

## Smart Madrasah as a Technology-Based Innovation in Islamic Education Management for Strengthening Religious Values at MA Negeri 1 Palembang

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### Abstract

This study aims to describe and analyze the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* as a technology-based innovation in Islamic education management in strengthening students' religious values at MA Negeri 1 Palembang. The background of this research is based on the demands of educational transformation in the digital era, which require Islamic educational institutions to integrate technology into educational management without neglecting Islamic values. This study employs a qualitative approach with a case study design. Data were collected through observations, interviews, and documentation, involving the principal, teachers, and students as research informants. The results show that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* is carried out through the utilization of digital technology in learning management, administration, and religious activities. This includes the use of learning applications, digital religious media, and integrated madrasah information systems. This innovation contributes to the development of students' religious culture, such as improving discipline in worship, enhancing understanding of Islamic values, and strengthening religious character in daily life. However, several challenges were identified in its implementation, including limitations in infrastructure, teachers' digital competence, and students' readiness to optimally utilize technology. In conclusion, *Smart Madrasah* as a technology-based innovation in Islamic education management plays a strategic role in strengthening students' religious values, although it requires continuous support in terms of infrastructure development and human resource capacity building.

**Keywords:** Smart Madrasah; Islamic education management; educational technology; religious values.

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## Introduction

The rapid advancement of information and communication technology (ICT) has significantly reshaped the global educational landscape, including the management and operational systems of educational institutions. In the era of digital transformation, educational institutions are required to adapt to technological developments to remain relevant and competitive. This transformation is not only limited to the integration of digital tools in teaching and learning processes but also extends to the broader scope of educational management, including planning, organizing, implementing, and evaluating institutional programs (Munir, 2017). Consequently, innovation in educational management has become a necessity rather than an option.

Within the context of Islamic education, the integration of technology presents both opportunities and challenges. Madrasahs, as Islamic educational institutions, carry a dual responsibility: delivering academic knowledge and nurturing students' religious values and moral character. Unlike general educational institutions, madrasahs emphasize the development of holistic individuals who embody Islamic values in their daily lives. Therefore, any transformation in management practices, including the adoption of digital technology, must align with the fundamental goals of Islamic education, particularly in strengthening religious values among students (Muhaimin, 2012).

Religious values in Islamic education encompass multiple dimensions, including faith (*iman*), worship (*ibadah*), and moral behavior (*akhlak*). These values are not merely theoretical concepts but are expected to be internalized and practiced in students' daily lives. The process of internalizing religious values requires a comprehensive approach that goes beyond classroom instruction. It involves the creation of a supportive educational environment, the establishment of religious culture, and the implementation of management systems that consistently reinforce these values. In this regard, educational management plays a crucial role in shaping students' religious character through both formal and informal institutional practices.

However, the integration of technology into educational management has often been dominated by functional and administrative considerations. Many educational institutions adopt digital systems primarily to improve efficiency, streamline administrative processes, and enhance access to information. While these improvements are essential, they do not automatically contribute to the development of students' religious character. This indicates a gap between technological advancement and the fundamental objectives of Islamic education. Without a deliberate effort to integrate religious values into technology-based management systems, the use of technology may remain superficial and fail to achieve its transformative potential.

A review of previous studies reveals that research on technology integration in education has largely focused on specific aspects rather than adopting a holistic perspective. Hidayat (2020), for instance, found that the implementation of e-learning systems in madrasahs improves learning effectiveness and student engagement. However, the study does not explore how such systems contribute to the internalization of religious values. Similarly, Arifin (2018) examined the role of management information systems in enhancing administrative efficiency in schools, yet the study lacks discussion on their impact on students' moral and religious development.

In addition, Suryadi (2019) highlighted that the use of digital media in Islamic Religious Education can increase students' motivation and interest in learning. Despite this positive outcome, the study does not integrate digital media usage within a broader educational management framework. Pratama (2021) further emphasized that digital transformation in schools contributes to improving educational quality and institutional performance. Nevertheless, the study does not address how such transformation influences

the development of a religious culture within the school environment. Meanwhile, Rahmawati (2022) demonstrated that religious habituation programs are effective in shaping students' character and strengthening their religious values. However, these programs are implemented through conventional approaches and have not incorporated digital technology as part of their management strategy.

