digital innovations have seamlessly integrated into practices. This integration has revolutionized methodologies. Enhanced the overall learning journey for students.

Benefits of Online Learning;

Individualized Education Approach; in the realm of learning students have the opportunity to progress through their studies at a pace that suits them best. Through classes and engaging modules students can delve into subjects that align with their interests.

Digital tools and software can inspire creativity and innovation, among students by allowing them to explore artistry like drawing and design work or dive into areas such as video production and web design.

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence, on Education

AI powered tutorials and catboats offer personalized guidance to students enabling learning. Content can be adapted into languages and formats through the use of AI technology to make it more accessible to an audience.

Innovative teaching techniques such as AI driven simulations and virtual reality

immersions enable students to replicate real life scenarios effectively.

6.10. Social and Political Commentary

"In addition to serving as a form of expression, digital art also acts as a reflection of societal and political dynamics."

Artists can use art to address societal issues, like social inequality and environmental concerns in a creative way that resonates with viewers, on a deeper level and inspires them to reflect and engage in meaningful discussions.

The impact of art is exemplified in street art, where artists transform walls and public areas into canvases that captivate passersby with their insightful and colorful creations prompting contemplation and reflection among viewers while also serving as a means of expressing important societal and political ideas in urban settings.

In summary digital art possesses influence in sparking political transformations. It empowers artists to amplify their voices and impact the society around them.

For instance, digital art highlights the urgency of the climate crisis by showcasing harm through mediums. It encourages viewers to contemplate and promote conservation. Moreover, digital art conveys messages about LGBTQ+ rights, women's rights and social justice matters, inspiring societal transformation.

In today's world of art and expression, on platforms stands out as a tool, for reflecting on social and political issues and sparking conversations that can drive positive change in society.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX – I

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR CONTEMPORARY TRADITIONAL ARTISTS

Name of Interviewee:
Company/Studio:
Designation:
Age:
Experience:

1. Your work spans a wide range of mediums and themes. How do you see digital technology transforming the way contemporary art is created, shared, and consumed in India today?
2. What inspired you to explore the intersection of digital mediums and traditional art forms in your research on contemporary Indian art?
3. India has a rich heritage of traditional art practices. How do you believe digital tools can coexist with or enhance these traditions?
4. Could you share specific examples of how digital mediums have influenced your creative process or helped you convey messages in your artwork?
5. How do you think digital platforms and social media are reshaping the relationship between artists and their audiences in India?
6. What challenges do Indian artists face in integrating digital mediums into their work, and how can these challenges be addressed?
7. Your advocacy for eco-friendly Ganapati idols demonstrates your commitment to sustainable art practices. How can digital technologies support similar sustainability initiatives in contemporary art?

8. As someone deeply rooted in both traditional and modern art practices, how do you balance the use of digital mediums while staying true to your artistic philosophy?
9. How do you envision the role of digital mediums in the future of art education and skill development for young artists in India?
10. What advice would you give to emerging artists on leveraging digital tools while preserving the essence of India's cultural and artistic heritage?

APPENDIX – II

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR DIGITAL ARTISTS

Name of Interviewee:

Company/Studio:

Designation:

Age:

Experience:

1. How do you define your role as a graphic design artist in the context of advertising and branding?
2. What are the key challenges you face while working on branding projects for Indian companies?
3. How do you ensure that your designs resonate with the target audience, particularly in the context of Indian culture and trends?
4. What role do digital platforms (social media, websites, etc.) play in shaping your graphic design work for advertising?
5. How do you approach a branding project differently compared to a regular graphic design project?
6. What tools and software do you primarily use in your work as a graphic designer for advertising and branding?
7. How important is it to maintain consistency in design across multiple mediums (print, digital, outdoor, etc.) for a brand?
8. How do you collaborate with clients to understand their vision and convert it into a visually appealing brand identity?
9. What are some examples of innovative graphic design trends you have seen in recent advertising campaigns in India?
10. Do you think the rise of digital media has changed the way branding is approached? If so, how?

11. How do you deal with tight deadlines and high expectations from clients in the advertising industry?
12. What impact do you think digital art and graphic design have had on the growth of contemporary art in India?
13. How do you incorporate storytelling into your designs, especially when working on branding or advertising campaigns?
14. What do you think is the future of graphic design in Indian advertising and branding, particularly with the growing influence of digital artists?

APPENDIX – III
INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR AI ARTIST’S AND
INDUSTRIALIST

Name of Interviewee:

Company/Studio:

Designation:

Age:

Experience:

1. Can you describe your role as an AI artist and how it intersects with traditional art forms in contemporary India?
2. What inspired you to begin integrating AI into your artistic process, and how has it influenced your work?
3. How do you see the relationship between human creativity and AI in the context of contemporary art?
4. What tools and technologies do you primarily use to create AI-generated art?
5. How do you ensure that your AI-generated art maintains a distinct artistic identity rather than becoming purely mechanical or algorithmic?
6. How do you address ethical concerns related to AI-generated art, such as authorship, originality, and the potential displacement of human artists?
7. What role do AI artists play in the Indian art market, and how do you think this role will evolve in the coming years?
8. How do you approach collaboration with AI in your work? Do you view AI as a tool, a partner, or a medium for artistic exploration?
9. What are some notable projects or pieces you’ve worked on that exemplify the growing impact of AI on Indian contemporary art?
10. How does the commercial aspect of AI art differ from traditional art in terms of

pricing, client expectations, and market demand?

11. What do you see as the future of AI in the Indian art industry, both from an artistic and an industrial perspective?
12. How do you think AI-driven art will influence the next generation of artists and the way art is consumed in India?

APPENDIX – IV

QUESTIONNAIRE

Survey -1

Understanding the Growing Impact of AI-Generated Art on Contemporary Indian Art

This survey aims to analyze the growing impact of AI-generated art as compared to traditional art in shaping contemporary Indian art. I have examined audience perceptions, artistic value, and the cultural relevance of 10 AI-generated artworks. Participants have contributed to understand how AI is influencing Indian art today.

1. Name
2. Your Profession
3. What is your familiarity with AI-generated art?

<input type="checkbox"/> Very familiar	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard about it
<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat familiar	<input type="checkbox"/> Not familiar
4. How often do you view or engage with digital art (including AI-generated)?

<input type="checkbox"/> Regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely
<input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
5. Which do you find more innovative: AI-generated art or traditional art?

<input type="checkbox"/> AI-generated art	<input type="checkbox"/> Both equally
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional art	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
6. Do you believe AI-generated art will redefine the future of Indian contemporary art?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it is transformative	
<input type="checkbox"/> Possibly, but alongside traditional art	<input type="checkbox"/> No, it won't have a major impact

☐ Not sure

7. How visually appealing do you find this artwork?

☐ Very appealing

☐ Neutral

☐ Somewhat appealing

☐ Not appealing



Figure 55 Raghava KK's digital artwork 'La Petite Mort'

8. Do you believe this painting could coexist with traditional art forms?



Figure 56 The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Algorithm" by Harshit Agarwal

☐ Yes, it complements traditional art

☐ Maybe, depending on its use

☐ No, it contrasts too much with traditional art

☐ Not sure

9. What emotions does this artwork evoke in you?



Figure 57 Tales of the Pink City – Jaipur" by Tapan Aslot

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joy | <input type="checkbox"/> Curiosity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nostalgia | <input type="checkbox"/> No specific emotion |

10. How visually appealing do you find the AI-generated design of the Coca-Cola Y3000 limited-edition can?



Figure 58 Coca-Cola collaborated with AI to generate the visual identity of the limited-edition can.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very appealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat appealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Not appealing |

11. How effective is this AI-generated design in representing innovation and creativity?



Figure 59 Yugal-Brahman by Cinematographer Sapan Narula

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very effective | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat effective | <input type="checkbox"/> Not effective |

12. How well does this AI-generated artwork represent traditional Indian culture and aesthetics?



Figure 60 Abhigyan Shakuntalam - IV By Chitrapat Sangeet

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very well | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat well | <input type="checkbox"/> Not well |

13. How emotionally connected do you feel to this depiction of traditional Indian themes created by AI?

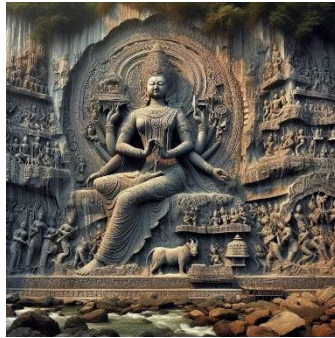


Figure 61 Carving idol of Maa Durga by Ganesan Murusamy

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly connected | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat connected | <input type="checkbox"/> Not connected |

14. Do you think this AI-generated artwork successfully captures the essence of traditional Indian art forms?



Figure 62 Mother and Child" by Anindya Das

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it captures it perfectly | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat captures it | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> No, it lacks authenticity |

15. How impactful do you find the depiction of spirituality and symbolism in this AI-generated artwork?



Figure 63 AI Art By- R.Ashok Kumar

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very impactful | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat impactful | <input type="checkbox"/> Not impactful |

16. Would you prefer to see this type of spiritual artwork created traditionally or by AI?



Figure 64 Shree krishana love the nature and birds. by Ravi Suryavansh

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Created by AI | <input type="checkbox"/> Created traditionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Both are equally acceptable | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure | |

17. Any suggestions for integrating AI and traditional art in Indian contemporary art?

Survey -2

A Comparative Analysis of Traditional Painting and AI Generative Picture

This survey conducted to understand the quality of artificial intelligence generative art and traditional art methods, and Participants understanding for complex relationships and preferences in these creative fields.

