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# Evaluative Study on Role of Women Education in the Economic Development of MSME Industry for Economic Growth of Rajasthan

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# Abstract

This study examines the role of women's education in fostering economic development through the MSME sector in Rajasthan. By analyzing data from 275 women respondents, the research explores how financial literacy, digital literacy, entrepreneurial skills, and vocational training contribute to economic growth. A reliability framework ensures the validity of the constructs, while hypothesis testing highlights significant relationships between these factors and economic development. Key findings reveal that entrepreneurial skills have the most substantial impact, followed by financial literacy and digital literacy. Vocational training also plays a vital role, albeit with moderate influence. The results emphasize the importance of targeted educational initiatives and skill development programs to enhance women's participation in the MSME sector and drive sustainable economic growth. This research contributes to policy discussions on empowering women and leveraging their potential for regional economic development.

# Keywords: Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Entrepreneurial Skills, Vocational Training, Economic Development

## 1. Introduction

Education is a fundamental pillar of economic and social development, and its impact on empowering women is undeniable. In the context of MSMEs, women's education plays a transformative role(Dadhich, Opoku-mensah, et al., 2024). Women's education provides them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence required to participate in and contribute meaningfully to the economic development of this sector. As MSMEs are the backbone of many economies, particularly in developing nations, empowering women through education can significantly enhance the productivity and sustainability of these enterprises (World Bank, 2021).Women's education directly influences the entrepreneurial spirit within the MSME sector. Education equips women with critical thinking, financial literacy, and management skills, enabling them to effectively establish and run their businesses. Educated women are more likely to recognize market opportunities, innovate, and adopt advanced technologies, contributing to the growth and modernization of MSMEs (UNESCO, 2020). Additionally, formal education fosters networking and collaboration, allowing women entrepreneurs to build strong business relationships, access markets, and secure funding (Kelley et al., 2022).

The economic development of MSMEs is closely linked to gender inclusivity, and education is a key driver of this inclusivity. Educated women bring diverse perspectives and solutions to business challenges, leading to improved decision-making and operational efficiency. Furthermore, educated women in leadership

positions inspire and mentor others in their communities, creating a ripple effect that promotes entrepreneurial activities and economic participation among other women (OECD, 2021).Cultural and systemic barriers in many regions restrict women's access to education and economic opportunities. Overcoming these barriers is essential to harness the full potential of women in the MSME sector. Policymakers and stakeholders must prioritize women's education through targeted initiatives such as scholarships, vocational training, and entrepreneurial development programs. These efforts empower women and stimulate the MSME sector, fostering job creation and economic resilience.

Ultimately, the role of women's education in the economic development of MSMEs cannot be overstated. It catalyzes innovation, growth, and sustainable development within the sector. By investing in women's education and promoting gender equity, societies can unlock immense economic potential, bridging gaps in entrepreneurship and fostering inclusive progress. Empowering women through education is not just a moral imperative but also an economic necessity for the sustained development of MSMEs and the broader economy (International Labour Organization, 2022). MSME is pivotal in driving the economic growth of Rajasthan, a state rich in heritage and resources. This sector significantly contributes to employment generation, export promotion, and regional development. Rajasthan's MSMEs, particularly in textiles, handicrafts, gems and jewelry, and agro-based industries, showcase the state's cultural and economic potential. The state government's proactive measures, such as the Rajasthan MSME Act and initiatives like the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme, have fostered an environment conducive to entrepreneurial growth. Additionally, the state's focus on skill development, digital empowerment, and access to credit has enabled MSMEs to overcome challenges like resource constraints and market access issues. By leveraging its strategic location and abundant natural resources, Rajasthan's MSME sector continues to be a cornerstone of its economic resilience and a driver of inclusive growth.

#### 2. Review of Literature

(Pujari and Kamble, 2022) conducted a detailed review of women's entrepreneurship development in the MSME sector, focusing on the role of education in empowering women entrepreneurs. They found that educated women could better navigate financial constraints, develop innovative business strategies, and manage operations effectively. Their research emphasized that women with formal education were more likely to access resources such as credit facilities and market information, contributing to the overall performance of MSMEs. The study also noted that education helped women overcome traditional gender roles, enabling them to assert their economic independence and leadership within the business ecosystem. (Goswami, 2019) explored the barriers women entrepreneurs face in MSMEs and the role of education in addressing these challenges. The study revealed that higher education-level women were better equipped to tackle socio-cultural restrictions and gain credibility in male-dominated markets. Goswami reported that education enhanced women's ability to negotiate, network, and build stakeholder relationships. Furthermore, the study highlighted that women entrepreneurs with advanced education were more confident in their decision-making and better prepared to handle risks, thereby improving the sustainability of their businesses.

