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# ANALYSIS OF GREEN MARKETING AS ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TOOL: A STUDY OF CONSUMER OF DEHRADUN

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Green marketing refers to the process of selling products or services based on their environmental benefits such as the contribution to reducing environmental pollution and prevention of degradation. Such products are manufactured, packaged and marketed in an environmental friendly manner and process. Green marketing has emerged as one of the most important marketing techniques in the present global business environment. Consumers now have worries about the future environment of the world and as a result of this mostly prefer environment friendly products. In recognition of these concerns of consumers, companies have started to make their marketing strategies more appealing by offering environment-friendly products and promotions. Combination of appropriate marketing tools along with products and packaging can have a multiplier and accelerating effect in the conservation efforts. Today most of the companies adapt green marketing as environment protection tool. Present paper aims to analyze green marketing as Environment Protection Tools: Questionnaire was designed and piloted on predetermined sample of consumers of Dehradun with the motives of analyzing consumer behavior and their green consciousness in their purchase pattern. Study reveals that Green marketing is a materialization of a new market. The customers are becoming more eco-responsible and customers are concerned about environmental issues in new market. Different suggestions have been drawn out for consideration and implementation by green product marketing companies. It has been established through the present research that green marketing can have a profound influence in Green marketing efforts.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Green Marketing, Consumer Behaviour, Environmental Protection Tool, Global Business Environment.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

he effects of climate change, along with pollution and the depletion of non-renewable natural resources, has given rise to environmental awareness (Douglas 2006: 458). In today's global business environment, businesses are facing increased competitive, regulatory and community pressures. Furthermore, there is also pressure for environmental sustainability, which requires strategies to be put in place to reduce the environmental impacts caused by the products and services offered. Consumers in recent years have become aware of the damage being inflicted on the environment by businesses in pursuit of the bottom line. Government regulatory bodies and consumer pressure groups have aggressively lobbied for businesses to adopt green practices (Bateman & Zeithaml 1983: 192). As a result, policies that focus on the protection of the environment are continually being developed worldwide (Brunoro 2008: 719). Businesses can assist in protecting the environment by becoming green businesses, in other words sustainable businesses (Porritt & Winner 1988)

The environmental issue has become a global hot spot because of Global environmental degradation, the international community, the efforts of governments, the green movement and the impact of public media. Promotion environmental protection is the theme of human society, and also is the voice of sustainable human development.

Worldwide evidence indicates people are concerned about the environment and are changing their behavior. As a result of this, green marketing has emerged which speaks for growing market for sustainable and socially responsible products and services. Thus the growing awareness among the consumers all over the world regarding protection of the environment in which they live, People do want to bequeath a clean earth to their offspring. Various studies by environmentalists indicate that people are concerned about the environment and are changing their behavior pattern so as to be less hostile towards it. Now we see that most of the consumers, both individual and industrial, are becoming more concerned about the environment friendly products.

#### **GREEN MARKETING**

"Green Marketing" refers to holistic marketing concept wherein the production, marketing consumption an disposal of products and services happen in a manner that is less detrimental to the environment with growing awareness about the implications of global warming, non- biodegradable solid waste, harmful impact of pollutants etc. Both marketers and consumers are becoming increasingly sensitive to the need for switch in to green products and services. While the shift to "green" may appear to be expensive in the short term, it will definitely prove to be indispensable and advantageous, cost-wise too, in the long run. The first wave of Green Marketing occurred in the 1980s. Two tangible milestones for wave 1 of green marketing came in the form of published books, both of which were called Green Marketing. They were by Ken Peattie (1992) in the United Kingdom and by Jacquelyn Ottoman.

#### **NEED OF THE STUDY**

There is growing interest among the consumers all over the world regarding protection of environment. As society becomes more concerned with the natural environment, businesses have begun to modify their behavior in an attempt to address society's new concern. The companies opt various kinds of marketing strategies to promote the products like green marketing, potray the products as green product etc. Among these Green marketing is increasingly becoming the mainstream of business marketing strategy.

