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ABSTRACT

In the world of e-business the rapid growth of the market and fierce competition between the increasing numbers of participants add up to new innovations every day leading to short development cycles. New business models and a herd of start-up companies emerge every few months, to exploit the new opportunities. However, the business has had rough times trying to keep up with the rapid development of e-business. Despite the fact that more and more efforts are made to grasp the essentials of e-business and in particular e-business models, the existing literature on the subject is scattered. Moreover, the studies are quickly out-dated due to the fast phase of the 'new economy'. A clear need exists for an objective and up-to-date literature study of e-business models. This study is an effort to draw together some of the e-Business models and real-life experiments that has been circling around the e-business models. To study the sweeping changes brought about by e-initiative measures in the banking sector some banks were chosen, from public sector like SBI

KEYWORDS

SBI, CRM, e-banking.

INTRODUCTION

ompetition from multinational banks and entry of new private sector banks has rewritten the rules of the retail lending business in India. Slow growth in corporate lending, pressure on corporate spreads due to competition and concerns over asset quality have induced public sector banks to follow the private sector banks in placing emphasis on growth through expansion of retail portfolio. The Indian retail lending market is relatively unexplored with the percapita usage of retail product offerings such as housing finance, credit cards, auto loans, consume finance, etc. As compared to Asian peers. Also the relative size of the Indian market backed by factors such as a growing population of bankable households, low penetration rate for retail finance products and the increased propensity of the urban populace to take credit offers scope for expansion. In retail financing most of the players are trying to enter or consolidate their housing finance segment, as housing loans market is perhaps the least risky segment in the financial sector. Moreover, with new technology, private-sector banks like ICICI bank and HDFC bank could offer customers services like ATMs, phone banking, internet banking, automatic money transfers and computerized monthly statements. By contrast, the public-sector banks were mired in the past and unions called the shots. The focus remained on industrial credit which was slowing down.

GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN BANKING

Present day challenges are many banks are now in edge in the competitive environment . The service challenges are listed as :

- 1. Enhancement of customer service.
- 2. Innovations in technology.
- 3. Improvement of risk management systems.
- 4. Diversifying products.

Globalisation challenges are not restricted only to global banks. Banks in India also need to face them. Overcoming these challenges makes them more competitive and will also equip them to launch themselves as global players.

STATE BANK OF INDIA: A REVIEW

With its rapid growing associate banks and non-banking subsidiaries, the State Bank Group has emerged as a truly universal bank with a dominant presence in the market. The business of the associate banks has more than doubled in the last two and a half years and, in terms of size, these banks together are almost equivalent to the second largest bank in the country holding 75-100% equity. Amongst the non-banking subsidiaries too, there is a significant value creation. **TECHNOLOGY**

With the help of innovative information technology, banks are able to reduce the transaction cost and handle a large number of transaction in no time. Now banks can provide customized products easily and customers could access many services through internet by sitting at home. To provide better services to their customers, banks are embracing Customer Relationship Management [CRM] facilitated by the availability of conductive technology. Innovation is technology is also helping banks to cross sell the products of insurance and securities firms, which are swelling their fee-based income in the total income.

INNOVATIONS IN CUSTOMER SERVICES

Satisfied customer is the best guarantee for stability of the organization in the long-run. Banks can satisfy their customers only by providing customised, cost effective and timely services .With the help of technology banks are able to provide plethora of products and services to their customers which suit them. Major services provided by the Indian banks that are of international standards are Any time banking, Anywhere banking, Global ATM and Credit Cards, Internet banking facility etc.

CUSTOMER RETENTION

Levesque and McDougall (1996) investigated the major determinants of customer satisfaction and future intentions in the retail bank sector. They identified the determinants which include service quality dimensions (e.g. getting it right the first time), service features (e.g. competitive interest rates), service problems,

service recovery and products used. It was found, in particular, that service problems and the bank's service recovery ability have a major impact on customer satisfaction and intentions to switch.

Clark (1997) studied the impact of customer-employee relationships on customer retention rates in a major UK retail bank. He revealed that employee and customer perceptions of service quality are related to customer retention rates and that employee and customer perceptions of service quality are related to each other.

According to Haverty (1998) e-CRM providing cost savings, opportunism, and threats drive action and innovation even in conservative banks. They have influenced how banks must re-position themselves to take advantage of new opportunities that include establishing new service delivery channels and new markets for existing services (loans, letter of credit etc). Many banks have already built web sites on the Internet, offering banking services. Leveraging the power of the web is a move from static pages to dynamic application that is connected to bank data.

