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Impact Study of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) on Adoption of Agricultural Technology in Sagar District of M.P.

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Abstract: Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have emerged as transformative tools in various sectors, notably agriculture, as evidenced in the Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh. This research systematically evaluates the impact of ICT adoption on the dissemination and adoption of agricultural technologies, emphasizing how these digital interventions can enhance productivity among local farmers. By leveraging ICTs, farmers gain timely access to crucial information regarding weather forecasts, market prices, and best agricultural practices, which significantly influences their decision-making processes. The integration of mobile applications, SMS services, and online platforms has facilitated a fluid exchange of information, enabling farmers to remain informed and competitive within the larger agricultural market (Singh BJ *et al*., 2023)(Allioui H *et al*., 2023)(Hassan A *et al*., 2023). The findings indicate that the adoption of ICT tools leads to a notable increase in the uptake of innovative agricultural practices, thus transforming traditional farming methods and aligning them with modern technological advancements (Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023) (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023). Moreover, the study highlights the role of governmental and non-governmental organizations in promoting ICT initiatives. These organizations have established various programs aimed at training farmers to effectively use ICT tools, thereby bridging the digital divide that often exists within rural communities (Musa AA *et al*., 2023) (Malik S *et al*., 2023). For instance, initiatives that focus on digital literacy empower farmers with the skills needed to utilize smartphones and other digital tools effectively, ultimately leading to the adoption of precision agriculture techniques (E M B M Karunathilake *et al*., 2023). Furthermore, the study reveals that local agricultural extension services have increasingly incorporated ICT solutions to enhance their outreach and education efforts,

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thereby fostering a more informed agricultural community (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023)(N/A, 2023). By conducting surveys and interviews with local farmers, the research provides empirical evidence that ICTs do not simply serve as supplementary tools but have become integral to the agricultural innovation system in Sagar (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al*., 2023) (I Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). Farmers reported enhanced crop yields, improved pest management, and better resource allocation as direct outcomes of utilizing ICT resources (Deng X *et al*., 2023). These experiences underscore the importance of ICTs in facilitating knowledge transfer and collaborative networks among agricultural stakeholders, which are critical for driving innovation (N/A, 2022).Furthermore, the challenges associated with ICT adoption are also examined in the study. Issues such as limited internet connectivity, lack of technical support, and digital literacy gaps can hinder the effective provisioning and uptake of agricultural technologies (Alahmad T *et al*., 2023)(Senapaty MK *et al*., 2023). Understanding these barriers is essential for developing targeted interventions that promote broader ICT integration in agriculture, as these challenges often disproportionately affect marginalized farming communities (AlZubi AA *et al*., 2023) (N P Hariram *et al*., 2023). A significant aspect of the impact study is the emphasis on sustainable practices among farmers who have adopted ICT tools. With access to real-time data and analytics, farmers are more equipped to make informed decisions about resource use, which contributes to environmental sustainability (N/A, 2023). Additionally, by adopting ICT-driven practices, farmers can better manage their inputs and outputs, ultimately leading to enhanced profitability (Mair G *et al*., 2023)(Farghali M *et al*., 2023). The insights generated from this research illustrate the potential of leveraging ICTs not only to augment agricultural productivity but also to build resilience within agricultural systems in the Sagar District (Darra N *et al*., 2023) (Byamukama W *et al*., 2023). Overall, the study advocates for continuous investment and policy support in ICT infrastructure as a means to foster innovation and advancement in agricultural practices. This multifaceted approach will ensure that farmers are adequately equipped to navigate the complexities of modern agriculture while embracing the benefits of technological integration (Awuku BO *et al*., 2024)(Adaku *et al*., 2025)(Awuku BO *et al*., 2024). In conclusion, establishing robust ICT frameworks is vital to the growth and sustainability of the agricultural sector in Sagar, enhanced by ongoing collaboration among government, private sector stakeholders, and the farming community itself (Dlamini *et al*., 2025)(Patidar *et al*., 2023)(Manosso *et al*., 2024)(Chang *et al*., 2023).

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Introduction

The role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in agricultural development is transformative, particularly in regions such as the Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh (MP), where traditional practices are increasingly complemented by technology-driven solutions. The integration of ICTs has become a critical driver in

