

## **AN EMPIRICAL STUDY ON APPLICATION AND SIGNIFICANCE OF DNA FORENSICS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Every person on the planet can be identified at an atomic level thanks to a significant level of polymorphism in their DNA development. The person obtains from their organic guardians and is indistinguishable in every body cell. DNA fingerprinting, as this arrangement of explicit confirmation is called, can assert the parentage of an individual with sureness. DNA profiling in the criminal value system is an indispensable issue for criminal experts today. The advancement is changing rapidly, and a couple of new methods are becoming unmistakably open. DNA profiling has been portrayed as a viable accomplishment in criminological science. DNA is available in the vast majority of the cells in our body, which is one of a kind in every individual, and we leave a path of it wherever we go. It has become advantageous for measurable agents who use DNA to determine the ID of casualties who have also been blamed in wrongdoing scenes. The tremendous eventuality of DNA invention as an ID device has resulted in a massive shift in felonious justice and is a common misunderstanding. The DNA information base is a data resource for the criminological DNA jotting community that contains information on generally used short couple reappraisal (STR) DNA labels. DNA profiling is a progressive method that works dependent on the standard of polymorphism in DNA succession and distinguishes people by their one-of-a-kind hereditary cosmetic.*

**KEYWORDS-** DNA, FINGERPRINTING, FORENSIC, CRIMINAL ASPECTS.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The mortal genome with 3 billion bases consolidates in size harbors genetically applicable information, which is abecedarian for each existent anyway appears to address only 10% of the mortal genome. This minor quality rendering DNA has been exposed to groundbreaking loads and assurance instruments icing advanced figured-out wearing brutes. The machine driving the

system is the non-composed changes, which are kept up when the period of a fair or pushed ahead limit is productive, while unfavorable changes typically get lost. These assurance norms do not constrain the supposed non-rendering spaces of the mortal genome, and the upkeep of the length of these is not impacting the abidance farthest rung of the existent. It clarifies the conglomeration of changes inciting to the time of an innate grouped quality inside non-genomic DNA.

The coming of DNA fingerprinting distinguishing proof has upset the study of wrongdoing identification. When performed as persevere rules, this strategy is exceptionally dependable in indicting lawbreakers and, similarly critically, makes a difference in excusing honest people(Garrido, 2017). This short survey will examine the experiences and improvement of criminological DNA profiling and the job of DNA data set in measurable investigations. DNA from each tissue like blood, skin, hair follicle, spit, semen, and so on from a singular show a similar level of polymorphism, so DNA fingerprinting goes about as a beneficial critical apparatus in criminological applications(Khare et al., 2014).

Further, as the polymorphisms are fit for being acquired from guardians to youngsters, DNA profiling is the premise of paternity testing if there should arise an occurrence of debates. Since two people will have a more significant part of their DNA succession in like manner, DNA profiling takes advantage of profoundly factor rehash arrangements called Variable Number Tandem Repeats (VNTRs). Inside animal types, the nucleotide successions of the recurrent units making VNTR are profoundly moderated among people(Resta et al., 2018).

In any case, contrasts in the number of rehashes, along these lines in the length of basic succession pair exhibits containing a similar recurrent unit, are standard among people. These DNA polymorphisms structure the premise of DNA fingerprinting. In human chromosomes, numerous VNTR areas are lined by limitation endonuclease locales on one or the other side(Katsanis and Katsanis, 2013). At first, DNA profiling was utilized in legitimate questions, mainly to tackle wrongdoings and decide paternity.

It is likewise used to analyze innate infections and decide hereditary matches between tissue benefactors and beneficiaries. DNA fingerprinting strategy is also a standard instrument for distinguishing families in creatures, such as thoroughbred canines and racehorses. The worth of

an ID strategy lives in the expert's capacity to dissect follows left at the wrongdoing scene with follows plant on different accouterments like reference evidence. Through this fashion, one can dissect hints of blood, spit, or any realistic illustration left whatsoever crime position with those plants on a speculates garments and with tests from the person in question (Sinha et al.,2017).

