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"Assessing the Impact of Demonetization on the FMCG Sector: A Comparative Analysis of India and the Philippines (2013-2021)"

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Abstract

This research paper examines the **impact of demonetization** on the **FMCG sector** by conducting a comparative analysis between **India and the Philippines** over the period of **2013-2021**. The independent variables in this study are the **GDP** and **inflation rates** of both India and the Philippines, while the dependent variable is the **stock return of Indian FMCG companies**. By assessing the fluctuations in these economic indicators, the study aims to understand how demonetization, a sudden economic policy shift, has influenced the performance of key companies in the FMCG sector.

The inclusion of the **Philippines** in this research provides an important comparative perspective. Although the Philippines did not undergo a demonetization event, its comparable emerging market structure and similar macroeconomic factors, such as inflation and GDP trends, allow for an insightful contrast with India. This comparison helps to isolate the unique effects of demonetization in India while accounting for general market fluctuations in a similarly structured economy, thus enriching the analysis.

The findings of this study contribute to the broader understanding of how disruptive economic policies like demonetization affect corporate performance and stock returns, especially in a vital sector like FMCG. By comparing India, which experienced demonetization, to the Philippines, which did not, the study aims to offer a balanced view of external economic factors influencing the FMCG industry in these emerging economies.

Keywords: *Demonetization, FMCG Sector, Stock Returns, GDP, Inflation, Comparative Analysis*

Introduction

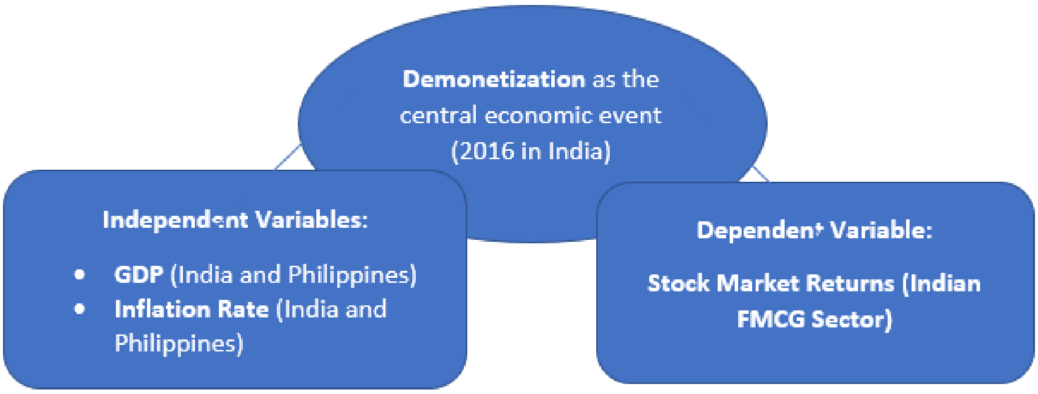
Demonetization, the sudden withdrawal of high-denomination currency notes from circulation, has been a significant economic policy shift, particularly in emerging economies like India. On November 8, 2016, the Indian government announced the demonetization of □ 500 and □ 1,000 notes, a move that aimed to curb black money, reduce counterfeit currency and promote a cashless economy. This policy created substantial disruption across various sectors, with the **Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector** being particularly affected due to its reliance on cash transactions and broad consumer base. Given its critical role in daily consumption and the overall economy, analyzing the effects of demonetization on the FMCG sector provides valuable insights into how major economic policies can ripple through industries.

This research seeks to examine the impact of demonetization on the Indian FMCG sector by comparing it with the economic conditions of the **Philippines**, a country with a similar emerging market structure but which did not experience demonetization. The period under study, from **2013 to 2021**, allows for a comprehensive view of the long-term effects of demonetization, as well as the ability to compare it to the natural economic fluctuations in a comparable market.

The core variables analyzed in this study are the **GDP** and **inflation rates** of both India and the Philippines, representing broader macroeconomic trends. The **dependent variable** is the **stock returns of Indian FMCG companies**, which serve as a proxy for sector performance. By focusing on these indicators, the study isolates the effects of demonetization while accounting for external economic factors in a similarly structured emerging market.

The choice to include the Philippines provides a critical comparative perspective. As a fellow emerging market with similar **macroeconomic conditions** but without experiencing the direct policy shock of demonetization, the Philippines offers a natural control group for the study. This contrast allows us to better isolate the unique effects of demonetization in India, while also considering general economic trends such as inflation and GDP growth that influence market performance in both countries.