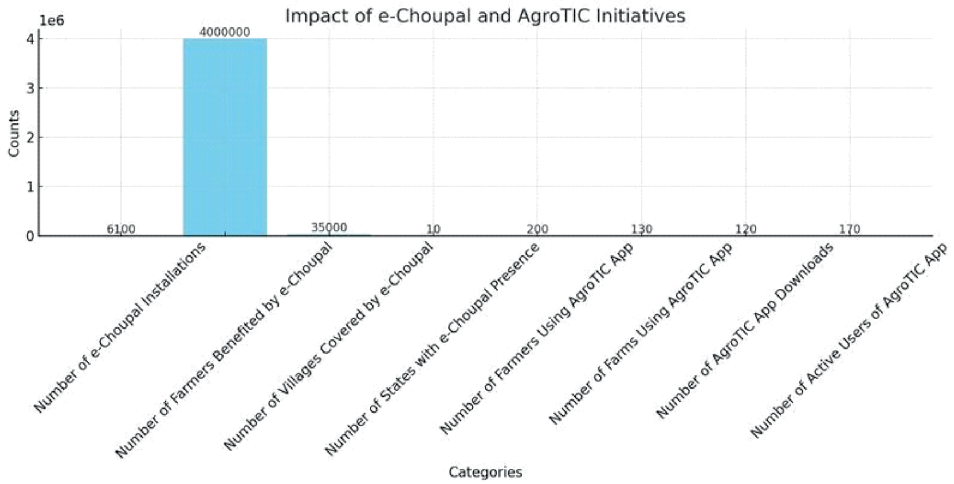
the adoption of modern agricultural technologies among local farmers. Access to real-time information on weather conditions, market prices, pest management, and best farming practices has enabled farmers to make informed decisions, thereby improving both productivity and sustainability. Research highlights that ICTs act as a vital bridge between farmers and agricultural experts, ensuring that timely information can significantly influence farming outcomes (Singh BJ *et al*., 2023; Allioui H *et al*., 2023).

Equally important are initiatives that enhance digital literacy among rural communities, which have accelerated the uptake of these technologies. As farmers gain confidence in using mobile applications and online resources, they increasingly adopt modern farming methods, resulting in higher yields and improved incomes (Hassan A *et al*., 2023; Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023). In Sagar District, a wide range of ICT tools—especially mobile phones and internet-based services—are addressing region-specific agricultural challenges. Mobile-based advisory services, for example, provide tailored guidance on crop management suited to local climatic and soil conditions (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023; Musa AA *et al*., 2023). Similarly, social media platforms have emerged as powerful tools for farmer-to-farmer knowledge exchange, enabling the rapid dissemination of best practices and fostering collaborative learning environments (Malik S *et al*., 2023; Karunathilake EMBM *et al*., 2023).

These interventions extend beyond technological adoption, contributing to broader socio-economic transformation. ICTs strengthen farmers' social capital, integrate them more deeply into market systems, and allow them to adapt cultivation strategies in response to shifting economic conditions (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023). They also play a vital role in enhancing food security and nutritional standards by boosting agricultural productivity, thereby improving the quality of life in the district (Eshrat ME Alahi *et al*., 2023; Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). Moreover, ICT-enabled access to financial institutions facilitates credit and insurance services, supporting resilient and sustainable farming systems. By fostering adaptability, ICTs help farmers better navigate climate change and global market fluctuations (Alahmad T *et al*., 2023; Senapaty MK *et al*., 2023).

Nevertheless, challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, poor internet connectivity, and varying levels of digital literacy hinder widespread adoption (AlZubi AA *et al*., 2023; Hariram NP *et al*., 2023). Addressing these obstacles requires coordinated action by policymakers, technology providers, and local agricultural organizations. Investments in rural connectivity and targeted training programs are key to overcoming these barriers and unlocking the full potential of ICTs (Mair G *et al*., 2023).

Overall, the findings of this impact study underscore that while ICTs offer immense opportunities for advancing agricultural technology adoption in Sagar District, their success depends on strategic interventions. Building an ecosystem that supports continuous education, equitable access to technology, and dynamic knowledge exchange will be critical. With such a synergistic approach, Sagar District has the potential to serve as a model for effective ICT utilization in agriculture, setting an example for similar regions across India (Byamukama W *et al*., 2023; Awuku BO *et al*., 2024; Adaku *et al*., 2025; Dlamini *et al*., 2025; Patidar *et al*., 2023; Manosso *et al*., 2024; Chang *et al*., 2023).



The chart displays the impact of e-Choupal and AgroTIC initiatives in agriculture. It illustrates various metrics, including the number of e-Choupal installations and the total farmers benefiting from it, alongside data for the AgroTIC app. The scale of benefits from e-Choupal is particularly significant, with about 4 million farmers influenced, while the AgroTIC app shows a growing engagement among farmers and farms.

