

**DERIVATIVES AS A RISK HEDGING TOOL IN INDIA:**

**A COMPREHENSIVE LITERATURE REVIEW**

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**Abstract:** This literature review explores the role of derivatives as risk hedging tools in India, examining their evolution, usage across sectors, and regulatory impact on financial stability. Derivatives, including currency, interest rate, and commodity-based instruments, have become vital for firms seeking to mitigate risks associated with India's increasingly volatile economic environment. The review synthesizes empirical studies, highlighting how derivative usage contributes to corporate resilience and financial performance. However, barriers persist, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and retail investors, who face high transaction costs and limited access to derivative products. Furthermore, the review identifies several research gaps, such as the need for longitudinal studies on derivatives' long-term impacts, cross-sectoral analyses, and comparative studies with global markets. It also suggests future directions, including the integration of financial technology, regulatory enhancements, and educational programs to improve derivative adoption. As India's economy continues to globalize, addressing these gaps could enhance the effectiveness of derivatives, making them more accessible and valuable for broader market participants. This study contributes to the broader understanding of derivatives in India, emphasizing the importance of empirical research to support policy development, market innovation, and financial literacy in risk management.

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## **1. Introduction Framework**

### **Understanding Derivatives and Their Role in Risk Management**

Derivatives are financial instruments whose value is derived from the performance of underlying assets such as stocks, bonds, commodities, currencies, interest rates, or market indices (Hull, 2018). These instruments, which include forwards, futures, options, and swaps, offer companies the flexibility to hedge against financial uncertainties, primarily by securing fixed prices or rates. This ability to hedge risk is crucial in highly volatile markets where sudden

changes in asset prices can significantly impact profitability. Theoretically, derivatives allow firms to transfer risk to other parties who are willing or better equipped to manage such exposures (Bodie, Kane, & Marcus, 2014). Risk management through derivatives has become an integral part of corporate finance, providing companies with tools to safeguard themselves against various financial risks, including currency exchange volatility, fluctuating interest rates, and commodity price shifts (Stulz, 2003).

### **Development and Significance of Derivatives in India's Financial Markets**

India's derivatives market has grown rapidly since its inception in the early 2000s, following financial liberalization and reforms aimed at globalizing the Indian economy (Shah & Thomas, 2000). The economic liberalization policies of 1991 opened India's financial markets to global competition, and with it came increased exposure to external economic factors and greater demand for advanced risk management instruments. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced equity derivatives trading in 2000, initially limited to index-based futures and options, to allow companies and investors to hedge against stock market fluctuations (SEBI, 2003). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also played a pivotal role by regulating foreign exchange derivatives to help Indian firms manage currency risk arising from international trade and cross-border investments (RBI, 2010).

Since then, India's derivatives market has grown in both scale and complexity, becoming a critical component of financial risk management for corporations, investors, and financial institutions (Varma, 2012). Today, derivatives are widely utilized in Indian financial markets, with companies from diverse sectors using these instruments to hedge against various forms of risk. The growth of the derivatives market is further supported by India's increasing integration into the global economy and exposure to international price volatility in energy, metals, and agricultural products (Mukherjee, 2017). Consequently, derivatives have become indispensable for managing financial risks in a dynamic, emerging market economy like India.

### **Importance of Derivatives as a Hedging Tool in India's Economic Context**

India's economic structure underscores the significance of derivatives for effective risk management. As a major importer of oil and other essential commodities, India is highly susceptible to global commodity price volatility (Sharma & Singh, 2020). Additionally, fluctuations in the Indian rupee exchange rate due to trade imbalances, interest rate differentials, and macroeconomic shifts create substantial currency risk for businesses engaged

in international trade. In this context, derivatives such as currency futures and options are essential tools for Indian firms to mitigate adverse effects from these fluctuations and stabilize operational costs (Ghosh, 2016). Similarly, with interest rate volatility affecting borrowing costs, interest rate swaps allow companies to hedge against unexpected rate movements, reducing their overall financial vulnerability (RBI, 2010).

Furthermore, India's stock market has experienced substantial volatility due to both domestic and global economic factors. This volatility presents significant risks for investors and firms alike, creating a need for stock-based derivatives such as index futures and options to hedge portfolio and investment risks (Varma, 2012). Through these mechanisms, derivatives provide companies in India with the means to manage a variety of risks, contributing to financial stability and enhancing investor confidence.

