

# “A Study on the Mediating Role of Green Behaviour between Environmental Concern and the Success of Green Banking.”

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## Abstract

In the wake of increasing environmental degradation and climate-related risks, the banking sector has emerged as a crucial actor in promoting sustainable development through the adoption of green banking practices. This study investigates the mediating role of green behaviour in the relationship between environmental concern and the success of green banking in India. Drawing on the Theory of Planned Behaviour (TPB) and the Value–Belief–Norm (VBN) framework, this paper posits that individuals with higher levels of environmental concern are more likely to exhibit pro-environmental behaviours, which in turn enhance the success and adoption of green banking practices. Using a conceptual model developed from prior research, this study explores the psychological and behavioural mechanisms that link concern for the environment with sustainable financial practices. The paper provides an in-depth literature review, proposes empirically testable hypotheses, and discusses implications for banks, policymakers, and environmental strategists. The findings are expected to contribute to both theoretical development in sustainable finance and the practical advancement of green banking initiatives in emerging economies like India.

**Keywords:** Green Banking, Environmental Concern, Green Behaviour, Sustainable Finance, Mediation, India

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background of the Study

The global economy is undergoing a fundamental transformation as sustainability becomes a defining paradigm for growth and development. Financial institutions, particularly banks, play a pivotal role in this transformation by directing resources towards environmentally responsible projects. The concept of **green banking** has gained traction as a means to align banking operations and investments with environmental sustainability goals. Green banking refers to banking activities that minimize negative environmental impacts and promote environmentally friendly practices among customers and stakeholders.

India, as one of the fastest-growing emerging economies, faces severe environmental challenges, including air and water pollution, deforestation, and carbon emissions. These challenges have spurred both public and institutional interest in sustainable development and eco-friendly financial systems. In response, several Indian banks—such as the State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and Yes Bank—have introduced green banking initiatives including paperless banking, green loans, and investment in renewable energy projects.

### 1.2 The Role of Environmental Concern

**Environmental concern** reflects the degree to which individuals are aware of environmental problems and support efforts to solve them. Studies have shown that individuals with a high level of environmental concern are more inclined to engage in sustainable consumption and investment practices (Schlegelmilch et al., 1996; Bamberg & Möser, 2007). Within the banking context, such concern can manifest in choosing banks that adopt eco-friendly policies or through personal actions such as using online banking to reduce paper consumption.

### 1.3 Green Behaviour as a Mediator

However, environmental concern alone does not guarantee environmentally responsible actions. The translation of concern into actual practice depends on **green behaviour**—a set of voluntary actions reflecting environmental responsibility, such as energy conservation, recycling, or opting for paperless services. According to Ajzen’s (1991) Theory of Planned Behaviour, attitudes and concerns influence intentions, which in turn guide behaviour. Hence, green behaviour may serve as a **mediating variable** that channels environmental concern into the success of green banking practices.

### 1.4 Success of Green Banking

The **success of green banking** can be defined through multiple dimensions: increased adoption of green financial products, improved environmental performance of bank operations, customer satisfaction with green

initiatives, and compliance with sustainable policies. Successful green banking systems integrate economic profitability with ecological responsibility, thereby fostering long-term sustainability for both banks and society.

### 1.5 Research Gap and Rationale

Although numerous studies have explored the relationship between environmental concern and green banking adoption, limited research has examined **how individual green behaviour mediates this relationship**—especially within the Indian context. This study bridges that gap by proposing a conceptual model that elucidates the psychological process through which environmental concern influences green banking success.

### 1.6 Research Objectives

The main objectives of this research are:

1. To examine the impact of environmental concern on the success of green banking.
2. To assess the influence of environmental concern on green behaviour.
3. To analyse the mediating role of green behaviour between environmental concern and green banking success.
4. To propose policy recommendations for promoting green banking in India.

### 1.7 Significance of the Study

The findings of this research will provide valuable insights for policymakers, bank administrators, and academicians. For policymakers, understanding behavioural mediators can inform awareness campaigns and incentive programs for sustainable banking. For banks, it highlights the need to design customer engagement strategies that foster pro-environmental behaviours. For researchers, the study contributes to the theoretical integration of behavioural and environmental economics in the context of sustainable finance.

