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VISION OF THE INSTITUTION

To serve the society by offering top-notch technical education on par with global standards.

MISSION OF THE INSTITUTION

- Be a centre of excellence for technical education in emerging technologies by exceeding the needs of industry and society.
- Be an institute with world class research facilities.
- Be an institute nurturing talent and enhancing competency of students to transform them as all- round personalities respecting moral and ethical values.

VISION AND MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT

To excel in education, innovation and research in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
to fulfil industrial demands and societal expectations.

Mission 1: To educate future engineers with solid fundamentals, continually improving
teaching methods using modern tools.

Mission 2: To collaborate with industry and offer top-notch facilities in a conductive
learning environment.

Mission 3: To foster skilled engineers and ethical innovation in AI and Data Science for
global recognition and impactful research.

Mission 4: To tackle the societal challenge of producing capable professionals by instilling employability skills and human values.

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEOS)

PEO 1: Compete on a global scale for a professional career in Artificial Intelligence and
Data Science.

PEO 2: Provide industry-specific solutions for the society with effective communication
and ethics.

PEO 3: Hone their professional skills through research and lifelong learning initiatives.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Engineering students will be able to:

1. Engineering knowledge: Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.
2. Problem analysis: Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences.
3. Design/development of solutions: Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
4. Conduct investigations of complex problems: Use research-based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions.
5. Modern tool usage: Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools including prediction and modeling to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations.
6. The engineer and society: Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
7. Environment and sustainability: Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
8. Ethics: Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.

9. Individual and team work: Function effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in diverse teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.

10. Communication: Communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.

11. Project management and finance: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principles and apply these to one's own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects and in multidisciplinary environments.

12. Life-long learning: Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technological change.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC OUTCOMES (PSOs)

- PSO 1: Capable of working on data-related methodologies and providing industry-focussed solutions.
- PSO2: Capable of analysing and providing a solution to a given real-world problem by designing an effective program.

ABSTRACT

Achieving Gender Equality in the Workplace Through Design Thinking

Gender equality in the workplace is essential for inclusivity and organizational success, yet challenges like biases and unequal opportunities persist. This study explores how Design Thinking—a human-centered approach—can address these issues through its phases: Empathize, Define, Ideate, Prototype, and Test.

By understanding employee needs, identifying systemic barriers, and creating innovative solutions such as unbiased hiring practices and inclusive leadership training, organizations can foster equality. Design Thinking enables iterative, impactful interventions that promote a workplace culture where all genders can thrive. This approach supports broader efforts toward achieving true gender parity.

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

Gender equality in the workplace is crucial for creating inclusive and diverse environments that drive innovation and productivity. While progress has been made, challenges like gender bias, unequal pay, and underrepresentation in leadership persist, making it essential to prioritize equitable practices.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Workplaces still face issues such as unconscious bias, gender pay gaps, limited representation of women in leadership, and inadequate support systems. These challenges hinder fairness, innovation, and organizational success, requiring immediate attention.

