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EVALUATION OF SELECTED ONLINE SHOPPING WEBSITES: A CONSUMER PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

Commerce by means of the Internet, or e-commerce, has experienced speedy development since the early years. E-Shopping exist not only because of the elevated convenience, but also because of the wide selection of products; Value for money pricing and better access to information. For business, it increases customer value and the building of sustainable capabilities, and higher profits. Online stores are generally available 24X7, and many consumers have Internet access both at work and at home therefore it saves time. The objectives of this paper is to study preference of online shopping websites used by customers and Comparison of various facilities offered by online shopping websites. It has been concluded that Amazon is the most preferred online shopping website followed by Flipkart. Furthermore, Amazon is offering best user friendly website, delivery speed and grievance redressal mechanism while Flipkart is offering best packaging.

KEYWORDS

online shopping, e-commerce.

INTRODUCTION

-commerce has observed a phenomenal growth resulting in superior use of this tool by the traders. In addition, the competition in e-commerce has also intensified. As a result, it becomes more important for online retailers to understand the background of consumer acceptance of online shopping. Such understanding is crucial to customer relationship management, which has been identified as an effective business strategy to attain success in the electronic market. One of the foremost problems of E-commerce web sites is that they fall short in supporting the customers in this process. By understanding the customer's wants and concerns the marketer can offer better products and services. The development in information technology and the all-encompassing ease of unternet encompass contribution for the unfavorable fame to web shopping. Customers can obtain products at favorable prices with varieties of vendors for different products. Vendors can also reach wider market area using web shops. Even products which the nearest shop fail to offer to the customer are obtainable with web shop vendors, this is an additional advantage to web shopping.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Vijay Shankar (2015), revealed that ability of web vendors to provide numerous products which even the nearest retailer fails to provide exerted a stronger effect than perceived factors for prospective and steadfast customers. Implication of these findings is that providing best support in terms of security (e-payment), post-sale service, reliability/credibility, quality and privacy are the key intent for ultimate increase/boom of web shopping. Results of the current findings will assist information systems professionals and product vendors in developing personalized sales tactic to target prelude sales and come again sales for different groups of stakeholders.

Nahla Khalil (2014) found that that most of people already shopping online and prefer to make their purchases online, also there are factors that make the buyer hesitant to come online purchasing, Where security and privacy top concern of the purchaser. Among the factors influencing the purchase online are the price, the trust, the convenience and the recommendations.

Wu (2013) found that because online customer complaint behavior can influence customer's loyalty, as well as other customers' purchase intentions, Chinese online retailers Hu et al.: Customer Complaints in Online Shopping have had little choice but to pay close attention to customer complaints.

Jusoh and Ling (2012), studied that how socio-demographic (age, income and occupation), pattern of online buying (types of goods, e-commerce experience and hours use on internet) and purchase perception (product perception, customers' service and consumers' risk) affect consumers' attitude towards online shopping. As per Sinha & Kim (2012), since the recent economic reforms, Indian consumers have just begun to understand benefits of using Internet for shopping. However, the grow-ing number of Internet users has not been reflected to the online sales. Thus, it is important to identify factors affecting Indian consumers' online buying behavior in order to find the way to stimulate their online shopping behavior. The purpose of this study is to identify factors affecting Indian consumers' attitude toward shopping online by investigating Indian consumers' risk perceptions about shopping online. Constructs tested included previously identified factors (convenience risk, product risk, financial risk, perceived behavior control, return policy, subjective norm, attitude, and technology specific innovativeness) and Indian-specific factors (concerns associated with delivery of an ordered prod-uct and cyber laws, shipping fees, and after service) specifically developed for this study. The concerns associated with delivery of product, social and perceived behavioral control have been found to be significant factors affecting attitude toward using Internet for shopping.

Gotland (2011) studied that the most attractive and influencing factor for online shoppers in Gotland is Website Design/Features, following convenience the second most influencing and thirdly time saving. Results have also showed that security is of important concern among online shoppers in Gotland. The research has also found that there are some other factors which influence online shoppers including, less price, discount, feedback from previous customers and quality of product. For the second research question i.e. who are online shoppers in term of demography: the correlation results for the age and attitudes towards online shopping has showed that elderly people are not so keen to shop online.

OBJECTIVES

The purposes of this research paper are as follows:

- 1. To study preference of online shopping websites used by customers
- 2. Comparison of various facilities offered by online shopping websites

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- (a) Research Design: To have a better understanding about the issue descriptive research design was used. To get the primary data close ended questionnaire was administrated.
- **(b) Sample Design: -** 70 respondents were selected through convenience sampling.
- (c) Analysis: The data collected was analyzed with the help of various statistical tools like likert scale and Weighted Arithmetic mean

ANALYSIS & INTERPRETATIONS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF RESPONDENTS

TABLE 1: DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Particulars	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent	Particulars	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent			
Gender				Monthly Income						
Male	52	65	65	Less Than Rs. 10,000	17	21	21			
Female	28	35	100	Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000	36	45	66			
Total	80	100		Rs. 20,001 - Rs. 30,000	10	13	79			
Education				Rs. 30,001 - Rs. 40,000	15	18	97			
Intermediate	5	6	6	More Than Rs. 40,000	2	3	100			
Graduate	32	40	46	Total	80	100				
Post Graduate	st Graduate 28 35 81			Monthly Expenditure on Online Shopping						
Professional	15	19	100	Less Than Rs. 1,000	18	23	23			
Total	80	100		Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000	28	35	58			
Age Group				Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000	22	28	86			
Below 25	27	34	34	Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000	8	9	95			
25-35	37	46	80	Rs.4,001 - Rs. 5,000	2	3	98			
36-50	12	15	95	Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 6,000	1	1	99			
51-60	4	5	100	More Than Rs. 6,000	1	1	100			
Total	80	100		Total	80	100				

As per shown in table-1 demographics of respondents were classified according to their Gender, Education, Age Monthly Income and Monthly expenditure on online shopping. Out of total 80 respondents 65% are male & rests are female. 40% respondents were graduate and 46% respondents belong to the age group of 25-35 years. Majority of respondents (45%) are having monthly income from Rs. 10,001 to Rs. 20,000 and 35% respondents are spending Rs.1,001 to Rs.2,000 on online shopping.

