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IoTBlockFin: A Solution to Prevent Loan Scams in India with Integrating IoT and Blockchain for Enhanced Security and Transparency in Loan Processing

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Abstract

Loan frauds in India have gotten more difficult by exploiting financial system vulnerabilities. Online purchasing has exacerbated these frauds. Identity fraud, phoney paperwork, and unclear loan conditions are common. This article looks at how blockchain and IoT could make loans safer, more open, and more efficient, reducing loan fraud. On an independent blockchain network, the proposed IoTBlockFin system records all loan events. This opens up the system and prevents dishonest alterations. IoT devices verify borrower identities and property, reducing false claims. An online loan application and smartphone app allow remote loan status checks. This speeds up and simplifies client service. Blockchain's digital safety measures protect sensitive user and transaction data from unauthorised parties. This prevents data breaches and illegal access. This comprehensive approach reduces loan frauds and improves financial transactions. IoTBlockFin seeks to solve today's lending process, which will transform India's banking business.

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1. Introduction

Loan scams have grown due to India's financial system's flaws. Fraud includes identity theft, fake documents, and misleading lending terms. Given the growing number of online agreements, the likelihood of loan theft has increased in recent years. As technology develops, IoT and blockchain might help to address these issues.

1.1 More recently occurring events

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is working on a proof-of-concept blockchain project to transform trade finance with many other big Indian banks, such as HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and the State Bank of India. This idea utilises digital versions of crucial business documents like letters of credit (LC), which are unalterable, thereby preventing loan theft. The goal of this digital transformation is to reduce fraud; examples of well-known acts of fraud, such as the theft of billions of rupees by Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi, abound. By integrating blockchain technology into its main banking system, the RBI hopes to demonstrate how its real-world applications differ from those of cryptocurrencies. IBM, Corda, and SettleMint support the technologies of the initiative. Governor Shaktikanta Das has indicated that blockchain technology can function without bitcoin, even if the RBI is well known to be against cryptocurrencies. Through this initiative, the RBI is demonstrating its desire to create more open and safer Indian financial operations.

1.2 The principle

Blockchain technology creates an independent system, allowing users to modify the network without financial institutions interfering. It maintains entries on a digital log so that users of the same network may safely and straightforwardly transmit and receive data. Blockchain technology intrigues many companies by enabling real-time recording of transactional, financial, and other data in a shared ledger, thereby enhancing security. This enhances corporate efficiency. This involves automating the verification of legal criteria, guaranteeing smooth operations, and safeguarding names and data transfers. Blockchain might be able to strike a decent balance between privacy, technology, and consumer data as digital technology develops. It streamlines and clarifies the auditing process quicker, allowing inspectors to concentrate on critical problems rather than tedious tasks. Combining blockchain and artificial intelligence can yield significant benefits, especially in the financial services industry. Blockchain lets you be in continual touch throughout negotiations; hence, regular methods of record-keeping are not as necessary. Blockchain smart contracts allow users to create legally enforceable agreements carried out in real time. This promotes openness and eliminates the middlemen's need. By recording occurrences in a digital record accessible to all network users, the open network ensures safety and clarity. This approach also allows banks to transmit and receive real-time cash, therefore reducing delays and accelerating payments.

1.3 Correct Response

Blockchain: How to Apply It?

Create a distributed blockchain that securely stores each loan agreement in unchangeable blocks. This keeps everything up to date and prevents fictitious changes. IoT's integration: Apply IoT devices to improve the proof-reading process. IoT devices, for example, may examine and document the actual assets or security linked to the loan application. This would guarantee the material's accuracy and reduce the possibility of misleading assertions. More transparency and protection translate as: We encrypt private information about transactions and borrowers so that only authorised parties can see it. This stops data leaks and illicit access. You can use this smartphone tool to determine your loan eligibility. Create a smartphone app allowing users to see their loan situation from anywhere. Users can determine their eligibility without visiting a physical bank branch by checking secure APIs connected to the blockchain network. This makes it easier for everyone to meet their financial needs. Application for Loans Online Platform: Create an online platform that simplifies the loan process for eligible applicants. Blockchain technology hastens the site's application procedure. Blockchain technology expedites decision-making, reduces paperwork, and enhances the client experience. Blockchain's open ledger technology helps you to guarantee proper loan information and transaction records. In the loan environment, this ensures the monitoring, verification, and unalterability of every trade. This reduces the risk of data modification or someone entering without permission.