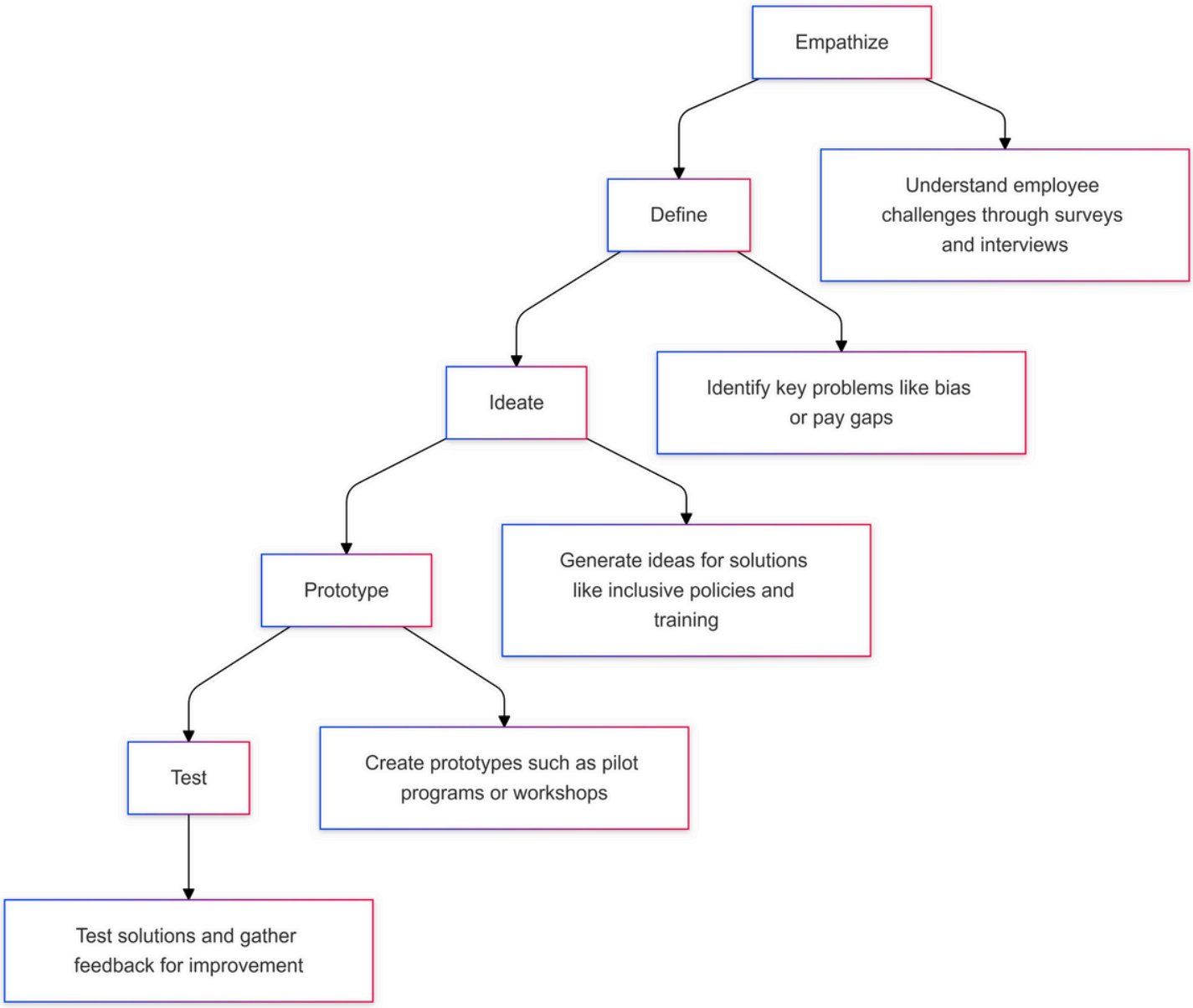
1.3 OBJECTIVE

The key objectives are:

1. Foster fair and inclusive work environments.
2. Eliminate gender biases and pay gaps.
3. Increase representation in leadership roles.
4. Implement supportive policies like mentorship and flexibility.
5. Ensure accountability and continuous improvement toward equality goals.

CHAPTER 2 PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM



CHAPTER 3
KEY PHASES OF DESIGN THINKING

3.1 EMPATHIZE

- Conduct surveys, interviews, and focus groups to identify workplace issues related to gender.
- Observe how gender dynamics affect decision-making, leadership opportunities, and collaboration.
- Gather insights from diverse employees to understand barriers like unconscious bias, unequal pay, and lack of representation.

3.2 DEFINE

- Analyze data collected in the "Empathize" phase to pinpoint systemic issues.
- Frame specific challenges, such as "Women face limited career growth opportunities due to lack of mentorship" or "Biases in recruitment reduce diverse representation."
- Create a clear problem statement to address these inequalities.

3.3 IDEATE

- Host workshops with employees and stakeholders to generate ideas.
- Explore initiatives like unbiased hiring practices, gender-neutral parental leave policies, mentorship programs, and flexible work arrangements.
- Prioritize solutions that address intersectionality and inclusivity.

3.4 PROTOTYPE

- "Proto ai" is used as a prototype.
- Collaborate with employees to design inclusive policies and tools, ensuring they are practical and well-received.

3.5 TEST.

- Collect feedback from employees on the effectiveness of the initiatives.
- Monitor metrics such as changes in representation, pay equity, and employee satisfaction.
- Use insights to improve and scale successful programs organization-wide.

CHAPTER 4
MODULE DESCRIPTION

4.1 UNDERSTANDING GENDER EQUALITY

Objective: Learn why gender equality is important in the workplace.

- Topics: Benefits for productivity, innovation, and employee retention.
- Outcome: Gain an understanding of the importance of gender equality for organizations and society.

4.2 IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING

Objective: Recognize and combat unconscious gender bias.

- Topics: Bias in hiring, performance evaluations, and promotions.
- Outcome: Learn strategies to identify and reduce bias in workplace process.

4.3 INCLUSIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT

Objective: Create a workplace that supports all genders.

- Topics: Gender-neutral policies, leadership roles, and promoting inclusivity.
- Outcome: Learn how to build a culture of inclusivity with supportive policies and systems.

4.4 ADDRESSING THE PAY GAP

Objective: Close the gender pay gap and create equal career growth opportunities.

- Topics: Pay audits, transparent salary structures, and career development.
- Outcome: Learn strategies to ensure equal pay and promote career advancement for all genders.

4.5 MEASURING PROGRESS

Objective: Track gender equality progress and ensure accountability.

- Topics: Key performance indicators (KPIs), feedback loops, and leadership roles in accountability.
- Outcome: Learn how to measure and report progress on gender equality goals.

CHAPTER 5
CONCLUSION

Design Thinking provides a human-centered and innovative approach to achieving gender equality in the workplace. By emphasizing empathy, collaboration, and iterative problem-solving, organizations can uncover the root causes of inequality and create tailored solutions that work for everyone. This method allows businesses to deeply understand employee experiences, define specific challenges, brainstorm creative ideas, test practical solutions, and refine them based on feedback.

Through Design Thinking, workplaces can implement meaningful changes like unbiased hiring practices, inclusive policies, and equitable opportunities for career growth. This approach fosters a culture of inclusivity, empowers all employees, and ensures that gender equality becomes a sustainable part of the organizational fabric. By using Design Thinking, organizations can build a future where equality and innovation go hand in hand, benefiting employees, businesses, and society.

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- Link: https://www.weforum.org

ILO (International Labour Organization)

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- Link: https://www.ilo.org

APPENDIX A – SCREENSHOTS