Therefore, considering the need of the hour the study is undertaken to assess the awareness of Green Marketing as a environment protection tool among the consumers and how far Green Marketing has become successful in bringing changes in consumer buying behavior.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

- 1. Tan Booi Chen and Lau Teck Chai(2010) in Attitude towards the environment and green products, reported that there is no significant relationship between consumers' attitude on the environmental protection and their attitude on green products. This means that consumers' attitudes on the green products are not facilitated by the positive attitudes of consumers towards environmental protection and here is a significant relationship between consumers' attitude on government's role and their attitude on green products.
- 2. John Moxen and Alistair McCulloch(1994), The Green Market and Environmental Policy: An Assessment of A Non-Interventionist Strategy, identified that the Government appears to be moving towards an environmental policy that depends less on intervention and more on market forces. However, in

practice, market pressures are not strong enough to deliver the desired range and depth of environmental improvements. Companies take note of the environment when they are required to do so by legislationThis means that less than one in six of the companies had introduced changes to products and processes that were prompted by non- legislative factors. In addition, the inadequate nature of the systems of environmental management operated by these firms greatly restricts their ability to reduce their impact on the environment. It concludes that the effectiveness of the Government's environmental strategy is compromised by its dependence on market forces.

- 3. Neagu and Vasile Goldiş(2011),Influencing The Environmental behavior through the Green Marketing, describe that the main actors in the ecological marketing communications, the companies and the NGOs, have different basis of their communication on environment issues. The environmental NGOs include the objective to shape the pro-environmental behaviour in their mission and they are acting in consequence, using creatively a large of tools and techniques: learning direct experiences and effective educational or information activities. The companies are interested in creating and strengthening their public image through ecological actions. An appropriated communication policy of the environmental oriented companies can contribute to the creation of a company's identity according to the ecological principles.
- 4. Magali Morel and Francis Kwakye(2012), Green Marketing: Consumers' attitude towards Eco-friendly products and purchase intention in the FMCG Sector, discovered that positive attitudes towards green products can lead to purchase intention but it is not always true. The paper demonstrated that the word of mouth and the advertising (the espoused attitude) play an important role in the purchase intention. It also tends to say that the young people (18-24 years) pay much attention to green claim.
- 5. Ms.V Bhatnagar & Ms.H Grewal, P. (2012). An environmental protection tool: green marketing and its effect on consumer buying behavior, suggest that green marketing is essential to save world from pollution. Green marketing should not be considered as just one more approach to marketing, but has to be pursued with much greater vigor, as it has an environmental and social dimension to it. With the threat of global warming looming large, it is extremely important that green marketing becomes the norm rather than an exception or just a fad. Recycling of paper, metals, plastics, etc., in a safe and environmentally harmless manner should become much more systematized and universal. It has to become the general norm to use energy-efficient lamps and other electrical goods. Marketers also have the responsibility to make the consumers understand the need for and benefits of green products as compared to non-green ones. In green marketing, consumers are willing to pay more to maintain a cleaner and greener environment. Green marketing assumes even more important and relevant in developing countries like India.
- 6. Rashad Yazdanifard, Igbazua Erdoo Mercy (2011), The Impact of green marketing on consumer satisfaction and environmental safety, present Green marketing as a tool for protecting the environment for the future generation. It says that green marketing has a positive impact on environmental safety. Because of the growing concern of environmental protection, there is an emergence of a new market which is the green market. They suggest that for companies to survive in this market, they need to go green in all aspect of their business. Consumers want to identify themselves with companies that are green compliant and are willing to pay a premium for a greener life style. As such, green marketing is not just an environmental protection tool but also, a marketing strategy.
- 7. Oyewole, P. (2001). Social Costs of Environmental Justice Associated with the Practice of Green Marketing: This paper presents a conceptual link among green marketing, environmental justice, and industrial ecology. It argues for greater awareness of environmental justice in the practice for green marketing. In contrast with the type of costs commonly discussed in the literature, the paper identified another type of costs, termed 'costs with positive results,' that may be associated with the presence of environmental justice in green marketing. A research agenda is finally suggested to determine consumers' awareness of environmental justice, and their willingness to bear the costs associated with it.
- 8. Merilänen, S., Moisander, J. & Personen, S. (2000), The Masculine Mindset of Environmental Management and Green Marketing, focused on Environmental management systems and green marketing programmes that have gained increasing popularity in western market economies. They are viewed as cost-efficient, effective and just means of tackling problems associated with the impact of economic activity on the environment. It is argued in this article, however, that these optimistic views are based on a number of ideas, images and metaphors that retain many androcentric and inadequate assumptions about self, society and nature that may be incompatible with long-term environmental protection goals.
- 9. Schlegelmilch, B.B., Bohlen, G. M., & Diamantopoulos, A. (1996). The Link Between Green Purchasing Decisions and Measures of Environmental Consciousness: explore the extent to which variables, specific to environmental consciousness, are better able to explain consumers' pro-environmental purchasing behaviour. Two conceptualizations of the purchasing domain are addressed, namely general green purchasing behaviour and specific purchasing habits relating to five green product categories. Two data sets are used in the analysis, namely marketing students and members of the United Kingdom general public. Results suggest that measures of environmental consciousness are closely linked to environmentally-responsible purchasing behaviour, although the strength of the relationships varies according to sample type, the conceptualization of the purchasing domain and the particular product category at issue.
- 10. Dosi, C. and Moretto, M. (2001). Is Eco-Labelling a Reliable Environmental Policy Measure? :The rationale of this paper is that the ecolabelling is to enable firms to reap the willingness-to-pay for the environmental attributes of goods by helping consumers to identify "green" products. By so doing, ecolabelling is expected to stimulate spontaneous environmental innovation and to reduce aggregated pollution. The analysis, however, outlines situations under which ecolabelling could induce perverse effects, namely increased investment in conventional technologies before the labels are awarded.
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#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The is research has been taken up with following objectives:-