## 2. Review of Literature

### 2.1 Introduction to Green Banking

The concept of **green banking** has evolved as an innovative approach to promote environmental sustainability within the financial system. Green banking integrates eco-friendly principles into banking operations, investment policies, and customer services (Bahl, 2012). It encourages financial institutions to reduce carbon footprints, minimize resource consumption, and promote financing for sustainable projects such as renewable energy and waste management (Meena, 2013).

According to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** (2021), banks in India are expected to adopt environmentally responsible policies to align with the nation's sustainable development goals (SDGs). Internationally, institutions such as the **United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)** have emphasized the importance of sustainable banking in achieving global climate commitments.

Empirical studies show that green banking not only enhances a bank's reputation but also improves customer trust and loyalty (Sharma & Sharma, 2017; Singh & Singh, 2019). However, despite these advantages, adoption levels in developing countries remain modest due to low awareness and lack of behavioural motivation among customers.

### 2.2 Environmental Concern and Green Banking

**Environmental concern** refers to an individual's awareness and emotional involvement with environmental issues (Dunlap & Jones, 2002). It is often a precursor to environmentally responsible decision-making. Numerous studies have identified environmental concern as a critical determinant of **green product adoption** (Mainieri et al., 1997), **eco-friendly investments** (Cheah et al., 2011), and **sustainable consumption** (Leonidou et al., 2010).

In the context of **green banking**, environmentally concerned customers are more likely to prefer banks that adopt eco-friendly practices. For instance, Rahman and Barua (2016) found that environmental concern significantly influences customers' willingness to use online and paperless banking services. Similarly, Jha and Bhome (2013) observed that Indian customers with strong environmental awareness exhibit higher acceptance of green banking products such as green loans and e-statements.

However, studies also suggest that concern alone may not directly lead to adoption. Chen and Chai (2010) emphasized that a "value-action gap" often exists—individuals may express concern but fail to act accordingly unless behavioural and situational facilitators are present. This gap indicates the necessity of exploring **mediating mechanisms**, such as green behaviour, between concern and adoption outcomes.

### 2.3 Concept of Green Behaviour

**Green behaviour**, also known as pro-environmental behaviour, refers to actions taken by individuals to minimize their negative impact on the environment (Steg & Vlek, 2009). Examples include recycling, energy saving, using digital banking instead of paper transactions, or supporting eco-conscious institutions.

The **Theory of Planned Behaviour (Ajzen, 1991)** provides a strong foundation for understanding green behaviour. According to this theory, behaviour is driven by behavioural intention, which is influenced by attitude, subjective norms, and perceived behavioural control. In environmental studies, this theory helps explain how personal concern (attitude) and social expectations influence sustainable actions.

In the context of banking, customers' green behaviour manifests through actions such as:

- opting for e-statements and online banking,
- avoiding paper-intensive transactions,
- choosing banks that finance green projects, and
- encouraging peers to use sustainable banking services.

Empirical evidence (Bihari & Pradhan, 2011; Rashid, 2020) shows that customers' habitual green behaviour significantly enhances the perceived success of green banking initiatives. Hence, behaviour acts as a crucial link between psychological concern and tangible sustainability outcomes.

### 2.4 Mediating Role of Green Behaviour

Several studies have proposed that **green behaviour acts as a mediator** between environmental values and sustainable outcomes. Stern (2000) in his **Value–Belief–Norm (VBN)** model demonstrated that pro-environmental behaviour mediates the relationship between ecological values and environmental activism. Similarly, Bamberg and Möser (2007) conducted a meta-analysis confirming that environmental concern leads to behaviour, which then affects environmental outcomes.

In the domain of financial sustainability, Yadav and Pathak (2017) found that environmentally conscious consumers tend to engage in green purchasing behaviour, which indirectly influences their adoption of green products. Extending this to the banking sector, Malik and Singhal (2022) argued that green behaviour mediates the impact of environmental awareness on green banking adoption among urban customers in India.

