

Visual Impairment People Towards Vision 2020 - A Review

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Abstract

Objectives: To make a perception about the differently disabled people on their problems and responsibility of the society to overcome their problems. **Methods/Statistical Analysis:** The review is done by the articles which deals with global visual impairment data along with device and technologies mainly used for Visually Impaired people. For analysis, different methods are analyzed to identify the causes and device implementation to enable an independent life. The characteristics of differently abled people are well identified through the analysis. **Findings:** In vision 2020 survey, various impacts on specialized people using smart technologies reduce their vision problems. **Application/Improvements:** This framework design measures the merits and demerits of smart technologies used to maintain the quality life of disable people.

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1. Introduction

Technology helps for differently abled people to lead a normal life. Differently Abled people use technology for upgrading and live easier life. One billion people of over population suffer from different forms of disabilities. In India out of the 253 million populations, 20% persons are disabled in different ways. Among the disabled population 56% (1.5 Cr) are males and 44% (1.18 Cr) are female. The commonness of disability is premier in developing countries like India. Being differently abled is a complex phenomenon, has shifted from individual impairment to social phenomenon. Disability of persons includes the incurable impairments which may obstruct their full and valuable participation in the society.

In¹Disability is being deficient in performing normal activity like a normal person throughout his life span. Disability is a term represents an impairment, activity limitation and participation restriction. An impairment

is a problem, which is limited an activity for an individual into execute their daily routine task. The participation restriction problem is faced by an individual in all times of their routine life.

The disabled people entrusted on somebody to do all the things. The² technology advancements help the disabled people to do things that would have never been possible before by them. The technology is being act as a helping hand for people with disabilities.

There are many types of disabilities such as³⁻⁵ intellectual, physical, sensory, and mental illness. The development of accessibility apps and gadgets were used to help the disabled people on our contemporary society. The improved quality life is assured with advanced technologies for the disabled people. Also, people with defects have been experiencing social-psychological problems in the society in the sense that society defines them as function-less and that they cannot positively contribute to the society. Thus they live in isolation and exclusion.

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We design a frame work to explain the steps taken to survey about the visually impaired. (Figure 1) framework defines that the visually impairment problem is specifically mentioned among different ability people. The 12 papers are reviewed thoroughly to evaluate the conditions, responsibilities and devices used for independent live of visually impaired people.

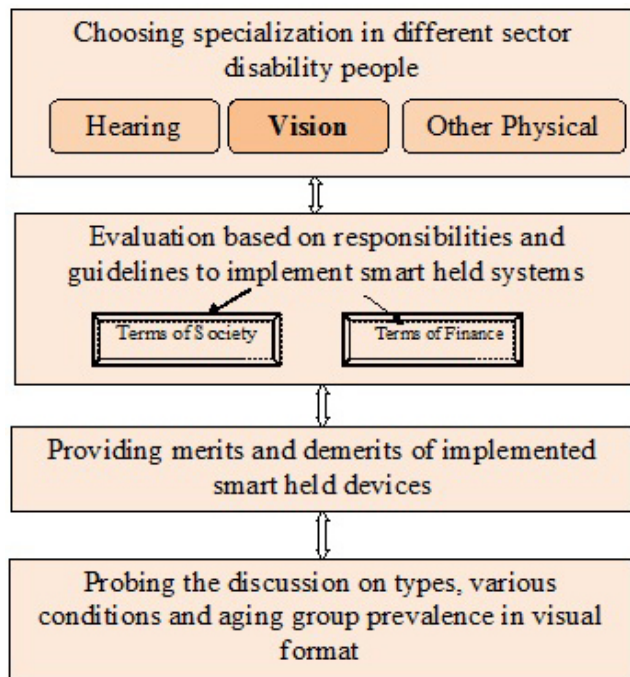


Figure 1. Framework for analysis.

1.1 Challenges of Disabled People Sector

In our society there are many challenges are faced by differently abled people in all ways. The general accostation of those people are discussed as follows,

- Children with disabilities remain invisible to the education system
- Family unsupportive
- Poor access of training in teaching and knowledge
- Lack of public support
- No inclusive of governance, financing and policy planning
- Economic⁶, physical and socio/physiological challenges
- Accessibility, availability and utilization of rehabilitation services
- Lack of facilities in transport systems
- Difficulties in modern or rural area

The challenges are resolved by enhancing the education system and society policies in all rehabilitation services. The government sectors and WHO organization has to take the responsibility to overcome the challenges in the disability sector.

- Need to give the revise education curriculum
- Need to improve the infrastructures specialized for disabled students
- Need to conduct awareness disability welfare program in world wide
- Need to afford transport facility which is availed for all specialized disabled people
- Need to build more blairs for safety and comfortable toilet environment

The challenges in the background of economic and society of the disabled people arise out of the discrimination. The lack of resources in economic side creates poverty to aid them in difficult to lead their daytoday life.

2. Visual Impairment

This study illustrates the survey of problems and device usage for visually impaired people. Inability to see a normal problem which is easily identified by a normal people. It involves an issue with sight which interferes with all aspects of society. The visual impairment may include the both partial sight and blindness causes.

