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INFLUENCE OF APARTMENT PRICE ON RESIDENTIAL SATISFACTION: A STUDY IN CHENNAI

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research was to determine influence of flat price on apartment satisfaction. Simple random sampling was used in this study. 200 samples were collected from Chennai metro Politian city. From an ANOVA analysis it could be shown that above 35 lakhs price group respondents have higher satisfaction when compared to the below 35 lakhs price group respondents. This study has resulted in new insights that the apartment price positively influences the residential satisfaction in Chennai.

KEYWORDS

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INTRODUCTION

In the real economy, there are a lot more factors that affect house prices and the correlation is not as major as in our example. One of the major factors that cause house prices to increase is interest rates. When interest rates are low, buying homes can be more affordable for home buyers and increase the demand for homes. If the supply of homes remains constant and the demand increases, then the price of homes will increase. In large cities where land availability is often limited, you can see a more pronounced effect of inflation.

After you have determined the general prices and whether you can afford for an apartment, you should decide whether or not you need a roommate. You need to take into consideration that you will be paying for all of the utilities yourself. These may cost more than you realize. You should also determine the size of the place that you need.

The Indian real estate market is one of the emerging markets in the developing economics of countries and real estate promoters play an important role in the development of the Indian economy. It is important to understand the factors that have positive influence on the propensity of Indian investors to invest in the real estate market. Therefore, the resultant thesis is that the propensity to invest in the real estate market depends on investment expertise of investors, investors' knowledge of neutral information, investors' motivation from an advisor, and family; the purpose of this study is to explore these relationships among the above variables.

The main problem of people who are investing in real estate is that they are having problems in finding a good realtor for them. They are not aware of the things that should be done, and they are not aware of the things that they need to consider whenever they are looking for a realtor.

Housing is generally viewed as a good asset when it comes to inflation, in part because it will rise with the inflation rate and in part because it is a leveraged asset. Supply and demand influence the prices. Even if inflation is high, an oversupply of housing will bring home prices down. Interest rates tend to go up with inflation. Mortgage rates reflect interest rates. If mortgage rates go up too high, people won't take out home loans. Demand will decrease; home prices will fall.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

This reviews the existing literature about the influence of apartment price and its satisfaction. A review of the literature dealing with house prices over the period. This section is to provide related literatures to this research and to provide a theoretical framework. The literature begins with a review of definitions regarding housing price and its customer satisfaction.

The other stream of research on this issue examines the important factors that affect price movements in property markets (see, for example, Clapp and Giaccotto [1994], Mullbauer and Murphy [1995], Dolde and Tirtiroglue [2002], Jud and Winkler [2002], and Miller and Peng [2003]). However, many of these studies are empirical in nature. While most of them were able to identify pricing factors, it is not clear if their findings are capable of addressing the issue in question. For example, when an empirical study finds a relationship between income and property appreciation rates, it does not necessarily mean that the magnitude of the appreciation rate can be justified by the magnitude of the income growth rate. Furthermore, there is contradictory evidence on the predictability of certain economic variables and no consensus as to which economic variables should be included in the estimation equation.

Mulder and Wagner (1998) have suggested house price at the time, house price change and shortages in the rental tenure, are all important factors, as well as purchase arrangements with regard to stamp duty or loan deposits. McQuinn and O'Reilly (2008) assess the linkages between money, credit, house prices and economic activity in industrialized countries. There is evidence of a significant multidirectional link between house prices, monetary variables and the macro economy.

Malpezzi (1990, 1999) analyzed house price and income by positing a long-run equilibrium ratio between typical house prices and income. A few studies utilize dynamic models such as Vector Autoregression (VAR) and the concept of Granger causality to study how house price changes may affect the economy. Chen and Patel (1998) examine dynamic causal relationships between house price and household income, short-run interest rates, stock price index, construction costs, and housing completions, in Taipei. They find that all five determinants Granger cause house prices, but only house prices and stock price index have a bilateral feedback effect.

Gupta, Jurgilas and Kabundi (2010) indicate that house price inflation responds negatively to monetary policy shock, so that the responses are heterogeneous across the middle-, luxury- and affordable-segments of the housing market.

