

## University of Peradeniya

## The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on **Education and Psychology**

**Outcome** - Al and data analytics-based study on identifying the underlying factors impacting the quality of education and psychological well-being during the pandemic.

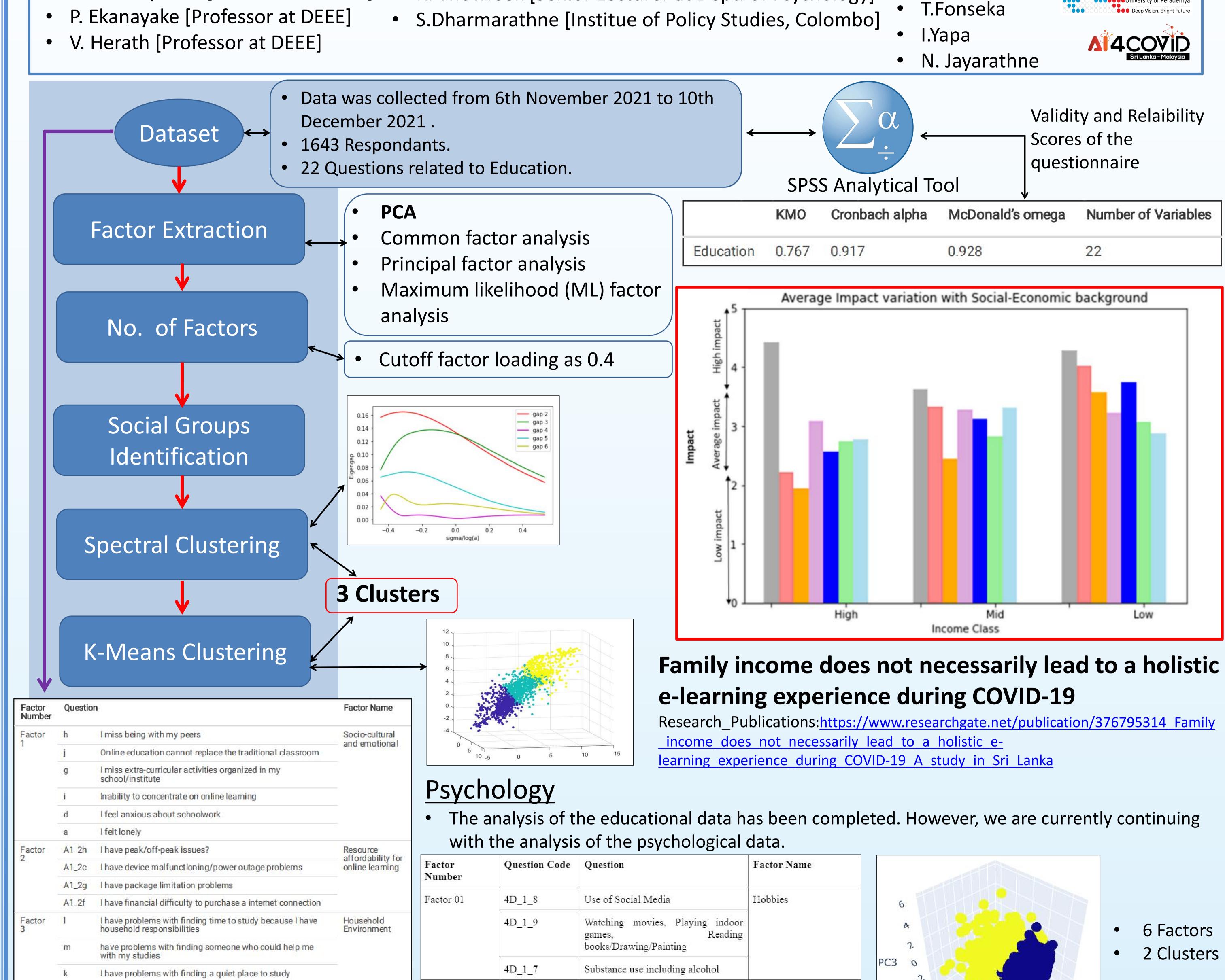
**Impact** - Enables education and health policymakers to develop informed, data-driven policies for implementing online-hybrid learning models and facilitates cross-sectional studies and impact analyses regarding psychological states during the pandemic.

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Factor	AI_ZI	Thave peak/off-peak issues?	affordability for online learning					
2	A1_2c	I have device malfunctioning/power outage problems		Factor Number	Question Code	Question	Factor Name	PC3 0 PC3 0 PC1 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 2
	A1_2g	I have package limitation problems		Number				
	A1_2f	I have financial difficulty to purchase a internet connection		Factor 01	4D_1_8	Use of Social Media		
Factor 3	1	I have problems with finding time to study because I have household responsibilities	Household Environment		4D_1_9	Watching movies, Playing indoor games, Reading		
	m	have problems with finding someone who could help me with my studies				books/Drawing/Painting		
	k	I have problems with finding a quiet place to study			4D_1_7	Substance use including alcohol		
Factor 4	е	I felt motivated to study	Self-Motivation	Factor 02	4D_1_1	Loneliness	Mental State	
	b	I enjoyed learning by myself			4D_1_2	Emptiness		
Factor 5	A1_2i	I have a fast internet connection to access online education	Network quality and connectivity	Factor 03	C1 650.43		Peer Interactions / Connections	
	A1_2e	I have connectivity issue (signal strength issue)			4D_2_2	Relationship with neighbors		
Factor 6	A1_2a	I have my own device (Smartphone, tablet, laptop etc.) for online education	Device Accessibility and Know-how		4D_1_3	Social connectedness		
	A1_2b	I have to share the device among family members		Factor 04	4D_2_3	Relationship with office colleagues	Existence and Stability	
	A1_2d	I have necessary knowledge to operate the devices without a support			4D_1_4	Fear of death		
Factor 7	с	Teachers/lecturers were available when I needed help (e.g.:	Teachers' availability and Preparedness	Factor 05	4D_1_5	Sleep	Symptoms	
		through virtual office hours, email, chat) compared to period before the pandemic			4D_1_6	Appetite		
	f	My teachers/lecturers were well prepared to provide instruction remotely		Factor 06	4D_2_1	Relationship with family members	Family	0.025

Note: No significant difference between two clusters. Still to be investigated

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