The signs of visual impairment

- Unfocused eye movement together
- Unusual habits
- Eyes tear excessively
- Reddened eyes or lids
- Encrusted eyelids

The different conditions of vision problems are⁷ blindness, low vision and visually impaired associated with the level of causes. The severe vision loss leads to dependent live for the people who are suffered to fulfill their needs in all tasks.

2.1 Perlustration of Devices and Technologies

2.1.1 Tele Assistance

For Chronic and sick people, to help them to maintain their daily life by their own potential risks. The⁷⁻⁹ teleassistance is a reliability service based system relies on self adaptation.

Advantages:

- Self adaptation
- Easy to implement in adhoc environment
- Useful to evaluate complex problems

Disadvantages:

- Service become unavailable
- Server may fail
- Variation of service response time
- Difficult to change the workflow
- Abnormal sequence change

2.1.2 Voice Maps

The voice maps play significant role in the life of visually impaired people in all their aspects. They used audio type of information more than the other types of devices. The information will be helpful during their travel over the places. The Global positioning system is used to estimate the information from the vehicle movement. The voice activation features are enabled using sensors in all devices. The system is designed with human voice interrupt services. The response framework is also premeditated in between the device and the user. The 3 tier architecture of GPS is used along with programming modules.

Advantages:

- More convenient
- Easy identification of vehicle position changes
- Addition of new modules are easy
- Adequate reliability
- Sensed traffic alerts

Disadvantages:

- Data loss is more

2.1.3 Rampe

RAMPE¹ is a device to help out the blind people to know learn about the information. The device is used to represent the vocal messages and present the information to the blind people. The device framework is constructed to adapt the characteristics of types of all information. The mobility characteristic is improved while transferring the information. A handheld personal digital assistant is enabled with an embedded setup to increase the autonomy.

Advantages:

- Quick response to real time information
- Easy to handle moving scenarios
- Extend the use into person with reduced mobility

Disadvantages:

- Data driven application
- Service failure may possible

2.1.4 Mobile Assistance

The visual impaired people lead the life without the supporters and aids are very tough in ancient days. The real time technologies are used to increase their confidence level in front of the other society people. The mobile technologies take part in a major role in the communication of the blind people. Most of the applications had developed to make realistic life for their life. Mobile assistance is worked with the survey of questionnaires collected from various genres.

Advantages:

- Easy accessing of geographical information
- Rapid web browsing
- Voice **expendability** for both blind and low vision people.
- Complex object recognition
- Helpful for readability in low vision problem

Disadvantages:

- Difficult to make text entry and touch operations
- Enclose inaccessible applications
- Dilemma in speech output and poor vision.

2.1.5 NavBelt

Navbelt is a programmed travel aid for the blind people with all features. The framework is constructed using personal computer and ultrasonic sensors. The sensors are processed by set of instructions. They convey the information through sensors and it relies on headphone interface. The belt enables trustworthy to walk alone without any subordinates. The modes of operation categorized into guidance and image to enable the user to walk alone.

Advantages:

- Suitable for Reliable real time environment
- More Time consumption
- Active scanning

Disadvantages:

- A reduced amount of enunciate in guidance mode
- Impenetrability to conveying information when the failure occurs.

2.1.6 Guidance Cane

Guidance cane is useful in conveying messages to the visually impaired people. It is reliable to convey the voice messages. The¹⁰ device setup made by using array of sensors mounted on semicircular join. The acoustic signals guide the passengers in the desired direction. The guidance mode of operation is used to increase the rate of transmitted rate.

Advantages:

- Reliable
- Low cost

Disadvantages:

- Problem in decreased transmitted rate

2.1.7 Haptic Direction Indicator

Here, Virtual objects are created by the sense of touch works. The haptic indicator is used to safe the people from the dangerous situations.

Advantages:

- Frequent user navigation
- Increased sensorium

Disadvantages:

- Unaccuracy
- Low speed recognition

3. Methodology

Figure 2 in methodology of survey of various devices based on the screening of peer reviewed papers. The first stage of revision includes the references and causes of visual impairment analysis. The dataset is added to define the categories of visual impairments among different aging group people. The rapid analysis is done by using various records of World Health Organization. The undesirable dataset is removed and followed a preprocessing to represent the causes and effects of visual impairment¹¹, blindness and vision loss. The final representation illustrates the percentage of people affected by visual impairment in comparison with all over world. The articles which are specified the visual impairment due to older age people had taken into account for rapid assessment of study.

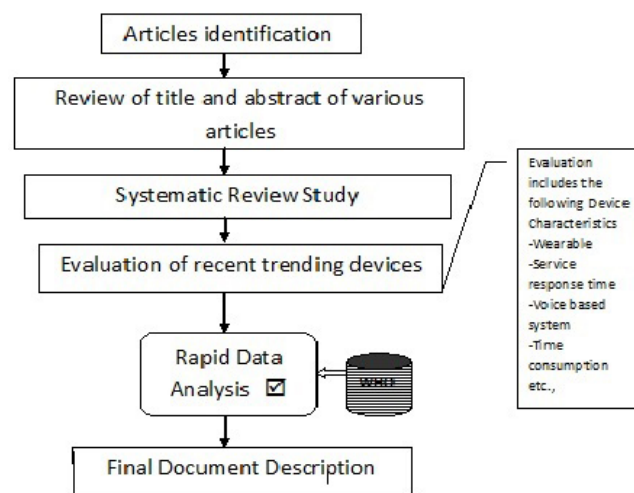


Figure 2. Methodology of visual impairment survey.

