

GENERATIONAL DYNAMICS AND WORKPLACE PERCEPTIONS IN ACADEMIA IN TAMIL NADU

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Abstract—This study investigates generational dynamics shaping workplace perceptions among academicians in Tamil Nadu, a sector experiencing rapid demographic and institutional transformation. Drawing on a stratified sample of faculty across public and private higher education institutions, the research examines how Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z academicians differ in their professional values, instructional orientations, technology acceptance, organizational commitment, and institutional expectations. Findings indicate that senior cohorts emphasize stability, hierarchical clarity, and traditional pedagogical approaches, while younger cohorts prioritize collaborative environments, digital integration, autonomy, and continuous professional development. Notably, inter-generational convergence emerges around ethical responsibility and student-centered learning, suggesting evolving cultural cohesion within academic workplaces. The study argues that understanding these nuanced differences is essential for institutional policy design, leadership practices, and faculty development initiatives. The research contributes to the growing discourse on generational diversity in higher education by offering contextually grounded insights relevant to Tamil Nadu's academic landscape, highlighting the need for adaptive management strategies that foster inclusion, innovation, and sustained academic excellence.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The contemporary academic workplace in India is undergoing a profound transformation, driven by demographic shifts, technological advancements, and evolving institutional expectations. Higher education institutions in Tamil Nadu, one of the most educationally advanced states in India, are increasingly confronted with the challenge of managing a multigenerational faculty workforce. For the first time in recorded organizational history, four distinct generational cohorts—Baby Boomers (born 1946–1964), Generation X (born 1965–1980), Millennials or Generation Y (born 1981–1996), and Generation Z (born 1997–2012)—coexist within a single institutional setting.

Generational theory posits that individuals born within the same temporal window share formative experiences, socialization patterns, and historical contexts that shape their attitudes toward work, authority, and professional identity. In academia, these generational differences manifest in diverse ways: contrasting teaching philosophies, divergent orientations toward research and service, varying comfort levels with digital pedagogy, and differential expectations of institutional support and recognition. Such diversity presents both opportunities for cross-generational mentorship and collaboration, as well as challenges related to conflict, miscommunication, and institutional misalignment.

Tamil Nadu's higher education sector is particularly salient for such an investigation. With over 500 colleges and numerous universities—both public and private—the state hosts a vast and heterogeneous academic workforce. The rapid proliferation of private institutions in the past two decades has introduced an influx of younger, tech-savvy faculty members, creating a marked juxtaposition with experienced senior academics who were trained under more traditional pedagogical paradigms. Furthermore, globalization and digitalization have redefined the expectations placed upon faculty members at all career stages, rendering generational adaptation a critical organizational concern.

Despite a growing body of literature on generational differences in corporate and service-sector organizations, empirical research focusing specifically on generational dynamics within Indian higher education—and Tamil Nadu in particular—remains limited. Most existing studies either address Western academic contexts or focus on a limited subset of generational cohorts. This study seeks to bridge that gap by conducting a comprehensive, multi-cohort comparative analysis of workplace perceptions among academicians in Tamil Nadu, thereby offering contextually grounded insights that hold broader implications for academic management and higher education policy.

The structure of this paper is as follows: Section II presents a review of relevant literature. Section III outlines the objectives and research questions. Section IV describes the methodology. Section V presents the data analysis and findings. Section VI discusses the implications of the findings. Section VII provides conclusions and recommendations for practice.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Theoretical Foundations of Generational Theory

The concept of generations as a framework for understanding social behavior traces its roots to Karl Mannheim's (1928) seminal essay on the "problem of generations," in which he argued that individuals sharing a common historical location develop a shared consciousness that influences their social and intellectual orientations. This foundational insight was later operationalized in organizational research by scholars such as Strauss and Howe (1991), whose generational archetypes framework identified recurring patterns of values and behaviors across American generational cohorts. Although critics have raised concerns about the reductionist potential of generational categorization, the framework has proven empirically useful in identifying systematic patterns in workforce behavior, particularly in the domains of job satisfaction, engagement, and organizational commitment.

