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ABSTRACT

In today's business world customers are considered to be kings. It is important for producers to meet the needs of customers in order to stay competitive. One of the marketing tools that is used in attracting the attention of the customer is sales promotion. The aim of this paper therefore is to determine the impact of sales promotion on customer buying behaviour. In the emerging business scenario various promotional techniques are used by the marketer. Through this study, an impact has been made to find out the various sales promotion tools and its impact on customers buying behaviour with special reference to online shopping with special reference FLIPKARD, NYKAA, TATA CLIQ Online shopping. For conducting the research, data was collected through simple random sampling of 150 respondents through descriptive research design technique. Later the data was analysed and the hypothesis was tested by using chi-square test.

KEYWORDS

online sales promotion, brand awareness, most effective sales promotional technique, customers buying behaviour.

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INTRODUCTION

he main aim of this research is to understand impact of sales promotion on consumer's buying behaviour. In this research the major benefits of sales promotion, various types of sales promotion tools and how stimulating these promotions are in the process of making buying decision are clearly analysed and explained. This research also tries to find out the effectiveness of various sales promotional methods with respect to FLIPKARD,NYKAA,TATA CLIQ Online shopping to study was selected to collect the primary and secondary data.

MEASURING OF SALES PROMOTION

It is widely known that certain sales promotion techniques help to increase brand awareness, thus encouraging consumers to try the product. Free samples are a means of increasing brand awareness by overcoming the issue of uncertainty that may surround the acquisition of the product. As can be seen, then, almost all the studies that have analysed the effect of the type of promotion on brand awareness have based their analysis on the impact of online sales promotion type on internet user recall generation of associations around the brand. However, as has been mentioned in the earlier concept of awareness, brand awareness is formed as a result of brand recognition, hence to measure awareness it would be more appropriate to use these variables.

- 1. Advertising certain items in web advertisements, seasonal catalogues and print media with or without discounting the item.
- 2. Offering special price discounts to targeted customers for a limited timeframe.
- 3. Offering discounted pricing on a targeted item for a limited timeframe.
- 4. Promoting certain targeted items directly to certain targeted customers for a defined timeframe, with or without discounting the item.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- 1. To determine the various sales promotion techniques used in the online shopping.
- 2. To determine the impact of sales promotion technique in the customers buying decision.
- 3. To determine the most inflectional sales promotion technique.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY RESEARCH PLAN

Research Design	Descriptive
Sources of data collection	Primary data – Questionnaire, Personal interviews
	Secondary data – Books, magazines and internet
Research instrument used	Questionnaire
Research Technique Survey	Questionnaire through Google form
Sample collected	FLIPKARD, NYKAA, TATA CLIQ with reference Distt. Mandi (HP)
Sample size	150 customers

RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to successful analysis of the research, a set of questionnaires was prepared and asked to the customers who shop online. The consumers were asked whether their purchase decisions are influenced by the promotional offers like-price discount, buy one get one (B1G1) and coupon and promotional offers motivate them to buy another brand rather than regular brand. Respondents were asked to evaluate in four-point scale where "4" denotes strongly agree, agree, neutral and disagree.

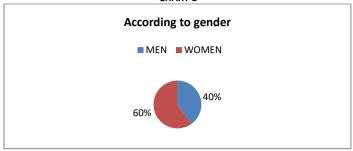
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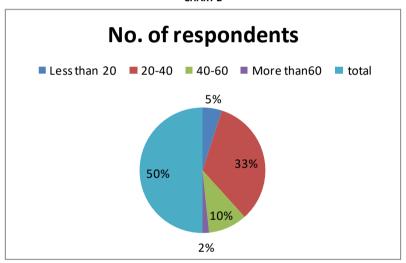


ACCORDING TO AGE

TABLE 2

On the basis of age	No. of respondents
Less than 20	15
20-40	100
40-60	30
More than60	5
total	150

CHART 2

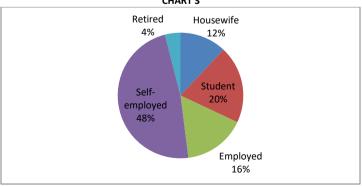


ACCORDING TO WORK STATUS

TABLE 3

Housewife	30
Student	50
Employed	40
Self-employed	120
Retired	10
Total	150

CHART 3

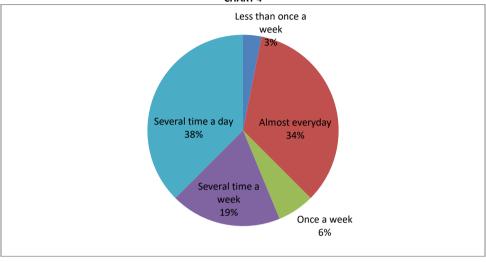


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Less than once a week	05	
Almost everyday	55	
Once a week	10	
Several time a week	30	
Several time a day	60	
total	150	

