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Abstract: The purpose of this paper is to examine the antecedents of frugality and sustainability simultaneously to relate their consequences with life satisfaction. A systematic literature review has been done with the PRISMA framework. The initial selection, results in a total of 564 articles, where 456 are from Scopus and 108 from the Web of Science database. After screening these articles, we analyse 44 articles which are related to the study. A conceptual model has been framed; results indicate the positive relationship of all the antecedents with frugality as well as with sustainability. Also highlights, that they have a positive relationship with frugal and sustainable consumption behaviour, along with its moderating role and later these behaviours positively relate to life satisfaction. The findings provide valuable guidelines to managers, policymakers, and academicians for a better understanding of consumers and framing marketing strategies for life satisfaction. It also helps society to make rational decisions for sustainability.

Keywords: sustainability; frugality; sustainable consumption behaviour; frugal behaviour; life satisfaction.

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1 Introduction

In today's era every person has a materialistic lifestyle and this resource intensive lifestyle causes environmental degradation. So, there is a need to move towards sustainable consumption patterns (Dhandra, 2019). Sustainable consumption is an extensive concept that apprehensions the dealings of social and ecological issues such as environmental protection, quality of life and human needs. It predominant the ecologically conscious consumer behaviour to socially conscious and frugal consumer behaviours (Pepper et al., 2009). According to Kaur and Luchs (2022), there are two complementary forms of sustainable consumption i.e., frugal consumption and socially conscious consumption. Frugal consumption means restrained in acquiring and resourceful in using goods and services (Goldsmith et at., 2014; Lastovicka et al., 1999). However, socially conscious consumption is less harmful for others (Kaur and Luchs, 2022).

Evans (2011) commented that frugality can be the consequence of self-control to prevent superfluous expenditure, hence it lowers the ecological impact of consumption. Frugality offers a vision of sustainable consumption which slows down the process of sustainable harm (Bove et al., 2009). It involves voluntary restraint and moderation in consumption habits (Lastovicka et al., 1999). Therefore, frugality can also be viewed as value which means a guide to action and judgement across specific situations (Durning and Durning, 1992). According to Sharma et al. (2020), right measures have to be taken for the survival of future generation. For this, researchers need to understand that there is a link between green attitude and frugality, as frugality does not inevitably suggest for denial from consuming expensive goods and services, rather it suggest reducing resource wastage and also for its optimum utilisation (Sadom et al., 2020). Individuals with frugal consumption behaviour develop the habit of saving and unveiling conservation in their day-to-day activities like, saving water and electricity (Wang et al., 2021).

Commensurately, there is a need to examine what might be some of the key antecedents of frugality and sustainability, simultaneously that strengthen the association between sustainable consumption behaviour and frugal behaviour. A substantial amount of research on frugality has been conducted over the last decade, which drives positive relationship between sustainability and frugality (Bove et al., 2009; Rao, 2017; Evans, 2011), but Wang et al. (2021) found that there is a negative relationship between frugality and green purchase intention. On the other side, literature is talking about the relationship between mindfulness and frugality (Dhandra, 2019), pro-environmental behaviour and frugality (Suárez et al., 2020; Evers et al., 2018a), mindfulness and sustainable consumption (Kaur and Luchs, 2022; Ericson et al., 2014), voluntary simplicity and sustainable behaviour (Aidar and Daniels, 2020), ecologically conscious consumer behaviour and sustainable behaviour (Mishra et al., 2022; Chan and Lau, 2000).

Specifically, with the help of the model- antecedents and consequences, we examine the role of various antecedents and consequences of frugality and sustainability. This study would help in creating and raising awareness among peoples regarding sustainability as well as would also help industrial persons in framing strategies. Literature indicates, there are various research in the context of frugality but they took frugality and sustainability separately. The antecedents which we have taken is the novel one, no past research had taken these antecedents and consequences in the context of

frugality and sustainability simultaneously. This paper bridges this gap and extends the model to consider frugality and sustainability in unified structure.

2 Research methodology

In this research we followed the 'systematic literature review' methodology described by Tranfield et al. (2003) and Macpherson and Jones (2010). As recognised by Wang and Chugh (2014), this method has many advantages as compared with unstructured reviews. It adopts a transparent and scientific process which helps in minimisation of bias and errors (Tranfield et al., 2003); and in improving the quality of the review process and outcomes (Mihalache and Mihalache, 2016). Further, this study uses PRISMA protocol.