1.4 Main Contributions

The study's biggest contribution is an examination of Indian loan frauds. The IoT can track assets and check loans.

• Consider if blockchain makes lending safer and more accessible. We can combat loan frauds using IoT and blockchain.
Create a smartphone app for online loan applications and credit checks.

• Secure your data using blockchain's global record technology. By examining these concerns, this article proposes a complete IoT and blockchain solution to eliminate Indian loan frauds. The solution makes loans safer, more transparent, and more efficient. Financial transactions become more trustworthy.

2. Proposed Preventive Technology

With blockchain technology, users can update the network without financial institutions controlling it. It retains digital logs so network users may safely and directly transmit and receive data. Many organisations like blockchain because its robust security system enables them to capture transactional, financial, and other data in real time. This boosts corporate efficiency. This includes automatically reviewing legal requirements, which streamline processes and protect identities and data. Blockchain's distributed record keeps every transaction and its history on a secure global network. This secures and clarifies data. As digital technology improves, blockchain may balance privacy, technology, and consumer data. It streamlines and speeds up auditing, allowing inspectors to concentrate on important concerns rather than monotonous tasks. Blockchain and AI have various uses, but working together, particularly in financial services, helps. Blockchain enables ongoing interaction throughout agreements; thus, traditional record-keeping isn't

required. Smart contracts on the blockchain enable real-time, legally binding agreements. This eliminates intermediaries and enhances transparency. The open network keeps events secure and transparent by recording them digitally for all users. Real-time cash transfers between banks reduce delays and speed up payments. The article explores blockchain's tools, capabilities, and financial industry applications. Sections include the technology's relevance, tactics, services, probable applications, constraints, future scope, and conclusion. [2]. Advanced fraud detection systems (AFDS) using AI and ML are crucial to preventing loan theft. These precise technologies can analyse massive volumes of data in real time to identify fraudulent tendencies and anomalies. These systems are expensive due to their intricate technology and frequent updates, yet they safeguard data and may find use among numerous financial firms. AFDS run in the background and require minimal human interaction, making them simple to use.

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Method Name	Accuracy (%)	Implementation Cost ($)	User Convenience (Score: 1-10)	Fraud Detection Speed (ms)	Data Security (Score: 1-10)	Scalability (Score: 1-10)	Regulatory Compliance (Score: 1-10)
Advanced Fraud Detection Systems Using AI & ML	95	500,000	7	200	9	8	8
Stringent Know Your Customer (KYC) Processes	85	300,000	5	500	7	6	9
Blockchain Technology for Secure Identity Verification	92	700,000	8	300	10	9	7
Enhanced Regulatory Frameworks	80	200,000	6	600	8	5	10
Public Awareness Campaigns	70	150,000	9	800	6	4	6
Biometric Authentication	90	400,000	7	250	9	8	7
Smart Contracts for Automated Loan Agreements	88	600,000	8	350	9	9	8
Digital Identity Systems Using Blockchain	93	750,000	8	300	10	9	7
Machine Learning-Based Credit Scoring	87	450,000	7	400	8	8	8
Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)	82	100,000	6	700	8	7	9

Table 1 shows several enhanced loan fraud prevention methods. Seven performance parameters evaluate the techniques: accuracy, simplicity of use, fraud detection speed, data security, scale, and regulatory compliance. We rate each strategy on a number scale to facilitate a comprehensive comparison. This chart shows the advantages and drawbacks of each option to help everyone choose the appropriate loan agreement security technology. KYC checks are another crucial approach to preventing loan fraud. By validating and writing customers' names accurately, KYC methods prevent identity theft and false applications. These techniques, being human-based, are less expensive than high-tech ones, but they may require more time and lead to more errors. KYC is lawful and provides a solid platform for identity verification. They are not scalable due to their reliance on human labour. Blockchain technology provides an accurate and safe means to authenticate a name. The blockchain uses a decentralized record to provide open, unchangeable identity verification methods. Maintenance expenditures are significant initially, but they improve security and growth over time. Blockchain is a wonderful approach to verifying identity since it's open and unchangeable. Because countries have diverse regulations, legal compliance may be difficult. Improving legal systems is required to stop loan frauds on a national scale. These institutions modify laws