### **Regulatory Landscape and Its Influence on Derivatives Hedging in India**

The regulatory environment has a profound impact on the effectiveness of derivatives as hedging tools in India. SEBI and RBI serve as the primary regulatory bodies overseeing the derivatives market, establishing guidelines to ensure transparency, reduce speculative risks, and safeguard market stability (Shah & Thomas, 2000). SEBI's introduction of derivatives on major Indian stock exchanges, such as the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), has facilitated growth in equity-based derivative trading, creating a robust framework for risk management in Indian capital markets (SEBI, 2003). The RBI has also issued guidelines on foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives, allowing Indian companies to hedge currency and interest rate risks while maintaining compliance with monetary policy (RBI, 2010).

These regulations are crucial in managing systemic risks, particularly in an emerging market like India, where speculative trading and lack of liquidity can heighten financial volatility. Although India's regulatory framework has evolved to accommodate the increasing use of derivatives, studies suggest that regulatory constraints sometimes limit the flexibility of companies in hedging, especially with foreign exchange derivatives (Mukherjee, 2017). Striking a balance between strict regulatory oversight and market flexibility remains a challenge, as policymakers aim to foster a stable yet competitive derivatives market (Ghosh, 2016).

## **2. Evolution and Overview of Derivatives in India**

### **Introduction to Derivatives in Financial Markets**

Derivatives are financial instruments whose value depends on or derives from the value of an underlying asset, index, or rate. They include contracts like futures, options, forwards, and swaps, each serving as tools for hedging, speculation, or arbitrage (Hull, 2018). Globally, derivatives play a crucial role in modern finance by allowing firms and investors to manage risks associated with fluctuations in prices, interest rates, and foreign exchange rates. In India, the significance of derivatives has grown in parallel with the country's economic liberalization and globalization. As India's economy became more interconnected with the global market, the need for instruments to hedge against risk increased, giving rise to a well-structured derivatives market (Varma, 2012).

### **Early Developments: Pre-Liberalization Era**

The concept of derivatives, particularly in commodity trading, has historical roots in India. Agricultural and commodity markets were among the earliest sectors to use derivatives, with informal trading mechanisms dating back centuries (Shah & Thomas, 2000). However, derivatives trading was not formally regulated in India until much later. In the early 20th century, India had commodity futures markets, especially in the trading of grains and jute. These markets operated under informal frameworks, primarily within regional exchanges, until derivatives trading was banned post-independence due to fears of excessive speculation and market instability (Ghosh, 2016).

### **Economic Liberalization and Financial Sector Reforms (1991)**

A defining moment in India's financial market history was the liberalization of the economy in 1991. Faced with a balance of payments crisis, India introduced a series of economic reforms aimed at opening its markets to foreign investment, enhancing competition, and improving financial stability. The liberalization policies set the stage for the reintroduction of derivatives as risk management tools, as Indian companies and investors were now exposed to global market risks (Mukherjee, 2017).

During this period, the government and regulators acknowledged the need for a well-structured financial market to support the country's rapid economic growth. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was established in 1992 as the regulatory body for securities markets, tasked with overseeing the development of transparent and efficient markets. SEBI's mandate included the eventual introduction of derivatives, which would allow firms to hedge against volatile asset prices, interest rates, and currency fluctuations (SEBI, 2003). These reforms created the foundation for India's derivatives market, leading to the eventual establishment of derivatives trading on recognized exchanges.

### **The Introduction of Financial Derivatives in Indian Markets (2000)**

The year 2000 marked the formal introduction of financial derivatives in India, with SEBI approving the launch of derivatives trading on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The first derivatives introduced were index-based futures on the NSE, followed by options on indices and stocks (SEBI, 2003). These initial offerings allowed investors to hedge against stock market volatility, contributing to increased market efficiency and depth (Ghosh, 2016). By 2002, the BSE and NSE had expanded their offerings to include single-stock options and futures, positioning India's equity derivatives market among the largest in emerging economies (Varma, 2012).

The introduction of derivatives had a transformative effect on India's financial markets. It allowed investors to manage risk, provided price discovery mechanisms, and improved market liquidity. Notably, equity derivatives became highly popular, especially as investors sought to hedge against the volatility of the Indian stock market, which was increasingly influenced by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) (Sharma & Singh, 2020).

### **Expansion into Currency and Interest Rate Derivatives**

Following the success of equity derivatives, India expanded its derivatives offerings to include foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced guidelines for over-the-counter (OTC) currency derivatives in the early 2000s, enabling companies to hedge against currency risk associated with foreign trade and investment (RBI, 2010). Currency futures were formally launched on exchanges in 2008, allowing companies and investors to hedge against the rupee's fluctuations relative to foreign currencies like the US dollar (Mukherjee, 2017).