Figure 1 Flow chart for selection of relevant studies (PRISMA framework) (see online version for colours)

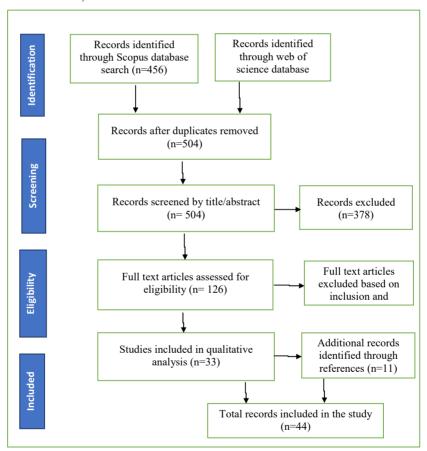


 Table 1
 List of literature (44 articles)

Finding	Positive correlation exists between mindfulness with altruistic values and biosphere values but not with egoistic values.	Three dimensions of consumer minimalism (sparse aesthetic, number of possessions, and mindfully curated consumption) indicates that different consumption contexts have varying results.	Generation Z has strong awareness towards environmental and ethical issues.	The findings show mediation effect of 'psychological ownership towards the environment' between sustainable purchasing behaviour and ecological consciousness.	Consumers have a positive attitude towards environment and responsible purchase intention.	Study shows that every time there is an increase in environmental commitment and n self-expressiveness there was an increase in sustainable consumption behaviour.	The association between frugality and purchasing intention is negatively moderated by green concern.	Economic motivations and perceived sustainability, have positive inspiration towards buying secondhand.	Frugal behaviours foresee long term resource usage and self-control foresees behaviours depends on known ends goals.	This finding of this study stated that mindfulness is positively related with social conscious behaviour, green purchase intention and frugal purchasing behaviour.	People with frugal lifestyle, also play the role of social awareness.	Anti-consumption lifestyles consist of voluntary simplicity, environmental protection, frugality, small luxury and tightwads and these are affecting the acceptance of commercial sharing system.	True greens scored best for environmental attitudes and buying intentions, while non-greens scored lowest.
Sample size	750	3,735	I	400	232	332	369	412	155	420	8,000	537	227
Variables	Mindfulness, frugal purchasing, values, sustainable consumption	consumer minimalism, decluttering, voluntary simplicity, frugality, materialism	Generation Z, ethical consumption, theory of planned behaviour, consumer behaviour	Psychological ownership, sustainable purchase behaviour, ecological consciousness, frugality, fashion orientation	Predictive, sustainable development, eco-responsible purchase intention, eco-friendly apparels, consciousness and willingness to pay.	Psychological ownership, social influence, sustainable consumption behaviour, self-expressiveness, environmental commitment, fashion consciousness	Frugality, green purchase intention, saving, green concern	Distance from consumption system, clothing, economic motivations, perceived sustainability, secondhand buying, P2P sharing platforms, sharing conomy	Resourcefulness, self-regulation, frugality, self-control construct validation	Mindfulness, sustainable consumption, unsustainable consumption, materialism, green purchase intention, life satisfaction	Carbon emissions, consumer lifestyle, household survey. social awareness	Environmental protection, sharing economy	Environmental knowledge, happiness, emerging economy, frugality, environmental locus of control, green segmentation
Types of study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Qualitative study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Empirical study
Country	South Korea, USA	USA	UK	India, UAE	UK, India	India, Dubai, Italy	China, USA	Sweden, UK	ns	South Korea	China	Korea	Turkey
Author	Kaur and Luchs (2022)	Wilson and Bellezza (2022)	Djafarova and Foots (2022)	Mishra et al. (2022)	Kumar et al. (2021)	Mishra et al. (2021)	Wang et al. (2021)	Ek Styvén and Mariani (2020)	Michaelis et al. (2020)	Dhandra (2019)	Li et al. (2019)	Lee (2019)	Coşkun and Özbük (2019)
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 Table 1
 List of literature (44 articles) (continued)