- a) To assess the consumer awareness towards green marketing and its application as Environment Protection Tools.
- b) Studying consumer attitude towards green marketing as Environment Protection Tools.
- c) To assess the role of Green marketing in bringing change in consumer buying behavior.

To assess the consumer awareness towards Environment Protection Tools the major determinants were taken like consumer preferences towards eco-friendly products, consumers attitude towards green marketing, consumer purchasing preferences.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This is an Empirical research on Consumer attitude and awareness towards the environment protection tool

Sampling method- Present research is based on primary as well as secondary data. The secondary data was collected through various books, magazines, research journals and other relevant academic and non- academic sources. The primary data is collected through survey method with the help of questionnaire. The questionnaire was designed to know the attitudes of the consumer towards green marketing strategy, that is whether it is considered as an environmental protection tool or not. The questionnaire framed for the survey was the combination of open ended as well as close ended questions. The respondents were selected through Convenient Sampling Method.

Research site- The study has been conducted in the city of Dehradun.Population of Dehradun is considered as the "universe". The samples represents both the genders, different age groups, education level, marital status and monthly income. This survey is the partial results of the full-scale survey of the consumerss to collect data on Green Marketing as Environment protection tool. The sample size was 100.

Data Analysis Tools And Techniques- The data collected from the respondents are coded, tabulated and analyzed into logical statements using percentage analysis and chi-square. Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy was carried out with SPSS software and found to be .681 which indicates that data is sufficient to go for factor analysis.

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KAISER-MEYER-OLKIN MEASURE OF SAMPLING ADEQUACY681						
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	449.808					
	df	120				
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Hypothesis- "The impact of Environmental Protection Tool on consumer behavior does not differs significantly across the different demographics"

#### DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Collected data were analyzed by using statistical tools and the software used was SPSS 20 windows version for regression analysis, other statistical test and testing of the research hypotheses.