(Ali et al., 2023) analyzed the influence of digital literacy on the competitiveness of women-led MSMEs. They found that educated women entrepreneurs were likelier to adopt digital tools such as e-commerce platforms, social media marketing, and financial management software. The study demonstrated that these digital skills increased operational efficiency and expanded market access, leading to higher profitability. The researchers observed that digital transformation was particularly impactful during crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, when many MSMEs had to pivot to online business models to survive.

(Abdulrochim, 2023) investigated the broader socio-economic impacts of empowering women entrepreneurs through education. The study found that educated women in the MSME sector contributed significantly to

job creation, community development, and poverty reduction. The research highlighted that women who received vocational training and higher education were more likely to reinvest profits into their businesses and local communities, fostering a cycle of economic growth. The findings also emphasized the importance of policy interventions to increase women's access to educational opportunities as a driver of sustainable development.

(Dadhich & Yadav Neetu, 2024)described the impact of education on women entrepreneurs in MSMEs, finding that educational programs led to increased confidence, better decision-making, and financial independence among participants. The study highlighted specific initiatives, such as financial literacy training and leadership workshops, which improved the operational capabilities of women-led MSMEs. The report also noted that women who participated in such programs were more likely to innovate and adapt to changing market conditions, contributing to the growth and resilience of the MSME sector.

(Jain and Mathur, 2023) an extensive systematic literature review and meta-analysis was conducted to understand the relationship between women's empowerment and education. Their study analyzed data from 104 research papers, spanning diverse geographical regions and socio-economic contexts. The findings revealed a statistically significant positive correlation between educational attainment and women's empowerment. Women with higher levels of education demonstrated enhanced decision-making capabilities, which translated into greater autonomy and influence in both household and professional settings. The study highlighted that in MSMEs, education equips women entrepreneurs with essential skills, including financial literacy, strategic planning, and operational management. These skills enable them to overcome resource constraints, limited market access, and gender-based discrimination. Jain and Mathur concluded that education fosters individual growth and serves as a critical enabler for the economic success and sustainability of women-led MSMEs. They advocated for policy interventions to enhance women entrepreneurs' access to education and vocational training, emphasizing the need for localized approaches to address specific community challenges.

(Odede, 2024) presented a compelling narrative on the transformative power of women's education, grounded in personal observations from Kenya's Kibera slum, one of the largest informal settlements in Africa. The study emphasized that education for girls is a powerful tool to break the cycle of poverty, enabling them to secure better job opportunities, achieve higher earnings, and access improved health care. Odede argued that these outcomes have a multiplier effect, benefiting families and communities while fostering economic resilience. The research drew a direct link between education and the economic development of MSMEs, suggesting that educated women are more likely to initiate and sustain small businesses. These businesses, often deeply rooted in local economies, are critical for employment generation and community development. Odede highlighted successful case studies where educational programs for women led to significant improvements in business outcomes, including higher profitability and market expansion (Sonali Bhati, Manish Dadhich, 2024). The article called for increased investment in education initiatives tailored to the needs of marginalized women, particularly in developing regions, to foster inclusive economic growth and reduce gender disparities in entrepreneurship.

## 3. Research Methodology

The study utilizes a descriptive and evaluative research design to investigate the role of women's education in the economic development of MSMEs and its subsequent impact on Rajasthan's economic growth. A descriptive design allows for understanding the current state of women's education and MSME performance, while the evaluative component assesses the effectiveness of educational interventions in improving MSME outcomes. The research also explores the interconnectedness of various independent variables in shaping MSME success.The target population includes women actively working in MSMEs across five key districts of Rajasthan: Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ajmer, and Kota. These districts were

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selected due to their significant contribution to the state's MSME sector and their diverse economic activities. The study involved 275 respondents chosen through convenient sampling, ensuring access to participants despite time and logistical constraints. The inclusion criteria required women to have at least one year of experience in MSMEs and represent diverse roles such as entrepreneurs, managers, and skilled workers.