Sr.	Author	Country	Types of study	Variables	Sample size	Finding
41	Emekci (2019)	Turkey	Empirical study	Green consumer, green consumption, theory of planned behaviour, structural equation modelling, green buying behaviour	272	Perceived consumer effectiveness has greater influence on the green buying behaviour and attitudes towards intentions.
15	Felix and Almaguer (2019)	USA	Empirical study	Psychological ownership, environmentally friendly products, materialism, recycling intentions	236	Both individual and collective dimensions of psychological ownership positively related with purchasing green products.
16	Joshi et al. (2019)	India	Empirical study	Predicted sustainable consumption, Sustainable consumption intention, individual factors, behavioural factors, Situational factors	325	Individual norm, attitude towards sustainable consumption and environmental intention are the main predictors of sustainable consumption intention.
17	Johnson and Chattaraman (2019)	America	Empirical study	Social signalling, self-signalling, socially responsible consumption, millennial generation	12	Motivations for social responsibility are not generous in individuals who provide support to others.
18	Lin and Niu (2018)	Taiwan	Exploratory study	Environmental attitude, environmental consciousness, environmental knowledge, environmental policy, green consumption, social norms, stainable development, well-being	649	Environmental knowledge, social norms and conscious behaviour towards environment has a positive impact on environmental attitude of consumers
19	Naderi and Van Steenburg (2018)	USA	Empirical study	Green consumption, millennials, sustainable consumption, pro-environmental behaviour, self-interest	285	Millennials act in favor of the environment due to rational and self-centered motivations rather than emotional or others-focused motivations.
20	Evers et al. (2018)	Australia	Empirical study	Creative end-use consumption behaviour, frugality, materialism	398	Consumers' sustainable behaviour is positively impacted by materialism and thrift.
21	Fischer et al. (2017a)	Germany	Qualitative and quantitative study	Sustainable consumption, consumer behaviour	163	Young consumers' sustainable consumption behaviours are reliable and valid scale to measure in the areas of food and clothing.
22	Nepomuceno and Laroche (2017)	Canada	Empirical study	Materialism, self-control, resistance to consumption, long-term orientation, consumer well-being, sustainability.	194	By enhancing long-term orientation and self-control, frugality scores of high and low-materialism individuals increase.
23	Paswan et al. (2017)	USA	Empirical study	Environmental sustainability, human-nature balance, time orientation, PR environmental behaviour.	137	When peoples believe in balance achievement between mankind and conservation activities, they would be more likely to engage in pro-environmental behaviour.
24	Ladhari and Tchetgna (2017)	Canada	Empirical study	Emotions, fair trade, personal values, socially conscious behaviour	268	Intention of obtaining fair trade products is inclined by socially conscious behaviour, consumer values and with their emotions related to that.
25	Barbaro and Pickett (2016)	OS	Empirical study	Mindfulness, connectedness to nature, behavioural regulation, pro-environmental behaviour	296	Mindfulness and pro-environmental behaviour are exaggerated by the connectedness to nature.
26	Barbarossa and Pastore (2015)	Italy	Qualitative study	Green products, actual purchase, eco-friendly	51	Lack of availability in the traditional supermarkets and consumers 'high perceived prices are the most appropriate barriers in actual buying of green products.

 Table 1
 List of literature (44 articles) (continued)

Sample size Finding	586 Fashion consciousness, frugal apparel consumption, and ecologically conscious consumption enhances the likelihood of sustainable consumption.	563 Mindful peoples mostly search for products and services to which they are emotionally related which gives environmental benefits.	Mindfulness pays to the wellbeing and that will give rise to stronger empathy and compassion	Frugal consumers are independent in their decision making of buying products and these types of consumers are less status conscious, less materialistic, and less involved in brands.	10 Adult simplifiers practiced frugality or voluntary simplicity and spread these feeding patterns to their own children.	The innovation process is mostly dependent on economical engineering that satisfies green marketing goals.	Psychographic variables like altruism and perceived consumer effectiveness, has higher relevancy than socio-demographics in explaining ecologically conscious consumer behaviour.	Individuals whose generativity scores are in height have eco-friendly intentions but in case of generativity it is opposite.	Eliminating burdensome loans, recycling great experiences through diversity and reflection, and renting instead of buying would all result in people spending less and enjoying more hedonic benefits.	Shopping antipathy, market mavenism and age were positively related with frugality but intrinsic religiosity, recreational shopping and social class were not associated with frugality.	2,000 Socially conscious consumer behaviour seems as attribute of pro-social values. But frugal behaviour relates to low personal materialism.
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Variables	Frugal, Sustainable consumption, consumer ethics, guilt	Mindfulness, sustainability, clusters	Mindfulness, sustainability, well-being, empathy, and values	Frugality, materialism, consumer independence, brand engagement in self-concept.	Green capital, voluntary simplifiers, family and social reproduction, anti-consumption.	Green marketing, sustainability, Jugaad, frugal engineering, new product development	Green consumer behaviour, ecological consciousness, green purchase intention, green purchase behaviour, green marketing, green consumer profile, demographics, and psychographics	Generativity, self-enhancement values, environmentally responsible consumption, ecofriendly behavioural intentions	Hedonic adaptation, well-being, thrift, appreciation, gratitude, motivation	Recreational shopping, frugality, market mavenism, Intrinsic religiosity, shopping antipathy.	Consumer behaviour, fragality, sustainable consumption, values
Types of study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Qualitative study	Empirical study	Empirical study	Review Paper	Empirical study	Empirical study	Qualitative study	Empirical study	Empirical study
Country	USA	USA	Norway	NS	USA	$\mathbf{n}\mathbf{s}$	UK and Portugal	US, France	USA	Australia	UK
Author	Cho et al. (2015)	Barber and Deale (2014)	Ericson et al. (2014)	Goldsmith et al. (2014)	Walther and Sandlin (2013)	Sharma and Iyer (2012)	Akehurst et al. (2012)	Urien and Kilbourne (2011)	Chancellor and Lyubomirsky (2011)	Bove et al. (2009)	Pepper et al. (2009)
Sr.	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35 (36	37