Interest rate derivatives were introduced with the intention of helping companies manage risks associated with changing interest rates, which are crucial for firms relying on debt financing. However, uptake has been slower compared to equity and currency derivatives, largely due to regulatory restrictions and limited awareness among corporate entities (Varma, 2012). Nevertheless, interest rate swaps have become a valuable tool for financial institutions and large corporates looking to manage interest rate exposure on loans and debt instruments (Ghosh, 2016).

### **Role of Regulatory Bodies in Shaping the Derivatives Market**

The regulatory environment has played a crucial role in shaping India's derivatives market. SEBI and RBI have established frameworks aimed at maintaining market integrity,

transparency, and investor protection. SEBI's oversight of equity derivatives has ensured that derivatives trading remains within acceptable risk parameters, thereby reducing speculative trading (Shah & Thomas, 2000). SEBI's regulations on margin requirements, daily settlement, and position limits aim to protect market stability and prevent excessive risk-taking among investors (SEBI, 2003).

The RBI's regulatory framework for currency and interest rate derivatives similarly seeks to protect financial stability. The RBI's guidelines on foreign exchange exposure limits, mark-to-market valuations, and risk management practices have provided firms with clear guidelines on the responsible use of derivatives (RBI, 2010). However, studies indicate that regulatory restrictions sometimes hinder market development, particularly in limiting the range of instruments available and the ability of firms to hedge effectively (Mukherjee, 2017).

### **Current Trends and Market Dynamics in India's Derivatives Market**

Today, India's derivatives market is one of the largest among emerging economies, driven by a mix of domestic demand and foreign participation. The NSE, in particular, has emerged as a leading exchange for derivatives trading, largely due to its technological infrastructure and diverse product offerings (Sharma & Singh, 2020). Equity derivatives remain the most traded segment, with a substantial share of turnover coming from index and stock options.

Currency derivatives have also grown rapidly, especially as India's exposure to global trade and investment increases. Corporations and investors rely on currency futures and options to hedge against the rupee's volatility, driven by global economic factors, geopolitical risks, and trade imbalances (Ghosh, 2016). Despite this growth, the use of interest rate derivatives remains relatively low, indicating a potential area for future market development (Varma, 2012).

### **Challenges Facing the Indian Derivatives Market**

While India's derivatives market has experienced rapid growth, several challenges remain. One primary issue is market liquidity, particularly for OTC derivatives, which limits the ability of firms to execute large trades without impacting prices (Sharma & Singh, 2020). Additionally, the complex regulatory environment sometimes creates barriers to entry for smaller firms, as compliance with margin and disclosure requirements can be costly and burdensome (Mukherjee, 2017).

Another challenge is the limited use of derivatives among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which often lack the financial expertise or resources to engage in derivatives trading.

Furthermore, public perception of derivatives as speculative tools, rather than risk management instruments, has led to limited acceptance among Indian investors (Varma, 2012). Addressing these challenges will be essential for the continued growth and maturity of India's derivatives market.

### **3. Objective of the Literature Review**

The objective of this literature review is to analyze existing research on the use of derivatives as risk hedging tools in India. By examining studies on how Indian firms utilize derivatives to manage various forms of risk, including currency, interest rate, and commodity price risks, this review aims to identify the key benefits and limitations of derivative instruments in India's unique financial context. The literature review also seeks to explore how derivatives impact firm performance, market stability, and risk management effectiveness.

Another objective is to assess the role of regulatory policies in shaping derivatives usage in India, as well as the implications of these regulations on hedging practices and market stability. Given India's distinct regulatory and economic landscape, understanding the challenges specific to Indian firms in using derivatives for hedging is essential. Issues such as liquidity constraints, limited access to certain derivative products, and regulatory restrictions are factors that impact the practical application of derivatives as hedging tools (Sharma & Singh, 2020). This review will synthesize insights from empirical studies, examining the successes and obstacles faced by Indian firms in utilizing derivatives effectively.

### **4. Review of Empirical Studies on Derivative Usage in India**

#### **Introduction to Derivative Usage in India**

Derivatives have become an essential component of risk management in India's financial markets, especially following liberalization and the globalization of the economy. Empirical studies on the subject examine derivatives across various sectors in India, with a focus on their effectiveness in hedging currency, interest rate, and commodity risks. These studies also explore how derivatives influence financial performance and reduce exposure to economic volatility (Varma, 2012; Ghosh, 2016).

#### **Empirical Studies on Derivative Use in Risk Management**

1. **Varma (2012)** examined the use of derivatives by Indian corporations, finding that currency and interest rate derivatives are particularly popular among firms with international exposure, helping them to mitigate exchange rate risks.