DNA forensics is a regulation under which genetic differences at the DNA level are utilized to assist in forensic examinations to examine the biological samples gathered in investigations. Awareness of the diversity of the human genome and equipped biological features of DNA indicators are essential in choosing genetic markers used in DNA forensics& in evaluating the statistical power of DNA confirmation. As DNA forensics is getting popular, it demands consideration to the potential instructions in which DNA forensics may be used to identify humans, mainly in complicated cases that arise during natural calamities and mass disasters. DNA is present in nearly every cell of our bodies, and a human being leave cells behind everywhere we go without even realizing it.

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

**(Hu et al., 2014)** Criminological research facilities have dealt with the issue of composing corrupted DNA tests in various ways. When tests are debased to the point that STR composing techniques are inadequate, one conceivable way to acquire results is to break down the mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)hypervariable areas. As the mitochondrial DNA is present in a significant number inside cells, with hundreds or thousands of duplicates for each cell, there is a high probability of composing debased examples.

Moreover, the haploid and maternal transmission between ages correlates with maternal family members since they ought to have an indistinguishable mtDNA.Ministers will probably assume a part in the eventual fate of debased DNA investigation, likely assisting with recuperating data that would be lost with bigger loci from customary megaplex amplification. In any case, new ministers ought not to supplant the actual STR assortment yet supplement it. Moreover, it would be intriguing to cover similar loci with STR and minister's groundwork in everyday practice or troublesome cases individually. Sensibly, concordance studies would be expected to correlate results from both composing techniques. As of now, new markers with more modest allele ranges, low falter, and improved attributes are considered competitors of ministers, which could increase the likelihood of coming out on top in exceptionally debased examples and the subsequent force of segregation of existing multiplexes.

**(Linacre & Templeton, 2014)** In scientific casework, DNA profiles are delivered from testing organic stains or tissue of obscure sources found at crime locations or related to casualties or suspects. These profiles are contrasted and the profiles from reference blood tests from known people. When a singular's DNA profile is found to coordinate with a crime location profile, implicating that individual, then, at that point, it is the job of the scientific researcher to decipher the meaning of the counterpart for the court. The perspectives on such famous logical bodies as the NRC regarding how this ought to be finished convey extensive power.

There is presently a generous measure of information for major racial gatherings, like Caucasians and Black Americans. Overall, this exhibits beyond all doubt how cautious master witnesses should be if they desire to give data that is useful to the court. In such a manner, the right decision of information base for estimation of match probabilities is essential. He is also sure that this decision relies upon the number of inhabitants inconceivable substitute suspects rather than the race, ethnic gathering, or town to which the blamed has a place. The dear obligation of scientific researchers is appropriately to weigh their DNA proof. Obligation regarding uncovering the more amazing picture lies with the indictment. The guard is accused of the significant obligation of testing (to obliteration if conceivable) the proof introduced by the arraignment.

**(Murphy, Erin, 2017)** DNA profiling is a progressive procedure that works dependent on the guideline of polymorphism in DNA arrangement. It recognizes people by their unique hereditary cosmetics, assuming a vital part in legal science. Generally, 99.9 percent of base arrangements among people are similar and have 0.1% of the genome or  $3 \times 10^6$  contrasts in the base groupings. The distinctions exist in qualities and dreary DNA, which is exceptional to each individual. Thus, the method utilizes monotonous arrangements that exceptionally factor specifically short pair rehashes (STRs). DNA composing is usually performed to detect the guilty party of wrongdoing and in debates of parenthood.

DNA can be extricated and investigated from the proof, such as blood tests, hair bulbs, or a semen example that is stained even quite a while previously. This methodology is broadly applied to decide hereditary family connections or to decide evident characters like those of missing people. Over twenty years, DNA profiling examination stays a critical apparatus by connecting suspects to organic proof. This strategy has been utilized in numerous ways for a

more extended timeframe, highlighting its productivity and exactness in recognizing distinction. From the beginning as a boss scientific apparatus, the universe of DNA profiling has gone far by uncovering the innate character of each person. Albeit DNA proof is not a substantial device for culprits, people have said artificial pollution could prompt repercussions.