NEED OF THE STUDY

This study will help us to understand customer's satisfaction and influence of apartment price on residential satisfaction. There has been the need for customer research before, during and after sales, because of changes that may occur in the real estate business process.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Current market scenario of real estate has a very big boom in Indian market. You need to determine the best place for you to live in relation to where you work. The farther away you are from work, the higher your transportation costs will be. If you work in a major metropolitan area you need to buy an apartment near to workplace. If near to workplace the cost of apartment may be high. In this case price drives an important role. The house price rises by the rate of inflation. Inflation rate times the cost of the house, not the cost of your down payment.

OBJECTIVES

To study the relationship between apartment price and residential satisfaction.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research planned to describe the price inflation and reliability of real estate promoters in Chennai metropolitan city. Real estate market is booming, demand is soaring, and shaping of industry is very fast. Real estate has become a focus of citizen interest. Literature review was done by going through the available articles and books from web search. 200 samples were collected from Chennai metro Politian city. They were asked whether they were satisfied with the price of their apartment. Data were then tabulated and summarized in SPSS.

RELIABILITY STATISTICS

TABLE 1

Cronbach's Alpha	No. of Items
0.759	5

The reliability value shows Cronbach's Alpha.759 in this study which were all much higher than 0.6, the residential satisfaction constructs were therefore deemed to have adequate reliability.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

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TABLE 2: OVERALL SATISFACTION TOWARDS PRICE OF APARTMENT

Price of the apartment	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error	Maximum
Below 15 Lakhs	119	3.53	.955	.088	5
15,00,001 to 25 lakhs	41	3.39	.919	.143	4
25,00,001 to 35 lakhs	21	3.95	.218	.048	4
Above 35 lakhs	19	4.00	.000	.000	4
Total	200	3.59	.869	.061	5

ANOVA

TABLE 3: OVERALL SATISFACTION

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	8.024	3	2.675	3.683	.013
Within Groups	142.356	196	.726		
Total	150.380	199			

In order to find the significant difference among the respondents with respect to their price, ANOVA result implies that significant difference exists among the respondents with respect to their price towards overall satisfaction (F=3.683; p=0.013). That is, the opinion of above 35 lakhs price apartment respondents (Mean=4.00, S.D=0.000) is significantly different from 15 to 25 lakhs price apartment respondents (Mean=3.39, S.D=0.919), When considering the variable, overall satisfaction, satisfaction level is high among the above 35 lakhs price group respondents when compared with the 15 to 25 lakhs price group respondents.

DISCUSSION

ANOVA result indicates that the overall satisfaction is positively influenced by price. ANOVA shows significant difference exists among the respondents with respect to their price towards overall satisfaction. Above 35 lakhs apartment respondents group has high satisfaction when compared with other low price apartments. This research indicates that price plays a vital role. This study has resulted in new insights that apartment price influences the residential satisfaction in Chennai people.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The reliability value Cronbach's Alpha.638 shown in this study were all much higher than 0.6, the constructs were therefore deemed to have adequate reliability. The opinion of above 35 lakhs price group respondents is significantly different from 15001 to 25000 lakhs price group respondents, which means that the above 35 lakhs price group respondents are highly satisfied with the apartment price compared to 15001 to 25000 lakhs price group respondents. The study also collected customers' views of past price. It has been assumed that the customers were telling the truth about their feelings regarding that price.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of this study also shed light on the relationship between apartment price and residential satisfaction. In all instances, the evidence indicates that the apartment price plays a major role.

LIMITATION

This study had identified only the factor of how price inflation influences satisfaction of above 35 lakhs price group residents. But the core issue is related to middle and below group. The main demerit into the inflation factors affecting the below 35 lakhs group respondents.

SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

This study is customer satisfaction apartments. This field based study was done only in Chennai. There are so many real estate developer companies in Chennai and all over the Tamilnadu, with growing customer retention, different group of customers, and with real estate strategies. So it might not be possible generalized about the overall country scenario. This investigation was done last one year. So the year-of-investigation and year-of-publication time gap is there as this market is changing over time.

Further study in the future may attempt the factors that influence demands namely interest rates, economy, demographics, government, finance, rents and returns on alternative investments, prospects of capital growth.

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