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ABSTRACT

Customer satisfaction is a measurement of how pleased customers are with a particular product or service. Satisfied customers are likely to make repeat purchases and often refer others. In this paper we have taken 100 respondents to find out their opinion about beers. Finally we find that the Most of the customers are satisfied with the overall performance of the product, and the customers prefer strong and premium type beers, Products like blue, ultra and Lager have got a least preference among Kingfisher products. It has been observed that the product is having a peak demand during weekends.

KEYWORDS

customer satisfaction, performance, types of beer, market share, growth rate.

INTRODUCTION

ompanies in this industry sell beer, wine, and liquor products from physical retail establishments. No major US companies dominate; individual states have different laws regulating liquor stores, complicating the ability to form national chains. The US beer, wine, and liquor store industry includes about 30,000 stores with combined annual revenue of about \$45 billion. Key growth drivers are consumer income, new products, and personal tastes.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Personal income, consumer tastes, and entertainment trends drive demand. The profitability of individual companies depends on effective marketing and competitive pricing. Large companies offer wide selections and deep discounts, but small companies compete by offering specialized merchandise, providing superior customer service, or serving a local market. The industry is highly fragmented: the top 50 companies account for 20 percent of sales. Liquor stores compete directly with grocery stores, warehouse clubs, convenience stores, and gas stations, and indirectly with restaurants, bars, and other establishments that serve alcohol.

PRODUCTS, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Distilled spirits (liquors) account for 40 percent of sales, wine for 30 percent, and beer and ale for 25 percent; other products include groceries, cigarettes, and cigars. The liquor (or hard liquor) category includes gin, vodka, rum, whiskey, brandy, and liqueurs. State laws dictate the type of alcohol sold in a particular venue. In some states, only liquor stores can sell hard liquor.

GROWTH RATE OF BEER IN INDIA

People around the world have always banked upon beer to quench their thirst. Change in demography, a better standard of living and a myriad of choices that 21st century Indian enjoys, beer has made inroads into India in last decade. Beer consumption, which once was considered as frivolous, now typifies a drastic lifestyle shift in an apt manner. Consumption in India has increased into double digits in last decade. The nation enjoys a consumption rate that stands at 1.7 Litres/Year/Person, and a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 10 per cent over the last 5 years. This ready acceptance of beer as a hearty beverage among people from various age groups has expedited the burgeoning of indigenous Indian beer brands. Be it internationally the renowned Kingfisher beer, the global player such as Carlsberg and Tuborg, a more subtle one which goes by the name of Cobra or Kalyani Black Label which is one of India's oldest lagers and more popular in Eastern India; people have acquired the smooth, mellowed taste of beer. Take a look at the following statistics which substantiate this paradigm shift in the Indian beer market: Swiss financial services firm, UBS, estimates the Indian beer market recorded revenue CAGR of 27% between FY02 and FY12 to \$2.2 billion. The states of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Goa are the fastest growing markets in India. UB (Kingfisher's parent company) – along with Millennium Alcobev – and SABMiller account for nearly 85% of the Indian beer market. With Asia's third largest economy catching up with the world vis-à-vis beer consumption, SABMiller, the world's second-largest brewer, plans to invest Rs. 440 crore in its unlisted Indian arm to expand capacity. What might follow next should not be a surprise. With people from a younger age bracket acting as an impetus in driving the sales of beer across India, it is simply a matter of time before more companeital growth taking place within the next couple of years.

Arnav, a college student says: "Beer is the best thing that has happened to the college goers. It helps you take the edge off without any serious side effects. Cheers to that!" It is not just the male populace that is enamored by beer. Miss Girdhar, a corporate employee, says: "A pint of beer is a perfect after-work companion for me. Be it my home or clubs, beer just makes the cut. It is easy on your senses and affordable unlike whiskey or wine which leaves you sloshed and burns a hole in your pocket." Another important factor contributing to the increase in beer consumption is the variety of beer bars in India. The *Beer Café* and the *Pint Room* are two major players which dominate the market. Then there are the waterholes that cater to people from different walks of life. But does this indicate that people have finally broken the shackles of pretence and have indeed matured enough to make their own decisions when it comes to consumption

