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THE ROLE OF MARKETING ANALYSIS IN BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN VELLORE DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

The present study aims to assess the importance of marketing analysis in developing sustainable competitive advantage for business organizations functioning in the Vellore District. In the present competitive and ever-changing market scenario, organizations must rely on marketing analysis to understand the behavior of consumers, market trends, competitor activities, and environmental changes. The present study aims to highlight the importance of market segmentation, SWOT analysis, customer satisfaction analysis, and competitor analysis in taking strategic decisions. Primary data were collected from stores Katpadi using a structured questionnaire, and secondary data were collected from journals, reports, and company records. From the findings of this research, it is revealed that marketing analysis is vital for identifying opportunities and market threats. Organizations that undertake marketing analysis can strategically position their products and services to satisfy customer needs. Marketing analysis is important in sustaining and increasing the chances of success in the market. Small and medium-sized businesses in Vellore District that use data-based marketing techniques have been found to exhibit high adaptability and performance compared to those that use traditional marketing techniques. The research has concluded that marketing analysis is important for attaining sustainable competitive advantage. Marketing analysis is important for strategic planning and market responsiveness. The research is important in providing insights to managers and policymakers on how to enhance marketing capabilities and promote sustainability in the regional market.

Keywords: Marketing Analysis, Competitive Advantage, Sustainability, Strategic Decision-Making, Vellore District.

INTRODUCTION:

The Market analysis the building Sustainable competitive advantages among business organization is systematic examination, interpretation, comprehension of Market Segment in industry. Market analysis measure both established and new business to maintain competitiveness. Competitive advantage offers unique ways to getting greater value to the product and services through competitive advantage the organization can capture market share, building loyalty and long-term success by identifying gaps and leveraging strength.

The role of Market analysis is a systematic assessment of market to understand its dynamic identify its SWOT, market trends, competitor strategies, pricing, promotion methods, customer satisfaction by using this information the organization can design better product, set suitable price, choose best mode advertisement, improve consumer engagement. The sustainable competitive advantage study variables combined effect on the performance of the company. The organization analysis the customer, government policies, product and services. Competitive advantage analysis to determined who want to purchase what you're selling what other firms are doing and what consumer like or dislike.

Marketing analysis plays a crucial role in building sustainable competitive advantage by enabling organizations to understand their markets, customers, and competitors in a systematic and informed manner. By collecting and analyzing the data available in the market, the firm can understand the needs of the customers, the trends that are arising, and the changing preferences of the customers. This helps the firm to formulate strategies to create superior value. Marketing analysis can help the business understand its strengths and weaknesses vis-à-vis its competitors and improve its resource allocation. This helps the business to avoid risks and make decisions based on the data available. It helps the business to adapt to the changing market conditions and achieve profitability. Thus, effective marketing analysis can help the business sustain its competitive advantage in the highly competitive business environment.

LITERATURE REVIEW

According to Porter's (1985) In the seminal work on competitive strategy, competitive advantage has been largely attributed to the ability of the firm to analyze both its internal strengths as well as the external environment. Porter's Five Forces model, which provides a framework for the analysis of the competitive environment, forms a vital tool in the achievement of sustainability. The model emphasizes the importance of understanding the threats of substitutes, new entrants, bargaining power of customers, as well as competition.

Day and Wensley (1988) argue that marketing analysis promotes organizational learning and market orientation, thus enabling better decision-making and resource allocation. Their research highlights that companies that are good at marketing analysis are better at sensing market changes and responding to them in a proactive manner, thus achieving better performance.

Narver and Slater (1990) establish a positive correlation between the intensity of market intelligence activities and business performance. The study implies that companies that continually assess data regarding their customers and competitors are in a position to forecast changes in market needs and thus provide personalized value offerings that promote customer loyalty. The above implies that competitive advantage is based on value creation that is guided by in-depth knowledge of the market.

