

An Empirical Analysis on the Economic Impacts of Ocean Acidification

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Abstract: *Ocean acidification is "climate change's equally evil twin," and for good explanation: it's a critical and destructive result of over abundance of carbon dioxide in the climate that we don't have any idea or feel in light of the fact that its belongings are occurring submerged. The major objectives of the research are to study the impact of ocean acidification affecting the exports of the country, efficient ways to prevent ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification, impacts of tourism decline caused due to ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification affecting the economy of a country. This study is done through empirical research with a well structured questionnaire and it was collected from convenient sampling of 226 respondents. The samples were gathered from the overall population with extraordinary reference to the Chennai locals. Ocean acidification shall be prevented by less emission of CO₂ in the atmosphere, sustainable seafood choices, being educated and educating to improve the cleanliness of the sea shores which in order helps in protecting marine life.*

Keywords: Ocean acidification, economic impacts, tourism, climate change, CO₂

I. INTRODUCTION

Ocean acidification is "climate change's equally evil twin," and for good explanation: it's a critical and destructive result of the abundance of carbon dioxide in the climate that we don't have any idea or feel in light of the fact that its belongings are occurring submerged. No less than one-fourth of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) delivered by consuming coal, oil and gas doesn't remain in the air, yet rather breaks down into the sea. Starting from the start of the modern time, the sea has assimilated about 525 billion tons of CO₂ from the climate, by and by around 22 million tons each day. Because it releases less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, which helps to warm the planet, scientists have suspected from the beginning that this might be something to be thankful for. In any case, in the previous 10 years, they've understood that this eased back warming has come at the expense of changing the sea's science. The pH of the sea, which represents a percentage of how acidic or essential the sea is, decreases when carbon dioxide breaks down in seawater. Despite the fact that the sea is huge, enough carbon dioxide can have a significant effect. Sea water has become 30% more acidic in the last 200 years. Scientists previously didn't stress over this cycle since they generally expected that streams conveyed an adequate number of broken down synthetic compounds from rocks to the sea to keep the sea's pH stable. Yet such a lot of carbon dioxide is dissolving into the sea so rapidly that this normal buffering hasn't had the option to keep up, bringing about generally quickly dropping pH in surface waters. As those surface layers continuously blend into profound water, the whole sea is impacted. Today, more of a billion groups overall depend on food from the sea as their essential wellspring of protein. Roughly 20% of the total populace infers no less than one-fifth of its creature protein admission from fish. Many positions and economies in the US and all over the planet rely upon the fish and shellfish that live in the sea. Ocean acidification is poisoning coral in the Caribbean, Scotland and Norway. It is likewise a worry for the Great Barrier Reef, where residing corals have declined by half throughout the course of recent many years, diminishing natural surroundings for fish and the strength of the whole reef framework. Local fisheries in Patagonian waters may likewise be undermined, and emotional change is obvious in the Antarctic, where the freezing waters can hold such a lot of carbon dioxide that shelled animals disintegrate in the destructive circumstances, influencing food hotspots for fish, birds, and marine warm mammals.



The most progressive step the US has at any point taken to address environmental change, President Obama called for 1,000 U.S. This decrease approaches the yearly result of 150 million vehicles, or 66% of all U.S. individual traveller vehicles. Robust forecasting capabilities and public-private organisations are expected to decipher the worldwide picture as well as the local and local area conditions. Thus, NOAA co-drives the spearheading, 66-country Worldwide Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network, which screens the movement of fermentation and recognizes areas of most elevated risk. Ocean acidification can be prevented in own techniques like considering it as a serious issue, Minimising the carbon emission and footprint in our life, Switch on to Eco-friendly power generation modes, Take conservation of water on serious notes, Minimise the use of plastic items, Selection of right fish for consumption, Proper ocean management, Strict rules and regulations, Awareness and education, Be a smart consumer, Conserve energy at a personal level, Be a part of a campaign or an organisation.

OBJECTIVES

This research aims to

- To know about the impact of ocean acidification affecting the exports of the country.
- To analyse the effective ways to prevent the ocean from getting acidified.
- To know the impacts of ocean acidification.
- To study the impacts of specific decline in tourism caused due to ocean acidification.
- To get a clear view on the extent to which ocean acidification affects the economy of a country.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

(International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). Global Marine and Polar Programme. 2015) This paper presents the main extensive survey and union of studies that estimate monetary effects of sea fermentation. The progressions in seawater science coming about because of expanded carbon dioxide discharges, altogether known as sea fermentation, will have adverse effects on marine environment administrations. a worldwide normal of per capita yearly misfortunes in the year 2100 somewhere in the range of \$47 and \$58 and we find solid proof that evaluations are predictable with assumptions given future emanations and financial situations that underlie the first examinations.

(Mangi et al. 2018) This study was embraced to appraise the potential financial expenses coming about because of sea fermentation on UK wild catch and hydroponics shellfish creation. Applying the net present worth (NPV) and fractional harmony (PE) models, we gauge both direct and broad monetary misfortunes of shellfish creation by 2100. Gauges utilising the NPV technique show that the immediate possible misfortunes because of diminished shellfish creation range from 14% to 28% of fishery NPV.