2. ONLINE SHOPPING WEBSITE PREFERENCE

To analyze that which online shopping website is preferred by respondents they were asked to rank the selected five online shopping websites in order of preference from 1 to 5. To obtain the final rankings weighted Arithmetic Mean is used. In order to calculate total weighted score, the numbers of respondents who have given importance from 5 to 1 are multiplied by 5 to 1 respectively. The mean score is calculated by dividing the total score by total number of weights (i.e. 15). The results are presented in table 2

TABLE 2: ONLINE SHOPPING WEBSITE PREFERENCE

Weights	5	4	3	2	1	Weighted Total	Weighted Avg.	Rank
Rank	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th			
Online Shopping Websites								
Snapdeal	10	18	11	10	31	206	13.73	3
Flipkart	28	26	10	13	3	303	20.20	2
Ebay	7	7	19	22	25	189	12.60	5
Amazon	30	20	15	14	1	304	20.27	1
Jabong	5	9	25	21	20	198	13.20	4

The table 2 shows that, the Amazon is the most preferred online shopping website with a weighted mean score of 20.27 followed by Flipkart (Weighted Mean score = 20.20). Snapdeal is ranked 3rd with a Weighted Mean score of 13.73, followed by Jabong that ranked 4th with a weighted mean score of 13.20. It was found that Ebay is least preferred online shopping website.

3. COMPARISON OF ONLINE SHOPPING FACILITIES

Numbers of facilities are offered by online shopping websites out of which four prominent facilities were selected i.e. user friendly website, delivery speed, packaging and grievance redressal mechanism. To compare these facilities, Customers were asked to indicate the effectiveness of these facilities on five point scale starting from highly effective (5) to not at all effective (1). To conclude the results weighted arithmetic mean is calculated and ranking is done.

(A) User Friendly Website

TABLE 3

Weights	5	4	3	2	1			
Level of Effectiveness		/e	4)					
Online Shopping Websites	Highly Effective	Moderately Effective	Somewhat Effective	Slightly Effective	Not at all Effective	Weighted Total	Weighted Avg.	Rank
Snapdeal	6	5	9	30	30	167	11.13	5
Flipkart	28	32	11	9	0	319	21.27	2
Ebay	7	6	29	28	10	212	14.13	3
Amazon	32	28	13	6	1	324	21.60	1
Jabong	7	9	18	7	39	178	11.87	4

It can be seen from table 3 that Amazon is offering best user friendly website while Snapdeal website is least user friendly.

(B) Delivery Speed

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Weights	5	4	3	2	1			
Level of Effectiveness		_						
Online Shopping Websites	Highly Effective	Moderately Effective	Somewhat Effective	Slightly Effective	Not at all Effective	Weighted Total	Weighted Avg.	Rank
Snapdeal	0	3	17	20	40	143	9.53	5
Flipkart	32	28	14	3	3	323	21.53	2
Ebay	0	16	29	28	7	214	14.27	3
Amazon	48	22	8	2	0	356	23.73	1
Jabong	0	11	12	27	30	164	10.93	4

Again here it has been observed that deliver speed of Amazon is highest followed by Fflipkart. On the counter side Snapdeal delivery speed is very slow.

(C) Packaging

				TABLE	5			
Weights	5	4	3	2	1			
Level of Effectiveness		tive	ive		ė			
Online Shopping Websites	Highly Effective	Moderately Effective	Somewhat Effective	Slightly Effective	Not at all Effective	Weighted Total	Weighted Avg.	Rank
Snapdeal	6	18	9	22	25	198	13.20	3
Flipkart	38	22	11	5	4	325	21.67	1
Ebay	3	8	18	18	33	170	11.33	5
Amazon	32	20	17	8	3	310	20.67	2
Jabong	1	12	25	27	15	197	13.13	4

It was identified that Flipkart is offering safe and best packaging while Ebay's packaging is not commendable.

(D) Grievance Redressal Mechanism

				TABLI	6			
Weights	5	4	3	2	1			
Level of Effectiveness		tive	ve		ө			
Online Shopping Websites	Highly Effective	Moderately Effective	Somewhat Effective	Slightly Effective	Not at all Effective	Weighted Total	Weighted Avg.	Rank
Snapdeal	0	14	4	29	33	159	10.60	5
Flipkart	33	18	13	12	4	304	20.27	2
Ebay	0	25	28	25	2	236	15.73	3
Amazon	47	13	10	4	6	331	22.07	1
Jabong	0	10	25	10	35	170	11.33	4

As far as grievance redressal mechanism is concerned Amazon is effectively handling the grievances of shoppers while Snapdeal has been proven unsuccessful in this area.

CONCLUSION

From this research following conclusions can be drawn:

- 1. Amazon is the most preferred online shopping website followed by Flipkart.
- 2. Amazon is offering best user friendly website, delivery speed and grievance redressal mechanism while Flipkart is offering best packaging.

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