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of alcohol based drinks? Have we crawled out from the abyss of pseudo-ethos and have embraced the reality of 21st century? The quandary engenders from our thought process which is struck between personal appeasement and dogmatic outlook of Indian society. People from different schools of thought emphatically state their view when it comes to beer consumption. Beer enthusiasts love this brewed benediction for multiple reasons: "I just can't do without a beer," says Sahil, an engineering graduate. Next in line are the people who accept the fact that drinking beer is fine and the whole debate about drinkers and anti-drinkers has been blown out of proportion: "It is a personal choice. You can't really dictate people what to do and how to their lives," states Mr. Biswas. Then there is the bloc of anti-drinkers whose scathing remarks about beer consumption might leave a bad taste in the mouth. Mr. Arora says: "Another west aping tendencies of 'modern people' who love to be rebels. Just wait and watch how this habit turns into a Pandora box." These views might sound poles apart but there is a middle ground here. There is an equilibrium plane, which has been overlooked due to the lack of inclusive thinking. People who are against beer consumption need to realize that taming thought processes and choices are the worst thing that can happen to a human. You can advise them, council them but imposing personal will on others is not an ideal solution. For the beer connoisseurs, this might sound blunt around the edges but drinking beer is perfectly acceptable when you restrain yourself from over indulgence.

GROWTH RATE OF BEER IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The Andhra Pradesh Beverages Corporation Limited (APBCL) was established in the year 1986 as a fully owned under taking of the Government, with the main objective of supplying hygienic packed arrack to the licensees and is incorporated under Companies s Act, 1956. The Corporation had set up 22 field units for carrying arrack operations at various district locations with a total capital outlay of Rs. 32.65 crores, which includes buildings and civil works. The various fixed assets like Plant and Machinery other than buildings valued at Rs. 24 .70 crores were transferred to the Corporation in the form of Debt and Equity in the ratio of 2:1. The authorized share capital of the Corporation is Rs.10 Crores and the paid up share capital as on date is Rs.833.37 lakhs. The erstwhile Arrack Bottling units are converted into IML Depots for the wholesale trading activities of IML & BEER.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To measure the level of satisfaction of the customers towards kingfisher beer.
- 2. To know the views of the customers towards product performance.

METHODOLOGY

DATA SOURCES

- SECONDARY DATA: A part of data is also gathered through the secondary source which articles and text books.
- PRIMARY DATA: Majority of primary data is gathered by making a sample survey of 100 respondents.
- **Research design** Descriptive research : **Research** approach : Survey method Research instrument : Questionnaire Sampling Plan: Sampling unit Customers of Beer • Sampling size 100 o Sampling technique Convenience sampling Statistical tool Pie charts and Tables LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY
- Respondent's inability to give correct answers due to lack of information, forgetfulness of unwillingness to give correct answers.
- The project based on interview methodology by structured questionnaire and the personal skills of the under taking the project also affect the result
- Financial constraint has limited the survey.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Crosby (1981) defined Quality as consistency with fixed specifications and this agrees with Karim's definition (1996), who defined Quality as anything that accords with the characteristics of the product to meet the external clients' needs. In addition, the product quality differs from that of a service as the earlier is tangible, whereas the latter is intangible. Service is also defined differently. The American Society for Marketing, for example, defines service as activities or benefits that are offered for sale or that are offered for being related to a particular product.

Kotler (2003), defined service as 'any behaviour or act based on a contact between two parties: the provider and the receiver, and the essence of this reciprocal process in intangible.

Hakesver (2000) looked at service as a set of economic activities that provide time, location form and psychological benefits.

Beer (2003) defined service as a set of characteristics and overall properties of the service which aim to satisfy the clients and meet their needs.

Walfried, et.al. (2000) defined service as a set of characteristics that meet the clients' needs, strengthen the links between the organization and them, and enhance the clients' value as well.

Kolter and Armstrong (1999) defended the customer satisfaction as the customer's perception that compare their pre-purchase expectations with post purchase perception.

Oliver (1997, p. 13) defines satisfaction as "the consumer's fulfillment response", a post consumption judgment by the consumer that a service provides a pleasing level of consumption-related fulfillment, including under or over-fulfillment.