(Falkenberg and Tubb 2017) The couple of evaluations which have been directed demonstrate to a great extent bad financial impacts of sea fermentation. Experiences are, in any case, restricted as the extent of the examinations stays confined. The subsequent comprehension could illuminate choices with the end goal that we keep up with, or improve, financial administrations got from future marine conditions.

(Onofri 2017) This paper presents an extensive survey and blend of studies that estimate monetary effects of sea fermentation. The progressions in seawater science coming about because of expanded carbon dioxide discharges, known as sea fermentation, will have adverse effects on marine biological system administrations. They performed meta-relapses to investigate whether assessments given by these examinations are by and large reliable with assumptions in view of sea science and financial hypothesis.

(Parthasarathi 2021) The marine area has been recognized as a dawn area under the Unique Center Drive of the Unfamiliar Exchange Strategy of the Public authority of India. Marine items have caused a buzz on the planet market in view of their high wellbeing credits. This area is of massive significance to the country's economy because of business age and product potential.



(Jagers et al. 2019) The underlying driver of OA lies in human approaches and ways of behaving driving society's reliance on petroleum products, bringing about raised CO₂ focuses in the environment. In this audit, we detail the condition of information on the reasons for, and possible reactions to, OA with specific spotlight on Swedish waterfront oceans. We additionally talk about present information holes and execution needs.

(Panchang and Ambokar 2021) The impact of thermohaline ventilation in the Cove of Bengal, inter-basin hydrological teleconnections, effects of sea fermentation on various trophic levels of the pecking order, assessment of anthropogenic CO₂ transition, assessment of pre-modern pH and disintegration skylines by gathering past substance measurements gathered, investigation of submarine volcanic districts as mirrors of environmental change and subjective/quantitative biological system reactions/variations are promising possibilities for additional concentrate in the Northern Indian Sea.

(Doney et al. 2020) This review underlines both current and flow logical comprehension and information holes, featuring bearings for future examination and perceiving the data needs of policymakers and partners. A set-up of numerous stressors including fermentation, environmental change, and other natural modifications should be thought about while deciding the developing biological impacts and any transformation centred intercession.

(Byrne 2014) Numerous significant parts of seawater CO₂ science can be just by implication seen as of now, and significant yet challenging to-notice changes can remember shifts for the speciation and potentially bioavailability of some life-fundamental components. Advancement and creation are desperately expected to foster the in situ instrumentation expected to archive this time of quick sea development.

(Liu 2021) A few speculations have been made, for example, dealing with the ocean growth and the precipitation technique, yet these methodologies are juvenile and at present unimportant. The most viable technique to dial back sea fermentation is to settle on arrangements and guidelines to control fossil fuel byproduct straightforwardly. Future arrangements ought to build the joint effort globally and apply the most reasonable measures locally. This examination plans to give foundation information to future investigations about the sea.

(National Research Council et al. 2010) It is urgent to create and execute trend setting innovations that empower better checking, take into account comprehension of transformation capability of the creatures, and work with the utilisation of relief systems toward anticipated ecological changes. Cooperation of marine and PC researchers, specialists, and residents is expected to foster creative manageable advancements to moderate and decrease future increment of CO₂.

(De Young 2006) Marine items industry has a portion of no less than 5-6 % in world commodities. India is projected to become one among the main five fish sending out nations on the planet. The fish trades from Visakhapatnam, India have been portrayed in this paper. An endeavour is made to examine what is going on opposite modern difficulties and possibilities of Visakha Compartment Terminal Pvt.Ltd. (VCTPL) Catchphrases: Fish Products, Visakhapatnam Port, India.

(Balasubramaniam, Tarpara, and Dhandhalya 2018) Marine fisheries area in India is huge on the grounds that it adds to the profit in unfamiliar trade and furthermore gives business to many individuals in the country. The aftereffects of Markov chain examination showed that Southeast Asian nations were the most steadfast countries with the maintenance of the portion of 73%, trailed by 65% maintenance by European Association and 58 percent and 52 percent maintenance by Japan and USA.

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(Li et al. 2021) The review specifies stages to notice the proposed system in figuring out the movement and relaxation industry's recuperation methodologies. The current pandemic Coronavirus has brought about worldwide difficulties, monetary and medical care emergencies, and presented overflow influences on the worldwide enterprises, including the travel industry and travel that is the significant supporter of the assistance business around the world. The travel industry and relaxation industry has confronted the Coronavirus. The travel industry influences hardest-hit and lies



among the most harmed worldwide enterprises. The recreation and interior of the travel industry demonstrated a precarious downfall adding up to 2.86 trillion US dollars, which measured over half income misfortunes.

(United Nations Publications 2021) This paper researches the effect of Coronavirus (or Novel Covid) pandemic on the pay and compensation of people working in the travel industry and friendliness industry in India. As the travel industry and cordiality industry is a work concentrated industry, the effect of Coronavirus pandemic-incited financial slump is supposed to be especially extreme here. To gauge this effect, I utilise a huge, delegate board overview from India, and utilise the distinction in-contrasts strategy in this review.