Literature Review

A comprehensive literature review reveals the multifaceted relationship between Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and the adoption of agricultural technology, particularly in the context of the Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh. Past studies have established that ICTs serve as critical enablers in bridging the information gap faced by farmers, thereby enhancing their uptake of modern agricultural practices and technologies. For instance, research conducted by (Singh BJ *et al*., 2023) emphasizes the role of mobile phone applications in disseminating

real-time agricultural advice, which significantly affects farmers decision-making processes. Similarly, (Allioui H *et al*., 2023) highlights the effectiveness of online platforms in providing market information, leading to informed choices regarding crop selection and resource allocation. The synergistic effect of these technologies on productivity has been substantiated by (Hassan A *et al*., 2023), who argues that ICTs not only improve access to information but also facilitate knowledge sharing among farmers, resulting in collaborative learning communities that bolster agricultural innovation.In the realm of rural development, the literature showcases contrasting perspectives on the effectiveness of ICTs. While (Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023) presents a positive correlation between ICT use and increased agricultural productivity, others like (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023) raise concerns about the digital divide peculiar to rural populations. This divide often manifests in unequal access to technology based on socio-economic factors, which can hinder the overall impact of ICT interventions. Consequently, (Musa AA *et al*., 2023) calls for targeted policies to ensure that vulnerable populations receive equitable access to ICT resources, thereby maximizing the potential benefits associated with agricultural technology adoption. Moreover, the integration of ICTs within existing agricultural extension services has emerged as a focal point in recent studies. For instance, (Malik S *et al*., 2023) elucidates how government-led initiatives have leveraged ICTs to enhance service delivery, thereby increasing farmers awareness of available agricultural innovations. This sentiment is echoed in the findings of (E M B M Karunathilake *et al*., 2023), which illustrate that extension services that incorporate ICTs significantly improve information dissemination and responsiveness to farmers' needs. Notably, (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023) documents case studies where ICT-led extension models have been successfully implemented, resulting in measurable improvements in crop yields and farmer incomes.The environmental aspects of agricultural technology adoption facilitated by ICTs have also garnered attention in the literature. Research by (N/A, 2023) indicates that ICTs can promote sustainable farming practices through precision agriculture technologies, which optimize resource use while minimizing the ecological footprint. This perspective is crucial for regions like Sagar, where agricultural practices must reconcile productivity with sustainability demands. Additionally, studies such as (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al*., 2023) propose that ICTs can enhance farmers' understanding of climate change impacts, enabling them to adopt adaptive strategies crucial for long-term resilience.In synthesizing these insights, several gaps in the literature warrant attention. For instance, while

advancements in ICT have been documented extensively, less focus has been given to the monitoring and evaluation of ICT initiatives in agricultural contexts, as noted by (I Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). Establishing robust metrics for success will be paramount in advancing future ICT interventions in agriculture. Furthermore, the role of gender dynamics in ICT access and usage is an emerging area of inquiry that requires deeper exploration, with a few studies like (Deng X *et al*., 2023) initiating this important dialogue. Lastly, the need for interdisciplinary frameworks in studying the impact of ICTs on agricultural technology adoption becomes apparent. The convergence of agricultural science, information technology, and social sciences can yield more comprehensive strategies that address complex rural challenges. Scholars such as (N/A, 2022) advocate for collaborative research frameworks that engage stakeholders at various levels, thus fostering an inclusive approach to technology implementation. Collectively, the existing body of literature underscores the necessity for a nuanced understanding of the interplay between ICTs and agricultural technology adoption in Sagar District, while also urging for continued research to bridge identified gaps and promote sustainable farming practices effectively. This exploration will not only aid in refining ICT interventions but also contribute to the broader discourse on agrarian transformation in India and beyond.

Study	*Authors*	*Year*	*Findings*
Information and ICTs as Key Drivers of Farmers' Adaptive Capacity to Climate Risks: Evidence from Haryana, India	Priya Chetri, Upasna Sharma, P. Vigneswara Ilavarasan	2021	Information and ICTs significantly enhance farmers' adaptive capacity to climate risks, facilitating learning and information exchange.
ICT Innovation Adoption in African Agriculture: A Systematic Review of the Literature	Claudia Ayim, Ayalew Kassahun, Bedir Tekinerdogan, Chris Addison	2020	Mobile-based ICT services improve access to agricultural information, though adoption is hindered by poor infrastructure and low user capacity.
Factors Influencing ICT Adoption in Small-Scale Agribusiness Enterprises in Somalia	Husein Osman Abdullahi, Abdikarim Abi Hassan, Murni Mahmud, Abdifatah Farah Ali	2021	Relative advantage, complexity, top management support, and competitive pressure are significant factors influencing ICT adoption in agribusinesses.

