



Cultural Transition, Ecological Anxiety, and Digital Alienation in Contemporary Haryanvi Ragni Tradition

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Abstract

The present study critically examines selected socially interventionist Haryanvi Saang-Shaili Ragnis composed by Anand Kumar Ashodhiya, namely “हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति,” “हरियाणे की सभ्यता और संस्कृति,” “पर्यावरण,” “किसा रँग बदल्या संसार नै,” and “इंटरनेट मोबाइल खतरा.” These compositions collectively represent a major contemporary development within North Indian folk poetics wherein the Haryanvi Ragni tradition evolves beyond entertainment-oriented oral performance and emerges as a sophisticated medium of ethical reflection, ecological consciousness, cultural resistance, and technological critique. The article situates these Ragnis within broader theoretical frameworks of oral tradition studies, folk-performance theory, cultural semiotics, regional epistemology, ecological humanities, and Pingal-centered prosodic analysis.

Employing an interdisciplinary methodology combining textual interpretation, oral-performance analysis, ecological hermeneutics, digital sociology, socio-cultural criticism, and Pingal examination, the study demonstrates that contemporary Haryanvi Ragni functions simultaneously as literary discourse, performative pedagogy, communal memory, and regional knowledge production. Particular attention has been devoted to Dirgha Samamatrik and Lavani-Mishrit Chaubola structures, Yati distribution, Guru-Laghu sequencing, refrain systems, tonal descent, and oral-musical cadence. The article argues that these prosodic structures intensify emotional participation and transform social critique into collectively embodied oral experience.

The selected Ragnis reveal deep anxiety regarding ritual exploitation, ecological destruction, vulgar commercialization, consumerist modernity, algorithm-driven digital culture, weakening intergenerational communication, and the erosion of embodied rural life. Simultaneously, they preserve regional linguistic texture, folk-symbolic consciousness, and performative continuity within rapidly changing socio-cultural conditions. The study further identifies a significant scholarly gap in the absence of integrated research combining Pingal prosody, ecological criticism, oral-performance studies, and digital sociology in relation to contemporary Haryanvi literature. Consequently, the article positions modern Haryanvi Ragni as an important epistemic archive of North Indian folk modernity, cultural transition, ecological ethics, and performative resistance.

Keywords

Haryanvi Ragni, Saang Tradition, Pingal Shastra, Folk Performance, Oral Tradition, Ecological Humanities, Digital Sociology, Cultural Memory, Folk Prosody, Cultural Transition, Regional Epistemology

Background Study and Contextual Framework

The oral traditions of North India have historically functioned not merely as entertainment-oriented cultural practices but as decentralized systems of ethical transmission, collective memory, regional historiography, and community-based epistemology. Within this wider performative landscape, the Haryanvi Saang and Ragni tradition occupies a uniquely significant position because it translates lived social realities into orally transmissible poetic discourse grounded in rhythm, vocality, linguistic intimacy, and collective participation. Unlike classical Sanskrit literary traditions, which often privilege textual permanence and scholastic codification, Haryanvi folk traditions operate through oral circulation, improvisational flexibility, emotional immediacy, and performative interaction between narrator and audience.

The Haryanvi Ragni tradition historically evolved as a socially accessible medium through which mythology, ethical instruction, historical memory, political commentary, spiritual reflection, and rural consciousness could be transmitted within collective spaces such as chaupals, village gatherings, fairs, agricultural festivals, and Saang stages. In this performative environment, the Ragni singer functions not merely as a vocalist but as a moral commentator, social critic, philosopher, and cultural archivist. The audience similarly does not receive the Ragni as passive entertainment; rather, it participates emotionally and ethically within the oral event itself.

