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Mumbai Educational Trust (MET) is a conglomerate of premiere educational institutions, driven by a single-minded focus on imparting quality education, to make students sharp. Training is imparted round - the-clock, seven days a week. Projects and assignments are given utmost importance and students learn on the job. Application-oriented knowledge, garnered in the lecture halls, is applied to industry assignments. The faculty spares no effort to make the students razor sharp, so that they make their mark in the corporate world. No effort has been spared, to create an environment that encourages students, to push the limits of their minds. All this, to help young professionals face the challenges of life and make their mark in the corporate world.

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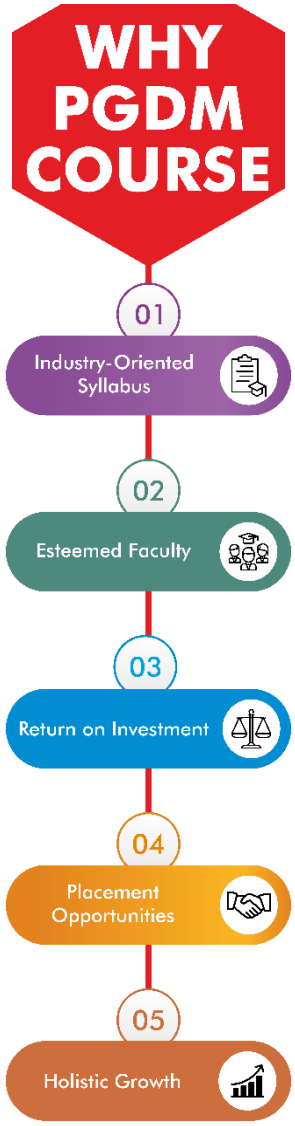
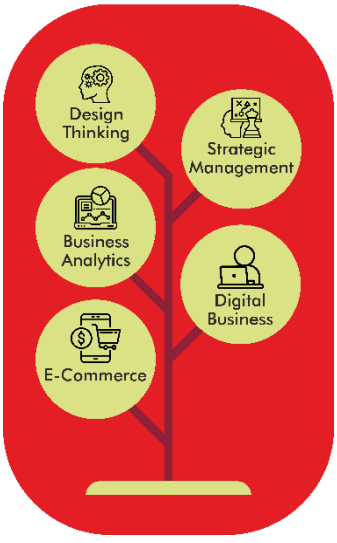
ABOUT MET PGDM PROGRAMME



Mumbai Educational Trust (MET) had launched a multidimensional approach in providing professional education in the field of management and had set up both the MMS and autonomous Management Programmes way back in the 1990s. However, in order to offer the structured learning systems under the aegis of AICTE it set up the autonomous PGDM programme which was primarily styled on the lines of the prestigious IIMs and other best B-Schools in India and overseas. Recently the AICTE in its wisdom decided to promote higher educational institutions of eminence under the stand-alone programme in management, and thus, was born the MET Institute of Post Graduate Diploma in Management (MET Institute of PGDM) under the direct affiliation of AICTE.

PGDM program at MET, ranked as a top PGDM course in Mumbai was launched in the year 2007. Since then, desire to get into one of the best B-school in India has been driving Engineering, BBA, BMS, BCom, BMM & Pharma graduates alike from all over the country to MET. PGDM at MET is more than an MBA since its content and pedagogy empower budding managers with technological tools and understanding besides honing their managerial prowess. It is evident by the fact that a few thousand MET PGDM alumni are gainfully employed in senior positions in leading corporate Houses, making their presence felt, many being successful entrepreneurs too.

Since the world and Indian environment are continuously changing; business and society are changing along. The pandemic has changed the way of life and business practices. A new world order has emerged post pandemic. Hence PGDM at MET is being continuously updated to meet its original purpose of providing trained managers well versed with latest management techniques to the Corporate World.



Unique Specializations

Along with Conventional Specifications offered in Trimester III & IV in Marketing, Finance, HR, Operation and Systems PGDM at MET has also introduced following additional NEW AGE specializations in Trimester V.

Vision & Mission of MET Institute of PGDM

Vision:

To produce global management professionals & entrepreneurs embedded with strong value system & conscience who create wealth for the society at large.

Mission:

To impart value-based quality management education that nurtures global competencies, entrepreneurial acumen, and a strong commitment to social responsibility.

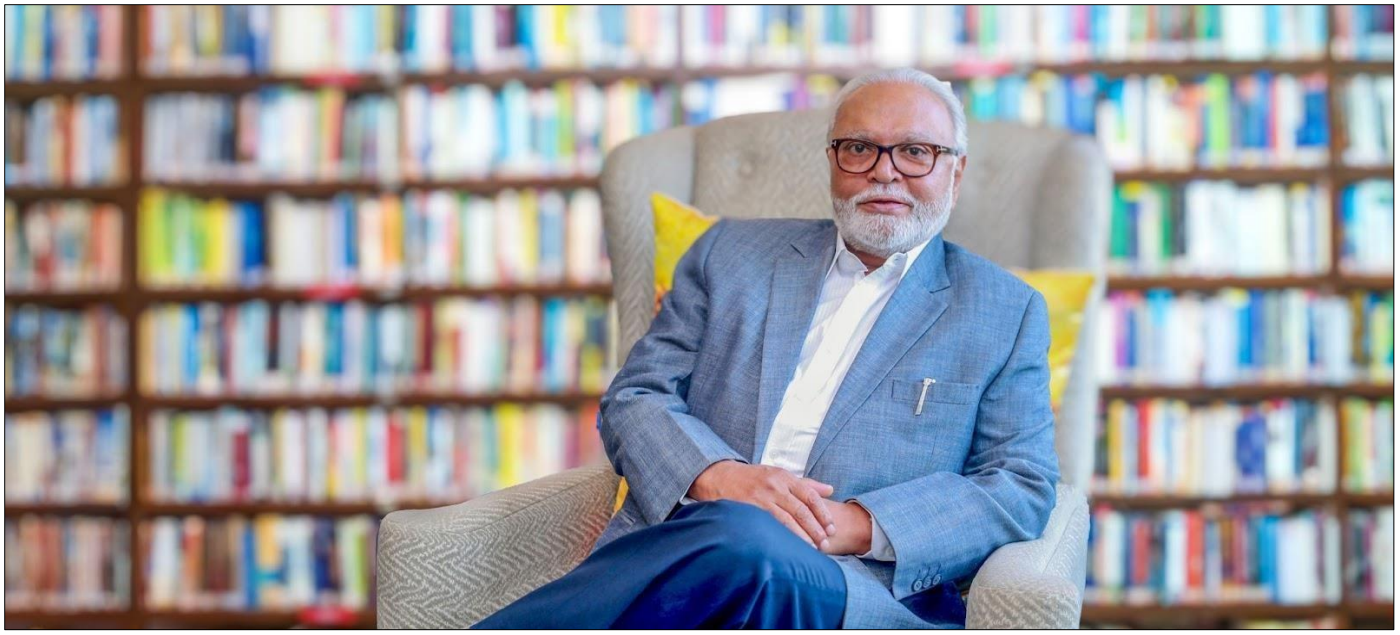
Mission statements:

1. Empower aspiring management professionals with contemporary global management concepts, skills, and theories through experiential learning.

2. Develop leadership and entrepreneurial capabilities by fostering innovation, providing support systems to create sustainable and socially responsible businesses.

3. Nurture social responsibility and sustainability through value based, community-focused, and environmentally conscious management education.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



Dear Readers,
It gives me immense pleasure to pen this address for the inaugural edition of the Operations Magazine - **OpsEdge**, a publication that reflects the vision, intellect, and forward-thinking approach of our student community. As we unveil this first volume, we are not merely presenting a collection of articles, but a thoughtful and progressive narrative shaped by young minds prepared to contribute to the evolving world of business operations.

We live in an era defined by rapid transformation and increasing complexity. Technological advancements, changing customer expectations, and global competition have placed operations at the center of business strategy. In such a dynamic environment, true leadership lies not only in achieving growth but in building efficient, agile, and resilient systems that can sustain long-term success. This magazine embodies that spirit.

This edition explores how organizations are reimagining their operations through innovation, process excellence, and strategic thinking. It highlights the importance of optimizing resources, enhancing productivity, and adopting modern approaches to improve efficiency and responsiveness. Our students have critically examined how future managers can design and manage operations that drive both performance and value creation.

More than a platform for academic and creative expression, this magazine reflects the future-ready mindset we strive to nurture at our institution. I applaud every student, faculty mentor, and member of the editorial team who contributed to this commendable initiative. Your efforts reinforce the belief that operational excellence is not achieved by chance—it is the result of continuous learning, innovation, and disciplined execution.

Let us continue to question, innovate, and lead with clarity and purpose. The future of business will be shaped by strong and intelligent operations, and it begins with each one of you.

With best wishes,

Shri Chhagan Bhujbal
Hon. Founder Chairman – MET Trust

TRUSTEE'S ADDRESS

Dear Readers,

The inaugural edition of the Operations Magazine of our institution presents a thoughtful and forward-looking perspective on the changing role of operations in the modern business environment. Centered on the theme ***"Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation",*** this student-curated publication highlights the growing importance of operational excellence, innovation, and strategic thinking in an increasingly dynamic and competitive world.

The thematic sections of this edition explore how organizations can strengthen their operations through technology, process improvement, and efficient resource management. From building agile systems and enhancing productivity to improving quality and responsiveness, the articles highlight how businesses can create long-term value through effective operations. The magazine also showcases how future managers can contribute to organizations by designing systems that are efficient, adaptable, and capable of meeting future challenges.

This publication reflects the dedication, insight, and future-ready mindset of its contributors. By encouraging critical thinking, practical understanding, and innovative ideas, the magazine aims to inspire readers to lead with confidence and contribute meaningfully to the future of business operations.

With best wishes,

Shri Pankaj Bhujbal
Hon. Trustee – MET Trust

Dear Readers,

The inaugural edition of the Operations Magazine of our institution presents a forward-looking narrative built around its central theme: ***"Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation."*** It highlights the importance of not only responding to the rapidly evolving business environment, but also proactively shaping efficient, agile, and future-ready operational systems.

This magazine serves as a vibrant platform for students to share their perspectives on the critical role of operations in creating long-term value. The theme captures key aspects such as process excellence, technological integration, resource optimization, and continuous improvement. It reflects how future leaders across all management domains will be required to design and manage operations that drive efficiency, adaptability, and sustained organizational performance.