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		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Age	Upto 20 Years	21	21.0	21.0	21.0
	20-30 Year	41	41.0	41.0	62.0
	30-40 Years	28	28.0	28.0	90.0
	40-50 Years	4	4.0	4.0	94.0
	50-60 years	4	4.0	4.0	98.0
	above 60 years	2	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	100	100.0	100.0	
Gender	Male	56	56.0	56.0	56.0
	Female	44	44.0	44.0	100.0
Education Level	Matric and below	1	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Under Graduate	20	20.0	20.0	21.0
	Graduate	19	19.0	19.0	40.0
	Post graduate	24	24.0	24.0	64.0
	Professional Qualification	30	30.0	30.0	94.0
	Others	6	6.0	6.0	100.0
Profession	Students	30	30.0	30.0	30.0
	Business	6	6.0	6.0	36.0
	Service	35	35.0	35.0	71.0
	Professional	21	21.0	21.0	92.0
	Housewives	5	5.0	5.0	97.0
	Others	3	3.0	3.0	100.0
Income level	Less than 15000PM	19	19.0	22.6	22.6
	Rs15000-Rs25000PM	29	29.0	34.5	57.1
	Rs25000-Rs35000PM	15	15.0	17.9	75.0
	Rs35000-Rs50000PM	8	8.0	9.5	84.5
	Above Rs50000PM	7	7.0	8.3	92.9
	Nil Income	6	6.0	7.1	100.0
	System	16	16.0		
	Total	100	100	100	

Demography is the scientific study of the characteristics of human populations. It is also sometimes called population studies. Demography is considered to be a branch within the field of sociology. It relies heavily on statistical data, collecting, interpreting, and presenting the information to determine trends. The analysis presented in the above table reveals that sample is dominated by the young category respondent ranging in the age group of 20-30 years as it contributes 41% in the sample. Majority of the respondents are male i.e.56%, it is included to determine that does the purchasing decision differ among gender. In the survey, majority of respondents are professionally qualified, which contributes 30%, which is asked to know that, does educational level make differences in purchasing preferences of the respondents. Sample is composed of highly educated person earning monthly income of Rs15000 to Rs.35000 and majority of the respondents belong to different service class.

TABLE 2: WHETHER AWARE WITH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TOOLS

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	YEs	86	86.0	86.0	86.0
	NO	14	14.0	14.0	100.0
	Total	100	100.0	100.0	

Environmental protection is a practice of protecting the natural environment on individual, organizational or governmental levels, for the benefit of both the natural environment and humans. Environment protection has become the prime question these days. There are various environmental protection tools like different government policies and regulations, Environment protection Act, waste management etc. Therefore, this question is raised to know that what percentage of respondents are aware with Environment Protection Tools. Table 2 depicts that majority (86%) of the respondents are aware whereas 14% are still unaware.

**TABLE 3: AWARENESS OF CONCEPT OF GREEN MARKETING** 

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent				
	YES	87	87.0	88.8	88.8				
Valid	NO	11	11.0	11.2	100.0				
	Total	98	98.0	100.0					
Missing System		2	2.0						
Total		100	100.0						

Green marketing refers to the process of selling products or services based on their environmental benefits such as the contribution to reducing environmental pollution and prevention of degradation. Such products are manufactured, packaged and marketed in an environmental friendly manner and process. Green marketing has emerged as one of the most important marketing techniques in the present global business environment. The above question focuses on the Awareness of the respondents towards the concept of green marketing i.e. are respondents have knowledge regarding green marketing concept. The table 6 depicts that 87% of the respondents are aware of the concept whereas 11% are unaware.