 Table 1
 List of literature (44 articles) (continued)

Sr.	Author	Country	Types of study	Variables	Sample size	Finding
38	Brown and Kasser (2005)	SN	Empirical study	Subjective well-being (SWB), ecologically responsible behaviour (ERB), dispositional mindfulness, intrinsic values	206	Subjective wellbeing and ecologically responsible behaviour were explained by mindfulness and intrinsic values and these are the clues of a sustainable life.
39	Kim and Choi (2005)	Minnesota	Empirical study	Green Purchase behaviour, environmental concern, perceived consumer effectiveness (PCE), collectivism	304	Perceived consumer effectiveness influence collectivism and thus collectivism values influence beliefs about consumer effectiveness and this leads to green buying behaviour.
40	Todd and Lawson (2003)	New Zealand	Empirical study	Frugality, values, lifestyle, non-consumption	3,710	The best way to understand frugality is as a lifestyle choice, which can be either a personality attribute or a value.
41	Thøgersen and Ölander (2002)	Denmark	Empirical study	Consumer behaviour, values, sustainable consumption, environmental protection	1,520	Individual value priorities influence the emergence of sustainable consumption pattern.
45	Chan (2001)	Hong Kong	Empirical study	Cultural and psychological factors, green purchase behaviour, man-nature orientation	549	Ecological knowledge, Ecological affect, degree of collectivism has a positive impact on attitudes towards green purchases.
43	Lastovicka et al. (1999)	USA	Qualitative and empirical	Frugality, consumer behaviour, consumer traits	06	Frugality scale has a replicable unidimensional factor known-groups validity, reasonable internal consistency reliability and freedom from commonly considered response-set tendencies.
4	Webster (1975)	England	Empirical study	Empirical study Socially conscious consumer, social responsibility, perceived consumer effectiveness, socioeconomic and demographic variables	7,000	A consumer who is socially conscious considers the effects of his or her private consumption on the general public in addition to using their purchasing power to affect social change.

To ensure the accuracy of systematic literature review, this study has made substantial efforts to quest relevant literature, including published journals, dissertations and conference proceeding. 'Sustainability' OR 'sustainable behaviour' OR 'sustainable consumption behaviour' OR sustainable buying behaviour' AND 'frugality' OR 'frugal behaviour' OR 'frugal consumption behaviour' OR 'frugal buying behaviour' are used as keywords. The search includes a total of 564 research papers, 456 from Scopus database and 108 from web of science database. After excluding the duplicates (60 articles), we screened and read the titles and abstracts of 504 articles. Only 126 articles met the criteria for eligibility test. And after that based on exclusion and inclusion criteria full text articles have been excluded and only those articles are taken which are of ABDC Listed journals (A*, A, and B), 33 articles are left and 11 articles are additionally included through references. Finally, 44 articles have been selected for review and analysis.

Figure 2 Research paper according to research design (see online version for colours)

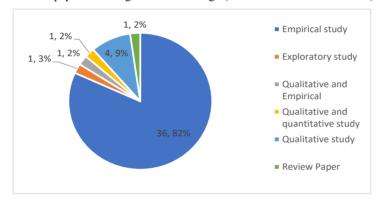


Figure 2 represents research papers according to the areas of study. Major portion of this study covers empirical papers, less are qualitative and least are review based, qualitative and exploratory.

Figure 3 Research papers according to years (see online version for colours)

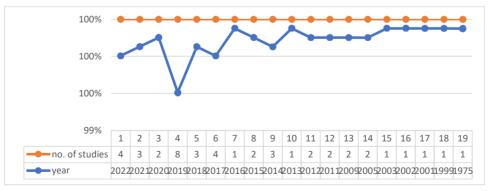


Figure 3 represents papers according to years of study. Highest no. of studies observed in the year 2019. The second highest is in the year 2017. Also, in current scenario there is a growth in publications in this area.