A.K. Ramanujan's concept of context-sensitive Indian traditions becomes particularly relevant in understanding Haryanvi oral literature because folk performance continuously reconstructs inherited moral structures according to localized social realities. Richard Bauman's performance-centered approach further clarifies that oral poetry derives meaning not solely from textual content but from situated enactment, tonal modulation, rhythm, audience interaction, and performative authority. Ruth Finnegan likewise emphasized that oral literature possesses highly sophisticated aesthetic systems independent of written literary hierarchies. Such theoretical insights become indispensable for understanding contemporary Haryanvi Ragni, where cadence, refrain, repetition, tonal descent, and participatory reception collectively generate ethical discourse.

Within this evolving literary environment, Anand Kumar Ashodhiya's contemporary Ragni corpus represents a significant intervention in Haryanvi folk poetics. The selected compositions engage directly with ritual exploitation, ecological imbalance, vulgar media commercialization, digital addiction, urban alienation, weakening familial structures, and moral fragmentation. In "हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति," the critique of मृत्यु भोज and तेहरामी transforms oral poetry into ethical resistance against exploitative ritual economies:

“शोक संतप्त परिवार का खाणा, श्रीकृष्णजी कहें खोटा हो
हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति, या तेहरामी पै खावण की”

Here, scriptural symbolism is localized into folk-social critique. Similarly, "हरियाणे की सभ्यता और संस्कृति" interrogates vulgar commercialization and moral decline within contemporary entertainment culture:

“तेरे हाथ में थमी लेखनी या विषधर के समान हो सै
दोमुँही निभ फटी बीच तै, इकी दोधारी जुबान हो सै”

The metaphor transforms language itself into an ethical instrument capable of cultural preservation or corruption.

The ecological Ragni "पर्यावरण" expands Haryanvi folk discourse into ecological consciousness and civilizational anxiety:

“धरती थोथी करकै नै तनै, सारा पाणी खींच लिया
उनै दया का पंजा भींच लिया इब, बूंद बूंद नै मरता है”

Environmental destruction here is represented not merely as scientific crisis but as dharmic imbalance and moral collapse.

Similarly, "किसा रँग बदल्या संसार नै" documents late-capitalist fragmentation, emotional exhaustion, and digital spectacle through performative lamentation:

“मोबाइल और इंटरनेट की, या दुनिया हुई गुलाम रै
रील देखणा रील बणाणा, बस यो हे रहग्या काम रै”

Finally, “इंटरनेट मोबाइल खतरा” critiques technological alienation through the disappearance of embodied rural culture, scriptural engagement, and intergenerational intimacy:

“कुशती खेल कब्बड्डी कोन्या, ना बांचे गीता-बेद पुरान”

Collectively, these compositions establish contemporary Haryanvi Ragni as a sophisticated oral archive documenting the anxieties of cultural transition, ecological crisis, and technological modernity.

Literary Review

Scholarly engagement with Indian oral traditions has consistently emphasized the relationship between performance, memory, and cultural continuity. Ruth Finnegan’s foundational studies on oral poetry demonstrated that oral compositions possess internally disciplined aesthetic systems involving rhythm, repetition, formulaic structures, performative memory, and audience participation. Her observations resonate strongly with the Pingal-based architecture of contemporary Haryanvi Ragni.

A.K. Ramanujan significantly transformed modern understandings of Indian narrative traditions by demonstrating that oral cultures continuously reinterpret inherited narratives according to local socio-cultural realities. Such contextual fluidity is especially visible within Haryanvi folk performance, where modern concerns such as ecological collapse, digital alienation, vulgar commercialization, and ritual exploitation are transformed into regionally intelligible oral discourse.

Richard Bauman’s performance theory further clarifies that oral literature must be understood as an event rather than a static text. Meaning emerges through vocal authority, cadence, pause, tonal gravity, performative immediacy, and audience response. This framework becomes especially important in interpreting Haryanvi Saang-Shaili Ragnis where refrain recurrence, rhythmic emphasis, and collective participation intensify ethical persuasion.