A structured questionnaire was designed with sections focusing on demographics, education levels, financial literacy, entrepreneurial activities, and business performance. The questionnaire used both multiple-choice and Likert-scale questions (1 = Strongly Disagree to 5 = Strongly Agree). Convenient sampling was employed to select 275 participants based on accessibility and availability during the research period. While this method may introduce selection bias, it was deemed suitable given the study's time and resource constraints. The sample was stratified across the five districts to ensure diversity in economic activities and representation of different MSME sectors, such as textiles, handicrafts, and agro-based industries. The data collection phase spanned six months, from July to December 2024. This timeline accounted for capturing data during different phases of business activities, including seasonal fluctuations in industries like tourism and handicrafts (Robert Mwiinga, 2022).

Dependent Variable is Economic development of MSMEs, measured by indicators such as revenue growth, employment generation, business sustainability and market expansion.

Financial Literacy: Skills such as budgeting, financial management, and accessing credit, often linked to educational attainment, significantly impact business decision-making and resource allocation.

Digital Literacy: Knowledge of digital tools and platforms is crucial for leveraging e-commerce, digital marketing, and online financial transactions.

Entrepreneurial Skills: Education fosters critical entrepreneurial traits such as innovation, leadership, and strategic planning, vital for MSME success.

Vocational Training: Access to industry-specific training enhances technical expertise and operational efficiency in MSMEs.

This study's primary objective is to evaluate women's role in fostering the economic development of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Rajasthan, focusing on key dimensions such as revenue growth, employment generation, business sustainability, and market expansion. By understanding how education impacts these indicators, the research aims to uncover strategies to enhance MSME performance and contribute to Rajasthan's economic growth. A secondary objective is to assess the impact of financial literacy on women entrepreneurs' decision-making capabilities and resource allocation in MSMEs. Financial literacy, encompassing budgeting, credit management, and financial planning skills, is closely linked to educational attainment. The study seeks to identify how improving these skills can drive business growth and economic resilience.

The following hypotheses can be posited after discussing the above literature and objectives.

H1: Financial literacy significantly impacts the economic development of MSMEs.

H2: Digital literacy enhances market expansion and economic growth of MSMEs.

H3: Entrepreneurial skills positively influence revenue growth and business sustainability of MSMEs.

H4: Vocational training improves operational efficiency and economic performance of MSMEs.

#### 4. Date Analysis and Discussion

Table 1 highlights the demographic profile of 275 women respondents participating in the study on the role of women's education in the economic development of MSMEs in Rajasthan. Most respondents (45.45%) are 31–45 years old, representing women in their prime working or entrepreneurial years. Younger women aged 18–30 constitute 36.36%, while 18.18% are above 45 years, reflecting the diverse age range. Over half

(52.73%) are graduates, followed by 30.91% with secondary or below education, and 16.36% holding postgraduate degrees or higher. Most respondents are married (54.55%), while single women account for 36.36%, and 9.09% are divorced or widowed, showcasing varied social backgrounds.

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Category	Subcategory	Freq.	(%)				
	18-30 years	100	36.36				
Age Group	31-45 years	125	45.45				
	Above 45 years	50	18.18				
	Secondary or below	85	30.91				
Educational Level	Graduate	145	52.73				
	Postgraduate or higher	45	16.36				
Marital Status	Single	100	36.36				
	Married	150	54.55				
	Divorced/Widowed	25	9.09				
	Self-employed	130	47.27				
Employment Type	Salaried	85	30.91				
	Unemployed	60	21.82				
	Owner/Entrepreneur	115	41.82				
MSME Involvement	Manager	60	21.82				
	Employee	100	36.36				
Residence	Rural	120	43.64				
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**Table 1: Demographic Profile** 

Employment and MSME involvement further illustrate their economic roles. Nearly half (47.27%) are selfemployed, actively contributing as entrepreneurs, while 30.91% are salaried employees, and 21.82% are unemployed, highlighting potential for further engagement. Within MSMEs, 41.82% are owners or entrepreneurs, 21.82% serve as managers, and 36.36% are employees. Geographically, 56.36% reside in urban areas, while 43.64% hail from rural settings, reflecting the balanced representation of women from both regions. These demographics underscore women's diverse contributions to MSME growth and economic development in Rajasthan.