This first volume stands as a testament to thoughtful leadership, innovation in practice, and a strong commitment to operational excellence.

With best wishes,

Shri Samir Bhujbal
Hon. Trustee – MET Trust

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

Dear Readers,

It is with great pride, optimism, and confidence that I present this inaugural edition of the Operations Magazine, a celebration of young minds that think analytically, question processes, and envision innovative solutions for the future of business.

Within these pages lie ideas shaped by curiosity, practical understanding, and a strong sense of purpose—ideas that extend beyond classrooms and into real-world applications. Our students explore areas such as process optimization, technology integration, supply chain efficiency, and operational strategy not merely as academic concepts, but as essential drivers of organizational success. This magazine stands as a powerful reminder that true management education is strengthened through critical thinking, innovation, and meaningful execution.

What makes this edition truly special is the clarity of thought and practical relevance reflected in every contribution. The perspectives shared here belong to a generation that understands the importance of efficiency, adaptability, and continuous improvement. They highlight that effective leadership is not only about decision-making, but also about designing systems that create value, ensure consistency, and deliver results in a dynamic environment.

At MET Institute of PGDM, we strive to nurture professionals who are not only skilled managers, but also capable problem-solvers and forward-thinking leaders. This magazine reflects that vision by showcasing our students' readiness to engage with real-world operational challenges and their ability to contribute with purpose in an ever-evolving business landscape.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the editorial team and all contributors for their dedication, discipline, and creativity in bringing this publication to life. May this edition inspire innovation, encourage thoughtful analysis, and motivate each reader to contribute towards building efficient and impactful organizations.

Warm regards,

CA Dr Das Shyamsundar,
Director
MET Institute of PGDM

DEAN'S ADDRESS

Dear Readers,

In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, success can no longer be defined by outcomes alone. Increasingly, organizations are being evaluated on how effectively they design, manage, and innovate their operations to create long-term value. Operations have emerged as a critical function that drives efficiency, adaptability, and sustainable growth in an increasingly complex and competitive environment.

At its core, operations management reflects a commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and strategic thinking. Organizations today possess the capability to transform processes, optimize resources, and deliver value at scale. With this capability comes responsibility—the responsibility to build resilient systems, ensure quality and efficiency, and respond effectively to changing market dynamics.

As a business school, our mission goes beyond imparting technical knowledge and managerial skills. We strive to nurture future leaders who understand that operational excellence is fundamental to organizational success. We aim to develop individuals who can think analytically, act decisively, and contribute meaningfully to solving real-world business challenges.

I am particularly proud of the initiatives undertaken by our students, who consistently demonstrate their ability to bridge theory with practice.

Through internships, live projects, research work, and industry interactions, they gain valuable exposure to real-world operational challenges. These experiences reinforce the idea that effective management begins with understanding processes and continuously improving them.

This inaugural edition of the student magazine marks an important milestone for our institution. With the theme *"***Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation,***"* it highlights the evolving role of operations in shaping the future of business. I commend the editorial team for their efforts in creating a platform that encourages thoughtful insights and meaningful discussions.

As you read through these pages, I encourage each of you to reflect on the role you wish to play as future managers and leaders. May you strive for excellence, embrace innovation, and contribute towards building efficient and impactful organizations.

I wish the team every success for this edition and congratulate our students for their valuable contributions.

With best wishes,

Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni
Dean
MET Institute of PGDM

ABOUT MET PGDM OPERATIONS CLUB

An **Operations Club** at **MET PGDM** is a student-run body that provides a platform for students to explore and deepen their knowledge in operations management beyond classroom learning. Here is a comprehensive overview:

KEY ACTIVITIES OF OPERATIONS CLUB

- **Skill Development:** Enhances practical operations skills such as supply chain management, logistics planning, process improvement, quality control, and business analytics.
- **Industry Exposure:** Connects students with operations professionals through guest lectures, webinars, plant visits, and industry interactions.
- **Networking:** Helps students build relationships with peers, alumni, faculty, and industry experts in operations and supply chain domains.
- **Career Support:** Prepares students for roles in supply chain management, logistics, procurement, production planning, operation consulting and analytics.
- **Club Magazines and Research:** Encourages students to write on contemporary trends in operations, supply chain innovations, lean systems, and emerging industry practices.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Practical exposure to real-world operations and supply chain challenges
- Better understanding of production systems, logistics, procurement, and quality management
- Enhanced résumé through active club participation and industry-oriented activities
- Prepares students for internships and placements in operations, logistics, and supply chain roles

Message from the Editorial Committee

Message from Editor

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to present the inaugural edition of **"OpsEdge"**, the Operations Magazine of MET Institute of PGDM, thoughtfully curated by the Editorial Committee. This edition marks a proud milestone as we step into the evolving domain of operations, sharing fresh perspectives and insights on efficiency, innovation, and the future of business processes.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Director, CA Dr. Das, Prof. Dr. Harshada Mulay for their invaluable support and guidance throughout this journey. Their encouragement has played a crucial role in shaping this publication.

A special note of appreciation goes to our dedicated editorial team for their consistent efforts in refining the magazine's content, structure, and presentation with great attention to detail and continuous feedback.

We look forward to bringing out more editions, exploring diverse aspects of operations management, and contributing meaningful insights to the academic and professional community. I hope this magazine inspires, informs, and adds value to all our readers.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

Vishvajit Sawant
Editor-in-Chief, OpsEdge

Message from the Editorial Team

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to present the inaugural edition of **OpsEdge,** themed **"Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation."** This edition explores how operations management is evolving through technology, automation, and strategic innovation to drive efficiency and resilience in a rapidly changing global landscape.

Through this issue, we highlight emerging trends, transformative practices, and forward-looking strategies that are shaping the future of operations across industries. From supply chain advancements to process optimization and digital transformation, this edition reflects the dynamic nature of operations in the decade ahead.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all contributors who shared their knowledge and perspectives, making this edition possible. Your insights and efforts have played a vital role in bringing this vision to life.

As you explore these pages, we hope you gain valuable insights, fresh perspectives, and inspiration to navigate the evolving world of operations.

Wishing you an engaging and insightful reading experience!

Warm regards,

The Editorial Committee, OpsEdge

Data-Driven Operations and Analytics-Based Decision Making

BY ASMI RANJAN

In today's competitive and technology-driven business environment, organizations are increasingly relying on data to guide their operations and strategic decisions. Data-driven operations refer to the use of collected data, analytical tools, and technology to improve business processes, enhance efficiency, and make informed decisions. Instead of relying only on intuition or past experience, companies now analyze large volumes of data to identify patterns, measure performance, and predict future outcomes. This shift toward analytics-based decision making has transformed how businesses operate across industries such as retail, manufacturing, healthcare, and finance.

Data-driven operations begin with the collection of relevant data from multiple sources. Businesses gather information from customer interactions, sales records, supply chains, digital platforms, and internal operations. With the advancement of technology, organizations can now collect real-time data through sensors, websites, mobile applications, and enterprise systems. However, raw data alone is not useful unless it is properly organized and analyzed. This is where data analytics plays a crucial role. Analytical tools and software help companies process large datasets, identify meaningful trends, and convert data into actionable insights.

One of the key advantages of data-driven operations is improved decision making. Analytics-based decision making enables managers to base their choices on factual evidence rather than assumptions. For instance, companies can analyze customer purchasing behavior to understand which products are in high demand and which are not performing well. This allows businesses to optimize inventory levels, reduce waste, and improve product availability. Similarly, operational data can help organizations identify inefficiencies in their processes and take corrective actions to improve productivity.

Another important benefit is the ability to predict future trends and outcomes. Through predictive analytics, businesses can use historical data and statistical models to forecast demand, anticipate customer needs, and plan resources accordingly. For example, retail companies often analyze past sales data to predict seasonal demand and prepare their supply chains in advance. This not only improves operational efficiency but also enhances customer satisfaction by ensuring that products are available when needed.

Data-driven operations also play a significant role in performance monitoring and continuous improvement. Organizations can track key performance indicators (KPIs) such as sales growth, operational efficiency, customer satisfaction, and employee productivity. By regularly analyzing these metrics, managers can quickly identify areas where performance is below expectations and implement strategies to improve results. This ongoing monitoring helps organizations remain agile and responsive to changes in the market.

Furthermore, analytics-based decision making supports better risk management. Businesses operate in environments that involve various uncertainties such as market fluctuations, supply chain disruptions, and changing customer preferences. Data analytics allows companies to identify potential risks and evaluate different scenarios before making important decisions. For example, financial institutions use data analytics to assess credit risk and prevent potential losses. Similarly, supply chain managers use analytics to identify vulnerabilities and develop contingency plans.

Despite its advantages, implementing data-driven operations requires certain challenges to be addressed. Organizations need proper technological infrastructure, skilled analysts, and effective data management practices. Ensuring data quality, privacy, and security is also critical, as inaccurate or compromised data can lead to poor decisions. Therefore, companies must invest in reliable data systems and train employees to interpret and use analytical insights effectively.

In conclusion, data-driven operations and analytics-based decision making have become essential components of modern business management. By collecting and analyzing data, organizations can make more accurate decisions, improve operational efficiency, predict future trends, and manage risks effectively. As businesses continue to generate and access vast amounts of data, the ability to leverage analytics will become an increasingly important factor for achieving long-term success and maintaining a competitive advantage.

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Sustainable Operations & Green Manufacturing Practices

BY DHRUV CHAVAN

As the global manufacturing sector heads toward 2030, the need for sustainable operations and green manufacturing practices has shifted from being just a regulatory requirement to a key competitive advantage. This paper looks at the next wave of operational innovation, driven by the combined use of Industry 4.0 technologies, such as AI, IoT, and blockchain, along with circular economy principles. With industrial energy demand increasing and environmental crises worsening, forward-thinking organizations are adopting "5R" approaches: repair, reuse, refurbish, remanufacture, and recycle. They aim for zero-waste goals and net-zero carbon emissions. This work examines how eco-design, renewable energy use, and sustainable supply chain management can improve long-term economic viability and environmental care.