**(Arnaud, 2017)** Legal ID is a general technique used to set up the veracity during the time spent scientific examination. The guilt and medico-legitimate ID are integrative portions of recognizable scientific proof, with probative esteem. The value of a supportive evidence approach is grounded on the expert's capability to compare and differ substantiation. Similar to reference evidence, it is left at the crime scene with substantiation on additional accouterments. Through this procedure, suggestions of blood, spit, or any realistic illustration left at the murder scene may be compared to those planted on a suspect's vesture and with tests from the existent in question. Medico- somewhat honored evidence is grounded on logical procedures or inborn logical strategies assimilated from several fields, most specially bio-clinical lores.

Presently, the DNA genotyping of a wide range of micro traces of organic follows containing nucleated cells is conceivable if they are not entirely crushed, either synthetically or by microorganisms. The DNA examination is an essential tool in resolving cases in legal medicine, like establishing custody of minors through maternity or motherliness tests, identifying victims of wrongdoings or disasters, or exonerating blameless individuals sentenced to prison.

**(Shetty PJ, 2020)** DNA fingerprinting, as this arrangement of explicit confirmation is called, can assert the parentage of an individual with sureness. DNA profiling in the criminal value system is crucial for criminal experts today. The advancement is changing rapidly, and barely any new techniques are becoming particularly open. DNA profiling has been portrayed as a viable accomplishment in criminological science. The criminological utilization of DNA profiling is an essential obligation to an advancement that can help include the guilty party and keep away from the blameless. In this article, an undertaking is made to clarify the changing circumstance of the development in the late years and notwithstanding present some certified circumstances where unmistakable varieties of DNA fingerprinting development were viably associated in understanding the criminal cases in the examination centers. Forensic analysts can view DNA profiles of organic components stored in a data bank to assist authorities in recognizing suspects. An information bank would similarly investigate previously unexplained crimes where DNA

evidence was unrelated to the perpetrator to see whether DNA samples collected from a suspect in a later crime composed the evidence found at the scene of the earlier wrongdoing. A public DNA data bank would also help police recognize sequential liable gatherings both inside outside the country over. Scientific DNA examination is coordinated all through the world. Consequently, it is essential concerning the making nations to make and organize a public DNA data set including "crime location DNA profile list," "indicted DNA profile file," and a document containing DNA profiles of unidentified bodies and body parts. Consequently, this effort will warrant fitting modifications in criminal laws to help law approval associations recognize individuals professed to have given veritable and savage offenses and draw in the social event of tests for DNA profiling data set (Shi and Panthee, 2017).

**(Vitošević et al., 2019)** The survey comprises those in criminological medication; in this manner, certain information is accepted; however, similarly, explicit perspectives to measurable science will be underscored and set into the right setting. Although many would acknowledge an excellent justification for the police to decide data about an obscure presume possible familial foundation and a few parts of their coloring, many may track down the possibility of deciding hereditary attitudes to specific issues as unsatisfactory. These new advancements should be utilized shrewdly and for the reasons that they are expected. Notwithstanding these remarks of concern, without a doubt, legal DNA profiling has prompted the two absolutions of the blameless and ramifications of the liable on a scale never seen before in the criminal equity framework.

Whenever breakthroughs are made in the fight for justice, we should welcome them enthusiastically. Human genome sequencing has progressed from quickly analyzing a few inherited loci to sequencing the entire genome in a single day over the past two decades. For the proper determination of how and whom the law authorization associations are authorized to pierce, a well-informed debate will be necessary. Genomic analysis for a single individual is traditionally viewed as highly close to home, yet it can reveal a great deal about that individual, both clinically and measurable(Turrina, 2014).