**TABLE 4: SOURCE OF AWARENESS** 

		Re	esponses	Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
\$s1ª	News Paper	46	30.9%	47.9%
	Internet	56	37.6%	58.3%
<b>Ş</b> SI	Advertisement	36	24.2%	37.5%
	Others	11	7.4%	11.5%
Total		149	100.0%	155.2%
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There are various sources like newspaper, Internet, advertisement, news channels, word of mouth, magazines etc. through which people can become aware regarding the concept of green marketing. The question is asked with the purpose of knowing the source of awareness regarding green marketing concept. It is depicted from table 4 that most of the respondents are aware of the concept through the source of Internet i.e. internet plays an important role in creating purchase whereas 11% are aware through other sources like Hotel Industries, mobile companies, Clubs and NGOs etc.

**TABLE 5: WHETHER PURCHASED ECO FRIENDLY PRODUCTS** 

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	74	74.0	74.0	74.0
	NO	26	26.0	26.0	100.0
	Total	100	100.0	100.0	

Eco friendly products are those products those are originally grown, biodegradable, having with natural ingredients, do not harm or pollute the environment, have eco-friendly packaging i.e. reusable, refillable containers, not tested on animals, non-toxic chemical etcThere are number of eco-friendly products which are manufactured to protect the environment and substituting other products by creating ecological benefits. The products like CNG,LPG, herbal products, etc are examples of eco-friendly products. Therefore, the purpose of this question is to determine that whether the respondents have purchased the Eco-friendly product ever or not. The table 5 depicts that (74%) majority of the respondents have purchased the Eco-friendly products whereas 26% haven't purchased it yet.

**TABLE 6: NATURE OF PURCHASE** 

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent			
ValidAlways	12	12.0	12.0	12.0			
Sometimes	45	45.0	45.0	57.0			
Occasionall	/22	22.0	22.0	79.0			
Casually	10	10.0	10.0	89.0			
Never	11	11.0	11.0	100.0			
Total	100	100.0	100.0				

This question is asked to know the frequency of purchasing the eco-friendly products of the respondents i.e. how frequently they purchase such products. The study reveals that near about half of the consumers (45%) purchase eco friendly products sometimes. About one fifth of consumers (22%) make purchases of such products occaaionally, 12% of consumers always purchase these products, whereas 10% of consumers purchase casually. On the other hand, 11% of the consumers have never purchased such products.

#### TABLE 7: FREQUENCIES(CONSIDERATION WHILE PURCHASING)

		Res	ponses	Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
\$S2 <sup>°</sup>	Price	68	17.2%	70.1%
	Benefit to health	75	18.9%	77.3%
	Brand Popularity	74	18.7%	76.3%
	<b>Environment Protection</b>	89	22.5%	91.8%
	Feature of the product	90	22.7%	92.8%
Tota	nl	396	100.0%	408.2%

#### a. Group

Different people consider different aspects while purchasing anything according to their needs and purchasing power. Therefore, the reason to include this question is to know that what prime factor is mostly works as a stimulant while purchasing the green product. In table 7 it is clearly depicted that majority(22.7%) of the respondents consider the Feature of the product as the prime factor while purchasing green product nevertheless, they equally consider the Environment Protection factor as important factor too.

TABLE 8: FREQUENCIES (CONSIDERATION FOR GREEN MARKETING)

	Res	ponses	Percent of Cases
	z	Percent	
\$S3 <sup>3</sup> lt is tool of Environment Protection	48	31.4%	52.7%
It is means of product promotion	17	11.1%	18.7%
It is means of building awareness of products among consumers	12	7.8%	13.2%
It is means of building company goodwill	10	6.5%	11.0%
It is marketing tool	12	7.8%	13.2%
It is means of building consumer preference towards green product	24	15.7%	26.4%
It is means of enhancing consumer safety by promoting Eco-friendly Products	27	17.6%	29.7%
Others	3	2.0%	3.3%
Total	153	100.0%	168.1%
a. Group			