Jaworski and Kohli (1993) define market orientation as a culture based on the generation, dissemination, and responding to intelligence, and this is related to the entire process of marketing analysis.

Rust et al. (2004) extends the discussion to include customer equity, suggesting that the role of marketing analysis is to enable the firm to maximize the value of customers based on the segments they are in and the strategies they use to interact with the firm. The study confirms the idea that competitive advantage is based not just on differentiation but on the long-term relationship with the customer, as analyzed in the marketing analysis process.

Kotler and Keller (2016) Moreover, it is important to emphasize that marketing analysis is the backbone of strategic marketing planning, as it provides organizations with an insight into market dynamics, customer needs, and competition, thus facilitating strategic planning. Through marketing analysis, organizations can gain insights into customer needs, thus being able to innovate and differentiate products from one another.

Kotler, Kartajaya, and Setiawan (2022), Moreover, marketing analysis helps organizations understand market signals and consumer needs, and thus connect marketing strategies with value creation. According to their study, marketing analysis helps in decision-making and keeps organizations at the top in changing markets through data-driven decisions.

Wedel and Kannan (2022), marketing analytics helps companies process vast amounts of structured and unstructured data, thus enabling better segmentation and personalization. This helps companies differentiate and maintain their competitive edge in the market.

Morgan, Feng, and Whitler (2023) marketing analysis as a vital part of dynamic capabilities. The results of this research indicate that organizations with high analytical capabilities in marketing can sense changes in the market, exploit opportunities, and utilize their resources in a flexible manner. This flexibility helps organizations develop resilience and sustain competitive advantage in a dynamic environment.

Leonidou et al. (2023) argue that conducting marketing analysis helps organizations evaluate the attitudes of consumers towards sustainability and incorporate green marketing into their competitive strategy. The research indicates that organizations utilizing sustainability-oriented market analysis can develop brand equity and sustain competitive advantage

Kumar et al. (2024) find that firms that utilize customer data analytics increase customer lifetime value and loyalty, which are critical for long-term sustained competitive advantage.

Verhoef, Broekhuizen, and Bart (2025), is that it is critical for the development of an omnichannel strategy, thus ensuring consistency in value delivery to customers across digital and physical channels.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To understand the role of marketing analysis in the comprehension of the needs, wants, and behavior of the customers.
2. To understand the role of marketing analysis in the improvement of customer satisfaction.
3. To understand the role of marketing analysis in the identification of opportunities and threats.
4. To understand the role of effective marketing analysis in the adaptation of the organization to the changing market conditions.
5. To suggest ways of improving the practice of marketing analysis.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study is based on the role of marketing analysis in the development of a competitive advantage in the Vellore District. The study is based on some businesses in the retail, manufacturing, and service industries. The research is based on tools like market segmentation, analysis of customer behavior, and competitor analysis. Both primary and secondary data are used in the study. The study is based on long-term results like brand loyalty and retention. The study is based on some businesses in the Vellore District.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

In the case of the Vellore District, many organizations are involved in a very competitive and ever-changing business environment driven by factors such as digitalization, changing consumer behavior, and the entry of new organizations. Marketing analysis is identified as a critical approach in understanding customers, competitors, and market trends. However, the effective use of marketing analysis is limited in small and medium-sized organizations in the district. In fact, many organizations in the district are using traditional approaches to decision-making rather than marketing analysis. This calls for a question on the extent to which marketing analysis is helping organizations in building a sustainable competitive advantage. The problem is in examining the role, effectiveness, and challenges of marketing analysis in helping organizations in the Vellore District achieve a long-term competitive advantage.

