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A Study on Perception of AI and Automation on Operational Industry

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ABSTRACT:

efficiency, employment, and overall industry dynamics. Utilizing a structured questionnaire, data was collected from a diverse sample of respondents, encompassing various age groups, educational backgrounds, and professional experiences. The analysis reveals a generally positive perception of AI and automation, with a significant majority believing that these technologies enhance operational efficiency and productivity. However, concerns regarding job displacement were prevalent, particularly among younger and less experienced respondents, indicating a need for strategies to mitigate potential negative impacts on employment. The study identifies key areas where AI and automation are expected to have the most substantial impact, including productivity, cost reduction, and quality control. The findings underscore the importance of addressing both the benefits and challenges associated with AI adoption, suggesting that proactive measures are essential for fostering a balanced integration of these technologies in the workforce. This research contributes to the growing body of literature on AI and automation, providing valuable insights for industry stakeholders and policymakers as they navigate the evolving landscape of operational industries.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Perception Analysis, Job Displacement

Introduction:

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation is revolutionizing operational industries, influencing various facets of business practice. This study examines several key topics: first, the impact of AI and automation on operational efficiency, where technologies promise to streamline processes and reduce costs. Second, we explore workforce dynamics, assessing how these technologies affect job roles, skills requirements, and employee perceptions. Third, we investigate the implications for organizational culture, focusing on how attitudes toward innovation and change shape the adoption of AI. Finally, the study addresses ethical considerations and potential biases associated with AI deployment. By analyzing these interconnected themes, we aim to provide a comprehensive understanding of the perceptions surrounding AI and automation in operational industries, offering insights for both practitioners and policymakers.

Operational Efficiency

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation technologies in operational industries has the potential to significantly enhance efficiency and productivity. This section examines key aspects of operational efficiency influenced by AI and automation. AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of data to identify inefficiencies and suggest process improvements. Automation tools streamline repetitive tasks, reducing human error and allowing for faster execution of processes. AI-driven predictive analytics can optimize resource allocation by forecasting demand and adjusting inventory levels accordingly. This leads to better utilization of materials, labor, and time, ultimately reducing costs. Implementing AI and automation enables continuous monitoring of operations, facilitating immediate feedback and adjustments. This responsiveness helps organizations adapt quickly to changing conditions and maintain high performance levels. By automating routine tasks, organizations can lower labor costs and minimize operational expenses. AI can also enhance decision-making, leading to cost-effective strategies that improve the bottom line. Automation technologies provide the flexibility to scale operations efficiently, enabling businesses to respond to market demands without the need for proportional increases in labor or resources.

Resource Management

Effective resource management is crucial for operational efficiency, and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation technologies plays a transformative role in this area. This section explores the impact of AI and automation on resource management. AI systems can analyze historical data and identify trends to forecast demand accurately. This capability allows organizations to optimize inventory levels, reducing excess stock and minimizing shortages, which enhances overall resource utilization. Automation tools enable real-time monitoring of resource availability and requirements, facilitating dynamic allocation based on immediate needs. This flexibility ensures that resources—whether human, financial, or material—are deployed where they are most needed, maximizing efficiency. AI can enhance supply chain management by providing insights into supplier performance, logistics, and inventory management. This leads to more informed decision-making, reducing lead times and improving the flow of materials throughout the supply chain.

Real-Time Monitoring

AI-powered systems enable the continuous gathering of data from various operational processes. This real-time data collection facilitates a comprehensive view of performance metrics, allowing organizations to identify issues as they arise. With automated monitoring systems, organizations can receive instant feedback on operational performance. This responsiveness allows for prompt adjustments to processes, minimizing downtime and optimizing productivity.

Methodology:

This study combines both primary and secondary data sources. Primary data were collected through a well-structured questionnaire, employing a convenience Sampling Method to select 125 respondents. Secondary data were gathered from various reference materials, including books, journals, research articles, magazines, and websites. The research is classified under a descriptive research design, which focuses on describing the characteristics or behaviours of a phenomenon without manipulation or control. Descriptive research aims to provide an accurate representation of the subject under investigation and is commonly used to address questions such as "what," "who," "where," "when," or "how" about a specific topic.

Objective:

1. To Study on Public Perception of AI and Automation within the Operational Industry.

2. Identify how perceptions of AI and automation differ among various demographic groups, such as age, gender, and job role.