 Table 2
 List of journals/publisher name with the rating

Sr.	Author/year	Rating	Publisher	Journal name
1	Kaur and Luchs (2022)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Psychology and Marketing
2	Wilson and Bellezza (2022)	A*	Published by Oxford University	Journal of Consumer Research
3	Mishra et al. (2022)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics
4	Djafarova and Foots (2022)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Young Consumers
5	Wang et al. (2021)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services
6	Kumar et al. (2021)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services
7	Mishra et al. (2021)	A	Taylor & Francis Online	Journal of Strategic Marketing
8	Ek Styvén and Mariani (2020)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Psychology and Marketing
9	Michaelis et al. (2020)	A*	Elsevier	Journal of Business Venturing
10	Dhandra (2019)	A	Elsevier	Ecological Economics
11	Li et al. (2019)	A	Elsevier	Ecological Economics
12	Emekci (2019)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Journal of Consumer Marketing
13	Felix and Almaguer (2019)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Journal of Consumer Marketing
14	Coşkun and Özbük (2019)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Young Consumers
15	Lee (2019)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics
16	Joshi et al. (2019)	В	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing
17	Johnson and Chattaraman (2019)	В	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Journal of Consumer Behavior
18	Naderi and Van Steenburg (2018)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Young Consumers
19	Lin and Niu (2018)	В	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Business strategy and the environment
20	Evers et al. (2018a)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Psychology and Marketing
21	Paswan et al. (2017)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Journal of Consumer Marketing
22	Fischer et al. (2017a)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Young Consumers
23	Ladhari and Tchetgna (2017)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	International Journal of Consumer Studies

 Table 2
 List of journals/publisher name with the rating (continued)

Sr.	Author/year	Rating	Publisher	Journal name
24	Nepomuceno and Laroche (2017)	A	Springer International Publishing	Journal of Business Ethics
25	Barbaro and Pickett (2016)	A	Elsevier	Personality and Individual Differences
26	Barbarossa and Pastore (2015)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Qualitative Market Research: An International Journal
27	Cho et al. (2015)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	International Journal of Consumer Studies
28	Goldsmith et al. (2014)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services
29	Barber and Deale (2014)	A	Sage Publications	Cornell Hospitality Quarterly
30	Ericson et al. (2014)	A	Elsevier	Ecological Economics
31	Walther and Sandlin (2013)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	International Journal of Consumer Studies
32	Akehurst et al. (2012)	В	Emerald Group Publishing	Management Decision
33	Sharma and Iyer (2012)	A*	Elsevier	Industrial Marketing Management
34	Urien and Kilbourne (2011)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Psychology and Marketing
35	Chancellor and Lyubomirsky (2011)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Consumer Psychology
36	Bove et al. (2009)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services
37	Pepper et al. (2009)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	International Journal of Consumer Studies
38	Brown and Kasser (2005)	A	Springer International Publishing	Social Indicators Research
39	Kim and Choi (2005)	В	Association for Consumer Research	Advances in Consumer Research
40	Todd and Lawson (2003)	В	Elsevier	Australasian Marketing Journal
41	Thøgersen and Ölander (2002)	A	Elsevier	Journal of Economic Psychology
42	Chan (2001)	A	John Wiley & Sons, Inc.	Psychology and Marketing
43	Lastovicka et al. (1999)	A*	Oxford University Press	Journal of Consumer Research
44	Webster (1975)	A*	Oxford University Press	Journal of Consumer Research

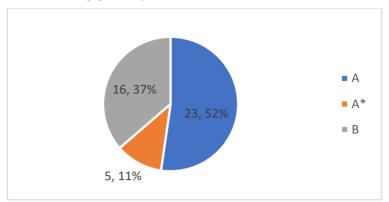
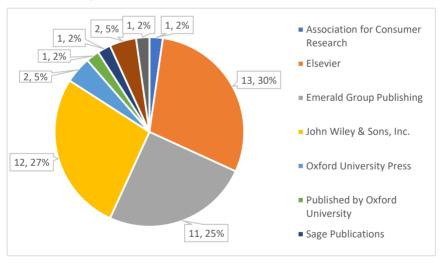


Figure 4 Contribution of paper rating wise (ABDC) (see online version for colours)

This research emphasises ratings particularly as A*, A and B. The majority of papers are from A category journals (52%), such as *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services*, psychology and marketing, *International Journal of Consumer Studies* etc. there are 11% papers from A* category such as *Journal of Consumer Research*, *Journal of Business Venturing* and 37% from B such as *Journal of Consumer Marketing*, *Journal of Consumer Behavior*, etc.

Figure 5 Research publications according to publishing house and publishers (see online version for colours)



The relevant review is built up and identified by different databases such as sage publications, Taylor and Francis, emerald group publishing, Elsevier etc. The highest number is from Elsevier.