The industrial sector is at a key turning point. By 2030, sustainable manufacturing is expected to drive industrial growth, as the market increasingly prioritizes energy-efficient machinery, renewable energy sources, and closed-loop systems. "Operations 2030" calls for a major shift, where "green" is included in every stage of the product life cycle, from sourcing raw materials to managing the end of life. Green manufacturing innovations are changing production processes and enabling a 30% reduction in operational costs through AI-powered predictive maintenance and IoT-driven resource optimization.

Principles of Sustainability in Manufacturing:
The Energy Information Administration (EIA) expects renewable energy to account for 27% of total global energy consumption by 2030. This is possible because of worldwide efforts to make renewable energy more accessible and practical, especially for businesses. Many companies are finding more profitable ways to switch to sustainable energy. This includes establishing renewable (usually solar) energy microgrids and becoming prosumers by storing and redistributing the collected power.

Vetting and tracking the source of raw materials is a crucial part of any sustainable manufacturing plan. Often, raw materials come from places that do not consistently uphold strict environmental and labor standards. This stage is where businesses often face significant risks. Beyond ethical issues, risks such as product recalls or public relations scandals often emerge here.

More often, large companies support global conservation efforts to protect their raw material suppliers and the natural resources they rely on. While it is not new for large corporations to link their brands with socially responsible efforts, today's partnerships go beyond just financial support. Modern businesses seek advice from conservationists to help foster a culture of sustainability throughout their teams and in all areas of their global supply chains.

Green manufacturing technologies and implementation:
IIoT networks connect machine and device data to a central system. However, there are many other data sources to consider. These can include customer feedback, weather conditions, unexpected consumer trends, market and economic information, and even political or social events. In the past, companies struggled to analyze different types of data together and often lacked a full overview of their operations. Now, with AI-driven systems like smart ERPs, businesses can consolidate and analyze IIoT data alongside other diverse data sets to gain insights that support quick and informed decision-making.

AI helps to handle and process data faster and more efficiently, but its real value lies in interpreting that data. It can be organized into specific categories. Today, the analysis of Big Data provides the most significant insights, but Big Data is often unstructured. It doesn't fit neatly into spreadsheets. It can include inputs like IIoT video, customer feedback, and test results. AI and Machine Learning are particularly effective in making sense of Big Data. AI technologies can identify patterns, interpret qualitative content, and compare unstructured data sets.

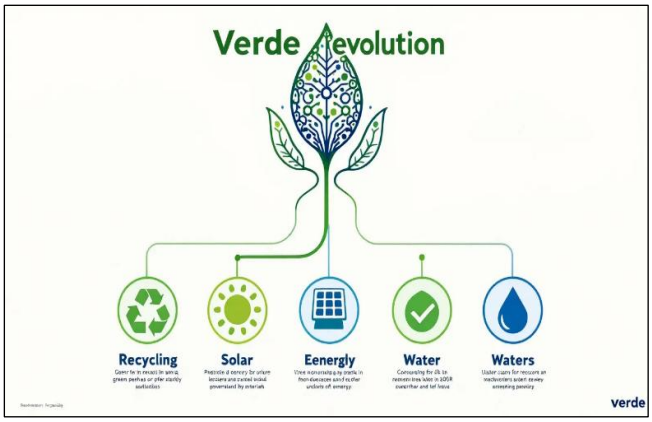
A robust ERP with a strong database can help integrate manufacturing technologies and data with other relevant business areas, such as finance, HR, or marketing. Each department plays a role in improving sustainability efforts. An integrated ERP offers a complete view of operations, producing data-driven reports that support sustainability and environmental compliance, analyze budgets, connect with customers and employees, and predict future trends.

Business benefits of sustainable production:
Every year, consumers increasingly choose to engage with green and ethical companies. In fact, 73% of Gen Z consumers are willing to pay more for a sustainable product, and many are more aware of greenwashing compared to true commitments to ethical and sustainable business practices.

Today, even the most successful companies find it hard to attract good talent. According to a Deloitte survey, 49% of Gen Z respondents said a potential employer's values significantly influence their decision to accept a job. In a separate survey in the UK, 65% of participants across all ages indicated they would be more likely to work for a company with strong environmental policies.

Certainly, a central focus of sustainability is reducing waste and using resources and energy more efficiently. Any business can benefit from taking a close look at its current practices and identifying areas for improvement.

Conclusion:
Green manufacturing is not just a trend; it is essential for achieving lasting success in the manufacturing industry. By adopting energy-efficient technologies, effective waste management strategies, and sustainable sourcing, companies can greatly lessen their environmental impact while saving costs and gaining a competitive advantage. Looking ahead, technological advancements and changes in policy are likely to further improve the sustainability and efficiency of green manufacturing. It is clear that green manufacturing is the way forward for businesses dedicated to environmental responsibility and long-term success.



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Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Operations Management

BY DISHA DHAKO

The world of operations management is entering a defining decade. What was once seen as a back-end, efficiency-driven function has now become the strategic engine of modern business. In an era shaped by volatility, digital acceleration, sustainability pressures, and ever-rising customer expectations, organizations can no longer rely solely on traditional systems of planning, production, inventory control, and logistics.

The future belongs to operations that are intelligent, adaptive, resilient, and deeply integrated with technology. At the heart of this transformation lie artificial intelligence (AI) and automation. By 2030, the role of operations management will be dramatically redefined. AI and automation will not merely support operations; they will actively shape decisions, predict disruptions, optimize workflows, and unlock new levels of precision and responsiveness.

The New Meaning of Operational Excellence

Traditionally, operational excellence was measured in terms of cost reduction, productivity improvement, quality control, and timely delivery. While these metrics remain relevant, the benchmark is changing. In the coming years, successful operations will be those that can sense changes in demand in real time, respond to disruptions quickly, personalize services at scale, and continuously improve through data-driven learning.

AI brings intelligence into this equation. It allows organizations to process massive volumes of data, identify patterns, forecast outcomes, and generate recommendations faster than humanly possible. Automation, on the other hand, executes tasks with consistency, speed, and minimal error. When combined, AI and automation create what may be called smart operations, systems that can think, learn, and act.

AI in Operations: From Data to Decisions

One of the most important contributions of AI to operations management is in decision intelligence. Organizations today generate enormous quantities of operational data through ERP systems, IoT sensors, CRM platforms, and customer interactions. Yet data alone has little value unless it can guide action. AI converts this data into usable insights.

For instance, demand forecasting has traditionally relied on historical sales patterns and managerial judgement. AI-powered forecasting models can go far beyond this by incorporating seasonality, customer behavior, economic signals, weather patterns, promotions, and even social trends.

AI also strengthens quality management. By using computer vision and machine learning, organizations can detect product defects more accurately and at much greater speed than manual inspection. In essence, AI is enabling operations managers to make faster, smarter, and more evidence-based decisions.

Automation: The Force Multiplier

If AI is the brain of future operations, automation is the muscle. Automation refers to the use of technology to perform tasks with limited human intervention. In operations management, automation has long existed in the form of conveyor systems, assembly lines, and process controls. But the new wave of automation is more flexible, connected, and intelligent.

Robotic Process Automation (RPA), for example, is increasingly used in service and administrative operations to handle repetitive digital tasks such as invoice processing, order entry, report generation, and data reconciliation. This not only reduces manual effort but also improves accuracy and turnaround time. During periods of sudden demand growth, automated systems help organizations respond faster without proportionately increasing labor dependency.

However, automation is not only about replacing manual work. Its deeper value lies in redesigning processes. When automation is applied thoughtfully, it frees human talent from repetitive tasks and allows employees to focus on

judgement, creativity, problem-solving, and customer engagement. Therefore, the future is not about machines versus people; it is about machines and people working together more effectively.

The Human Side of Intelligent Operations

A common concern associated with AI and automation is job displacement. This concern is valid, but incomplete. Operations managers of the future will need to interpret algorithmic outputs, supervise digital systems, manage technology-human collaboration, and ensure ethical use of intelligent tools. The organizations that thrive by 2030 will be those that do not simply adopt AI and automation, but prepare people to work alongside them.

Human judgement will remain central in operations management. AI may recommend decisions, but leaders must evaluate strategic priorities, social implications, customer sensitivity, and long-term organizational values. During uncertain or unprecedented situations, it is often human intuition, experience, and empathy that make the critical difference.

Risks, Responsibility, and Resilience

As AI and automation become deeply embedded in operations, organizations must also address the risks associated with them. Overdependence on algorithms, cybersecurity threats, biased decision models, system failures, and data privacy concerns can all create operational and reputational vulnerabilities. For example, an AI system trained on incomplete or poor-quality data may generate inaccurate forecasts or unfair recommendations. An automated process that lacks human oversight may continue executing flawed decisions at scale.

At the same time, AI and automation can significantly improve resilience. The disruptions of recent years have shown how fragile global operations can be. Supply chain shocks, labor shortages, climate-related events, and geopolitical uncertainty have forced organizations to rethink resilience as a strategic priority.

Sustainability and the Future of Operations

Another major reason AI and automation matter in operations management is their potential contribution to sustainability. As businesses face growing pressure to reduce waste, conserve resources, and lower emissions, intelligent operations can support greener outcomes. AI can optimize transportation routes to reduce fuel use, improve energy consumption in production systems, and minimize excess inventory that leads to waste.

This is particularly important because the future of operations is no longer judged only by profit and productivity. Stakeholders increasingly expect businesses to operate responsibly. The operations leader of 2030 must therefore balance efficiency, resilience, customer satisfaction, and sustainability simultaneously.

Conclusion: Leading the Next Wave

The journey toward 2030 is not merely about digital transformation; it is about reimagining the purpose and potential of operations management. Artificial intelligence and automation are not trends at the periphery. They are becoming the foundation of a new operational era, one where decisions are smarter, processes are faster, systems are more resilient, and value creation is more strategic.

Yet technology alone will not define success. The real winners will be organizations that combine intelligent tools with visionary leadership, ethical governance, workforce development, and a willingness to innovate continuously. Operations management is no longer just about keeping the system running. It is about designing the future of how businesses create, deliver, and sustain value.

As we look ahead, one message is clear**:**
Those who lead operations in the coming decade will not be measured only by how efficiently they run systems, but by how boldly they redesign them. AI and automation are the instruments of this change, but visionary leadership will be its true engine. The future of operations is not waiting to arrive. It is already being built, and those prepared to lead it will define the next era of business itself.