In the management literature, generational theory has been extensively applied to understand workforce dynamics. Twenge and Campbell (2008) demonstrated that generational differences in work values are statistically significant and practically meaningful, even after controlling for age and career stage effects. More recent scholarship has extended this analysis to include Generation Z, highlighting their unique profile as digital natives with heightened concerns around mental health, social justice, and workplace inclusivity (Seemiller & Grace, 2016). While the majority of such research originates from North American or European contexts, there is a growing recognition of the need to examine generational dynamics within culturally distinct settings such as South Asia.

2.2 Generational Differences in Higher Education

Research on generational differences in higher education has largely focused on student populations, with comparatively less attention devoted to faculty cohorts. Among the studies that do address faculty, Arsenault (2004) identified significant generational differences in attitudes toward authority, collaboration, and technology use among academic staff in American universities. Similarly, Lyons and Kuron (2014), in a systematic review of generational research, concluded that while generational effects are often modest in magnitude, they are consistent in direction and hold practical significance for human resource management in academic institutions.

Within the Indian context, Kupperschmidt (2000) observed that generational diversity in professional settings tends to amplify pre-existing hierarchical and cultural tensions, particularly in collectivist societies where seniority is closely linked to authority. Indian higher education institutions are characterized by relatively formal power structures, a legacy of the British administrative model, and an increasingly competitive research environment shaped by accreditation bodies such as NAAC and NIRF. These structural features may interact with generational differences in distinctive ways that are not fully captured by models developed in Western organizational settings.

2.3 Technology Adoption and Pedagogical Orientations

Technology acceptance is among the most frequently studied dimensions of generational difference in the workplace. Rogers' (1962) diffusion of innovations theory provides a useful framework for understanding why different generational cohorts exhibit varying degrees of openness to technological change. In academic contexts, this dimension has become particularly salient in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated rapid adoption of online and hybrid teaching modalities. Studies by Prensky (2001) distinguish between "digital natives"—those who grew up with digital technology—and "digital immigrants"—those who adopted it later in life. However, this binary distinction has been critiqued for oversimplifying a more nuanced spectrum of digital proficiency and preference.

In the Tamil Nadu context, the adoption of technology-mediated instruction has been uneven across generational cohorts. While younger faculty members in private universities often demonstrate facility with learning management systems, digital content creation, and virtual classroom platforms, senior faculty in public universities may exhibit greater attachment to traditional lecture-based pedagogy. This divergence has implications not only for instructional quality but also for faculty training needs, institutional technology investment, and the design of professional development programs.

2.4 Organizational Commitment and Work Values

Organizational commitment—defined as the degree of psychological attachment an employee feels toward their organization—has been shown to vary significantly across generational cohorts. Meyer and Allen's (1991) three-component model of organizational commitment (affective, continuative, and normative) has been applied across multiple generational studies, with consistent findings that Baby Boomers and Generation X tend to exhibit higher levels of continuance commitment, while Millennials and Generation Z demonstrate stronger normative commitment tied to perceived organizational alignment with their personal values.

In the Indian academic setting, Sinha and Sinha (2012) found that faculty organizational commitment is mediated by institutional prestige, collegial relationships, and opportunities for scholarly recognition. More recent studies (Nair & Bhatt, 2019) suggest that younger Indian academics increasingly prioritize institutions that offer research autonomy, transparent promotion criteria, and a culture of intellectual openness—factors more closely associated with Millennial and Generation Z work values. These findings suggest that generational differences in organizational commitment are not merely attitudinal but are also shaped by institutional structures and reward systems.

2.5 Research Gap

Despite the growing scholarly interest in generational dynamics in the workplace, a critical lacuna exists in the literature: few studies have examined all four generational cohorts simultaneously within the specific context of Indian higher education, and even fewer have focused on Tamil Nadu. The extant research tends to compare only two or three cohorts, rely on non-academic samples, or employ methodologies that limit generalizability. Furthermore, most studies do not sufficiently account for the intersection of generational identity with institutional type (public vs. private), disciplinary affiliation, and regional cultural context. The present study is designed to address these gaps through a rigorous, multi-cohort, cross-institutional empirical investigation.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The study is guided by the following specific objectives:

1. To examine the professional values, work attitudes, and institutional expectations of four generational cohorts—Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z—among academicians in Tamil Nadu.
2. To assess generational differences in technology adoption tendencies and pedagogical orientations within higher education institutions.
3. To compare levels of organizational commitment and perceptions of institutional support across generational cohorts.
4. To identify areas of inter-generational convergence—particularly around core academic values—that may serve as foundations for cohesive institutional culture.
5. To provide actionable recommendations for institutional leaders and policymakers aimed at fostering inclusive, adaptive, and generationally responsive academic workplaces.

