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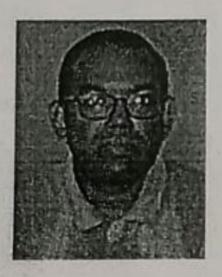
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FINANCIAL INNOVATION IN THE MSME SECTOR: AN EMPIRICAL STUDY ON FIN-TECH



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Abstract

MSME sector is considered as power house of every emerging economy including India. Despite its significant contribution, the sector is facing massive problems relating to finance specifically. The purpose of this study is to review and to evaluate fintech revolution and its impact on MSME sector. Fintech is doing pioneering work in the money market. A special segment of banking industry is to provide financial support to the MSME sector. Fintech is developing tailor made solutions in the way of promoting Apps exclusively for fast approval of finance digitally to various segments including MSMEs.

Background

n general, significantly people in India are not habituated to accustom in digital transactions due to excess liquid money is circulated in the economy. It has cascading effect on inflation to move up and discouraged to cash less society on the other. Digital threats, inadequate infrastructure to accept debit and credit cards, linkage failure and no actions in case of post digital threats are considered as key concerns from users' point of view. Besides, awareness level to use several electronic mechanisms is one of the key constraints in rural and semi-urban areas. Thereby, financial sector reforms in India were necessitated. Banking reforms in India was debut its application in the early 1990s with the introduction of Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). It has completely changed to buying habits and fashions and thereby payment modes. Demonetization in India during 2016 has been fueling individuals and businesses to use popular financial products in order to meet upcoming challenges. Fintech is one of them.eet upcoming challenges. Fintech is one of them.

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Introduction

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector has emerged as a dynamic and vibrant sector in India. This sector contributes significantly to manufacturing output, employment and exports of our country. Thus, MSME sector is considered as backbone of Indian economy.

Despite its commendable contribution to the nations' economy, MSME sector has been suffering with massive problems. Nature and magnitude of such problems have been changing over time. One of the biggest challenges faced by this sector is lack of required financial support from banks and financial institutions coupled with high cost of credit. It is increased in manifold particularly in unbanked and under banked areas. Financial innovation or initiatives have a good role in this juncture. One of the initiatives is Fintech which is a new phenomenon in Indian financial system. It has good potentiality to resolve financial crisis of the MSMEs judiciously.

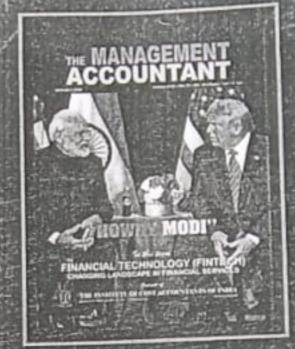
There are three broad sections in this study which is based on secondary data. In first section, study outlines of economic initiatives in Indian money market followed by discussion on various aspects of fintech and finally to examine the impact of fintech on MSME sector.

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