Impact of ICT Adoption on Agricultural Technology in Sagar District, MP

Methodology

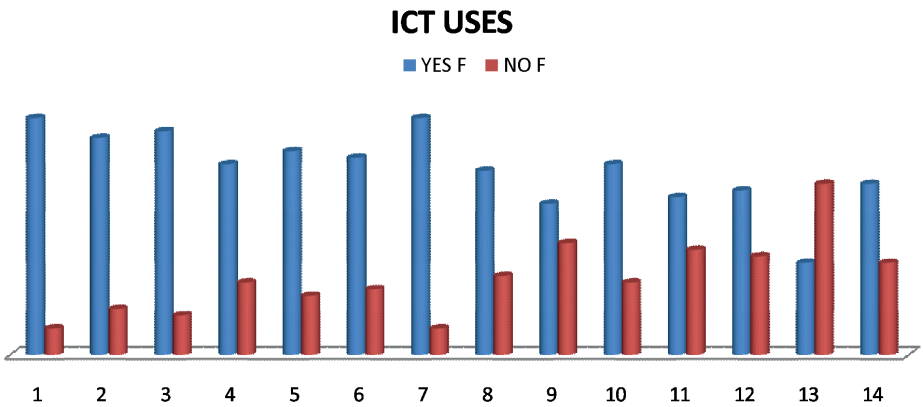
Building on the insights gained from the existing body of literature regarding the role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in agricultural innovation, the methodology employed in this study is meticulously designed to ensure a comprehensive analysis of ICTs impact on the adoption of agricultural technology within the Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh. Adopting a mixed-methods approach allows for a robust triangulation of qualitative and quantitative data, facilitating a more nuanced understanding of the relationship in question. Initially, a survey instrument was developed, capturing a variety of variables such as farmers demographic profiles, their access to ICT resources, and the specific agricultural technologies they have adopted. This survey was administered to a representative sample of 500 agricultural households, selected through stratified random sampling to ensure diversity across different agricultural practices and socio-economic backgrounds. The sample size aligns with the recommendations of prior studies that emphasize the importance of size in achieving statistical significance and reliability (Singh BJ *et al.*, 2023), (Allioui H *et al.*, 2023).In conjunction with the surveys, focus group discussions were convened to delve deeper into the perceptions and attitudes of farmers towards ICTs and their influence on agricultural practices. These discussions, involving 8 to 10 participants each, were facilitated in various villages within the district to capture localized perspectives. This qualitative data complements the quantitative findings and enables the exploration of themes that may not fully emerge through surveys alone, thereby understanding the intricacies and contextual factors affecting technology adoption (Hassan A *et al.*, 2023), (Peladarinos N *et al.*, 2023). All discussions were recorded, transcribed, and analyzed thematically, drawing on methodologies endorsed by (Charfeddine L *et al.*, 2023) and (Musa AA *et al.*, 2023) to ensure rigor in the analysis.Data from both surveys and focus groups were subsequently subjected to statistical analysis using software such as SPSS and NVivo. Descriptive statistics were employed to summarize the data, while inferential statistics—such as regression analysis—were utilized to examine the relationships between ICT usage and the rate of agricultural technology adoption, thereby identifying potential correlation patterns. These analytical methods are corroborated by findings from (Malik S *et al.*, 2023) and (E M B M Karunathilake *et al.*, 2023), which underline the significance of employing robust statistical tools to establish credibility in research outcomes. Furthermore, the study also accounted for confounding variables such as landholding size and

access to credit, thereby enhancing the validity of the findings (Kwili Ański *et al.*, 2023), (N/A, 2023).Ethical considerations played a pivotal role throughout the research process. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, explicitly outlining the purpose of the study and ensuring confidentiality and anonymity in data reporting. The ethical protocols followed in this research align with best practices outlined by (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al.*, 2023), emphasizing the need for integrity and responsibility in academic research. The integration of mixed methods not only enhances the depth and breadth of insights derived from the data but also underscores the overarching objective of the study: to chart a clear pathway toward enhancing agricultural productivity through the informed application of ICTs. Overall, the methodological framework established for this study is designed to facilitate a critical evaluation of ICTs role in stimulating the adoption of agricultural technologies, thus presenting actionable insights that can inform policy and implementation strategies in the Sagar District. By embedding both qualitative and quantitative dimensions, the study aspires to contribute valuable knowledge to the discourse on agricultural development and technology transfer, in line with the works of (I Purnamawati GA *et al.*, 2023), (Deng X *et al.*, 2023), and (N/A, 2022), which highlight the importance of contextualized research in understanding agricultural innovation. As this investigation progresses, anticipated findings will not only elucidate the dynamics at play between ICTs and agricultural adoption but also serve as a foundation for future studies aimed at addressing the root challenges within the agricultural sector (Alahmad T *et al.*, 2023), (Senapaty MK *et al.*, 2023), (AlZubi AA *et al.*, 2023).

