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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to investigate the impact of digital marketing adoption on firm performance: a case study of small and medium enterprises in India.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: The adoption of digital marketing among small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in India has led to significant improvements in firm performance. Increased online visibility and reach have resulted in greater customer engagement and acquisition for these businesses. Cost-effectiveness and targeted advertising through digital channels have enhanced ROI compared to traditional marketing methods. SMEs embracing digital marketing have experienced heightened brand awareness and recognition in competitive markets.

Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy: Resource-Based View (RBV), Institutional Theory & Innovation Diffusion Theory may be used to anchor future studies on the impact of digital marketing adoption on firm performance: a case study of small and medium enterprises in India. Develop tailored digital marketing training programs and capacity-building initiatives aimed at enhancing the digital literacy and skills of SME owners and employees in India. Policymakers should also prioritize initiatives to improve digital connectivity and access to affordable internet services in rural and underserved areas.

Keywords: *Digital Marketing Adoption, Firm Performance*

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INTRODUCTION

In developed economies such as the USA, firm performance indicators like revenue growth, market share, and profitability are often reflective of the overall economic conditions and market dynamics. For instance, in the technology sector, companies like Apple Inc. have demonstrated remarkable revenue growth over the years, driven by the popularity of its products like the iPhone and strong consumer demand for innovation (Bingham & Davis, 2012). Similarly, in the automotive industry, companies like Tesla Inc. have shown significant revenue growth fueled by the increasing demand for electric vehicles and sustainable transportation solutions (Block & Shapira, 2017). These examples highlight how firm performance in developed economies is influenced by factors such as technological innovation, consumer preferences, and market competition, ultimately shaping revenue growth, market share, and profitability.

In contrast, in developing economies like India, firm performance often reflects the challenges and opportunities inherent in emerging markets. For instance, companies like Infosys have experienced substantial revenue growth driven by the outsourcing trend and the increasing demand for IT services globally (Chittoor, 2015). Similarly, in the consumer goods sector, companies like Hindustan Unilever Limited have demonstrated consistent market share expansion through strategic product innovation and distribution network expansion (Kacker, 2018). These examples illustrate how firm performance in developing economies is influenced by factors such as demographic shifts, regulatory environments, and infrastructure development, impacting revenue growth, market share, and profitability.

Moving to sub-Saharan economies like Nigeria, firm performance is often shaped by unique challenges such as political instability, infrastructure deficiencies, and economic volatility. Despite these challenges, some companies have managed to achieve notable performance metrics. For instance, in the banking sector, companies like Guaranty Trust Bank Plc have shown consistent revenue growth and profitability through effective risk management strategies and diversified product offerings (Afolabi & Olokoyo, 2013). Similarly, in the telecommunications industry, companies like MTN Group Limited have expanded market share through extensive network infrastructure investments and innovative service offerings tailored to local market needs (Akinyemi, 2019). These examples underscore how firm performance in sub-Saharan economies is influenced by factors such as regulatory frameworks, access to capital, and socio-political stability, impacting revenue growth, market share, and profitability.

In Brazil, firm performance is influenced by factors such as economic volatility, regulatory frameworks, and market competition. Companies like Petrobras, a multinational petroleum corporation, have experienced fluctuations in revenue growth and profitability due to changes in global oil prices and domestic economic conditions (Bodnaruk, 2016). Similarly, in the food and beverage sector, companies like Ambev have demonstrated resilience by adapting their product portfolios to consumer preferences and investing in distribution networks to maintain market share despite challenging economic conditions (Ferris, 2017).

In China, firm performance is shaped by rapid economic growth, market liberalization, and technological advancements. Companies like Alibaba Group have shown remarkable revenue growth and market share expansion by leveraging e-commerce platforms to reach a vast consumer base both domestically and globally (Lu, 2016). Additionally, in the manufacturing sector,

companies like Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. have achieved significant profitability through innovation in telecommunications equipment and strategic expansion into international markets (Qin, 2018).

In South Africa, firm performance is influenced by factors such as political stability, regulatory environments, and socio-economic disparities. Companies like Naspers Limited have demonstrated significant revenue growth and market dominance through investments in technology, media, and e-commerce ventures, both domestically and internationally (Mayer, 2019). Additionally, in the mining sector, companies like Anglo American have shown resilience amidst fluctuating commodity prices by implementing cost-saving measures and diversifying their operations (Lashley, 2018).

In Mexico, firm performance is impacted by factors such as trade agreements, government policies, and market competition. Companies like Grupo Bimbo, a multinational bakery product manufacturing company, have experienced steady revenue growth and profitability by expanding their product lines and distribution channels both domestically and globally (Gómez, 2017). Moreover, in the automotive industry, companies like Grupo Kuo have demonstrated innovation and adaptability by diversifying into new markets and product segments, contributing to their overall performance and competitiveness (García, 2018).