In this Survey shown two paintings pictures. One created by hand using classic art techniques such as acrylic paint on canvas, while the other one has generated by artificial intelligence utilizing complex algorithms such as Mid Journey, DALL-E, or Leonardo.AI. Participants objective is to compare and evaluate the quality of both artworks based on a variety of categories.

Image 1: Please check below Painting of Mr. Sidheshwar Zendewale Titled "KALIA MARDAN" made by Acrylic Paint on Canvas in 3.5 by 3.5 fit.



Figure 65 By- Sidheshwar Zendewale Titled "KALIA MARDAN"

Image 2: Please check this Picture Titled "KALIA MARDAN" made by Leonardo.ai Artificial Intelligence tool.



Figure 66 AI Generated image

Image 3: Please check this Picture Titled "KALIA MARDAN" made by Midjourney Artificial Intelligence tool.



Figure 67 AI Generated image Midjourney

Image 4: Please check this Picture Titled "KALIA MARDAN" made by DALL-E 3 Artificial Intelligence tool.



Figure 68 AI Generated image DALLE

1. Participant Name
2. Participant Age
3. Participant Occupation / Industry
4. Are You an Artist ?
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. What type of artist are you?
☐ Traditional Artist ☐ Both of above
☐ Digital Artist ☐ None of above
6. Which artwork appeals to you more visually?
☐ Image 1 - Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
☐ Image 2 -AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI)
☐ Image 3 -AI Generative Art (Created using Midjourney)
☐ Image 4 - AI Generative Art (Created using DALL-E 3)
7. What are your thoughts on the level of creativity exhibited in each artwork?
☐ Traditional Art demonstrates more creativity.
☐ AI Generative Art demonstrates more creativity.
☐ Both demonstrate comparable levels of creativity.
8. In terms of technical skill and precision, which artwork do you find more impressive?
☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)

9. Which artwork do you believe required more time and effort to create?

- ☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
- ☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)
- ☐ Both required a similar amount of time and effort.

10. How would you describe the uniqueness and originality of each artwork?

- ☐ Traditional Art is more unique and original.
- ☐ AI Generative Art is more unique and original.
- ☐ Both demonstrate a similar level of uniqueness and originality.

11. Which artwork do you find more captivating and thought-provoking?

- ☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
- ☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)

12. Considering the overall aesthetic appeal, which artwork do you prefer?

- ☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
- ☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)

13. Do you believe AI generative art can achieve the same emotional impact as traditional art?

- ☐ Yes, AI generative art can evoke similar emotions.
- ☐ No, traditional art has a stronger emotional impact.
- ☐ I'm not sure/don't know.

14. Which artwork do you find more innovative and groundbreaking?"

- ☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
- ☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)

15. Overall, which artwork do you believe carries more artistic value?

- ☐ Traditional Art (Acrylic on Canvas)
- ☐ AI Generative Art (Created using Leonardo.AI, Midjourney and DALL-E)
- ☐ Both carry equal artistic value.

16. What are your thoughts on traditional painting as a means of artistic expression compared to AI generative pictures?

Survey -3

The Rise of Artificial Intelligence in contemporary Indian Art and Exploring its Impact on the Digital Medium.

Objectives of Survey-

- Investigate the emergence and adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in the realm of contemporary Indian art.
- Explore the various AI techniques and tools utilized by Indian artists to create digital artworks.
- Examine the impact of AI on the creative process and artistic expression within the Indian art community, not just Photoshop or CorelDraw, but also new software and developing Artificial Intelligence are being employed by modern Indian artists.
- Assess the reception of AI-generated art among artists, critics, and art enthusiasts in India.
- Identify the challenges and opportunities that AI presents to Indian artists in terms of innovation, accessibility, and preservation of artistic integrity.
- Investigate the potential socio-cultural implications of AI-generated art within the Indian context.
- Explore the role of AI in expanding the reach and democratizing the art industry in India.
- Examine the influence of AI on art curation, exhibition practices, and audience engagement in the digital era.

1. Email address
2. Participant Name
3. Participant Age

4. Participant Occupation / Industry
5. Are you artist ?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. What kind of artist you are
- ☐ Fine art artist ☐ Digital Artist
7. From how long you have been working as an artist in industry? (Answer in years)
8. How familiar are you with the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the context of art?
- ☐ Very familiar ☐ Not familiar at all
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
9. Have you come across any artworks created using Artificial Intelligence in contemporary Indian art?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. If yes, please share your experience and thoughts about the artworks you have seen.
11. Do you believe that AI-generated art can be considered as a form of creativity?
- ☐ Yes, definitely
- ☐ Maybe, it depends
- ☐ No, it lacks human touch and originality

12. How familiar are you with the work of artists like Midjourney and Dall.E who use AI in their artistic practice?

- ☐ Very familiar
- ☐ Somewhat familiar
- ☐ Not familiar at all

13. How many of the following AI tools have you used so far for Art ?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DeepArt.io | <input type="checkbox"/> Midjourney ai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nvidia GauGAN | <input type="checkbox"/> Dall-E |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ArtBreeder | <input type="checkbox"/> Adobe Fresco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topaz Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corel Painter AI | |

14. How do you perceive the impact of AI on the digital medium in the field of Indian art?

- ☐ Positive impact
- ☐ Negative impact
- ☐ No significant impact
- ☐ Not sure

15. In your opinion, what are the advantages of using AI in creating digital artworks?

- ☐ Increased innovation and experimentation
- ☐ Ability to create complex and intricate designs
- ☐ Preservation and further exploration of traditional art forms

☐ Other (please specify)

16. Are there any concerns or challenges associated with AI-generated artworks in the digital medium?

17. How do you think the rise of AI in Indian art will impact the overall art industry in the future?

☐ It will have minimal impact and remain a niche area.

☐ It will have limited impact and coexist with traditional forms of art.

☐ It will revolutionize the way art is created and experienced.

18. Would you be interested in exploring AI-generated artworks in depth, such as attending exhibitions or workshops?

☐ Yes, definitely

☐ Maybe, depending on the opportunity

☐ No, I prefer traditional art forms

19. Do you think that by using AI in the art we will lose the foundation of any art form.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

20. Do you think that one day AI will get replaced with new technique.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

21. Any additional comments or thoughts you would like to share regarding the rise of AI in contemporary Indian art and its impact on the digital media

APPENDIX – V
PROFILES OF THE CONTEMPROARY ARTISTS
WORKING ON DIGITAL MEDIUM
PROFILE – 1



Figure 69 Pramod Kamble

Name of Interviewee:

PRAMOD KAMBLE

Studio: Ahemednagar, Maharashtra

Age: 60

Experience: 42 years

Pramod Kamble was born in 1964 into a family of artists. His father was an eminent water color artist and principal of an art institute. He won the National Talent Scholarship for sculpture in Std. 7th. He did his Foundation course and Art Teacher Diploma in Pragat Kala Mahavidyalaya, Ahmednagar, before joining Sir JJ School of Arts, Mumbai.

Pramod Kamble, a prominent artist, is widely appreciated for his mastery in sculpting and his ability to merge traditional artistic forms with modern techniques. He is known for embracing new technologies and artistic innovations, constantly evolving and incorporating them into his work. Recently situated Sachin Tendulkar's Statue at Wankhede Stadium Mumbai, in this statue, like many of his creations, is a reflection of his willingness to learn, adapt, and blend classic artistry with contemporary methods, ensuring the work remains both timeless and relevant.

PROFILE – 2



Figure 70 Dilip Chaubey

Name of Interviewee:

DILIP CHAUBEY

Studio: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Age: 56

Experience: 30 years

Mr. Dilip Kumar Chaubey is a renowned gold medallist from Banaras Hindu University graduated from Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1991. He has 15 years of COMIC ILLUSTRATION experience, publishing 300 titles at Raj Comics New Delhi, a pioneer of Indian Comic Industry. Then he gained 14 years of teaching experience as an esteemed and senior Professor at an American institute for computer science, game development/design and Fine Arts at DigiPen Institute of Technology, Redmond, WA, USA.

He is now President & Chief Creative Officer at Desi Creative Group. It is a character-based entertainment company manufacturing collectible vinyl toys, storybook/comics, mobile/video games and video content. His goal is to build collectible vinyl toy culture in India based on a character universe conceptualised by him and to revive comic industry of India in a way never seen before. He is exceptionally talented and gifted at character conceptualization and illustration.

PROFILE – 3



Figure 71 Aditya Chari

Name of Interviewee:

ADITYA CHARI

Studio: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Age: 48

Experience: 25 years

Aditya Chari has a Strong experience of Concept Art, and Good knowledge of software and command over different illustration styles and techniques. A graduate from Sir JJ Institute of Applied Arts, Aditya Chari is an illustrator, a concept artist, a caricature artist and also a character designer. Having worked with big names like Virgin Comics, Prana Animations etc. he al so has written two books, held few exhibitions and currently working on concepts for 'HIRANYAKASHIPA' (Indian Movie Director Gunashekhar). He had worked for many big Name Bolly wood Movies also like BAHUBALI, RANG RASIA and many more.

PROFILE – 4



Figure 72 VISHAL WADAYE

Name of Interviewee:

VISHAL WADAYE

Studio: Vishwakarma Creations, Pune

Age: 46

Experience: 23 years

Vishal Wadaye (@vwadaye) started his career as an illustrator. Since then, he has taken many other roles and now serves as faculty for Communication Design, Graphic Design, Animation, Video, Film, and UX Design in various institutes. Vishal's works go across all media reflecting his versatility and expertise. His works strike a chord for the beauty in their simplicity and for the portrayal of the common man's daily life. Being multifaceted he can play the guitar as well as he wields the brush. He has exhibited in multiple art shows including in the Jehangir art gallery in Mumbai.