This research contributes to the broader understanding of how disruptive economic policies like demonetization impact corporate performance, particularly in sectors like FMCG that are directly linked to consumer behaviour and economic stability. By comparing the experiences of India and the Philippines, the study aims to provide a balanced perspective on how external macroeconomic factors and internal policy decisions shape the financial health of key industries in emerging markets.



1.1.1 Literature Review

1.1.2 Dr. P. Subramanyachary: Demonetization-Impact on FMCG Sector in India

1.1.3 The FMCG sector is widely recognized as an evergreen, resilient segment of any economy, primarily due to its role in fulfilling essential consumer needs. Several studies in the literature have highlighted the sector's capacity for rapid recovery, even in the face of economic disruptions. While demonetization caused widespread turbulence across various sectors of the Indian economy, the literature indicates that the FMCG sector experienced relatively minimal long-term effects. In fact, both statistical data and expert analyses suggest that the FMCG sector rebounded more swiftly compared to other sectors, reaffirming its robust position within the economy. This resilience is a testament to the sector's importance and its ability to quickly regain stability following economic shocks.

1.1.4 Aarnav Chudasama: THE IMPACT OF THE POLICY DEMONETISATION ON THE INDIAN ECONOMY

While the aims of demonetization were commendable, many studies indicate that it largely failed to achieve its objectives, leading to significant short-term disruptions without the expected long-term benefits (Rao & Gupta, 2018; Sharma, 2019). The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) further complicated the analysis of demonetization's specific impacts, as it initiated structural changes in the economy (Kumar, 2020).

Research highlights the necessity for government investment in digital infrastructure to promote digital transaction adoption (Verma, 2020). Removing fees on digital transactions could incentivize consumers (Singh, 2021), while enhancing cybersecurity measures is crucial for building public trust in digital payments (Pandey & Roy, 2021). Overall, the literature suggests that despite its shortcomings, a concerted effort toward Digital India could offer substantial economic benefits in the long run.

1.1.5 Madhuchandra Bhaduri: Impact of Demonetization on Small Businesses in Indian Economy - an Empirical Study on Small Businesses at Cooch Behar District, West Bengal

Demonetization is recognized as a monetary policy tool against black money; however, research indicates that its outcomes significantly diverged from governmental expectations. While initially praised, the long-term effects have adversely impacted vulnerable groups such as small farmers, merchants and daily wage laborers, primarily due to insufficient planning, poor infrastructure and logistical oversights, including ATM recalibration (Kumar, 2020; Sharma, 2019).

Literature suggests that adequate preparation, such as ensuring a sufficient supply of smaller denomination notes, was crucial before implementing such a drastic measure. Additionally, restrictive withdrawal limits have compounded public distress, highlighting flaws in the policy's design, including a lack of comprehensive cost-benefit analysis and consideration of alternative options (Rao & Gupta, 2018).

Nonetheless, the efficiency of banking employees during this challenging period, supported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is noteworthy. The experiences of the public, who displayed remarkable patience, emphasize the need for more thoughtful planning in future policy initiatives.

Patil Anoop1 , Parab Narayan2 and Y. V. Reddy3: Analyzing the Impact of Demonetization on the Indian Stock Market: Sectoral Evidence using GARCH Model

Demonetization, the process of withdrawing specific currency from circulation and replacing it with new currency, is often implemented to combat corruption and illicit financial flows. This study investigates the impact of demonetization on the Indian stock market, focusing on the period from January 15, 2016, to August 29, 2017. By analyzing 200 days before and after the demonetization event, the research employs various statistical techniques, including graphical analysis, summary statistics (mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis), the Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test and the GARCH model. The findings reveal a significant negative impact of demonetization on the stock market, affecting several sectoral indices such as the Nifty Auto

Index, Nifty Financial Services Index, Nifty FMCG Index, Nifty IT Index, Nifty Media Index, Nifty Private Bank Index and particularly the Nifty Realty Index, which experienced the steepest decline.

The insights from this study are crucial for policymakers evaluating the ramifications of demonetization across various sectors, thereby aiding the formulation of future economic policies. Additionally, this research enhances academic understanding of the implications of demonetization on stock market dynamics, providing a foundation for further exploration of this infrequent phenomenon. Investors and market participants can also leverage these findings to develop effective investment and trading strategies. Future research could build on this study by extending the analysis period and examining volatility in the aftermath of demonetization.