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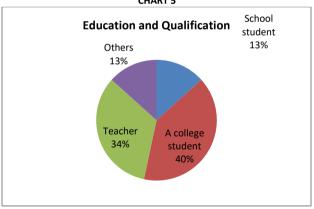


ACCORDING TO EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION

TABLE 5

School student	20	
A college student	60	
Teacher	50	
Others	20	
Total	150	

CHART 5



RESEARCH FINDING & INTERPRETATION

A total 150 people were surveyed and chosen randomly. The surveyed people belonged to different gender, age group, work status, education & qualification and internet use of FLIPKARD, NYKAA, TATA CLIQ Online shopping with reference of Distt. Mandi in (H.P). The Research was conducted in three online shopping sites. **HYPOTHESIS TESTING**

 $\label{eq:holespecial} H0 = \text{``sales promotional activity is not having any significant impact on customers buying behaviour''}$

H1 = that sales promotional activity is having significant impact on customers buying behaviour" Does sales promotional activity is not having any significant impact on customers buying behaviour?

TABLE 6

TABLE 0					
Category (gender)	Strongly agree	agree	Neutral	Disagree	Total
Female	72	12	2	4	90
Male	32	15	8	5	60
Total	104	27	10	9	150

TABLE 7: CHI SQUARE TEST					
Observed frequency	Expected frequency	(O-E)	(O-E) ²	(O-E) ² /E	
72	62.5	9.5	90.25	1.44	
32	41.5	9.5	90.25	2.17	
12	16.2	4.2	17.64	1.09	
15	6	9	81	13.5	
2	6	4	16	2.66	
8	4	4	16	4	
4	5.4	1.4	1.96	0.39	
5	3.6	1.4	1.96	0.54	
Total				25.79	

Df = (2-1)(4-1) = 3

The calculated chi-square value = 25.79

Df = (2-1)(4-1) = 3

Table value at 0.05 of significance and 3 degree of freedom (Df) = 7.377

DECISION

Since the measured chi-square (X2) value (25.79) is greater than the table value (7.377), we dismiss the null hypothesis (Ho) and support the alternative hypothesis (H1) and we can conclude that "that sales promotional activity is having significant impact on customers buying behaviour"

CONCLUSION

According to the findings, sales promotion efforts encourage clients to consume products on the market, resulting in higher consumption rates and sales volume. The association between sales promotion and client purchasing behaviour is substantial. According to this study, sales promotional activities have an effect on customers' purchasing decisions. Various types of incentives can be used to encourage sales promotion. Sales promotion can be influenced by a variety of factors, including promotional strategies such as free samples, price reductions, social and physical surrounds. Furthermore, the structure provides unique insights into how various consumers respond to a variety of marketing techniques and their influence on consumer purchasing behaviour and sales promotion.

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CUSTOMERS AWARENESS AND SATISFACTION TOWARDS GREEN PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT

More than ever, customers are concerned about how their purchases will affect the environment. To meet this demand, businesses are adopting green business trends. In 60 different nations as of 2014, "55 percent of consumers are willing to pay more for products made by businesses that practice environmental responsibility. The number of people who have switched to a more sustainable way of life has sharply increased. The objectives of the paper are to know about the customer's awareness and satisfaction towards green product. Apart from this, the focus of the paper is also to find out the factors that influence the purchase behavior of customers towards green products. From analysis, it is found that majority of respondents were aware about green products and peer group was the main sources of awareness. It is also evident that majority wants to purchase green products again; it means they were satisfied with the product.

KEYWORDS

awareness, customer satisfaction, green product.

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INTRODUCTION

umans have used more resources in the last 50 years than at any other time in history. The benefits of green products have attracted a lot of end-user interest. These consumers, often known as the "green generation," are more likely to "go green"; they support making ecologically responsible decisions and using sustainable products that emit little to no pollution. In a more connected world, consumers are becoming more aware of the environmental effects of a growing population competing for scarce natural resources. Simply put, most customers are more open to buying safer products, especially if they are just as easy to use and find as other products.