4. Results and Discussion

A description of studies about the visual impairment is given as the country specified problems in eye-sight in Table 1^{12,13}. The population based survey is used to estimate the proportion of visually impaired people among blindness and low vision category. The survey is done by undertaking different age groups along with visual impairment. Figure 3 shows that the three difficult conditions of vision problems among overall population by 2017. The WHO (World Health Organization) releases global visual impairment to create the awareness of vision loss in all fields. The study of 12 papers narrates that the older age grouping people mostly affected by the visual impairment from 2010 to 2015. (Figure 4) illustrates the global blindness, low vision and visual impairment of different age grouping people.

Table 1. Comparison between types of effects in eyes in India

Country	Blind (%)	Low Vision (%)	Visually Impaired (%)
India	6.8	43.6	53

This study discusses¹⁴ the impacts of visually impaired people and analysis of various devices along with merits and demerits. The innovated smart assistive technologies and devices are used to reduce the cataract problems and different aging group problems.

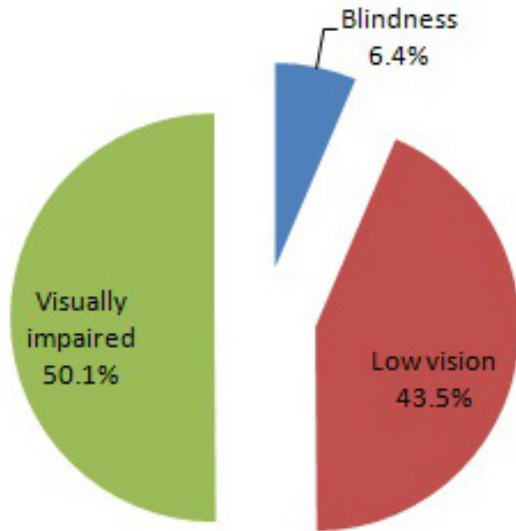


Figure 3. Comparison among different conditions of vision problems.

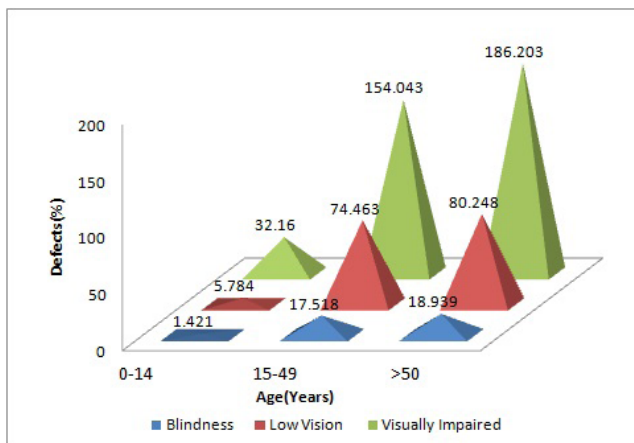


Figure 4. Comparison among different aging groups of vision problems.

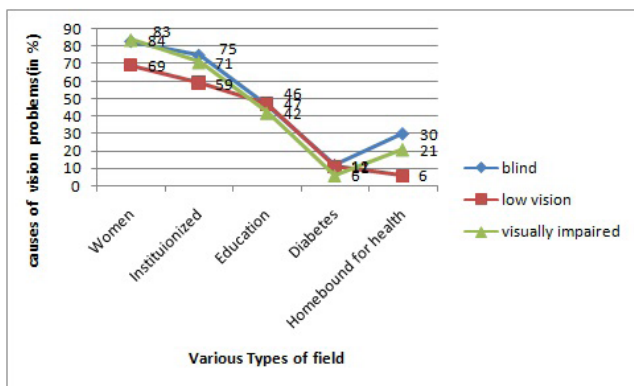


Figure 5. Representation of survey among various clinic characteristics.

The study survey based model indicates the significance increase in visually impaired along with other conditions in Figure 5. The device usage for visually impairment should reduce the burden of visually impaired people. In India, the vision problem has a significant role among the overall population. The deficiency is identified and rectified by the initial stage in order to avoid the severe vision problems.

5. Conclusion

The designed framework will enhance the review of all types of disabled problems. The discussion results in the review of problems and devices used by the visually impaired people in the field of sensor networks. The visually impaired people lead an independent live with the helping of new innovation and assistive technologies. The identified vision problems may be curable or incurable according to the habit of people. But the device and technology implication should be reduced the difficulties of visually impaired people. The limitations on the mobility systems are also should be minimized for those people in their environment. The future study will extend to the research in the reduction of cost and size parameter in smart held devices for disability people.

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