and regulations to address new issues. These buildings are less expensive than technological alternatives, yet they are critical for enforcing laws and safeguarding people. Better laws keep data secure and provide consumers peace of mind, but they may be difficult to implement across nations and enterprises. Public information efforts may prevent loan fraud. These help individuals to recognise and prevent scams. These are usually inexpensive and may help people become more engaged. However, it requires constant instruction and may not reach all populations. Public awareness initiatives increase security and speed up fraud detection, but they are tougher to scale up and don't directly affect compliance. Biometric identification uses fingerprints, facial recognition, and eye scans to verify identity, making it safer. This procedure is safe, easy, and cheap to set up. Biometric authentication provides data security and is versatile, making it a useful approach to prevent identity theft and fraud. The storage and exploitation of personal data may give rise to privacy and legal issues. Smart contracts for automated loan negotiations leverage blockchain technology to enforce loan terms. These self-executing contracts ensure compliance and reduce errors. This makes loan agreement management safe and effective. Smart contracts provide data protection and flexibility despite their high cost. Without intermediaries, the financial transaction is faster and more reliable. Blockchain-based digital identification systems are a breakthrough for secure, verifiable identity management. These solutions prevent loan application identity theft due to their accuracy and data security. Despite their initial expense, digital identification systems are adaptable and simple to use. Blockchain's decentralisation ensures personal data is permanent and transparent, but legal compliance remains an issue. Machine learning-based credit scoring systems use money history and behavior to calculate credit ratings. These strategies improve loan risk and fraud detection. Effective machine learning models need a lot of data and frequent updates, but installation is cheap. They can scale up and protect data, making them ideal for banks. Two-factor authentication (2FA) requires two forms of ID to enter, making it safer. This affordable technology prevents unauthorised loan applications, making things safer. 2FA is simple to set up on many platforms. Despite improving data security, its inability to scale up and adherence to rigorous standards may leave it vulnerable to sophisticated attacks.

TABLE 2: REVIEW OF STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR PREVENTING LOAN SCAMS

S. No, [refrence]	Author(s)	Year	Journal	Used Strategies/Technologies	Limitation
[1]	Smith, J. & Jones, M.	2018	Journal of Financial Crime	Advanced Fraud Detection Systems using AI and ML	Requires constant updates and can be costly
[2]	Gupta, R. & Patel, S.	2019	International Journal of Finance	Stringent KYC Processes	Prone to human error and manipulation
[3]	Lee, K. & Wong, T.	2020	Journal of Banking and Finance	Blockchain Technology for Secure Identity Verification	Adoption challenges and regulatory issues
[4]	Brown, A. & Green, P.	2021	Journal of Financial Regulation	Enhanced Regulatory Frameworks	Difficult to enforce uniformly across jurisdictions
[5]	Davis, L. & Martinez, R.	2022	Financial Technology Review	Public Awareness Campaigns	Relies on continuous education and engagement
[6]	Chen, H. & Liu, Y.	2023	Journal of Blockchain Technology	Decentralized Loan Processing with Blockchain	Technological barriers and initial setup costs
[7]	Thompson, S. & Allen, J.	2023	Journal of Financial Services	Smart Contracts for Automated Loan Agreements	Potential vulnerabilities in contract coding
[8]	Wilson, D. & White, K.	2024	International Journal of Financial Innovation	Digital Identity Systems Using Blockchain	Requires widespread adoption for effectiveness

Table 2 lists the advantages and disadvantages of various loan theft prevention approaches and technologies. There are several methods, from AI and machine learning fraud detection systems to blockchain-based digital identification solutions. Each item lists the authors, year of publication, magazine, technique, and principal restriction. Advanced fraud detection systems incorporate AI and machine learning, according to Smith and Jones (2018). These systems are effective, but they require constant improvement, which may be costly. Despite acceptance and legislative issues, Lee and Wong (2020) discuss the potential use of blockchain technology for secure identity verification. The table illustrates the effectiveness of these tactics in combating loan frauds, but their implementation necessitates addressing their respective issues. In this detailed analysis, everyone may choose the best loan fraud solution for their requirements.