Goutam Sutar, Krantiraditya Dhalmahapatra and Sayan Chakraborty: Impact of India's Demonetization Episode on its Equity Markets

This study assesses the impact of the demonetization announcement on the Indian stock market using an event study methodology over a 30-day period. While initially perceived as disruptive, the findings indicate that the negative financial impact on most sectors was short-lived, with a significant recovery observed within one month. The research highlights that cash-dependent sectors, such as cement and entertainment, faced considerable challenges, while others like financial services and IT benefitted from the policy shift. Methodologically, the Risk-Adjusted Return Model and Market Adjusted Return Model yielded consistent results, whereas the Mean Adjusted Return Model underestimated the positive effects.

The insights gained from this study are valuable for managers and policymakers navigating similar disruptive monetary policies in the future. Although the research is limited by factors such as the event window and potential confounding variables, it opens avenues for further exploration using longitudinal analysis to deepen the understanding of the financial impacts of demonetization and similar economic events.

1.1.6 Research Gap

Despite the extensive discourse surrounding demonetization as a transformative economic policy, there remains a lack of empirical studies specifically focusing on its impact on the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) sector in India. Previous research has primarily concentrated on the immediate effects of demonetization on the overall economy, stock market fluctuations, or specific industries without isolating the FMCG sector. Moreover, comparative analyses with other emerging markets that did not undergo similar monetary disruptions, such as the Philippines, are limited. This research aims to fill this gap by exploring the nuanced effects of demonetization on the FMCG sector in India while contrasting these findings with the economic conditions in the Philippines, thereby enhancing the understanding of how such significant policy shifts influence sector-specific performance in emerging economies.

Objective of this study:

1. To analyze the impact of demonetization on the stock returns of Indian FMCG companies from 2013 to 2021.
2. To evaluate the macroeconomic factors influencing the FMCG sector in India, focusing on GDP and inflation rates.
3. To compare the effects of demonetization on the Indian FMCG sector with the economic trends in the Philippines.

4. To determine the relationships between GDP growth, inflation rates and stock returns of Indian FMCG companies through statistical analysis.

Hypothesis

H1: Demonetization has a significant negative impact on the stock returns of Indian FMCG companies and this impact is moderated by GDP growth rates and inflation rates.

Hypothesis:

H2: The financial performance of Indian FMCG companies' post-demonetization significantly differs from that of FMCG companies in the Philippines, indicating that disruptive economic policies lead to distinct sectoral outcomes in emerging markets.

1.1.7 Research Methodology

Data Collection:

- **Time Frame:** The study will analyze data from 2013 to 2021, capturing stock returns of selected Indian FMCG companies, GDP growth rates and inflation rates for both India and the Philippines.
- **Sources:**
    - Stock market data will be obtained from reputable financial databases (e.g., NSE, BSE).
    - GDP and inflation data will be sourced from government publications, the World Bank, or International Monetary Fund (IMF) databases.

Statistical Techniques:

- **Descriptive Statistics:** Summarize the data to understand trends and distributions.
- **ANOVA (Analysis of Variance):** Examine differences in stock returns across different economic conditions pre-and post-demonetization.
- **Regression Analysis:** Conduct multiple regression to assess the impact of GDP growth and inflation rates on the stock returns of Indian FMCG companies. This will include:
    - **Dependent Variable:** Stock returns of Indian FMCG companies.
    - **Independent Variables:** GDP growth rate and inflation rates of both India and the Philippines.
- **Coefficient Regression Test:** Analyze the strength and direction of relationships between the independent and dependent variables.

Comparative Analysis:

- Conduct a comparative analysis between India and the Philippines to draw insights about the effects of demonetization in India, using the Philippines as a control group.