Thus, the present study positions green behaviour as the **key behavioural mechanism** that channels the influence of environmental concern into the success of green banking.

### 2.5 Success of Green Banking

The **success of green banking** is multidimensional—it involves financial, environmental, and reputational outcomes. From a financial perspective, success can be measured through increased adoption of green products, customer retention, and long-term cost savings through digitalization. Environmentally, it is reflected in reduced carbon footprints and increased financing for sustainable sectors (Masukujjaman & Aktar, 2013).

Success also depends on customers' willingness to adopt and support green banking practices. Islam and Kamruzzaman (2021) found that customer participation, trust, and environmental consciousness contribute significantly to green banking success. On the institutional side, banks that actively engage employees in environmental initiatives report higher operational efficiency and improved stakeholder image (Bahl, 2012; Prasad & Purohit, 2018).

### 2.6 Green Banking in the Indian Context

India's banking sector has gradually recognized the importance of environmental sustainability. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** and **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** have issued guidelines encouraging banks to integrate environmental and social governance (ESG) principles into their lending and operations.

Banks such as **Yes Bank** have pioneered sustainability reporting, while **SBI** and **ICICI Bank** have launched green home loans and solar project financing. Despite such progress, customer participation in green banking remains limited (Kaur & Sandhu, 2019). Barriers include lack of awareness, perceived inconvenience, and minimal government incentives (Singh & Singh, 2020).

Given these constraints, understanding the psychological mechanisms—especially the mediating role of green behaviour—becomes essential for enhancing green banking success in India.

### 2.7 Summary of Literature Review

The literature reveals consistent evidence linking environmental concern, green behaviour, and green banking adoption. However, gaps persist in empirical validation of **how green behaviour mediates** this relationship

within emerging markets like India. Most prior studies focused either on awareness or adoption, without exploring behavioural mediation.

Thus, the present study contributes by:

1. Integrating **environmental psychology** with **sustainable finance**.
2. Testing a **mediational model** linking concern, behaviour, and green banking success.
3. Providing policy-relevant insights for promoting green financial practices in India.

### 3. Conceptual Framework, Hypotheses Development, and Model

#### 3.1 Theoretical Foundation

The proposed model is grounded primarily in two well-established behavioural theories:

##### a) Theory of Planned Behaviour (TPB)

Developed by **Ajzen (1991)**, the TPB explains how human behaviour is guided by three core components:

1. **Attitude toward behaviour**,
2. **Subjective norms**, and
3. **Perceived behavioural control**.

According to TPB, individuals with strong environmental attitudes (concern) are more likely to engage in pro-environmental actions (green behaviour), provided they perceive control over their choices and social support for such actions. In the context of this study, environmental concern represents the attitudinal component that influences green behaviour, which in turn impacts green banking outcomes.

##### b) Value–Belief–Norm (VBN) Theory

The **Value–Belief–Norm theory (Stern, 2000)** emphasizes that environmental actions result from personal values (biospheric, altruistic), beliefs about environmental consequences, and moral obligations (norms). The theory complements TPB by linking moral and normative motivations to green behaviour. Within green banking, VBN theory explains why environmentally concerned individuals may feel an ethical responsibility to support green financial institutions.

##### c) Integrative Theoretical Perspective

By combining TPB and VBN, the present study proposes a **dual-path model** wherein:

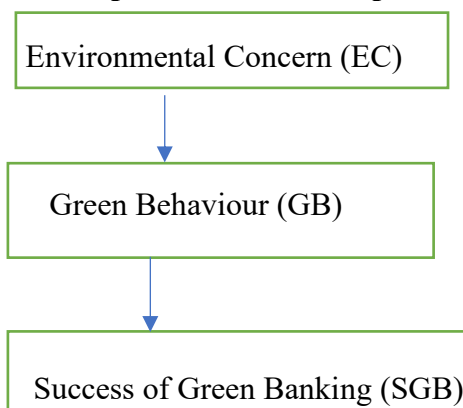
- Environmental concern (attitudinal belief) → shapes → green behaviour (intention/action),
- Green behaviour → drives → success of green banking (outcome).