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Digital Supply Chains and Industry 4.0 Integration

BY JYOTI SHIVALKAR

In Today's Companies are always under pressure to make things faster, cheaper, and better in today's business world, which changes quickly. These needs can no longer be met by traditional supply chains, which relied heavily on manual processes and had limited access to data. Because of this, a lot of businesses are changing how they work by using Digital Supply Chains and Industry 4.0.

Digital technologies are changing the way companies handle buying, making, storing, and shipping goods. Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data Analytics, Robotics, and Cloud Computing are all examples of Industry 4.0 technologies that have made supply chains smarter, faster, and more responsive. This change is helping businesses make better decisions, be more open, and respond quickly to changes in the market.

Businesses don't work the same way they used to because the world is changing so quickly. Technology is changing every field, and supply chains are no different. The idea of a digital supply chain along with Industry 4.0 is one of the most important things to happen in business in recent years.

A supply chain is just the way that goods, services, and information move from raw materials to the end customer. In the past, this process was mostly done by hand, took a long time, and wasn't always very effective. But now, thanks to digital technologies, businesses can make their supply chains faster, smarter, and more dependable.

One of the best things about this integration is that it lets you see things in real time. Businesses can keep an eye on their goods from the time they are made until they are delivered. For instance, sensors and IoT devices can give real-time information about where goods are and how they are doing. This helps companies avoid delays and better handle risks.

Better demand forecasting is another important benefit. Companies can use data analytics and AI to look at how customers act and what is happening in the market. This helps them make better guesses about what people will want in the future. So, they can avoid making too much or too little, which saves money and makes customers happier in the end.

Automation is another important part of Industry 4.0. Machines and robots now do tasks that people used to do by hand. This cuts down on mistakes made by people and makes things run more smoothly. Automated warehouses, for instance, can keep track of inventory more accurately and quickly than older methods.

Digital supply chains also make it easier for different partners, like suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors, to talk to and work with each other. Cloud-based systems let everyone see the same data, which makes things more organized and open.

But there are also some problems, even though these are good things. The high cost of putting it into action is a big problem. It might be hard for small and medium-sized businesses to buy new technologies. Data security is another problem.

This change is slowly picking up speed in India. More businesses are turning to digital solutions because of programs like Digital India and the growing number of people who use the internet. Smart technologies are being used more and more in industries like manufacturing, retail, and logistics to make their operations better.

In the future, supply chains will be even more digital and linked together. Blockchain, advanced robotics, and predictive analytics are some examples of technologies that will be more important. Supply chains will be more adaptable, quick to respond, and focused on customers.

In conclusion, combining digital supply chains with Industry 4.0 is not just a trend; it is necessary for businesses today. It helps businesses work more

efficiently, cut costs, and give customers better service While there are some challenges, the long-term benefits are much greater. Businesses that embrace this change will be better prepared for the future.

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BY MADHUR SHINDE

At the crossroads of global trade: Bahrain and the future of International Supply Chains

As companies redesign the global supply chains for flexibility, speed, and reliability, Bahrain is emerging as a strategic logistics gateway connecting global markets with the Middle East regions.

Introduction

In today's global economy, supply chains are no longer invisible systems operating quietly in the background. They have become essential pillars of economic stability, national competitiveness, and corporate strategy. Industries ranging from consumer electronics and pharmaceuticals to automobiles and energy depend on vast networks of suppliers, transportation routes, warehouses, and distribution centres spread across continents. These interconnected systems ensure that products move efficiently from manufacturers to consumers around the world.

Over the past decade, however, global supply chains have faced unprecedented disruption. The COVID-19 pandemic, trade disputes, geopolitical tensions, and shipping bottlenecks have exposed vulnerabilities in the movement of goods across borders. In response, companies are redesigning their operations to build supply chains that are faster, more resilient, and geographically diversified.

This transformation has increased the importance of strategic logistics hubs—locations capable of efficiently connecting international shipping routes with regional markets. While major global hubs such as Singapore, Rotterdam, and Dubai often dominate discussions of global trade, another country has been steadily strengthening its position within international supply networks: Bahrain.

This development reflects a fundamental principle in operations strategy: the influence of geography on competitive advantage. As strategy scholar Michael E. Porter observed in his work on competitive strategy, *"geography is not just a location—it is a strategic advantage."* In the context of global supply chains, this means that countries positioned along major trade routes can transform their location into a powerful operational asset. Bahrain demonstrates this idea clearly by leveraging its strategic position in the Arabian Gulf to connect global shipping routes with the rapidly growing markets of the Gulf region.

Bahrain's Strategic Position in the Gulf

Bahrain's growing importance in global supply chains is closely tied to its geographic location. Situated in the Arabian Gulf, the island nation lies along major maritime routes linking Asia, Europe, and Africa. These routes carry significant volumes of global trade, including energy resources, manufactured goods, and consumer products.

Equally important is Bahrain's physical connection to Saudi Arabia through the King Fahd Causeway, a 25-kilometre bridge that enables the daily movement of thousands of vehicles between the two countries. Cargo trucks regularly transport goods across this route, linking Bahrain directly with the largest economy in the Gulf region.

Through this connectivity, Bahrain functions as an entry point to the broader Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) market, which includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman. Together, these countries represent a regional market of more than 50 million consumers with significant purchasing power and growing demand for international goods.

Research from institutions such as the World Bank highlights how smaller economies can become influential trade gateways when strong connectivity, efficient logistics infrastructure, and supportive economic policies are combined. Bahrain's logistics strategy reflects precisely this approach.

Ports and Maritime Logistics

Maritime transport remains the backbone of global trade. According to international shipping

estimates, nearly 90 percent of world trade by volume is transported by sea, making efficient port infrastructure essential for countries participating in global supply chains.

Bahrain's primary maritime gateway is Khalifa Bin Salman Port, located in the industrial area of Hidd. Opened in 2009, the port was developed as a modern deep-water facility designed to handle container cargo, general freight, and roll-on/roll-off shipments.

The port has an annual capacity of approximately one million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units)—the standard measurement used to quantify shipping containers. Advanced cargo-handling technology and efficient terminal operations allow goods to move rapidly between ships, warehouses, and land transport networks. This efficiency helps reduce delays and logistics costs for companies operating across international markets.

Logistics Zones and Distribution Networks

Modern supply chains depend on more than just ports. They require integrated logistics ecosystems that support storage, sorting, packaging, and redistribution of goods. To strengthen its logistics sector, Bahrain established the **Bahrain Logistics Zone**, located close to the country's main port facilities.

The zone provides warehousing infrastructure, freight services, and streamlined customs procedures designed to facilitate cross-border trade. From an operations management perspective, such logistics hubs allow companies to implement supply chain consolidation strategies, where inventory is centralized in strategic locations to reduce transportation costs while improving delivery speed.

For multinational firms operating in the Gulf region, Bahrain offers a practical distribution base from which goods can be stored and efficiently delivered across neighboring markets.

Multimodal Logistics and Integrated Transport

Another major trend shaping modern supply chains is the use of multimodal logistics, where different modes of transportation, such as sea, air, and road, are integrated into a single logistics system. Bahrain has begun capitalizing on this concept through sea-to-air logistics solutions that connect maritime transport with air freight services.

Cargo arriving at Khalifa Bin Salman Port can be quickly transferred to Bahrain International Airport for rapid global distribution. This model allows companies to combine the cost advantages of sea transport with the speed of air freight, an approach particularly useful for industries such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, and e-commerce.

As highlighted in the DHL Global Logistics Trend Radar, *"the future of supply chains lies in integration, where sea, air, and road networks operate as one seamless system."* Bahrain's growing investment in multimodal transport networks reflects this global shift toward integrated logistics systems.

Policy and Economic Vision

Bahrain's logistics expansion is also supported by long-term government policy. The national development strategy known as Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 aims to diversify the country's economy beyond oil by strengthening sectors such as finance, tourism, manufacturing, and logistics.

Through investments in infrastructure, regulatory reforms, and digital trade platforms, the government seeks to attract international businesses and logistics providers. This approach reflects the concept of supply chain ecosystem development, where infrastructure, policy frameworks, and private-sector investment work together to strengthen a country's role in global trade networks.

Supply Chains in an Uncertain World

Global supply chains operate within an increasingly complex geopolitical environment. Recent tensions in the Middle East have highlighted the vulnerability of international shipping routes to regional conflict. The ongoing geopolitical tensions involving **Israel, Iran, and the United States** have raised concerns about disruptions to key maritime corridors, particularly the **Strait of Hormuz**, through which roughly **20 percent of the world's oil supply** passes.

Such uncertainties highlight the importance of resilient supply chain infrastructure capable of

maintaining the flow of goods even during periods of geopolitical instability.

Bahrain and the Future of Global Operations

As companies redesign supply chains to improve resilience, agility, and efficiency, strategic logistics hubs will become increasingly important. Bahrain's investments in maritime infrastructure, logistics zones, multimodal transport networks, and regional connectivity position it as a key gateway linking international trade with Gulf markets.

Despite its relatively small geographic size, Bahrain demonstrates how strategic location, modern infrastructure, and supportive economic policies can transform a nation into a vital node in global supply chains. As the world moves toward the era of **Operations 2030**, Bahrain's position at the crossroads of global trade may become even more significant for businesses seeking reliable and adaptable supply chain networks.

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Service Operations Transformation

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In the modern business environment, service industries such as healthcare, banking, retail, hospitality, logistics, and technology are experiencing rapid transformation. Traditional service operations relied heavily on manual processes, fragmented systems, and reactive decision-making. However, increasing competition, digital disruption, and evolving customer expectations have forced organizations to rethink how services are delivered.

Service Operations Transformation refers to the strategic redesign of service processes through the integration of digital technologies, advanced analytics, automation, and customer-centric approaches to enhance operational efficiency and service quality.

As businesses move toward the future, the concept of Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation emphasizes the need for agile, intelligent, and technology-driven operational systems. Service operations transformation will be a key driver in achieving this vision by enabling organizations to deliver faster, smarter, and more personalized services.

As a citizen of this nation I think the way businesses are growing shows that this rapid change will definitely need a more stronger and best service operation transformation which will led to overall growth of the world and will bring maximum innovation and startups and hence it will eventually led to more employment and overall development of the world.

How Service Operations Transformation Works.