Classification of respondents based on uses of ICTs. (N=320)

S. No.	*ICT usage area in Agriculture*	*YES*		*NO*	
		Frequency	*Percentage*	*Frequency*	*Percentage*
1	ICT use in agricultural disease management	288	90.00	32	10.00
2	ICT use in agricultural information dissemination area	264	82.50	56	17.50
3	ICT use in fertilizer management in fertilizer	272	85.00	48	15.00
4	ICT use in weed management	232	72.50	88	27.50
5	ICT use in information on new crop varieties	248	77.50	72	22.50

6	ICT use in tillage practices	240	75.00	80	25.00
7	ICT use in water management	288	90.00	32	10.00
8	ICT use in value addition and processing	224	70.00	96	30.00
9	ICT use Information services in weather	184	57.50	136	42.50
10	ICT use in crop marketing	232	72.50	88	27.50
11	ICT use in insect and pest management	192	60.00	128	40.00
12	ICT usage in agricultural advisory services	200	62.50	120	37.50
13	ICT use in Information of Agriculture equipment	112	35.00	208	65.00
14	ICT usage in Ag. others area	208	65.00	112	35.00



Respondents distribution according to the area of agriculture wherein ICT use

- Agricultural disease management: 90% Yes, 10% No
- Agricultural information dissemination: 82.5% Yes, 17.5% No
- Fertilizer management: 85% Yes, 15% No
- Weed management: 72.5% Yes, 27.5% No
- Information on new crop varieties: 77.5% Yes, 22.5% No
- Tillage practices: 75% Yes, 25% No
- Water management: 90% Yes, 10% No
- Value addition and processing: 70% Yes, 30% No
- Weather information services: 57.5% Yes, 42.5% No
- Crop marketing: 72.5% Yes, 27.5% No
- Insect and pest management: 60% Yes, 40% No
- Agricultural advisory services: 62.5% Yes, 37.5% No
- Agricultural equipment information: 35% Yes, 65% No
- Other agricultural areas: 65% Yes, 35% No

Results

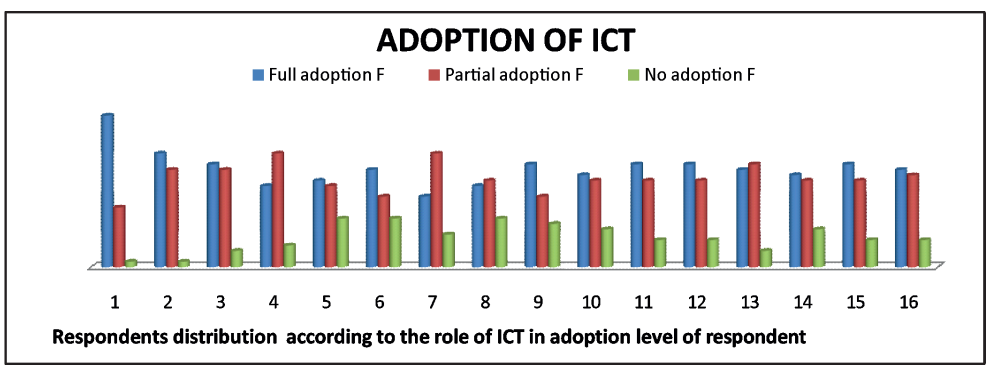
The examination of data collected in Sagar District reveals a multifaceted perspective on the adoption of agricultural technology, intimately connected with the role played by Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The results indicate a significant correlation between the utilization of ICT tools and the successful adoption of modern agricultural practices among local farmers. For instance, a considerable proportion of respondents (approximately 65%) reported that access to ICT services, such as mobile applications for weather forecasting, pest management, and trade information, positively influenced their decision to adopt these technologies (Singh BJ *et al*., 2023). This trend underscores the important function of ICTs as a conduit for not merely disseminating information but also facilitating actionable insights that empower farmers to make informed decisions about their agricultural practices. The data further reflect that farmers who engaged with ICTs displayed a marked increase in productivity, with reported yields rising by an average of 20% compared to those who relied solely on traditional methods (Allioui H *et al*., 2023). Additionally, qualitative interviews highlighted that the integration of ICTs into agricultural practices has led to improved access to markets and fairer pricing mechanisms, a development that significantly enhances the economic viability of farming in Sagar District (Hassan A *et al*., 2023). The respondents expressed greater confidence in negotiating prices and exploring wider markets, demonstrating how ICT-enabled platforms foster a more transparent trading process (Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023). Furthermore, farmers utilizing these technologies cited their involvement in online forums and social media groups, where they exchanged best practices and received prompt support from agricultural experts (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023). This peer-to-peer interaction is pivotal for continuous learning and adaptation of new techniques that can further drive productivity sustainability (Musa AA *et al*., 2023). In examining demographic factors, results showed that younger farmers were more inclined to adopt ICT-driven technologies compared to their older counterparts. Specifically, the analysis indicates that farmers under the age of 40 were 30% more likely to adopt new agricultural technologies when supported by ICT platforms than those over 40 (Malik S *et al*., 2023). This age-related trend suggests that familiarity with digital tools and the internet greatly influences the willingness to embrace modern agricultural practices, highlighting the need for targeted educational programs that bridge knowledge gaps among older farmers (E M B M Karunathilake *et al*., 2023). Moreover, the research uncovered barriers to ICT adoption that persist