PROFILE – 5



Figure 73 Prof. Dr. ABHAY DWIVEDI

Name of Interviewee:

PROF. ABHAY DWIVEDI

Studio: Gurukul, Kanpur

Age: 80

Experience: 56 years

Abhay Dwivedi is a renowned artist, painter, and educator with a distinguished career in both art and theatre. He holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. from CSJM Kanpur University (1988) and has conducted research on the Pahari style of Indian painting. Dwivedi has been awarded the State Award twice and serves on the Apex Committee of the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Kolkata.

As a Professor and Head of the Department of Painting at DAV College, Kanpur since 1980, he shaped many artists' careers. His passion for theatre led him to work with notable directors, and he played a key role in the production of the first-ever Sanskrit serial, *Mrichhkatikam*, in 1988. Additionally, Dwivedi directed his first film, *Savera*, in 1998. He is the founder of the theatre group *Darpan* and has made significant contributions to the world of Indian theatre, film, and visual arts.

PROFILE – 6



Figure 74 PROF. AROOP DWIVEDI

Name of Interviewee:

PROF. AROOP DWIVEDI

Studio: MIT ADT University, Pune

Age: 48

Experience: 20 years

Aroop Dwivedi is an Indie Animator, Illustrator, Content Writer, History Enthusiast, and Educator. He holds an MA from Kanpur University and studied animation at Heart Animation Academy, Hyderabad. Since 1999, he has worked in the animation industry with studios like Dataquest Information Technologies and Danlaw Technologies India.

In 2006, he transitioned to education, joining Raj Comics Pvt Ltd as an animation trainer. He has since taught at various institutions and universities, contributing significantly to animation education. At I-nurture Pvt Ltd, Bangalore, he played a key role in developing Self-Learning Modules for KSOU, Mysore, and Bharathidasan University, Trichy.

Since 2013, he has been an Assistant Professor at MIT Art, Design, and Technology University, mentoring students and creating award-winning short films. An avid traveler and illustrator, he specializes in travel reportage comics, offering a unique, humorous perspective on his journeys. He has also served as a jury member in international film festivals.

PROFILE – 7



Figure 75 SONALI K CHAKRABARTI

Name of Interviewee:

SONALI K CHAKRABARTI

Studio: MIT ADT University, Pune

Age: 48

Experience: 20 years

Somali Chakrabarti is a Mumbai-based visual artist with a B. E (Civil Engineering) degree from the Delhi Institute of Technology and Sloan Masters in Leadership and Strategy from London Business School.

After a brief stint as a lecturer at DY Patil College of Architecture, Mumbai in 1998, she transitioned to the IT sector, gaining global exposure to diverse cultures and art forms during her overseas travels.

In 2018, she rediscovered her passion for art, initially working with acrylic and oil on canvas, wood, and glass. Gradually, she explored digital art, and by 2023, she began incorporating AI-generated art into her work. Her digital art has been showcased globally, including Miami, USA, the Museum of Art & Photography, Bengaluru, and The 34 Gallery in collaboration with UN Volunteers.

She now creates content, book and comic illustrations, and runs her online art business via her website [Life11Mumbai](#)

APPENDIX – VI
PROFILES OF THE ARTISTS AND EXPERTS WORKING
ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ART
PROFILE – 1



Figure 76 Praveen Jadhav

Name of Interviewee:

PRAVEEN JADHAV

COO of The Iconic Metaride pvt.Ltd.,

Pune

Age: 52

Experience: 25 years

Sri Pravin Jadhav ji is COO of The Iconic Metaride pvt.Ltd. His Company uses the platform uses a revolutionary blockchain token economic system that combines the advantages of Defi and NFT and uses financial mechanisms and game systems to empower players.

According to him, the metaverse or NFT are the future, and all professions associated with it, such as artists or digital artists, 3d artists, and programmers, should accept this as the future and cooperate to improve it so that everyone can profit from it. This is the new world, or you might say virtual world, where everything that exists in the real world today will also exist there. This is the new way that artists can perform and make a good living.

PROFILE – 2



Figure 77 Ravi Singh

Name of Interviewee:

RAVI SINGH

Software Developer, Microland

Limited, Bangalore

Age: 31

Experience: 8 years

Ravi has completed his undergraduate studies at Nit trichy, and holds a master's degree in MA in animation and visual effects from Srishti institute of art, Design and technology.

As an experiential learner, Ravi loves to create and design experiences that users would love to use. He has a keen interest in user-centric design to enhance digital experiences. Ravi has experience with Figma, Adobe After Effects, Photoshop, and Illustrator. He is also skilled in web development technologies such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.

PROFILE – 3



Figure 78 Ketan M Deore

Name of Interviewee:

KETAN M DEORE

Director/Producer, CEO-KetRaj Fine

Art Gallery

Age: 45

Experience: 18 years

Ketan M Deore, a professional in animation, possesses an extensive sixteen-year blend of industry and academic expertise. Holding a Post-Graduation in Animation and pursuing a Ph.D., he has seamlessly transitioned through various roles across more than five distinguished universities. A notable highlight of his career is his pivotal role in guiding students to create award-winning short films. His directorial brilliance was evident in the acclaimed ‘ANU’, which clinched the Best Animated Short Film accolade at the 2019 International Film Festival in Nasik. Beyond mentoring, he has demonstrated his multifaceted talent as the Director, Producer, Actor, and Animator for India’s first graphics animation biopic film, produced under his banner, KetRaj Fine Art Gallery.

PROFILE – 4



Figure 79 Utkarsh Shukla

Name of Interviewee:

UTKARSH SHUKLA

CEO-ArrowAI Limited, Mumbai

Age: 42

Experience: 17 years

Utkarsh is an entrepreneur by heart and had been entrepreneurial from early on. He started my first venture while I was in third year of B.Tech. at IIT Kanpur. He spent the initial few years after my graduation to try out diverse things, to gain a rounded perspective, with a drive to understand the diversity of businesses, life and different perspectives of people, and to gain a first-hand experience of creating a enterprises and value.

He believe that it is possible to make money and creating a sustainable business while even serving the society, and bringing about collective upliftment as a society, and Technology can be a great enabler for that.

PROFILE – 5



Figure 80Rajesh Srivastava

Name of Interviewee:

Rajesh Srivastava

Software Engineer, Synapse India pvt.

Ltd, Noida

Age: 45

Experience: 13 years

Rajesh Srivastava is a Software Engineer at Synapse India Pvt. Ltd., Noida, with a deep passion for the intersection of technology and art. He believes that Blockchain and NFTs are revolutionizing the Indian art market by providing a secure, transparent way for artists to monetize their work while retaining ownership and earning royalties. His insights emphasize how digital platforms enable Indian artists to showcase their work globally without relying on traditional galleries.

With expertise in software development, Rajesh highlights the role of technology in contemporary art—from design tools and animation software to blockchain platforms and AI-driven generative art. He advocates for gradual integration of digital tools into artistic practice, encouraging artists to experiment with design software, coding, and NFT platforms.

APPENDIX – VII
INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS WITH CONTEMPROARY
ARTISTS
INTERVIEW – 1

Name of Interviewee:

PRAMOD KAMBLE

Studio: Ahemednagar, Maharashtra

Age: 60

Experience: 42 years



Figure 81 Interview with Pramod Kamble

1. Your work spans a wide range of mediums and themes. How do you see digital technology transforming the way contemporary art is created, shared, and consumed in India today?

Answer: Digital technology has become a revolutionary force in the art world, particularly in India. It has democratized access to art, allowing artists to showcase their work to a global audience without traditional barriers. For creators, digital tools provide new ways to express their ideas, whether through digital painting, animation, or virtual reality. Platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and NFT marketplaces are giving contemporary Indian art unprecedented visibility. This transformation is empowering artists and bridging the gap between traditional practices and modern mediums.

2. What inspired you to explore the intersection of digital mediums and traditional art forms in your research on contemporary Indian art?

Answer: My upbringing in a family deeply rooted in traditional art practices and my exposure to modern art education inspired me to explore this intersection. I see digital mediums as an opportunity to preserve and innovate traditional art. For instance, digitizing traditional sculptures or paintings ensures their longevity while making them accessible to a broader audience. My aim has always been to create a dialogue between heritage and innovation, and digital mediums are an ideal bridge for that.

3. India has a rich heritage of traditional art practices. How do you believe digital tools can coexist with or enhance these traditions?

Answer: Digital tools can enhance traditional art by preserving it and making it adaptable to modern contexts. For example, 3D modeling can replicate ancient sculptures for educational purposes, and augmented reality can bring traditional art forms like Madhubani painting to life in immersive ways. By integrating traditional motifs into digital mediums, we ensure these forms remain relevant to younger audiences while respecting their origins.

4. Could you share specific examples of how digital mediums have influenced your creative process or helped you convey messages in your artwork?

Answer: One example is the "Pride of the Nation" artwork. While it was created using traditional mediums, I later digitized parts of it to make it more accessible to people across the country. The digital version allowed me to share it on social media platforms, reaching audiences I never could have before. In my workshops, I often use digital tools to teach participants how traditional art can be adapted to eco-friendly practices, such as designing clay idols with software before sculpting them.

5. How do you think digital platforms and social media are reshaping the relationship between artists and their audiences in India?

Answer: Digital platforms and social media have eliminated the need for intermediaries. Artists can now connect directly with their audiences, receive instant feedback, and even sell their work globally. Social media has also allowed audiences to see the process behind the art, creating a deeper appreciation. For Indian artists, these platforms have been instrumental in showcasing their cultural heritage to a global audience, helping redefine contemporary Indian art on the world stage.