3. To identify perception of AI and automation about the key drivers and barriers.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

1. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR AGE

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
18 – 22 Years	77	77.0
23 – 27 Years	21	21.0
Above 27 Years	2	2.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data indicates that the majority of respondents (77%) are aged 18 to 22, with a smaller group of 21% aged 23 to 27, and only 2% above 27. This suggests that the sample is predominantly composed of younger individuals, potentially reflecting a demographic that is primarily in the early stages of adulthood.

2. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR GENDER

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Male	67	53.6
Female	58	46.4
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data reveals that a significant majority of respondents identify as male (78%), while only 22% identify as female. This indicates a predominantly male demographic in the sample, which may influence the perspectives and experiences captured in the findings.

3. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
High School	2	2.0
Undergraduate	19	19.0
Postgraduate	65	6.0
Others	14	14.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The educational qualifications of respondents show that the majority (65%) are pursuing or have completed postgraduate studies, while 19% are undergraduates. Only a small portion consists of school students (2%) and others (14%). This indicates a highly educated sample, likely reflecting a focus on advanced education among the participants.

4. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR OCCUPATION

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Student	58	58.0
Working professional	33	33.0
Self Employed	9	9.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The occupation data shows that a majority of respondents are students (58%), followed by working professionals (33%) and a smaller group of self-employed individuals (9%). This distribution suggests that the sample is largely comprised of individuals who are still in education, which may influence their perspectives and experiences.

5. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR HOW FAMILIAR ARE YOU WITH THE CONCEPTS OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) AND AUTOMATION

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Very Familiar	12	12.0
Familiar	74	74.0
Not Familiar at all	14	14.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data on familiarity with AI indicates that a substantial majority of respondents (74%) are familiar with AI, while only 12% are very familiar, and 14% are not familiar at all. This suggests a general awareness and understanding of AI among the sample, with a significant portion having at least some level of knowledge about the technology.

6. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR WHAT IS YOUR GENERAL PERCEPTION OF AI AND AUTOMATION IN INDUSTRIES

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Very positive	8	8.0
Positive	41	41.0
Neutral	49	49.0
Negative	2	2.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The perception of AI among respondents is mostly neutral, with 49% rating their views as neutral and 41% expressing a positive perception. Only 8% have a very positive view, while a minimal 2% have a negative perception. This indicates a general ambivalence towards AI, with a tendency to lean positively among those who hold stronger opinions.

7. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR PERCEPTION DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AI AND AUTOMATION IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRIES

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Yes	48	48.0
No	18	18.0
Maybe	34	34.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data on operational efficiency reveals that nearly half of the respondents (48%) believe that operational efficiency is achieved, while 34% are uncertain, responding "maybe." Only 18% indicate that operational efficiency is not achieved. This suggests a general sense of efficacy among the majority, but also highlights a significant level of uncertainty regarding operational performance.

8. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR ARE THERE ANY AREAS WHERE YOU THINK AI AND AUTOMATION MIGHT NEGATIVELY IMPACT INDUSTRIES

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Yes	43	43.0
No	57	57.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data on the negative impact of AI shows that a majority of respondents (57%) do not believe AI has a negative impact, while 43% think it does. This indicates a predominantly positive or neutral perception of AI's effects, with a significant minority expressing concerns about its potential negative consequences

9. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT JOB DISPLACEMENT DUE TO AI AND AUTOMATION

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Very concerned	12	12.0
Concerned	41	41.0
Neutral	40	40.0
Not concerned	7	7.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data on job displacement reveals that 41% of respondents are concerned about the issue, while 12% are very concerned. A substantial 40% remain neutral, and only 7% express no concern at all. This suggests a notable level of anxiety regarding job displacement due to AI, though a significant portion of the respondents are either neutral or not concerned.

10. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FUTURE ROLE OF AI AND AUTOMATION IN INDUSTRIES

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Very Optimistic	14	14.0
Optimistic	43	43.0

Neutral	39	39.0
Pessimistic	2	2.0
Very Pessimistic	2	2.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data regarding the future role of AI shows that a majority of respondents are optimistic, with 43% expressing an optimistic outlook and 14% very optimistic. Meanwhile, 39% are neutral, and only a small percentage (4%) are pessimistic or very pessimistic about AI's future. This indicates a generally positive sentiment towards AI's potential impact, though a notable number of respondents remain neutral.