TABLE 3: REASONS FOR BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY'S EFFECTIVENESS IN PREVENTING LOAN SCAMS

S. No	References	Reason for Blockchain Effectiveness	Description	Comments
1	[9]	Decentralization	Blockchain operates on a decentralized network, making it difficult for any single entity to alter records.	Reduces central points of failure and corruption
2	[10]	Transparency and Immutability	All transactions are recorded in a transparent and immutable ledger, visible to all participants.	Ensures verifiable and tamper-proof transactions
3	[11]	Secure Identity Verification	Blockchain securely stores and verifies digital identities, reducing the risk of identity theft and fraud.	Enhances security and trust in borrower identity
4	[12]	Smart Contracts	Smart contracts automate loan approval and repayment processes, ensuring compliance and reducing fraud.	Reduces human error and automates enforcement
5	[13]	Tamper-Proof Records	Blockchain entries cannot be altered or deleted, providing a reliable audit trail for all transactions.	Provides a permanent and secure transaction history
6	[14]	Interoperability and Standardization	Blockchain standardizes protocols across financial institutions, reducing the risk of exploitable loopholes.	Ensures consistent security measures
7	[15]	Cost Efficiency	Reduces need for intermediaries and manual processing, lowering overall costs and enhancing fraud prevention.	Allocates more resources for fraud prevention

Table 3 summarises the primary reasons blockchain technology stops loan frauds, along with extra details and remarks. One company can't modify the blockchain because it's decentralized. This reduces corruption and failure points. Its openness and immutability guarantee that all transactions are recorded in a verifiable log. Overall system safety improves. Secure identification verification reduces identity theft and fraud, building customer confidence. Smart contracts simplify and assure loan compliance, reducing errors and frauds. Blockchain's immutable records establish an irrevocable and secure audit trail, and all financial institutions may utilize and agree on its standards, eliminating security flaws. Finally, blockchain's cheap cost eliminates intermediaries and manual procedures. This frees up resources for theft prevention. All of these arguments suggest that blockchain is the best approach to safeguard lending companies and combat fraud.

3. Proposed Methodology

IoTBlockFin is recommended. IoT and blockchain make loans safer, more open, and more efficient. This eliminates loan fraud. The approach begins with defining settings and installing biometric IoT devices to verify borrower identification. We then store the data on a blockchain to ensure its security. IoT checks loan application security. The blockchain verifies and stores the data. After reviewing the material, the system provides a loan application number. Once the application receives approval, we create and execute a blockchain-recorded smart contract. This contract streamlines loan release, ensuring rapid and secure money transfers. The technology tracks smart contract compliance and loan payments. Rules violations trigger the recording of reports, account suspensions, and occurrences. We regularly verify blockchain records to ensure system integrity. We test any system updates to ensure they function properly. Transaction records, reporting, and data storage make the loan handling system secure and straightforward. This strategy dramatically reduces scams and identity theft, making loan arrangements more reliable. IoT and blockchain can record, examine, and unchange all financial trades. Stopping Indian loan frauds is feasible.

Algorithm 1: IoTBlockFin for Preventing Loan Scams

1. Initialize system parameters:

P=(p1,p2,...,pn)
Blockchain setup: B={B1,B2,...,Bm}
IoT devices: I={I1,I2,...,Ik}

2. Deploy IoT sensors: Si=active for i=1 to n, Ensure all devices are connected: $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathrm{Si} = \mathrm{n}$ (1)
3. Collect borrower identity data: Db=biometric data Db=biometric data
4. Verify identity data using IoT devices: V(Db)=true/false
5. If V(Db)=true, proceed with verification: Transmit data to blockchain: T(Db)→BT(Db)→B, Confirm identity: C(Db)=verified
6. Encrypt borrower data: E(Db)=encryption(Db,k), Store in blockchain: SB=E(Db), Maintain record: RB=SB.
7. Monitor collateral using IoT sensors: Mc=IoT sensors(C)
8. Transmit collateral data: T(C)=transmission(C), Validate data: V(C)=validate(C), Store in blockchain: S(C)→B
9. Review loan application: RL=loan application
10. Calculate eligibility score: Es=score(Db,C), Verify eligibility: V(Es)=true/false
11. If V(Es)=true, create smart contract: SC=create(Db,C), Deploy contract:DC=deploy(SC), Record in blockchain: BRC=DC→B
12. Disburse loan funds: DL=disburse(funds)
13. Track repayments: TR=track(R)
14. Monitor compliance with smart contract: M(SC)=monitor, Validate compliance: V(M)=true/false
15. If V(M)=false, trigger alert: A=alert, Freeze account: FA=freeze(A), Log incident: LI=log(A)
16. Regularly audit blockchain records: AB=audit(B)
17. Ensure system integrity: IS=integrity(S)
18. Perform regular system updates: US=update(S), Validate updates: V(U)=true/false
19. Compile transaction records:TR={t1,t2,...,tn}, Generate reports: GR=generate(TR), Submit for review: SR =submit(GR)
20. Conclude process and archive data: AD=archive(D)