According to Goldfinger (2001), safety was seen as a major barrier to Internet banking. Banks were worried about unauthorized access to their systems and customers were concerned about the protection of their personal data and the risk of false transactions. Banks have been able to manage security with least repercussions.

However, according to Hickman & Katkov (2001), banks are exploring alternate security measures such as electronic signatures, digital certificates, smart cards and biometrics. A major problem with most of these measures is, their complications and cost to adopt and maintain. Furthermore, in many countries, electronic signatures are not enforceable by law. According to Outwater (2001), the e-purse bombed several years ago and smart cards have been lukewarm at best. It is evident that banks are trying to ensure secure payment on the Internet. However, most favorable solutions keep on avoiding them.

Clark (2002) examined the relationship between employees' perceptions of organizational climate and customer retention in a specific service setting, viz. a major UK retail bank. Employees' perceptions of the practices and procedures in relation to customer care at their branch were investigated using a case study approach. The findings revealed that there is a relationship between employees' perceptions of organizational climate and customer retention at a micro organizational level. He suggested that organizational climate can be subdivided into five climate themes and that, within each climate theme, there are several dimensions that are critical to customer retention.

Mohini Singh (2002) explained that online business organizations investigated that secure transactions and transmission of information are important services offered to customers. It was emphasized by one of the respondents that "many potential web shoppers abort their transactions due to security fears".

According to Mark.L (2004) identifying the needs of the customers and providing them a best solution before he makes a request shows excellence in service of the customers. Presently customers do not visit their banks for other kind of additional services such as finance, credit cards etc. customers still see the banks as providing bank services. Customers of the banks are becoming choosier and the success of the banks does depend upon this.

Hansemark and Albinsson (2004) explored how the employees of a company experience the concepts of customer satisfaction and retention. They used phenomenological method, allowing the informants' own interpretations to be discovered. Satisfaction was discussed from three perspectives: definition of the concept, how to recognize when a customer is satisfied, and how to enhance satisfaction. The informants' experience pertaining to these three categories varied, and a total of seven ways to define, recognise or enhance satisfaction were discovered. These were: service, feeling, chemistry, relationship and confidence, dialogue, complaints and retention. All except the first two of these categories of experience were found to enhance retention, implying that the informants have found that strategies for enhancing both satisfaction and retention are similar. The strongest connection between retention and satisfaction strategies turned out to be in terms of relationship and confidence.

According to Huang & Lin (2005) personalization is a strategy that can be easily differentiated and which cannot be simulated by competitors in the market. A good personalized idea will enhance in the increase of sales, improves the customer relationship. Personalization can be defined as serving the unique needs of individual customers. By improving the customer conversations the organization can improve the customer relationships. Personalized services are not only limited in cheering new sales, but its successful implementation allows the organization to improve its effectiveness and efficiency in serving the customers established already.

e-BUSINESS MODEL & CRM

Bank customers form expectations derived from many sources-Boulding et al. (1993) proposed that customers form expectations of what will happen in their next encounters based on what they "deserve". Zeithaml & Bitner (20000 identify two levels of expectations, desired service and adequate service. Desired service represents the "wished for" level of performance and adequate service reflects showing more basic service expectations. The model permits exploration of the perceived difference between expected service and the experienced series, particularly the zone of tolerance developed by Parasuraman et al., (1991), they're by customer specific benefits are under for the study.

The importance of e-CRM technology in bank-customer interactions remains undisputed. Commentators; nevertheless, emphasize how customer evaluation is shaped by social and personal forces. (Hollander,1985; Czepiel,1990) Interaction has got a very prime place in the banking services. However in order to make the interactions good it is highly important that both banks as well as customers actively involve themselves in the interaction. The relationship, which is maintained between customer and organization, has always a special place in the banking is maintained between to other industries. The interaction process has includes three major factors. (Mosad, 1995).

- 1) Information exchange
- 2) Business or financial (transactions)
- 3) Social exchange

In an article by West (2001), the author argued that in order to implement CRM system successfully, organizations (especially banks) must apply policies, processes, and technologies in order to provide a personalized and engaging experience which would be consistent across all customer interactions. The author presented several components of CRM such as, marketing automation, sales force automation (SFA), contact centres, field service, etc., which are used in three major operational areas of a CRM enabled bank i.e. Marketing, Sales, and Service. These components may also be seen as the life cycle of a customer relationship which moves from marketing, to sales, and service.

