

Scenario After Computerization in Indian Banking

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ABSTRACT

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A.History Of Indian Banking Industry

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The expansion of globalization and changing new technologies forced banks to launch new channels to gain competitive environment reducing cost, enlarging customer database and improving their financial services. The significant transformation which occurred in the banking industry of India were the changes that were occurred in the financial markets, institutions and products. In the earlier 1970's the banking industry was using a traditional system such as they had to record data by following up a database, they had to waste their time in recording that database. Computerization In Banks -Some Issues v

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❖ **After Computerization**

Computerization in Indian banking sector and the use of modern innovation has increased many folds after the economic liberalization as the country's banking sector has been exposed to the world's market. In 1984 a committee was formed by RBI on mechanization in the banking industry whose chairman was Dr. C Rangarajan, Deputy Governor of RBI. Under mechanization an electronic ledger posting machine was installed which included a type writer keyboard, a printer, two floppy disc drives and a video screen. The machine was used to prepare statement on accounts for customers, maintaining primary ledgers and post transaction entries in them. The reports were submitted by the committee in 1989 and computerization began from 1993 with the settlement between bank administration and bank employees association. In 1994 for issues related to payment system, security settlement and check clearing a committee on technology was set up in the banking industry which emphasized on Electronic Funds Transfer system.

B.Milestones In Indian Banks And It Transformation

- MICR (MAGNETIC INK CHARACTER RECOGNITION) : During the years 1986-88 MICR was introduced. MICR technology was used principally by the banking industry to smooth the progress of the processing of cheques and develops the routing number and account number at the bottom of a cheque. This allowed computers to translate information (like account numbers) off printed certificates.
- IDRBT (Institute for Development & Research in Banking Technology) In 1996 a committee was formed by RBI in Hyderabad to upgrade technology in payment system. IDRBT was thus established as a result of recommendation of committee.
- ATM"s (AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES): Enabling IT channels which enhances customer service at banks in areas such as cash delivery through card based transaction settlements, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs),etc.
- E-BANKING (INTERNET BANKING): E-Banking allows financial institution customers to conduct a secure financial transaction on website to have personal access to internet a customer must register for the service to the institution and some password will be set-up for verification of customer.
- RTGS (REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT): It is a transfer system for funds where money is being transferred from one bank to another bank on gross and real time basis. When there is no waiting period for payment transaction the settlement is in "real time". One to one basis settlement of transaction without clustering or mesh with other transaction is "gross" settlement.

C. Technology Used

❖ **Automated clearing House (ACH):**

To handle cheques in clearing house computers are used. It is difficult to clean up, substitute and establish transactions within many banks. To increase the process and wiping the operations immediately an deficiently computers are used in cleaning house. ACH allows huge number of credit and debit transactions in batches.

❖ National Automated clearing house Association (NACHA):

It helps to transfer debit for point-of-purchase conversation check. ACH payment is being implemented by both commercial sector and government. Business is also improving by using ACH to accumulate online payment from customers than accepting debit or credit cards. NACHA and Federal Reserve established rules and regulations to govern ACH network.

❖ Electronic Clearing Services (ECS):

ECS uses services of cleaning house to transfer funds from one to another bank account. This is used for large transfers from one to many accounts or vice-versa. Types of ECS:- Two types of ECS are ECS (credit) and ECS (debit).

1. ECS (credit)-it is used to allow credit to huge number of receivers by raising only one debit to an account like interest, salary payment, pension
2. ECS (Debit)-it is used to inflate debits to a huge number of accounts of customers or account holders for honoring a particular institution e.g. utility companies payments like telephone, house tax charges, water tax charges.

❖ National Electronic Fund Transfer (neft):

It is an online system by which funds of Indian financial institutions are being transferred. Funds below Rs 2, 00,000/- are mainly transferred by it. Structured financial messaging solutions (SFMS) were used as a platform to make NEFT. To maintain security in NEFT public key infrastructure (PKI) technique was used.

❖ Electronic Funds Transfer (eft):

It is electronic transfer or exchange of money from one to another account. This exchange of money takes place across multiple financial institutions through computer systems to help banks offering money transfer service to their customers from any bank branch account to other branch bank.

❖ Cards Transaction:

Debit card is an alternative method of payment of cash when transactions are being made. While using it cardholder can see available balance in account. Debit cards are widely used to withdraw cash from ATM, to purchase online on internet, making bill payments, transferring funds, etc. during opening of account banks provide free of cost debit cards. From Jan 1st 2011, RBI announced that user has to enter password on ATM for every transaction with debit card.