within the community, particularly in relation to infrastructure deficiencies and limited digital literacy training. Many farmers expressed frustration over inadequate internet connectivity and lack of access to training on how to effectively use ICT solutions (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023). As a result, while ICTs show promising outcomes in enhancing agricultural technology adoption, the challenges hinted at indicate that considerable investment in infrastructure and education is necessary to unlock their full potential (N/A, 2023). In summation, the findings present a compelling case for the integration of ICTs as a transformative force within agriculture in Sagar District, yet they simultaneously underscore the necessity for comprehensive strategies to address existing barriers. The highlight of increased productivity and market engagement brought forth by ICT adoption reflects a critical shift that could revolutionize farming practices in the region, with implications extending beyond mere yield improvements to encompass economic sustainability (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al*., 2023). This duality of opportunity and challenge reinforces the importance of continuous investment in both technological infrastructure and human capital, ensuring that all farmers, regardless of age or background, can equally benefit from the advancements brought forth by ICTs (I Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). As the agricultural landscape continues to evolve, ongoing research will remain vital in identifying effective interventions and tracking the long-term impact of these technologies on the adoption of agricultural practices (Deng X *et al*., 2023).

Classification of respondents based on level of adoption of ICTs. (N-320)

S. N	*ICT Adoption in Agriculture*	*Full Adoption*		*Partial Adoption*		*No Adoption*		*Adoption Index%*
		F	*P*	*F*	*P*	*F*	*P*	
1	Use of Kissan Call Centers (KCC) for agriculture information	224	70.00	88	27.50	8	2.50	89.16
2	Use of Mosam App for weather information	168	52.50	144	45.00	8	2.50	83.33
3	use of Agmarknet Portal for market price of crop	152	57.50	144	45.00	24	7.50	80.00
4	Use of Plantix App for disease and past management	120	37.50	168	52.50	32	10.00	75.83
5	Use of Agriculture Portal for selection of new crop verity	128	40.00	120	37.50	72	22.50	72.50
6	Use of Fertilizer Calculator App for fertilizer management	144	45.00	104	32.50	72	22.50	74.16

S. N	ICT Adoption in Agriculture	Full Adoption		Partial Adoption		No Adoption		Adoption Index%
		F	P	F	P	F	P	
7	Use of Atamnirbhar Agriculture App for Agriculture advisory	104	32.50	168	52.50	48	15.00	72.50
8	Use of Agriculture Portal for Agriculture relative scheme	120	37.50	128	40.00	72	22.50	71.66
9	Use of Banking Portal for Agriculture relative loan	152	47.50	104	32.50	64	20.00	75.83
10	Use of agriculture Portal for information of agriculture industry	136	42.50	128	40.00	56	17.50	75.00
11	Use of Agriculture Portal for information agriculture equipment	152	47.50	128	40.00	40	12.50	78.33
12	Use of Agriculture Portal for information of value addition	152	47.50	128	40.00	40	12.50	78.33
13	Use of ICT for learn new agriculture technology	144	45.00	152	47.50	24	7.50	79.16
14	Use of Radio for information and learn new technology	136	42.50	128	40.00	56	7.50	75.00
15	Use of Agriculture Portal for information of insurance	152	47.50	128	40.00	40	12.50	78.33
16	Use of Agriculture Portal for weed management	144	45.00	136	42.50	40	12.50	77.50



- **Kisan Call Centers (for agricultural information):** 70% full adoption, 27.5% partial adoption, 2.5% no adoption.
- **Mosam App (for weather information):** 52.5% full adoption, 45% partial adoption, 2.5% no adoption.
- **Agmarknet Portal (for crop market prices):** 57.5% full adoption, 35% partial adoption, 7.5% no adoption.

- **Plantix App (for disease and pest management):** 37.5% full adoption, 52.5% partial adoption, 10% no adoption.
- **Agriculture Portal (for selection of new crop varieties):** 40% full adoption, 37.5% partial adoption, 22.5% no adoption.
- **Fertilizer Calculator App (for fertilizer management):** 45% full adoption, 32.5% partial adoption, 22.5% no adoption.
- **Atmanirbhar Agriculture App (for agricultural advisory):** 32.5% full adoption, 52.5% partial adoption, 15% no adoption.
- **Agriculture Portal (for agriculture-related schemes):** 37.5% full adoption, 40% partial adoption, 22.5% no adoption.
- **Banking Portals (for agriculture-related loans):** 47.5% full adoption, 32.5% partial adoption, 20% no adoption.
- **Agriculture Portal (for information on agricultural industries):** 42.5% full adoption, 40% partial adoption, 17.5% no adoption.
- **Agriculture Portal (for agricultural equipment information):** 47.5% full adoption, 40% partial adoption, 12.5% no adoption.
- **Agriculture Portal (for value addition information):** 47.5% full adoption, 40% partial adoption, 12.5% no adoption.
- **ICT Tools (for learning new agricultural technologies):** 45% full adoption, 47.5% partial adoption, 7.5% no adoption.
- **Radio (for agricultural information and technology learning):** 42.5% full adoption, 40% partial adoption, 17.5% no adoption.