Stuart Blackburn’s work on Indian oral epics similarly foregrounded the fluidity of performative narration and the role of community reception in shaping folk textuality. His theoretical orientation illuminates how contemporary Haryanvi Ragni absorbs present-day anxieties concerning environmental degradation, media vulgarization, digital dependency, and social fragmentation.

Kapila Vatsyayan’s analyses of Indian folk dramaturgy emphasized the inseparability of gesture, rhythm, movement, music, and narrative performance within indigenous theatrical traditions. This insight is especially relevant to Haryanvi Saang performance, where oral recitation derives semantic power not merely from language but from tonal cadence and dramatic embodiment.

Within Hindi literary criticism, Hazari Prasad Dwivedi and Ramchandra Shukla established foundational approaches toward understanding vernacular literature as an expression of collective consciousness rather than merely decorative poetics. Dwivedi’s emphasis on लोकधर्मी साहित्य and cultural continuity provides an important framework for interpreting the ethical concerns embedded within contemporary Haryanvi Ragni. Vidyaniwas Mishra similarly foregrounded the emotional intimacy and experiential authenticity of regional linguistic traditions.

Scholarly discussions relating specifically to Pingal Shastra remain comparatively fragmented in contemporary literary research, particularly concerning modern Haryanvi Ragni traditions. Existing scholarship has often treated folk literature either as ethnographic material or as entertainment-oriented regional expression while neglecting its sophisticated metrical architecture and ideological density.

Anand Kumar Ashodhiya’s previously published works on Haryanvi Saang-Shaili, Pingal methodology, and folk-cultural reinterpretation contribute significantly toward addressing this scholarly absence. Nevertheless, no comprehensive study has yet systematically integrated Pingal analysis, ecological criticism, oral-performance theory, digital sociology, and cultural semiotics into a unified interpretative framework for contemporary Haryanvi Ragni. The present study seeks to establish such an interdisciplinary approach.

Research Methodology

The present research adopts a qualitative, interdisciplinary, and interpretative methodology integrating textual analysis, oral-performance theory, cultural semiotics, ecological hermeneutics, digital sociology, and Pingal-centered prosodic examination. The selected Ragnis are approached not merely as written literary texts but as performative oral entities whose meaning emerges through rhythm, tonal modulation, collective reception, oral-musical embodiment, and regional cultural symbolism.

The primary corpus consists of selected socially interventionist Ragnis composed by Anand Kumar Ashodhiya, particularly “हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति,” “हरियाणे की सभ्यता और संस्कृति,” “पर्यावरण,” “किसा रँग बदल्या संसार नै,” and “इंटरनेट मोबाइल खतरा.” These compositions are examined simultaneously as literary narratives and oral-performance structures embedded within the Haryanvi Saang-Shaili tradition.

Richard Bauman’s performance-centered framework is employed to examine how oral recitation transforms poetic structure into collective social action. Ecological hermeneutics assists in interpreting representations of environmental destruction, groundwater depletion, industrial exploitation, and cosmic imbalance. Digital sociology is used to analyse technological dependency, algorithmic distraction, social-media spectacle, and weakening intergenerational communication.

The study further incorporates Pingal methodologies involving Mātrā analysis, Guru-Laghu sequencing, Yati distribution, refrain systems, Chhand architecture, oral cadence, and tonal closure. Particular emphasis has been placed upon Dirgha Samamatrik and Lavani-Mishrit Chaubola structures because these meters sustain authoritative ethical discourse within Haryanvi oral traditions.

Cultural semiotic analysis additionally assists in interpreting recurring symbolic structures such as मृत्यु भोज, the poisonous pen, mobile-phone culture, vanishing rural games, scriptural neglect, environmental collapse, and spiritual exhaustion. Through this interdisciplinary framework, the study approaches contemporary Haryanvi Ragni as a culturally embedded knowledge system rather than merely a performative folk entertainment form.

Narrative and Literary Analysis

The selected Ragnis collectively construct a performative cartography of contemporary North Indian socio-cultural anxiety. Unlike nostalgic folk compositions that merely romanticize rural life, these texts interrogate ritual exploitation, ecological collapse, digital alienation, vulgar commercialization, and ethical fragmentation with remarkable ideological sharpness.