"Green Marketing" refers to holistic marketing concept wherein the production, marketing consumption an disposal of products and services happen in a manner that is less detrimental to the environment with growing awareness about the implications of global warming, non- biodegradable solid waste, harmful impact of pollutants etc. This question is undertaken with the purpose knowing that what opinion does the consumers have towards "Green Marketing" as a whole. The information presented in the above table 8. Clearly indicates that nearly half of the respondents (31.4%) are of the opinion that it is tool of Environment Protection. On the similar pattern 17.6% consumers are of the opinion that it is means of enhancing consumer safety by promoting Eco-friendly Products. Similarly, 15.7% of consumers perceive it as a means of building consumer preference towards green product.7.8% of consumers consider it as a means of building awareness of products among consumers and marketing tool both. In comparison to this 6.5% consumers feels that it is a means of building company goodwill and very few i.e. 2% see green marketing as other perspective like promotion of healthy products, tool for creating awareness among people regarding eco friendly products, tool for creating healthier society etc.

#### **FACTOR ANALYSIS**

Factor analysis is a statistical method used to describe variability among observed, correlated variables in terms of a potentially lower number of unobserved variables called factors. Green Marketing and its different dimensions motivates consumers to become more eco-responsible and concerned about environmental issues in new market. Green Marketing has gained momentum in the context of global warming and climate change and this, in turn, has forced many companies to incorporate the principals of Green Marketing. Recently, Green Marketing has drawn the attention of government and this has forced them to introduce environment-friendly policies. For this respondents were asked to rate their views on the statements such as: Now days Organizations perceive green environmental marketing to be an opportunity that can be used to achieve its objective, Green marketing Organizations become more ethical and socially responsible, Through green marketing, Governmental bodies are forcing firms to become more responsible, Eco friendly competitor pressure makes the firms to change their environmental marketing Activity, Green marketing bring consciousness towards Cost factors associated with waste disposal or reductions in material usage forces firms to modify their behavior, Consumers these days have developed liking for environmental friendly products i.e. green products (green brands), Consumer concern for environmental protection is high these days, Consumers these days are ready to pay appropriate extra price for green products, Consumers feel that the companies enjoying a green image will have competitive advantages, Green marketing is Good For Environment protection, Green marketing is helpful in creating healthy environment, Green Marketing is helpful in promoting taste for Good Quality products, Green Marketing is used to maintain reasonable price and its accessibility in the market, I am willing to pay premium price for eco-friendly products, I recommend eco-friendly products to my friends/family. Respondents were asked to rate the various statement on a scale of Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree in order of their preference. The exploratory factor analysis was used in order to identify the various attitude of consumers towards green marketing. Principal Component analysis was employed for extracting factors and orthogonal rotation with Varimax was applied. As latent root criterion was used for extraction of factors, only the factors having latent roots or Eigen values greater than one were considered significant; all other factors with latent roots less than one were considered insignificant and disregarded. The extracted factors along with their Eigen values are shown in table 9. The factors have been given appropriate names on the basis of variables represented in each case. The names of the factors, the statements, the labels and factor loading have been summarized in table 9.

There are 5 factor each having Eigen value exceeding one. Eigen values for five factors are 4.053%, 2.018%, 1.449%,1.316% and 1.118% respectively. The index for the present solution accounts for 62.209% of the total variations for the factors of brand equity. It is a pretty good extraction because we are able to economise on the number of choice factors (from 16 to 5 underlying factors), we lost 37.791% of information content for choice of variables. The percentages of variance explained by factors one to five are 25.328 %, 12.614%, 9.056%, 8.222%, and 6.988% respectively. Large communalities indicate that a large number of variance has been accounted for by the factor solutions. Varimax rotated factor analysis results for factors are shown in **table 9** which indicates that after 5 factors are extracted and retained the communality is 0.562 for variable1, 0.648 for variable 2 and so on. It means that approximately 56.2 % of the variance of variable1 is being captured by 5 extracted factors together. The proportion of the variance in any one of the original variable which is being captured by the extracted factors is known as communality (Nargundkar, 2002).