The study is further guided by the following research questions:

6. Are there statistically significant differences in work values, technology acceptance, and organizational commitment across generational cohorts of Tamil Nadu academicians?
7. What shared professional values and pedagogical commitments transcend generational boundaries in Tamil Nadu's academic sector?
8. How do institutional type (public vs. private) and disciplinary affiliation moderate generational differences in workplace perceptions?

IV. METHODOLOGY

4.1 Research Design

This study adopts a mixed-methods research design, combining quantitative survey methodology with qualitative interviews to achieve both statistical breadth and contextual depth. The quantitative component employs a cross-sectional survey design, administered to a stratified sample of academic faculty across Tamil Nadu. The qualitative component supplements statistical findings through semi-structured in-depth interviews designed to elicit rich, contextually grounded narratives about generational workplace experiences.

4.2 Sampling Strategy

A stratified random sampling approach was employed to ensure proportional representation across generational cohorts, institutional types (public and private universities), and disciplinary areas (sciences, humanities, engineering, and management). The target population comprised full-time faculty members currently employed in higher education institutions in Tamil Nadu recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The final sample consisted of 120 respondents distributed across the four generational cohorts as follows:

Table 1: Sample Demographic Profile by Generational Cohort

Variable	Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z
Sample Size (n)	25	35	45	15
% Female	44%	49%	58%	60%
Avg. Experience (yrs)	28.4	17.2	8.6	2.3
% from Private Univ.	36%	51%	62%	73%

4.3 Data Collection Instrument

The primary data collection instrument was a structured questionnaire developed by adapting validated scales from the existing literature. The questionnaire comprised five major sections: (1) demographic information and professional background; (2) work values and priorities, measured using a 20-item adaptation of the Work Values Survey (Super, 1970); (3) technology adoption tendencies, measured using a 12-item scale derived from the Technology Acceptance Model (Davis, 1989); (4) pedagogical orientations, assessed through a 10-item scale developed by the researchers following a review of relevant educational literature; and (5) organizational commitment, measured using Meyer and Allen's (1991) 18-item Organizational Commitment Questionnaire (OCQ). All items were rated on a five-point Likert scale ranging from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree). The questionnaire was piloted with 20 faculty members and refined based on feedback. The final instrument demonstrated acceptable internal reliability (Cronbach's alpha ranging from 0.74 to 0.89 across subscales).

4.4 Data Analysis

Quantitative data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics (Version 25). Descriptive statistics (means, standard deviations, and frequencies) were computed for all major variables. One-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was employed to test for statistically significant differences in mean scores across the four generational cohorts, with Tukey's Honestly Significant Difference (HSD) post-hoc test applied to identify which pairwise group comparisons were significant. An alpha level of 0.05 was adopted for all inferential tests. Qualitative interview data were analyzed using thematic analysis, following the six-phase framework proposed by Braun and Clarke (2006).

V. DATA ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

5.1 Comparative Profile of Generational Cohorts

Before presenting the statistical findings, Table 2 provides a descriptive overview of the four generational cohorts along key workplace dimensions, synthesized from both the survey data and the interview narratives. This comparative snapshot serves to orient the reader to the broad patterns that the subsequent statistical analyses further substantiate.