(World Tourism Organization 2013) The meaning of the travel industry for financial improvement has been strongly bantered since the 1960's,¹ and there is a developing agreement that travel industry can possibly essentially add to improvement, particularly in emerging nations (DCs) and least created nations (LDCs).² A slump of this area hence causes serious repercussions for the improvement viewpoints of different nations. The travel industry area's true capacity is essentially connected to unfamiliar trade profit and government incomes, as well concerning the linkages with other monetary areas like development, handicrafts and agribusiness. The travel industry is a work escalated area and, because of the idea of its work positions, it will in general create business and pay open doors, to be specific for poor and weak gatherings (youth, ladies and low-gifted specialists), especially yet not solely in country and far off regions.

(Stabler, Papatheodorou, and Thea Sinclair 2009) The general strength of these powers decides if the travel industry is agglomerated at one objective or is more scattered. Economies of scale in the travel industry favour agglomeration while sightseers' inclination for nearby vacation spots and neighbourhood administrations is helpful for scattering. In the event that profits to scale approach consistent and sightseers don't see the value in neighbourhood products, the communication between the two objections vanishes and our model meets the travel industry Region Life Cycle model. The travel industry arrangements slow down the agglomeration and scattering powers and could actuate vacationer movement.

(Guliani and Kaur 2016) The CSR writing has given close consideration to the impact of CSR on corporate monetary execution (CFP), notably as the CSR-CFP connect. In light of the instrumental point of view seeing CSR as an instrument for upgrading a company's presentation, individuals started to consider CSR to be a decent deed that benefits society as well as a technique that can help the partnership. To observationally test this instrumental viewpoint, numerous scientists have explored whether a company's commitment to CSR exercises without a doubt prompts working on the company's presentation.

(Álvarez-Albelo and Martínez-González 2022) Between firm coordination arrangements through an objective card (DC) are a far and wide benefit expanding technique in the travel industry. Writing on the travel industry financial aspects contends that this sort of coordination increments social productivity. Notwithstanding, modern association studies think about heterogeneous purchasers and caution that a DC-type understanding can government assistance weaken. This paper intends to explain these inconsistent outcomes by fostering a duopoly model with heterogeneous vacationers.

III. METHODOLOGY

The exploration strategy followed is empirical research. This study is done through empirical research with a well structured questionnaire and it was collected from convenient sampling of 226 respondents. The samples were gathered from the overall population with extraordinary reference to the Chennai locals. The independent variables are gender, age, education qualification, occupation, marital status of the respondents. The dependent variables are the impact of ocean acidification affecting the exports of the country, efficient ways to prevent ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification, impacts of tourism decline caused due to ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification affecting the economy of a country in Chennai. Graphs are used to analyse the data collected.

HYPOTHESIS

This research study is assigned to assess the relationship between ocean acidification and the economy. Using a convenient sampling method various dependent and independent variables have been used as stated above.

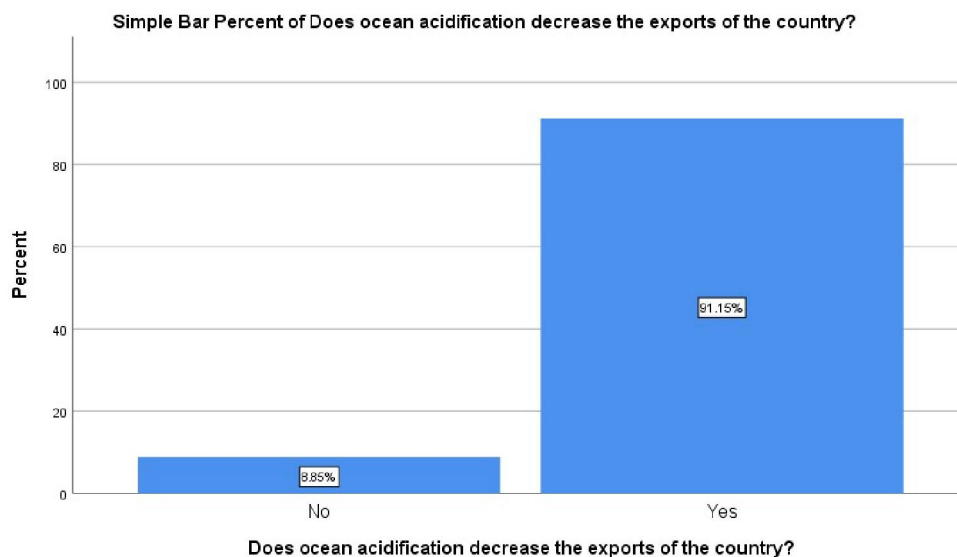


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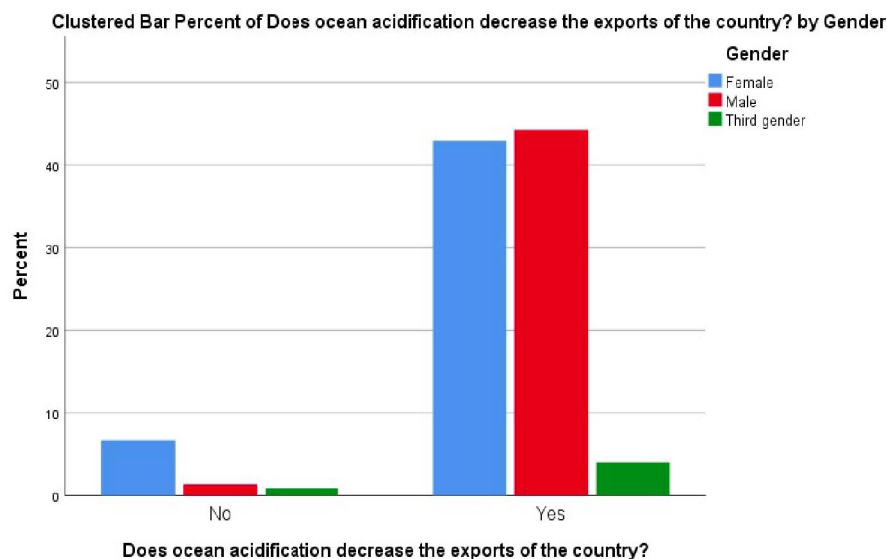
IV. ANALYSIS