Among these compositions, “हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति” occupies a central position because it transforms folk narration into ethical resistance against ritualized economic exploitation. The Ragni critiques मृत्यु भोज and तेहरामी practices by exposing how grief itself becomes socially commodified within feudal-cultural structures. The line: “आंख में आँसू, चढ़ै कढ़ाई” compresses an entire sociology of performative mourning where emotional suffering becomes subordinated to communal expectation and economic display. By invoking Krishna’s refusal of Duryodhana’s भोज, the composition transforms scriptural authority into folk-social jurisprudence. The Ragni therefore does not merely condemn custom; it delegitimizes exploitative ritualism through culturally familiar ethical symbolism.

“हरियाणे की सभ्यता और संस्कृति” expands this discourse from ritual critique toward moral degeneration and vulgar commercialization within contemporary media culture. Importantly, the composition avoids simplistic conservatism by explicitly acknowledging that artistic performance itself is not immoral: “नाचण में कोई दोष नहीं”

However, the Ragni distinguishes between aesthetic expression and commodified obscenity. This distinction becomes philosophically important because the critique is directed not against performance itself but against the collapse of ethical intentionality within contemporary entertainment economies. The metaphor: “तेरे हाथ में थमी लेखनी या विषधर के समान हो सै” transforms language into a double-edged cultural instrument capable of either preserving civilization or accelerating moral disintegration.

The ecological Ragni “पर्यावरण” introduces perhaps the most philosophically expansive discourse within the corpus. Nature is represented not as passive scenery but as an active cosmic force capable of ethical retaliation. The refrain: “तू भाज भाज कै थक लेगा, वो एक पग में योजन भरता है” produces an overwhelming awareness of human insignificance before cosmic equilibrium. Environmental destruction here is interpreted not merely as scientific catastrophe but as a collapse of dharmic balance. Groundwater depletion, industrial extraction, poisoned agriculture, and urban expansion are represented as symptoms of civilizational arrogance. The line: “धरती थोपी करके नै तनै, सारा पाणी खींच लिया” transforms ecological exploitation into an image of existential hollowness.

The Ragni “किसा रँग बदल्या संसार नै” broadens the discourse toward late-capitalist fragmentation, emotional exhaustion, unemployment, addiction, and digital spectacle. The composition functions almost as a folk-civilizational elegy documenting the transformation of rural intimacy into urban alienation. Particularly striking is the movement from socio-economic critique toward spiritual introspection. Rather than concluding in nihilistic despair, the Ragni turns toward वानप्रस्थ consciousness and निराकार remembrance, thereby preserving a philosophical structure wherein social critique ultimately seeks transcendence.

The final composition, “इंटरनेट मोबाइल खतरा,” presents a powerful folk-sociological reading of technological dependency. The Ragni maps digital alienation through the disappearance of embodied culture, scriptural reading, physical games, and familial dialogue. The line: “कुश्ती खेल कब्बड़ी कोन्या” symbolizes the erosion of rural corporeal culture, while: “ना बांचे गीता-बेद पुरान” indicates the weakening of scriptural memory and ethical continuity. Importantly, the composition does not reject technology in absolute terms; rather, it critiques uncontrolled technological absorption detached from cultural responsibility.

Collectively, these Ragnis demonstrate that contemporary Haryanvi folk literature has evolved into a sophisticated medium of socio-cultural interpretation, ecological warning, ethical reflection, and performative resistance.

Pingal Analysis

The selected Ragnis exhibit remarkably disciplined prosodic architecture grounded in inherited Pingal principles while simultaneously adapting those structures to contemporary socio-cultural concerns. Contrary to the widespread misconception that modern folk compositions operate outside formal metrical discipline, these Ragnis reveal highly sophisticated Samamatrik engineering, mathematically balanced Yati structures, Guru-Laghu sequencing, refrain systems, and oral-musical cadence specifically designed for performative delivery.