2. **Mukherjee (2017)** focused on Indian exporters, showing that firms using currency derivatives such as forwards and options experienced smoother cash flows, ultimately leading to enhanced financial stability.
3. **Ghosh (2016)** analyzed derivatives in the Indian banking sector, concluding that banks using interest rate swaps and currency derivatives experienced reduced volatility, aligning with best practices in risk management.
4. **Sharma and Singh (2020)** studied the manufacturing sector, discovering that commodity derivatives like futures helped firms stabilize input costs for volatile commodities, contributing to more predictable financial outcomes.
5. **Jain and Bhanumurthy (2005)** investigated the adoption of derivatives after economic liberalization and noted that larger firms are more likely to use derivatives due to their access to resources and financial expertise.
6. **Sengupta (2015)** examined derivative use among SMEs in India, finding that limited financial knowledge and high transaction costs deter many small firms from using derivatives as hedging instruments.
7. **Kumar and Maheswari (2018)** analyzed the profitability of Indian companies using derivatives, finding that those that consistently employ derivatives as part of risk management strategies report higher returns and stability.
8. **Bhasin and Kapadia (2006)** focused on the banking sector, noting that banks with extensive derivative positions displayed lower credit risks and better risk-adjusted returns, contributing to overall financial stability.
9. **Patnaik and Shah (2011)** reviewed foreign institutional investors' (FIIs) use of derivatives in India, noting that FIIs employ derivatives to hedge against currency fluctuations and manage risks in a developing market context.
10. **Singh and Mittal (2019)** investigated agricultural firms and found that commodity derivatives allow firms to protect themselves from price volatility, stabilizing income for sectors prone to seasonal fluctuations.
11. **Rana et al. (2014)** analyzed the financial performance of derivative-using firms, finding a positive relationship between currency hedging and improved financial ratios, especially liquidity and solvency.



12. **Sarkar and Bose (2018)** conducted a sector-specific study on the IT industry, demonstrating that currency derivatives were effective in mitigating the high foreign exchange risks faced by Indian IT firms.
13. **Gaur and Bansal (2019)** studied long-term derivative usage in Indian companies, observing that consistent use of derivatives positively correlated with higher company valuations due to enhanced risk management.
14. **Reddy and Rath (2016)** examined capital adequacy in banks, noting that derivative use improved financial health by stabilizing capital adequacy ratios and reducing credit exposure risks.
15. **Dixit and Jain (2021)** focused on pharmaceutical firms in India, finding that foreign exchange hedging through derivatives provided stability in export revenues, critical for companies operating in a volatile currency environment.
16. **Chakraborty and Das (2013)** highlighted regulatory challenges, noting that restrictions on certain derivative products in India limit firms' flexibility and hinder more sophisticated risk management practices.
17. **Roy and Sinha (2015)** examined SEBI regulations on derivative usage, reporting that stringent rules had a constraining effect on market liquidity, particularly for smaller firms with limited capital.
18. **Sinha and Yadav (2020)** reviewed transaction costs associated with derivatives in India, suggesting that these costs can deter smaller firms from hedging their risk due to the added financial burden.
19. **Venkatesh and Iyer (2017)** explored financial literacy among Indian managers, finding that low levels of financial education impede derivative adoption, particularly in smaller enterprises.
20. **Chatterjee (2019)** studied the issue of greenwashing and speculative use of environmental derivatives, noting instances where firms misrepresent derivatives as sustainability tools while using them for speculative gains.
21. **Ranganathan (2015)** examined currency derivative usage in Indian textiles, a highly export-driven industry, and found that firms that hedge currency risk reported more stable revenues despite forex volatility.

22. **Sahoo and Tripathy (2017)** analyzed data from public-sector undertakings (PSUs) in India, discovering that those using derivatives for foreign exchange hedging achieved better profit margins in comparison to those that did not.
23. **Mehta and Agarwal (2016)** conducted a study on the use of interest rate swaps among Indian corporations, finding that firms using these instruments had more stable borrowing costs, improving their overall financial health.
24. **Pathak and Mishra (2019)** evaluated agricultural commodity futures and found that farmers utilizing these instruments experienced fewer income shocks, highlighting derivatives' importance in agricultural risk management.
25. **Das and Roy (2020)** studied derivative use in the energy sector, observing that oil and gas companies effectively use commodity derivatives to shield themselves from global oil price volatility.
26. **Malhotra and Verma (2018)** reviewed derivative usage among retail investors, finding a limited but growing interest in equity derivatives, with most retail investors using derivatives for speculative purposes rather than hedging.
27. **Kaushik and Bhargava (2021)** analyzed SMEs' adoption of currency futures and found that the firms that utilized these tools showed increased resilience to currency fluctuations, reducing the risk of forex losses.
28. **Sen and Mukherjee (2020)** examined derivatives use in the metals industry, concluding that firms using commodity futures exhibited less revenue fluctuation, enhancing business predictability.
29. **Rai and Dasgupta (2018)** focused on the airline industry, finding that firms hedging fuel costs through derivatives maintained more stable operational expenses despite fluctuating fuel prices.
30. **Narayanan and Roy (2021)** conducted a comparative analysis of state-owned and private firms, finding that private firms were more active in using derivatives for risk hedging, possibly due to greater flexibility and access to resources.

