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ABSTRACT

India is the largest consumer and producer of palm jaggery in the universe. Palmyrah jaggery extracted from Palmyrah palm has high sucrose and more minerals that cure numerous problems of a general human being. Exporters are exporting Palmyrah Jaggery to enjoy the same benefits in international countries. While exporting the products, the exporters face stringent regulations, competition, and more. So, the study finds out how export barriers influence export performance in Tamilnadu. These barriers measures in quantitative research methods and the outcome reveal that the exporter's challenges are insufficient production capacity, absence of government assistance and limited information about the products in the market. Such problems affect the exporters to export products to the international market. Finally, the effect of barriers strongly associates and affect export performance in Tamilnadu.

KEYWORDS

palmyrah jaggery, export barriers.

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1. INTRODUCTION

India is the pioneer for the development of Palm Jaggery products in India. However, for palm, the botanical name as 'PALMA' or 'PALMAE' is described as the princess of 'Vegetable Kingdom' - As per the British Encyclopedia. There are numerous varieties of palm available in which nine yield sweet juice known as "Neera" find only in India. There are various palms available in India like Coconut palm, Date palm, Palmyrahpalm and sago palm. Indian Sugar Manual (1956) stated in the study that Palmyrah palm has high sucrose and more minerals in it. It comprises nutrients like sucrose, fats, protein, minerals, etc. There were numerous sakes for all parts of Palmyrah palm (Rao & Kiran, 2011). It activates digestive enzymes that accelerate the digestion process and decrease the intestine and digestive tract strain. It can clean respiratory tracts, lungs, food pipes, stomach and intestine. It removes unwanted particles from the body, which relief constipation pain.

At last, it increases the warmth and energy for a long time without harming internal organs. From the above stated medicinal benefits extended to consumers and hence, it has created a huge demand in international markets, and India lies major exporters of Palmyrah Jaggery. According to the Ministry of Commerce and industry statistics, still, the oscillation was noticed, especially for the growth of palm Jaggery in India. However, the Indian government included palm Jaggery in KVIC to boost the exports of Palm Jaggery from India.

Even though the government is acting to increase Palm Jaggery exports, the lack of synergy between central and state governments is leading the exporters to face challenges in exporting the products. Some exporting challenges are stiff competition, stringent regulations and inefficient and longevity issues. Consequently, the study measures the exporters' barriers and how the barriers affect Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Ramachandran et al. (2004) stated how important the Palmyrah palm is for village people in India. He explained in detail regarding traditional water system which prevailed in Kerala with the help of Palmyrah palm. Palmyrah palm played a significant role in Indian culture that was inseparable from human beings since ancient times. Ancient day's pipeline system of generating water to plants can be executed with the help of palm. However, modern science and technology influence the mind of human beings, ultimately forgetting the benefits that nature gave to us and hence unwanted substances affected our land in India.

Kannathal has analyzed how the Palmyrah industry influenced the income and employment of people who resided in Ramnad, Tamilnadu. The study investigates how Palmyrah producers enhance their lives by producing jaggery, leaf, naar, eark, etc. This further inquired how much cost involved in producing a cost and income take over from the product. Kapilan (2015) has stated in the study that the utilization of commercial lime has been inhibited the fermentation of the sweet palmryah saps and Kithul that has been primarily insisted to avail these for rural industrial application. Various kinds of commercial lime have been started from 0 grams/litre to 8 grams/litre that was put to practical use for each sterling pan bending forward around the tapped inflorescence. To execute the research, palm tree sap was subsequently collected from the pans for 60 hours.

Further, it has been investigated that the lime concentration affects lowering sugars and then total sugars followed by PH level, alcohol content, number of yeast present in it, bacterial cells and protein content. The statistical tools depicted that an upsurge in lime concentration lowered the microbial count plus accumulation of alcohol in the saps of both Palmyrah and Kithul. Finally, it concluded that three grams of lime concentration on sap keep the natural fermentation process without influencing the saps' natural taste and products.

Davis & Johnson (1987) has stated in their study that Palmyrah palm has been utilized for more than one use or purpose. Hence, it has the capacity for being useful for many purposes to take place to a large extent in Tamilnadu. Hence, their purpose has been stated in history, and even in some literature regarding exciting facts about food from the fruit and tuberous seedlings, sap produced beverages and sugars. In contrast, the leaves have fiber for making brushes, cordage, weaving and plaiting, trunk wood for construction and fuel purposes, and various minor products produced. Considering the benefits, the author has tried to investigate the present status of Palmyrah Palm in Tamilnadu. Picking out Tamilnadu was that 40 million palmyrah had been seen in the state. Consequently, the study proved that the upsurge in the exploitation of palmyrah trees had become a danger to rural populations. Hence it will be difficult for them to get off the future supply of raw materials needed for Palm trees.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The objective of the study is to find out the impact of Exporters challenges on Palmyrah Jaggery export performance in India.

4. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The scope of the study represents the jaggery exporters in Tamilnadu. It focuses on measuring the effect of barriers on exporters and their performance. The instrument used for the study is a questionnaire. The study collects the exporter's opinion through a web survey. The study finds that the pandemic restricts contacting limited Jaggery exporters in Tamilnadu. Due to limited time constraints, the study could not contact a higher number of samples. So, it is applicable for Tamilnadu because generalization of results may occur.

5. HYPOTHESIS

- 1. Exporters challenges positively associate with Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.
- 2. Exporters challenges affect the Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.

6. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Sekaran (2006) indicates the recognized variables, which is the main indicator of the research problem, construct the theoretical framework, decide upon the look and functioning of data which brings out the matter of course for the research issues. Hence, the research design was a basic structure underlining a concept or a design plan to carry out the research work. Hence, the researcher carries out the research issues very carefully and typically decides that the study has an inclusion of descriptive study which investigate the present state of affairs as it exists at present. The data for the present study were gathered from primary sources. Therefore, the required data were collected through a self-managed and structured questionnaire. The questions identified in the questionnaire are all research-based and closely answered. The questionnaire was pilot-tested, and the expected improvement based on feedback was implemented.

7. DATA ANALYSIS & FINDINGS

The purpose of the section is to present the profile of exporters in a tabular format. It will give a precise explanation with different categories. The categories presenting the exporter profile is age and their education qualification.

7.1. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

TABLE 1: AGE OF RESPONDENTS

Particulars	Frequency	Percent
20 to 25 years	37	31.9
25 to 30 years	31	26.7
30 to 35 years	24	20.7
Above 35 years	24	20.7
Total	116	100.0

The age of respondents is classified into one of four categories: 20-25 years; 25-30 years; 30-35 years and above 35 years. The frequency distribution result reveals that most of the respondents are 20-25 years (31.9%), followed by 26.7% between 25 to 30 years, and the least respondents are 30-35 years and more. So, it concludes that most exporters are between 20-25 years of age.

TABLE 2: EDUCATION QUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

Particulars	Frequency	Percent
Higher secondary school	40	34.5
Diploma	28	24.1
Bachelor degree	24	20.7
Master degree	24	20.7
Total	116	100.0

Exporter's education qualification classifies into higher secondary school, diploma, and bachelor and master's degrees. Assessing education qualification through frequency distribution indicates that 34.5% of higher secondary school level of education followed by 24.1% of diploma holders and an identical 20.7% of respondents hold bachelor's and master's degrees. As a result, the highest number of exporters have a basic higher secondary school.

TABLE 3: EXPORTERS PREFERENCE OF JAGGERY

Particulars	Frequency	Percent
Black jaggery	37	31.9
Liquid jaggery	37	31.9
Palmyrah Jaggery	42	36.2
Total	116	100.0

From the table, it makes crystal clear that the exporter prefers Palmyrah jaggery, sugarcane jaggery and others. Most of the exporters choose Palmyrah jaggery over other categories of jaggery.

TABLE 4: CHALLENGES TO EXPORT PALMYRAH JAGGERY

Particulars	Frequency	Percent
Lack of government assistance	37	31.9
Limited information about markets	37	31.9
Insufficient production capacity	42	36.2
Total	116	100.0

The table shows that 36.2% of exporters face insufficient production capacity and an identical 31.9% face a lack of government assistance and limited information about markets. So, it concludes that the highest number of exporters stuck with insufficient production capacity.

7.2. CORRELATION

The bivariate correlation will be used to determine the association between two variables. Exporter's challenges are independent variables, and Palmyrah Jaggery export performance is the dependent variable for the study. This variable determination leads to knowing the strength of association between the variables. A detailed description of the analysis presents below

H₁: Exporters challenges positively associate with Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.

TABLE 5: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXPORTERS CHALLENGES AND PALMYRAH JAGGERY EXPORT PERFORMANCE

Particulars	Exporters challenges	Palmyrah Jaggery export performance
Exporters challenges	1	.796**
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Palmyrah jaggery export performance		1

The table clarifies that Exporters challenges have a strong positive correlation with export marketing performance. Also, it finds that Exporters challenges are statistically significant with export performance. As a result, it concludes that Exporters challenges are positively associated with Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.

Later determining the association, the study will measure the effect of Exporters challenges on Palmyrah Jaggery export performance in simple linear regression analysis

7.3. REGRESSION

Simple regression analysis measures the linear relationship and effect between the exporter barrier and Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. The outcome of regression presents in the following table.

H₁: Exporters challenges affect the Palmyrah Jaggery export performance.

TABLE 6: EFFECT BETWEEN THE EXPORTER BARRIER AND PALMYRAH JAGGERY EXPORT PERFORMANCE

Particulars	r	r ²	f	sig	В	t	sig
С	.796	.634	197.620	.000	.593	4.222	.000
Exporters challenges					.796	14.058	.000

The table shows the regression analysis results that support that the Exporters challenges are statistically significant with Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. Exporter's challenges are strongly associated with the Palmyrah jaggery export performance, and the value is 0.795. Next, the R-square value is 0.634, indicating Exporters challenges impact Palmyrah Jaggery export performance to 63.4%. Thence, the F value of regression analysis is 197.620 (p<5%), representing that the present value is sufficient to forecast Exporters challenges and Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. Finally, the coefficient value of the exporter barrier is 0.796, the t value is 14.058, and it is significant at 5%. So, the results indicate that one unit of changes in Palmyrah jaggery export performance will change Exporters challenges to 0.796. As a result, it concludes that Exporters challenges affect the Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. The equation for regression analysis is as per following:

Palmyrah Jaggery export performance = 0.593+0.796(Exporters challenges).

8. RESULTS

The analysis found that exporters were between the age's categories of 20-25 and higher secondary school level of education. The exporters have chosen Palmyrah jaggery for the exports in Tamilnadu. But the exporters are facing problems owing to insufficient production capacity. Correlation analysis reveals that exporter's challenges are positively associated with Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. Further, challenges have a positive effect on palmyrah jaggery export performance.

9. CONCLUSION

The study investigates the impact of Exporters challenges on Palmyrah Jaggery export performance in Tamilnadu. First, the study finds that the exporters are more important to Palmyrah jaggery products. Second, though exporters choose palmyrah jaggery, they face insufficient production capacity, absence of government assistance, and limited information about the products in the market. Such problems affect the exporters to export products to the international market. The correlation analysis proved that exporter barriers positively associate and affect the Palmyrah Jaggery export performance. So, it suggests that conducting training to the exporters and supporting through financial assistance may help upgrade the sound performance in the export market.

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