FIGURE 1



Legend: Figure1 shows the graph for the responses of the public with respect to their view on ocean acidification impacting on the exports of the country.

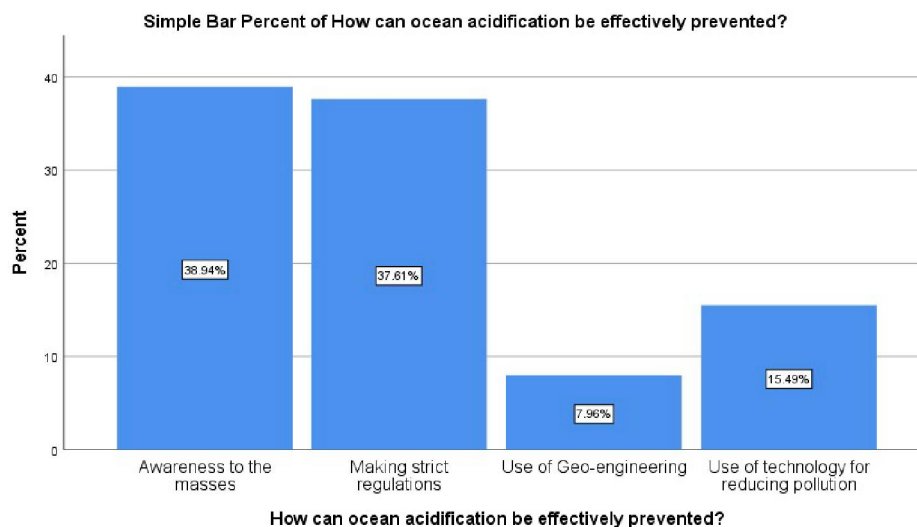
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Legend: Figure2 shows the graph on the opinion with respect to their view on ocean acidification impacting on the exports of the country compared to gender of the respondents.

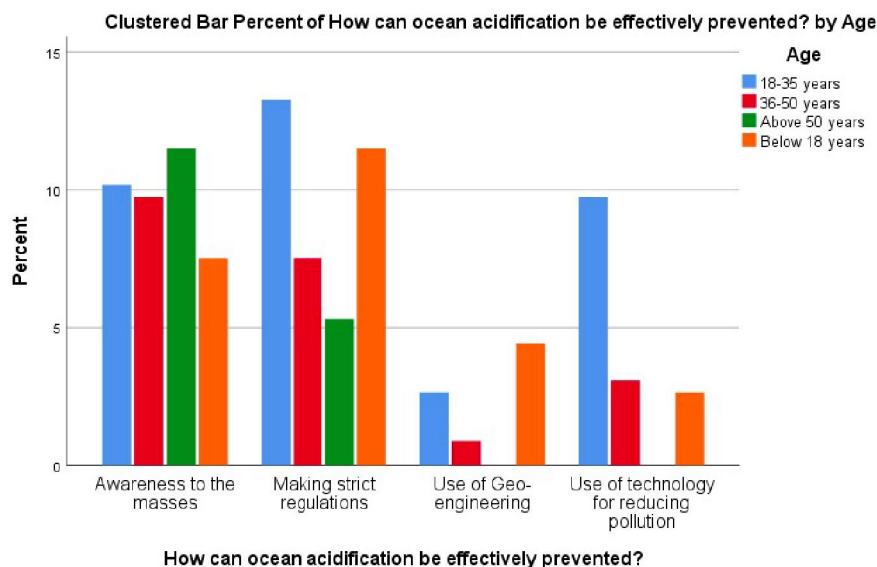


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Legend: Figure3 shows the simple graph on the views of the public on the effective measure to prevent ocean acidification.