6. What challenges do Indian artists face in integrating digital mediums into their work, and how can these challenges be addressed?

Answer: The main challenges are access to resources, the cost of digital tools, and a lack of formal training. Many talented artists in rural India are unaware of how to use digital platforms to promote their work. To address this, we need more affordable tools, training programs, and workshops. Additionally, we must create awareness about how digital mediums can complement rather than replace traditional practices.

7. Your advocacy for eco-friendly Ganapati idols demonstrates your commitment to sustainable art practices. How can digital technologies support similar sustainability initiatives in contemporary art?

Answer: Digital technologies can play a significant role in promoting sustainable art. For instance, 3D printing can be used to create molds for eco-friendly idols, reducing waste and the need for harmful materials. Digital campaigns can raise awareness about the importance of sustainability in art, encouraging communities to adopt greener practices. By combining traditional methods with modern technology, we can make art both innovative and environmentally responsible.

8. As someone deeply rooted in both traditional and modern art practices, how do you

balance the use of digital mediums while staying true to your artistic philosophy?

Answer: For me, the balance lies in viewing digital mediums as tools, not replacements. My artistic philosophy centers around preserving and celebrating heritage, and digital tools help amplify that message. I use them to document, share, and reinterpret traditional practices, ensuring they remain relevant while staying authentic to their roots.

9. How do you envision the role of digital mediums in the future of art education and skill development for young artists in India?

Answer: Digital mediums will revolutionize art education in India by making learning more interactive and accessible. Online tutorials, virtual reality art classes, and AI-based tools can help students explore techniques that were once limited to physical classrooms. By integrating these tools with traditional art curriculums, we can provide young artists with a comprehensive education that prepares them for the future.

10. What advice would you give to emerging artists on leveraging digital tools while preserving the essence of India's cultural and artistic heritage?

Answer: My advice would be to embrace digital tools as a way to amplify your voice and reach a wider audience. However, never lose sight of the stories and values that make Indian art unique. Use technology to innovate, but always stay connected to your roots. Remember, technology should enhance your art, not overshadow it. Stay curious, keep learning, and find ways to make tradition resonate in contemporary times.

INTERVIEW – 2

Name of Interviewee:

DILIP CHAUBEY

Studio: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Age: 56

Experience: 30 years



Figure 82 Interview with Sri Dilip Chaubey ji on date 25 December 2022 at Pune, Maharashtra.

1. How do you view the impact of digital mediums on the evolution of contemporary art in India?

Answer: The digital medium has revolutionized contemporary art in India. It has blurred the lines between traditional and modern practices, offering tools that enable artists to explore creativity in ways previously unimaginable. With the proliferation of platforms like Instagram and NFT marketplaces, Indian artists now have direct access to a global audience, which has transformed how art is perceived, shared, and sold. This democratization has empowered creators to tell unique stories rooted in Indian culture while embracing global trends.

2. Having extensive experience in comics and character illustration, how has the digital medium influenced these fields in India?

Answer: Digital tools have been a game-changer for comic artists and illustrators. They have streamlined the creative process, allowing for faster iterations and higher-

quality outputs. Earlier, creating comics involved traditional hand-drawn techniques that were time-intensive. Now, software like Adobe Photoshop, Procreate, and Clip Studio Paint enables artists to experiment with layouts, colors, and effects effortlessly. Moreover, digital platforms allow for direct publishing and engagement with audiences, reviving interest in comics in India, which I aim to capitalize on through my venture.

3. What inspired you to explore the intersection of traditional Indian art forms and digital technology in your career?

Answer: My academic background from Banaras Hindu University instilled a deep respect for traditional Indian art forms, while my professional experiences abroad exposed me to cutting-edge digital tools and techniques. The intersection of these two worlds inspired me. I see digital mediums as a way to preserve and reinvent traditional art forms, making them relevant to the modern audience. Whether it's character design or collectible toys, my work always draws from India's cultural depth while using digital innovation to present it.

4. Can you share an example from your journey where digital mediums played a pivotal role in redefining your artistic process?

Answer: Certainly. During my time at Raj Comics, everything was created manually—pencils, inks, and colors. When I transitioned to DigiPen in the USA, I embraced digital tools for character design and illustration. This shift drastically improved the efficiency and quality of my work. For instance, creating a single comic panel that would take days traditionally could now be completed in hours with digital tools. This allowed me to focus on storytelling and visual dynamics, enhancing the overall experience.

5. What role do digital platforms play in reshaping how Indian artists engage with their audiences?

Answer: Digital platforms have completely transformed the relationship between artists and audiences. Previously, the reach of Indian artists was limited to galleries, exhibitions, or printed media. Today, platforms like Instagram, Behance, and YouTube allow artists to directly interact with their fans, showcase their work, and even monetize it. For example, through digital content and social media, my venture can connect directly with fans of Indian characters, creating a loyal community while bypassing traditional publishing hurdles.

6. How do you envision the revival of the Indian comic industry through the integration of digital mediums?

Answer: The revival of the Indian comic industry lies in combining traditional storytelling with digital innovation. Digital tools allow us to create high-quality artwork faster, while platforms like webtoons and apps provide instant distribution. Furthermore, NFTs and blockchain technology offer artists new ways to monetize their creations. My goal is to build a universe of Indian characters that resonate with modern audiences, using digital mediums to ensure these stories reach a global stage while keeping production sustainable.

7. As someone who has taught game design and fine arts in the USA, how do you see digital mediums impacting art education in India?

Answer: Digital mediums can make art education in India more immersive and inclusive. For instance, virtual reality (VR) can simulate gallery spaces, allowing students to explore art history interactively. Digital tools like drawing tablets and 3D modeling software make it easier to teach complex techniques. I see immense potential

in incorporating digital mediums into Indian art curriculums to better prepare students for a future where technology and art are deeply intertwined.

8. How do you balance the use of digital technology while staying true to Indian cultural and artistic heritage in your work?

Answer: The balance lies in keeping the essence of Indian culture at the core of my work. For example, my character designs are inspired by Indian mythology and history, but I use digital tools to modernize their look and appeal. It's about using technology to enhance storytelling, not replace tradition. My goal is to showcase India's cultural richness in a way that resonates with contemporary audiences globally.

INTERVIEW – 3

Name of Interviewee:

ADITYA CHARI

Studio: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Age: 48

Experience: 25 years



Figure 83 Interview with Sri Aditya Chari ji on date 25 March 2023 at Pune, Maharashtra.

1. How do you perceive the role of digital mediums in shaping contemporary art in India?

Answer: Digital mediums have certainly reshaped the landscape of contemporary art in India. They provide tools to enhance the artist's process and reach a global audience more easily. However, I believe technology is only a component of art—it cannot replace the artist. The soul of art lies in the artist's creativity, emotions, and technique, which no tool, no matter how advanced, can replicate. Digital tools are a means to amplify the artist's voice, not to replace it.

2. What inspired you to integrate digital tools into your artistic journey, and how do you balance it with traditional methods?

Answer: I started as a traditional artist, mastering sketching, painting, and character design. My transition to digital tools was driven by the need to keep up with evolving trends and industries like animation, gaming, and Bollywood. However, I always

ensure that my foundation—drawing and understanding anatomy, perspective, and composition—remains intact. Digital tools complement traditional methods but never replace the basics of art.

3. How do you feel technologies like AI and NFTs are influencing the art world, especially in India?

Answer: AI and NFTs are revolutionary in terms of their potential. AI can assist in automating repetitive tasks or generating references, but it lacks the human touch, emotion, and storytelling that an artist brings to their work. NFTs, on the other hand, offer artists a new platform for monetizing their work and connecting with collectors globally. Yet, the core principles of art—creativity, technique, and originality—remain unchanged. These technologies are tools, not substitutes.

4. Having worked on Bollywood projects like Bahubali and Rang Rasiya, how have digital mediums contributed to your work in the film industry?

Answer: In films like Bahubali and Rang Rasiya, digital tools were indispensable. They allowed for seamless integration of my concept designs with the larger vision of the directors. From creating detailed character designs to visualizing entire worlds, digital tools made the process faster and more collaborative. However, the foundation—sketching characters, visualizing personalities, and storytelling—was always rooted in traditional art principles.

5. What do you think sets a digitally skilled artist apart from someone relying solely on technology?

Answer: A digitally skilled artist understands the basics of art—composition, anatomy, storytelling, and perspective. They use digital tools to enhance their work, not as a

crutch. On the other hand, someone who relies solely on technology may produce visually appealing work, but it often lacks depth, soul, and originality. Mastery of fundamentals is what truly sets an artist apart.

6. How do you think digital mediums can be used to preserve traditional Indian art forms?

Answer: Digital mediums can play a significant role in documenting and promoting traditional Indian art forms. For example, we can digitize intricate folk art like Madhubani or Warli paintings to ensure they are accessible to global audiences. Additionally, digital tools can help reinterpret these traditional forms in a modern context, keeping them relevant while honoring their origins. But the essence of these forms must always come from an understanding of their roots.

7. What challenges do you think Indian artists face in adapting to digital mediums?

Answer: The biggest challenges are access to resources and a lack of proper training. Many talented artists, especially in rural areas, are unfamiliar with digital tools and platforms. Additionally, there's a misconception that digital art is easier, which undermines the value of the artist's skill. To overcome this, there needs to be a stronger emphasis on foundational art education, combined with workshops and training in digital tools.