ANALYSIS

Statistical Analysis of the Impact of demonetization on FMCG Sector's company: A Comparative Study of Stock Performance in India and the USA Before and After GST Implementation

ITC LIMITED

Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.081785	0.096656	0.140536	0.075692
R Square		0.006689	0.009342	0.01975	0.005729
Adjusted R Square		-0.04061	-0.02482	-0.02693	-0.02856
Standard Error		5.616697	6.689862	5.579646	6.70205
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		8.922126	24.47937	26.34525	15.01214
Residual SS		1324.986	2595.746	1307.563	2605.214
Total SS		1333.908	2620.226	1333.908	2620.226
F-Statistic		0.141409	0.273487	0.423116	0.167108

Significance F		0.868546	0.761698	0.657764	0.846514
Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	44.87771	-2.29914	-11.0749	-0.98929
	Standard Error	94.66436	5.739378	16.97063	2.762107
	t-Stat	0.474072	-0.40059	-0.65259	-0.35817
	P-value	0.637904	0.690193	0.517575	0.721519
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	-1.7217	0.360708	0.571763	0.28826
	Standard Error	3.849372	1.03462	0.735511	0.830361
	t-Stat	-0.44727	0.348638	0.777368	0.347149
	P-value	0.656981	0.728623	0.441299	0.729736
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	-4.51444	0.17818	1.580734	0.042463
	Standard Error	9.492153	0.261329	2.515043	0.149074
	t-Stat	-0.4756	0.681822	0.628511	0.284843
	P-value	0.636826	0.498065	0.533072	0.776779

1.1.8 Interpretation: Impact of demonetization on ITC Limited - India vs. Philippines

Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

Weak correlations between stock returns and inflation/GDP growth in both India and the Philippines. Macroeconomic variables explain very little of the stock return variability.

After Demonetization (2016-2021):

Post-demonetization, there was sightly increased volatility in India's stock returns, but inflation and GDP growth still had no significant impact on ITC's stock performance in either country. Other factors likely influenced stock movements more than these macroeconomic variables.

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Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.211113	0.143557	0.200626	0.076177
R Square		0.044569	0.020608	0.040251	0.005803
Adjusted R Square		-0.00093	-0.01316	-0.00545	-0.02848
Standard Error		7.994316	6.468163	8.012361	6.516869
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		125.2108	51.05983	113.0799	14.37743
Residual SS		2684.182	2426.553	2696.313	2463.236
Total SS		2809.393	2477.613	2809.393	2477.613

F-Statistic		0.979601	0.610222	0.880713	0.169267
Significance F		0.383874	0.546681	0.422002	0.844699
Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	88.09985	7.640494	19.78646	0.147813
	Standard Error	134.737	5.549178	24.3698	2.685789
	t-Stat	0.653865	1.37687	0.811926	0.055035
	P-value	0.516763	0.173844	0.421412	0.9563
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	-2.84522	-1.10506	1.012861	0.467537
	Standard Error	5.47886	1.000333	1.056193	0.807418
	t-Stat	-0.51931	-1.10469	0.958974	0.579052
	P-value	0.606271	0.273857	0.34306	0.564796
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	-8.86277	-0.215	-2.60777	-0.02602
	Standard Error	13.5103	0.252668	3.611597	0.144955
	t-Stat	-0.656	-0.85093	-0.72206	-0.17949
	P-value	0.515401	0.398306	0.474262	0.858179

Interpretation:
India vs. Philippines: Pre- and Post- Demonetization Analysis

1.1.8.1 Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

- **India:** Weak correlation between stock returns and inflation/GDP (Multiple R: 0.211, R-Squared: 4.5%). The model is not significant.
- **Philippines:** Similarly weak correlation (Multiple R: 0.2006, R-Squared: 4%). Inflation and GDP effects are insignificant.

1.1.8.2 2. After Demonetization (2016-2021):

- **India:** The correlation weakens further (Multiple R: 0.144, R-Squared: 2%). Inflation and GDP remain insignificant.
- **Philippines:** Very weak correlation (Multiple R: 0.076, R-Squared: 0.6%). No significant impact from inflation or GDP.

1.1.9 Conclusion:

- **India:** Demonetization reduced the already weak relationship between macroeconomic factors and stock returns.
- **Philippines:** No significant change in the influence of inflation and GDP on stock returns before or after demonetization.