Winer (2001) believes that if firms want to efficiently retain their profitable customers, they need to implement a comprehensive set of relationship programs including: frequency/loyalty programs, customer service, customization, and community building. He states these programs are determinants of customer satisfaction which finally leads to customer retention

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The present study attempts to make critical evaluation of marketing of services to the different groups of customers and to evaluate the efficiency, challenge and perspective of banking in State Bank of India The specific objective of the study are as follows:

- To analyses the significance in response on CRM initiatives.
- To measure the degree of satisfaction in respect to the effectiveness of CRM .
- To suggest, on the basis of results of study, ways and means for improving customer relationship in the bank.

METHODOLOGY

Research design of the study is both descriptive and analytical. It has been based on data collected from the customers (existing) of the branches of SBI. **DATA COLLECTION:** Primary from a sample respondents of 100 customers of 5 different branches of State bank of India in Bhubaneswar & Cuttack. Only 97 customers are found to be valid for all purpose. Questionnaire were used to collect responses from the existing customers in Likert scale from 1....5 in the value scale of strongly satisfied to strongly dissatisfied . The data collected from primary sources have been supplemented by interpretation through statistical tools and techniques like Descriptive test, cross tabulation and standard deviation.

RESULTS DISCUSSION

The following tables have been prepared out of the collected responses and have been measured through statistical tools and techniques in the software.

TABLE-1: ANALYSIS OF DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR DISSATISFACTION

| | Mean Score | Std. Deviation | Analysis No. of Respondents |
|--|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Dis-satisfaction due to difference between consumer expectation and employee perception | 2.12 | 34.979 | 97 |
| B. Due to management perception and service quality | 3.11 | 39.419 | 97 |
| C. Due to service quality specification and service delivered | 2.15 | 33.890 | 97 |
| D. Due to service delivered and communication to customer | 1.89 | 20.69 | 97 |
| E. Due to perceived service and expected service by customers | 2.17 | 38.601 | 97 |

Source:' compiled data

Table-1 indicates the descriptive statistics of factor analysis , the lowest mean score is marked as 1.89 concerning the opinion D-due to service delivered and communication to customers. The customers agree that they are mostly dissatisfied on the communication system , where as service delivered and the management perception of the banks is the least reason for dissatisfaction.

Hypothesis-1: e-loyalty is highly significant across groups

TABLE-2: DESCCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF OPINION ON TECHNOLOGY (GROUP WISE)

| Opinion on technology: e-CRM strategy of 10 marketing variables of CRM, | Mean Response per group | Std. Deviation |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. e-Loyalty | 2.19 | 34.936 |
| 2. Customer insight | 2.35 | 35.826 |
| 3. Products | 1.18 | 28.242 |
| 4. Transaction Security | 1.53 | 32.401 |
| 5. Distribution system | 1.27 | 29.198 |
| 6. Safe Website | 1.49 | 37.483 |
| 7. client360 &one to one service | 1.43 | 33.184 |
| 8. User friendly Software | 1.08 | 19.185 |
| 9. Employee Relationship | 1.96 | 33.055 |
| 10. Grievance | 2.36 | 46.51 |

Source: Compiled data

Table 2. showed the descriptive results of use of e-CRM strategy as per the requirements Here the lower mean value and standard deviation has been marked effective and satisfactory. Here more mean values are marked on grievance system, customer insight and e-loyalty, which are to be modified for more better effective. Other wise for all other variables, it looks more effective. So Bank has tried a lot to fill up the gap of expectation and satisfaction of each customers at their end for more better market. Among all the variables user friendly software products and distribution system has occupied more positive space in the mind of the customers.

Testing of Hypothesis₁: The hypothesis is rejected as e-loyalty is not that effective in the e-strategy system. So bank has to try for more brandism through providing a better e- environment

Hypothesis₂: City area customers prefer more to i-banking technology across domicile types.

| TABLE-3: DOMICILE & TECHNOLOGY PREFERENCE | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|--|
| Domicile | ΑΤΜ | e-banking | i-banking | m-banking | Total | |
| urban | 31 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 37 | |
| City | 30 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 44 | |
| Semi-Urban | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 12 | |
| rural | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | |
| Total | 65 | 5 | 19 | 8 | 97 | |

* 4 groups from highly agreed to not agreed.