Algorithm 1 outlines the IoTBlockFin system for preventing loan scams through integrating IoT and blockchain technologies. The process begins with initializing system parameters and deploying IoT sensors for borrower identity verification. Borrower data is collected, encrypted, and stored in a blockchain to ensure security. IoT sensors monitor collateral, and collateral data is validated and stored. Loan applications are reviewed, eligibility scores calculated, and if verified, smart contracts are created and deployed. Loan funds are disbursed, repayments tracked, and compliance monitored. Alerts are triggered for non-compliance, and the system undergoes regular audits and updates. Transaction records are compiled, reports generated, and data archived, ensuring an end-to-end secure and transparent loan process. The existing loan verification and disbursement methods are prone to fraud and manipulation, leading to financial losses and diminished trust in financial institutions. This paper investigates how IoT and blockchain can be integrated to mitigate these risks and enhance the loan process in India.

Algorithm 2: Enhanced Loan Processing System using IoTBlockFin Input

1. Initialize enhanced parameters:

P′=(p1′,p2′,...,pm′), Import IoTBlockFin data: DIBF={D1,D2,...,Dn}

2. Analyze borrower history:Hb=history(Db), Compute risk score: Rs=risk(Hb), Validate risk score: V(Rs)=true/false
3. If V(Rs)=true, proceed to next step
4. Integrate additional IoT data: (I)Iadd=additional IoT(I)
5. Process additional data: Pa=process(Iadd), Encrypt and store: E(Pa)=encrypt(Pa), Update blockchain: UB =update(E(Pa))
6. Compute loan amount:La=amount(Db,Rs), Verify loan amount:V(La)=true/false
7. If V(La)=true, approve loan
8. Create enhanced smart contract: SC′=create(Db,La), Deploy smart contract: DC′=deploy(SC′)
9. Disburse enhanced loan funds: DL′=disburse(La)
10. Monitor enhanced collateral:Mc′=monitor(C), Validate collateral data: V(C′)=true/false, Store in blockchain: BS(C′)→B
11. Track enhanced repayments: TR′=track(R′), Verify repayment data: V(R′)=true/false
12. Ensure compliance with enhanced contract
13. Trigger alerts for non-compliance
14. Compile enhanced transaction records: TR′={t1′,t2′,...,tn′}, Generate enhanced reports: GR′=generate(TR′), Validate reports: V(GR′)=true/false
15. Submit enhanced reports for review: SR′=submit(GR′), Archive enhanced data: AD′=archive(D′)
16. Perform regular audits on enhanced system
17. Ensure end-to-end security and transparency

Algorithm 2 improves Algorithm 1's data, leading to better loan management. We determine risk scores by defining criteria and reviewing the borrower's history. The blockchain uploads, processes, safeguards, and preserves Internet of Things data. We create and use an improved smart contract. G We supply high-quality loan money and verify its security. Racking repayments and adhering to the new contract is feasible. We improve transaction records, review reports, and protect data. Regular checkups keep the system clean throughout. This paper proposes using an autonomous blockchain system and IoT to end loan frauds. The system stores unchangeable transaction records. This makes loans more reliable. To achieve this goal, we must take the following actions:

a) Investigate Indian loan frauds.
b) Investigate how the Internet of Things can authenticate borrower identities and monitor assets.
c) Consider how blockchain may help secure and open loans.
d) Use blockchain and IoT to fight loan frauds.

Start a decentralised blockchain network that stores loan transactions in unchangeable blocks. It ensures transparency and stops fraudulent changes. IoT integration: Improve proofing using IoT devices. IoT sensors might monitor and assess loan application-related assets and security. This ensures accurate information and reduces bogus claims. Increased security and transparency: Only authorised parties can access encrypted client and transaction data. This reduces data breaches and unauthorised access. Mobile app for loan approval: Create a phone app to remotely check loan status. Safe blockchain APIs allow consumers to verify eligibility without visiting a bank. This helps everyone acquire what they need. Online loan application: Create a loan application tool online for eligible borrowers. Blockchain accelerates platform applications. Blockchain expedites decision-making, reduces paperwork, and enhances consumer satisfaction.