8. As an illustrator and concept artist, how do you approach storytelling in the digital age?

Answer: Storytelling remains at the heart of my work, regardless of the medium. In the digital age, the tools I use—be it Photoshop, Blender, or Procreate—allow me to create more immersive and detailed visuals. However, the storytelling process itself

hasn't changed. It still begins with an idea, sketches, and a strong narrative. Technology just enables me to bring my vision to life more effectively.

9. How do you see the future of digital mediums influencing the next generation of Indian artists?

Answer: The next generation will likely be more digitally savvy, but it's important they don't lose sight of the basics. Digital tools will continue to evolve, making art creation faster and more accessible. However, I believe the artists who will truly stand out are those who combine solid traditional skills with digital innovation. Art will always need the human element, no matter how advanced the tools become.

INTERVIEW – 4

Name of Interviewee:

VISHAL WADAYE

Studio: Vishwakarma Creations, Pune

Age: 46

Experience: 23 years

1. How do you perceive the role of digital mediums in reshaping contemporary art in India?

Answer: The role of digital mediums in contemporary art is transformative. Over the past decade, digital tools and platforms have completely redefined how artists create, share, and monetize their work. In India, this shift is particularly significant because it allows artists to merge traditional forms with modern technology, creating a hybrid language that appeals to global audiences. Digital platforms provide artists with the opportunity to reach beyond galleries and exhibitions, directly engaging with collectors, critics, and art lovers across the world. However, I believe that while the medium evolves, the core of art—its emotional depth and conceptual strength—remains rooted in the artist’s creativity and vision.

2. With your experience at Studio Vishwakarma Creations, how do you integrate traditional art practices with digital tools?

Answer: At Studio Vishwakarma Creations, our philosophy revolves around preserving the authenticity of traditional art forms while exploring the possibilities digital tools bring. For instance, we often use digital mediums like Procreate, Photoshop, and Blender for ideation, visualizations, and mock-ups. These tools allow

us to experiment with compositions, colors, and forms without limitations. However, the execution often relies on traditional techniques—be it oil painting, sculpture, or mixed media. Digital tools are part of our process, but they serve to complement, not replace, the craftsmanship and heritage inherent in traditional Indian art.

3. Artificial Intelligence (AI) art is gaining popularity. What are your thoughts on its influence on contemporary art?

Answer: AI art is an exciting yet polarizing development. On one hand, AI provides tools that allow for rapid experimentation and innovation. Algorithms can generate patterns, suggest compositions, and even create entire artworks based on specific inputs. This opens up new creative possibilities for artists. However, it also raises questions about authorship and originality. Can a piece generated by AI truly be considered art if the human touch is minimal?

4. How do you think digital mediums and AI are influencing the accessibility and democratization of art in India?

Answer: Digital mediums and AI have made art more accessible than ever. In India, artists from even the most remote regions can now showcase their work to a global audience through platforms like Instagram, Behance, or NFT marketplaces. Digital tools lower the barriers to entry, allowing emerging artists to create and share without the traditional hurdles of gallery representation or expensive materials.

5. What challenges do Indian artists face in adopting digital mediums, and how can they overcome these challenges?

Answer: One of the biggest challenges Indian artists face is the lack of infrastructure and access to affordable technology. Many talented artists, especially in smaller towns

and rural areas, are unfamiliar with digital tools or unable to afford them. There's also a gap in education—traditional art schools in India often don't focus enough on digital mediums, leaving students unprepared for the demands of the contemporary art world.

6. How do you see the future of AI and digital mediums influencing the evolution of art in India over the next decade?

Answer: The future of art in India will be deeply intertwined with digital mediums and AI, but the essence of Indian art—its storytelling and cultural depth—will remain unchanged. Over the next decade, I expect to see a rise in hybrid art forms that combine digital and traditional techniques. AI tools will become more sophisticated, offering artists new ways to create immersive experiences through augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR).

7. What advice would you give to emerging Indian artists about integrating digital mediums and AI into their practice?

Answer: My advice is to embrace digital mediums and AI, but never lose sight of the basics. Start by mastering traditional skills like drawing, composition, and color theory, as these form the foundation of any great artwork. Once you're confident in your fundamentals, explore digital tools and experiment with AI to enhance your creativity.

INTERVIEW – 5

Name of Interviewee:

PROF. ABHAY DWIVEDI

Studio: Gurukul, Kanpur

Age: 80

Experience: 56 years

1. How do you perceive the impact of digital mediums on contemporary art in India?

Answer: Digital mediums have certainly brought significant changes to contemporary art in India. They provide tools for artists to explore new ways of expression and make their work more accessible. However, I believe that digital mediums should be viewed as tools rather than a replacement for the essence of art. The soul of art lies in the artist's vision, creativity, and emotional depth, which no software or digital medium can replicate. While digital mediums can enhance art, they cannot replace the authenticity and originality of traditional practices.

2. As a retired professor and head of the Department of Painting, how do you feel digital tools align with the fundamentals of art education?

Answer: Art education is rooted in the understanding of fundamentals like drawing, color theory, composition, and the human form. These are skills that require the human touch and personal engagement. Digital tools can assist students in visualizing and experimenting with ideas, but they should not replace the hands-on learning that comes with traditional methods. My concern is that over-reliance on digital tools might cause students to lose touch with the basics of art-making, which are essential for any artist's growth.

3. What is your opinion on the role of AI in art?

Answer: AI cannot and should not compete with the human mind. First of all, as it is called "artificial," it can never be compared with the "original" because it is not real—it is programmed. Art is not just about creating something visually appealing; it is about conveying emotions, telling a story, and connecting with the viewer on a human level. AI lacks the ability to feel, to think independently, or to express emotions. It merely processes data and follows algorithms. To me, AI art is a technical output, not true art.

4. Why do you not support AI art, given its growing popularity in the contemporary art world?

Answer: I do not support AI art because it lacks authenticity and originality. Art is a deeply personal process where the artist brings their experiences, emotions, and individuality into their work. AI cannot replicate that—it can only mimic patterns and styles. While some may argue that AI art is innovative, I feel it diminishes the value of true artistic expression. We must remember that the beauty of art lies in its imperfections, its human touch, and its ability to convey something profound.

5. How do you feel digital platforms and tools are influencing the art market in India?

Answer: Digital platforms and tools have certainly broadened the reach of artists, enabling them to connect with a wider audience and sell their work directly to collectors. This is a positive development as it democratizes the art market and gives emerging artists a platform. However, I worry that this ease of access might lead to an oversaturation of art that prioritizes quantity over quality. As an artist, it is essential to maintain integrity and focus on creating meaningful work rather than merely catering

to trends.

6. What challenges do you think Indian artists face in adapting to digital mediums?

Answer: The biggest challenge is the misconception that digital art is easier or requires less skill than traditional art. This undermines the importance of foundational knowledge and craftsmanship. Additionally, access to resources and training is a significant barrier for many artists in India, especially those in rural areas. To overcome this, there needs to be a balanced approach where digital tools are introduced as a complement to traditional methods, not a replacement.

7. How do you think digital mediums can coexist with traditional art forms without overshadowing them?

Answer: The key is balance. Digital mediums should be seen as tools to enhance and preserve traditional art forms, not replace them. For example, digital tools can be used to document traditional Indian art styles like Madhubani or miniature paintings, ensuring they are not lost to time. Artists can also use digital platforms to reinterpret traditional themes in a contemporary context. However, it is crucial to prioritize the preservation of traditional techniques and the human touch that defines them.

8. How do you see the future of contemporary art in India, given the rise of digital mediums and AI?

Answer: The future of contemporary art in India will undoubtedly involve digital mediums and AI, but I hope it will remain grounded in the country's rich artistic heritage. Artists should use these tools to innovate and expand their reach, but they must also stay true to their roots. My fear is that over-dependence on technology might dilute the authenticity of art. The challenge for the next generation will be to find a

harmonious balance between tradition and technology.

9. What advice would you give to young artists regarding the use of digital mediums and AI in their work?

Answer: My advice is simple: focus on mastering the basics first. Learn to draw, paint, and understand the principles of art before turning to digital tools. Remember that technology is only a tool—it cannot create the depth, emotion, or originality that comes from the artist's mind. Use digital mediums wisely and as a way to enhance your work, but never let them overshadow your personal creativity. Most importantly, stay connected to the cultural and emotional essence of art, which is what makes it timeless.

INTERVIEW – 6

Name of Interviewee:

PROF. AROOP DWIVEDI

Studio: MIT ADT University, Pune

Age: 48

Experience: 20 years

1. How do you perceive the role of digital mediums in reshaping contemporary art in India?

Answer: Digital mediums have revolutionized contemporary art in India by expanding its boundaries and enabling new forms of creative expression. They provide tools that were unimaginable a few decades ago, allowing artists to experiment and innovate. For instance, in animation and filmmaking, digital tools have streamlined workflows, enhanced visual storytelling, and made production more efficient. However, I believe that while digital mediums add immense value, the essence of art still lies in human creativity and storytelling, which no tool can replicate.

2. As a professional animator and filmmaker, how have digital tools influenced your creative process?

Answer: Digital tools have been a game-changer in animation and filmmaking. They allow me to visualize ideas more quickly, iterate easily, and bring concepts to life with precision. For example, 3D modeling software and animation tools like Blender or Maya enable me to create complex worlds and characters that would be difficult with traditional methods. That said, I always emphasize that these tools are just extensions of the artist's mind. The creativity, emotions, and ideas behind the work still come

from human effort and imagination.