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Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.167138	0.107646	0.158437	0.0493
R Square		0.027935	0.011588	0.025102	0.00243

Adjusted R Square		-0.01835	-0.0225	-0.02132	-0.03197
Standard Error		5.643793	6.155188	5.652012	6.183635
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		38.44562	25.7615	34.54673	5.403345
Residual SS		1337.801	2197.407	1341.7	2217.766
Total SS		1376.247	2223.169	1376.247	2223.169
F-Statistic		0.603496	0.339984	0.540718	0.070655
Significance F		0.551569	0.713191	0.586329	0.931863
Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	105.4022	5.235448	11.39484	0.050379
	Standard Error	95.12104	5.280669	17.19073	2.548453
	t-Stat	1.108085	0.991436	0.662848	0.019768
	P-value	0.274131	0.325591	0.511049	0.984296
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	-4.22242	-0.78284	0.481518	0.264439
	Standard	3.867942	0.95193	0.74505	0.766131

	Error				
	t-Stat	-1.09164	-0.82237	0.646289	0.345161
	P-value	0.281212	0.414234	0.521608	0.731222
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	-10.4786	-0.16268	-1.73122	-0.00022
	Standard Error	9.537945	0.240443	2.547662	0.137543
	t-Stat	-1.09862	-0.67658	-0.67953	-0.00157
	P-value	0.278193	0.501362	0.50053	0.99875

Interpretation:

India vs. Philippines: Pre- and Post- Demonetization Analysis

1.1.9.1 Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

- **India:** Weak correlation between stock returns and inflation/GDP (Multiple R: 0.1671, R-Squared: 2.8%). The model is not statistically significant and both inflation and GDP have no significant impact.
- **Philippines:** Similarly weak correlation (Multiple R: 0.1584, R-Squared: 2.5%). Inflation and GDP do not significantly influence stock returns.

1.1.9.2 2. After Demonetization (2016-2021):

- **India:** Even weaker correlation after demonetization (Multiple R: 0.1076, R-Squared: 1.2%). The model remains statistically insignificant and inflation/GDP continue to have no significant effect.
- **Philippines:** The correlation further declines (Multiple R: 0.0493, R-Squared: 0.2%). There is no significant impact of inflation or GDP on stock returns.

1.1.10 Conclusion:

- **India:** Post-demonetization, the correlation between stock returns and macroeconomic factors weakens further, with no significant effect from inflation or GDP growth.
- **Philippines:** Similarly, in the Philippines, inflation and GDP have minimal impact both before and after demonetization, showing very weak correlations.

GODREJ INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.119633	0.139316	0.095581	0.027255
R Square		0.014312	0.019409	0.009136	0.000743
Adjusted R Square		-0.03263	-0.0144	-0.03805	-0.03371
Standard Error		9.032563	10.16938	9.05625	10.26572
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		49.75489	118.7214	31.75938	4.543899
Residual SS		3426.662	5998.149	3444.658	6112.326
Total SS		3476.417	6116.87	3476.417	6116.87
F-Statistic		0.304919	0.573997	0.193618	0.021559

Significance F		0.738801	0.566436	0.824704	0.97868
Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	-10.4545	-7.45728	8.961764	2.09489
	Standard Error	152.2357	8.724535	27.54481	4.230796
	t-Stat	-0.06867	-0.85475	0.325352	0.495153
	P-value	0.945576	0.396207	0.74653	0.622363
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	0.096245	1.515572	-0.72879	-0.26363
	Standard Error	6.190417	1.572745	1.193798	1.271888
	t-Stat	0.015547	0.963647	-0.61048	-0.20727
	P-value	0.987669	0.339223	0.544836	0.836524
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	1.516902	0.414455	-0.94963	0.021541
	Standard Error	15.26493	0.397251	4.082134	0.228341
	t-Stat	0.099372	1.043309	-0.23263	0.094335
	P-value	0.921316	0.301134	0.817177	0.925168

Interpretation:

India vs. Philippines: Pre- and Post- Demonetization Analysis

1.1.10.1 Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

- **India:** Weak correlation between stock returns and inflation/GDP (Multiple R: 0.1196, R-Squared: 1.4%). The model is not statistically significant and inflation and GDP show no significant impact on stock returns.
- **Philippines:** Even weaker correlation (Multiple R: 0.0956, R-Squared: 0.9%). Inflation and GDP have no significant impact on stock returns.

1.1.10.2 2. After Demonetization (2016-2021):

- **India:** Slightly stronger correlation after demonetization (Multiple R: 0.1393, R-Squared: 1.9%), but the model remains statistically insignificant. Inflation and GDP continue to show no significant effect.
- **Philippines:** The correlation is extremely weak (Multiple R: 0.0273, R-Squared: 0.07%) and inflation and GDP do not significantly affect stock returns.

