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FACTORS INDUCING PARTICIPATION IN B2B & B2C E-MARKETS: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF PUNJAB

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ABSTRACT

The present study explores the dynamics of Internet based B2B & B2C E-Markets and provides concrete suggestions to exploit these markets to a great extent. The present research work focuses the various benefits attracting the companies to deploy these markets. We applied Factor Analytic approach to explore the factors determining the level of organizational participation in Internet based B2B & B2C E-Markets and ANOVA to elicit the divergence between various factors.

The provision of an electronic market place within the Internet will significantly improve the productivity & Competitiveness of all participating companies regardless of whether they are suppliers or customers. The Internet provides access to an on-line global market place, which operates on a 24x7 basis with Billion of customer and thousands of products and services. It also provides companies with new more cost effective & time efficient means for working with customers, suppliers and development partners.

Although the organisations in European countries are totally exploiting the B2B & B2C E-Markets but as far as India is concerned still the companies are not fully exploiting the benefits of capturing these E-markets. The study highlights the problems faced by the organizations in deploying the E-Markets and also provide remedial strategies.

INTRODUCTION

As the world steps into the new millennium, the IT revolution that has triggered in the last decade of the 20th century intensified, mainly because of the invention of Internet which has turned the world into global village, where people interact instantly with anybody in any part of this planet through clicking of mouse and sitting before a computer connecting on world wide web (WWW) enabled the individual to collect so much volume of information in a year that of a person living in nineteenth century can gather in his entire life. E-markets (Kaplan & Sawhney, 2000) by virtue are the form of IT facilitated markets where buyers & sellers come together in market space & exchange information pertaining to price, product specifications & terms of trade and dynamic price-making mechanism (such as bid & ask system) transaction between the firms.

E-Marketing is about buying and selling products and services on the World Wide Web via Internet. The sellers are individual, small businesses at large corporation. The buyers are consumers or business. Payments can be made through credit or debit card, money order, cash, cheque etc. Defining marketing for the twenty first century (Kotler Philip, 2010) states that e-marketing describes company's efforts to inform, communicate, promote and sell its products and services over the Internet. Kotler also stressed over the deploymentation of Internet as electronic marketing channel, which provides astonished advantages over traditional marketing channels (Newspapers, TV, Mail, Telephone, Video tape, CD & Audio Tapes) such as: Both small & large firms can afford it, No real limit on advertising space, Information access and retrieval are fast.

Marketers (Kotler Philip, 2000) can conduct on-line marketing by creating an electronic presence on the Internet, "placing ads on-line; participating in forums, newsgroups, bulletin boards and web communities; & using e-mail & web casting. The range of things that can be sold using that E-Marketing is enormous and covers things that are sold today and those that are not practical to sell any other way. It encompasses anything that can be described, is well defined and has value to one or more buyers. It includes art apartments and antennas, batteries, bicycles, bonds, books, clothing, computers, cosmetics etc. and whatever else can change hands.

The present research work is to dwell on aspects managed in the new era. But the backdrop for this world emerge from a better understanding of the fact that the competitive advantage for a business comes from the accumulated knowledge base, as well as ability to mobilize and integrate knowledge.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Tatsuo Tanaka (1996), James Ho (1997) and Dirk Stelzer (2001) study concluded the factors attracting the companies to exploit the E-Markets such New business opportunities , resolve communication barriers rather improve the communication especially in B2C E-markets .Similarly Jackson Michele (1997) & Stone & Han (1999) also studied the benefits of exploiting E-markets and also it studied the problems such Low penetration level , Requiring Computer skill , Payment Security issue and many more. Hann Jungpil et al (2001), Schoop markieke (2001), Grewal Rajdeep et al (2001) concluded that the level of participation in B2B E-Markets depends on Ability and motivation. The Ability is influenced by age based learning, effort based learning and IT capabilities. The second variable motivation is influenced by efficiency motive & legitimacy motives. Gauzente Claire et al (2001), Ruth M. Guzley et al (2001), Kauffman J. Robert et al.(2001) suggested the strategy enabling organisation to cultivate the advantages to participate in B2B & B2C E-markets such as attractive web presence, e-payment security , prompt