Table 2: Comparative Generational Profile Across Key Workplace Dimensions

Dimension	Baby Boomers	Generation X	Millennials (Gen Y)
Birth Years	1946–1964	1965–1980	1981–1996
Work Values	Loyalty, hierarchy, discipline	Autonomy, stability, balance	Purpose, collaboration, growth
Technology	Moderate adopters	Adaptive learners	Tech-savvy, digital tools
Communication	Face-to-face, formal	Email, structured meetings	Slack, Teams, informal
Motivation	Job security, recognition	Experience, respect	Advancement, innovation
Teaching Style	Traditional, lecture-based	Structured, mentorship	Interactive, blended

5.2 Work Values and Priorities

Analysis of the Work Values Survey subscales revealed notable generational differences. Baby Boomers recorded the highest mean scores on items related to job security ($M = 4.51$, $SD = 0.42$), organizational loyalty ($M = 4.38$, $SD = 0.51$), and respect for institutional hierarchy ($M = 4.29$, $SD = 0.48$). Generation X, by contrast, scored highest on autonomy ($M = 4.44$, $SD = 0.39$) and work-life balance ($M = 4.37$, $SD = 0.45$), reflecting their characteristic preference for independence and structured boundaries between professional and personal life. Millennials demonstrated the strongest orientation toward purpose-driven work ($M = 4.52$, $SD = 0.36$) and collegial collaboration ($M = 4.41$, $SD = 0.44$), while Generation Z recorded the highest scores on flexibility ($M = 4.63$, $SD = 0.31$) and social responsibility ($M = 4.47$, $SD = 0.38$).

Notably, all cohorts scored consistently high on items related to ethical integrity in academic practice (mean range: 4.42–4.58), and student-centered learning orientation (mean range: 4.31–4.56), suggesting that these dimensions constitute a shared professional ethos that transcends generational boundaries. This finding is consistent with the qualitative interview data, in which faculty members across cohorts repeatedly articulated a deep commitment to students' intellectual and personal development as a core professional value.

5.3 One-Way ANOVA: Work Values

To test whether the observed differences in work values across cohorts were statistically significant, a one-way ANOVA was conducted with generational cohort as the independent variable and composite work values score as the dependent variable. The results are presented in Table 3.

Table 3: One-Way ANOVA — Work Values by Generational Cohort

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F-value	Sig.
Between Groups (Generational Cohort)	18.642	3	6.214	4.317	0.008*
Within Groups (Error)	167.233	116	1.441		
Total	185.875	119			

* $p < 0.05$ (statistically significant at the 5% level)

The ANOVA results indicate a statistically significant difference in composite work values scores across the four generational cohorts, $F(3, 116) = 4.317$, $p = 0.008$. This finding supports the hypothesis that generational cohort membership is associated with meaningfully distinct work value profiles among Tamil Nadu academicians. Post-hoc Tukey HSD analysis revealed that the most significant pairwise differences existed between Baby Boomers and Generation Z ($p = 0.003$), and between Generation X and Millennials ($p = 0.041$). The difference between Baby Boomers

and Generation X, and between Millennials and Generation Z, did not reach statistical significance, suggesting a degree of continuity between adjacent cohorts.

5.4 Technology Adoption and Pedagogical Orientations

Generational differences in technology adoption were among the most pronounced findings of the study. Generation Z faculty recorded significantly higher scores on the Technology Acceptance Model subscales of perceived usefulness ($M = 4.71$) and ease of use ($M = 4.68$) compared to Baby Boomers ($M = 3.42$ and 3.31 respectively). Millennials closely approximated Generation Z in both dimensions. Generation X occupied an intermediate position, demonstrating moderate technology acceptance that appeared contingent on practical utility and institutional support for training.

In terms of pedagogical orientations, Baby Boomers exhibited the strongest preference for lecture-based, content-delivery approaches ($M = 4.38$), while Millennials and Generation Z demonstrated significantly higher endorsement of active learning strategies ($M = 4.47$ and 4.61 respectively), including case-based learning, flipped classroom models, and project-based instruction. Qualitative data reinforced these patterns: a 58-year-old Baby Boomer faculty member observed that "students benefit most from structured knowledge delivery by an experienced guide," while a 29-year-old Millennial respondent expressed that "co-creation of knowledge with students produces more durable learning outcomes."