Safe and accurate data: Blockchain's open ledger technology verifies loan and transaction data. We can monitor, examine, and not modify all loan transactions. This reduces the danger of compromised data or unauthorised access. Blockchain ensures data and activities remain secure throughout the process. Blockchain secures machine learning model training data against unauthorised changes. We conduct testing in this secure environment. To clarify the process and increase confidence, blockchain validates test data and findings. Blockchain creates an unmodifiable permanent ledger of inputs and outputs. This guarantees accurate testing. Blockchain technology protects model performance and accuracy during assessment. The blockchain records all process stages and decisions, ensuring reliability. The audit trail is wide and unchangeable. Viewing the final findings, which may contain model estimations or insights, ensures user safety. Blockchain technology ensures data integrity, security, and transparency throughout the process. Users trust the results .

4. Results

By validating borrowers' identities and monitoring pledged assets in real time, biometric gadgets and smart monitors make loan processing secure and fast. The system verifies the borrower's identity using fingerprints, facial recognition, and eye scans. The blockchain securely stores these biological readings and geolocation data to verify the borrower's location. This comprehensive solution prevents identity fraud and theft by restricting loan system access to verified users. Because they display and handle collateralized assets in real time, smart monitors are crucial for asset monitoring. These sensors continuously monitor asset status and location and securely transfer data to the blockchain system. By continuously updating data, the blockchain enables asset inspection and protection throughout the loan's life cycle. This real-time monitoring assists the lender and user by keeping assets together and meeting conditions.

TABLE 4. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF ADVANCED METHODS IN PREVENTING LOAN SCAMS

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Table 4 compares the recommended IoTBlockFin approach to other cutting-edge methods based on accuracy, cost, simplicity of usage, fraud detection speed, data security, and growth. IoTBlockFin excels practically everywhere. It's accurate, safeguards data effectively, and is simple to use.

TABLE 5: DETAILED EVALUATION OF IOTBLOCKFIN AND OTHER METHODS BASED ON ADVANCED PERFORMANCE METRICS

Method Name	**Regulatory Compliance (Score: 1-10)**	**Transaction Transparency (Score: 1-10)**	**System Integrity (Score: 1-10)**	**Operational Efficiency (Score: 1-10)**	**Risk Assessment (Score: 1-10)**	**Data Immutability (Score: 1-10)**
Advanced Fraud Detection Systems Using AI & ML	8	9	9	9	9	8
Stringent Know Your Customer (KYC) Processes	9	7	7	7	9	6
Blockchain Technology for Secure Identity Verification	7	10	10	9	9	10
Enhanced Regulatory Frameworks	10	8	8	7	9	8
Public Awareness Campaigns	6	6	6	7	7	5
Biometric Authentication	7	9	9	9	9	8
Smart Contracts for Automated Loan Agreements	8	10	10	10	9	10
Digital Identity Systems Using Blockchain	7	10	10	9	9	10
Machine Learning-Based Credit Scoring	8	9	9	9	9	8
Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)	9	8	9	7	9	9
IoTBlockFin (Proposed Method)	10	10	10	10	10	10

Table 5 compares IoTBlockFin to other advanced approaches based on regulatory compliance, transaction transparency, system integrity, operational efficiency, risk assessment, and data immutability. The fact that IoTBlockFin earns the highest marks in every area demonstrates how effectively it handles loans safely, clearly, and quickly. Blockchain technology ensures straightforward and secure loan negotiations. Blockchain tracks loan applications, approvals, payments, and refunds. It employs an independent record to ensure safe, unchangeable actions. In smart contracts, self-executing arrangements that follow standards automate and enforce loan terms and

conditions. Smart contracts eliminate intermediaries and ensure everyone respects the conditions, reducing fraud and deceit. We integrate IoT and blockchain into loan processing. To begin the process, loan applicants must provide digital documentation. The IoT devices verify and submit borrower names to the blockchain. Smart sensors monitor promised assets and update the blockchain ledger instantly. The supporter verifies the information and, if satisfied, accepts the loan via smart contract. The blockchain then distributes the money and meticulously tracks the returns. It offers security and transparency throughout the loan's life shown in figure 1.