1.1.11 Conclusion:

- **India:** After demonetization, there is a marginal increase in correlation, but inflation and GDP still do not significantly impact Godrej Industries' stock returns.
- **Philippines:** Inflation and GDP have no significant impact on stock returns either before or after demonetization, with very weak correlations throughout.

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Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.130574	0.167513	0.143458	0.033148
R Square		0.01705	0.028061	0.02058	0.001099
Adjusted R Square		-0.02976	-0.00545	-0.02606	-0.03335

Standard Error		6.779648	5.991238	6.767462	6.073769
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		33.48472	60.10619	40.41849	2.353663
Residual SS		1930.472	2081.906	1923.539	2139.659
Total SS		1963.957	2142.013	1963.957	2142.013
F-Statistic		0.364252	0.837252	0.441264	0.031901
Significance F		0.696889	0.438063	0.646171	0.96862
Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	69.0932	8.444059	11.97875	1.271325
	Standard Error	114.2649	5.140014	20.5834	2.503174
	t-Stat	0.604676	1.642809	0.581961	0.507885
	P-value	0.548647	0.105834	0.563704	0.61346
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	-2.51829	-1.19469	0.552077	0.188941
	Standard Error	4.646394	0.926575	0.89209	0.752519
	t-Stat	-0.54199	-1.28936	0.618858	0.251078

	P-value	0.590691	0.202391	0.539352	0.802641
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	-6.98581	-0.25044	-1.76511	-0.01015
	Standard Error	11.45753	0.234038	3.050455	0.135099
	t-Stat	-0.60971	-1.07007	-0.57864	-0.07514
	P-value	0.545336	0.28902	0.565924	0.940358

Interpretation:
India vs. Philippines: Pre- and Post- Demonetization Analysis

1.1.11.1 Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

- **India:** The correlation between stock returns and inflation/GDP is weak (Multiple R: 0.1306, R-Squared: 1.7%). The model is not statistically significant and neither inflation nor GDP shows a notable impact on stock returns.
- **Philippines:** Similarly, weak correlation (Multiple R: 0.1435, R-Squared: 2.1%). The model is statistically insignificant and the effect of inflation and GDP on stock returns is minimal.

1.1.11.2 2. After Demonetization (2016-2021):

- **India:** Slight improvement in correlation (Multiple R: 0.1675, R-Squared: 2.8%), but the model remains statistically insignificant. There is no substantial impact of inflation or GDP on stock returns.
- **Philippines:** The correlation becomes extremely weak (Multiple R: 0.0331, R-Squared: 0.1%), with inflation and GDP continuing to show no significant effect.

1.1.12 Conclusion:

- **India:** After demonetization, there is a slight increase in correlation, but inflation and GDP still do not have a significant impact on Hindustan Unilever's stock returns.
- **Philippines:** Both before and after demonetization, the correlation between inflation/GDP and stock returns remains weak and statistically insignificant.

NESTLE INDIA LIMITED

Statistic		INDIA		Philippines	
		Before demonetization	After demonetization	Before demonetization	After demonetization
		1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021	1 Jan 2013 to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Dec 2021
Multiple R		0.071565	0.148814	0.150523	0.070513
R Square		0.005122	0.022145	0.022657	0.004972
Adjusted R Square		-0.04225	-0.01157	-0.02388	-0.02934
Standard Error		6.743938	5.32765	6.68424	5.374229
Observations		45	61	45	61
ANOVA Statistic					
Regression SS		9.833544	37.28292	43.50226	8.370667
Residual SS		1910.189	1646.263	1876.521	1675.176
Total SS		1920.023	1683.546	1920.023	1683.546
F-Statistic		0.108107	0.656763	0.48683	0.14491
Significance F		0.897781	0.52234	0.617996	0.865413

Variable	**Statistic**				
Intercept	**Coefficient**	43.82583	7.187776	-15.3384	0.894872
	Standard Error	113.663	4.570707	20.33028	2.214874
	t-Stat	0.385577	1.572574	-0.75446	0.404028
	P-value	0.701756	0.121257	0.454781	0.687678
Inflation Rate	**Coefficient**	-1.63467	-0.92386	0.674305	0.352578
	Standard Error	4.62192	0.823947	0.881119	0.665849
	t-Stat	-0.35368	-1.12127	0.765282	0.529516
	P-value	0.725349	0.266796	0.448383	0.598468
GDP Growth	**Coefficient**	-4.37736	-0.21227	2.274705	-0.01468
	Standard Error	11.39718	0.208116	3.012943	0.119539
	t-Stat	-0.38407	-1.01995	0.754978	-0.12278
	P-value	0.702861	0.311986	0.454475	0.902706