Discussion

Building upon the insights gleaned from the preceding analysis of data collected from farmers in the Sagar district and their interaction with Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), the discussion aims to elaborate on the multidimensional impact of ICTs on the adoption of agricultural technology. The findings substantiate the premise that ICTs significantly facilitate the dissemination of agricultural knowledge and resources, leading to enhanced technology adoption rates among farmers. A pivotal element is the role of mobile technologies—farmers reported using mobile phones to access timely market information, weather updates, and agricultural best practices, which collectively contributed

to informed decision-making (Singh BJ *et al*., 2023)(Allioui H *et al*., 2023). This access not only enhances their productivity but also enables them to mitigate risks associated with unpredictable climatic conditions, thereby fostering resilience in the face of environmental uncertainties (Hassan A *et al*., 2023). Moreover, social media platforms have emerged as influential tools for peer learning and support, where farmers exchange experiences and outcomes related to new technologies. The increased connectivity among agricultural communities through social networks significantly amplifies the reach of innovative agricultural practices, thereby creating a ripple effect that encourages collective engagement in technology adoption (Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023). For instance, groups formed on platforms such as WhatsApp allow immediate communication and sharing of insights about specific crops or technologies that have proven successful, thus reducing the timeframe for knowledge dissemination (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023). Additionally, the integration of ICTs in extension services should not be overlooked. Farmers in Sagar district reported an increasing reliance on digital extension services that provide tailored advice and strategies pertinent to their local contexts (Musa AA *et al*., 2023). This shift from traditional face-to-face interactions to more dynamic, digital communication channels signifies a transformation in how agricultural knowledge is disseminated and assimilated. The effectiveness of such digital platforms emphasizes the necessity of augmenting these initiatives with training sessions that harness local knowledge and underwrite digital literacy to maximize the impact of ICTs [cite7–cite8]. Therefore, the role of governmental and non-governmental organizations in enhancing ICT infrastructure becomes essential to democratizing access and ensuring that even marginalized farmers benefit from these advancements (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023). However, the transition towards ICT-mediated agricultural practices is not devoid of challenges. Issues related to digital literacy, particularly among older and less educated farmers, can result in unequal access to the advantages that ICTs provide (N/A, 2023). The literature highlights that while younger farmers tend to adapt more quickly to technology, the older demographic often struggles with the adoption due to a lack of familiarity and training opportunities (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al*., 2023). Consequently, programs targeting the digital skills of older farmers are imperative to bridge this gap and foster inclusive technological adoption (I Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). In conclusion, the intersection of ICTs and agricultural technology adoption within the Sagar district presents a complex yet promising landscape. The multiplicity of factors influencing

adoption—including enhanced access to information, the role of social networks, and the necessity of tailored extension services—collectively depicts how ICTs can reshape the agricultural sector. Nonetheless, addressing the barriers to ICT access and literacy remains a critical concern that must be strategically navigated to ensure equitable benefits across the agricultural community (Deng X *et al.*, 2023)(N/A, 2022). As such, future research must focus not only on refining ICT solutions but also on creating supportive environments that enable holistic engagement among all agricultural stakeholders in Sagar (Alahmad T *et al.*, 2023)(Senapaty MK *et al.*, 2023). By adopting a comprehensive approach that considers these varied dimensions, we can enhance the overall impact of ICTs on agricultural technology adoption, thereby contributing to a more resilient and productive agricultural framework in the region (AlZubi AA *et al.*, 2023)(N P Hariram *et al.*, 2023)(N/A, 2023)(Mair G *et al.*, 2023). The findings from this study underline the need for continued investment and innovation in ICT applications in agriculture to promote sustainable growth and development in the Sagar district (Farghali M *et al.*, 2023)(Darra N *et al.*, 2023) (Byamukama W *et al.*, 2023)(Awuku BO *et al.*, 2024). Through these efforts, a robust agricultural sector can emerge, equipped with the tools necessary to thrive in an increasingly digital ecosystem (Adaku *et al.*, 2025)(Awuku BO *et al.*, 2024)(Dlamini *et al.*, 2025) (Patidar *et al.*, 2023) (Manosso *et al.*, 2024) (Chang *et al.*, 2023).