Table 2 presents the reliability framework used to evaluate the constructs related to the study, focusing on Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Entrepreneurial Skills, Vocational Training, and Economic Development. Key metrics such as Cronbach's alpha, Average Variance Extracted (AVE), and Composite Reliability (CR) are included to assess each construct's internal consistency, convergent validity, and reliability.

Table 2. Reliability Flamework					
Constructs	Cron. alpha	AVE	CR		
Financial Literacy	0.810	0.466	0.587		
Digital Literacy	0.815	0.498	0.602		
Entrepreneurial Skills	0.708	0.566	0.619		
Vocational Training	0.822	0.524	0.521		

Economic development	0.786	0.622	0.599
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The Cronbach's alpha values for all constructs range from 0.708 to 0.822, indicating acceptable to good internal consistency across the variables. Vocational Training (0.822) and Digital Literacy (0.815) have the highest reliability, while Entrepreneurial Skills has the lowest value (0.708), though it still falls within the acceptable range. AVE values range between 0.466 and 0.622, with Economic Development showing the highest variance explained (0.622). However, Financial Literacy and Digital Literacy exhibit lower AVE values (0.466 and 0.498), indicating the need for further refinement in capturing variance. CR values range from 0.521 to 0.619, reflecting moderate composite reliability, though there may be scope for improvement in ensuring robust construct measurement.

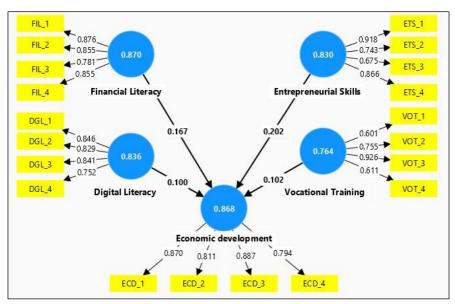


Fig. 1: SEM Model for Development of MSME

The analysis reveals a statistically significant positive relationship between financial literacy and economic development (p < 0.05). The standardized beta coefficient (B = 0.402) indicates that increased financial literacy substantially contributes to economic development. This finding aligns with prior research (Lusardi & Mitchell, 2014), emphasizing that financial literacy empowers individuals to make informed financial decisions, optimize resource allocation, and enhance productivity in economic activities. The strong T-statistic (6.058) further supports the robustness of this relationship, highlighting the importance of promoting financial literacy programs to drive growth, particularly within the MSME sector.

H2: Digital Literacy  $\rightarrow$  Economic Development (B = 0.388, T = 4.201, p = 0.001)

Digital literacy also significantly impacts economic development (B = 0.388, p < 0.05). As technology increasingly drives global markets, digital literacy equips individuals with the skills to leverage digital tools, access information, and participate effectively in the digital economy (UNESCO, 2018). The T-statistic (4.201) confirms the strength of this relationship. Investments in digital education, especially for women, are essential to bridge the digital divide and enable inclusive growth, as supported by the study's findings.

SN	Manifests	B.stat.	Х	σ	T-stat	Sig.
$H_1$	Financial Literacy→Economic	0.402	0.502	0.205	6.058	0.001
	development					
H <sub>2</sub>	Digital Literacy→Economic development	0.388	0.482	0.264	4.201	0.001

 Table 3: Hypotheses Analysis

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H <sub>3</sub>	Entrepreneurial	Skills→Economic	0.855	0.475	0.511	3.205	0.000
	development						
H <sub>4</sub>	Vocational	Training→Economic	0.320	0.348	0.852	0.306	0.000
	development						

H3: Entrepreneurial Skills  $\rightarrow$  Economic Development (B = 0.855, T = 3.205, p = 0.000)

Entrepreneurial skills show the strongest impact on economic development, with a very high beta coefficient (B = 0.855) and statistical significance (p < 0.001). This underscores the pivotal role of entrepreneurship in fostering innovation, creating jobs, and driving economic growth (Dadhich & Bhaumik, 2023). The results suggest that enhancing entrepreneurial skills through targeted training programs and policy support could significantly improve economic outcomes, especially in the MSME sector, where innovation and adaptability are critical for success.

