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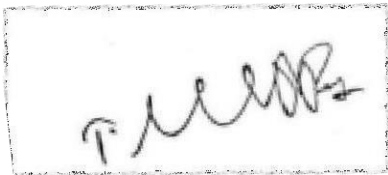
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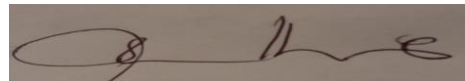


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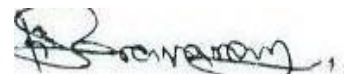
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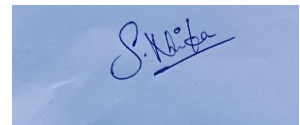
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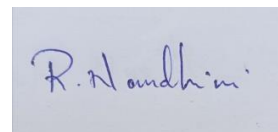
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VISION OF THE INSTITUTION

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

MISSION OF THE INSTITUTION

- Be a center 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 become a renowned hub for AIML technologies to producing highly talented globally recognizable technocrats to meet industrial needs and societal expectation.

Mission 1: To impart advanced education in AI and Machine Learning, built upon a foundation in Computer Science and Engineering.

Mission 2: To foster experiential learning equips students with engineering skills to tackle real-world problems.

Mission 3: To promote collaborative innovation in AI, machine learning, and related research and development with industries.

Mission 4: To provide an enjoyable environment for pursuing excellence while upholding strong personal and professional values and ethics.

PROGRAM EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES (PEOS)

PEO 1: Excel in technical abilities to build intelligent systems in the fields of AI & ML in order to find new opportunities.

PEO 2: Embrace new technology to solve real-world problems, whether alone or as a team, while prioritizing ethics and societal benefits.

PEO 3: Accept lifelong learning to expand future opportunities in research and product development.

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.
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- 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 1. Ethics:** Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.

- 1. Individual and team work:** Function effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in diverse teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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: Expertise in tailoring ML algorithms and models to excel in designated applications and fields.

PSO 2: Ability to conduct research, contributing to machine learning advancements and innovations that tackle emerging societal challenges.

ABSTRACT

The Design Thinking is a powerful methodology for addressing complex challenges in safety and service-oriented institutes by fostering user-centered innovation and creative problem-solving. By prioritizing empathy, this approach enables organizations to deeply understand the needs, concerns, and behaviors of users, such as employees, clients, and stakeholders. It encourages iterative processes, including ideation, prototyping, and testing, to develop solutions that are both practical and effective. In safety-focused contexts, Design Thinking can enhance risk management strategies, emergency response systems, and workplace safety protocols. For service institutes, it can streamline operations, improve customer experiences, and promote inclusive design. By breaking silos and encouraging cross-disciplinary collaboration, Design Thinking ensures that solutions are adaptive, sustainable, and aligned with organizational goals, making it an essential framework for driving meaningful change in these sectors.

The process typically involves five stages—empathize, define, ideate, prototype, and test—each fostering collaboration and creativity. In safety-focused institutes, Design Thinking can lead to the development of more intuitive safety protocols, ergonomic equipment, and efficient emergency response systems. For service-oriented organizations, it enhances user experiences by streamlining workflows, designing inclusive spaces, and creating accessible, user-friendly interfaces.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

In today's rapidly evolving world, safety and service-oriented institutes face complex challenges that demand innovative and user-centric solutions. Traditional problem-solving approaches often fall short in addressing the nuanced needs of diverse stakeholders and the dynamic nature of these sectors. Design Thinking, a creative and iterative methodology, offers a powerful framework for reimagining processes, systems, and solutions to meet these demands effectively. Rooted in empathy and collaboration, Design Thinking enables organizations to focus on the human experience while fostering innovation through ideation, prototyping, and testing. By redefining problems from the perspective of users, it provides a structured yet flexible approach to tackling challenges in safety management, risk mitigation, and service delivery.

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Safety and service-oriented institutes often face challenges in addressing complex, dynamic, and user-specific problems due to rigid traditional approaches, limited stakeholder involvement, and siloed decision-making processes. These challenges result in inefficiencies, poorly tailored solutions, and missed opportunities to enhance user experiences and safety outcomes. Additionally, the rapidly changing needs of diverse stakeholders, coupled with the increasing complexity of risks and expectations, demand more adaptive, innovative, and human-centered strategies. The lack of a structured yet flexible framework to integrate creativity, empathy, and iterative problem-solving exacerbates these issues, hindering the institutes' ability to deliver effective and sustainable solutions.