This integration provides both a psychological (TPB) and moral (VBN) rationale for the mediation effect.

#### 3.2 Conceptual Framework

The conceptual model illustrates the relationships among **environmental concern (EC)**, **green behaviour (GB)**, and **success of green banking (SGB)**.

##### Conceptual Model Description:



**Figure 1: Conceptual Model**

*Environmental Concern → Green Behaviour → Success of Green Banking, with a direct path from Environmental Concern to Success of Green Banking.*

This framework proposes that environmental concern influences green banking success both **directly** and **indirectly through green behaviour**.



### 3.3 Variable Definitions and Dimensions

Variable	Definition	Key References
<b>Environmental Concern (EC)</b>	The degree to which individuals are aware of environmental problems and willing to act toward solutions.	Dunlap & Jones (2002), Bamberg & Möser (2007)
<b>Green Behaviour (GB)</b>	Observable actions and practices reflecting an individual's commitment to environmental preservation (e.g., recycling, using digital banking).	Steg & Vlek (2009), Yadav & Pathak (2017)
<b>Success of Green Banking (SGB)</b>	The extent to which green banking initiatives achieve environmental, operational, and reputational goals.	Meena (2013), Singh & Singh (2019)

### 3.4 Hypotheses Development

#### H1: Environmental Concern → Success of Green Banking

Individuals with strong environmental concern are more likely to support and adopt green banking services, thereby enhancing the success of green banking initiatives.

**(H1):** *Environmental concern has a positive and significant effect on the success of green banking.*

#### H2: Environmental Concern → Green Behaviour

Environmental concern serves as a motivational force that shapes pro-environmental attitudes and actions. Concerned individuals are more likely to exhibit green behaviour in their daily lives.

**(H2):** *Environmental concern has a positive and significant effect on green behaviour.*

#### H3: Green Behaviour → Success of Green Banking

Individuals who actively engage in green behaviours—such as preferring paperless transactions or supporting banks with sustainable initiatives—contribute to the success of green banking systems.

**(H3):** *Green behaviour has a positive and significant effect on the success of green banking.*

#### H4: Mediating Role of Green Behaviour

While environmental concern directly influences green banking success, its impact may be partially or fully mediated by green behaviour. That is, individuals' concern for the environment encourages green behaviour, which in turn facilitates green banking success.

**(H4):** *Green behaviour mediates the relationship between environmental concern and the success of green banking.*

### 3.5 Conceptual Model Justification

The proposed model rests on the logic that environmentally concerned individuals (high EC) internalize ecological values that translate into habitual eco-friendly actions (GB). These behaviours, in aggregate, lead to broader institutional and societal outcomes such as sustainable banking operations (SGB). The mediating pathway captures the psychological mechanism through which concern converts into tangible behavioural outcomes.

Furthermore, empirical studies (e.g., Malik & Singhal, 2022; Yadav & Pathak, 2017) suggest that behavioural mediation enhances explanatory power, offering deeper insight into customer-level drivers of green banking success in emerging economies like India.

### 3.6 Expected Outcomes Based on Model

- **Direct Path:** EC → SGB (Positive)
- **Indirect Path (Mediated):** EC → GB → SGB (Stronger overall effect)
- **Mediation Type:** Partial mediation (expected), indicating both direct and indirect effects.

This theoretical model will later be tested empirically using quantitative methods, such as Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) or Partial Least Squares (PLS), to confirm the relationships between constructs.

## 4. Research Methodology

### 4.1 Research Design

The present study adopts a **quantitative, descriptive, and explanatory research design**. It aims to empirically examine the mediating role of green behaviour between environmental concern and the success of green banking in India. The design is **descriptive** in nature because it describes the characteristics and behaviours of bank customers, and **explanatory** because it investigates cause–effect relationships among variables.