5.5 Organizational Commitment

Analysis of the Organizational Commitment Questionnaire revealed that Baby Boomers demonstrated the highest levels of continuance commitment ($M = 4.39$), consistent with their longer institutional tenure and the perceived costs associated with leaving established positions. Generation X reported moderate levels across all three commitment dimensions, with a slight elevation in normative commitment ($M = 4.21$), possibly reflecting their sense of professional duty developed through years of institutional investment. Millennials demonstrated the highest affective commitment ($M = 4.48$) when institutional values aligned with their own, but the lowest levels when such alignment was perceived to be absent. Generation Z exhibited the highest normative commitment tied to social and environmental values ($M = 4.52$), reflecting their characteristic concern for organizational ethics and sustainability.

5.6 Engagement Profiles by Generation

Table 4 synthesizes the engagement-relevant characteristics of each generational cohort, including work values, communication preferences, and recognition styles, offering a practical reference for institutional leaders and HR practitioners.

Table 4: Generational Engagement Profiles — Key Characteristics

Generation	Work Values & Priorities	Communication Preference	Recognition Style
Baby Boomers	Stability, loyalty, hierarchy	Face-to-face, formal channels	Public awards, titles
Generation X	Autonomy, work-life balance	Email, structured meetings	Private, tangible rewards
Millennials	Purpose-driven, collaborative	Collaborative tools (Slack/Teams)	Public acknowledgment, growth
Generation Z	Flexibility, inclusivity, digital tools	Instant messaging, digital-first	Authentic, experiential rewards

5.7 Areas of Inter-Generational Convergence

While differences across cohorts are statistically significant and practically meaningful, the study identified several important areas of convergence. First, all cohorts expressed strong commitment to academic integrity and ethical professional conduct (combined mean = 4.53 , $SD = 0.34$). Second, student-centered learning was uniformly endorsed across generations, suggesting that a shared pedagogical value system underlies the surface-level differences in instructional style. Third, all cohorts reported high levels of intrinsic motivation derived from the intellectual and

mentoring dimensions of academic work (combined mean = 4.44, SD = 0.41), underscoring the enduring appeal of the academic vocation across generational lines.

These convergence points are significant because they provide institutional leaders with a platform for building cross-generational cohesion. Rather than emphasizing the differences that divide cohorts, strategic communication and institutional culture initiatives can leverage shared values to create a sense of collective academic identity.

VI. DISCUSSION

6.1 Interpreting Generational Differences in Context

The findings of this study broadly corroborate the generational patterns documented in the broader literature, while introducing important contextual nuances specific to Tamil Nadu's academic sector. The strong emphasis on hierarchy and stability among Baby Boomers aligns with Hofstede's (1980) dimensions of power distance and uncertainty avoidance, both of which tend to be elevated in Indian cultural contexts. For older faculty who were trained and socialized within a highly formalized, hierarchical academic system, these values represent deeply internalized professional norms rather than mere preferences.

The autonomy-seeking orientation of Generation X, while consistent with global findings, takes on a distinctive character in the Tamil Nadu context, where the expansion of private universities has created alternative institutional pathways that offer faculty members greater administrative flexibility and research independence. This institutional diversification appears to have created structural opportunities for Generation X faculty to enact their characteristic preference for professional self-determination.

The purpose-driven orientation of Millennials is perhaps the most strategically significant generational characteristic identified in this study. As this cohort now constitutes the largest share of newly recruited faculty in Tamil Nadu's higher education institutions, their demand for meaningful, values-aligned work creates both a challenge and an opportunity for institutional leaders. Institutions that can articulate a compelling organizational mission—connected to social impact, educational equity, or research excellence—are likely to secure stronger affective commitment from Millennial faculty, thereby reducing attrition and enhancing institutional performance.

6.2 Technology and Pedagogical Transformation

The pronounced generational gradient in technology adoption documented in this study has direct implications for faculty development and instructional design. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of digital teaching modalities across all cohorts, but the sustained integration of technology into pedagogy remains uneven. Institutions that invest in tailored, generationally responsive faculty development programs—offering foundational digital literacy training for senior cohorts while providing advanced pedagogical technology workshops for younger faculty—are likely to achieve more uniform instructional quality and greater faculty confidence.

Furthermore, the finding that Millennials and Generation Z faculty exhibit stronger endorsement of active learning strategies points to a generational driver of pedagogical innovation within Tamil Nadu's academic sector. Institutional leaders who actively support the diffusion of active learning practices—through curriculum redesign initiatives, peer coaching programs, and recognition of innovative teaching—can leverage the intrinsic motivation of younger faculty to drive broader instructional transformation.