3 Theoretical background and hypothesis deevlopment

Frugality

According to Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, frugality is "that careful management of anything valuable which expends nothing unnecessarily, and applies what is used to a profitable purpose". Roccas and Brewer's (2002) defined that frugality can be either a value or a trait, which helps us differentiate between the two. It can be identified by the extent to which consumers are constrained in both their ability to purchase economic goods and services as well as their ability to creatively use economic goods and services to attain longer-term goals (Lastovicka et al., 1999).

Sustainability

The term sustainability was first coined over several hundred years ago by Hans Carl von Carlowitz-a German forester in 1712 in his text Sylvicultura Oeconomica to manage forest on long term basis. It was defined as an ecosystem's capacity to maintain its resilience in the face of human aggression (Veiga, 2010). The goal of environmental sustainability is to ensure the long-term survival of global life support systems (Goodland, 1995). Firms started an attempt to add to sustainability by embracing new energy sources, utilising reused unrefined components and growing harmless to the ecosystem items like half breed vehicles (Veiga, 2010).

Mindfulness

Buddhist philosophy originated mindfulness and was opined as "a state of consciousness that involves awareness and attention of the self, others, outside environment and substantially supports decision-making" (Barbaro and Pickett, 2016). Mindfulness generates a sense of care for self, society and nature, as individuals with greater mindfulness are not likely to engage in unsustainable behaviour and they are positively related with frugal purchasing behaviour (Dhandra, 2019). It has the ability to promote sustainable behaviour and lifestyle (Ericson et al., 2014). Mindful consumption contains sustainability concepts such as frugality (Fischer et al., 2017b). Mindful people are more concerned about society and helps in achieving greater ecologically sustainable lifestyles (Crompton and Kasser, 2009; Barber and Deale, 2014).

- H1(a) Frugality is positively impacted by mindfulness.
- H1(b) Sustainability is positively impacted by mindfulness.

Consumer minimalism

Minimalism in consumption can be viewed in various forms like, wardrobe capsules, decluttering, monochromatic home design and tiny home living. Minimalist consumer, overlaps on limiting the number of purchase and possessions (Wilson and Bellezza, 2022) and they are more ecologically focused, practice sustainability, and focuses on waste reduction (Pangarkar et al., 2021). In fact, these consumers are ready to pay more for the products that indicate inconspicuous minimalism because of the differentiation connected and sustainability initiatives (Han et al., 2010). Another form of consumer

minimalism related to green consumption values, consistent with environmentally sustainable consumption. Minimalist fashion called re-branding and traditional frugality are desirable, fashionable lifestyle choice, which could popularly promote sustainable consumption practices (Martin-Woodhead, 2017). Innovators of frugality end up by being strong advocates of their choice, the virtues of reducing consumption and the honour of being minimalist (Rathour and Mankame, 2021).

H2(a) Consumer minimalism enhances frugality.

H2(b): Consumer minimalism enhances sustainability.

Voluntary simplicity

Voluntary simplicity is used to describe a way of life that prioritised individual mental and spiritual well-being thus, involved austerity and frugal living (Craig-Lees and Hill, 2002). Beyond a reduction in the use of resources, voluntary simplicity contributed to sustainability (Kraisornsuthasinee and Swierczek, 2018). It is a current version of ancient time where inner growth is ranked over material accumulation and is often discussed as a more sustainable lifestyle (Aidar and Daniels, 2020). This way of living incorporates consumption restraint, a keen awareness to protect the environment, and the desire to reach our fullest potential (Elgin and Mitchell, 1977). It also associates with sustainable consumption and frugal consumer behaviour (Wu et al., 2013). It has a value-based lifestyle, which highlighted consumption reduction as a main principle and there is comparative ascription of voluntary simplicity towards sustainable behaviour (Chatterjee, 2020).

H3(a) Frugality thrive through voluntary simplicity.

H3(b) Sustainability thrive through voluntary simplicity.

Ecologically conscious consumer behaviour

According to Pepper et al. (2011) there were three domains of consumer behaviour pertinent to sustainability; socially conscious, frugal consumer behaviours and ecologically conscious. Consumer, who is ecologically conscious, aimed to have a positive impact on the environment (Roberts, 1996). Those ecological consumers who have high sense of self-dedication are willing to put their interest to safeguard the environment (Gao et al., 2020). As per Chan and Lau (2000), Akehurst et al. (2012), and Kumar et al. (2021) ecological affect and ecological knowledge have strong positive relationship with green purchase intention and actual green purchase behaviour. Ecological consciousness and frugality trigger sustainable purchase behaviour (Mishra et al., 2022). It enhances the likelihood of sustainable consumption (Cho et al., 2015) and ecologically responsible behaviour are the clues of a sustainable life (Brown and Kasser, 2005).