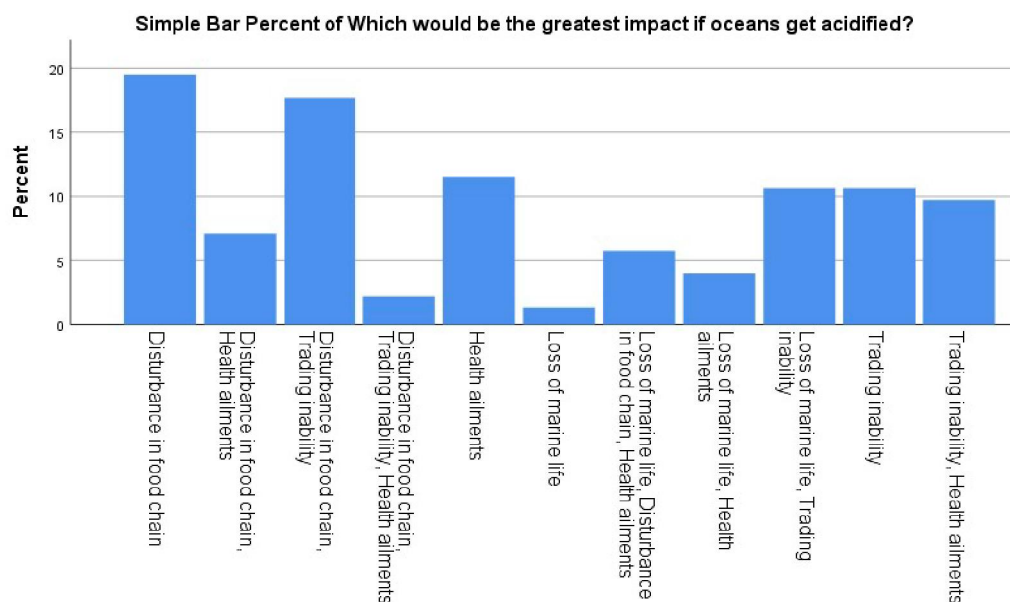
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Legend: Figure4 shows the graph on the effective measure to prevent ocean acidification compared to the age of the respondents.



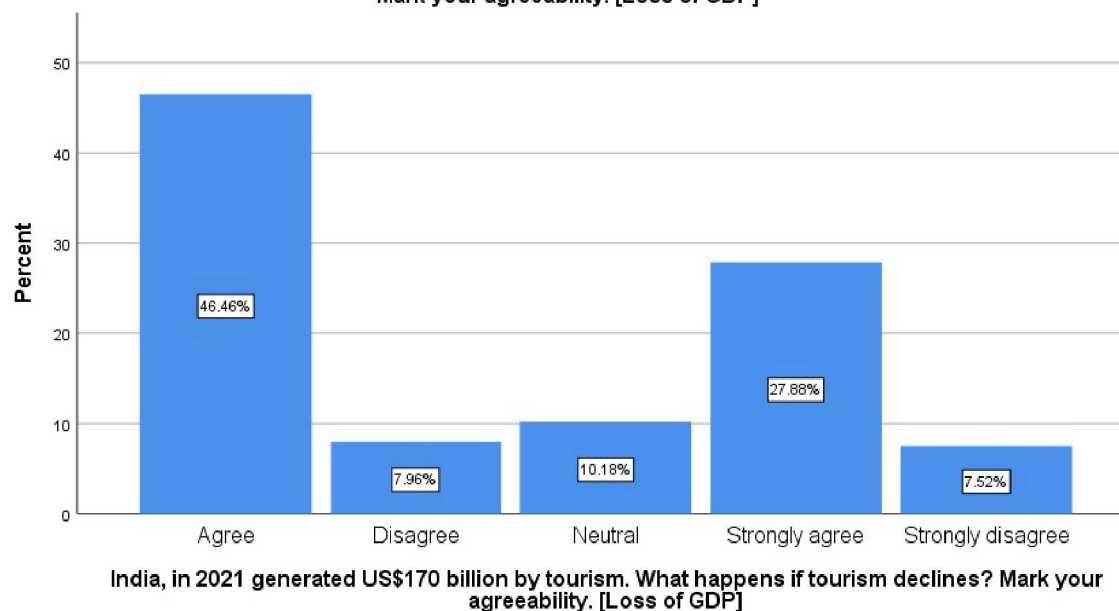
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Legend: Figure5 shows the simple graph on the greatest impact of ocean acidification.

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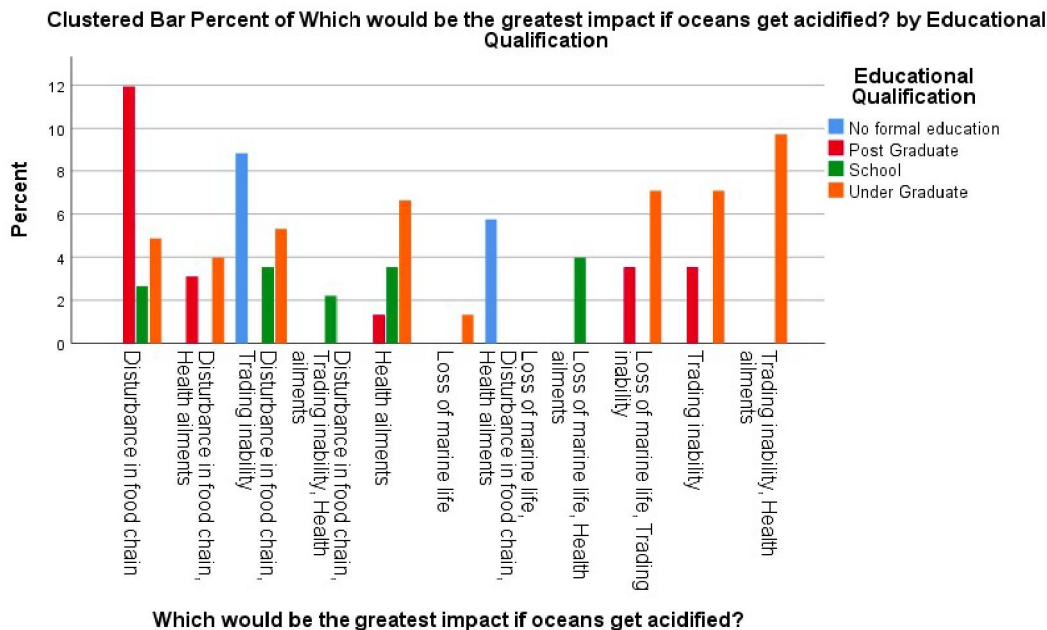
Simple Bar Percent of India, in 2021 generated US\$170 billion by tourism. What happens if tourism declines? Mark your agreeability. [Loss of GDP]