Service operations transformation involves restructuring traditional service systems through technology integration, process improvement methodologies, and data-driven decision-making. Organizations typically follow a transformation framework that includes several key components.

1. Digital Transformation of Service Platforms

Digital transformation converts traditional service channels into digital platforms that allow seamless interaction between businesses and customers. This includes mobile applications, cloud systems, digital portals, and integrated enterprise platforms. For example, banks such as HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank have transformed their service operations through mobile banking and online customer service platforms, enabling customers to perform transactions anytime without visiting physical branches.

2. Automation and Artificial Intelligence

Automation technologies such as Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and Artificial Intelligence allow organizations to automate repetitive and time-consuming service tasks. Companies like Amazon use AI-powered algorithms and automated systems to manage customer orders, inventory management, and delivery tracking. Automation reduces errors, increases speed, and allows employees to focus on more strategic and value-added tasks.

3. Data Analytics and Predictive Decision Making

Data analytics plays a critical role in service operations transformation. Organizations collect operational and customer data and use analytics tools to identify patterns, forecast demand, and improve decision-making. For example, Netflix uses advanced data analytics to analyze viewer behavior and personalize content recommendations, improving user experience and customer retention.

4. Process Optimization Using Lean and Six Sigma

Service operations transformation often incorporates process improvement methodologies such as Lean Management and Six Sigma to eliminate inefficiencies and improve service quality. For instance, healthcare institutions have redesigned patient flow processes to reduce waiting times and improve hospital efficiency.

5. Customer-Centric Service Design

Modern service operations prioritize customer experience by designing services around customer needs and expectations. Food delivery

companies such as Zomato and Swiggy use real-time tracking, personalized recommendations, and instant support systems to improve the customer journey.

Framework for Service Operations Transformation

A widely used transformation framework includes the following elements:

- Technology Integration: AI, cloud computing, automation
- Process Redesign: Lean operations and workflow optimization
- Data Intelligence: Real-time analytics and predictive insights
- Workforce Transformation: Upskilling employees and digital collaboration
- Customer Experience Enhancement: Personalized and seamless services

This integrated framework helps organizations systematically transform their service operations.

How Service Operations Transformation Will Enable Operations 2030

Service operations transformation will be a major enabler of the operations 2030 vision, where organizations focus on innovation, agility, and operational excellence.

1. Hyper-Automated Service Systems

By 2030, many service operations will be powered by advanced automation and AI systems. Routine operational tasks will be performed by intelligent machines, allowing organizations to operate faster and more efficiently.

2. Data-Driven Operational Intelligence

In the future, organizations will rely heavily on real-time data for operational decisions. Advanced analytics will allow companies to predict customer demand, identify operational risks, and optimize service delivery.

3. Seamless Omnichannel Service Delivery

Service operations transformation will enable businesses to provide seamless services across multiple platforms such as mobile apps, websites, physical locations, and automated support systems.

4. Continuous Innovation in Service Models

The integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and robotics will lead to new service models and innovative business strategies.

5. Sustainable and Resilient Operations

Service operations transformation will also support sustainability by reducing resource waste, optimizing energy use, and improving operational resilience.

Conclusion

Service operations transformation is not simply a technological upgrade; it is a strategic shift toward intelligent, agile, and customer-focused service systems. By integrating digital technologies, automation, data analytics, and process optimization methodologies, organizations can significantly enhance operational performance. As businesses prepare for the future, service operations transformation will serve as a critical foundation for achieving the vision of Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation.

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Service Operations Transformation: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation

BY PARTH NAIKSATAM

Before starting my PGDM program, I worked for about two years in export logistics and then moved into retail operations. Both were hands-on, ground-level roles. I mention this not to make my background sound impressive, but because it shapes how I think about topics like Service Operations Transformation. For me, this isn't just a classroom concept. It's the difference between a shipment clearing customs on time or not, a store doing well or struggling, and a client staying or leaving. So, when we discuss transformation in class, I keep comparing theory with things I've actually seen go right or wrong at work.

The basic idea behind service operations transformation is redesigning how companies deliver services not just making small improvements, but rethinking processes, systems, and people from the ground up. What's driving this now is a mix of things: customers expect more, digital tools are easier to access, and the COVID-19 pandemic forced almost every industry to change fast. Companies that were relying on old processes suddenly had to either adapt or watch things fall apart.

Technology That Actually Makes a Difference

I've worked with tools like Power BI for data reporting and managed store operations through a retail software platform. From that experience, I know that technology can either make things easier or more complicated it usually depends on whether the team actually understands and uses it. The technology itself is rarely the hard part. Getting people to use it is.

In my retail job, I was responsible for getting store teams across a region to use a new platform. On paper, the tool was great it handled ordering digitally, showed real-time stock information, and reduced manual mistakes. But getting store staff to use it regularly was a completely different challenge. That experience taught me something our Operations Strategy course later confirmed: digital transformation is about 30% technology and 70% people and process. Most case studies only focus on the 30%.

AI tools like chatbots, demand forecasting, and predictive analytics are useful, but I think they get more attention than they deserve compared to simpler things like keeping data clean, documenting processes properly, or just training frontline staff on when and how to ask for help. I've seen operations run much better on good habits and basic discipline than on fancy tools that nobody really knows how to use.

Customer Experience – The Gap Between What's Promised and What's Delivered

In my logistics job, staying in touch with clients was a big part of the role. Customers didn't just want their shipments delivered they wanted to be kept updated, wanted problems fixed without having to follow up, and wanted to feel that someone was responsible on the other end. That's what customer experience really means in operations: not a design concept, but something you deliver every single day.

What I've noticed, from both experience and studying retail and logistics cases, is that most service problems don't happen because of missing technology. They happen at handoffs the moment a question moves from one team to another, or from one system to another, and the details get lost. Multi-channel service strategies sound good in theory, but the real challenge is making sure that when a customer switches channels (like from chat to phone), the experience doesn't start over from zero. That needs connected data, clear ownership, and teams that actually talk to each other none of which is solved by software alone.

Automation – What It Actually Changes on the Ground

In export documentation work making invoices, tracking shipment records, handling compliance paperwork a lot of time goes into tasks that are repetitive and follow set rules. These are exactly the kinds of tasks that Robotic Process Automation (RPA) is built for. If those tools had been properly set up in my previous job, I think a big part of the manual work could have been replaced by more useful client-focused tasks.

But there's one important thing I keep thinking about: automation works best when the process underneath it is already well-designed. If you automate a broken process, you don't fix the problem you just do it faster. In logistics especially, I've seen cases where putting a broken workflow online created more problems because no one had fixed the process first. You have to sort out the process before you automate it.

The People Side – Where Most Transformations Quietly Fail

Running training sessions for store staff was one of the harder parts of my retail job not because people weren't capable, but because new systems disrupt daily routines, and people naturally protect routines that have worked for them. Resistance to change isn't stubbornness; it's usually a normal reaction to uncertainty. What helped wasn't just explaining the system, but showing people exactly how it made their day easier. Once someone sees a direct personal benefit, they start using the new tool much more naturally.

This matches what our Change Management module covered that getting employees on board needs to be built carefully, not just assumed. Organizations that roll out changes from the top without involving frontline staff usually see low usage, workarounds, and eventually people going back to the old way. I've seen that cycle happen, and it's frustrating when the tools and intentions were good but the rollout approach ruined it.

Data-Driven Operations – The Change I Find Most Useful

Of all the parts of service operations transformation, the shift toward making decisions based on data is the one I find most relevant to my own work. Using Power BI and Excel-based reports gave me a glimpse of what becomes possible when you stop guessing and start looking at patterns. The monthly business reviews I led were much more useful when they were based on actual performance numbers rather than general updates it changes the conversation from "I think" to "here's what the data shows."

The problem in most companies, especially mid-size ones, isn't that data doesn't exist it's that there's no habit of actually using it. Data gets collected, stored, and then mostly ignored because nobody asks it questions. Building that habit, and helping operations teams get comfortable with data tools, is probably the most important skill investment a company can make right now.

What's Coming and What I'm Watching

Real-time tracking through connected devices (IoT), AI-based demand forecasting, and smarter delivery route planning are all moving from test projects to everyday use in logistics and retail. Having worked in both sectors, I can see where these tools would have made a real difference not in some distant future, but in specific problems I've personally dealt with. For example, live container tracking would have reduced a lot of last-minute client calls in my export job. Predicting stock availability would have changed how store-level orders were made.

I'm also paying more attention to sustainability in operations partly from an elective course, but also because it's becoming a real factor in global trade and procurement. Combining shipments better, cutting unnecessary delivery trips, and reducing paper-based documentation aren't just "green" ideas they also save money. Companies treating sustainability as a real operational priority rather than just a marketing message are going to see it affect their bottom line.

Conclusion

Service operations transformation, from where I stand, is less about technology and more about being willing to honestly look at how work actually gets done and then redesign it with both efficiency and people in mind. Having worked in operations before coming back to study it, I have a fairly clear sense of the gap between how transformation looks in strategy presentations and how it plays out on the ground. Closing that gap is, I think, where the real skill lies and it's something I want to keep getting better at as I move toward a full-time operations role.

There's no shortage of tools, platforms, and frameworks available today. What's harder to find is operations professionals who understand the human side and the process side well enough to make those tools actually work. That's the kind of practitioner I'm trying to become.

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Data-Driven Operations and Analytics-Based Decision Making

BY PRAPTI MAYEKAR

The purpose of this article is to highlight the importance of data-driven operations and analytics-based decision making in shaping the future of business operations. It aims to explain how organizations can use data, analytics, and emerging technologies to improve efficiency, optimize processes, and make informed decisions. In line with the theme Operations 2030: Leading the Next Wave of Innovation, the article emphasizes how adopting data-driven strategies can help organizations enhance operational performance, drive innovation, and remain competitive in an increasingly digital and data-centric business environment.

Introduction

The global business environment is becoming increasingly complex and competitive. Organizations are required to respond quickly to market changes, customer expectations, and technological advancements. Traditional decision-making approaches based primarily on intuition and experience are no longer sufficient for managing modern operational systems. Instead, organizations are increasingly relying on data-driven operations to improve efficiency, productivity, and decision quality.

