

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-59286

Title: A Study on Challenges Encountered by Traditional Handloom Weavers in Meghalaya

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance		✓		

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

Overall Evaluation

The paper addresses an important and relevant issue concerning the challenges faced by traditional handloom weavers in West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. The study focuses on both production and marketing problems and uses primary data from 30 handloom weavers. The application of Henry Garrett's Ranking Technique is appropriate for identifying and ranking the major problems. The findings clearly indicate that financial challenges, transportation problems, input costs, price fluctuations, and dependence on middlemen are important concerns. However, the paper requires some improvement in methodology, presentation, data interpretation, literature review, and referencing before publication.

Strengths

- The topic is relevant to rural employment, traditional livelihoods, women's economic participation, and cultural preservation.
- The study uses primary data collected directly from 30 handloom weavers.
- Henry Garrett's Ranking Technique is suitable for ranking the problems faced by respondents.
- Production and marketing problems are presented separately, making the findings easy to understand.
- The study provides practical implications for financial assistance, market access, pricing, and institutional support.
- The paper highlights the cultural and economic importance of handloom weaving in Meghalaya.

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Areas for Improvement

- 1. Title and Abstract** - The title can be made more precise by mentioning West Garo Hills District. The abstract should clearly state the sample size, sampling method, methodology, and major findings. Some sentences in the abstract need grammatical correction and better spacing.
- 2. Introduction** - The introduction provides useful background, but it is somewhat descriptive. The research gap and justification for selecting West Garo Hills should be clearly stated. Recent statistical information on Meghalaya's handloom sector may be added.
- 3. Review of Literature** - The literature review is relatively limited. More recent and region-specific studies should be included. The research gap emerging from previous studies should be explicitly explained.
- 4. Methodology** - The study mentions simple random sampling, but the procedure used to select the 30 respondents should be explained. The basis for determining the sample size of 30 should be justified. The period and location of data collection should be clearly mentioned. The Garrett ranking calculation should be presented consistently.
- 5. Data Analysis** - There appears to be a numerical inconsistency in Table 1: the Garrett score of 1310 divided by 30 gives 43.67, not 26.2. This should be verified and corrected. Table numbering should be corrected because the text refers to "Table 3" while the displayed table is labelled "Table 2." The interpretation should avoid describing findings as statistically significant unless an appropriate statistical test has been conducted.
- 6. References** - The references should be presented consistently according to a standard style such as APA 7th edition. Some references lack complete publication details, such as volume, issue, page numbers, publisher, or DOI where applicable. All references cited in the text should appear in the reference list and vice versa.