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The Role of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in Modern Construction Management

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ABSTRACT— BIM is changing the construction industry by turning ways of designing, building and managing into digital processes. It does more than 3D modelling it also brings together information about how things work and are used. This helps architects, engineers and builders see and work together on projects. As a result, mistakes, delays and costs go down because everyone involved in the project can work together easily. BIM makes projects run smoother by cutting down on design mistakes, rework and miscommunication. This means projects get done on time and within budget. BIM also helps with managing buildings saving energy and being more sustainable. When BIM is used with technologies like cloud computing, the Internet of Things and augmented reality it becomes more powerful. It can help with predicting maintenance needs managing resources and assessing risks. Even though BIM has some challenges like costs needing skilled workers and software issues it is getting more support from regulators and being used more widely. As construction projects get more complicated BIM plays a role in making them more efficient, sustainable and innovative. In the future adding technologies, like AI and blockchain will make BIM more powerful. It will help the industry make decisions and build stronger infrastructure. BIM and related technologies will keep changing the construction industry for the better.

Keywords: BIM, Digital Construction, Project Management, Collaboration, Innovation, Efficiency, Sustainability, Smart Infrastructure.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction to Building Information Modelling (BIM)

The construction sector has always relied on methods and traditional ways of working. These methods use 2D drawings, physical models and separate project documents.
They often cause project delays, cost overruns, misunderstandings and design conflicts. This happens because information is not shared in time and planning is not collaborative. However, with the advancement of digital technologies the construction industry is undergoing a major transformation.
At the heart of this change is Building Information Modelling (BIM). BIM is a game-changing tool that digitizes and integrates all stages of a building's life from design to demolition. The construction sector benefits greatly, from BIM. It improves collaboration. Reduces errors. BIM helps to prevent project delays and cost excesses. The construction industry is moving towards a digital and efficient way of working with BIM.BIM is a part of this change.

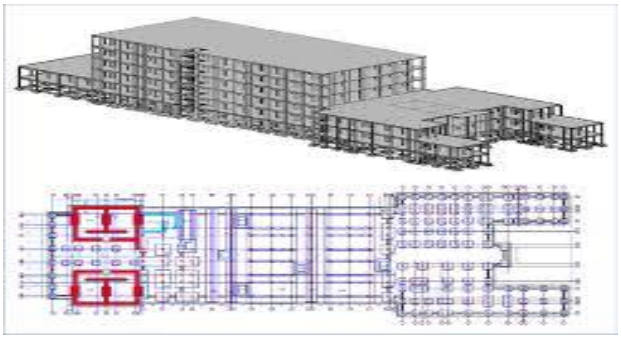

Fig 1.1. 2D to 3D Conversion

Definition:
Building Information Modeling is a picture of the physical and functional parts of a building. It is like a collection of information about a facility and it helps people make good decisions about the building throughout its entire life.

Building Information Modeling started as an idea in the 1970s but it did not really become popular until the early 2000s. This is because computers got a lot better and companies like Autodesk Revit, ArchiCAD and Bentley Systems started making software for it. Now Building Information Modeling is a part of smart construction combining 3D pictures with time, cost, sustainability and facility management. Building Information Modeling is really important for construction because it includes all these aspects, like 3D shapes and time and expense and sustainability and facility management.

Essential Characteristics of BIM:

3D Visualization: Improves presentation and precision of designs.
• **Conflict Identification:** Detects design issues prior to building.

- **Unified Data:** Enables data sharing among stakeholders
- **Lifecycle Management:** Aids in operation and maintenance post-construction.

Fig. 1.2 Dimensions in BIM

Building Information Modeling or BIM helps people work together better by letting everyone, including architects, engineers, contractors, consultants and facility managers look at the plans at the same time. When everyone has the information, it really cuts down on errors, delays and doing the same things over and over. This makes the whole project go smoothly and openly from start to finish and BIM is a big part of that. BIM is very good at sharing information which is a big help, to architects, engineers, contractors, consultants and facility managers and it makes the project work better.

1.2 Background of the Study

The construction industry around the world is at a point. It is dealing with problems like going over budget projects getting delayed and people not working together. The construction industry is also having an impact on the environment. For a time the industry has been using old methods, especially 2D Computer-Aided Design drawings. These old methods often lead to people not having the information, misunderstandings and expensive mistakes that are found when the building is being constructed. This leads to architects, engineers, contractors and owners not working together which makes the whole process of delivering a project very inefficient and argumentative.
Because of these problems Building Information Modelling has become an better way of doing things. Building Information Modelling is a change from the old ways of doing things, which were based on drawings. It is now based on working and using models. Building Information Modelling involves creating and managing models of a buildings physical and functional characteristics. This shared information, often called a " twin" provides a reliable basis for making decisions throughout the project from the initial design to when the building is torn down. Using Building Information Modelling is not about using new technology it is also, about changing the way people work on projects making sure everyone works together shares information and makes decisions based on facts. This study, called "Enhancing Construction Project Delivery via Building Information Modelling" will look deeply into how Building Information Modelling can help make the construction industry more efficient make people work better together and add value to projects.

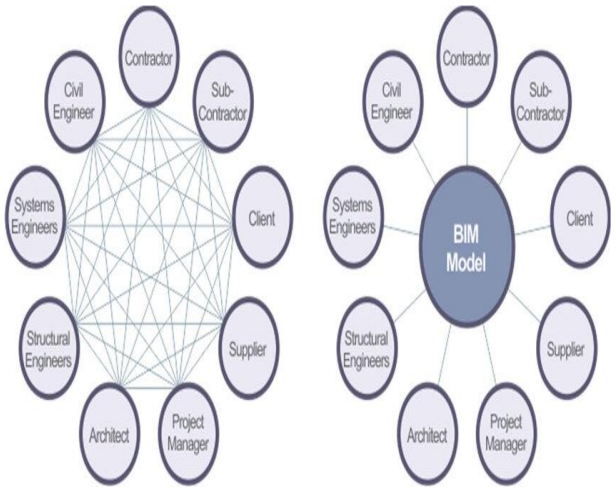

Fig. 1.3 Coordination in BIM

1.5.2 Research Objectives

Aim: To investigate how BIM influences contemporary construction and its contribution to promoting innovation and efficiency.

Specific Objectives:

To assess how BIM enhances project efficiency and cost control.

To examine BIM's role in improving collaboration and communication.

To evaluate the long-term benefits of BIM for sustainability and lifecycle management.

To evaluate the effectiveness of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in multidisciplinary coordination compared to conventional 2D CAD-based workflows.

1.5.3 Scope of the Problem & Barriers

Conventional Issues: The sector encounters challenges such as late design mistakes, excessive costs, and poor communication resulting from disjointed workflows.

BIM Addresses These By:

Facilitating prompt conflict identification.

Improving project representation.

Assisting with combined monitoring and resource management.

Obstacles to Acceptance:

Requirement for skilled experts. Need for trained professionals.

Absence of interoperability and legal certainty, Lack of interoperability and legal clarity.

Global Outlook: Despite challenges, BIM is becoming mandatory in many countries (e.g., UK, Singapore), signalling a shift towards widespread global adoption.

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Literature Review

Building Information Modelling (BIM) has emerged as a crucial area of focus in construction research over recent decades, owing to its ability to fundamentally change traditional practices. Academics and industry experts have dedicated significant effort to examining its various applications, measurable advantages, and obstacles encountered across the project lifecycle.