Legend: Figure6 resembles the graph for ocean acidification being a reason for the decline in tourism which hinders in generating income.



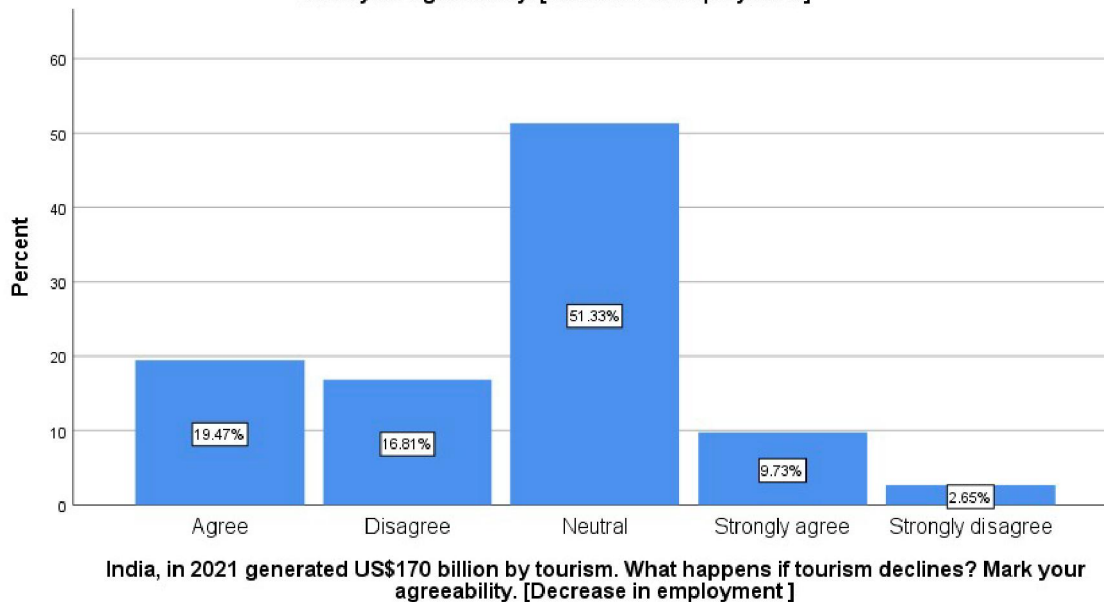
FIGURE7



Legend: Figure7 shows the responses on the greatest impact of ocean acidification compared to various educational qualifications.

FIGURE8

Simple Bar Percent of India, in 2021 generated US\$170 billion by tourism. What happens if tourism declines? Mark your agreeability. [Decrease in employment]

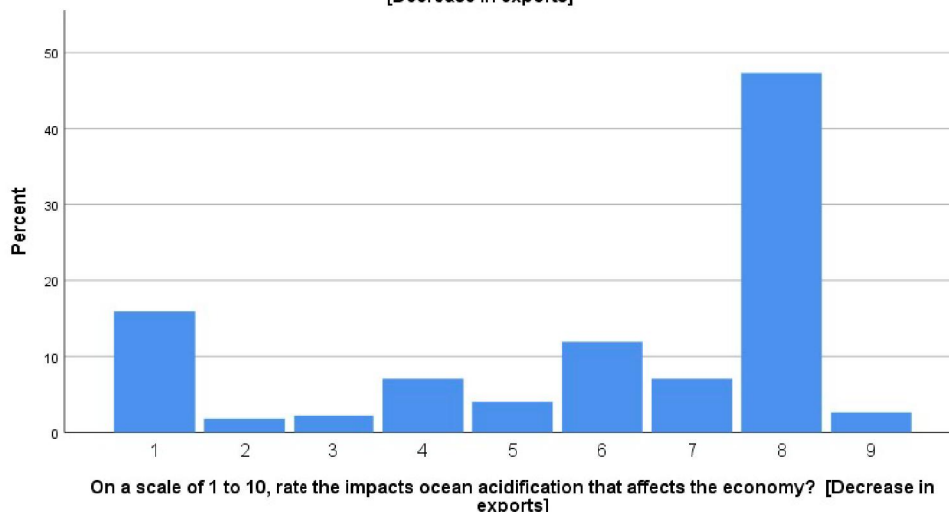


Legend: Figure8 represents the agreeability of the respondents on decrease in employment being an impact of tourism decline.