1.3. OBJECTIVE

The objective of integrating Design Thinking into safety and service-oriented institutes is to foster a user-centered approach to innovation and problem-solving. This methodology aims to enhance the understanding of user needs and experiences through empathy-driven research, enabling the creation of targeted and effective solutions for safety management and service delivery. By promoting collaboration across diverse stakeholders and disciplines, Design Thinking ensures the development of holistic and inclusive strategies. It emphasizes iterative prototyping and testing, allowing solutions to be refined for maximum impact and sustainability. Furthermore, this approach drives innovation to improve operational efficiency, risk mitigation, and user satisfaction while cultivating a culture of adaptability and continuous improvement. Ultimately, the goal is to empower organizations to develop practical and innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of their users and stakeholders.

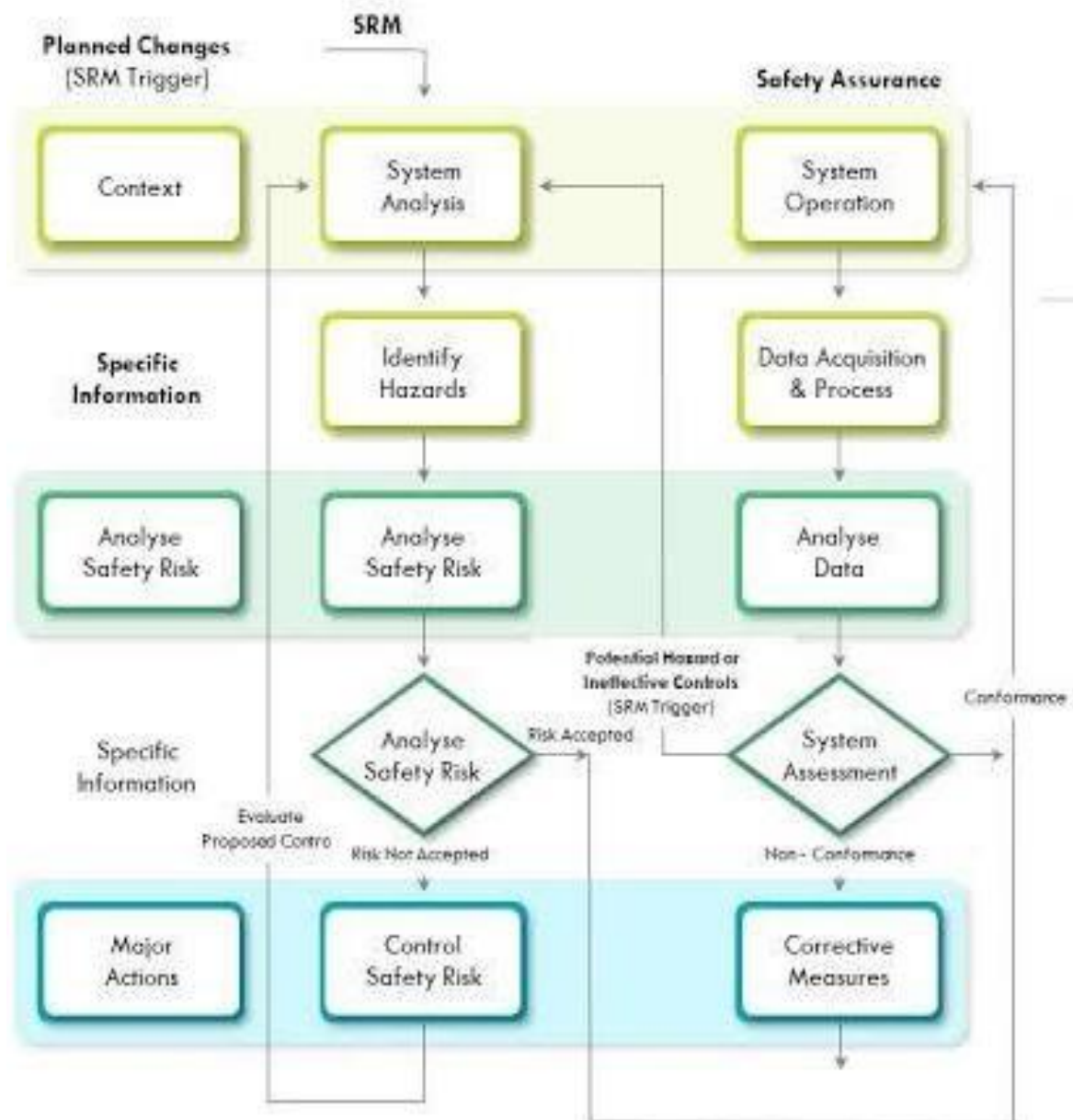
The objective of integrating Design Thinking in safety and service-oriented institutes is to foster a user-centered approach to problem-solving and innovation. This includes:

1. Enhancing the understanding of user needs, experiences, and challenges through empathy-driven research.
2. Redefining problems to create more targeted and effective solutions for safety management and service delivery.
3. Encouraging collaboration across disciplines and stakeholders to develop holistic and inclusive strategies.
4. Promoting iterative prototyping and testing to refine solutions for maximum impact and sustainability.
5. Driving innovation to improve operational efficiency, risk mitigation, and user satisfaction.
6. Cultivating a culture of adaptability and continuous improvement within organizations.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM



CHAPTER 3

KEY PHASES OF DESIGN THINKING

The key phases of the Design Thinking process can be adapted to developing safety and service institutes, ensuring that solutions are user-centered, innovative, and effective. Below are the key phases that typically make up the Design Thinking approach:

3.1 . Empathize

Objective: Understand the needs, challenges, and emotions of the users (both those seeking service and those providing it).