BIM as a Foundational Shift and Collaborative Tool

Eastman et al. (2011) define BIM as a fundamental transformation, moving beyond conventional two-dimensional computer-aided design (2D CAD) to create smart, data-rich three-dimensional models. Their analysis positions BIM not merely as a design program, but as a comprehensive digital record encompassing a building's physical form and operational characteristics throughout its entire lifespan. The authors stress that BIM is instrumental in fostering cooperation among different disciplines, enhancing the analysis of constructability, and seamlessly integrating data from the initial concept phase through to facility operations. A central theme is the importance of **interoperability**, supported by open standards like Industry Foundation Classes (IFC), which ensures smooth data exchange among all project participants. Their findings also confirm BIM's utility in minimizing design flaws, improving project comprehension through visualization, and increasing the reliability of cost and schedule forecasts.

BIM Maturity, Policy, and Global Adoption

Succar (2009) came up with a BIM Framework. It helps sort out BIM use into three parts: technology, processes and policy. The framework has BIM levels from 0 to 3. These levels show how good an organization or sector is at using tools working with data and working together. This helps industry people and governments see how ready they are making plans and create BIM rules. BIM only works if everything fits together. The company culture, laws and tech setup. This study also helps countries measure how well they are doing with BIM and make plans to get better at it. The BIM Framework by Succar is useful for both industry professionals. Governing bodies to assess their BIM maturity levels and formulate effective BIM guidelines. It provides a tool for them to establish developmental milestones. It offers a blueprint, for developing national BIM implementation strategies.

Eadie et al. (2013) focused their research on the factors driving BIM uptake in the UK construction industry. Their survey showed that government rules the need for public sector projects to reach BIM Level 2 help make BIM widely used. The main reasons companies adopt BIM are to save money work efficiently and follow regulations. The authors say it's crucial for companies to be ready have training and get good support from vendors to make BIM work well. However, the study also found that medium-sized businesses struggle with high software costs and not having enough technical skills. This means they need help and easy-to-use technologies. The study looked at what helps and hurts BIM adoption in the UK construction industry. BIM is important for construction companies to work efficiently and save money. Government mandates play a role in making BIM widely used. The authors think BIM can help companies meet regulations and work efficiently. They also think companies need to be ready and have training to make BIM work well. Medium-sized businesses need special help with BIM. They struggle with software costs and not having enough technical skills. So, they need to-use technologies and special support. BIM can help the UK construction industry work efficiently. The study showed that government rules and company readiness are crucial for BIM adoption. BIM can help companies save money and meet regulations. The authors think BIM is important, for the UK construction industry. They studied what helps and hurts BIM adoption. Their research showed that BIM can help companies work efficiently. The study also showed that medium-sized businesses need special help with BIM.

Chan et al. (2019) specifically looked into the problems faced by developing countries when trying to use Building Information Modelling (BIM). They found that these countries often have limited technology and not enough skilled workers, which slows down progress. Their research, which included case studies showed that certain factors are crucial for BIM to be successful. These factors include: support from leaders, enough money invested, active help from the government, having workers with the right skills. The researchers noted that while BIM has many long-term benefits the high initial cost and lack of standard procedures often stop people from using it. To solve these problems, they suggested that: Educational programs should be created to teach people about BIM, the government should offer incentives to encourage its use, private sectors should work together on BIM projects. This way they believe that developing countries can start using BIM faster and overcome the existing challenges.

BIM for Sustainability and Lifecycle Management (4D, 5D, 6D)

Azhar et al. (2012) Building Information Modeling or BIM is really useful for making buildings that're good for the environment. It helps a lot when we use energy simulation tools in the design process. BIM is great for getting certifications like LEED because it lets us look really closely at how much energy a building will use. We can use BIM to figure out the way to use natural light and see how the building will stay warm or cool. Some examples show that using BIM to plan for sustainability can really reduce the amount of energy a building uses and the bad things it does to the environment. This shows that BIM is not a tool for drawing but it is a very important tool for making sustainable buildings. BIM helps us make buildings that're good for the environment and BIM supports this by giving us a lot of information about the building. We can use BIM to make buildings that use energy and BIM is very useful, for this.

Wong and Zhou (2015) concentrate on combining Building Information Modelling (BIM) tools with Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) to evaluate how materials and building systems affect the environment over a buildings lifetime. By linking BIM models with existing LCA databases they make it easier to choose materials based on facts. Their study shows that this approach works well in lowering the carbon footprint of building materials improving how buildings operate and keeping track of sustainability goals during design and construction. They think BIM is an asset, for designing green buildings and following regulations. They believe that using BIM in this way can help builders and designers make choices. It also helps in making sure that buildings are designed and built with the environment in mind.

Gledson and Greenwood (2017) analysed the benefits of 4D BIM, which links three- models with time-related data to improve construction planning. It helps with sequencing and automated clash detection. Their work shows that visually simulating construction schedules helps project teams find problems. These problems and workflow inefficiencies are often missed in bar charts, like Gantt charts. The study found that 4D BIM leads to site coordination. It also improves clarity in stakeholder communication. Reduces project risks. 4D BIM can support schedule adjustments in response to unforeseen events or scope changes. This confirms its role as a management tool for 4D BIM. It is useful for construction planning, with 4D BIM.

Bryde et al. (2013) The people who did this study looked at how 5D BIM helps with managing the money spent on construction projects. They used project information to see how well 5D BIM works. What they found out is that 5D BIM is really good at controlling costs. It also helps prevent the budget from being too high and makes it clear who is responsible for the money.

The people who wrote this study say that when you combine the design information with the cost information in one place you do not have to enter the information by hand much. This means you can trust the cost predictions you make on. They also say that 5D BIM helps people plan for scenarios. This means that the people working on the project can see how different design choices will affect the money before they start building.
They think 5D BIM is a tool for construction projects because it helps people make good decisions about money. The study shows that 5D BIM is a way to manage the financial value of big construction projects. The researchers, like 5D BIM because it helps with cost estimation and automatic quantity take-off. They believe that 5D BIM results in cost control and lower budget overruns.

Sacks et al. (2018) They started using 6D BIM to connect the digital model data of a building to the facility management systems in a way. The research shows how the people who own the buildings and the staff who take care of them can use the BIM models that have information like what the equipment is, when it was last maintained and how well it is working right now. When we combine this information with the systems, we already have to manage the assets we can fix problems before they happen figure out what is going wrong quickly and save money in the run. The people who wrote this think that the big benefit of using BIM is not

just when the building is being constructed but after it is finished and people are using it because that is when we make decisions that affect how well it runs over time. 6D BIM is really important for the facility management systems and for the building owners who want to get the most out of their investment, in 6D BIM.**Emerging Trends and Data Standards.**

Zhou et al. (2022) They came up with a system that uses artificial intelligence and special tools to track how a construction site is doing. This system uses pictures from drones and information from sensors to keep an eye on things. It is a way of doing things that lets people see right away if the construction work is going as planned. The system sends out alerts if something is not right so people can see the problem and the numbers that go with it. This system makes the site safer. Helps people make decisions faster. It also helps get the most out of the resources they have. The people who made this system think it is a step, towards being able to watch projects on their own without needing people to do it. This could mean manual work and a quicker way to get things done on time. The new system is a 4D BIM system that uses drone photography and IoT sensors to track site progress.