Based on these findings, it can be observed that previous research tends to treat technology, educational management, and religious value development as separate domains. This fragmentation highlights a significant research gap, namely the absence of comprehensive studies that integrate technology-based Islamic education management with the strengthening of students' religious values within a unified conceptual and practical framework. In other words, there is a lack of research that examines how digital innovation in educational management can be strategically utilized to support the internalization of Islamic values among students.

In response to this gap, the concept of *Smart Madrasah* emerges as a promising innovation in Islamic education management. The *Smart Madrasah* concept refers to the integration of digital technology into various aspects of madrasah management, including learning systems, administrative processes, communication networks, and student development programs. Unlike conventional approaches that treat technology as a supporting tool, *Smart Madrasah* positions technology as an integral component of the educational ecosystem. This approach enables madrasahs to create a more adaptive, efficient, and responsive management system while maintaining their commitment to Islamic values.

Moreover, the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* aligns with the characteristics of contemporary students, who are often referred to as digital natives. These students have grown up in a technology-rich environment and are more accustomed to digital forms of interaction and learning (Prensky, 2001). As a result, they tend to respond more positively to interactive, technology-based learning experiences. By leveraging this characteristic, madrasahs can utilize digital platforms not only to deliver academic content but also to promote religious values in a more engaging and meaningful manner.

The integration of technology in strengthening religious values can take various forms, such as digital Qur'an learning applications, online religious mentoring, virtual religious activities, and technology-based monitoring of students' religious practices. When managed effectively, these innovations can contribute to the development of a religious culture that is both relevant to contemporary contexts and rooted in Islamic teachings. However, achieving this integration requires a well-designed management strategy that aligns technological innovation with the goals of Islamic education.

In this context, MA Negeri 1 Palembang represents an important case for examining the implementation of *Smart Madrasah*. As one of the prominent Islamic educational institutions, it has adopted various digital innovations in its management practices. These innovations provide an opportunity to explore how technology can be integrated into educational management to support the strengthening of students' religious values. Despite its potential, empirical studies focusing on this institution remain limited, making it a relevant and significant site for research.

Therefore, this study offers a novel contribution by integrating the concept of *Smart Madrasah* with technology-based Islamic education management in the context of strengthening students' religious values. Unlike previous studies that focus on isolated aspects, this research adopts a holistic approach that examines the interconnection between technology, management, and religious value development. Furthermore, by providing empirical evidence from MA Negeri 1 Palembang, this study contributes to the advancement of knowledge in Islamic education management, particularly in addressing the challenges and opportunities of the digital era.

Based on the above discussion, this study aims to analyze the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* as an innovation in technology-based Islamic education management and to examine its contribution to strengthening students' religious values at MA Negeri 1 Palembang.

## Method

This study employed a qualitative approach with a case study design to explore the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* as an innovation in technology-based Islamic education management and its contribution to strengthening students' religious values at MA Negeri 1 Palembang. A qualitative approach was considered appropriate because this research seeks to understand social phenomena in depth, particularly those related to processes, experiences, and meanings constructed by participants within their natural setting (Creswell, 2014). The case study design was chosen to allow a comprehensive and contextual analysis of a contemporary phenomenon within a real-life setting, especially when the boundaries between the phenomenon and its context are not clearly defined (Yin, 2018).

The research was conducted at MA Negeri 1 Palembang, an Islamic senior high school that has implemented various digital innovations in its educational management system. The selection of this site was based on its relevance to the research focus, particularly in terms of its adoption of technology in both academic and managerial practices. The participants in this study were selected through purposive sampling, focusing on individuals who have direct involvement and experience in the implementation of the *Smart Madrasah* concept. These participants included the school principal, vice principals, Islamic education teachers, IT staff, and students, all of whom provided diverse perspectives on the integration of technology and religious values within the institution.

Data were collected through in-depth interviews, observations, and document analysis. Semi-structured interviews were conducted to obtain detailed information regarding participants' experiences, perceptions, and roles in implementing technology-based management systems. Observations were carried out in a non-participatory manner to examine actual practices within the school environment, including the use of digital platforms in teaching and learning activities, administrative processes, and religious programs. In addition, documentation such as institutional policies, digital system records, instructional materials, and reports of religious activities were analyzed to complement and validate the data obtained from interviews and observations.