11. PERCENTAGE ANALYSIS FOR HOW DO YOU THINK AI AND AUTOMATION AFFECT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES

PARTICULARS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Increase Jobs	15	15.0
Decrease Jobs	46	46.0
Change Jobs	25	25.0
No Impact	6	6.0
Unsure	8	8.0
Total	100	100.0

INFERENCE:

The data on job opportunities reveals that 46% of respondents believe AI will decrease jobs, while 25% think it will change job roles, and only 15% anticipate an increase in jobs. A small percentage (6%) feel there will be no impact, and 8% are unsure. This indicates a prevailing concern about job loss associated with AI, with fewer respondents optimistic about job growth.

12 CHI SQUARE TEST

To find out the significant association between occupation and how familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation.

HO: There is no significant association between occupation and how familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation.

H1: There is a significant association between occupation and how familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation.

TEST STATISTICS

	What is your occupation?	How familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation?
Chi-Square	36.020[a]	74.480[a]
df	2	2
Asymp. Sig.	.000	.000

INFERENCE:

The p-values (Asymp. Sig.) for both hypotheses are 0.000, which is less than the typical significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis (H0) and accept the alternative hypothesis (H1). This indicates a significant association between occupation and familiarity with AI and automation concepts.

13 ONE WAY ANOVA TEST

To determine whether there is a significant association between general perception of AI and automation in operational industries and the think of AI and automation affect employment opportunities in operational industries.

HO: There is no significant association between general perception of AI and automation in operational industries and the think of AI and automation affect employment opportunities in operational industries.

H1: There is a significant association between general perception of AI and automation in operational industries and the think of AI and automation affect employment opportunities in operational industries.

TEST STATISTICS

ANOVA

What is your general perception of AI and automation in industries?

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	1.539	4	.385	.846	.499
Within Groups	43.211	95	.455		
Total	44.750	99			

INFERENCE:

The p-value (Sig.) is 0.499, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0). This indicates that there is no significant association between general perception of AI and automation in operational industries and the belief that AI and automation affect employment opportunities in these industries.

13 CORRELATIONS

To find out the significant relationship between How familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation and do you believe that AI and automation improve operational efficiency in industries.

HO: There is no significant relationship between How familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation and do you believe that AI and automation improve operational efficiency in industries.

H1: There is a significant relationship between How familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation and do you believe that AI and automation improve operational efficiency in industries.

TEST STATISTICS

		How familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation?	Do you believe that AI and automation improve operational efficiency in industries?
How Familiar are you with the concepts of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation?	Pearson Correlation	1	.006
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.952
	N	100	100
Do you believe that AI and automation improve operational efficiency in industries?	Pearson Correlation	.006	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.952	
	N	100	100

INFERENCE:

the p-value (Sig. 2-tailed) is 0.952, which is much greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0). This suggests that there is no significant relationship between familiarity with AI and automation concepts and the belief that they improve operational efficiency in industries.

Results

The study examines the relationships between various perceptions and understandings of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and automation within operational industries. The p-values (Asymp. Sig.) are 0.000, which is less than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis (H0) and accept the alternative hypothesis (H1). This indicates a significant association between occupation and familiarity with AI and automation concepts. The p-value (Sig.) is 0.499, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0). This indicates that there is no significant association between general perception of AI and automation in operational industries and the belief that AI and automation affect employment opportunities in these industries. The p-value (Sig. 2-tailed) is 0.952, which is much greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0). This suggests that there is no significant relationship between familiarity with AI and automation concepts and the belief that they improve operational efficiency in industries.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the study reveals distinct insights into the perceptions and associations regarding AI and automation in operational industries. It finds a significant association between occupation and familiarity with AI concepts, indicating that different professional backgrounds influence how well individuals understand these technologies.

Conversely, there is no significant association between general perceptions of AI and its perceived impact on employment opportunities, as well as no relationship between familiarity with AI concepts and beliefs about operational efficiency. These findings suggest that while familiarity with AI varies by occupation, broader perceptions and beliefs about AI's effects on employment and efficiency remain largely independent of individual familiarity, highlighting potential areas for further education and awareness in the workforce.

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