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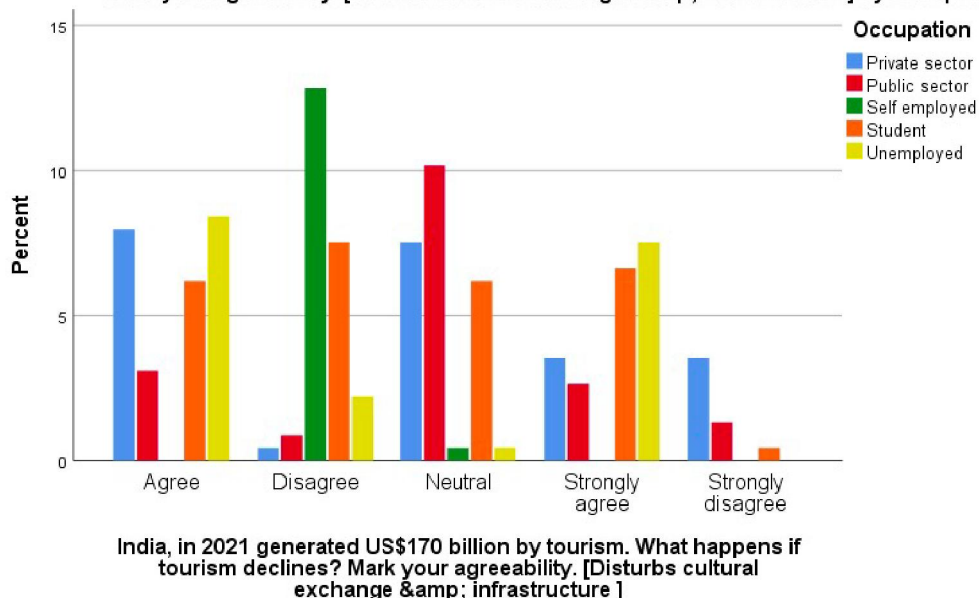
Simple Bar Percent of On a scale of 1 to 10, rate the impacts ocean acidification that affects the economy?
[Decrease in exports]



Legend: Figure9 shows the simple graph on decrease in exports being the greatest impact of ocean acidification in the country.

FIGURE10

Clustered Bar Percent of India, in 2021 generated US\$170 billion by tourism. What happens if tourism declines?
Mark your agreeability. [Disturbs cultural exchange & infrastructure] by Occupation

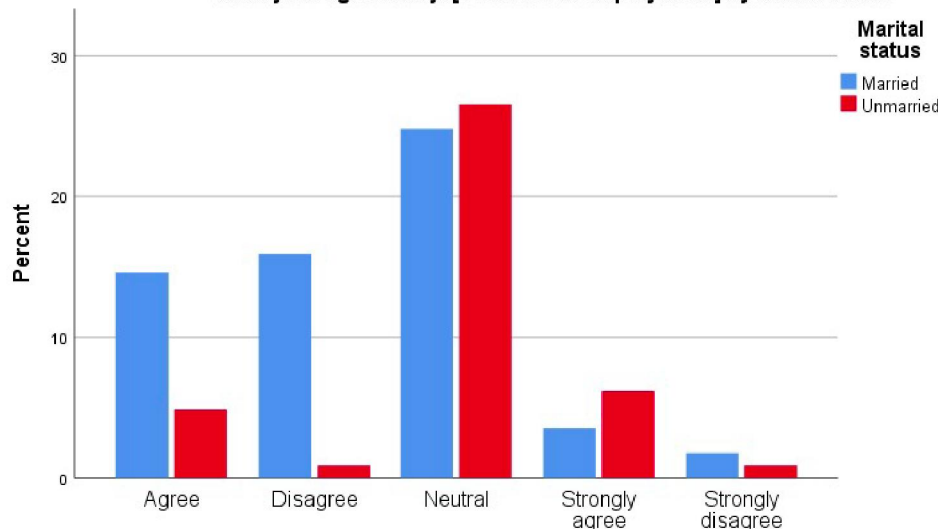


Legend: Figure10 shows the clustered graph on disturbed cultural exchange and infrastructure being an impact of tourism decline compared to the occupational levels of the respondents.



FIGURE 11

Clustered Bar Percent of India, in 2021 generated US\$170 billion by tourism. What happens if tourism declines? Mark your agreeability. [Decrease in employment] by Marital status



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Legend: Figure11 shows the graph for decrease in employment being an impact of tourism decline compared to the marital status of the respondents.