Numerous studies have examined the connections between demographic factors (primarily gender, age, education, and income), environmental factors (environmental concern, eco-literacy, perceive environmental responsibility, etc.), and non-environmental factors (interpersonal influence, religiosity, collectivism, and individualism) (Laroche et al., 2001; Rice, 2006; Lee, 2008; Lee 2009; Cheah and Phau, 2011; Awad, 2011). Researchers have made an effort to pinpoint the causes of the "green mindset" (Laroche et al., 2001; Cheah and Phau, 2011). Researchers have also looked at how customer attitudes toward green products are affected by green marketing tactics such green labelling, packaging, branding, advertising, etc. (Juwaheer et al., 2012; Rahbar and Wahid, 2011; Mourad, 2012; Raska and Shaw, 2012; Nath et al, 2013). The majority of those early investigations focused on the identification of the green consumer and the investigation of the relationships between environmental concern and behaviour (mostly consumer participation in recycling systems) (Chamorro et al., 2009). The numerous waves of public concern about the environment have been reflected in research on green marketing. The research on green marketing was primarily descriptive and lacked academic rigour and perspective until the early 1990s (Jain & Kaur, 2004). During this time, research was conducted from a "managerial perspective," with a particular emphasis on issues related to marketing, market segmentation, and "green" consumer behaviour (Peattie, 1999). A new study programme that concentrated on broader and more conceptual questions surrounding the material sustainability of marketing started to develop towards the middle of the 1990s (Peattie, 1999). Researchers in this new era concentrated on a larger range of challenges than those previously studied (Chamorro et al., 2009). Since the 1990s, researchers have been conducting academic analyses of customers' green attitudes and behaviours in order to give green marketers managerial insights into h

OBJECTIVES OF THE PAPER

The objectives of the paper are to know about the customer's awareness and satisfaction towards green product. Apart from this, the focus of the paper is also to find out the factors that influence the purchase behavior of customers towards green products.

METHODS

To achieve the objectives primary data is collected through questionnaire. Percentage method is used to analyse the data.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study is conducted in Rohtak City.

SAMPLE SIZE

The sample size of the present study is 100. Convenient sampling technique is used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

TABLE 1: AWARENESS ABOUT GREEN PRODUCTS

Particulars/Awareness	Frequency	Percentage	
Aware	60	60	
Not Aware	40	40	
Total	100	100	

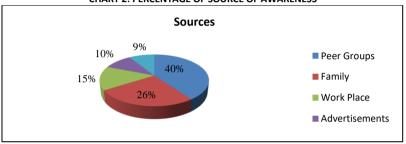
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From the above table and chart, it is cleared that 60 percent respondents were aware about the green products while 40 percent were not aware.

TABLE 2: SOURCE OF AWARENESS ABOUT GREEN PRODUCTS

Reasons	Frequency	Percentage
Peer Groups	40	40
Family	26	26
Work Place	15	15
Advertisements	10	10
Others	9	9
Total	100	100

CHART 2: PERCENTAGE OF SOURCE OF AWARENESS

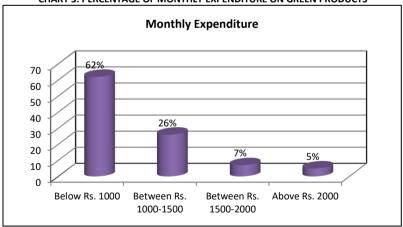


From the above table and chart, it is cleared that majority of respondents said that the peer group is the source of awareness while purchasing green products which is followed by family, workplace and advertisement.

TABLE 3: MONTHLY EXPENDITURE ON GREEN PRODUCTS

Expenditure	Frequency	Percentage
Below Rs. 1000	62	62
Between Rs. 1000-1500	26	26
Between Rs. 1500-2000	7	7
Above Rs. 2000	5	5
Total	100	100

CHART 3: PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE ON GREEN PRODUCTS

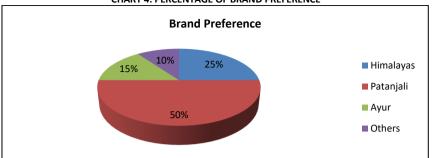


From the above table and chart, it is cleared that 62 percent respondents spent less than Rs. 1000 on green products. After that 26 percent respondents spent between Rs. 1000-1500, followed by between Rs. 1500-2000 with 7 percent. Only 5 percent respondents spent more than Rs. 2000 on green products.