The data analysis process followed an interactive model proposed by Miles, Huberman, and Saldaña (2014), which involves data condensation, data display, and conclusion drawing. Data condensation was conducted by selecting, focusing, and simplifying the raw data obtained from the field into meaningful units. These data were then organized and presented in the form of descriptive narratives and thematic patterns to facilitate interpretation. Finally, conclusions were drawn and continuously verified through an iterative process to ensure consistency and accuracy of the findings.

To ensure the trustworthiness of the research, several validation techniques were applied. Triangulation was used by comparing data obtained from different sources and methods, including interviews, observations, and documentation. Member checking was also conducted by confirming the findings with participants to ensure that the interpretations accurately reflected their perspectives. In addition, prolonged engagement in the research setting allowed the researcher to gain a deeper understanding of the context and to build trust with participants, thereby enhancing the credibility and dependability of the study.

## Result and Discussion

### Implementation of Smart Madrasah in Technology-Based Islamic Education Management

The findings indicate that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* at MA Negeri 1 Palembang has been carried out systematically through the integration of digital technology into various aspects of educational management. This integration encompasses learning

systems, administrative services, communication networks, and religious programs, which collectively reflect a transformation toward a technology-based management model. Based on data obtained from in-depth interviews with the principal, teachers, and IT staff, supported by observations of school activities and analysis of institutional documents, the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* can be categorized into several key components, as presented in Table 1.

**Table 1. Implementation of Smart Madrasah at MA Negeri 1 Palembang**

No	Aspect of Management	Digital Implementation	Purpose	Impact
1	Learning Management	E-learning platforms, digital Qur'an applications	Enhance learning accessibility and engagement	Increased student participation and motivation
2	Administrative System	Digital attendance, academic information systems	Improve efficiency and accuracy of data management	Faster administrative processes and transparency
3	Communication System	School websites, WhatsApp groups, social media	Facilitate communication among stakeholders	More effective information dissemination
4	Religious Programs	Digital monitoring of worship, online religious content	Strengthen students' religious practices	Improved consistency in religious activities

**Source:** Processed from interview, observation, and documentation data at MA Negeri 1 Palembang (2026).

The data in Table 1 illustrate that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* is not limited to the adoption of isolated digital tools but represents a structured and integrated management system. Each component of management is supported by specific technological applications that serve both functional and educational purposes. For instance, the use of e-learning platforms not only facilitates content delivery but also creates interactive learning environments that align with students' digital habits. Similarly, digital administrative systems enhance efficiency while ensuring transparency and accountability in school management. From a managerial standpoint, this transformation reflects the application of modern educational management principles, particularly in terms of effectiveness, efficiency, and adaptability. According to Munir (2017), digital-based educational management emphasizes the integration of technology into all managerial functions, including planning, organizing, actuating, and controlling. The findings of this study confirm that MA Negeri 1 Palembang has begun to implement these principles, as evidenced by the systematic use of digital tools across multiple domains of school management.

Moreover, the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* can be analyzed through the lens of Islamic education management theory, which stresses the integration of *imtaq* (faith and piety) and *iptek* (science and technology). Muhaimin (2012) argues that Islamic education should not dichotomize between religious and scientific knowledge but instead integrate both dimensions in a balanced manner. In this study, such integration is evident in the use of digital platforms to support religious activities, such as Qur'an learning applications and digital monitoring of worship practices. This indicates that technology is not merely used for academic or administrative purposes but also as a medium for strengthening students' spiritual development.

In comparison with previous studies, the findings of this research provide a more holistic understanding of technology integration in Islamic education. Hidayat (2020) highlighted the effectiveness of e-learning in improving student engagement but did not explore its role within

a broader management framework. Similarly, Arifin (2018) focused on the efficiency of management information systems in school administration without addressing their impact on students' character development. In contrast, the present study demonstrates that *Smart Madrasah* integrates both academic and managerial dimensions while simultaneously contributing to the strengthening of religious values.

Furthermore, this study extends the findings of Suryadi (2019), who emphasized the role of digital media in enhancing students' interest in Islamic Religious Education. While Suryadi's study is limited to instructional practices, the current research shows that digital integration operates at a systemic level, encompassing not only teaching and learning but also institutional management and religious programming. Likewise, Pratama (2021) argued that digital transformation improves educational quality; however, the present study adds a new dimension by demonstrating that such transformation can also foster a value-based educational environment when aligned with Islamic principles.