Source:' compiled data

Table-3 reported the cross tabulation of domicile type of the customers with use of technology. From technology type point of view, it has been categorized as per the responses as ATM use, e-Banking, i-banking and m-banking. It reported that maximum respondents are using ATM amongst all the type of 65 are having deposit account followed by i-banking facility of bank , which counted for 19. Out of the total deposit accounts, maximum customers are of city areas followed by Urban type areas. In measuring the accounts type, maximum customers are from city areas using more technology than urban and sub-urban areas. Moreover, maximum respondents using ATM account are from Urban areas than other areas. City area customers mostly prefer i-banking and ATM account type to use than other places. That indicated a more group difference among the account type of the respondents in response to their domicile types.
Testing of Hypothesis is accepted as mostly people from city areas prefer i-banking than other areas.

| | VICE QUALITY OF S | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Dependent Variable | | 95% CO | NFIDENCE INTERV | AL |
| | Mean | Std. Error | Lower Bound | Upper Bound |
| 1 Management Perception Gap . | 3.012ª | .102 | 2.811 | 3.213 |
| 2 Quality Specification Gap . | 2.929ª | .104 | 2.723 | 3.135 |
| 3 Service Delivery Gap . | 3.146ª | .097 | 2.954 | 3.338 |
| 4 Marketing Communication Gap . | 3.030ª | .105 | 2.824 | 3.237 |
| 5 Perceived Service Quality Gap . | 2.604ª | .094 | 2.418 | 2.790 |
| 6 Management Perception Gap . | 2.979ª | .100 | 2.783 | 3.176 |
| 7. Contact Management Gap | 2.939ª | .089 | 2.763 | 3.115 |
| 8. Data Warehousing Management | 2.919ª | .098 | 2.725 | 3.113 |
| 9. Email Management | 2.730 ^a | .095 | 2.543 | 2.917 |

a. Covariates appearing in the model are evaluated at the following values: age = 2.71, sex = 1.58, education = 1.47. Source:' compiled data

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Table 4 showed the descriptive results of service a provided by SBI s per the expectation of the existing customers. Here the lower mean value and standard deviation indicates the perceived Quality Gap. Here more gap is marked on Quality Specification, Perceived Service Quality, Data warehousing management and . Email Management The result of mean score is reported also lower for all the variable cited above, It is concluded that, the Marketing, service quality indicates more gap in SBI. So SBI must take steps to cater more strategic endeavours for more better productivity.

| TABLE-5: | DESCRIPTIVE | RESULTS | OF USE | OF ACCOUNTS |
|----------|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| | | | | |

| Types of Account | No. of respondents | Mean | Std. Deviation | Std. Error |
|---------------------|--------------------|------|----------------|------------|
| Deposit | 55 | 2.06 | 1.397 | .102 |
| Loan | 12 | 2.19 | 1.514 | .125 |
| Both Deposit & Loan | 30 | 2.35 | 1.547 | .146 |
| Total | 97 | 2.18 | 1.476 | .070 |
| | | | | |

Source:' compiled data

Table 5. showed the descriptive results of use of accounts type as per the requirements Here the lower mean value and standard deviation has been marked on Deposit than the other two types of account. The result of standard error is reported 0.102, which is also very low and negligible. So it is concluded that, the deposit account holder are more satisfied on the present services provided by SBI.

FINDINGS

The Following finding of the study are marked as significant:

- Expression of dis-satisfaction is marked due to service delivered and communication to customer.
- Customer feel more satisfied on transaction Security, Distribution system, Safe Website, client360 & one to one service, Software and Employee Relationship in e-service quality
- City area customers mostly prefer i-banking and ATM account type to use than other places.

In response to Marketing , it is important to measure the service quality and measuring the gap . Here customers feel more satisfied on Quality Specification Gap. Perceived Service Quality Gap .. Data Warehousing Management and . Email Management are more wider in SBI than other factors in service provided by the bank.

SUGGESTIONS

SBI must strategically planned for different groups of customers in different locality and must improve the standard of e-management system as negatively marked by customers.

SUMMARY

The banking sector more particularly in the state of Orissa contributes more for the development of the economy and draws a key linkage with several other key factors of the economy. Presently, by pursuing an aggressive growth strategy, the banking industry is searching for opportunities in order to achieve the desired level of revenue growth. They adopt to access the global market, simulate the domestic demand and invest in new immerging areas. But cost reduction and customer satisfaction are now very important to compete in domestic and global markets. On the whole, banks have a clear vision of their desired strategic position; they want the ability to differentiate their brand and products through superior customer service, and to drive effective sales through a customer's entire portfolio. They also clearly recognize the strategic role that CRM has to play, as reflected in current investment levels, as well as the increased importance ascribed to CRM in the future. At the same time, banks know that the enterprise-wide adoption of CRM will not be easy. While it is encouraging to see that internal politics to CRM tools are no longer seen as major stumbling blocks, there are explicit as well as implicit indications that a great deal of progress must be made in order to achieve the internal process changes necessary to gain the maximum effect from e-CRM strategic implementations.

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