- H4(a) Ecologically conscious consumer behaviour positively affects frugality.
- H4(b) Ecologically conscious consumer behaviour positively affects sustainability.

Pro-environmental behaviour

Pro-environmental behaviour refers to behaviour that harms the environment as little as possible, or even benefits the environment (Steg and Vlek, 2009). Promoting sustainable and cooperative behaviour is one objective of pro-environmental policy (Wittmann and Sircova, 2018; Lavelle et al., 2015). Consumers who carefully use their physical and financial resources, involved in pro-environmental behaviour oftenly (Naderi and Van Steenburg, 2018). Frugality is basically seems as comprising pro-environmental behaviour (Evers et al., 2018b; Wang et al., 2021). As per Hernández et al. (2012), and Tapia-Fonllem et al. (2013), frugal behaviour and pro-environmental behaviour maintain close empirical and theoretical relation and both these types of behaviour influence by cognitive and emotional processes. Psychological factors such as universalism, frugality, participation categories of intrinsic satisfaction were correlated also pro-environmental behaviour (Kaida and Kaida, 2016).

- H5(a) Pro-environmental behaviour favourably impacts frugality.
- H5(b) Pro-environmental behaviour favourably impacts sustainability.

Relationship of frugality with frugal behaviour and sustainable consumption behaviour

Resistance to consumption is closely related to sustainability (Nepomuceno and Laroche, 2017). Frugal consumers are more likely to resist consumption than non-frugal consumers (Goldsmith et al., 2014; Lastovicka et al., 1999). There are studies which showed behavioural analysis of frugality as consumption reduction behaviours showing restraint in one's purchasing and making efficient use of one's resources are examples of frugality, which implies that frugality can motivate sustainable consumption behaviour (Lastovicka et al., 1999; Muiños et al., 2015). Behind that the main motivation of frugality was to save while consuming goods and services. It is possible to considered positive relationship of frugality with environmentally sustainable actions (Hernández et al., 2012; Tapia-Fonllem et al., 2013). It offers a vision of sustainable consumption thus, slowing down the process of environmental harm (Bove et al., 2009).

- H6(a) Frugality influences frugal behaviour in a favourable way.
- H6(b) Frugality influences sustainable consumption behaviour in a favourable way.

Relationship of sustainability with frugal behaviour and sustainable consumption behaviour

Sustainability can be achieved when customers are engaged in minimum behavioural shifts that will help facilitate more sustainable lifestyle (Verhofstadt et al., 2016; Jackson and Michaelis, 2003), which leads to sustainable behaviour. People are more likely to adopt sustainable behaviour when we educate them about the social and environmental effects of their consumption habits and their internal values are also supported by a positive outlook on sustainability (Sharma and Jha, 2017; Peattie and Collins, 2009). Frugality is also associated with pro-environmental behaviour and sustainable consumption (Evers et al., 2018a). According to Geiger et al. (2018), frugality focused on less is more principle, that is one of the facets of sustainability. Frugal behaviour is

prejudiced by people's awareness which is associated with sustainable consumption (Suárez et al., 2020), as the intention to consume is environment friendly, socially-just, and economically sustainable (Balderjahn et al., 2013).

- H7(a) Frugal behaviour is positively impacted by sustainability.
- H7(b) Sustainable consumption behaviour is positively impacted by sustainability.

Relationship of frugal behaviour and sustainable consumption behaviour with life satisfaction

The attempt to understand sustainable consumption behaviour has become universal in recent years. Oslo Roundtable (1994) evaluated that sustainable consumption gives satisfaction with life. It comprises purchasing only sustainable goods recycling waste from household, buying goods made with recycled material, use energy efficient appliances, investing in ethical funds etc. (Jackson, 2005). Kaur and Luchs (2022) explained two complementary forms of sustainable consumption-socially conscious consumption and frugal consumption and depicted that green purchase intention, socially conscious purchasing, frugal purchasing and life satisfaction depicts a positive relationship. Understanding frugality is important part of response to unfavourable effects of excessive consumption on environment, on society and also on personal life satisfaction (Ballantine and Creery, 2010).

- H8(a) Frugal behaviour is associated with higher levels of life satisfaction.
- H8(b) Sustainable consumption behaviour is associated with higher levels of life satisfaction.

Moderating role of frugality and sustainability

Frugality is directly conducive to sustainability (Sandler, 2009; Pepper et al., 2009). Frugal consumption lifestyle and values are closely related to not only sustainable development but also environmental protection (Wang et al., 2021). Previous studies on the hedonic delights of frugality (Hulme, 2019), frugality and subjective well-being (Sung, 2017), antecedents of frugality (Goldsmith et al., 2014), the measurement of frugal lifestyle (Lastovicka et al., 1999), was conducted which shows the relationship between frugality and sustainable consumption behaviour (Awais et al., 2020).

