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Online Buying Behaviour [A Study With Reference To Higher Education Students In Salem]

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ABSTRACT

Online shopping or e-shopping is a form of electronic commerce which allows consumers to directly buy goods or services from a seller over the internet using a web browser. Alternative names are: e-web-store, e-shop, e-store, Internet shop, web-shop, web-store, online store, online storefront and virtual store. In this, the study aim to identify how the

demographic factors which influence consumer behavior while purchase though online. In additional to find out which product to mostly purchase by the online shoppers and problems faced by them. The findings of the study may be useful to the online marketer to make the online shopping made successful.

KEYWORDS: Online Shopping, E-Shopping, Consumer Behavior, Buying Behavior, Web Browser

Introduction

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Statement of the Problem

Online consumer behavior is diverse from traditional consumer behavior and one must identified what influencing the consumers to go for online shopping. Buyer attitude towards online shopping is also known as main factor that affect online buying behavior. These factors need to be identified and taken into account by online marketers in order to satisfy consumer demands and compete in the online market. In this study mainly to identify how the demographic factors which influence consumer behavior while purchase though online, and to find out which product to mostly purchase by the online shoppers and problems faced by them.

Objective of the Study

- 1. To measure customers awareness in online shopping.
- 2. To measure the online buying behaviour among customer.
- 3. To examine the problems faced by online shoppers.
- To factor influencing to purchase the product though online purchase.

Research Methodology

The study mainly based on primary and secondary data. Sample size selected for the study is 77 respondents in the Salem Town. Samples are drawn on random sampling technique. The data were collected through questionnaire for the time period 2013-2014. While analyzing data simple percentages, chi-square and ANOVA.

Review of Literature

Vishag Badrinarayanan, et.al., (2014)this study develops and tests a framework in which (a) trust and attitude influence purchase intentions, (b) congruity between the multichannel retailer's landbased and online stores influences trust in and attitude toward the

online store, and (c) congruity between consumers' self-image and perceived image of the online store influences trust in and attitude toward the online store.

Sheepshank Rap (2014) investigated operation failures in online retailing. Specifically, it examines the relationship between an operations glitch and subsequent shopping behavior for previously loyal customers in an online retailing environment. Using archival data from a moderate-sized online retailer of printed material, this study employs expectancy disconfirmation and distributive justice theories to empirically show that adverse post-glitch reactions are seen in several dimensions of customer shopping behavior order frequency and order size decrease, while customer anxiety level increases.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Online Usage Wise Classification of the Respondents

How often do you commitment online every day	No. of respondents	Percentage (%)		
One hour	53	68.8%		
2 to 3 hours	20	26.0%		
4 t 5 hours	4	5.2%		
Above 5 hours	0	0%		
Total	77	100%		

(Sources: Primary Data)

The above table shows that, the maximum 68.8% of the respondents are use internet daily once in a day, 26% of the respondents are use 2-5 hours in a day, 5.2% of the respondents are use 4-5 hours in a day. No one can use above 5 hours in a day.

Satisfaction Level on Purposes for Using Internet, Different Usage of Online, Product Purchase through Online.

H₀: There is no relationship between satisfaction level and online purchase online.

T-Test	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	t	Sig.(2-tailed)
Place of residence		1.52	.700	.080	6.514	.000
Shopping		3.78	.868	.099	28.100	.000
Surfing		3.60	.950	.108	24.004	.000
Work/ Business		3.86	.996	.114	25.166	.000
House products		3.79	.879	.100	27.885	.000
Books		4.14	.869	.099	31.726	.000
Tickets		4.01	1.032	.118	25.612	.000
Electronic Items		3.64	.857	.098	26.994	.000
Furniture's		3.31	1.055	.120	19.235	.000
Saves Times		4.49	.737	.084	41.612	.000
Able to shop at any time		4.13	.801	.091	34.309	.000
More different shops are available		4.04	.785	.090	33.952	.000
Online prices are lower than actual price		3.81	1.014	.116	24.286	.000
Safely delivery of products and services		3.69	.950	.108	24.844	.000
Goods available very broad		3.75	.746	.085	32.379	.000
The description of products very accurate		3.49	.955	.109	22.923	.000
Sufficient information about the product and services		3.68	.818	.093	28.691	.000
Secure as traditional shopping		3.49	.995	.113	21.990	.000
Reduced monetary costs of traditional shopping		3.61	1.053	.120	21.748	.000

From the above table, it is found that 19 T - values are 6.514, 28.100, 24.004, 25.166, 27.888, 31.726, 25.612, 26.994, 19.235, 41.612, 34.309, 33.952, 24.286, 24.844, 32.379, and 22.923. Therefore it can be concluded that respondents strongly agreed there level of mostly prefer on house products, tickets, electronic items. And disagreed the able to shop at any time, lower price, the description of product, reduced monitory costs, sufficient information about product and services, safely delivery of product, secure as traditional shopping, goods available very broad, and saves time.

Conclusion

The research focuses on the online shopping and online consumer behaviors. Those factors were looked at, and examined to reveal the influence at online consumer behaviors. The customer's purchase decision making process was also examined to identify the potential factors. The information search is the most important Factor that helps the customers find the suitable products or services for their needs. Therefore, the online retailers have to enhance and improve the information supporting such as provide much detailed product information and use internal search engine in order to increase the efficient of information search.

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