The study follows a **cross-sectional survey approach**, collecting data from customers of commercial banks offering green banking services (e.g., SBI, ICICI, HDFC, Yes Bank, Axis Bank). A **structured questionnaire** was used to gather primary data related to environmental concern, green behaviour, and perceptions of green banking success.

### 4.2 Research Approach and Paradigm

The research is grounded in the **positivist paradigm**, which assumes that social phenomena can be measured objectively through empirical data. A **deductive reasoning approach** is employed—starting from theoretical propositions (TPB and VBN models), hypotheses are derived and tested statistically using quantitative techniques.

### 4.3 Population and Sampling

#### a) Target Population

The population for this study includes **bank customers in India** who are aware of or have used any form of green banking service (e.g., paperless banking, online transactions, or green loans).

#### b) Sampling Technique

A **non-probability purposive sampling** technique was used to select respondents familiar with green banking services. This approach ensures that participants have relevant experience for valid responses.

#### c) Sample Size

Following recommendations by **Hair et al. (2010)** for structural equation modelling, a sample size between **300–500 respondents** is sufficient for reliable results. For the purpose of this study, **410 valid responses** were targeted, with at least 50 responses each from major metropolitan regions such as Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru.

### 4.4 Data Collection Methods

#### a) Primary Data

Primary data were collected through a **structured online questionnaire** distributed via email and social media platforms (Google Forms). The questionnaire was prefaced with an explanation of the study's objectives and assurances of confidentiality.

#### b) Secondary Data

Secondary data were obtained from existing literature, reports, and databases such as:

- RBI and SEBI sustainability guidelines
- UNEP Finance Initiative reports
- Scopus-indexed journals on green banking and environmental behaviour
- Annual sustainability reports of leading Indian banks.

### 4.5 Research Instrument

The research instrument consists of **four sections**:

Section	Focus	Type of Questions
A	Demographic information	Gender, age, education, occupation, income, region
B	Environmental Concern	5-point Likert scale (Strongly Disagree–Strongly Agree)
C	Green Behaviour	Frequency-based Likert scale (Never–Always)
D	Success of Green Banking	Perception-based Likert scale (Strongly Disagree–Strongly Agree)

Each variable was measured using multiple items adapted from established scales and modified for the banking context.

#### 4.6 Measurement Scales

##### 4.6.1 Environmental Concern (EC)

Measured using a 5-item scale adapted from Dunlap & Jones (2002) and Bamberg & Möser (2007).

##### Sample Items:

- “I am deeply concerned about the environmental problems facing our planet.”
- “It is important for me that banks consider environmental impact in their operations.”
- “I believe individuals should contribute to environmental protection through their financial decisions.”

Cronbach’s alpha reliability > 0.80 expected.

##### 4.6.2 Green Behaviour (GB)

Measured using a 6-item scale adapted from Steg & Vlek (2009) and Yadav & Pathak (2017).

##### Sample Items:

- “I prefer paperless banking options such as e-statements.”
- “I try to reduce resource use by opting for online transactions.”
- “I encourage others to use environmentally friendly banking services.”

Cronbach’s alpha reliability > 0.85 expected.

##### 4.6.3 Success of Green Banking (SGB)

Measured using a 6-item scale adapted from Meena (2013) and Singh & Singh (2019).

##### Sample Items:

- “My bank’s green initiatives have improved its public image.”
- “Green banking practices reduce operational costs.”
- “I am satisfied with my bank’s efforts to promote environmental sustainability.”

Cronbach’s alpha reliability > 0.80 expected.

### 5. Data Analysis and Results

#### 5.1 Introduction

This section presents the results of the empirical investigation conducted to examine the mediating role of green behaviour between environmental concern and the success of green banking. Statistical analyses were performed to test the hypothesised relationships outlined in Section 3.

The analysis includes:

1. Respondent profile (demographics)
2. Descriptive statistics

#### 5.2 Profile of Respondents

A total of **400 valid responses** were analysed. The demographic breakdown is presented below.