The efficiency of sustainability is perceived from frugality which affects the frugal behaviour. According to Geiger et al. (2018), frugality focused on less is more principle, that is one of the facets of sustainability and frugal behaviour infers restraint in the consumption of resources and avoidance of waste and is prejudiced by people's awareness which was associated with sustainable consumption (Suárez et al., 2020), (Tapia-Fonllem et al., 2017), because the intention to consume was environment friendly, socially-just, and economically sustainable (Balderjahn et al., 2013).

- H9 The relationship between sustainability and sustainable behaviour can be moderated by frugality.
- H10 Sustainability acts as a moderator between frugality and frugal behaviour.

ANTECEDENTS CONSEQUENCES Mindfulness H1(a) Consumer Frugal H2(a) Minimalism Frugality Behavior H3(a) Voluntary simplicity Life Satisfaction Ecologically Conscious H4(b) Sustainable Consumer Sustainability Consumption Behavior H7(b) Behavior Pro-Environmen tal Behavior

Figure 6 Conceptual model for future research (see online version for colours)

4 Discussion and conclusions

Study's main objective is to uncover the common antecedents and consequences of frugality and sustainability as both are related to each other (Pepper et al., 2009; Geiger et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2021; Rao, 2017). A perspective of sustainable consumption offers by frugality inhibits the development of sustainable harm (Bove et al., 2009). Additionally, frugality aiding persons are self-controlled to live in a sustainable environment (Roccas and Brewer, 2002). In the present study, to achieve objectives a conceptual model has been established based on antecedents and consequences model. Five antecedents have been identified which are commonly related to frugality and sustainability and they have relationship with each other respectively. Remarkably, the findings reveal that the identified antecedents positively affect both frugality and sustainability (H1, H2, H3, H4, and H5). These results are in line with past studies (Kaur and Luchs, 2022; Dhandra, 2019; Wilson and Bellezza, 2022; Goldsmith et al., 2014; Mishra et al., 2022; Chatterjee, 2020; Elgin and Mitchell, 1977; Wang et al., 2021; Evers et al., 2018a; Suárez et al., 2020). In addition, the relationship of frugality with sustainable consumption behaviour and frugal behaviour, also, the relationship of sustainability with sustainable consumption behaviour and frugal behaviour is taken into consideration. The developed relationships are consistent with past studies that frugality and sustainability is positively related with sustainable consumption behaviour and frugal behaviour (Verhofstadt et al., 2016; Lastovicka et al., 1999; Muiños et al., 2015; Goldsmith et al., 2014; Jackson and Michaelis, 2003; Wang et al., 2021; Evers et al., 2018a).

Moreover, this study also finds the moderating role of frugality between sustainability and sustainable consumption behaviour and also in sustainability between frugality and frugal consumption behaviour (Sandler, 2009; Pepper et al., 2009).

Additionally, we investigate that frugal behaviour and sustainable consumption behaviour have positive relationship with life satisfaction. According to Oslo Roundtable (1994) "the use of goods and services that respond to basic needs and bring a better quality of life, while minimizing the role of natural resources, toxic materials and emissions of waste and pollutants over the life cycle, so as not to jeopardize the needs of future generation" and hence gives satisfaction with life. Fascinatingly, being frugal is a crucial component in addressing the negative effects of excessive consumerism on the environment, society, and personal life satisfaction (Ballantine and Creery, 2010).

Overall, the study provides the better understanding of the antecedents and consequences of frugality and sustainability with respect to their influence on life satisfaction along with behaviour.

5 Implications

The elements that strongly support the adoption of more frugal lifestyles can be identified based on the demographic and value antecedents of frugal consumer behaviour. Our study has implications for managers and policy makers. Broadly, our results suggest that managers can use our model for creating marketing strategies and for a better knowledge of the behaviour of their customers that will lead to their business growth. Further, policy makers will be benefited from our research by well understanding the antecedents of frugality and sustainability, thereby, act in accordance with these.

The present study aims to encourage sustainable consumption behaviour among consumers, as it offers various common antecedents of frugality and sustainability. Consumers will start using the resources optimally and become more conscious about what they should buy or not. They will come to know worth of the product that they are going to buy also they will become aware and get advantages which will help them in their frugal behaviour. It will also help society to take rational decision that will lead to sustainability.

6 Limitations

The limitations of this study open pathways to future research. First, we only did systematic literature review but bibliometric analysis and meta-analysis can also be done using these same constructs. Secondly, we focused on only two constructs frugality and sustainability, some other constructs can also be used. Further, it encourages to conduct further study for better understanding many more variables of frugality and sustainability.

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