Activities: Conduct user interviews (e.g., employees, customers, safety personnel).

3.2 Define

Objective: Clearly articulate the problem based on insights gathered in the Empathize phase.

Activities : Synthesize data from user research to define the core issues.

Frame the problem in a human-centered way (e.g., “How might we improve workplace safety for remote workers?” or “How might we enhance customer service in high-pressure situations?”).

3.3 Ideate

Objective: Generate a wide range of ideas and potential solutions to address the defined problem.

Activities : Brainstorm possible solutions with diverse team members, encouraging creativity and unconventional thinking. Use techniques such as mind mapping, sketching, or rapid prototyping.

CHAPTER 4

MODULE DESCRIPTION

4.1. BRAIN STORMING :

A Safety and Services Institute could be designed to combine training, research, and innovation to enhance safety standards and service quality across industries. The core mission would be to provide specialized training programs in safety protocols and customer service excellence, offering certification in fields like emergency preparedness, hazard management, and conflict resolution. Additionally, the institute could conduct research into emerging technologies such as AI, IoT, and smart devices for safety and service improvements, collaborating with tech companies and industry experts.

4.2 MIND MAPPING :

A key feature would be the Innovation Hub, where new technologies such as wearables for worker safety, smart safety systems, and AI-driven service solutions could be prototyped, tested, and refined. This hub would also host collaborative design thinking workshops that bring together safety professionals, service designers, and technology experts to generate practical, real-world solutions. The institute would foster networking and collaboration through partnerships with industries, tech companies, and global institutes, ensuring continuous learning and knowledge exchange.

4.3 5Ws+1H ANALYSIS :

A 5Ws+1H analysis is a structured framework for exploring and understanding a situation, problem, or concept comprehensively. Here's a breakdown:

What: What safety hazards exist in the workplace?

Who: Who is at risk (e.g., employees, visitors)?

Where: Where do most incidents occur (specific departments or areas)?

When: When are incidents most likely to happen (shifts, times of year)?

Why: Why are these hazards present (lack of training, equipment issues)?

How: How can we reduce risks (safety training, new policies, better equipment)?

4.4 User Participant Mapping

In a Design Thinking process tailored for safety and service-oriented institutes, user participants play a critical role in shaping solutions that are effective, practical, and user-centered. These participants are typically diverse stakeholders who directly or indirectly interact with the organization's systems, processes, or services. Their involvement ensures that solutions are informed by real-world needs, behaviors, and challenges

4.5 Contextual Inquiry and Analysis

In the contextual of safety and service-oriented institutes, understanding and addressing the unique challenges they face is critical for driving innovation and operational efficiency. These sectors operate in environments that are often highly dynamic, with increasing complexity in stakeholder expectations, regulatory requirements, and the need for effective risk management. Traditional problem-solving approaches, which may lack adaptability and user focus, can result in solutions that are either too generic or fail to address the core issues faced by users, such as employees, customers, and the broader community.

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Design Thinking offers a transformative approach for safety and service-oriented institutes to address complex challenges and drive meaningful innovation. By prioritizing empathy, collaboration, and iterative problem-solving, it enables organizations to design solutions that are not only practical and efficient but also deeply aligned with the needs and experiences of users. This methodology fosters a culture of creativity and adaptability, allowing institutes to respond effectively to dynamic risks and evolving expectations. Through its focus on inclusivity and continuous improvement, Design Thinking equips safety and service sectors with the tools to enhance user satisfaction, improve operational outcomes, and achieve sustainable progress. Adopting this approach can empower organizations to navigate challenges with confidence, ensuring long-term success and positive impact. This methodology helps break down traditional silos, enabling cross-disciplinary teams to co-create solutions that are both effective and sustainable. It encourages organizations to move beyond reactive measures toward proactive, forward-thinking strategies that enhance safety outcomes, streamline service delivery, and improve overall operational efficiency. Furthermore, its iterative process of prototyping and testing allows for real-time learning and refinement, ensuring solutions remain relevant and impactful over time. Ultimately, adopting Design Thinking empowers safety and service institutes to create systems and processes that are resilient, user-focused, and future-ready. By embedding this approach into their culture, these organizations can continuously innovate, meet stakeholder expectations, and achieve long-term success while maintaining a positive and lasting impact on the communities they serve.

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APPENDIX A – SCREENSHOTS