Liu and Pishdad-Bozorgi (2016) underscore the critical need for a structured data transfer protocol to seamlessly transition information from the construction phase into the operations phase. Their work centres on the **COBie (Construction-Operations Building information exchange) standard**, which formalizes BIM data into an accessible format suitable for direct import into existing facility management software. Their conclusions indicate that the use of COBie significantly improves asset documentation, simplifies the data handover process, and reduces the need for subsequent data clean-up. They strongly recommend involving FM teams early in the design process to ensure that the BIM models are created with operational long-term usability in mind.

Fig. 2.1 Benefits of using BIM

2.2 Research Methodology

This investigation adopts a **qualitative research strategy** combined with detailed **case study analysis** to gain practical insight into how BIM is utilized in live construction environments. The methodology followed these distinct stages:

Data Collection:

- Primary Data: Information was collected through direct expert interviews with specialized engineers and BIM professionals involved in real-world projects.
- Secondary Data: This included an extensive review of existing published case studies, technical papers, peer-reviewed journal articles, and official government reports relevant to BIM implementation.

Analysis Techniques:

- Content Analysis: The collected textual data was rigorously examined to identify recurring themes related to BIM's specific impact on construction efficiency, project cost control, and sustainability metrics.
- Cross-Case Comparison: A comparative analysis was performed to assess and contrast the actual performance and benefits derived from BIM across different types of projects.

CaseStudyFocus:
The **Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences** project is the example for this study. It shows how Building Information Modelling works in a hospital building. This big hospital needed careful planning for its many systems. These systems include the architecture, structure and special systems like electrical, plumbing and mechanical. The hospital required attention to medical gas lines, heating and cooling systems and custom electrical systems for operating theaters and diagnostic centers. The project serves as the example, for this study.

BIM Implementation Strategy:

The project employed a comprehensive BIM methodology throughout the design and construction phases, utilizing **Autodesk Revit** for 3D modelling and **Navisworks** for coordination and project management. The implementation focused on three critical areas:

Design Visualization and Coordination:

- Creation of a single, federated BIM model integrating all architectural, structural, and MEP discipline models.
- Development of highly detailed 3D models for complex medical environments, including intensive care units (ICUs), surgical operation theaters, and advanced diagnostic laboratories.
- Enabled immediate, real-time visualization critical for accurate medical equipment planning and optimizing spatial efficiency.

- **4D Scheduling and Construction Sequencing:**

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- **Cost Estimation and Quantity Take-off:**

- Generated automated, precise quantity take-offs (QTOs) derived directly from the geometric data embedded within the BIM model.

- Implemented the principles of 5D BIM to ensure highly accurate cost estimation and robust budget control.

- Facilitated continuous, real-time monitoring of project costs against the actual construction progress.

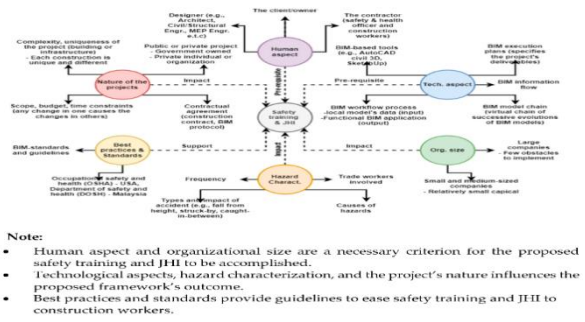


Fig. 2.2 Framework for Evaluating BIM Applications

2.3 Problem Statement

The construction of hospitals like the Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences is always complicated. This is because the old ways of building things are not good enough. These projects are very complex. Need many things to work together such as the design of the building the strength of the structure and special systems like air conditioning and electricity.

The old way of doing things, which uses two- drawings is not good enough to handle this complexity. This means that mistakes are often found late and a lot of time and money is wasted fixing them. The budget often goes over. The project takes longer than planned.

Also, people working on the project do not have a way to share information, which makes it hard to communicate and hand over documents when the project is finished. This is a problem because it is very important to have good documents to make sure the hospital runs well and is easy to maintain.

So, we really need to start working in a better way using something called Building Information Modelling or BIM for short. BIM is necessary to find and fix problems early to plan the construction work in the order to keep costs under control and to make sure the hospital is built well and is easy to manage and maintain. Building Information Modelling is the key to making sure the Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences and other big hospitals, like it are built correctly and run well.

2.4 Applications of BIM in Construction

2.4.1 Design and Visualization

BIM fundamentally alters the design stage by facilitating the creation of detailed **3D digital models** that precisely represent all building geometry, materials, and internal systems. Unlike conventional 2D CAD documents, BIM models enable architects and engineers to visualize the full spatial configuration, leading to dramatically improved coordination and minimizing potential misinterpretations.

BIM tools like Revit allow simulation of:

- Natural lighting and air circulation (ventilation).
- Anticipated energy consumption patterns.
- Impact of the building's orientation on performance.

These simulation capabilities actively promote sustainable design by enabling data-driven adjustments early in the process, which results in demonstrably more

energy-efficient structures. For instance, the Flamengo Hospital project used Revit to visualize both external facades and internal layouts, allowing all stakeholders to provide definitive approval on the final design before any physical construction commenced.

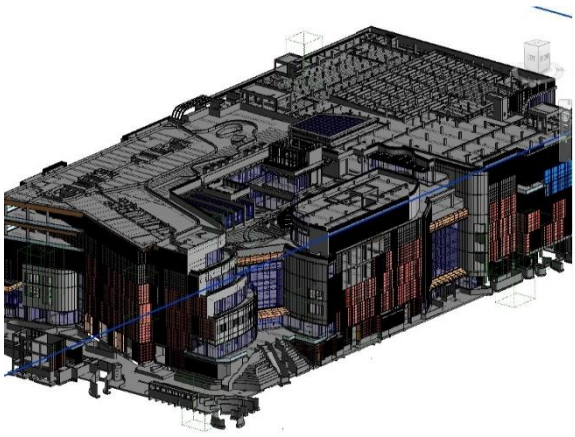


Fig. 2.4 Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences using BIM

2.4.2 Construction Planning and Scheduling (4D BIM)

BIM extends far beyond static 3D geometry by integrating the **4th dimension: time**. This fusion of scheduling data enables several critical functions:

- Dynamic simulation of construction sequences.
- Visual, easily digestible representation of project progress over time.
- Proactive identification of potential project bottlenecks and constraints.

Specialized tools like Navisworks Manage help project planners to link individual model parts to the main project timeline. This is really important for getting the order of tasks and

avoiding expensive scheduling problems on site. In the Flamengo Hospital project using 4D planning meant that different construction teams worked together smoothly. They made sure tasks were finished on time by showing what needed to be done each day. The 4D planning tool helped to prevent delays. Ensured that the construction teams were on track to meet the scheduled targets. The project planners could see the progress of the construction. Make adjustments as needed. Navisworks Manage played a role in making this happen. It allowed the teams to work together effectively. The 4D planning approach was essential, for the success of the Flamengo Hospital project.

2.4.3 Cost Estimation and Budgeting

BIM supports **5D modelling**, where critical cost information is embedded directly within the intelligent building model. This capability encompasses:

- Automated quantity take-offs (QTOs).
- Accurate material costs.
- Detailed labour requirements.

This approach helps make project budgeting more reliable. It also helps find ways to reduce costs on. For the Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences project Autodesk Revit automatically generated quantity schedules. This reduced mistakes that can happen with calculations. The project stayed within the client's budget. Any design change shows up away in the cost estimate. BIM is a tool, for keeping costs under control. It responds quickly to changes. The tool helps track costs throughout the project.