3. What is your opinion on the use of AI in art, particularly in animation and filmmaking?

Answer: AI is a fascinating tool, and I use it to a certain extent in my work. It can assist in tasks like generating textures, creating background elements, or automating repetitive processes in animation. However, AI should not replace the artist's role. Art, especially animation and filmmaking, is about storytelling, emotions, and human connection. While AI can enhance the process, it cannot replicate the nuances of human creativity or the intentionality behind every frame or scene. I see AI as a collaborator, not a creator.

4. How do you balance traditional techniques with the use of digital and AI tools in your work?

Answer: Balancing traditional techniques with digital tools is crucial for maintaining authenticity in my work. For example, while I use digital tools for animation and filmmaking, I ensure that the foundational aspects, like storyboarding, character design, and storytelling, are rooted in traditional methods. These provide the framework upon which digital tools can build. AI and digital tools help refine and expedite the process, but they cannot substitute the thought and creativity that go into the core of the project.

5. How do you think digital platforms are reshaping the way contemporary art and animation are shared and consumed in India?

Answer: Digital platforms have democratized the art and animation space, allowing creators to reach global audiences without intermediaries. Platforms like YouTube,

Instagram, and OTT services have become essential for sharing work, be it short films, animations, or digital art. For Indian artists, this is a tremendous opportunity to showcase their talent and tell stories that resonate with diverse audiences. However, this accessibility also comes with the challenge of standing out in a crowded space, which requires not just technical skills but also originality and compelling storytelling.

6. What challenges do Indian animators and filmmakers face in adopting digital and AI tools, and how can they overcome them?

Answer: One of the biggest challenges is the lack of access to advanced technology and training, especially in smaller cities. Many talented individuals don't have the resources or exposure to explore digital tools and AI. Another challenge is the misconception that digital tools can replace skill and creativity. To overcome these challenges, institutions like ours at MIT Art and Design University must focus on providing both foundational art education and hands-on training in advanced tools. Mentorship programs and collaborations with industry professionals can also help bridge this gap.

7. How do you see the future of animation and filmmaking in India, given the growing influence of digital mediums and AI?

Answer: The future is incredibly promising. With digital mediums and AI, Indian animation and filmmaking are poised to reach new heights in terms of quality and global appeal. AI will continue to streamline processes, enabling artists to focus more on creativity and storytelling. However, I believe the heart of these industries will always remain human-driven. Indian creators have a wealth of cultural stories and heritage to draw from, and blending this richness with cutting-edge technology will create a unique space for Indian animation and filmmaking on the global stage.

INTERVIEW – 7

Name of Interviewee:

PROF. SONALI K CHAKRABARTI

Studio: MIT ADT University, Pune

Age: 48

Experience: 20 years

1. How has AI impacted your approach to creating art, particularly within the context of Indian culture and mythology?

Answer: AI has completely transformed my approach to art. As an AI artist, I use tools like Bing AI to explore visual interpretations of Indian culture, mythology, and gods. The speed and versatility of AI allow me to experiment with ideas and aesthetics that might take weeks to achieve traditionally. AI provides me with a unique way to reinterpret ancient Indian stories and cultural symbols, making them relevant to contemporary audiences. However, while AI helps in generating visual concepts, the creativity and direction always come from me as the artist.

2. What inspired you to work with AI in art, and how has it shaped your artistic journey?

Answer: I was initially drawn to AI because of its ability to create complex and intricate visuals in a short span of time. The technology's ability to adapt and evolve based on prompts intrigued me. Working with AI has allowed me to push boundaries and explore themes in Indian mythology and culture in ways I hadn't imagined before. It has been a fascinating journey to see how technology can collaborate with my creative vision to produce something truly unique.

3. How do you incorporate Indian mythology and culture into your AI-generated art?

Answer: Indian mythology and culture are rich with stories, symbols, and vibrant visuals, which are perfect for artistic exploration. When using AI, I provide detailed prompts that describe elements like characters, settings, and emotions based on the mythological narrative I'm working on. For instance, if I'm creating an artwork of Lord Krishna, I'll guide the AI to include elements like the flute, peacock feathers, and the aura of divinity while ensuring it aligns with traditional depictions. I see AI as a tool to amplify and modernize the representation of these timeless stories.

4. What challenges do you face when working with AI to create art?

Answer: One of the biggest challenges is ensuring that the output aligns with my creative vision. AI often generates results based on patterns and data, which means the outputs might lack emotional depth or cultural accuracy. For example, Indian mythology has specific symbolism, and sometimes the AI-generated visuals miss the nuances. As an artist, it's my responsibility to refine and tweak the results to ensure they stay true to the essence of the subject. Another challenge is the misconception that AI art is "effortless," which undermines the creative process behind it.

5. How do you respond to criticism that AI art lacks the emotional depth and originality of human-made art?

Answer: This is a valid concern, but I believe it depends on how AI is used. AI is a tool, not a replacement for creativity. The emotional depth and originality in AI art come from the artist guiding it. For instance, in my work, I bring my understanding of Indian mythology and my artistic vision to the process, ensuring that the final piece reflects a human story. While AI assists in execution, the emotion and intent behind

the artwork remain uniquely mine.

6. How do you think AI is shaping the future of contemporary art in India?

Answer: AI is opening up new possibilities for contemporary art in India. It allows artists to experiment with styles, techniques, and concepts that were previously inaccessible. For artists working on Indian themes, AI can help reinterpret traditional art forms in a modern context, making them more appealing to younger audiences. However, I also believe that AI is not a substitute for traditional art—it's a complement. The future will likely see a blend of both, where artists use AI to innovate while staying rooted in their cultural and artistic heritage.

7. How do you ensure that your AI-generated art stays true to the cultural and spiritual essence of Indian mythology?

Answer: Maintaining cultural and spiritual authenticity is very important to me. Before creating a piece, I conduct thorough research on the mythological subject, understanding its symbols, stories, and historical context. When working with AI, I provide specific prompts and ensure that the results align with traditional depictions. If the output misses the mark, I refine it further. The final artwork is a combination of AI-generated visuals and my own artistic judgment, ensuring it stays true to the essence of Indian mythology.

8. What advice would you give to emerging artists who want to explore AI as a medium for their work?

Answer: My advice would be to embrace AI as a tool but never let it overshadow your creativity and vision. Start by understanding the basics of art—composition, color theory, and storytelling—because these skills are essential no matter the medium.

When working with AI, be intentional with your prompts and direction, and always add your unique perspective to the output. Most importantly, use AI to explore and experiment, but stay connected to the themes and stories you are passionate about. For me, that passion is Indian culture and mythology, and I encourage others to find their own unique voice in this evolving medium.

INTERVIEW – 8

Name of Interviewee:

PRAVEEN JADHAV

COO of The Iconic Metaride pvt.Ltd., Pune

Age: 52

Experience: 25 years

1. How do you see the role of blockchain and NFTs in shaping the future of contemporary art in India?

Answer: Blockchain and NFTs are revolutionizing the art world by providing artists with new ways to monetize their work and directly connect with collectors. In India, where contemporary art is thriving, these technologies are a game changer. NFTs offer transparency, authenticity, and a global platform for artists to showcase their talent. This removes the reliance on traditional intermediaries like galleries. For Indian artists, it's an opportunity to blend cultural and modern themes while tapping into a global audience and creating sustainable revenue streams.

2. What opportunities do the metaverse and NFTs bring to Indian artists and digital creators?

Answer: The metaverse and NFTs provide immense opportunities for Indian artists and digital creators to explore new markets and audiences. The virtual world mimics the real one, allowing artists to create galleries, perform live exhibitions, and even sell digital art as NFTs. Artists can now earn royalties on secondary sales, something that

wasn't possible with traditional mediums. For digital creators, the possibilities are endless—creating avatars, designing spaces, and building interactive experiences. The metaverse bridges the gap between creativity and commerce in a way that empowers artists like never before.

3. How do you think the adoption of blockchain and NFT technologies can empower traditional and contemporary Indian artists?

Answer: Blockchain and NFTs allow traditional and contemporary Indian artists to safeguard the authenticity of their work while reaching a global audience. For instance, a traditional Indian artist working on Madhubani or Warli paintings can digitize their creations and sell them as NFTs. This not only preserves their work but also creates a digital record of ownership, ensuring artists receive recognition and royalties. Contemporary artists can explore mixed media formats by combining physical and digital art, further enriching their creative potential.

4. What challenges do Indian artists face when transitioning to digital mediums like blockchain and NFTs, and how can they overcome them?

Answer: The primary challenges are awareness, education, and accessibility. Many Indian artists, particularly traditional ones, are unfamiliar with blockchain technology and how NFTs work. There's also a learning curve in understanding how to create and sell NFTs or participate in the metaverse. To overcome this, artists need access to educational programs, workshops, and platforms that simplify the process. Companies like ours are focused on building user-friendly tools and ecosystems where artists can onboard easily and start exploring these digital mediums.

5. How do you envision the metaverse becoming a new space for art and creativity?

Answer: The metaverse is the future of art and creativity, offering endless possibilities for expression. Artists can create immersive experiences, design digital galleries, and interact with their audiences in real time. For example, an Indian artist can create a virtual Durga Puja installation in the metaverse, allowing people worldwide to experience the festival. This opens up avenues for storytelling, cultural exchange, and artistic innovation. The metaverse isn't just a space to showcase art—it's a new medium for creating art.

6. What advice would you give to artists and creators looking to explore blockchain, NFTs, and the metaverse?

Answer: My advice is to start small and experiment. Begin by learning the basics of blockchain and how NFTs work. Understand how the metaverse operates and its potential for showcasing art. Collaborate with platforms and communities that can guide you in this space. Most importantly, stay authentic to your artistic vision. These technologies are tools to amplify your creativity, not replace it. Embrace the digital revolution while staying rooted in your identity and passion as an artist. This is the future, and those who adapt will thrive.