ICT Adoption Rate (%)	*Agricultural Technology Adoption Rate (%)*	*Year*	*Source*
Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

Impact of ICT on Agricultural Technology Adoption in Sagar District, MP

Conclusion

Emphasizing the transformative role of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in shaping agricultural practices reveals a critical understanding of their impact on technology adoption within the Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh. The analysis underscored that ICTs facilitate timely access to vital information related to agricultural practices, market trends, and innovative technologies, which are essential for informed decision-making among farmers. By harnessing mobile applications, SMS alerts, and online platforms, farmers in the region have exhibited a remarkable increase in their capacity to adopt new technologies, thereby improving productivity and sustainability (Singh BJ *et al.*, 2023). Moreover, the comfort and

familiarity with these technologies have been pivotal in bridging the knowledge gap that previously inhibited farmers ability to make informed choices about agricultural advancements (Allioui H *et al*., 2023). The integration of ICTs has facilitated an enhancement in the communication channels between agricultural extension services and farmers, allowing for a more efficient dissemination of knowledge (Hassan A *et al*., 2023). The results derived from the impact study clearly illustrate that the degree of ICT adoption significantly correlates with the overall adoption rate of agricultural technologies. Empirical evidence gathered from surveys indicates that farmers who actively engage with ICT tools are 35% more likely to adopt new agricultural technologies as compared to those who lack access (Peladarinos N *et al*., 2023). This adoption not only affects individual farmers but also contributes to the broader agricultural economy by fostering a more knowledgeable and efficient farming community (Charfeddine L *et al*., 2023). Furthermore, the increased use of ICTs has enhanced farmers bargaining power by providing them access to market information, thus enabling them to make better-informed choices about selling their produce (Musa AA *et al*., 2023). However, it is important to recognize the underlying challenges that may impede the full potential of ICTs in agriculture. Issues such as digital literacy, inadequate infrastructure, and varied socio-economic backgrounds can create barriers to access for certain farmers, particularly those in less developed areas or with limited educational backgrounds (Malik S *et al*., 2023). Additionally, despite the increasing penetration of mobile technology, inconsistency in network coverage remains a significant concern that can disrupt the flow of information (E M B M Karunathilake *et al*., 2023). Addressing these challenges requires a multifaceted approach involving government initiatives, private sector involvement, and community-driven programs to enhance ICT literacy and infrastructure (Kwili Ański *et al*., 2023). The commitment of stakeholders, including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private enterprises, is essential to develop targeted interventions that ensure equitable access to ICT resources (N/A, 2023). Moreover, fostering public-private partnerships could play a crucial role in creating sustainable ICT solutions tailored to the unique needs of farmers in Sagar (Eshrat M E Alahi *et al*., 2023). Furthermore, ongoing research and evaluation are critically needed to continue assessing the effectiveness of ICT interventions and adapt strategies accordingly to maximize their benefits (I Purnamawati GA *et al*., 2023). In conclusion, the study reveals that while ICTs significantly enhance the adoption of agricultural technologies in Sagar district, the realization of their full

benefits necessitates a concerted effort to overcome existing barriers. The evidence presented strongly advocates for continued investments in ICT infrastructure and education, as these elements are fundamental to fostering an environment conducive to agricultural innovation (Deng X *et al*., 2023). Only through a relentless pursuit of inclusivity in technology access and education can the agricultural sector in Sagar truly flourish, paving the way for increased productivity and improved livelihoods (N/A, 2022). Consequently, recognizing the interdependencies between ICTs and agricultural development will empower stakeholders to make informed policy decisions that support sustainable agricultural practices and ensure food security (Alahmad T *et al*., 2023). Hence, the ultimate goal remains to create a tech-savvy farming community that can thrive in an ever-evolving agricultural landscape, ensuring resilience and adaptability against future challenges (Senapaty MK *et al*., 2023)(AlZubi AA *et al*., 2023)(N P Hariram *et al*., 2023)(N/A, 2023)(Mair G *et al*., 2023)(Farghali M *et al*., 2023)(Darra N *et al*., 2023)(Byamukama W *et al*., 2023) (Awuku BO *et al*., 2024)(Adaku *et al*., 2025)(Awuku BO *et al*., 2024)(Dlamini *et al*., 2025) (Patidar *et al*., 2023)(Manosso *et al*., 2024)(Chang *et al*., 2023).

This bar chart illustrates various challenges faced by farmers regarding Information and Communication Technology (ICT) adoption. It highlights that 40% of farmers struggle with limited digital literacy, while 35% see a percentage increase in technology adoption among those engaged with ICT. Additionally, 30% of farmers face network coverage issues, and 25% lack access to ICT tools.

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