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delivery of goods , safe surfing , effective handling of e-mails and suitable EDI system depending on the organisation nature and size of market. Arora Shivani and Chander Subhash (2003) studied the nature of B2B & B2C E-markets and problems of prospective of exploiting e-markets through a sample size of 300 customers and 50 marketers working in B2B and B2C E-Markets. It found the various barriers of e-markets such as ambiguous privacy policy, lack of payment security, lack of touch and feel, fear of hidden cost, delayed delivery, complicated ordering system. It also conclude the factors attracting to participate in B2B & B2C E-Markets such as communication benefits , instant delivery and payment , vast coverage , a new way to sell electronically, Available 24X7 , cost benefits and many more.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

In view of above, the present study is to focus on the various factors which motivate the organization to participate in the internet based B2B and B2C E-market. However, the specific objectives of the study are as follows:-

- 1. To study the factors motivating the organization to participate in B2B and B2C E-markets.
- 2. To analyse the divergence between motivating factors with regard to B2B and B2C E-markets.
- 3. To elaborate potential solution of the identified problems and to recommend the suitable strategy to cultivate the E-markets.

METHODOLOGY

The basic objective of the present study is to evaluate the various factors motivating to participate in internet based B2B and B2C E-Markets and divergence nature of these factors. To elicit theoretical conclusion the researchers examined the available literature in the form of books, research works, research articles, reports of various committees/commissions. To explore the various motivating factors a sample of registered 50 industrial units dealing in B2B E-markets and 50 industrial units dealing in B2C E-Markets were drawn from the three districts namely Jalandhar, Amritsar, and Ludhiana situated in Punjab through a well structured interview schedule.

FACTOR ANALYSIS

Principal Component Analysis was employed for extracting factors and the number of factors to be extracted were finalized on the basis of 'Latent Root Criterion' i.e. variables having Eigen values greater than 1. Six factors were extracted which together accounted for 77.543 per cent of the variance. Finally, the Principal Component Analysis with Orthogonal Rotation has been used in the present study. In Orthogonal Rotation, it is assumed that factors operate independently of each other. Varimax Rotated Factor Analysis which is the most popular method of Orthogonal Rotation has been used.

DATA SUITABILITY FOR FACTOR ANALYSIS

- In order to test the suitability of data for Principal Component Analysis, the following steps were taken:
- 1. The correlation matrix was computed and sufficient correlations were found to go ahead with factor analysis
- 2. Kaiser-Meyer-Oklin Measure of Sample Adequacy (KMO) was calculated. Overall, MSA was found to be 0.693 which supports that the sample was good enough for factor analysis.
- 3. Anti-image Correlations were calculated. These showed that partial correlations were low, indicating that true factors existed in the data.

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE (ANOVA)

To analysis the similarity or divergence among various factors of the sample taken from B2B and B2C industrial units on the basis of type of emarkets, both within different factors and between different groups also ANOVA was applied by the researcher to draw concrete conclusion.

MOTIVATORS OF B2B & B2C E-MARKETS (Table 1)

Label	Statement	
F1	E-markets enable the organization to Increase the market share	
F2	It helps in locating the potential Suppliers and Customer	
F3	Reduce the Transaction Costs	
F4	Locates new product and respective markets.	
F5	To make instant purchase orders and delivery of goods.	
F6	Comparative prices of the competitors can be known	
F7	Provides complete information about the products in more attractive manner.	
F8	Customer queries can be easily tackled.	
F9	Available on 24X7 basis	
F10	Goods can be purchased from anywhere at any time.	
F11	Prompt payments.	and the second second
F12	Enable to build customer database and healthy relationships	and the second s
F13	Effective feedback and communication with customer	
F14	Detail knowledge about the competitors can be ensured.	
F15	Online Ads can increase sales.	
F16	Attractive Websites accelerates the potential customers	
F17	It ensures interaction with customers	
F18	Customer recognize the Web Ads more than TV Ads	
F19	Digital goods can be transported at negligible rate.	
F20	Provide new and attractive services to customers.	
F21	I think in future customer would locate the company via internet.	

F22 Goods can be sold worldwide.