METHODLOGY

Primary data is the data that is observed or collected by the from first-hand experience. The primary data is collected directly from the source of study. Secondary data is the data obtained from published data or data collected in the past through journals, magazines, text books, articles, websites, and records of companies. The sampling method used is convenience sampling. The data is collected through structured questionnaires provided to the 50 respondents. The data is analyzed through ANOVA analysis and Two-way analysis.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETAION

Table 1 Distribution of Marketing Analysis and Market Insight in Vellore District

S.NO	Variables	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
1	organization analyze customer needs	25	15	10
2	Marketing analysis helps to understand local market trends	26	13	11
3	Marketing analysis supports better decision-making	18	19	13
4	Marketing analysis helps in identifying new market opportunities	20	16	14

The data shows that the majority of the respondents are of the view that organizations analyze the needs of the customers. However, there are a number of respondents who are neutral or disagree with the idea. Marketing analysis has been viewed as helpful in the understanding of local market trends, thus showing its importance in the assessment of the market. The majority of the respondents have indicated the view that marketing analysis helps in the improvement of decision-making processes within organizations. However, the presence of a notable number of neutral opinions shows

the limited application of the idea. Marketing analysis has also been viewed as helpful in the identification of new market opportunities. The data shows divergence of opinion based on the effectiveness of the application of the practices of marketing analysis. The data shows the importance of marketing analysis in the performance of organizations. However, there is a need to improve the application of the tools of marketing analysis.

Evaluation of Marketing Analysis and Market Insight in Vellore District

S.NO	Variable	Mean Score	Standard Deviation
1	organization analyze customer needs	2.30	0.78
2	Marketing analysis helps to understand local market trends	2.30	0.81
3	Marketing analysis supports better decision-making	2.10	0.78
4	Marketing analysis helps in identifying new market opportunities	2.12	0.82

The fact that all the means are above 2.00 implies that respondents are in agreement with marketing analysis practices. This shows that respondents have a positive attitude toward marketing analysis practices in organizations. The respondents understand the importance of marketing analysis in business activities. The standard deviation values range from 0.78 to 0.82, which shows moderate variation in responses. This implies that respondents have fairly consistent opinions regarding marketing analysis. However, there are differences in respondents' opinions, though not extreme variation. The results suggest a stable and favourable perception regarding marketing analysis.

FINDINGS

1. Most respondents agree that analysis of customer needs is undertaken within the organization; however, there is also some level of neutrality and disagreement.

2. The general perception of marketing analysis is that it is useful in the interpretation of local market trends; thus, its significance is acknowledged.

3. The general perception of marketing analysis is that it is useful in the improvement of decision-making within the organization.

4. The existence of neutrality implies that marketing analysis may have limited application in some organizations.

5. Marketing analysis is also considered useful in the identification of new market opportunities.

6. Organizations that undertake marketing analysis have the advantage of identifying opportunities and perceiving market threats and customers' expectations.

7. Effective marketing analysis is important in enhancing innovation, improving brand positioning, and increasing customer loyalty

SUGGESSTION

1. Organizations should carry out marketing analysis on a regular basis in order to get updated on market trends and make sound decisions regarding their respective businesses.
2. The employees should also be trained in using marketing analysis tools in order to get accurate information regarding market conditions and contribute to decision-making.
3. The marketing analysis should be used in all departments in order to ensure uniformity in decision-making and better coordination within the organization.
4. The focus should be on getting accurate information regarding customer needs and requirements in order to improve products and services.
5. The marketing analysis should be used in order to bring more innovation in the products and services offered by the respective organizations.
6. The results obtained from marketing analysis should be used in decision-making in order to make better decisions.
7. The focus should be on getting regular updates regarding marketing analysis in order to stay ahead in the market.
8. The marketing analysis should be used in order to improve brand image and retain customers in the long run.

CONCLUSION

According to the study, marketing analysis is vital in attaining sustainable competitive advantage. It aids organizations in strategic planning. Marketing analysis provides organizations with vital insights regarding prevailing market trends. Marketing analysis is vital in ensuring efficient use of resources. It aids organizations in being responsive to the market. Marketing analysis is vital in promoting innovation and decision-making in organizations. Marketing analysis is vital for sustainable business development in the regional market.

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