METHODOLOGY

This study uses an organized way to find answers. We start by looking at what other people have written about managing construction projects and using BIM. We read a lot of papers and books to understand what people are doing now. What problems they are facing. From what we read we found some problems in the way construction projects are done in India. For example, people are not working together well. They are finding mistakes too late. We also found that the design and construction plans are not well connected.

We then clearly said what we want to achieve in this study. We want to fix these problems by using a way of doing things that uses BIM. To do this we had to learn more about what other people have done. So, we did a review of what people have written to help us choose the right methods and tools. We then created a plan. Tried it out on a real project. We used BIM to make models get people to work together find mistakes and schedule tasks. This was, like an experiment to see if our plan works. We looked at the results. Compared them to the old way of doing things in India. We wanted to see if our way is better and if it helps people work together smoothly and accurately.

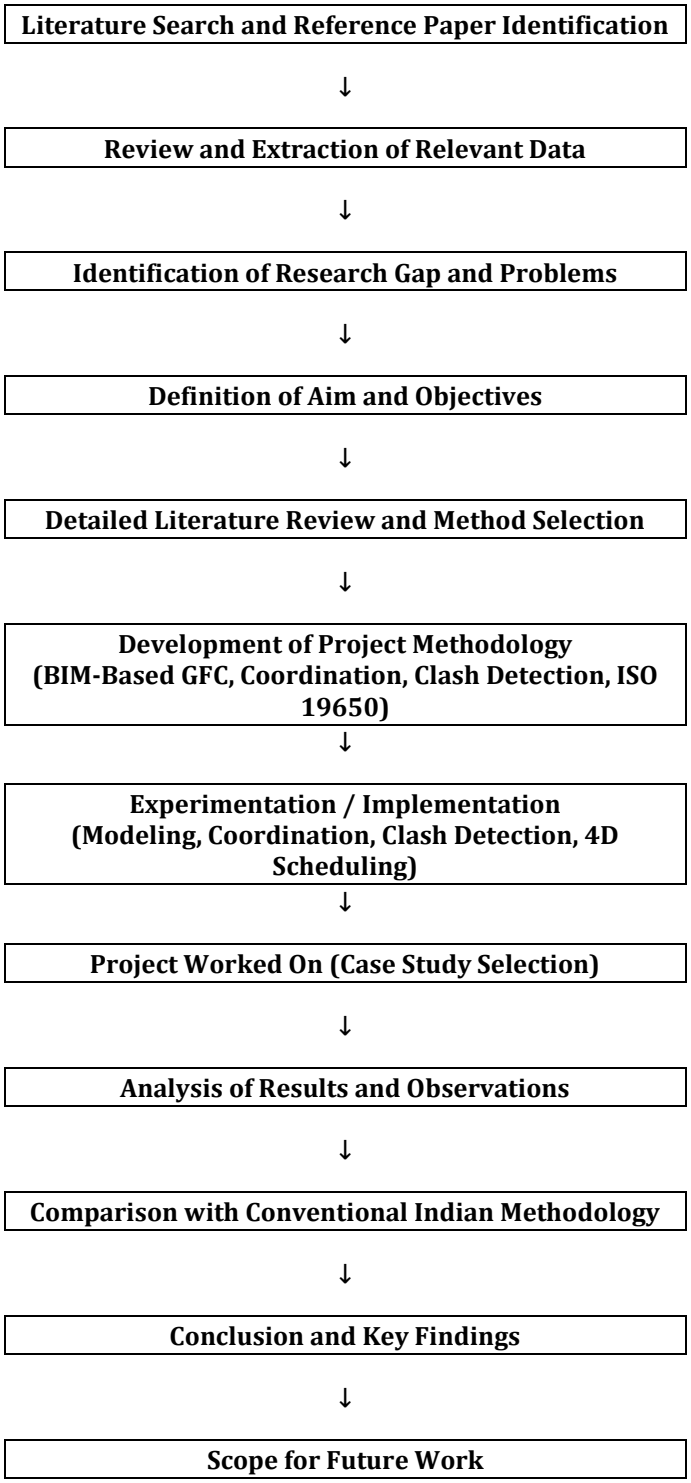


Fig 3.1. Flowchart for Methodology

3.1. Literature Search and Reference Paper Identification

The research process begins with the identification of relevant journals, conference papers, standards, and technical publications related to construction project management and BIM implementation. This step helps establish a theoretical foundation and provides insight into existing practices, tools, and methodological approaches adopted by previous researchers.

3.2. Data Collection and Understanding of Existing Practices

After identifying suitable references, relevant data are extracted to understand conventional construction methodologies, particularly GFC-based workflows followed in Indian projects. This stage focuses on identifying commonly reported issues, practical limitations, and gaps between design and execution.

3.3. Identification of Problems and Research Gaps

The collected information is critically analyzed to determine key problems such as design inconsistencies, lack of interdisciplinary coordination, late-stage clash identification, and inefficiencies in planning. These challenges form the basis for identifying the research gap that the present study aims to address.

3.4. Formulation of Aim and Objectives

Based on the research gaps I found I set achievable goals and objectives. These objectives help direct the study and define what I want to investigate making sure I stay on track and focused on the outcomes. The goals and objectives are based on the research gaps.

3.5. Detailed Literature Review and Method Selection

To figure out the way to do this study we need to look at what other people have done before us. We have to read a lot of books and papers to see what methods and tools they used. This will help us choose the Building Information Modeling techniques, ways to work together and scheduling methods for our project. Building Information Modeling is very important, for our research objectives.

3.6. Development of Project Methodology

When we look at what we have learned from reading about this topic we can make a plan for our project. This plan includes using computer models that are based on Building Information Modeling or BIM for short to make a good Graphical Facility Composition, which we will call GFC development for our project. We will also work with people from teams find and fix problems set up our models in a way that follows the rules of the

International Organization for Standardization or ISO and make sure we are planning everything together. We will use Building Information Modeling, for our GFC development to make it better.

3.7. Experimentation and Implementation

The developed methodology is implemented on an ongoing project as part of the experimentation phase. BIM models are created, coordinated, and analysed to test the practicality and effectiveness of the proposed approach under real project conditions.

3.8. Ongoing Project

An ongoing construction project is selected as a case study to evaluate the practical applicability of the proposed methodology. The project serves as a real-time platform for implementing and validating BIM-based workflows under actual project constraints and requirements.

3.9. Analysis of Results and Observations

The outcomes obtained from the implementation phase are systematically examined to assess improvements in coordination accuracy, design clarity, and planning efficiency. Observations from this stage provide measurable indicators of performance enhancement.

3.10. Comparison with Conventional Indian Methodology

A comparative analysis is carried out between the BIM-based methodology and traditional Indian construction practices. This comparison highlights differences in workflow efficiency, error reduction, and integration between design and construction stages.

3.11. Conclusion and Key Findings

Based on the comparative analysis, conclusions are drawn regarding the effectiveness of the adopted methodology. Key findings are summarized to demonstrate how the proposed approach addresses the identified research gaps.

3.12. Scope for Future Work

Finally, areas for future research are identified to extend the applicability of the methodology. This includes potential improvements in BIM standardization, automation, and integration with emerging digital technologies in construction.