INTERVIEW – 9

Name of Interviewee:

RAVI SINGH

Software Developer, Microland Limited, Bangalore

Age: 31

Experience: 8 years

1. How do you think AI and digital mediums are influencing contemporary art in India?

Answer: AI and digital mediums are transforming contemporary art by introducing efficiency and innovation into the creative process. Artists are now able to visualize and execute their ideas faster, experiment with different styles, and reach global audiences through digital platforms. In India, this is particularly impactful because it bridges the gap between traditional art forms and modern technology. AI allows artists to automate repetitive tasks, explore generative art, and push creative boundaries. However, the soul of art still lies in the artist's imagination and creativity, which technology merely amplifies.

2. As a software developer specializing in AI, how do you see the role of AI in the creative process of art?

Answer: AI is a tool that empowers artists by providing them with new capabilities. For instance, generative AI can create patterns, suggest compositions, or even simulate artistic styles, allowing artists to focus on refining their vision. Tools like Stable Diffusion or Bing AI help artists iterate on their ideas quickly. That said, AI cannot replace the emotional and conceptual depth an artist brings to their work. I see AI as a collaborator in the creative process, offering possibilities that were once considered

impossible.

3. How can AI and software development support Indian artists in preserving traditional art forms?

Answer: AI and software can play a critical role in preserving and promoting traditional Indian art forms. For example, machine learning algorithms can be used to digitize and catalog ancient art styles like Madhubani or Pattachitra, ensuring they are not lost over time. AI can also assist in creating modern interpretations of these forms, making them accessible to younger audiences. Moreover, AI tools can generate educational content or interactive platforms, allowing users to learn and appreciate the rich heritage of Indian art.

4. What challenges do Indian artists face when integrating AI and digital mediums into their work, and how can these challenges be addressed?

Answer: The primary challenges are a lack of awareness, accessibility, and technical knowledge. Many artists, especially those from traditional backgrounds, are unfamiliar with digital tools and AI software. There's also a perception that using AI diminishes the value of art, which isn't true. To address these challenges, we need more training programs and workshops tailored to artists. Affordable tools and platforms designed for Indian creators can help bridge this gap, enabling them to explore AI and digital mediums without fear of losing their artistic essence.

5. How do you think digital platforms and AI-based tools are reshaping the art market in India?

Answer: Digital platforms and AI-based tools have democratized the art market by removing traditional barriers. Artists no longer need galleries or agents to showcase

their work; they can directly connect with audiences and collectors through platforms like Instagram, Behance, or NFT marketplaces. AI tools also allow artists to experiment with new styles, making their work stand out in a competitive market. In India, this has opened up opportunities for both emerging and established artists, enabling them to monetize their work and reach global audiences.

6. What advice would you give to Indian artists and creators looking to incorporate AI and digital tools into their art?

Answer: My advice would be to embrace AI and digital tools as extensions of your creativity. Start by learning the basics—understand how these technologies work and experiment with small projects. Focus on integrating them into your creative process rather than replacing traditional methods entirely. Stay true to your artistic vision and use technology to enhance, not overshadow, your unique style. Lastly, collaborate with technologists and developers to explore how AI can open new doors for your art. The future is digital, and those who adapt will thrive in this evolving landscape.

INTERVIEW – 10

Name of Interviewee:

KETAN M DEORE

Director/Producer, CEO-KetRaj Fine Art Gallery

Age: 45

Experience: 18 years

1. How do you see the relationship between traditional art forms and digital mediums in contemporary art?

Answer: Art, in any form, remains art, regardless of the tools used to create it. Traditional and digital mediums are not competitors but collaborators. As a filmmaker and CEO of KetRaj Fine Art Gallery, I see immense potential in combining the two. The beauty lies in how we blend traditional techniques with modern digital tools to tell stories and create impactful works of art. The key is not about choosing one over the other but finding the balance that allows us to provide something meaningful to the world.

2. What inspired you to embrace both traditional and digital art techniques in your work as a filmmaker?

Answer: Filmmaking inherently combines various art forms—storytelling, painting, photography, music, and more. Over time, I realized that digital tools enhance the creative process by allowing us to visualize and execute our ideas more efficiently. Traditional techniques, on the other hand, bring depth and authenticity. My inspiration comes from the challenge of merging these two approaches to create something unique and impactful. Whether it's a film or an artwork, the integration of both mediums

allows us to push creative boundaries.

3. How do you think digital mediums are influencing the filmmaking and art industry in India?

Answer: Digital mediums have revolutionized filmmaking and the art industry in India by making the creative process faster, more cost-effective, and accessible to a wider audience. Tools like CGI, digital painting, and animation have opened up new possibilities in visual storytelling. Filmmakers can now create worlds and visuals that were previously unimaginable. In the art world, digital platforms have given artists a global stage to showcase their work. This is particularly important in India, where we have a rich heritage of art that can now reach a global audience.

4. As a producer and director, how do you integrate digital art into your film projects?

Answer: Digital art plays a crucial role in my film projects, from pre-production to post-production. During pre-production, digital tools help in storyboarding and visualizing scenes. In production, techniques like CGI, green screens, and digital effects allow us to create visuals that enhance storytelling. Post-production relies heavily on digital tools for editing, color grading, and special effects. However, even with these advancements, the foundation of any project lies in the creative vision and storytelling, which remains rooted in traditional principles of art and filmmaking.

5. What is your perspective on the evolving role of technology in art and filmmaking?

Answer: Technology is not just a tool; it's a catalyst for innovation in art and filmmaking. Over time, new techniques will continue to emerge, and it's our responsibility to embrace and utilize them effectively. However, technology should not overshadow the emotional and creative aspects of art. The role of technology is to

enhance, not replace, the artist's imagination. By accepting and adapting to these changes, we can produce world-class art that resonates with audiences worldwide.

6. How do you ensure that the essence of traditional art is preserved when incorporating digital techniques?

Answer: Preserving the essence of traditional art requires understanding its roots and respecting its cultural significance. When incorporating digital techniques, I ensure that the core message, story, or emotion of the work remains intact. For example, in a film, while digital tools may enhance visuals, the characters, narrative, and emotional depth are grounded in traditional storytelling. Similarly, in art, digital tools can complement traditional techniques, but they should never overshadow the artist's personal touch and creativity.

7. What challenges do you think Indian artists and filmmakers face in adopting digital mediums, and how can they overcome them?

Answer: The primary challenges are access to technology, the cost of advanced tools, and the learning curve associated with digital techniques. Many talented artists and filmmakers in India lack exposure to these tools or the resources to use them effectively. To overcome these challenges, we need to provide affordable access to technology, create training programs, and foster collaborations between traditional and digital artists. Mentorship and workshops can also play a significant role in helping creators adapt to this evolving landscape.

INTERVIEW – 11

Name of Interviewee:

UTKARSH SHUKLA

CEO-ArrowAI Limited, Mumbai

Age: 42

Experience: 17 years

1. What advice would you give to Indian artists and creators looking to explore AI and digital tools?

Answer: My advice is to embrace AI as a partner, not a competitor. Start by exploring basic tools and gradually integrate AI into your workflow. Focus on building a strong foundation in art and storytelling, as these skills will always be relevant. Experiment with AI and digital mediums to find new ways of expressing your ideas, but stay authentic to your style. Most importantly, be open to learning and adapting, as the future of art lies at the intersection of creativity and technology.

2. What steps is ArrowAI Limited taking to support artists and creators in leveraging AI for their work?

Answer: At ArrowAI, we're focused on building tools and platforms that make AI accessible to artists and creators. We provide AI-powered solutions that simplify tasks like image generation, editing, and animation. Additionally, we conduct workshops and training sessions to help artists understand how AI can enhance their creative process. Our goal is to create a collaborative ecosystem where technology and creativity intersect, empowering artists to innovate while staying true to their artistic vision.

3. How do you envision the role of AI and digital mediums in the Indian art market over the next decade?

Answer: Over the next decade, AI and digital mediums will transform the Indian art market. We'll see a rise in generative art, AI-assisted design, and virtual exhibitions. NFTs and blockchain technology will further revolutionize the way art is bought and sold, offering transparency and royalties for artists. Indian artists will have greater opportunities to showcase their work globally, blending traditional art with modern technology. AI will also play a significant role in creating personalized art experiences for consumers, making art more interactive and engaging.

4. How do you respond to concerns that AI might replace human creativity in art?

Answer: AI cannot replace human creativity; it can only enhance it. Art is inherently human—it is about emotion, expression, and perspective, which AI lacks. AI is a tool, a collaborator that can assist in generating ideas, suggesting compositions, or automating repetitive tasks. The creativity, storytelling, and emotional depth in art will always come from the human artist. At ArrowAI, we emphasize the idea that AI should empower artists, not replace them. It is there to support the creative process, not redefine it.

5. What challenges do Indian artists face when adopting AI and digital tools, and how can they overcome these challenges?

Answer: The biggest challenges are access to resources, technical knowledge, and a lack of awareness about AI's capabilities. Many artists, especially those in rural areas, may find it intimidating to learn and adopt new tools. To overcome this, we need to focus on education and training. At ArrowAI, we're working on creating user-friendly

tools and platforms that simplify the integration of AI into the creative process. Additionally, collaborations between technologists and artists can help bridge the gap and inspire confidence in the use of digital mediums.