Data-driven operations involve the systematic use of data, analytics, and digital technologies to monitor processes, identify patterns, and support decision making. With the growth of big data, cloud computing, artificial intelligence, and machine learning, organizations now have access to large volumes of operational data that can be analyzed to generate valuable insights. By 2030, operations management is expected to undergo a major transformation as organizations integrate advanced analytics into every stage of the operational process. Data-driven decision making enables managers to predict demand, optimize supply chains, improve resource allocation, and reduce operational risks.

As a result, businesses can make faster and more accurate decisions that enhance overall organizational performance. This research paper examines how data-driven operations will shape the future of organizations and explores the benefits, challenges, and strategic implications of analytics-based decision making.

Transforming Operations Through Data-Driven Decision Making

In the era of Operations 2030, organizations are increasingly relying on data to transform the way operational decisions are made. Data-driven operations involve collecting, processing, and analyzing large volumes of operational data to gain insights that support better decision-making. With the growth of digital technologies, businesses today generate massive amounts of data from production systems, supply chains, customer interactions, and digital platforms. When properly analyzed, this data becomes a valuable resource that helps organizations improve efficiency, productivity, and competitiveness.

Analytics-based decision making plays a key role in converting raw data into meaningful insights. Advanced analytical tools such as predictive analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence enable organizations to identify patterns, detect inefficiencies, and forecast future trends. For instance, predictive analytics can help companies anticipate equipment failures and perform preventive maintenance, thereby reducing downtime and operational disruptions. Similarly, real-time analytics allows managers to monitor processes continuously and make quick decisions when problems arise.

Another important application of data-driven operations is in supply chain management. By using analytics to analyze demand patterns, organizations can forecast customer demand more accurately and optimize inventory levels. This helps in reducing excess inventory, minimizing shortages, and improving coordination between suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors. As a result, companies can enhance operational efficiency while maintaining high service levels.

Data-driven operations also contribute significantly to improving customer satisfaction. By analyzing customer data and feedback, organizations can better understand customer preferences and behavior. This enables companies to design products and services that meet customer expectations more effectively. In the competitive landscape of Operations 2030, organizations that successfully use customer insights will be better positioned to innovate and maintain long-term customer relationships.

Furthermore, the integration of emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), cloud computing, and automation is strengthening the impact of analytics in operations. IoT devices generate real-time operational data from machines, equipment, and logistics systems. When combined with advanced analytics platforms, this data enables organizations to create intelligent systems that can monitor performance, detect anomalies, and support proactive decision-making.

However, adopting data-driven operations requires organizations to build strong data management systems, ensure data accuracy, and develop analytical skills among employees. Organizations must also create a culture where decisions are supported by data and evidence rather than intuition alone. By investing in the right technologies and capabilities, companies can fully leverage analytics to drive innovation and operational excellence in the future.

Another important dimension of data-driven operations is improved strategic planning and resource allocation. With the help of advanced analytics, organizations can evaluate operational performance, identify inefficiencies, and allocate resources more effectively. This not only enhances transparency in operations but also supports proactive decision-making. As businesses move toward Operations 2030, the ability to integrate analytics into daily operational activities will help organizations remain agile, better prepared to respond to dynamic market conditions.

Overall, data-driven operations and analytics-based decision making are becoming essential components of modern business strategies. As organizations prepare for Operations 2030, leveraging data effectively will allow them to improve operational performance, enhance customer value, and lead the next wave of innovation.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the increasing availability of digital technologies and large volumes of operational data is transforming the way organizations manage their operations and make decisions. Data-driven operations and analytics-based decision making are becoming essential for improving efficiency, reducing uncertainty, and enhancing overall organizational performance. By using advanced analytics tools, organizations can analyze complex datasets, identify patterns, forecast future trends, and make more informed strategic and operational decisions.

The concept of Operations 2030 highlights the growing importance of integrating technologies such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence, and Internet of Things into operational processes. These technologies enable organizations to move from reactive decision making to proactive and predictive approaches. As a result, businesses can improve resource utilization, optimize supply chain performance, enhance customer satisfaction, and respond more effectively to changing market conditions.

However, successful implementation of data-driven operations requires more than just technology. Organizations must also develop strong data management systems, ensure data quality, and build analytical skills among employees. Additionally, human expertise remains important in interpreting analytical insights and translating them into effective operational strategies.

Overall, the adoption of analytics-based decision making will play a critical role in shaping the future of operations management. Organizations that effectively leverage data and analytics will be better positioned to innovate, remain competitive, and achieve sustainable growth in the evolving business environment leading toward Operations 2030.

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Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Operations Management

BY PRASHANT SHARMA

In recent years, technological innovation has significantly transformed the way organizations operate. Among the most influential developments are Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation. These technologies are gradually changing how businesses plan, control, and improve their operations.

Operations management focuses on the processes involved in producing goods and delivering services efficiently. Traditionally, these processes required extensive human supervision and manual decision-making. However, with the introduction of AI and automated systems, companies are now able to improve productivity, reduce errors, and make faster decisions based on real-time data.

Artificial Intelligence refers to computer systems that can perform tasks that usually require human intelligence, such as learning, analyzing information, recognizing patterns, and making predictions. Automation, on the other hand, involves using machines or software to perform tasks automatically with minimal human intervention. When AI and automation are combined, they create powerful systems capable of managing complex operational activities more efficiently than traditional methods.

Understanding Operations Management
Operations management is an essential function in any organization. It involves planning production processes, managing resources, controlling quality, and ensuring that goods or services are delivered efficiently. The goal of operations management is to maximize productivity while minimizing costs and maintaining quality standards.

In the past, many operational decisions were based on experience and manual analysis of data. While this approach worked to some extent, it often lacked accuracy and speed. Today, organizations generate huge amounts of data from their daily activities. AI systems can analyze this data quickly and provide insights that help managers make better decisions. As a result, AI and automation have become valuable tools in modern operations management.

Role of Artificial Intelligence in Operations
Artificial Intelligence plays a major role in improving operational efficiency. AI systems can analyze large datasets, identify patterns, and generate predictions that support decision-making. For example, AI can study past sales data and identify trends in customer demand. This helps companies determine how much product to manufacture and when to produce it.

Another important use of AI in operations is process optimization. AI algorithms can analyze workflows and identify inefficiencies in production processes. By making adjustments based on AI recommendations, organizations can reduce waste, save time, and improve overall performance.

AI is also used for predictive analysis. Predictive systems help organizations anticipate future events such as equipment failures, supply chain disruptions, or changes in customer demand. This allows businesses to prepare in advance and reduce potential operational risks.

Automation in Business Operations
Automation focuses on reducing manual work by using machines or software systems. In operations management, automation is commonly used for repetitive and time-consuming tasks. For example, automated production lines in factories allow products to be assembled quickly and consistently.

In warehouses, automated systems and robots can sort products, move goods from one location to another, and prepare orders for shipping. These systems reduce the need for manual labor and increase operational speed.

Automation also improves accuracy. Manual processes often lead to errors due to fatigue or oversight. Automated systems follow programmed instructions precisely, which helps maintain

consistent quality in operations.

Applications of AI and Automation in Operations Management

- Demand Forecasting

Demand forecasting is one of the most important tasks in operations management. Companies must predict how much demand there will be for their products or services. AI tools analyze historical data, market trends, and seasonal patterns to forecast demand more accurately. This helps businesses plan production and avoid problems such as excess inventory or product shortages.

- Supply Chain Management

Supply chains involve multiple stages including sourcing raw materials, manufacturing, transportation, and distribution. AI technologies help organizations monitor supply chain activities in real time. AI systems can identify delays, recommend alternative routes for delivery, and optimize transportation schedules.

- Predictive Maintenance.

Many industries rely on machines and equipment to maintain production. Unexpected equipment failures can interrupt production and increase costs. Predictive maintenance uses AI to monitor machine performance through sensors and data analysis. The system can detect early warning signs of potential failures and recommend maintenance before a breakdown occurs.

- Quality Control

Maintaining product quality is critical for customer satisfaction and brand reputation. AI-based inspection systems use cameras and image recognition technology to detect defects in products. These systems are faster and more reliable than manual inspection and can analyze thousands of products within a short time.

- Inventory Management

AI-powered inventory systems help businesses track stock levels and predict future inventory needs. Automated systems can generate purchase orders when stock levels fall below a certain limit. This ensures that companies maintain optimal inventory levels and avoid disruptions in production.

Benefits of AI and Automation

The integration of AI and automation in operations management provides several advantages. One major benefit is improved efficiency. Automated systems can operate continuously without fatigue, allowing businesses to increase productivity. Another benefit is better decision-making. AI systems provide insights based on data analysis, enabling managers to make informed decisions. Organizations can respond quickly to changes in demand, supply, or market conditions. Cost reduction is another important advantage. By automating repetitive tasks and optimizing resource use, businesses can reduce operational expenses over time.

AI and automation also improve accuracy and consistency. Automated systems perform tasks according to programmed instructions, which reduces the risk of human error and improves product quality.

Challenges and Limitations

Despite the benefits, implementing AI and automation can present certain challenges. One major challenge is the high initial investment required for technology development and system integration. Small organizations may find it difficult to afford advanced AI systems.

Another challenge is the need for skilled employees who can manage and maintain these technologies. Organizations must invest in training programs and hire specialists to ensure that AI systems function properly. There are also concerns about job displacement. As automation replaces repetitive tasks, some workers may need to adapt to new roles or develop new skills. However, technology also creates new opportunities in areas such as data analysis, programming, and system management.

Future of AI in Operations Management

The role of AI and automation in operations management is expected to grow rapidly in the coming years. Emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, and advanced analytics will further strengthen intelligent operational systems.

Smart factories are likely to become more common, where machines communicate with each other and automatically adjust production processes based on real-time data. Autonomous supply chains may also develop, allowing AI systems to manage logistics networks with minimal human involvement.

As businesses continue to adopt digital technologies, operations management will become increasingly data-driven. Organizations that effectively integrate AI and automation into their operations will gain a competitive advantage and improve their ability to respond to changing market demands.

Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence and automation are transforming operations management by improving efficiency, accuracy, and decision-making. From demand forecasting and supply chain optimization to predictive maintenance and quality control, these technologies are helping organizations streamline their operations and deliver better products and services.

Although there are challenges related to cost, skills, and workforce adaptation, the long-term benefits of adopting AI technologies are significant. As technology continues to evolve, AI and automation will play an even greater role in shaping the future of business operations. Organizations that embrace these innovations will be better prepared to succeed in an increasingly competitive and technology-driven environment.