TABLE 9: ROTATED COMPONENT MATRIX <sup>a</sup>						
	Component			Communalities		
	1	2	3	4	5	
Green Marketing is used to maintain reasonable price and its accessibility in the market.	.694					.562
Green Marketing is helpful in promoting taste for Good Quality products	.677					.648
am willing to pay premium price for eco-friendly products	.514					.447
Green marketing bring consciousness towards Cost factors associated with waste disposal, or reductions in material usage forces firms to modify their behavior.	.459					.492
Consumer concern for environmental protection is high these days.		.804				.719
Consumers these days have developed liking for environmental friendly products i.e. green products (green brands).		.689				.669
Consumers these days are ready to pay appropriate extra price for green products.		.580				.654
Green marketing is Good For Environment protection			.833			.740
Green marketing is helpful in creating healthy environment			.676			.646
Now days Organizations perceive green environmental marketing to be an opportunity that can be used to achieve its objective			.617			.695
Consumers feel that the companies enjoying a green image will have competitive advantages				.650		.614
Eco friendly competitor pressure makes the firms to change their environmental marketing Activity				.631		.418
Through green marketing, Governmental bodies are forcing firms to become more responsible				.533		.702
Green marketing Organizations become more ethical and socially responsible				.490		.575
recommend eco-friendly products to my friends/family					.777	.702
hear and pay attention to my friends/family opinion concerning eco- friendly products					.762	.671
Initial Eigenvalues	4.053	2.018	1.449	1.316	1.118	
% of Variance	25.328	12.614	9.056	8.222	6.988	
Cumulative % 25.328 <mark>3</mark> 7.942 <mark>4</mark> 6.999 <mark>5</mark> 5.221 <mark>6</mark> 2.20						9
Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization.						
a. Rotation converged in 12 iterations.						

#### **TABLE 10: FACTOR LOADING AND ASSOCIATED VARIABLE**

Factor	Name of Dimension	Statement	Factor Loading	
F1	Price factor	Green Marketing is used to maintain reasonable price and its accessibility in the market.		
		Green Marketing is helpful in promoting taste for Good Quality products	.677	
		I am willing to pay premium price for eco-friendly products	.514	
		Green marketing bring consciousness towards Cost factors associated with waste disposal, or reductions in material usage forces firms to modify their behavior.	.459	
F2	Environmental conscious	Consumer concern for environmental protection is high these days.	.804	
	approach	Consumers these days have developed liking for environmental friendly products i.e. green products (green brands).	.689	
		Consumers these days are ready to pay appropriate extra price for green products.	.580	
F3	Marketing Approach	Green marketing is Good For Environment protection	.833	
		Green marketing is helpful in creating healthy environment	.676	
		Now days Organizations perceive green environmental marketing to be an opportunity that can be used to achieve its objective	.617	
F4	Environmental	Consumers feel that the companies enjoying a green image will have competitive advantages	.650	
	responsiveness appraoch	Eco friendly competitor pressure makes the firms to change their environmental marketing Activity	.631	
		Through green marketing, Governmental bodies are forcing firms to become more responsible	.533	
		Green marketing Organizations become more ethical and socially responsible	.490	
F5	Cognition and conviction	I recommend eco-friendly products to my friends/family	.777	
	factor	I hear and pay attention to my friends/family opinion concerning eco- friendly products	.762	

Table 10 represents Solemnized Principal components & associated Variables which indicate that first factor (F1) is the Price Factor which is one of the important factors of Green Marketing. This factors accounts for 25.328% variance of the total variances. The second Factor (F2) is the Environmental conscious approach and accounts 12.614 % variance of total variance. Third factor (F3) is the Marketing Approach and that account 9.056 % variance of the total variances. Fourth factor (F4) is the Environmental responsiveness approach that accounts for 8.222%. Fifth factor (F5) is the Cognition and conviction and account for 6.988% of variance