TABLE 4: BRANDS PREFERRED IN GREEN PRODUCTS CATEGORY

Brands	Frequency	Percentage
Himalayas	25	25
Patanjali	50	50
Ayur	15	15
Others	10	10
Total	100	100



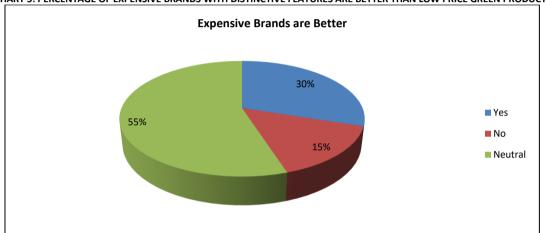


From the above table and chart, it is cleared that majority of respondents preferred Patanjali, after that Himalayas followed by Ayur.

TABLE 5: EXPENSIVE BRANDS WITH DISTINCTIVE FEATURES ARE BETTER THAN LOW PRICE GREEN PRODUCTS

Particulars	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	30	30
No	15	15
Neutral	55	55
Total	100	100

CHART 5: PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSIVE BRANDS WITH DISTINCTIVE FEATURES ARE BETTER THAN LOW PRICE GREEN PRODUCTS

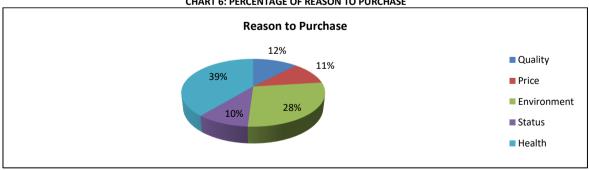


From the above table and chart, it is cleared that majority of respondents are natural which is followed by yes, that expensive brands with distinctive features are better than the low price green products.

TABLE 6: REASON TO PURCHASE GREEN PRODUCTS

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Reason	Frequency	Percentage		
Quality	12	12		
Price	11	11		
Environment	28	28		
Status	10	10		
Health	39	39		
Total	100	100		

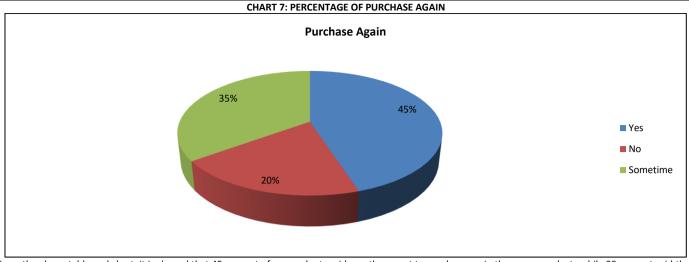
CHART 6: PERCENTAGE OF REASON TO PURCHASE



From the above table and chart, it is evident that concern for health is the main reason to purchase green products which is followed by environment factor, quality, price and status.

TABLE 7: PURCHASE AGAIN

Particulars	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	45	45
No	20	20
Sometime	35	35
Total	100	100



From the above table and chart, it is cleared that 45 percent of respondents said yes, they want to purchase again the green products while 35 percent said they want to purchase sometimes. Majority is satisfied.

MANAGERIAL IMPLICATION

It is evident from the paper that there is room for the producer or marketer to raise awareness of green products. Social media may be quite important in this. Customers might be encouraged to buy green products by informing them of the necessity of such products in halting environmental destruction. One of the main factors influencing the purchasing of green products is health, but quality can also be crucial. Better-quality green products may cause consumers to spend more each month on those products, and they may also transform their perception of green products from being inferior to costly brands with standout characteristics. All of these elements will entice buyers to buy green products more frequently in the future.

CONCLUSION

Consumers are becoming more informed about the environmental effects of a growing population contending for limited natural resources in our more connected world. Simply put, most consumers are more receptive to safer items; particularly Consumers are becoming more informed about the environmental effects of a growing population contending for limited natural resources in our more connected world. Simply put, most consumers are more receptive to safer items, particularly if they are equally simple to use and locate as other products. Most customers start living more sustainably at home by recycling, composting, or minimising food waste. The third area of concentration is having consumers reevaluate how they shop and consume, whether it be by consuming less single-use plastic, purchasing fewer new items, or by purchasing more seasonal goods. One in two consumers claims to have fixed an item rather than purchasing a new counterpart, demonstrating how consumers are embracing "circularity."

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