BENEFITS OF BIM IN CONSTRUCTION

4.1 Enhanced Collaboration and Communication

Building Information Modelling is really good at helping people work together on projects. It makes a difference because in the past people working on construction projects did not work together very well. Architects and engineers and construction managers all used systems and they did not talk to each other very much. This caused a lot of problems like people getting the information and things getting delayed. It also meant that people had to do work to fix mistakes. Building Information Modelling fixes these problems by creating a place where all the information is stored. All the important details about the project. Like the drawings and the timeline and the budget. Are kept in one place. Everyone can see the latest version. People can use tools like Autodesk Construction Cloud and Revit to look at the project and make changes and check what other people are doing. This means that lots of people can work on the project at the time, from different places and they can all see what is going on with Building Information Modelling.

BIM fosters transparency and efficiency through:

Unified Modelling: Allowing all specialized teams to collaborate directly within a singular, shared environment.

Version Control: Automatically maintaining a detailed record of every alteration made to the model.

Instant Data Propagation: Ensuring that an update to one element (e.g., changing a beam size) is immediately reflected across all linked documentation (e.g., schedules, quantities).

Visual Communication: Facilitating faster decision-making by sharing complex data visually.

For example, when building the Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences in Kota, Rajasthan different teams used the BIM platform. They worked together at the time and made sure the buildings structure and electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems fit together perfectly. This prevented problems, with the design. Made it easier to build on site. The teams checked the MEP systems and made sure they were coordinated. The Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences used this approach to ensure a construction process.

Fig. 4.1 Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences Kota, Rajasthan Interdisciplinary Coordination

4.2 Reduced Risk and Increased Accuracy

Risk management is really important in the construction business and Building Information Modeling is a help in reducing unexpected problems before we start building. One of the things it does is detect clashes, which means the Building Information Modeling software can automatically find spatial problems like when an air conditioning duct is going right through a column that is holding up the building during the early design stages. Building Information Modeling helps us find these problems on so we can avoid them when we are actually building. Building Information Modeling is very useful, in the construction sector.
By pinpointing and resolving these coordination issues early, BIM dramatically reduces the exposure to several key project risks:

- **Financial Risk:** Minimizing the need for expensive design changes and rework during the construction phase.
- **Schedule Risk:** Preventing delays caused by unexpected coordination problems that would otherwise halt work on site.
- **Safety Risk:** Addressing structural or spatial design errors that could potentially compromise safety protocols.

The BIM models are built to exact real-world dimensions and have information. This precision eliminates mistakes on-site that can be costly. The models have all the structural and MEP data. This means every component fits perfectly. It acts like a test for construction. The Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences used Navisworks Manage. They used it to find clashes, between HVAC ducts and the ceiling grid. Finding these issues virtually saved the project time and material costs. If they had found these issues during installation it would have cost more. BIM helps the construction team. It moves them from reacting to problems to preventing them. The BIM models help the team find issues before they happen. This prevents mistakes. The construction team can plan ahead. They can make sure everything fits and works together.

4.3 Time and Cost Efficiency

Building Information Modeling or BIM makes projects more efficient. It does this by combining the project schedule and cost estimates with the design. This means that when you make a change to the design the project schedule and costs are updated away. BIM is really good at helping people manage projects because it is so dynamic. When you use BIM, you can see how changes to the design affect the project timeline and budget. BIM makes it easier to keep track of the project schedule and costs because it updates everything automatically. This is because BIM combines the design, with the schedule, which is sometimes called 4D and the cost estimates, which is sometimes called 5D. So, BIM is a tool that helps people manage projects more efficiently by bringing together the design, schedule and costs.

Time Efficiency:

Sequence Visualization: 4D planning provides visual simulations of the entire construction process, clearly outlining sequences and key milestones.

Workflow Streamlining: Identifying and eliminating workflow bottlenecks accelerates overall project delivery.

Logistics Refinement: Site logistics, including equipment placement and material laydown areas, can be simulated and optimized pre-construction.

Cost Efficiency:

Dynamic Budgeting: Real-time updates to cost estimates triggered by every design revision effectively prevent unexpected budget overruns.

Waste Reduction: Highly accurate automated **quantity take-offs** extracted from the BIM model minimize ordering errors and material waste.

Procurement Planning: Enhanced predictability aids in **Just-in-Time (JIT)** procurement strategies, thereby minimizing both labor downtime and on-site storage requirements.

For example, the construction team for the Bharat Vikas Institute of Medical Sciences leveraged 4D and 5D BIM to tightly coordinate the material delivery schedules with the labour deployment plan. This synchronized approach ensured that necessary materials and personnel were available precisely when needed, resulting in reduced site congestion, minimized idle labour time, and an overall more streamlined project execution.

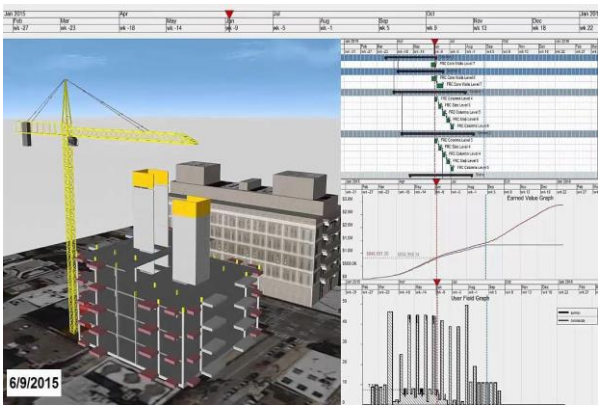


Fig. 4.2 Time and Cost Integration (5D BIM)

CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING BIM IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Building Information Modeling is a change for the construction business. It has a lot of things about it. There are many problems that stop it from being used everywhere. These problems are very hard for companies and projects in places that are not as developed. We need to find out what these problems are and fix them so Building Information Modeling can be used easily by everyone. Building Information Modeling can be very helpful if we can make it work better for companies and projects in developing places. Building Information Modeling is the key, to making construction.

5.1 High Initial Costs

A big challenge to using BIM is the cost that you have to pay at the start. This cost comes from things:

Software costs: BIM software like Autodesk Revit, Navisworks, Bentley and ArchiCAD can be very expensive to buy or subscribe to. This is especially true if you need licenses for users. The BIM software costs are high. BIM platforms such as Autodesk Revit and ArchiCAD have costs. You have to pay a lot for BIM software like Autodesk Revit. The cost of BIM software is high, for example Autodesk Revit.

Hardware and Infrastructure Needs: Building Information Modeling applications are really tough, on computer resources. They need a lot of power to run properly so you have to buy computer workstations and good data storage systems that can handle a lot of information. Building Information Modeling applications will not work well without these things.

Workforce Development and Training: Staff members need to learn a lot about BIM software and how to use it. This means they have to go through training. The cost of sending employees to these training courses or hiring staff who already know BIM software is very high. This increases the amount of money that needs to be spent at the beginning. BIM software is not easy to learn. That is why the training is so important, for BIM software.

Ongoing Operational Expenses: Firms face recurring costs related to perpetual subscription renewals, necessary software upgrades, and fees for technical support services.

For specialized contractors or smaller firms operating on limited profit margins, this combined financial burden frequently acts as a decisive deterrent, preventing them from transitioning away from familiar 2D CAD drafting systems to integrated BIM environments.