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		Rotated	Correlation Matrix	Rotated Correlation Matrix (Table 2)				
Factors	I	Ш	III	IV	V	VI	Communalities	
Statement 🕠								
F1	.187	.433	.838	038	035	.068	.932	
F2	.923	.228	198	.096	.050	.005	.899	
F3	144	.101	191	.215	.148	.756	.707	
F4	.193	.437	.834	046	013	.077	.933	
F5	307	.770	277	151	130	124	.819	
F6	183	.378	021	.675	356	138	.778	
F7	164	.286	090	.576	507	145	.727	
F8	.873	.275	102	044	.016	.054	.853	
F9	329	.751	280	272	.007	003	.825	
F10	293	.694	307	237	.107	.110	.742	
F11	240	.682	202	320	.095	032	.677	
F12	.863	.246	185	004	059	.013	.844	
F13	.850	.170	255	.121	.051	030	.834	
F14	224	.429	.057	.481	114	089	.490	
F15	.117	.366	.773	042	133	.024	.765	
F16	.847	.101	247	.140	066	031	.814	
F17	125	.162	.057	.365	.697	317	.766	
F18	127	.302	080	.481	.640	116	.768	
F19	281	.227	163	.373	.014	.570	.621	
F20	268	.656	288	311	070	110	.699	
F21	.794	.248	222	051	.011	.054	.747	
F22	.204	.375	.738	022	.184	.083	.768	
Percentage of Variance	23.708	18.474	14.809	8.974	6.465	5.113		
Cumulative Percentage	23.708	42.182	56.991	65.965	72.43	77.543		

Rotated Correlation Matrix (Table 2)

Factors Naming (Table 3)

Factors	Factor Name	Label	Statement	Loadings
1	CUSTOMER	F2	 It helps in locating the potential Suppliers and Customer 	.923
	ORIENTED	F8	Customer queries can be easily tackled.	.873
		F12	 Enable to build customer database and healthy relationship 	.863
		F13	Effective feedback and communication with customer	.850
		F16	Attractive Websites accelerates the potential customers	.847
		F21	• I think in future customer would locate the company via internet.	.754
II	UNIQUE	F5	To make instant purchase orders	.770
	FACILITIES	F9	Available on 24X7 basis	.751
		F10	 Goods can be purchased from anywhere at any time. 	.694
		F11	Prompt payments.	.682
		F20	 Provide new and attractive services to customers 	.656
III	BUSINESS	F1	 E-markets enable the organization to Increase the market share 	.838
	OPPORTUNITY	F4	Locates new product and respective markets.	.834
		F15	Online Ads can increase sales.	.773
		F22	Goods can be sold worldwide.	.738
IV	MARKET	F6	Comparative prices of the competitors can be known	.675
	AWARENESS	F7	• Provides complete information about the products in more attractive manner	.576
		F14	Detail knowledge about the competitors can be ensured.	.481
V	COMMUNICATION	F17	It ensures interaction with customers	.697
	BENEFITS	F18	Customer recognize the Web Ads more than TV Ads	.640
VI	COST BENEFIT	F3	Reduce the Transaction Costs	.756
		F19	• Digital goods can be transported at negligible rate.	.570

Factor I CUSTOMER ORIENTED

Consumer is always the king of Market/E-market which has emerged as significant factor accounting for 23.708 per cent of the total variance. Six out of Twenty Two statements are loaded on this factor which is highly correlated. The high positive loading on these four factors such as E-markets helps in locating the potential Suppliers and Customer, Customer queries can be easily tackled, Enable to build customer database and healthy relationship, Effective feedback and communication with customer, Attractive Websites accelerates the potential customers, future customer would locate the company via internet played dominate role in deciding the level of organisation participation. **Factor II UNIQUE FACILITIES**

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Inborn feature of E-markets that it provides the unique facilities to the marketers emerged to be the second major factor with percentage of variance equal to 18.474 per cent which constitute five factors motivate to participate in B2B & B2C E-Markets. Some of the most important facilities that e-markets provides are instant purchase orders and payment , Available on 24X7 basis , Goods can be purchased from anywhere at any time ,Prompt payments , Provide new and attractive services to customers

Factor III BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

This is the third important factor with percentage of variance equal to 14.809. Four statements have been loaded on this factor. First two states i.e. E-markets enable the organization to Increase the market share, Locates new product and respective markets are highly loaded and correlated each other.