H4: Vocational Training  $\rightarrow$  Economic Development (B = 0.320, T = 0.306, p = 0.000)

Vocational training also demonstrates a positive relationship with economic development (B = 0.320, p < 0.05), albeit with a lower T-statistic (0.306). Vocational training provides practical skills that enhance employability and productivity (Dadhich, Shukla, et al., 2024). This finding emphasizes the need for accessible and industry-relevant vocational programs to empower women and support sustainable development in the MSME sector.

# 5. Implications of the Study

The study has significant implications for policymakers, educators, MSME stakeholders, and society. It emphasizes the need for targeted policies to enhance women's education and training in financial and digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills. Policymakers can use these findings to design initiatives that foster the growth of women-led MSMEs, promoting inclusive economic development in Rajasthan. Educational institutions and training centers are encouraged to integrate entrepreneurship, financial management, and digital literacy into their curricula, equipping women with essential skills for MSME success. The study also highlights the role of women's education in boosting MSME productivity, revenue, and sustainability, contributing to the broader economic development of the state. Furthermore, it underscores women's empowerment through education, improving their decision-making capabilities and participation in entrepreneurship, thereby fostering gender equity and social inclusion. MSMEs can adopt strategies to prioritize skill development and technological adoption among women, enhancing their competitive advantage. Finally, the study illustrates the ripple effect of women's education in creating jobs, reducing poverty, and uplifting communities, making it a critical driver of social and economic resilience.

# 6. Limitations and Future Scope

The study has certain limitations that should be acknowledged. First, the sample size of 275 respondents, selected through convenient sampling, may not fully represent the diverse population of women working in MSMEs across Rajasthan. This method also limits the generalizability of the findings. Additionally, the study's focus on five districts may overlook variations in the MSME sector across other regions of the state or country. The reliance on self-reported data introduces the possibility of response bias, while the sixmonth data collection period may not capture long-term or seasonal impacts on MSME development. Moreover, the study's emphasis on specific variables—financial literacy, digital literacy, entrepreneurial skills, and vocational training—leaves underexplored other important factors, such as socio-cultural barriers, government support, and technological access.

Future research can address these limitations by expanding the sample size and geographical coverage to include more districts and diverse socio-economic contexts. Longitudinal studies can provide insights into

the long-term effects of education on MSME development. Additionally, incorporating other variables such as access to technology, social capital, and gender-based challenges would enrich the analysis. Sectorspecific studies in areas like textiles, handicrafts, and agro-industries could uncover targeted strategies for enhancing MSME performance. Comparative analyses between regions or countries could identify best practices, while intervention-based research can assess the effectiveness of specific training programs or government initiatives aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs. These directions deepen understanding and provide actionable strategies for leveraging women's education to drive MSME growth and economic development.

## 7. Conclusion

The study highlights the critical role of women in driving the economic development of MSMEs in Rajasthan. Education equips women entrepreneurs with essential skills such as financial literacy, digital proficiency, and entrepreneurial capabilities, enabling them to contribute effectively to the growth and sustainability of MSMEs. Education empowers women to navigate challenges and seize opportunities in a competitive economic landscape by fostering innovation, enhancing business operations, and expanding market reach. This enhances the performance of MSMEs and contributes significantly to regional economic growth. The findings emphasize that financial literacy improves business decision-making and resource allocation. Women entrepreneurs with strong financial management skills are better equipped to access credit, manage budgets, and sustain their businesses through economic fluctuations. Similarly, digital literacy has emerged as a transformative factor, enabling women to leverage e-commerce platforms, digital marketing, and online financial transactions to expand their market presence and enhance operational efficiency. These skills are increasingly vital in a digitally-driven economy, making education a cornerstone of MSME success. Entrepreneurial skills and vocational training were also significant contributors to MSME performance. Entrepreneurial education fosters innovation, leadership, and strategic planning, essential for business growth and sustainability. Vocational training, on the other hand, enhances technical expertise and operational efficiency, ensuring that MSMEs remain competitive in their respective industries. These findings underscore the importance of integrating education and skill development programs into policies to empower women in the MSME sector.

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