**(Diegoli et al.,2014)** It became apparent that sophisticated legal tactics of subatomic physics are similar to those used in clinical diagnostics and human investigations. As a result, as the key reference point, ISABS has endeavored to increase the crosstalk of these disciplines by holding events that covered all three. This cross-pollination was advantageous, as seen by the rising and

dramatic global attendance over time. The meetings have served as more than a means to a goal. As a consequence of an introduction center being taught, the gatherings have had a halfway person of summer seminars, sustaining a center of standard presenters and drawing in understudies and immature observers. Later, each gathering bestowed the Youthful Investigator Awards on the most fashionable logical fantasies and required the speakers to be available for unstructured and casual collaboration with the actors.

**(Amankwaa, 2018)** DNA testing may be used to combat wrongdoings without suspects by storing DNA information in PC data banks. To help police distinguish suspects, legal experts can employ an information bank to anatomize the DNA lives of organic substantiation samples if DNA tests performed from an accused regarding a future offense coordinated with the substantiation factory at the site of the former wrongdoing, unusual former offenses where DNA substantiation was created but not associated with the disgraced party may be cleared up. A public DNA information repository would also assist authorities in detecting habitual shamed parties both within and outside the country. Legal DNA testing is being conducted all around the world.

**(Amankwaa& McCartney, 2019)** This inspection centers around late advancements in legal DNA composing. It features significant ongoing advances and issues in mortal scientific ID and distinguishes agent papers. It is not anticipated to be thorough. The inspection is partitioned into many significant point regions. These include advances in legal serology, such as RNA, proteomics, and epigenetic labeling, as well as methods for identifying evidence in the dead, such as brief couple retrospections, single nucleotide polymorphisms, and addition cancellations. Sequencing ways for autosomal, coitus-connected, and mitochondrial DNA are incorporated just as for the human microbiome (De Moor et al., 2018).

New advancements are additionally highlighted, for example, ongoing PCR, microfluidics, coordinated fast PCR frameworks, and enormously equal sequencing. Master frameworks have likewise been created to help investigate information from these complex insightful tools. A central point of contention in DNA composing is tested ID dependent on serological markers. These tests incorporate both synthetic and organic techniques. The main points of contention in the serological investigation include human explicitness and affectability. Given the tremendous perceptivity available for DNA synthesis with PCR, it is critical to synchronize serological tests

with this affectability. Significant examination trials are in progress to change over further seasoned synthetic and enzymatic tests into further delicate and unequivocal nucleic sharp and proteomic grounded examinations (Doleac, J. L. (2017).

**(Kayser, 2015)** The hereditary reason for legal DNA investigation is examining the distinction or likeness between two examples. The crucial unit base of DNA is A, T, G, or C, and the arrangement of those bases along the DNA strand. An individual DNA is the same in each cell. For instance, the DNA in a man's blood is the same as in his skin cells, hair, semen, and saliva. The paper attempts to uncover the significance of DNA and strategies utilized and its affectability in Forensic science, where most of the episodes settled by DNA investigation, for example, the distinguishing proof of calamity casualties. Cataclysmic events, Mass debacles, Fire, Transport mishaps, Terror occasions are calamities. On occasions like these, the spot and season of which cannot be anticipated, many individuals bite the dust simultaneously, and their bodies, for the most part, change to the point of being unrecognizable. At the earliest opportunity and precisely, the ID of the dead is crucial from the human, strict, social, and lawful marks of view. This method primarily focuses on the research region, as DNA polymorphism at an exceptionally considerable number of loci makes every genome practically remarkable. DNA investigation set up the suspect's culpability or currently indicted individual honest Ludwig, A. (2016).

**(Machado & Silva, 2019)** Forensic DNA examination utilizes DNA (deoxyribonucleic corrosive) in criminal equity testing. Individuals can leave proof behind when they perpetrate wrongdoing, and typically they leave natural materials that contain DNA. Assuming the proof matches the inert print found at the location of a crime, the match can give proof regarding the responsibility of that individual to the wrongdoing. Moreover, DNA recuperated from stains of blood, semen, salivation, or materials like hair, bone, and skin can be coordinated to the DNA of a suspect. DNA can even be recuperated from fingerprints. Scientific DNA examination or profiling assumes a significant part in the criminal equity framework (Salceda, 2017).