A dominant prosodic feature across these compositions is the recurring use of Dirgha Samamatrik and Lavani-Mishrit Chaubola frameworks generally operating within approximately 28–30 Matras per Charan. This extended metrical span enables performers to sustain narrative density while preserving oral continuity and emotional resonance.

In “हरियाणे में व्याप्त कुरीति,” the metrical design acquires rhetorical authority because the cadence mirrors ethical argumentation itself. The Yati placement following approximately sixteen Matras produces a tonal shift from narrative description toward moral judgment:

“मृत्यु भोज का खाणा खिलाणा | हिन्दू धर्म नहीं सै”

The pause intensifies doctrinal emphasis by separating social practice from theological legitimacy. Repeated rhyme endings such as “खावण की,” “कमावण की,” and “बजावण की” create mnemonic continuity and collective memorability.

Similarly, “हरियाणे की सभ्यता और संस्कृति” employs compressed internal rhyme systems and imperative closures to sustain performative urgency. The refrain: “गन्दा गाणा गाओ ना” functions simultaneously as rhythmic closure and ethical injunction. Acoustic clusters such as “रँग बिरँगी,” “बेढ़ंगी,” and “तंगी” generate rapid sonic density, thereby increasing oral memorability and dramatic emphasis.

The ecological Ragni “पर्यावरण” exhibits unusually heavy tonal gravity through masculine rhyme endings such as “करता है,” “भरता है,” and “मरता है.” These acoustically weighty closures imitate the inevitability and overwhelming force of cosmic equilibrium. Internal rhyme clusters such as “उजाड़ दिए,” “काढ़ लिए,” and “गाड़ दिए” create rhythmic acceleration before the refrain restores tonal heaviness. This alternation between speed and gravity generates powerful oral-musical tension.

In “किसा रँग बदल्या संसार नै,” the adaptation of the melodic structure associated with Shri Baje Bhagat significantly enhances performative prestige. The repetition of entire lines creates echo-layered lamentation:

“गामा आळी हवा रही ना, माणस माणस शहरी होग्या
गामा आळी हवा रही ना, माणस माणस शहरी होग्या”

This repetition functions simultaneously as emotional intensification and rhythmic reinforcement.

“इंटरनेट मोबाइल खतरा” employs repetitive feminine rhyme endings such as “पकड़ली,” “जकड़ली,” “उजड़ली,” and “बिगड़ली,” thereby producing a cyclical sonic pattern that acoustically mirrors the repetitive and addictive nature of digital engagement itself. The juxtaposition between traditional vocabulary (“गीता-बेद पुरान”) and technological terminology (“मोबाइल,” “इंटरनेट,” “रील”) creates semantic dissonance that intensifies thematic conflict.

From the perspective of Guru-Laghu sequencing, these compositions privilege oral deliverability while nevertheless maintaining stable stress distribution. Refrain repetition strengthens audience synchronization during live Saang performance, while tonal descent following *Yati* intervals produces emotional absorption. *Alankars* such as *Anuprāsa*, *Punaraavrtti*, *Vakrokti*, and *Arthantaranyas* emerge organically within oral flow rather than appearing artificially ornamental.

The study therefore establishes that Pingal functions not merely as decorative versification but as an acoustic technology of emotional transmission, cultural continuity, and collective ethical participation.

Discussion

The selected Ragnis collectively demonstrate that contemporary Haryanvi folk literature is undergoing a profound epistemic transformation. These compositions move decisively beyond entertainment-oriented rural performance and evolve into culturally interventionist literary acts interrogating ritual exploitation, ecological collapse, digital alienation, vulgar commercialization, and moral fragmentation.

One of the most significant dimensions of these texts lies in their ability to synthesize traditional oral aesthetics with contemporary socio-cultural concerns. Unlike elite literary discourse, which often remains inaccessible to rural audiences, the Saang-Shaili framework enables immediate cultural participation through rhythm, repetition, and linguistic familiarity. Oral-musical structures transform abstract critique into emotionally embodied communal experience.