Factor IV MARKET AWARENESS

Three statements have been loaded on this factor which explains 8.974 per cent of variance. The first statement i.e. Comparative prices of the competitors can be known is highly loaded on this factor

Factor V COMMUNICATION BENEFITS

One of the prominent objective of participating in B2B & B2C E-markets is to ensure the smooth communication Keeping in mind this, Two statements have been loaded on this factor with percentage of variance equal to 6.465, revealing that effective communication is always life blood of every business undertaking.

Factor VI COST BENEFITS

Two statements have been loaded on this factor with percentage of variance equal to 5.113. Out of these two one statement is highly loaded. H0 (Null Hypothesis): There is no significance difference in the perception of the Business units dealing in B2B & B2C E-MARKETS MOTIVATORS OF B2B & B2C E-MARKETS (Table 4)

WAS	B2B	B2C	TOTAL
MOTIVATIG FACTORS	E-Market	E-Market	
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E-markets enable the organization to Increase the market share	4.71	4.55	4.63
It helps in locating the potential Suppliers and Customer	4.23	4.32	4.27
Reduce the Transaction Costs	2.27	2.11	2.19
Locates new product and respective markets.	3.78	3.98	3.88
To make instant purchase orders and delivery of goods.	4.55	4.23	4.39
Comparative prices of the competitors can be known	3.78	3.99	3.89
Provides complete information about the products in more attractive	e manner. 3.89	3.76	3.83
Customer queries can be easily tackled.	3.57	3.45	3.51
Available on 24X7 basis	4.09	4.22	4.12
Goods can be purchased from anywhere at any time.	3.29	3.42	4.35
Prompt payments.	3.33	3.31	3.22
Enable to build customer database and healthy relationships	3.21	3.38	3.3
Effective feedback and communication with customer	2.76	2.55	2.66
Detail knowledge about the competitors can be ensured.	2.45	2.50	2.48
Online Ads can increase sales.	3.33	3.44	3.39
Attractive Websites accelerates the potential customers	4.42	4.23	4.33
It ensures interaction with customers	3.44	3.31	3.38
Customer recognize the Web Ads more than TV Ads	2.45	2.76	2.61
Digital goods can be transported at negligible rate.	3.87	4.01	3.94
Provide new and attractive services to customers.	3.22	3.56	3.39
I think in future customer would locate the company via internet.	3.98	4.01	4.00
Goods can be sold worldwide.	2.84	2.90	2.87
F-Value (Between Columns)40	Value (Between Rows) -	55.75	
Insignificant at 5% level of Significance Sig	nificant at 5% level of si	gnificance	
D.F. = 1, 21	D.F	. = 21, 21	

Table 4 shows WERE of the 22 statements engulfing the opinion of organisation concerning the use of Internet in B2B & B2C E-markets. The Fvalue between columns i.e. B2B E-Markets & B2C E-markets, of the table 4 is .40, which is statistically insignificant at 5% level of significance. It shows that as regards to motivator factors the opinion of business undertaking does not vary significantly, hence the Null Hypothesis is accepted. However, the F-value within the factors of the table is 55.75 at 5 per cent level of significance which signifies that the opinion of organisation with regard to various factors varies significantly and hence the Null hypothesis is rejected.

SUMMARY, RECOMMENDATION OF STRATEGIES AND CONCLUSION

The study of the various factors and their respective divergence provides great help to the markets before participating in the B2B & B2C. **PRODUCT RELATED STRATEGIES**

E-markets are entirely different from the traditional markets because it is not like the real store of brick and motor where the customer can touch and feel the products and then buy. The study revealed that the marketers need to provide the complete information about the product, comparative prices in more attracting way through fascinating web sites and must ensure to provide the right quality of product at right prices. **PRICE RELATED STRATEGIES**

Customer feels that the internet provides the product relatively at lower rate as compared to conservational marketing system and hence the efforts should be made to provide the goods at price lower than offline marketing and ensure attractive offers to promote the business. **PLACE RELATED STRATEGIES**

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There is dire need to deliver the goods to the customer in time through making the simplified order system. If possible the marketers must ensure the instant delivery of digital goods with full E-payment security to the customer through technically sound Hardware and Software penetrations.

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