❖ Core Banking:

To adopt core banking solutions (CBS), computerization in branches of banks is closely related with the technological development.

❖ Automated Teller Machine (atm):

ATM is used for many functions of banks like to withdraw cash, to print bank statements, to transfer funds, reservation of train tickets, to pay premiums.

❖ Infinet:

Many components like servers, connecting networks, communication channels etc. are required for working of e-banking. Various service providers were established and connected in India by RBI to control and monitor e-banking. Some service of provider is INFINET which stands for Indian Financial Network.

Services which are provided by INFINET are e-mail, transmission of inter-city cheque realization advices, electronic clearing services-debit and credit.

D.Threats :

The most up to date fraud which is now considered as the secured method of crime not including any physical damage is the technological frauds in banks. Since 1994 computerization of banks had started in India. Working model for local area network and wide area was developed by reserve bank of India by founding unique microwave stations. The main job performed by computers in banks are preserving debit-credit records of accounts, carrying out electronic fund transfer, operating automated teller machines, making periodic balance sheets, printing out accounts statements etc.

❖Risk Factors:

Computer internet facilities have revolted international banking to transfer funds and substitute data of interest concerning to banking and to perform other functions of banks and by giving different passwords and pin numbers. Some of the negative effects of computers are classified as:

·COMPUTER CRIMES : Computer frauds are those in which misuse or defalcations are accomplished by altering with data record of computer or program, etc. whereas computer crimes are those that are committed with a computer

❖Cheque Frauds :

The tenacious growth of paper cheques joined with the readily availability of most recent technology has resulted in shocking rise in cheque frauds in banks of India. It is fascinating to note that cheques as a payment method is still having a major position in both developing and developed countries. Hard work is being done by banks to discourage customers from the use of paper cheques. Additional problems related to cheques are inbuilt manually like process of handling, high cost of transportation between parties, handling process.

Concept and Magnitude of Cheque Frauds

There are many ways to classify cheque frauds. One wide distinction is “internal” and “external”. Internal cheque frauds are those in which schemes are formulated by insiders –employees are responsible for authorizing, creating and processing cheques. External cheque frauds are those in which schemes are made by independent operators or by classified gangs. Most familiar forms of external frauds are

- a. Modification of cheque details
- b. Creation of fake cheques
- c. Forgery of cheques

Physical controls of security used are high resolution micro printing, watermarks, security inks and reflective holograms etc.

❖Atm Frauds

ATM"s are electronic machines that are connected to the accounts and records of banking institutions. It allows customers to make banking transactions without going to banks. ATM"s are implicit banks that allows users to withdraw money, pay bills, deposit cash etc. ATM machine is derived with the help of an access drive i.e. a card, code i.e. personal identification number or through other methods of access to account of customer or any combination thereof.

Fraud Related to ATMs

Commitment of frauds can be by both insiders and outsiders. It is known that number of frauds will rise with the increase in number of transactions. Frauds can occur due to carelessness on part of both the cardholder and part of bank. If the holder of card does not follow preventative measures then is exposed to risk.

- A cheat may go through the carbons or discarded receipts to find out the card number illegally.
- A clerk who is dishonest makes an imprint from the charge card or credit card for his personal use.

❖Credit Card Frauds:

- Credit card is made of polyvinyl chloride sheet. The innermost sheet of credit card is known as core stock. Personal data is embossed over it and the cards are of fixed size. Fraudsters of credit cards steal credit cards from banks, clients and merchants. Credit card fraud is committed in many ways like:
- Authentic cards are distorted.
- Forged cards are made
- Duplicitous telemarketing is made with credit cards.
- Forged cards are taken on duplicitous applications on the address and name of other people.

People have concern that as e-commerce and internet facilities are expanded on large scale than credit card frauds will increase rapidly.

E.Issues In Risk Management In Online Banking:

The problem arising with the banks is that they have already invested huge amount of money in the online initiatives and their online offerings are remaining unprofitable. Banks are already having its existing customers so they are not getting large number of customers. Just enrolling customers to use the id will not be sufficient, the user will have to use the website frequently. Banks should make efforts to increase the usage of their site by customers and co-ordinate with the branches effectively. By doing this they will be able to obtain maximum value which would include cost reduction, higher customer retention and cross-selling opportunities.