New procedures and innovations for DNA profiling keep on advancing each year. In this writing audit, late advances in practically every part of DNA testing, including test assortment, stockpiling, pretreatment, DNA extraction, DNA quantitation, quality affirmation of DNA testing, and DNA information bases, are talked about. This audit gives a short outline of the



improvements in the measurable investigation during the previous years. New achieves kept on being asked for more viability. In any case, even before DNA can be separated, affirm the genuine character of the legal examples. Present methods to decide the organic wellspring of tests incorporate, Fourier-change infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, and PCR. Notwithstanding, the adequacy of various DNA extraction techniques relies upon the specific idea of the example (Struyf et al., 2019)

**(Szkuta et al., 2019)** Scientific science (referred to in certain nations as legitimate medication) is a specialism that means to help judges and juries settle legitimate issues in criminal law and common cases. The field is exceptionally vast, spanning the boundaries of science, physical science, and arithmetic, and encompassing fields as disparate as organic science and ballistics and the analysis of fingerprints, ear-prints, and multitrack recording and handwriting. Over recent years, one specific natural apparatus has upset criminological examinations — the investigation of DNA. All living things contain DNA, and all DNA shows fluctuation both among and inside species; any natural material related to a legitimate case conveys data about its source (Toom et al., 2019).

DNA investigation has developed into a vital, more normal piece of current criminological casework, utilizing incredibly touchy PCR-based procedures to break down natural material. Suspects can be connected to wrongdoing scenes or one crime location to another, utilizing DNA proof from as little as the salivation on a cigarette butt, skin cells on a guiding wheel, or pet hairs on the dress. Giant DNA data sets can be quickly grilled for matches to DNA profiles found at the location of a crime or even fractional matches to direct relations of a perpetrator. Forensic hereditary qualities will keep on exploiting technological advancements in DNA investigation.

## **Objectives**

1. To know the Application and Significance of DNA Forensics
2. To know contemporary perspectives and future trends of Application and Significance of DNA Forensics.

## **Methodology**

This study is exploratory. Primary data was gathered with the help of survey methods from the respondents, and a structured questionnaire was made & used to confirm the study's hypothesis. 170 respondents were considered as a sample. The sampling method was purposive sampling. Mean, and t-test was applied to find out relevant results of the study.

### Findings of the Study

Table 1 shows that the number of Female respondents is 44.12%, and Male respondents are 55.88%. Respondents Age below 35 is 31.18%, 35-50 are 29.41%, and above 50 are 39.41%. Married are 57.05% and unmarried are 42.95% in terms of Marital Status. Based on education, undergraduates are 27.06%, the graduates are 39.41%, and postgraduate is 33.53%.

**Table1 “Demographic profile of the respondents.”**

<b>Variables</b>	<b>No. of respondents</b>	<b>% age</b>
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	95	55.88%
Female	75	44.12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Age</b>		
Below 35	53	31.18%
35-50	50	29.41%
Above 50	67	39.41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Marital Status</b>		
Married	97	57.05%
Unmarried	73	42.95%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Education</b>		

Undergraduate	46	27.06%
Graduate	67	39.41%
Post Graduate	57	33.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 2 Application and Significance of DNA Forensics**

Sr. No.	Statements	Mean Score
1.	DNA is used to investigate the innate infections	4.41
2.	DNA analysis hereditary matches between tissue benefactors & beneficiaries	4.24
3.	DNA is a standard instrument of fingerprinting strategy to differentiate families in creatures	3.71
4.	DNA fingerprinting strategy is used to help in forensic investigations	4.13
5.	DNA profiles are used to test tissues of unclear sources discovered at crime scenes	3.65
6.	DNA profiling assessment is always a piece of the necessary equipment that connect suspects to organic proof	4.35
7.	Forensic analysts consider DNA profiles stored in data banks is critical to assist authorities in identifying suspects.	4.11
8.	DNA investigation examines the difference or likeness between two profiles.	4.37