6. How can AI and digital tools help preserve and promote Indian cultural art forms?

Answer: AI can play a significant role in preserving Indian cultural art forms by digitizing them and ensuring their longevity. For instance, traditional forms like Warli, or Kalamkari can be scanned and recreated digitally, allowing for easy sharing and preservation. AI can also analyze patterns and styles to create modern adaptations that appeal to contemporary audiences. Moreover, AI-powered platforms can create immersive experiences that bring Indian art and culture to a global audience, bridging the gap between tradition and innovation.

7. What inspired you to integrate AI into the creative process at ArrowAI Limited?

Answer: At ArrowAI, we are constantly looking for ways to push the boundaries of what AI can do. Art and creativity are areas where AI can have a profound impact. The inspiration came from the realization that AI can empower creators by handling time-consuming tasks, such as generating patterns, editing, or simulating complex visuals, so they can focus on ideation and storytelling. By integrating AI into the creative process, we aim to make art more accessible and innovative while supporting artists in their journey.

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATION – 1

Journal indexing: Scopus

Type of paper: Research

Journal Name: CUESTIONES DE FISIOTERAPIA

ISSN Number: 1135-8599

Title of the Paper - ENHANCING ART THERAPY WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAUMA RECOVERY

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ABSTRACT :

This research explores the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into art therapy to enhance trauma recovery. Leveraging AI's capabilities in image analysis and emotion recognition, we developed a framework that provides personalized feedback and insights to both therapists and clients. For instance, AI algorithms analyzed artwork for patterns indicative of emotional distress, mirroring techniques used in studies showing art's efficacy in PTSD symptom reduction (e.g., Malchiodi, 2012). We conducted a pilot study with 30 participants diagnosed with PTSD, using AI-enhanced art therapy sessions. Preliminary results indicate a significant reduction in trauma symptoms, measured via standardized scales, compared to traditional art therapy. The AI's ability to identify subtle emotional cues, such as color choices and brushstroke intensity, facilitated deeper therapeutic conversations. This approach demonstrates the potential of AI to personalize and amplify the benefits of art therapy for trauma survivors.

PUBLICATION – 2

Journal indexing: Scopus

Type of paper: Research

Journal Name: NANOTECHNOLOGY PERCEPTIONS

ISSN Number: 1660-6795

Title of the Paper - A STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF POST COVID IMPACT ON THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT :

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented previously unheard-of difficulties for India's entertainment sector, which includes live performances, digital streaming services, movies, television shows, and music. The goal of this research study is to examine the significant effects of the pandemic on the Indian entertainment sector by looking at changes in customer behavior, production methods, distribution tactics, and the overall state of the economy. This report examines possible recovery and growth plans and provides insights into the changing dynamics of the industry following the COVID-19 pandemic through an extensive analysis that includes data analysis, case studies, and expert comments.

PUBLICATION – 3

Journal indexing: Scopus

Type of paper: Research

**Journal Name: INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS
AND APPLICATIONS IN ENGINEERING**

ISSN Number: 2147-6799

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EXPLORES UNEXPLORED AREAS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN ART**

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ABSTRACT :

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India has become a prominent influence in diverse domains, and its entry into the domain of art is transforming the landscape of modern Indian art. The integration of AI into this domain represents not just a technological advancement, but also a cultural transformation that delves into unexplored realms of artistic creativity. Indian artists are using AI to explore culturally significant subjects and incorporate traditional artistic components into AI-generated processes. This combination has not only aided in the conservation of cultural heritage but has also brought these traditional forms to a worldwide audience through an innovative and technologically advanced media. This study explores the impact of AI on modern Indian art by combining traditional techniques with innovative digital methods. It affects the artistic identity and disrupts the established standards of the traditional art market. Indian contemporary art is a lively and ever-changing field that mirrors the varied socio-cultural landscape of present-day India. The development of virtual intelligence in modern art encompasses a diverse range of styles and manifestations, influenced by the country's cultural heritage and the effects of globalization. Indian contemporary artists employ a diverse array of mediums such as painting, sculpture,

installation, video, and performance art. This wide range of variability enables a comprehensive examination of various ideas and expressions. Artists in India frequently explore and tackle both global and local themes in their artistic creations. Themes such as globalization, migration, environmental problems, gender roles, and identity politics are commonly examined, typically combined with local narratives and aesthetics. This thesis also examines the impact of artificial intelligence on unexplored areas of contemporary Indian art, namely in the realms of digital and media art, art in rural contexts, ecological art, new media and post-internet art.

PUBLICATION – 4

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Type of paper: Book Chapter

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ABSTRACT :

Contemporary Indian art is quickly embracing digital art as a legitimate medium. Art, sculptures, and paintings now have a whole new perspective thanks to this ground-breaking idea. Artists use digital technology to create this work of art, which is then updated by computer software on a regular basis. As a result, the lines between design and art are now clearly defined. Digital art is created by combining human brilliance with computer technology.

Technology-based paintings have become increasingly popular among young artists. Art has become increasingly diverse as a result of technological advancements, as evidenced by this trend. It is safe to say that the digital revolution has succeeded in revealing new facets of modern art. Social media now has a significant influence on society, and the digital art world has been gradually expanding. And Instagram has significantly increased in size. There is a demand for innovation in the media itself. Rewriting a chunk of code, for instance, where the innovation is in the coding itself recognizing how easily technology can be modified and turned into poetry is the artist's goal. In that way, the Indian art scene is rather quiet. A new generation of artists is displayed in the inaugural digital art expo in Asia.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

The Growing Trends in Indian Contemporary Art from Brush strokes to Pixels.

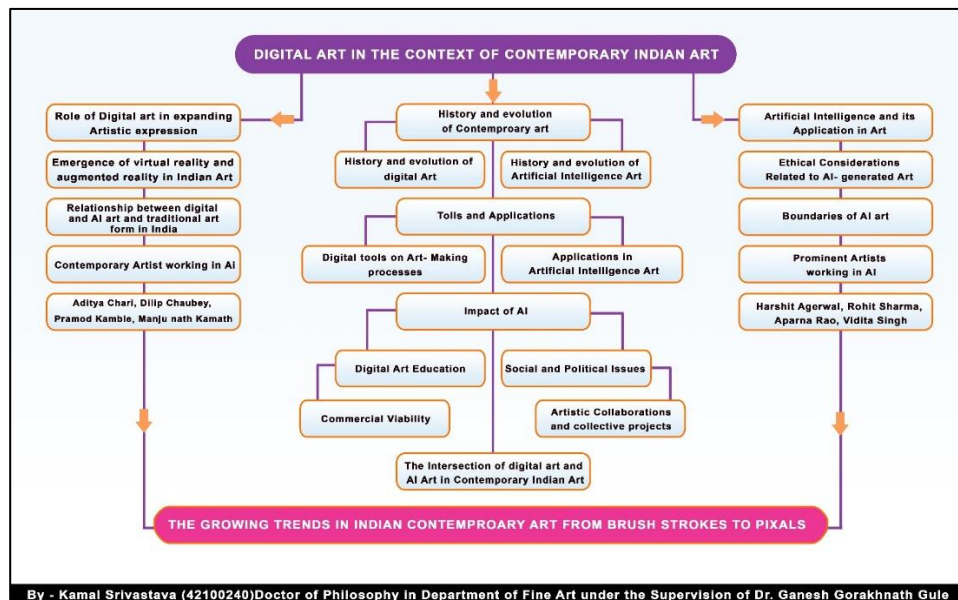
New trends in Indian modern art, which move away from brushstrokes and toward pixels, show a rapid change in the way artists express themselves through digital media and cutting-edge technologies. Today, digital art is an important part of modern Indian art because it challenges traditional ways of doing things and creates new works. This summary looks at how digital art has changed the way artists express themselves, how virtual and augmented reality are growing, how digital art and AI art are interacting, and how digital media may change Indian art in the future.

Digital art has come a long way in the context of modern Indian art, going beyond more traditional ways of showing things. Indian artists work and interact with their audiences in very different ways now that digital art is widely used by modern artists, having started out as a specialized area of art. This growth is closely linked to the history and development of digital technology, which has given artists the chance to try out new techniques and find new ways to express themselves through art.

Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) are being used in Indian art, which is a big step toward more engaging and interactive experiences. VR and AR technologies make it hard to tell the difference between the real and virtual worlds. This gives artists new ways to connect with people on a deeper level. Indian artists are using new technologies to make digital settings, interactive works of art, and immersive installations that challenge traditional ideas about where art and people go.

It's hard to say what the exact connection is between traditional Indian art and digital and AI art. Digital art has sparked debates about the legitimacy and value of traditional forms of art. At the same time, it has made the creative process more open to everyone and made art more accessible to more people. Also, artists are being pushed to be more

creative and come up with new ideas by using artificial intelligence (AI) in their work. This is because AI has opened up new ways to explore and find out things. In conclusion, the new trends in Indian modern art show a fast-paced and revolutionary change in the way artists work. These trends are caused by the use of digital technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in all forms of art, from brushstrokes to pixels. Indian artists are using new media and technology to be more creative and come up with new ideas. Their works, which include virtual reality displays and artworks made by AI, are shaping the future of Indian art in the digital age.



VISITS FOR RESEARCH

Exploring the growing impact of digital mediums in contemporary Indian art can be enriched by visited following venues across Pune, Mumbai, Lucknow, and Bhopal.

Pune, Maharashtra:

Zapurza Museum of Art & Culture, Kudje village near Pune,

R. K. Laxman Museum, Situated in Balewadi, Pune,

Mumbai, Maharashtra:

Sarmaya Arts Foundation, Mumbai,

Jehangir Nicholson Art Foundation (JNAF), Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya,

National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai:

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh:

State Museum, Banarasi, Lucknow

Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh:

Bharat Bhavan:

Ravindra Bhavan:

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