A deeper analysis reveals that the success of *Smart Madrasah* implementation is closely linked to leadership and organizational culture. The principal plays a central role in initiating digital transformation by establishing policies, allocating resources, and encouraging teachers to adopt technology in their practices. This finding supports the view that transformational leadership is essential in driving innovation within educational institutions. In addition, the collaborative culture among teachers and staff contributes to the effective implementation of digital systems, as it facilitates knowledge sharing and mutual support.

However, the findings also indicate that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* is still in a developmental stage and faces several challenges. One of the main issues is the variation in digital competence among teachers, which affects the consistency of technology use in teaching and management. Some teachers are able to utilize digital tools effectively, while others require additional training and support. This disparity highlights the importance of continuous professional development as a key component of successful digital transformation.

Another challenge relates to infrastructure, particularly internet connectivity and access to digital devices. Although the school has implemented various digital systems, their effectiveness depends on the availability of supporting facilities. Limited access to technology, especially outside the school environment, may reduce the overall impact of the program on students' learning and religious practices.

Despite these challenges, the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* at MA Negeri 1 Palembang demonstrates significant potential as an innovative model of technology-based Islamic education management. The integration of digital tools across multiple domains of management, combined with a focus on strengthening religious values, distinguishes this model from previous approaches that tend to treat technology and value formation separately.

In a broader context, the findings suggest that the success of digital transformation in Islamic education depends not only on the availability of technology but also on its alignment with educational values and management strategies. The *Smart Madrasah* model provides evidence that technology can serve as a strategic instrument for achieving both academic excellence and spiritual development when implemented within a coherent and value-oriented management framework.

### **Strengthening Students' Religious Values through Digital Integration**

The findings show that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* at MA Negeri 1 Palembang contributes significantly to strengthening students' religious values through the integration of digital technology in various religious activities and programs. The use of technology in this context is not limited to supporting learning processes but extends to facilitating the internalization and habituation of religious practices in students' daily lives.

Based on interviews with teachers and students, supported by observations of school activities and documentation analysis, the strengthening of religious values through digital integration can be categorized into several forms, as presented in Table 2.

**Table 2. Digital-Based Strengthening of Students' Religious Values**

No	Religious Aspect	Digital Implementation	Purpose	Impact
1	Qur'an Literacy	Digital Qur'an apps, online tahsin sessions	Improve reading and memorization skills	Increased fluency and consistency
2	Worship Practices	Digital monitoring (prayer log, reminders)	Encourage discipline in daily worship	Improved regularity of prayers
3	Religious Knowledge	Online lectures, Islamic content via media	Broaden understanding of Islamic teachings	Increased cognitive understanding
4	Religious Habituation	WhatsApp reminders, digital campaigns	Build religious routines	Strengthened religious culture

**Source:** Processed from interview, observation, and documentation data at MA Negeri 1 Palembang (2026).

Table 2 illustrates that digital technology has been effectively utilized as a medium for strengthening various dimensions of students' religious values, including cognitive, affective, and behavioral aspects. The integration of digital tools enables religious activities to be conducted in a more flexible, accessible, and engaging manner, thereby increasing student participation and consistency in practicing religious values.

From a theoretical perspective, the findings of this study are closely related to the concept of value internalization in Islamic education, which emphasizes the importance of habituation (*ta'dib*) and continuous practice in shaping students' character. According to Muhaimin (2012), the internalization of religious values requires not only knowledge transmission but also the creation of a supportive environment that encourages students to practice these values consistently. In this study, digital technology functions as a facilitating tool that reinforces such an environment by providing continuous access to religious content and structured monitoring of religious practices.

Moreover, the integration of digital technology in strengthening religious values can also be explained through the theory of contextual learning, which highlights the importance of aligning educational strategies with students' real-life contexts (Prensky, 2001). As digital natives, students are more responsive to technology-based interactions. Therefore, the use of mobile applications, social media, and online platforms makes religious learning more relevant and engaging for them. This approach not only enhances students' motivation but also supports the sustainability of religious practices beyond the classroom.

When compared to previous studies, this research provides a more integrative perspective. Rahmawati (2022) found that religious habituation programs are effective in shaping students' character; however, these programs were implemented through conventional methods without integrating digital technology. In contrast, this study demonstrates that the incorporation of digital tools can enhance the effectiveness of religious habituation by making it more structured, consistent, and accessible.