Oliver (1981) point of view Customer satisfaction is the evaluation a customer makes to a certain exchange, which reflects the relation of the customer's expectation and their real perception to products and services they receive. Some researchers think customer satisfaction can be measured. For example: Caepiel (1974) suggested using overall measurement to record customers' response to different attributes of products and services.

Kuo (1996) recognized seven factors that influence customer satisfaction: service content, price, convenience, corporate image, equipment, staff and procedure. Huang (1998) also defined five factors used to evaluate customer satisfaction: product, service, staff, overall performance of products, and closeness to expectation.

DATA TABULATION AND ANALYSIS

BEER YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREFER IN KINGFISHER

Strong	Premium	Ultra	Blue	Premium
61	20	6	4	9

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (61%) prefer Kingfisher Strong.

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REGULARITY IN CONSUMPTION OF KINGFISHER BEER

Daily	once a week	Twice a week	Once a month	Occasional
07	53	12	19	09

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (53%) are consuming beer once a week. SATISFACTION LEVEL TOWARDS ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

H satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dissatisfied	H dissatisfied
15	47	23	13	02

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (47%) are satisfied with the level of Alcohol Percentage. SATISFACTION TOWARDS QUALITY AND TASTE

H satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dissatisfied	H dissatisfied
49	23	21	07	00

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (49%) are highly satisfied with quality and Taste. SATISFACTION TOWARDS PRICE

H satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dissatisfied	H dissatisfied
19	52	27	02	00

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (52%) are satisfied with the product price. SATISFACTION TOWARDS AVAILABILITY

H satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dissatisfied	H dissatisfied
72	21	07	00	00

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (72%) are Highly Satisfied with the product price.

LOCATION OF PURCHASE

Wine shop	Club	Bar & Restaurant
76	03	21

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (76%) are purchasing kingfisher beer at Wine shop. SOURCE OF AWARENESS

Hoardings	Wall paintings	Friends	TV ads	Print media
13	17	21	43	06

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (43%) are aware of Kingfisher through Television Ads. OVERALL SATISFACTION TOWARDS KINGFISHER BEER

H satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dissatisfied	H dissatisfied
41	37	15	07	00

Inference: - From the above chart we can conclude that most of the customers (41%) are Highly Satisfied with the product price.

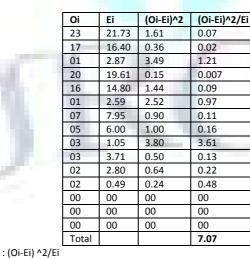
TESTING OF HYPOTHESIS

CHI – SQUARE TEST

Null Hypothesis (Ho): Customer satisfaction level is independent on age group.

Condition: If chi-square observed is greater than chi-square calculated, then accept Ho, otherwise we reject

Age Group	Highly Satisfied	Satisfied	Moderate	Dis-satisfied	Highly Dissatisfied	Total
21 – 25	23	20	7	03	00	53
26 – 29	17	16	5	02	00	40
>30	01	01	3	02	00	07
Total	41	37	15	07	00	100





Chi - square Formula

Chi - square calculated value

Chi - square observed value : 15.51 @ 5% level of significance

: 7.07

Inference: Since calculated value which is 7.07 is less than the observed value which is 15.51 at 5% level of significance. So, we accept null hypothesis. There is no significance relation between customer satisfaction level and age group.

FINDINGS

1. Most of the customers are satisfied with the overall performance of the product.

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- 2. Many of the customers prefer strong and premium type beers.
- 3. Products like blue, ultra and Lager have got a least preference among Kingfisher products.
- 4. It has been observed that the product is having a peak demand during weekends.

SUGGENTIONS

- 1. Since the product has got a positive response from the market, the firm has to pay a greater attention in maintaining consistency in all aspects of the product in order to retain existing customers and to attract new ones.
- 2. The company should also concentrate on other products of the brand like blue, ultra and Lager so as to increase its sales revenue.
- 3. There is a great demand towards the product during weekends. So, it is recommended to maintain sufficient stock to meet the requirement.

CONCLUSIONS

Most of the customers are satisfied with the overall performance of the beer, they are giving more priority prefer strong and premium type beers like blue, ultra and Lager have got a least preference among Kingfisher products. We observed that the product is having a peak demand during weekends

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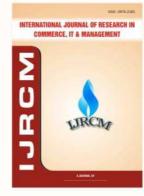
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