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Artificial Intelligence and Automation in Operations Management

BY SAHIL POOJARI

As organizations get ready for Operations 2030, AI & Automation are becoming very important, they're not experiments anymore. They are necessary for success. This article explains how AI & Automation will change Operations Management over the decade. It also provides examples and a simple plan for leaders who want to use these technologies.

The new landscape: Why Operations 2030 demands Artificial Intelligence and automation?

In 2030 Operations will focus on speed, resilience and constant adaptation. Global supply chains are more connected & can be easily disrupted. Customers expect service. There is a lot of data coming from sensors, transactions and external sources. In this environment, humans alone cannot make decisions and processes cannot be static. Artificial Intelligence & Automation together enable systems that can learn, predict and act quickly turning data into an advantage. Artificial Intelligence helps recognize patterns make predictions and provide insights. Automation, both robotic and software-based turns these insights into actions. Together they create a system for the organization to sense, decide and execute with ease.

Pillars of Artificial Intelligence-powered operations:

- Sensing and data management

Operations 2030 starts with sensing, using devices, machine logs, transactional systems and external feeds like weather, market signals and social trends. Artificial intelligence requires quality data and management to ensure that latency, privacy and reliability needs are met.

- Predictive intelligence

Companies use machine learning models to figure out what people will want. These models can also find problems that do not seem right and tell when equipment is going to break. This means companies can plan ahead of just fixing things when they go wrong. They can reduce the time that machines are not working, cut costs for storing things and make sure services keep running.

- Decision making

Intelligence suggests what to do, like how many things to order, which way to go and what to make first. It can also show what might happen if companies do these things. This helps companies make decisions and get the results they want, from predictive intelligence & decision making with the help of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning models and Predictive Intelligence.

- Autonomous Execution

Automation does tasks, like warehouse robotics and automated scheduling, freeing teams to focus on exceptions and strategy.

- Continuous Learning

Feedback ensures that models are updated as conditions change. This helps operations adapt to changing markets or processes.

Real world things that are important:

- Production planning

Artificial intelligence makes production schedules better by looking at things like how much we can make the materials we have and when things are due. It also learns from problems that happen and uses that to make plans. Artificial intelligence and automation are really important, for planning what to make.

- Quality control

Artificial Intelligence looks at the products we make every time to reduce waste. We do not have to check as many things. Intelligence and Automation help us make sure our products are good.

- Maintenance

We use models to figure out when parts are going to break before they actually do so we can fix them before they cause problems and make them last longer. Artificial Intelligence & Automation are used to help take care of our equipment.

- Fulfillment Demand

Automation in picking and sorting drive cheaper deliveries and reduce safety stock. Artificial Intelligence and Automation are important for fulfilment.

- Procurement and sourcing

Artificial intelligence evaluates supplier risk, lead-times and cost-to-serve, then automates purchase decisions under defined rules. Artificial intelligence and automation are used in procurement and sourcing. These applications bring benefits such as lead times, lower working capital, higher equipment uptime and improved customer satisfaction.

Implementation Plan

Start with problems, not technology. Prioritize high-impact problems with results like reducing stockouts or cutting repair time. Focus on intelligence and automation. Build a data foundation. Invest in data quality, governance and integration across systems. Artificial Intelligence and Automation rely on data. Adopt an architecture. Use microservices, APIs and cloud/edge hybrids so AI components can be updated quickly without rework. Artificial Intelligence and Automation require an architecture. Pilot quickly scale responsibly. Run pilots, measure results and effects, then scale through patterns and playbooks. Artificial Intelligence and Automation need to be piloted and scaled carefully. Enable people and process change. Re-skill teams for Intelligence workflows. Define role changes, governance and escalation procedures. Artificial intelligence and automation require people and process changes. We need to keep an eye on things all the time. We have to watch the models we use to make decisions and make sure they are fair and can be explained. Artificial intelligence and automation need to be checked constantly.

Risks, Ethics and Governance

Using AI & Automation leads to some risks. These risks include models that stop, working decisions that are hard to understand, data getting stolen and people losing their jobs. People in charge need to make sure they are using these technologies in a responsible way. They need to check the models to keep track of what's happening and make sure someone is accountable. We need to think about what's right and what's wrong when we make decisions, with AI especially when it affects our safety, how we make a living or if we are following the rules. Artificial Intelligence and Automation need to be used in a way that's transparent, fair and has human oversight. Cybersecurity must be a concern. Connected operations expand attack surfaces. Protecting data integrity and operational continuity is essential. Artificial Intelligence and Automation require cybersecurity.

Leading the wave

Operations 2030 will reward organizations that treat AI & Automation as capabilities and not just point solutions. The combination of sensing, predictive insight, prescriptive decisioning and autonomous execution delivers operations of adapting to unforeseen disruptions and rising customer expectations. Success depends on data practices, modular architectures, pragmatic pilots and an emphasis on people and governance. For leaders, the question is no longer whether to adopt AI & Automation. It's how fast and how responsibly they can integrate these technologies into the core. Those who move decisively will lead the wave of innovation with AI & Automation.

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Data-Driven Operations and Analytics-Based Decision Making

BY VISHVAJIT SAWANT

The future of operations is being shaped by data. While moving forward to achieve Operations 2030, it is not just intuition or past experience. Instead, it is data-driven operations, where organizations are using data-driven operations and analytics-based decision-making to achieve efficiency, flexibility, and strategic success. This is particularly true with regard to supply chain management, where data analytics, artificial intelligence, and real-time technologies are coming together to create intelligent supply chain operations.

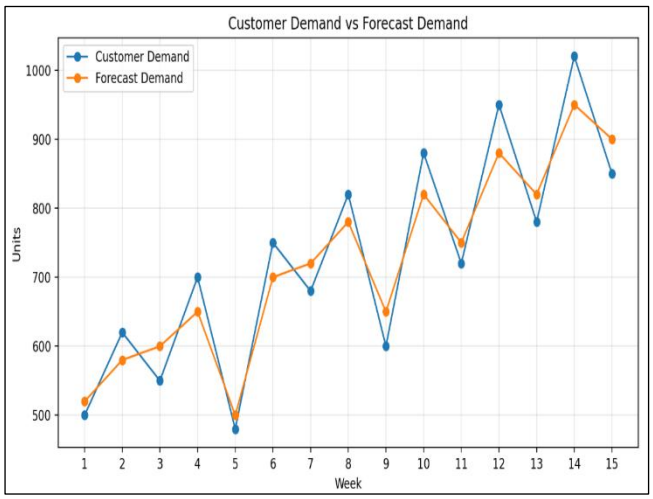
Supply chain management is considered an integral part of the business function, where the focus is on achieving efficiency or reducing costs. In today's dynamic and uncertain business environment, it is not just about efficiency or cost reduction. Instead, it is about strategic supply chain management, where the outcomes have direct implications for customer delight or gaining competitive advantage. The concept of smart supply chain is about using technologies like Big Data, Internet of Things, or cloud computing for real-time supply chain operations or intelligent decision-making.

To understand how Data Analytics can play an important role in Decision Making, I did research and developed the dataset for 15 weeks. The research is about how organizations are using Data Analytics for proactive decision-making. Using data analytics, organizations can now analyze data related to customer demand, inventory, or other parameters. This will allow them to make better predictions about future demand or other parameters.

Understanding Data-Driven Operations.
Data-driven operations are about using data as an input for decision-making. Instead of using intuition or fixed models, companies are now using predictive analytics to forecast future trends.

From the research data collected over a period of 15 weeks, it is observed that demand and forecast values are close to each other, showing the presence of analytics. There are still some gaps due to the fluctuating demand values.

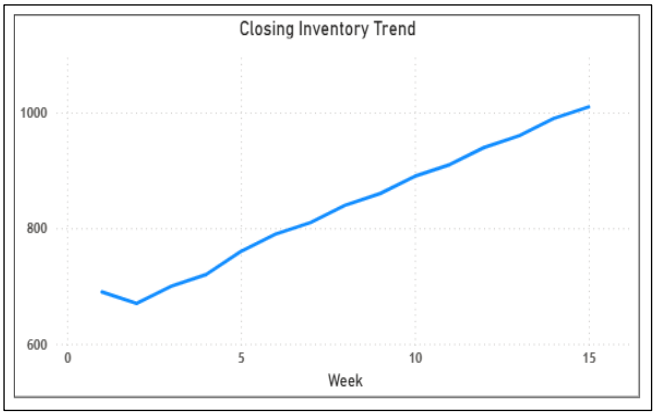
Chart 1: Demand vs Forecast Trend (15 Weeks)



This chart shows that forecasting is performing well, except during peak demand periods. The Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) is around 6.19%, which is good forecasting performance. There is still scope for further improvement.

Role of Analytics in Inventory Management.
Inventory management is one of the most critical areas where analytics plays a significant role. The research shows that companies are maintaining high inventory levels to avoid stock out. This is causing an increase in inventory holding costs.

Chart 2: Closing Inventory Trend



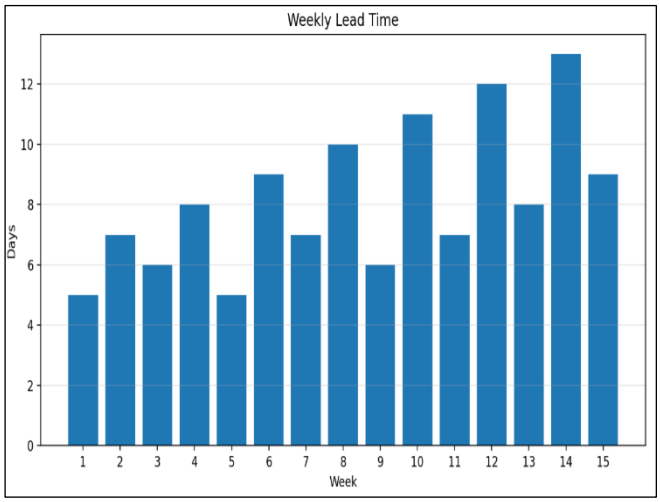
- Closing Inventory Week 1 = 690 units
- Closing Inventory Week 15 = 1010 units

This is showing an increasing trend. Instead of relying on accurate forecasting, companies are using buffer stock to maintain high service levels. In Operations 2030, advanced analytics can play an important role in reducing excess inventory while maintaining high availability.