V. RESULTS

Figure1 91.15% of the respondents have agreed that ocean acidification impacts on the exports of the country whereas 8.85% have said no. **Figure2** 91.15% of the respondents have agreed that ocean acidification impacts on the exports of the country whereas 8.85% have said no. Men rated 44.4% and women 43% followed by third gender less than 10%. **Figure3** 38.94% have agreed that awareness to the people can help in preventing ocean acidification followed by making strict regulations with 37.61%, use of technology for reducing pollution with 15.49% and use of geo engineering with 7.96%. **Figure4** Respondents above 50 years agreed that awareness to the people can help in preventing ocean acidification. 18-35 years respondents agreed the most that making strict regulations and use of technology for reducing pollution and use of geo engineering have been voted the most by respondents below 18 years. **Figure5** Most of the respondents have agreed that ocean acidification will impact on disturbed food chains followed by trading inability, loss of marine life and health ailments. **Figure6** 74% of the respondents agree that marine acidification will impact tourism leading to loss of GDP. 15.2% disagreed and 10.18% neutralised their responses. **Figure7** Post Graduates have voted the most for the disturbed food chain as a greatest impact of ocean acidification. Trading inability and health ailments were agreed the most by UnderGraduates. Students have agreed that ocean acidification shall impact on the loss of marine life. **Figure8** 29% respondents agree that tourism decline results in unemployment. 18% disagree that it won't cause unemployment. 51.33% neutralised their responses. **Figure9** Almost 50% of the respondents have rated 8 as ocean acidification will impact on the exports of the economy. Around 20% of respondents disagreed that it will not impact the export rate of the economy. **Figure10** Self employed respondents have disagreed that tourism decline will not impact on the disturbed cultural exchange and infrastructure. Unemployed respondents agree that it will impact on and respondents from the public sector neutralised respondents. **Figure11** Around 50% of both married and unmarried respondents neutralised their responses. 2% of unmarried respondents disagreed and 18% of the respondents agreed that tourism decline will impact on employment.



VI. DISCUSSION

Figure1 India is one among the largest exporters of marine products in the world. Ocean acidification destroys the quality of the marine products and the rate at which they are exported. Ocean acidification shall not be the only reason for the fall in exports but also other factors. **Figure2** India is one among the largest exporters of marine products in the world. Ocean acidification destroys the quality of the marine products and the rate at which they are exported. Ocean acidification shall not be the only reason for the fall in exports but also other factors. Since India has also empowered women, they are also aware of the economy and its losses. **Figure3** People are aware about the measures to prevent ocean acidification but not about the losses that they give to the economy. Awareness shall help in the prevention. Penalising and regulating shall also be an efficient measure followed by the use of technology. This may help in the prevention of discharge of harmful and concentrated gases putting the health of marine life in question. **Figure4** People are aware about the measures to prevent ocean acidification but not about the losses that they give to the economy. Since being from the category of 18-35 years a lot of respondents agreed that awareness shall help in the prevention. Penalising and regulating shall also be an efficient measure followed by the use of technology. This may help in the prevention of discharge of harmful and concentrated gases putting the health of marine life in question. **Figure5** Loss of marine lives will first impact on the lives of the marine species which results in a disturbed food chain. With lack of food or polluted water, marine living starts dying, impacting on trade as there will be no good products. Ocean acidification will not only impact marine species but also on humans due to the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere. **Figure6** India is a culturally diverse country. It has a lot of culture, tradition and it also generates a lump sum amount of the GDP through tourism. Indian culture attracts them and being a polluted country the tourism line is put in question which may lead to the loss of GDP and impacts on the promotion of the country. **Figure7** Loss of marine lives will first impact on the lives of the marine species which results in a disturbed food chain. With lack of food or polluted water, marine living starts dying, impacting on trade as there will be no good products. Ocean acidification will not only impact marine species but also on humans due to the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Health ailments shall be to any person without age bars.

Figure8 Decrease in employment as an outcome of tourism decline has been agreed by 29% of respondents. People who are living on daily wages shall face a lot of problems if tourism declines. Travel agencies, tourist guides and other vendors that depend on the tourists get affected the most. Decrease in employment will not be an only impact but also the decrease in living standards, disturbs cultural exchange. **Figure9** India exports marine products. Ocean acidification puts the question of the export rate in the economy. It has other impacts like downfall in the economy, disturbing the livelihood of the coastal communities. It also affects the living standard of vendors that are dependent on ocean outcomes. **Figure10** People of India follow various kinds of culture in various parts. Cultures of India are being exchanged or followed by people all around the world. Tourism in India mainly functions with all these. If tourism declines all these will also decline. Most of the self employed respondents have disagreed that tourism decline will tame the economical growth. **Figure11** Decrease in employment as an outcome of tourism decline has been agreed by 29% of respondents. People who are living on daily wages shall face a lot of problems if tourism declines. Travel agencies, tourist guides and other vendors that depend on the tourists get affected the most. Decrease in employment will not be an only impact but also the decrease in living standards, disturbs cultural exchange. Married respondents seem to agree more than unmarried respondents.

VII. LIMITATION

One of the major limitations is the use of convenience sampling methods that give a biased output which cannot be avoided. And there was a very short span of time to conduct and complete the research. Another limitation is we can't be able to assume the thoughts of the entire population in a country, state or city with the limited sample.

VII. CONCLUSION

Ocean acidification is "climate change's equally evil twin," and for good explanation: it's a critical and destructive result of over abundance of carbon dioxide in the climate that we don't have any idea or feel in light of the fact that its



belongings are occurring submerged. The major objectives of the research are to study the impact of ocean acidification affecting the exports of the country, efficient ways to prevent ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification, impacts of tourism decline caused due to ocean acidification, impacts of ocean acidification affecting the economy of a country. Ocean acidification shall be prevented by less emission of CO₂ in the atmosphere, sustainable seafood choices, being educated and educating to improve the cleanliness of the sea shores which in order helps in protecting marine life. Ocean acidification also results in branching problems like health ailments, loss of human lives...,etc. Every individual has the duty to protect the earth and protect the living creatures.

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