The study further demonstrates that Pingal Shastra remains central to the survival and effectiveness of contemporary Haryanvi literature. The emotional force of these Ragnis derives not solely from thematic content but from the interaction between narrative intensity and rhythmic structure. *Yati* placement, refrain recurrence, tonal descent, *Mātrā* equilibrium, and rhyme continuity collectively shape collective emotional participation.

Another important finding emerging from the analysis is that contemporary Haryanvi Ragni should be understood as a form of regional knowledge production rather than merely folkloric entertainment. The selected compositions preserve collective anxieties concerning environmental destruction, technological dependency, weakening kinship structures, and moral uncertainty in ways that formal institutional discourse often fails to capture.

The ecological and technological critiques within these Ragnis also reveal a distinctly indigenous interpretation of modernity. Environmental destruction is understood not merely through scientific vocabulary but through dharmic imbalance and cosmic reciprocity. Similarly, digital addiction is interpreted not simply as psychological dependency but as the erosion of embodied culture, scriptural continuity, and intergenerational dialogue.

Finally, the integration of oral-performance theory, Pingal analysis, ecological humanities, digital sociology, and cultural semiotics reveals the inadequacy of purely textual approaches toward folk literature. Haryanvi Ragni must instead be understood as a multidimensional performative phenomenon where rhythm, memory, sound, audience participation, ethics, and regional consciousness converge.

Conclusion

The present study establishes that the selected Haryanvi Ragnis of Anand Kumar Ashodhiya constitute a significant contemporary contribution to North Indian folk poetics, oral-performance studies, and Pingal-centered literary discourse. Through a disciplined integration of socio-cultural critique, ecological consciousness, ethical introspection, and prosodic sophistication, these compositions demonstrate that the Haryanvi Ragni tradition remains an intellectually vibrant and culturally interventionist literary form.

The analysis further demonstrates that contemporary Haryanvi Ragni has transcended entertainment-oriented frameworks and evolved into a sophisticated medium of cultural criticism, ecological warning, ethical resistance, and regional epistemology. Whether addressing मृत्यु भोज, vulgar commercialization, environmental collapse, technological addiction, or spiritual exhaustion, these compositions localize large civilizational crises into emotionally accessible vernacular discourse.

From the perspective of Pingal Shastra, the study confirms that contemporary Haryanvi oral literature possesses highly sophisticated metrical organization. Dirgha Samamatrik structures, Lavani-Mishrit Chaubola patterns, Yati discipline, refrain systems, Guru-Laghu sequencing, tonal gravity, and oral cadence collectively sustain dramatic continuity and emotional resonance. Pingal therefore emerges not merely as technical versification but as a living performative science preserving oral-musical memory within regional literary traditions.

Equally significant is the manner in which these Ragnis preserve regional linguistic identity while simultaneously engaging with ecological humanities, digital sociology, cultural ethics, and performance theory. The compositions challenge the assumption that intellectual discourse belongs exclusively to metropolitan literary cultures and demonstrate that regional oral traditions remain capable of interpreting modern crises through indigenous aesthetic frameworks.

The article also identifies a major scholarly gap within existing research traditions, namely the absence of integrated studies combining Pingal analysis, ecological criticism, oral-performance theory, cultural semiotics, and digital sociology in relation to contemporary Haryanvi literature. By addressing this interdisciplinary absence, the present study contributes toward a broader understanding of North Indian vernacular poetics and regional knowledge systems.

Future research may further examine comparative intersections between Haryanvi Ragni and other South Asian oral traditions, investigate live digital performance environments, explore audience psychology within oral-musical participation, and analyse the evolving relationship between regional prosody and algorithm-driven media culture. Such inquiries would significantly enrich contemporary understandings of Indian folk poetics, oral literature, and cultural memory.

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