❖Strategic Risk:

It is one of the prospective and current risks that affect capital arising and earnings from divergent business decisions associated mainly with Board and Management decisions. As senior management is responsible for developing the business"s strategy and establishing of management affective oversight over risks, then they are predictable to take an informed and planned strategic decision as whether and how the bank is providing e-banking services. Poor investment decisions and e-banking planning can increase a financial institution"s strategic risk.

❖Operational-Transactional Risk:

Transactional risk is also known as IT or security risk which affects capital arising and earnings from fraud, abandon, error and the inability to maintain predictable service levels. One of the important challenges faced by the banks in the online environment is predicting and managing the number of that the banks want to obtain. Certain factors like structure and complexity of banking products, types of services offered, difficulty of understanding and executing new technologies will increase the level of

operational risk, especially when the institutions recommend innovative services that are not yet standardized.

❖ **Information Security Risk:**

Information security risk has negative impact on capital arising and earnings out of information security processes, and thus revealing the institution about the insider attacks or malicious hacker, denial-of-service attacks, viruses, data theft, fraud and data destruction. Most sensitive computer systems are used for storing highly confidential information and for high value payments which are tend to be most carefully secured. The programmes and viruses or anti viruses and security systems must be updated whenever required.

❖ **Credit Risk:**

A customer's failure to meet his financial commitments is called credit risk. Internet banking allows customers to apply for praise or credit from anywhere in the world. It is very difficult for the banks to verify the identification of the customer, if they are making payment through the internet. Verifying guarantees and if the person is in another country then in case of conflict different dominion procedures may cause difficulties.

F. Suggestions & Recommendations:

❖ **For Atm:**

1. Avoid leaving cards at ATM.
2. Watch over the privacy of PIN number as you safeguard hard cash.
3. Never keep ATM card and PIN number together.
4. Don't give your ATM card to anyone and never disclose Pin to other people.
5. Do remember PIN.

❖ **For Credit Cards:-**

1. While using the card keep an eye on it.
2. Don't give your credit card information on phone call.
3. Don't reply to „phishing“ mails.
4. Don't use unsecured websites
5. Immediately sign your credit card as soon you receive it.

❖ **Objectives:**

1. Evaluating how computerization takes place in banking sector.
2. Estimating the convention of various banking tools.
3. Evaluating the usage pattern of various I.T tools in banking industry.
4. Estimating the precautionary measures that litigant take against frauds.
5. Evaluating preventing measures to be taken against frauds.

G. Methodology:

Data was collected from 79 respondents who were the users of various IT tools/services. Objective

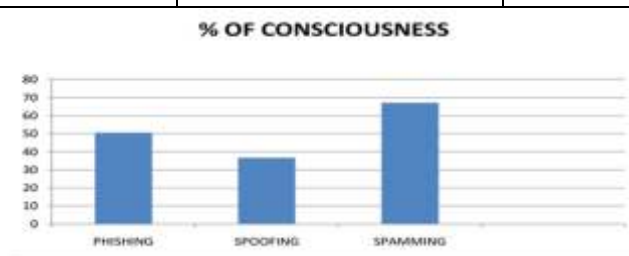
questionnaire was used-as a result of which responses were tabulated.

❖ Analysis

79 litigants questionnaires were filled. The data was gathered through a tested and ordered questionnaire. Respondents were chosen randomly, making sure that they were shrewd customers using most latest banking products. The findings were as follows:

Table No. 1
Consciousness About The Technology Threats

PARTICULARS	YES	NO
PHISHING	40	39
SPOOFING	29	50
SPAMMING	53	26



PHISHING: websites are common these days and it is secure to note that all respondents at some point or other have visited a phishing site. It is hazardous sign thus that they are not well-known with the huge dangers it poses.

SPOOFING: Similar threats exist with spoofing.

SPAMMING: clearly is most dominating of these three, though all of them are dangerous. What is not clear is that whether people are really able to appreciate the dangers it poses or maybe they just take it for granted.

A. Conclusions:

In the beginning of new technological period of certain technology in banks, technology is the one which is subjected to and has balanced fundamental changes in the banks. We implicit from the Paper:

vIt is a time that we have initiated ourselves in the next course and touched new heights of brilliance in the working and efficiency of banks.

vSafety measures in terms of firewalls, data interruption, digital certification are few safety security measures which must be rooted in the software used by banks.

vRegular quest for improvement of skills, mission, commitment and vision to perform efficiently for gaining profit are some area's high needs urgent attention.

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