Similarly, Suryadi (2019) highlighted the role of digital media in increasing students' interest in Islamic Religious Education, but the study was limited to classroom learning. The present study extends this finding by showing that digital integration also supports extracurricular religious activities and daily worship practices. This indicates that the role of technology is not confined to cognitive learning but also extends to behavioral and affective domains.

In addition, while Hidayat (2020) emphasized the effectiveness of e-learning systems, the focus was primarily on academic outcomes. This study adds a new dimension by demonstrating that digital platforms can also be used to strengthen students' spiritual development. Thus,

*Smart Madrasah* provides a more comprehensive model that integrates academic, managerial, and religious dimensions within a single framework.

A deeper analysis reveals that the effectiveness of digital integration in strengthening religious values depends on several key factors. First, the role of teachers is crucial in guiding students to use technology in a meaningful and responsible manner. Teachers not only act as facilitators but also as role models in demonstrating the integration of technology and religious values. Second, parental involvement also contributes to the success of digital-based religious programs, particularly in monitoring students' activities outside school.

However, the study also identifies several challenges in the implementation process. One of the main issues is the potential for misuse of technology, as students may access non-educational or inappropriate content if not properly supervised. This highlights the importance of digital literacy and ethical guidance as part of the educational process. In addition, the effectiveness of digital monitoring systems depends on students' honesty and self-awareness, which cannot be fully controlled by technological means.

Another challenge is the variation in students' access to digital devices and internet connectivity. While some students can fully benefit from digital programs, others may face limitations that affect their participation. This issue indicates that digital integration must be accompanied by equitable access to technology to ensure that all students benefit equally.

Despite these challenges, the findings demonstrate that digital integration within the *Smart Madrasah* framework has a significant impact on strengthening students' religious values. The use of technology enables the creation of a more dynamic and interactive religious learning environment, which supports both individual and collective religious practices.

In a broader perspective, this study suggests that the integration of technology in Islamic education should not be viewed as a threat to traditional values but rather as an opportunity to enhance their relevance in the modern era. The *Smart Madrasah* model illustrates how digital innovation can be aligned with the goals of Islamic education, thereby providing a sustainable approach to character development in the digital age.

### Challenges and Implications of Smart Madrasah Implementation in Islamic Education

The findings reveal that while the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* at MA Negeri 1 Palembang demonstrates significant progress in integrating technology into Islamic education management, it also encounters various challenges that influence its effectiveness and sustainability. These challenges are not only technical in nature but also pedagogical, cultural, and managerial, which require comprehensive strategies to address them.

Based on data collected through interviews, observations, and documentation, the challenges and their implications can be categorized as presented in Table 3.

**Table 3. Challenges and Implications of Smart Madrasah Implementation**

No	Challenge	Description	Implication	Strategic Response
1	Digital Competence Gap	Variation in teachers' ability to use technology	Inequality in learning quality	Continuous professional training
2	Infrastructure Limitations	Limited internet access and digital devices	बाधित implementation of digital programs	Improvement of facilities and access
3	Technology Misuse Risk	Students' exposure to non-educational content	Potential decline in moral behavior	Strengthening digital ethics education
4	Student Self-Regulation	Low consistency in independent digital religious practices	Ineffective monitoring outcomes	Character-based mentoring and supervision

5	Institutional Readiness	Partial integration across management systems	Lack of systemic transformation	Policy strengthening and strategic planning
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**Source:** Processed from interview, observation, and documentation data at MA Negeri 1 Palembang (2026).

Table 3 shows that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* is a complex process that requires not only technological readiness but also human resource development, institutional commitment, and cultural adaptation. Each challenge identified in this study has direct implications for the quality and sustainability of the program.

From a theoretical perspective, these challenges can be analyzed using the framework of educational change management. Fullan (2007) argues that successful educational reform depends on the alignment between innovation, capacity building, and institutional support. The findings of this study confirm that technological innovation alone is insufficient without adequate teacher competence and organizational readiness. The digital competence gap among teachers, for instance, indicates that capacity building remains a critical factor in ensuring the effectiveness of technology integration.

Furthermore, the issue of infrastructure limitations reflects the digital divide, which is a common challenge in the implementation of technology-based education, particularly in developing contexts. As noted by Selwyn (2016), unequal access to digital resources can create disparities in learning opportunities. In this study, such disparities affect not only academic learning but also students' participation in digital religious programs, thereby influencing the overall impact of *Smart Madrasah*.