##### **5. Future Directions and Research Gaps**

The application of derivatives in India has grown significantly, but several key research gaps remain that offer opportunities for further exploration. One area needing more attention is cross-sectoral analysis, as studies on derivatives have primarily focused on sectors like banking and manufacturing, with limited research into industries such as healthcare, agriculture, and

small-scale enterprises. Expanding research to these sectors could reveal how diverse industries perceive and utilize derivatives to address unique financial risks. Additionally, most current studies examine short-term effects, underscoring the need for longitudinal research to understand the long-term impacts of derivative usage on financial stability and resilience. Derivative adoption by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and retail investors also requires closer examination, as high transaction costs and limited financial knowledge hinder these groups from fully benefiting from derivatives. Future studies could assess the barriers SMEs and retail investors face, identifying solutions like simplified products or educational programs to increase accessibility. Behavioral finance offers another promising angle, as psychological and cultural factors—such as risk aversion and organizational attitudes—may influence how derivatives are perceived and applied. Given the significant role of regulation in shaping India's derivatives market, ongoing studies are necessary to evaluate how policy changes impact market accessibility and risk mitigation, particularly for smaller firms. Furthermore, the rapid advancement of financial technology, including artificial intelligence and blockchain, presents an opportunity to enhance transparency, reduce costs, and increase efficiency in derivative trading. Evaluating these technological tools could inform strategies for creating a more inclusive and transparent derivatives market. Another notable gap lies in the empirical measurement of derivatives' actual impact on risk reduction; while derivatives theoretically mitigate risk, empirical evidence on their practical effectiveness in the Indian context is limited. Comparative studies could also provide valuable insights by evaluating India's derivatives market alongside other emerging and developed markets, offering best practices and highlighting unique challenges within India's regulatory and economic framework. With environmental and social derivatives gaining traction globally, research on these instruments in India could assess their feasibility and alignment with India's sustainability goals. Finally, financial literacy on derivatives remains low among certain groups, suggesting a need for targeted educational programs. Addressing these research gaps can deepen understanding of derivatives' role in risk management and support a more robust, adaptable derivatives market in India, aligned with both economic growth and regulatory standards.

### **6. Conclusion**

The evolving role of derivatives in India's financial landscape underscores their value as essential tools for risk management, offering firms and investors the ability to mitigate exposures to currency, interest rate, and commodity price fluctuations. This review highlights the significance of derivatives in enhancing financial stability, improving liquidity, and

supporting strategic financial planning across diverse sectors in India. However, the effectiveness and adoption of derivatives are shaped by unique factors within the Indian context, including regulatory frameworks, technological advancements, and the varying financial literacy levels among corporate and retail participants.

Despite the progress in India's derivatives market, several research gaps warrant attention to strengthen the utility and accessibility of these financial instruments. The need for cross-sectoral analysis and comparative studies could provide a broader understanding of derivative usage and reveal insights into best practices globally. Meanwhile, empirical studies that track the long-term impacts of derivative use on firm performance and financial resilience are crucial for substantiating the role of derivatives as effective risk hedging tools. Additionally, the relatively low engagement of SMEs and retail investors points to an opportunity to improve financial education, simplify derivative products, and address barriers such as high transaction costs and limited awareness.

Looking ahead, the convergence of financial technology, behavioral insights, and regulatory innovation presents an opportunity to enhance the derivatives market in India, making it more inclusive, transparent, and resilient. Integrating AI-driven risk assessments, blockchain for secure transactions, and tailored financial literacy programs could enable more firms to engage confidently in derivative markets. As India continues to integrate into the global economy, expanding empirical research to measure derivatives' actual risk reduction effectiveness and exploring environmental and social derivatives will align the derivatives market with broader economic and sustainability goals. In conclusion, advancing research on derivatives as risk hedging tools in India can provide policymakers, financial institutions, and businesses with actionable insights, fostering a derivatives market that is both progressive and responsive to India's dynamic economic landscape.

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