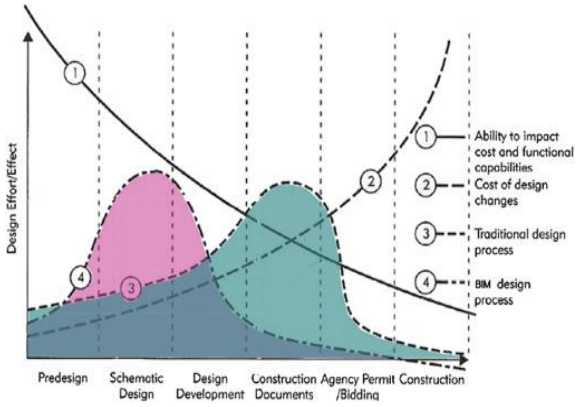


Fig. 5.1 BIM Effectiveness and Process vs Traditional method

5.2 Resistance to Change

The construction industry has always done things a way. It is an industry that likes to stick with what it knows like

ways of working and strict rules. The construction industry has been doing things this way for a long time. Now the construction industry is being introduced to BIM. BIM is a way of working that uses computers and gets people working together. This new way of working with BIM is very different from what the construction industries used to. Because of this many people who have been in the construction industry for a time do not like the change, to BIM. They like the ways of working and do not want to change. The construction industry is having to get used to the idea of BIM and how it will change the way things are done.

Cultural Inertia: A lot of engineers, construction managers and site supervisors are not keen on giving up the manual tools they are used to, like paper drawings. They like to stick with what they know of switching to digital models and workflows that are completely computer based. The engineers, construction managers and site supervisors prefer their ways even if it means not using the latest digital technology because they are comfortable, with paper drawings and other manual tools.

Anxiety Over Job Roles: A notable concern among the workforce is the apprehension that increased automation and digital processes will ultimately lead to the displacement or obsolescence of conventional job functions.

Perceived Complexity of BIM Tools: The sophisticated nature of BIM software can feel intimidating and overly complex, particularly for team members who lack confidence or prior experience with advanced digital tools.

Successfully overcoming this resistance requires dedicated **change management strategies**, combined with visible backing from senior leadership and structured, supportive training programs tailored to all organizational levels.

5.3 Interoperability and Standardization Issues

A major technical challenge for BIM is **interoperability**, which is the ability of different software platforms, used by various disciplines, to exchange data reliably and consistently. This challenge is magnified by the fragmented ecosystem of tools and diverse file formats used by project stakeholders.

Absence of Universal Standards: Different software applications operate using proprietary data formats (e.g., Revit's .rvt file vs. the open standard .ifc). This variance frequently results in file conversion errors, critical data loss, or misalignment of models during exchange.

Inconsistent Modelling Protocols: Teams frequently operate without agreed-upon global protocols, leading to variances in naming conventions, established coordinate systems, and component layering structures.

Collaboration Breakdown: If key stakeholders utilize incompatible software, the core objective of BIM—seamless digital collaboration—is directly undermined, necessitating time-consuming workarounds.

To mitigate these issues, international standards such as the **Industry Foundation Classes (IFC)** and **ISO 19650** have been developed to govern information management. However, consistent global adoption of these standards remains a continuous challenge.

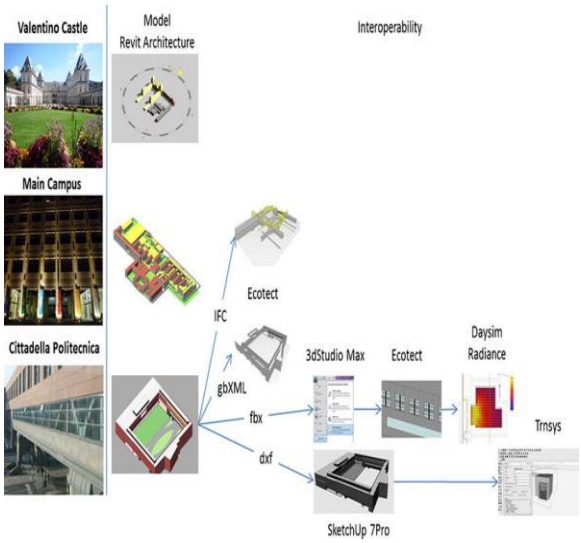


Fig. 5.2 BIM Effectiveness and Process vs Traditional method

5.4 Legal, Contractual, and Data Security Concerns

The adoption of BIM introduces a new layer of complexity concerning legal accountability, contractual agreements, and the security of digital assets that is not typically present in document-based construction.

Legal and Contractual Risks:

Model Ownership Disputes: There is a lot of confusion about who owns the final BIM model. Is it the architect who made it first the engineer who's in charge or the client who paid for it? The thing is, the BIM model is something that a lot of people work on. So, it is hard to say who has the say.

Liability Allocation for Errors: Sometimes mistakes are made in the BIM model. If someone does not catch a mistake it can cause a lot of problems. The problem is that it is not clear who should pay for the mistakes.

Intellectual Property and Data Rights: When a lot of people work on a BIM model there can be disagreements about who can see the model and what they can do with it. There are also questions about who owns the ideas and the information in the model. The BIM model has a lot of information and ideas in it. So, it is important to figure out who has control, over it. The BIM model is a deal. That is why it is so important to get these things sorted out.

Data Security Concerns:

Cybersecurity threats are a problem. People who want to cause trouble like to go after the digital models that have a lot of project information in them. This makes them easy targets for hacking or people getting in without permission.

Cloud storage is another issue. When we put our BIM models on cloud platforms that're not our own, we have to think about who is in charge of the data and if it is safe. We also have to think about if the people who run the cloud platformers doing what they are supposed to do to keep our data safe.

We also have to think about keeping project information secret. The information, in our BIM models is often very sensitive. Includes financial and strategic information that we do not want other people to know.

To deal with these risks we need to come up with good technical ways to protect our data and good rules to follow. We also need to have legal and contractual frameworks that are made for the digital construction world. Cybersecurity threats and Cloud Storage and Sovereignty and Confidentiality and Privacy are all things we need to think about when we're working on projects and using BIM models.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

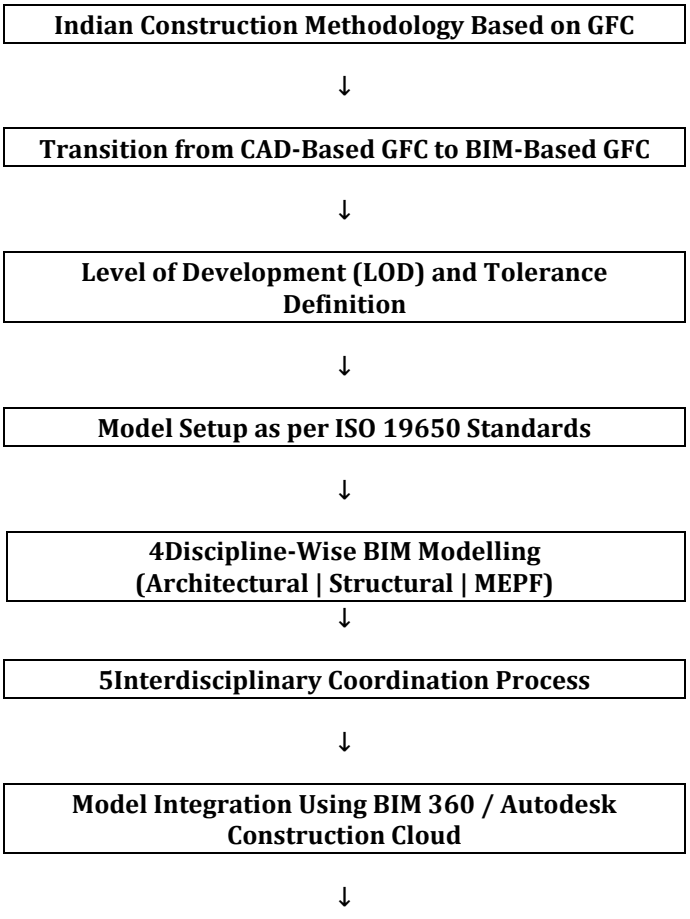
Introduction

The construction industry in India usually does things in a way, where they make a design get it approved and then build it. They do these things one after the other. Now projects are getting more complicated and they need to be more accurate. So, people are starting to use Building Information Modelling, which is also called BIM. This part of the book compares the way of doing things in India, which is based on Good for Construction drawings with the new way of using BIM.

