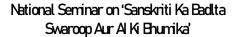


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From Desert Landscapes to Digital Platforms: AI in Rajasthan's Cultural Transformation

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Abstract

Rajasthan, renowned worldwide for its distinctive desert scenery and rich cultural heritage, today grapples with the dual challenge of preserving its heritage while welcoming modernity. In this context, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as an important tool to help establish a connection between historical practices and future progress. This paper explores the ways in which AI is redefining Rajasthan's cultural landscape through processes of digitization, promoting tourism and revitalizing traditional industries. Technologies such as geospatial mapping, machine learning and virtual reality (VR) are being used to create digital archives of important heritage sites, including Mehrangarh Fort and Amer Fort, facilitating immersive experiences for audiences across the world.

In the tourism sector, applications of artificial intelligence improve visitor experience by providing personalized itineraries, efficiently managing crowds, and ensuring access in different languages. Additionally, AI-enabled e-commerce platforms facilitate connections between local artisans and global markets, promoting the sustainability of traditional crafts such as blue pottery and block printing. These technological advancements not only contribute to the preservation of cultural practices but also play a vital role in economic development by creating jobs and increasing incomes in local areas.

Integrating artificial intelligence into the cultural context of Rajasthan is fraught with difficulties. The digital divide, lack of adequate technological infrastructure, and concerns over the commodification of culture are significant barriers. This paper underscores the importance of developing inclusive policies and promoting public-private partnerships to address these challenges and promote equitable access to AI resources. Through the use of artificial intelligence, Rajasthan can achieve a harmonious balance between the preservation of its cultural heritage and the advancement of modernization, thereby establishing itself as a leader in the integration of tradition and technology. This analysis provides important insights into the potential of AI in preserving and enhancing Rajasthan's distinct cultural and geographic identity.