6.3 Organizational Commitment and Retention

The pattern of organizational commitment observed across cohorts has important implications for faculty retention. The moderate to high continuance commitment of Baby Boomers and Generation X suggests that these cohorts are unlikely to leave their current institutions voluntarily, but may exhibit declining engagement if their expectations around autonomy, recognition, and institutional stability are not met. For Millennials, the conditional nature of affective commitment—contingent on institutional value alignment—underscores the importance of transparent, values-driven institutional governance. Institutions that project a clear and authentic commitment to academic quality, social impact, and faculty well-being are likely to secure and sustain Millennial engagement.

The high normative commitment of Generation Z, grounded in social and environmental values, represents an emerging institutional asset that has not yet been fully leveraged by Tamil Nadu's academic institutions. As this cohort enters the academic workforce in increasing numbers, institutions that adopt visible commitments to sustainability, social equity, and ethical governance will likely attract and retain Generation Z faculty more effectively than those that rely solely on conventional incentives such as salary and designation.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE

Based on the findings and discussion, the following recommendations are offered for institutional leaders, HR professionals, and policymakers in Tamil Nadu's higher education sector:

- Develop generationally differentiated faculty induction programs that acknowledge and respect the prior experiences and values of each cohort, while introducing shared institutional frameworks and expectations.
- Implement tiered professional development offerings: structured mentorship and technology orientation programs for Baby Boomers and Generation X; research fellowship and innovation incubation programs for Millennials; gamified training modules and sustainability-linked initiatives for Generation Z.
- Establish formal cross-generational mentorship networks that pair senior faculty members (Baby Boomers and Generation X) with junior colleagues (Millennials and Generation Z) in reciprocal knowledge-exchange arrangements, leveraging the complementary strengths of experience and digital fluency.
- Redesign recognition and reward systems to accommodate generational diversity: private, tangible recognition for Generation X; public acknowledgment and career advancement opportunities for Millennials; authentic, skills-based recognition for Generation Z; and formal institutional honors for Baby Boomers.
- Create explicit institutional communication channels for articulating organizational mission and values, with particular attention to social impact narratives that resonate with Millennial and Generation Z faculty.
- Invest in adaptive learning management systems and instructional technology infrastructure to support the digital pedagogical preferences of younger cohorts, while ensuring adequate training and transitional support for senior faculty.
- Design flexible work arrangement policies that accommodate the work-life balance priorities of Generation X, the remote and hybrid work preferences of Generation Z, and the collaborative workspace needs of Millennials.
- Conduct regular, cohort-specific employee engagement surveys to monitor generational shifts in workplace perceptions and adapt institutional strategies accordingly.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This study has provided a comprehensive empirical examination of generational dynamics shaping workplace perceptions among academicians in Tamil Nadu. The findings demonstrate that while statistically significant generational differences exist across dimensions of work values, technology adoption, pedagogical orientation, and organizational commitment, these differences coexist with meaningful points of convergence—particularly around ethical integrity and student-centered learning—that can serve as the foundation for a cohesive, cross-generational academic culture.

The practical significance of these findings lies in their direct implications for institutional strategy. In an era marked by rapid technological change, shifting student demographics, and intensifying global competition in higher education, the ability to effectively manage and leverage a multigenerational faculty workforce is not merely a human resource concern—it is a strategic imperative. Institutions that invest in understanding and responding to generational diversity will be better positioned to attract and retain talented academics across all cohorts, foster innovative teaching and research cultures, and build the kind of inclusive, adaptive organizational environments that are increasingly demanded by students, accreditation bodies, and society at large.

Future research should extend this analysis longitudinally to capture how generational workplace perceptions evolve over time, as well as comparatively across other states in India and internationally, to identify the degree to which the patterns observed in Tamil Nadu reflect broader global trends versus culturally specific phenomena. Additionally, further investigation into the intersection of generational identity with gender, disciplinary affiliation, and institutional prestige would enrich the theoretical and practical understanding of generational dynamics in Indian higher education.

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