When people build something in India, they usually start by making drawings. Then they make mechanical drawings. Once all the designs are finished, they make Good for Construction drawings. These drawings are the plans that are used to build the project.

Normally people make Good for Construction drawings using computer programs that only make 2D pictures. Each team, like the architects, structural engineers and mechanical engineers' works alone. They have to check that their drawings match up with the other teams' drawings. They also have to rely on engineers to make sure everything is okay. After the teams check their work, they send the drawings to everyone involved in the project to get their approval before they start building.

Each team, like the architects, structural engineers and mechanical engineers' works separately. If one team changes their design, they have to update the other team's drawings, which can cause mistakes. Because they do not have a plan it is hard for the teams to work together especially on projects that are complicated. The construction industry in India and Building Information Modelling is trying to fix these problems. Building Information Modelling is helping the construction industry, in India to make things better.



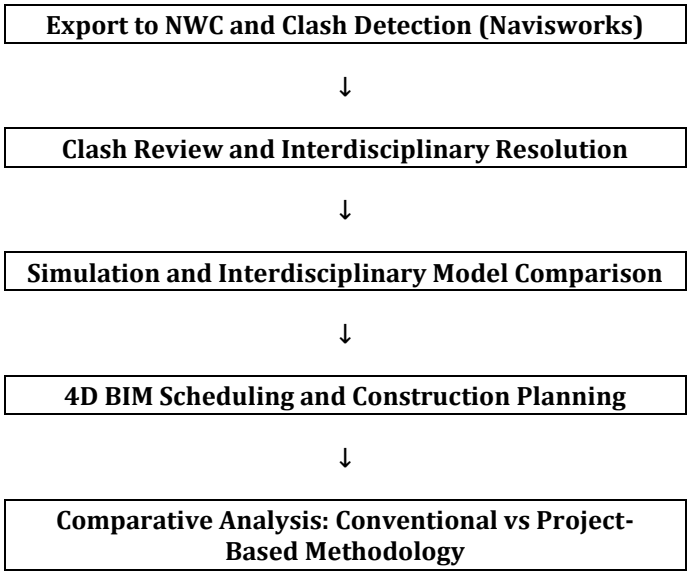


Fig 6.1. Flowchart of Methodology

6.1. Overview of Indian Construction Methodology Based on GFC

In India when we build something we usually follow the Good for Construction drawings. These are the plans that everyone has agreed on and they are used on the construction site. We get to this point after we have made all the big decisions and the client and other important people have given their okay.

We used to make these Good for Construction drawings using computer programs that can make 2D pictures. We would make drawings for the architecture and the pipes and the electrical stuff and then we would have to put them all together by hand.

This way of doing things relies a lot on the people building it having a lot of experience and being able to solve problems on the site. Sometimes this means we do not find out about problems until we are already building. As the projects we work on get more complicated, we can see that this old way of doing things is not the best. We have trouble getting everything to work together correctly. It takes a lot of time. The Good, for Construction drawings are still really important. We need to find a better way to make them and use them.

6.2. Transition from CAD-Based GFC to BIM-Based GFC

In this project we are making the Indian GFC methodology better by using a BIM-based GFC workflow. We do not just make 2D drawings we make a detailed 3D model for each part of the project. The Indian GFC methodology is enhanced by using a BIM-based GFC workflow.

We create the model and the structural model and the MEP model in a digital environment where everyone can work together using tools like Autodesk Revit for the Indian GFC methodology.

The BIM-based GFC workflow for the GFC methodology makes sure that the drawings we make are directly from the models that everyone has agreed on so there are fewer mistakes between what the drawings show and what we actually want to build with the Indian GFC methodology.

We get approval from all the engineering teams when we are working on the model before we make the GFC drawings for the Indian GFC methodology, which makes everything more reliable and accurate, for the Indian GFC methodology.

6.3. Model Setup as per ISO 19650 Standards

Post-GFC approval, the BIM models are configured according to ISO 19650 standards. This involves setting up:

- **Project base point**
- **True north and project north**
- **Northing and easting coordinates**
- **Project coordinate system**
- **Standardized grids and project levels**
- **Discipline-specific project templates**

This standardized setup ensures consistency, data interoperability, and effective information management throughout the project lifecycle.

Tab 6.1. LOD and Tolerance criteria

Project Stage	LOD	Tolerance
GFC Stage	LOD 350	±25 mm
Shop Drawing Stage	LOD 400	0 mm
As-Built Stage	LOD 500	0 mm

6.4. Interdisciplinary Coordination Process

When the individual discipline models are finished, we start working on getting everything to work together. This is a step because we want all the models to work as one team not as separate parts. To make this happen we have to think about a lot of things such as: How the structure will hold up. What it can handle. What the

mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems need to work. How the building will. Feel and how people will move around in it. Where the building is located, including which way it faces what the weather is like and what the land is like

When we work together like this, we can make better decisions about the design and that helps the whole project go more smoothly. The discipline models are. Then we start the coordination process, for the discipline models. This helps the discipline models work together.

6.5. Discipline-Wise BIM Modelling Approach

Each discipline follows a structured modelling approach:

When we do modelling we think about how the space will be used, what it will look like and if it works well. We also have to make sure it meets the design standards.

Structural modelling is different it is based on maths and calculations to make sure the building is strong and safe. We have to think about the weight of the building. If it can be built easily.

Then there is MEPF modelling, which includes things like air conditioning, electricity, water pipes and fire safety. We have to make sure all these systems are the size in the right place and easy to fix if something goes wrong.

We make all these models in a way so they all line up properly when we put them together. This way of working is better than what people do, in Indian projects, where everyone works separately without talking to each other.

6.6. Interdisciplinary Coordination Process

When the individual discipline models are done, we start working on getting everything to work together. This is a step because it makes sure that all the models are working as one team, not just on their own. To get this right we have to think about a lot of things such as: How the building is. If it can handle the weight, What the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems need to work, How the building. Feels and if it has enough space, Where the building is located, including the weather and the land around it.

When we work together like this, we can make decisions, about the design and that helps the whole project go more smoothly. The individual discipline models, like the model and the engineering model all work together to make the project more efficient. We consider the individual discipline models and the interdisciplinary coordination process to ensure that the project is completed successfully.

6.7. Use of Collaborative BIM Platforms

To manage and combine models from various fields we use cloud-based collaboration tools like Autodesk Construction Cloud and BIM 360. These platforms help us keep all data in one place track changes and control who can access what. We upload architectural, structural and MEP models, into a shared space so, all teams work with the latest information. This way we avoid mistakes that can happen when teams do not coordinate well and reduce problems that come from not communicating.

Tab 6.2. Comparative Analysis: Conventional vs Project-Specific Methodology

Aspect	Conventional Indian Methodology	Project BIM-Based Methodology
Design Platform	2D CAD	Integrated BIM Models
Coordination	Manual	Automated Clash Detection
Data Management	Fragmented	Centralized (ACC/BIM 360)
Clash Resolution	On-site	Pre-construction
Scheduling	Separate from design	Integrated 4D BIM
Accuracy	Moderate	High
Rework	High	Minimal

6.8. Export to NWC and Clash Detection Workflow

When the federated model is ready it is exported into Navisworks Cache format. The federated model is then used for clash detection with Navisworks, which helps find problems between parts of the federated model from different disciplines.