#### TABLE 11: MEAN OF VARIOUS FACTORS OF GREEN MARKETING DIFFERENT DEMOGRAPHY: AGE

Age	Price factor	Environmental conscious approach	Marketing Approach	Environmental responsiveness approach	Cognition and conviction
Upto 20 Years	3.8553	3.7368	4.1404	3.9079	4.0789
20-30 Year	3.7083	3.5972	4.1806	3.5833	4.1458
30-40 Years	3.7500	3.5556	4.1111	3.7500	3.7500
40-50 Years	3.7500	4.6667	4.3333	3.8750	4.0000
50-60 years	3.5833	4.1111	4.2222	3.7500	4.1667
Above 60 years	4.0000	4.3333	4.0000	3.7500	4.5000
Total	3.7636	3.7212	4.1636	3.7364	4.0818

Mean of different variable constructed for various factors i.e. price factor, environmental conscious approach, marketing approach, environmental responsiveness approach, cognition and conviction identified of Green Marketing as environment protection tool across different demographic characteristics

i.e. Age was calculated with the help of SPSS software. The information presented in the table 11 indicates that the mean of different factor: Marketing Approach scored highest mean(4.1636) however the factor like Environment conscious approach scored the least mean(3.7212) among all the variables.

**TABLE 12: ONE WAY ANOVA WITH AGE** 

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Price factor	Between Groups	.388	5	.078	.251	.938
	Within Groups	15.164	49	.309		
	Total	15.552	54			
Environmental conscious approach	Between Groups	3.157	5	.631	.901	.488
	Within Groups	34.346	49	.701		
	Total	37.503	54			
Marketing Approach	Between Groups	.128	5	.026	.065	.997
	Within Groups	19.399	49	.396		
	Total	19.527	54			
Environmental responsiveness approach	Between Groups	1.161	5	.232	.684	.638
	Within Groups	16.641	49	.340		
	Total	17.802	54			
Cognition and conviction	Between Groups	.969	5	.194	.424	.830
	Within Groups	22.413	49	.457		
	Total	23.382	54			

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) is a collection of statistical models used to analyze the differences between group means and their associated procedures (such as "variation" among and between groups). The table 12 shows the output of the ANOVA analysis and whether we have a statistically significant difference between our group means. We can see from the table above that there is a no significant difference between various factors of green marketing in purchasing of eco friendly product by different age group as **Price Factor** (p = 0.938)(0.938>0.05), **Environmental conscious approach** (p = 0.488)(0.488>0.05), **Marketing Approach** (p = 0.997)(0.997>0.05), **Environmental responsiveness approach** (p = 0.638)(0.638>0.05), **Cognition and conviction** (p = 0.830)(0.830>0.05). There is no statistically significant difference because the significance level of all the factors are much above 0.05, whereas mean difference is significant at 0.05.

#### **CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

The study has found that Green marketing is a tool for protecting the environment for the future generation, it has a positive impact on environmental safety. The null hypothesis: "The impact of Environmental Protection Tool on consumer behavior does not differs significantly across the different demographics" has been proved true. The factors that are considered valuable are Price factor, Environmental conscious approach, Environmental conscious approach, Cognition and conviction and Marketing approach. Green marketing approach can be enhanced as a environment protection tool if these factors are taken into consideration. Green marketing provides opportunity for innovation and is helpful in making people more eco-responsible. Green marketing has proved effective in bringing change in the behavior of the consumer and inspire them for purchasing eco friendly products. It is clearly evident from the above findings and analysis that though eco-friendly attitudes have increased but large group of the consumers still lack 'green' knowledge because of low awareness. Therefore, the initiatives has to be taken to increase the awareness among the customer regarding green products and green marketing keeping the various factors into consideration so that people can become more eco-responsible for preserving earth. There should be follow up by the government towards CSR policies and mandate policy for green marketing to protect the environment. The price sensitivity shows that the green products are safe, secure and affordable and consumers are also ready to pay premium price if it is applicable. The environment consciousness proves that the green product is the tool for environment protection.

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