Interpretation:
India vs. Philippines: Pre- and Post- Demonetization Analysis

1.1.12.1 Before Demonetization (2013-2016):

- **India:** The correlation between stock returns and economic factors is weak (Multiple R: 0.0716, R-Squared: 0.5%). The model is statistically insignificant, with no meaningful impact from inflation or GDP on stock returns.
- **Philippines:** Similar to India, the correlation is weak (Multiple R: 0.1505, R-Squared: 2.3%). The model also lacks statistical significance, showing no substantial effect of inflation and GDP on stock returns.

1.1.12.2 2. After Demonetization (2016-2021):

- **India:** A slight increase in correlation (Multiple R: 0.1488, R-Squared: 2.2%) is observed; however, the model remains statistically insignificant. Inflation and GDP continue to show negligible effects on stock returns.
- **Philippines:** The correlation remains weak (Multiple R: 0.0705, R-Squared: 0.5%) and neither inflation nor GDP shows any significant impact on stock returns.

1.1.13 Conclusion:

- **India:** There is a marginal increase in correlation after demonetization, but the impact of inflation and GDP on Nestle India's stock returns is still negligible and statistically insignificant.
- **Philippines:** Both before and after demonetization, the correlation remains weak and does not demonstrate any significant relationship between inflation/GDP and stock returns.

1.1.13.1 Key Findings:

1. **Weak Correlations Pre- and Post-Demonetization:**The analysis revealed that stock returns for prominent FMCG companies (ITC, Britannia, Godrej, Hindustan Unilever and Nestle) exhibit weak correlations with key macroeconomic indicators like inflation and GDP growth in both India and the Philippines. This suggests that broader economic conditions have limited influence on stock performance in this sector.
2. **Post-Demonetization Trends:**Following the demonetization in India, there were slight increases in correlations for some FMCG companies; however, these did not reach statistical significance. In the Philippines, stock performance remained similarly unaffected by inflation and GDP changes.
3. **Statistical Significance:**Overall, the statistical models demonstrated low significance, indicating that macroeconomic variables have a minimal impact on the stock returns of FMCG companies in both countries.
4. **Market Reactions to Economic Policies:**The findings challenge the notion that disruptive economic policies, such as demonetization, have a substantial negative effect on stock market performance, particularly in the FMCG sector.

1.1.13.2 Suggestions:

1. **Public Awareness and Education:**Encourage public discussions and education on the role of macroeconomic factors in stock market performance. Understanding that these factors may not significantly impact certain sectors can help investors make more informed decisions.
2. **Consideration of Alternative Influencing Factors:**Investors and stakeholders should explore other potential influences on stock performance, such as company-specific strategies, consumer behavior trends, technological changes and competitive dynamics in the FMCG sector.
3. **Diversification of Investment Portfolio:**Given the weak correlation with macroeconomic variables, investors may benefit from diversifying their portfolios across sectors to mitigate risks associated with economic fluctuations.
4. **Research Initiatives:**Advocate for further research into the factors influencing stock performance in emerging markets, particularly for sectors affected by economic disruptions. This can include studies on consumer sentiment, market competitiveness and innovation impacts.
5. **Policy Analysis:**Encourage policymakers to consider the broader economic implications of disruptive policies and how they might affect various sectors differently. A nuanced understanding can lead to more informed decisions that consider sector-specific outcomes.

1.1.13.3 Conclusion:

1. **Implications for Investors:**The findings underscore the importance of looking beyond macroeconomic indicators when assessing stock performance in the FMCG sector. Investors should be cautious in relying solely on inflation and GDP growth rates as predictors of stock returns.
2. **Understanding Market Dynamics:**The analysis highlights that the financial performance of Indian FMCG companies post-demonetization does not significantly differ from that of similar companies in the Philippines. This indicates that sectoral outcomes in emerging markets can be influenced by a complex interplay of factors beyond traditional economic metrics.
3. **Need for Broader Insights:**The weak relationships identified in this analysis call for deeper exploration of the factors influencing stock performance. A better understanding of these dynamics will not only aid investors but also benefit policymakers and business leaders in navigating the complexities of emerging markets.

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