The federated model helps find clashes like when a beam and a duct intersect or when a pipe goes through a wall or when there are problems, with cable trays. The federated model finds these problems using computers

before construction starts. This way we can avoid having to fix things on the construction site and stop delays, which happen a lot in the way of building things in India.

6.9. Clash Review and Interdisciplinary Resolution

Detected clashes are looked at during meetings with architects, structural engineers and MEP engineers. Each clash is checked to see if it is safe if it works well what the architect wanted and if it can be built. The people working on the project talk, about what changes to make. Then they make those changes together so that nothing gets messed up. The models are. Sent out again until all the big problems and really important clashes are fixed. The team keeps working like this until they have a model that does not have any clashes and this model is good enough to use for the project. The goal is to have a clash-GFC model that is ready to be used.

6.10. Simulation and Model Comparison

After resolving clashes, we do simulation exercises to see how different models from fields work together. This involves checking if construction's feasible looking at how spaces relate to each other and planning service routes, across different disciplines. The simulation helps us confirm if our design choices make sense and that our coordinated model works in real-life construction situations with construction feasibility, spatial relationships and service routing being aspects to evaluate. It also makes sure that all models fit well together.

6.11. 4D BIM Scheduling and Construction Planning

The 4D BIM scheduling is made by putting time details into the model elements. This means that the construction activities are connected to the parts in the BIM model. We can see the order in which things are built.

We make 4D schedules, for the architectural work the structural work and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work. These schedules are based on what needs to be done

This way of doing things helps us plan better use our resources and work together as a team. The design team and the site team can work together smoothly. This is something that is often missing in the way construction projects are typically done in India.

6.12. Methodological Difference Between Conventional and Project-Based Approach

The way we do things in this project is different from what people do in India. We do a lot of planning and sorting out of problems before we even start building. This project does not wait for problems to happen on site. The methodology of this project identifies issues. Fixes them using computers, which means the work is better it gets done on time and we do not spend too much money. This project is really, about planning and clash resolution and coordination before we start building, which's the methodology of this project.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

I have worked with Building Information Modeling or BIM for short on construction projects. These projects were for healthcare buildings. Working on these projects helped me understand how to use models when we are actually building something.

I worked on some projects like IKEA Gurgaon and RCT Mall Gaming area, which is also known as Timezone at Ghatkopar. I also worked on Flamingo Hospital in Airoli and BVIMS Hospital in Kota, Rajasthan.

When I worked on these projects, I used BIM tools to help with designing and planning. I used these tools to look at the plans and see if everything fits together. I also used them to figure out how material we would need and to identify any problems before we started building.

Using BIM tools helped all the different teams, like the architects, the people who design the structure and the people who do the electrical work to work together better.

I learned a lot from working with Building Information Modeling. I saw how it can help us plan things efficiently reduce mistakes and make better decisions when we are building something. Building Information Modeling is very useful, for construction projects.

7.1. Ghatkopar RCT Mall Timezone:

R City Mall is a big shopping center, in Ghatkopar, Mumbai. The people who built it used something called Building Information Modeling or BIM for short to make sure all the different parts of the building fit together properly. This includes the architecture, the structure and the mechanical and electrical systems.

The team used BIM to make a model of the whole mall, which helped them find any problems before they started building. They could see if any of the pipes or wires were going to get in the way of each other. Building Information Modeling also helped them figure out how material they would need and how to build it in the best way possible.

R City Mall has a lot of stores and entertainment areas so it is very complex. With BIM the builders were able to plan everything carefully and make sure it all worked

together. This meant they had problems when they were building it and they did not have to go back and fix as many mistakes.

The people who built R City Mall used Building Information Modeling to make sure everything was safe and that it would last a time. They also used it to make sure the mall was built to the standards and that it would be easy to take care of. Building Information Modeling helped them with all of these things so R City Mall is a place to shop and have fun.

7.3. BVIMS Hospital Kota, Rajasthan

The BVIMS Hospital project in Kota Rajasthan was an experience. I got to see how Building Information Modeling or BIM is used in a hospital setting. The project had parts, including architecture, structure and mechanical, electrical and plumbing or MEP components. We used BIM models to help us see the project better combine the parts and plan more efficiently.

We made sure to get the spaces and routes right. We thought about how to build it. This was important to make sure the hospital was safe and worked well. The BVIMS Hospital project helped me understand how BIM can help avoid design mistakes get different teams working together and make decisions when building a complex hospital. The BIM process was very useful, in the construction process of the BVIMS Hospital project.

7.4. IKEA Gurgaon, Delhi

The IKEA project in Gurgaon, Delhi NCR was a learning experience for me.

It helped me understand how Building Information Modeling or BIM works in commercial projects. This project had many teams working architects, structural experts and MEP specialists. They used BIM models to plan designs use spaces wisely and sequence construction activities. BIM models helped us see building parts more clearly. It also helped teams work together efficiently on services. We were able to spot design issues early on. Working on this project taught me how BIM improves planning accuracy. It also showed me how BIM boosts coordination efficiency and overall project execution in commercial construction projects like IKEA. The IKEA project was an experience, for understanding BIM in big commercial developments. It showed the importance of BIM in making projects run smoothly. BIM helped teams work better together and plan accurately. The project was an example of how BIM can be used effectively.

8: CONCLUSION

The study found that Building Information Modeling or BIM greatly improves how well projects are managed and how much they cost by bringing design, scheduling and quantity information in one digital space. Having a model helps estimate costs and find problems early which reduces waste and the need to redo work. This leads to predictions about budgets and spending throughout the project. As a result, project timelines and costs are more predictable than with methods.

* BIM also helps teams work together and communicate better by providing a shared platform for data. All stakeholders work with models, which reduces mistakes and gaps in information. When design changes are made, they are automatically updated across disciplines making it clear who is responsible for what. This way of working reduces delays and improves decision-making.

The study shows that BIM is effective in supporting sustainability goals and managing assets over their lifespan. BIM models contain information about assets that helps with energy analysis, maintenance planning and managing facilities. This approach enables decisions beyond the construction phase. Consequently, BIM contributes to improved performance and sustainable asset utilization over time and BIM models are key to this.

* The comparison between BIM and traditional 2D CAD workflows confirms that BIM performs better in coordinating disciplines. BIM allows for automated detection of clashes and visual resolution of conflicts in the design process unlike manual checks in CAD that are time-consuming. This reduces the number of coordination cycles and design revisions. Overall, BIM proves to be more efficient, accurate and time-saving, for construction projects and BIM is a valuable tool.

8.1. Future Scope

The scope of this study can be extended by using 5D BIM. With 5D BIM we add cost data to the model and construction schedule. This helps us monitor costs in time and control the budget more effectively. We can forecast cash flow accurately make better financial decisions and evaluate the value of different design options during construction.

We can also improve our approach by using 6D and 7D BIM.

6D BIM helps us analyse sustainability by looking at energy use, carbon footprint and long-term costs during design.

7D BIM supports managing assets, planning maintenance and improving operations.

By using these dimensions, we can make buildings perform better and last longer. The 5D, 6D and 7D BIM approaches all work together to get value from our buildings. They help us make decisions, about construction and maintenance.

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