Lead Time Challenges in Smart Supply Chains

Lead time is another critical area where companies are facing challenges. The research shows that the lead time is varying from 5 to 13 days, with an average of 8.2 days.

Chart 3: Lead Time Variability



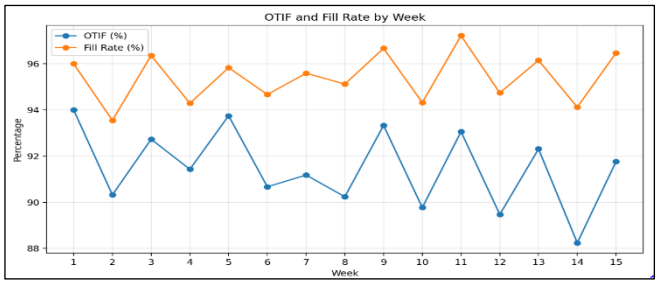
- Minimum Lead Time = 5 days
- Maximum Lead Time = 13 days
- Average = 8.2 days

A longer lead time is observed during peak demand periods, which shows that there are certain inefficiencies in the process of coordinating with suppliers

Service Performance: OTIF vs Fill Rate

Service performance is measured using various key parameters. The key parameters include OTIF and Fill Rate. The study shows some interesting facts regarding this. The fill rate is high, but OTIF is relatively lower.

Chart 4: Service Performance Comparison



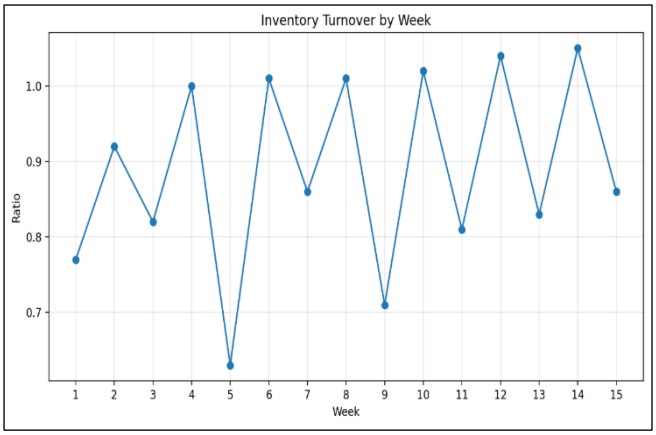
Metric	Average Value
• Fill Rate	95.41%
• OTIF	91.48%

This shows that the required order is being fulfilled in terms of quantity but not in terms of time. This shows that logistics and order-delivery mechanisms need to be improved. This is where analytics plays a critical role.

Inventory Turnover and Efficiency

Inventory turnover represents the level of efficiency in using the inventory. The study shows that the average turnover ratio is 0.889.

Chart 5: Inventory Turnover Range



- Minimum Turnover = 0.63
- Maximum Turnover = 1.05
- Average = 0.889

This shows that inventory management is not fully efficient. During some periods, excess inventory is causing lower turnover, and in some periods, the demand is relatively higher, resulting in better inventory turnover. This is where analytics plays a critical role in achieving better stability in inventory management.

Strategic Insights for Operations 2030

The results clearly show that while organizations have initiated data-driven operations, there is a significant gap in utilizing analytics to its full potential. While most decisions are data-driven, they are not data-optimized.

In Operations 2030, organizations have to take data-driven decisions not just using descriptive and predictive analytics but also using prescriptive analytics. This means not just knowing what will happen but also knowing what is the best course

of action to take.

Technologies like AI and machine learning will also play an important role in improving demand forecast in volatile times, reducing lead time variability through improved supplier coordination, improving inventory levels to optimize costs, and improving service performance through real-time monitoring.

In addition, technologies like digital twins and IoT will also offer complete supply chain visibility to make faster and more accurate decisions

Conclusion

Data-driven operations are not an option but a necessity in Operations 2030. The integration of analytics in supply chain management is not new and has already brought significant improvements in demand forecast, inventory management, and service performance.

However, factors like demand variability, increasing inventory levels, and unstable lead times also show that organizations have a long way to go in utilizing analytics in supply chain management. The future belongs to completely integrated and intelligent systems that can make decisions in real-time and react to changing circumstances.

To become a part of this new wave of innovation in supply chain management, organizations have to look at advanced analytics and invest in digital technologies and developing capabilities in data analytics to make data-driven decisions and become supply chains that not only operate efficiently but also become more resilient and agile in an increasingly uncertain world.

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Global Operations and International Supply Chain Management

BY DENVER PEREIRA

Think about the last time you ordered something online and watched it arrive at your doorstep in just a few days. It almost feels effortless. But behind that simple experience is a complex, fast-moving world of operations and supply chains that most of us never see.

As we move toward 2030, this world is changing in ways that go far beyond speed and cost. It's becoming more human, more adaptable, and much smarter.

A World More Connected Than Ever

Businesses today don't operate within borders the way they used to. A single product might be designed in one country, produced in another, and shipped across continents to reach you. That sounds complicated and it is but it also opens up incredible opportunities.

With the help of modern technology, teams across the globe can now:

- Work together in real time, even if they're thousands of miles apart
- Make quicker, better decisions using data
- Stay connected to every stage of the supply chain

Instead of feeling like a rigid system, global operations are starting to feel more like a living network constantly moving, adjusting, and improving.

Smarter Supply Chains That Stay Ahead

Not too long ago, supply chains were mostly reactive. If something went wrong, you dealt with it after the fact. That's changing quickly.

The supply chains of the future will be able to:

- Spot potential problems before they happen
- Adjust automatically when disruptions occur
- Keep everyone updated in real time

It's almost like having a GPS for logistics always finding the best possible route, even when conditions change unexpectedly.

Technology That Works with People

There's a common fear that automation and AI will replace human jobs. But in reality, that's not what's happening. Instead, technology is becoming a support system.

- In warehouses, robots handle repetitive or physically demanding tasks
- Managers rely on dashboards and analytics to make informed decisions
- Teams use digital tools to plan faster and respond more effectively

The goal isn't to remove people it's to make their work easier, smarter, and more impactful.

Learning From Disruption

Recent global events have shown just how fragile supply chains can be. From pandemics to geopolitical tensions, businesses have had to rethink how they operate. And they are learning.

Companies are now:

- Working with multiple suppliers instead of depending on just one
- Moving parts of production closer to home
- Designing systems that can adapt quickly to change

Resilience is no longer something you think about later—it's built into the system from the start.

Doing Business More Responsibly

People today care more than ever about how products are made and where they come from. And companies are starting to take that seriously.

Operations in the future will focus on:

- Reducing environmental impact
- Choosing ethical and responsible suppliers
- Cutting down waste and promoting reuse

It's no longer just about being efficient, it's about doing things the right way.

Looking Ahead

The future of operations isn't cold or mechanical. It's dynamic, collaborative, and deeply human. It's about people across the world working together, supported by

technology, to solve real problems. It's about building systems that are not just fast, but flexible and fair.

And most importantly, it's about being ready for whatever comes next. By 2030, operations won't just be about moving products they'll be about connecting people, ideas, and opportunities in ways we're only beginning to understand.

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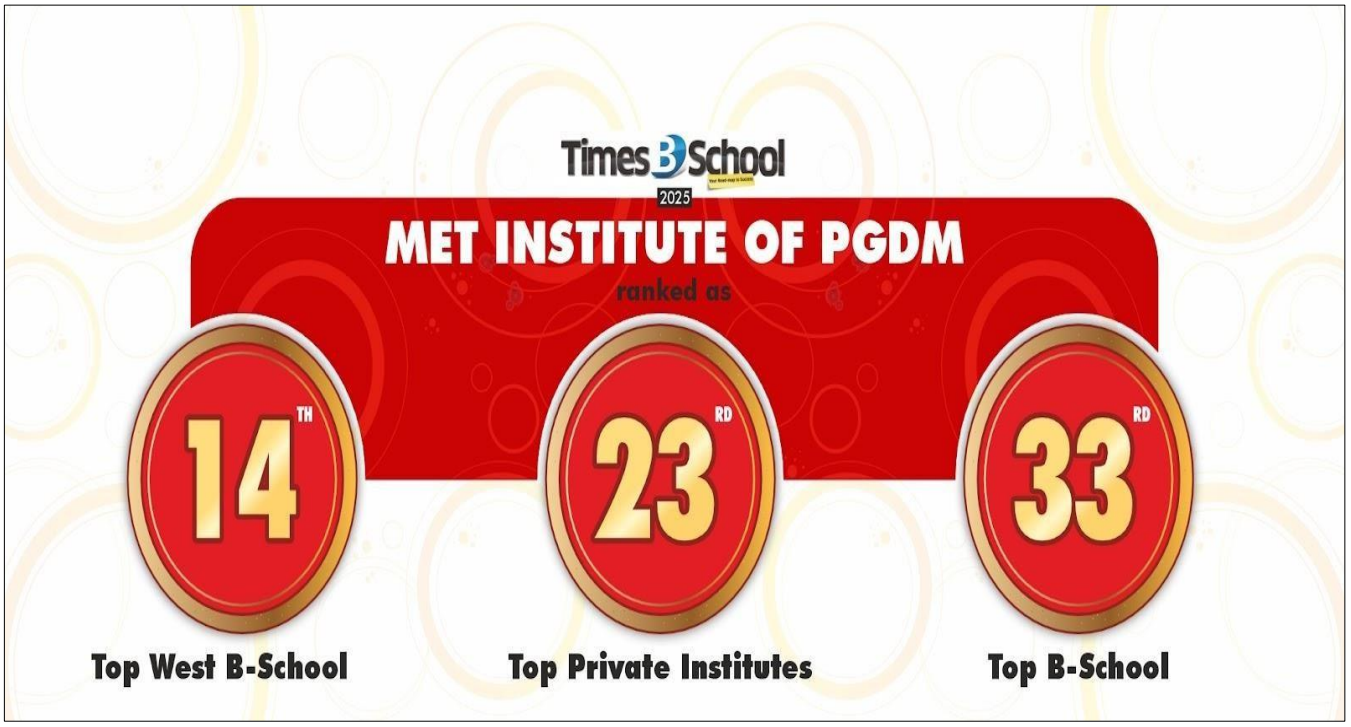
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