In relation to Islamic education, the risk of technology misuse presents a significant concern. While digital tools provide opportunities for learning and religious development, they also expose students to content that may contradict Islamic values. This finding aligns with the argument of Al-Attas (1991), who emphasizes the importance of *adab* (proper conduct) in the use of knowledge and technology. Therefore, the integration of digital ethics within the curriculum becomes essential to ensure that technology is used in a manner consistent with Islamic principles.

When compared to previous studies, this research offers a more comprehensive understanding of the challenges of digital transformation in Islamic education. Pratama (2021) identified infrastructure as a major barrier to digital learning but did not explore its implications for religious value formation. Similarly, Hidayat (2020) highlighted the importance of teacher readiness but focused primarily on instructional aspects without addressing managerial and cultural dimensions.

Moreover, Rahmawati (2022) discussed challenges in religious habituation programs, particularly in maintaining students' consistency, but did not consider the role of digital monitoring systems. This study extends her findings by showing that although digital monitoring can support religious practices, it cannot fully replace students' internal motivation and self-regulation. This indicates that technology should be viewed as a complementary tool rather than a substitute for character education.

A deeper analysis also reveals that institutional readiness plays a crucial role in determining the success of *Smart Madrasah*. The partial integration of digital systems across different management areas suggests that the transformation process is still ongoing. This finding supports the view that digital transformation in education is a gradual process that requires long-term planning and sustained commitment.

In terms of implications, the findings of this study highlight several important points. First, there is a need for continuous professional development programs to enhance teachers' digital competence. Such programs should not only focus on technical skills but also on pedagogical and ethical aspects of technology use. Second, improving infrastructure and ensuring equitable access to digital resources are essential to maximize the benefits of *Smart Madrasah*.

Third, the integration of digital ethics and character education should be strengthened to address the risks associated with technology misuse. This can be achieved through curriculum development, teacher guidance, and parental involvement. Fourth, schools need to develop comprehensive policies and strategic plans to ensure the sustainability of digital transformation initiatives.

Finally, this study implies that the success of *Smart Madrasah* depends on the integration of technology, values, and management within a coherent framework. The challenges identified in this research should not be viewed as obstacles but as opportunities for improvement and innovation. By addressing these challenges systematically, Islamic educational institutions can develop more effective and sustainable models of technology-based education.

In a broader context, the findings suggest that the implementation of *Smart Madrasah* has the potential to contribute to the development of a new paradigm in Islamic education, where technology and religious values are not seen as opposing forces but as complementary elements. This paradigm emphasizes the importance of balancing innovation with tradition, thereby ensuring that Islamic education remains relevant in the digital era while maintaining its core values.

## Conclusion

This study concludes that the implementation of the *Smart Madrasah* model at MA Negeri 1 Palembang demonstrates a significant transformation in Islamic education management through the integration of digital technology across learning, administration, communication, and religious programs. The findings reveal that technology is not only utilized as a supporting tool but has evolved into a strategic instrument in creating an effective, efficient, and value-oriented educational system.

Furthermore, the integration of digital technology has proven to contribute to the strengthening of students' religious values, encompassing cognitive, affective, and behavioral dimensions. The use of digital platforms such as Qur'an applications, online religious content, and digital monitoring systems enables the internalization of Islamic values in a more structured, consistent, and engaging manner. This indicates that technology can play a constructive role in bridging the gap between modern educational demands and the preservation of religious values.

However, the study also identifies several challenges, including disparities in teachers' digital competence, limitations in infrastructure, risks of technology misuse, and issues related to students' self-regulation. These challenges highlight that the success of digital transformation in Islamic education depends not only on technological availability but also on human resource readiness, institutional support, and the integration of ethical and character education.

The novelty of this research lies in its holistic approach to integrating technology within Islamic education management while simultaneously emphasizing the strengthening of religious values. Unlike previous studies that tend to focus on either technological effectiveness or religious education separately, this study presents *Smart Madrasah* as an integrative model that combines digital innovation with value-based education.

In conclusion, the *Smart Madrasah* model offers a promising framework for developing sustainable Islamic education in the digital era. Its successful implementation requires a balanced approach that integrates technology, management, and Islamic values within a coherent system. Therefore, this study recommends continuous professional development for teachers, improvement of digital infrastructure, strengthening of digital ethics education, and the formulation of comprehensive institutional policies to ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of technology-based Islamic education.

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