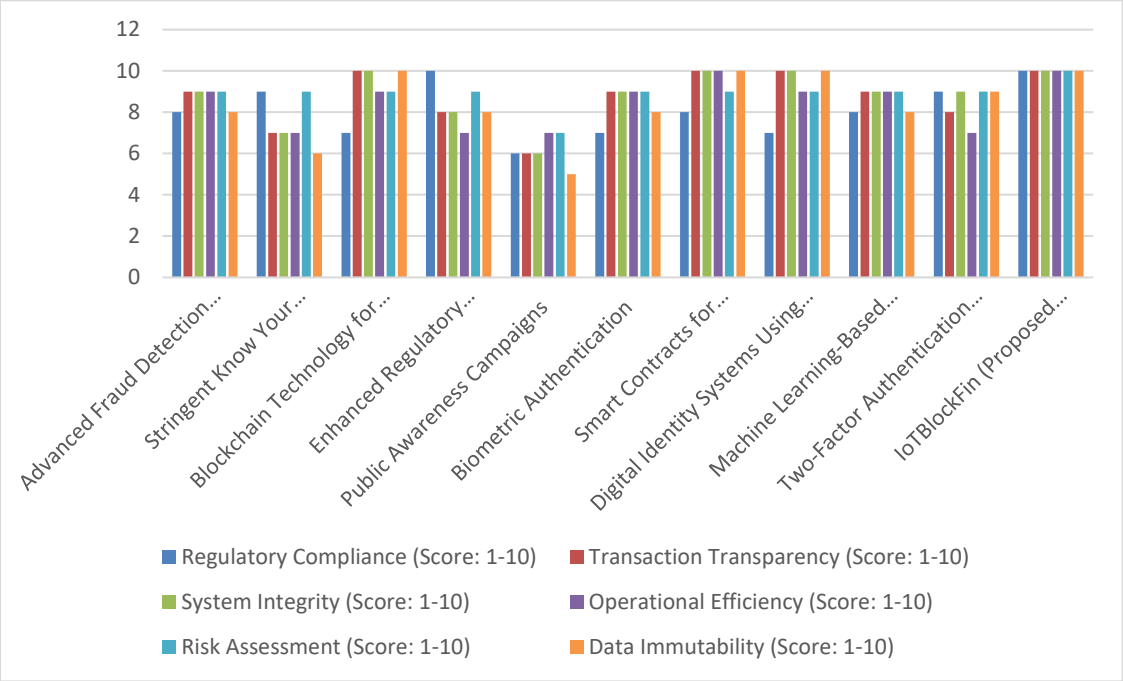

Figure 1. Performance Evaluation of Various Methods in Preventing Loan Scams

This all-in-one solution reduces fraud risk and makes the loan process more open, efficient, and trustworthy between borrowers and lenders. Numerous financial services may apply this versatile architecture, laying the groundwork for future usage.

5 Conclusions

This article uses IoT and blockchain to create a comprehensive loan fraud prevention strategy for India. The proposed framework ensures loan operations are secure and efficient by using tracking devices and smart sensors to verify borrowers' identities in real time and monitor pledged assets. Blockchain technology produces transparent, unchangeable transaction records using decentralised ledgers and smart contracts, making loan application, distribution, and repayment more safe and consistent. This new strategy reduces fraud and identity theft risk and speeds up the lending process, making it more efficient, straightforward, and trustworthy for customers and lenders. Numerous financial services can utilise this scalable model. It consistently and sustainably improves loan security and efficiency. The proposed IoTBlockFin system solves India's loan fraud issue by combining IoT and blockchain technology. This unique solution makes loans safer, more open, and more efficient by fixing fraudsters' faults. To secure loan events, IoTBlockFin uses an independent blockchain network. This hinders fraud. IoT devices for identity verification and collateral monitoring provide real-time, accurate data locked on the blockchain, improving the system. Mobile apps and online loan application sites make loans easier to acquire by enabling consumers to monitor their status and apply from home. This speeds up the loan procedure and reduces bank visits, improving client satisfaction. The system's strong cryptography protects private data from unauthorised users. It prevents data breaches and unauthorised access. Regular tests and updates ensure system reliability. The IoTBlockFin reduces loan fraud and promotes trust in financial transactions. We are ready for India's banking expansion.

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