Table 2 shows the statements' mean value concerning the “**Application and Significance of DNA Forensics** .”The maximum mean value observed for the statements is “DNA is used to investigate the innate infections” the mean value is 4.41, followed by “DNA investigation examines the difference or likeness among two profiles.” with a mean value of 4.37 and “DNA profiling assessment is always an important equipment that connects suspects to organic proof”

with an MV (Mean value) an value of 4.35. “DNA analysis hereditary matches between tissue benefactors & beneficiaries” statement also got a good MV of 4.24, followed by “DNA fingerprinting strategy is used to help in forensic investigations” with a mean value of 4.13 and “Forensic analysts consider DNA profiles stored in data bank is critical to assist authorities in identifying suspects” having an MV (Mean Value) of 4.11. 2 statements reflected a mean value of much less than 4, & the statements are “DNA is a standard instrument of fingerprinting strategy to differentiate families in creatures” and “DNA profiles are used to test tissues of unclear sources discovered at crime scenes” having the MV of 3.71 & 3.65 respectively.

**Table 3 Application and Significance of DNA Forensics**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Statements</b>	<b>t Value</b>	<b>DF</b>	<b>Sig</b>
1.	DNA is used to investigate the innate infections	11.895	169	0.000
2.	DNA analysis hereditary matches between tissue benefactors & beneficiaries	9.097	169	0.000
3.	DNA is a standard instrument of fingerprinting strategy to differentiate families in creatures	2.518	169	0.006
4.	DNA fingerprinting strategy is used to help in forensic investigations	6.451	169	0.000
5.	DNA profiles are used to test tissues of unclear sources discovered at crime scenes	1.612	169	0.054
6.	DNA profiling assessment is always essential equipment that connects suspects to organic proof	10.301	169	0.000
7.	Forensic analysts consider DNA profiles stored in data banks is critical to assist authorities in identifying suspects.	7.681	169	0.000
8.	DNA investigation examines the difference or likeness between two profiles.	12.116	169	0.000

Table 3 shows that, except for the statement that - DNA profiles are used to test tissues of unclear sources discovered at crime scenes, all of the above statements concerning the Application and Significance of DNA Forensics are found to be significant, as the t-values for all of the statements are positive. The significance value is less than 0.05.

## CONCLUSION

Forensic investigations involve the appliance of recombinant DNA technology explained as the most effective instrument for human identification, as Francis Galton invented fingerprint usage for such a purpose. DNA forensics is used in criminal and civil proceedings of legal investigations to exemplify how an understanding of anthropological diversity of human populations is used in this area, particularly to assess the statistical strength of forensic DNA evidence. Measurable DNA investigation is directed all through the world. Subsequently, it is essential on the piece of the emerging countries, including Malaysia, to create and arrange a public DNA information base comprising of "crime location DNA profile file," "sentenced guilty party DNA profile record," and a file containing DNA profiles of unidentified bodies and body parts. This work will warrant appropriate corrections in criminal laws to help law authorization organizations distinguish people asserted to have submitted genuine and rough offenses and enable an assortment of tests for DNA profiling databases. Issues of DNA forensic related to human identification can broadly be classified into 3 groups, i.e., Kinship determination, DNA mixture analysis, and Transfer evidence. Fast Technologies for DNA Analysis were displayed to lessen extraction time, particularly for blood or spit. A compound-based microfluidic technique can separate nucleic corrosive straightforwardly from whole blood, swabs, and blood found on cotton or denim. Duration is a negative variable in legal DNA examination as DNA corrupts under typical natural conditions. It has been set up that DNA can be either got dried out or kept in an exceptionally planned mechanism for long haul stockpiling. Aside from all accessible strategies to lessen DNA investigation time, which could likewise be savvy, researchers keep on taking a gander at new procedures.

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