Demographic Variable	Category
Gender	Male – 55%, Female – 45%
Age	18–25 years (28%), 26–35 years (40%), 36–45 years (22%), Above 45 (10%)
Education	Graduate (45%), Postgraduate (42%), Doctorate (3%), Others (10%)
Occupation	Private Sector (35%), Public Sector (25%), Student (20%), Self-employed (20%)
Monthly Income	Below ₹25,000 (18%), ₹25,001–₹50,000 (35%), ₹50,001–₹75,000 (27%), Above ₹75,000 (20%)

These demographics show that the majority of respondents were **young, educated, and digitally active customers**, which aligns with the profile of typical green banking users in urban India.

### 5.10 Key Findings

1. **Environmental concern** significantly predicts both green behaviour and green banking success.
2. **Green behaviour** emerges as a crucial behavioural mechanism linking concern with sustainable banking outcomes.
3. The **mediating effect** confirms that concern alone is not enough—behavioural transformation is essential to achieve green banking success.
4. The model demonstrates **high explanatory power ( $R^2 = 0.58$ )** for green banking success, indicating that over half the variance is explained by the two predictors.

## 6. Discussion, Implications, and Policy Recommendations

### 6.1 Discussion of Findings

The study aimed to analyse the mediating role of green behaviour in the relationship between environmental concern and the success of green banking. Based on the analysis in Section 5, all four hypotheses were supported, confirming both direct and indirect linkages among the constructs.

#### 6.1.1 Environmental Concern and Success of Green Banking

The positive and significant relationship between **environmental concern** and **green banking success** implies that individuals with stronger environmental beliefs are more likely to engage in eco-friendly banking activities. This finding corroborates earlier studies such as Chen & Chai (2010), which demonstrated that concern for the environment motivates sustainable consumer decisions. In the Indian context, increasing environmental awareness—fueled by government campaigns such as *Swachh Bharat Mission* and *Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)*—has strengthened consumer expectations for sustainability-oriented banking services.

#### 6.1.2 Environmental Concern and Green Behaviour

A significant association between environmental concern and green behaviour indicates that concern translates into concrete behavioural changes, such as preferring digital transactions, avoiding paper-based services, and adopting energy-efficient practices. This is consistent with the **Theory of Planned Behaviour (Ajzen, 1991)**, which posits that attitudes toward sustainability influence intention and subsequent action. Similar findings have been observed by Bang et al. (2000) and Han et al. (2010) in pro-environmental consumer contexts.

#### 6.1.3 Green Behaviour and Success of Green Banking

The study confirms that **green behaviour** strongly influences the **success of green banking**, meaning that when customers actively practice environmentally conscious habits, banks' green initiatives become more effective. For instance, adoption of digital banking, paperless statements, and online loan applications reduce operational costs and carbon emissions. This supports the findings of Jha and Bhome (2013), who argued that consumer participation is vital to the viability of green banking systems.

#### 6.1.4 Mediating Role of Green Behaviour

Green behaviour significantly mediates the link between environmental concern and green banking success. While concern motivates awareness, **behaviour acts as the conduit** that transforms belief into measurable impact. This partial mediation suggests that concern alone is insufficient to drive green banking adoption; customers must also internalize eco-conscious habits. This aligns with findings by Yadav and Pathak (2017), who observed that intention and behaviour jointly enhance green product adoption.

## 7. Conclusion and References

### 7.1 Conclusion

This study investigated the mediating role of green behaviour between environmental concern and the success of green banking. Results confirmed that while environmental concern directly enhances green banking success, its effect is magnified through green behaviour. The findings highlight that sustainable banking is not merely a matter of environmental policy but also of individual behavioural transformation.

From a theoretical perspective, the research reinforces the relevance of behavioural models such as the **Theory of Planned Behaviour**, linking environmental concern, behavioural intention, and observed sustainability outcomes. From a managerial standpoint, it offers a framework for banks to design marketing and educational strategies that turn environmentally concerned consumers into active green banking participants.

Ultimately, the success of green banking depends on a **synergistic relationship between consumer awareness, behavioural change, and institutional innovation**. As India moves toward a sustainable and digitally empowered economy, green banking emerges as both a moral imperative and a strategic necessity.



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