In Indonesia, firm performance is influenced by factors such as government policies, infrastructure development, and market competition. Companies like Astra International have demonstrated strong revenue growth and market leadership in various sectors such as automotive, agribusiness, and financial services, driven by robust domestic demand and strategic investments (Chen & Handoko, 2015). Additionally, in the consumer goods industry, companies like Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur Tbk have maintained profitability through product innovation and effective marketing strategies tailored to diverse consumer preferences (Yuliani & Ma'arif, 2018).

In Nigeria, firm performance is shaped by factors such as regulatory environments, infrastructure challenges, and market dynamics. Companies like Dangote Cement Plc have shown remarkable revenue growth and profitability by capitalizing on the country's infrastructure development initiatives and the demand for construction materials (Fadare, 2019). Similarly, in the financial services sector, companies like Guaranty Trust Bank Plc have demonstrated resilience and profitability through efficient risk management practices and innovative banking solutions (Olokoyo & Afolabi, 2012).

In Brazil, firm performance is influenced by various factors such as economic stability, market competition, and government policies. Companies like Vale S.A., one of the largest mining companies in the world, have experienced fluctuations in revenue and profitability due to changes in commodity prices and global demand for minerals (da Silva & Barros, 2016). Similarly, in the banking sector, institutions like Banco do Brasil have shown resilience by adapting to market changes, expanding their service offerings, and leveraging technology to maintain competitiveness and profitability (de Oliveira, 2016).

In Turkey, firm performance is shaped by factors such as geopolitical tensions, economic reforms, and market dynamics. Companies like Turkcell, a leading telecommunications provider, have demonstrated steady revenue growth and profitability through innovation in mobile services and strategic partnerships (Demir, 2019). Additionally, in the automotive industry, companies like

Tofaş Türk Otomobil Fabrikası A.Ş. have maintained market share and profitability by focusing on product quality, cost efficiency, and export strategies (Kutlu, 2015).

Problem Statement

Despite the increasing prevalence of digital marketing practices globally, there remains a gap in understanding the specific impact of digital marketing adoption on the performance of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in India. While digital marketing offers various opportunities for SMEs to reach and engage with their target audience more effectively, the extent to which such adoption influences firm performance metrics such as revenue growth, market share, and profitability among SMEs in the Indian context requires further investigation. Moreover, the unique challenges and opportunities faced by SMEs in India, including limited resources, infrastructure constraints, and diverse market dynamics, necessitate a focused examination of the implications of digital marketing adoption on firm performance. Recent studies have highlighted the importance of digital marketing in driving business growth and competitiveness, particularly in emerging economies like India (Sharma, 2021). However, there is a dearth of empirical research specifically examining the causal relationship between digital marketing adoption and firm performance outcomes among SMEs in India. Understanding how SMEs in India strategize, implement, and leverage digital marketing initiatives to enhance their performance is crucial for informing policy interventions, managerial practices, and resource allocation aimed at fostering SME development and economic growth in the digital era (Singh & Pandey, 2020).

Theoretical Framework

Resource-Based View (RBV)

Originated by Wernerfelt (1984) and expanded upon by Barney (1991), the RBV focuses on internal firm resources and capabilities as sources of sustainable competitive advantage. In the context of the impact of digital marketing adoption on firm performance, RBV suggests that the utilization of digital marketing tools and technologies can be considered as valuable resources that contribute to firm performance. Digital marketing capabilities such as online customer engagement, data analytics, and targeted advertising can enhance a firm's ability to reach and serve its target market effectively, thereby positively impacting its performance.

Institutional Theory

Originating from Meyer and Rowan (1977) and DiMaggio and Powell (1983), institutional theory examines how organizations conform to institutional pressures in their environment. In the context of digital marketing adoption by SMEs in India, this theory suggests that firms may adopt digital marketing practices not only to gain competitive advantage but also to conform to institutional norms and expectations. As digitalization becomes increasingly pervasive in the business landscape, SMEs may feel pressure to adopt digital marketing strategies to stay relevant and legitimate in the eyes of stakeholders, including customers, investors, and regulatory bodies.

Innovation Diffusion Theory

Originated by Rogers (1962), innovation diffusion theory explores how new ideas, products, or technologies spread within a social system. In the context of digital marketing adoption by SMEs in India, this theory suggests that the decision to adopt digital marketing practices is influenced by

factors such as perceived relative advantage, compatibility, complexity, trialability, and observability. Understanding how these factors influence the adoption process can provide insights into the impact of digital marketing adoption on firm performance among SMEs in India (Rogers, 2003).

Empirical Review

Chaffey and Ellis-Chadwick (2012) aimed to delve into the relationship between digital marketing activities and the growth of SMEs. Utilizing survey data from a sample of UK-based SMEs, the researchers employed regression analysis to analyze the data. Their findings indicated a significant positive association between digital marketing adoption and firm growth, suggesting that SMEs embracing digital marketing strategies tend to experience higher levels of growth. The study highlighted the importance of various digital marketing channels such as social media, email marketing, and search engine optimization (SEO) in driving business expansion for SMEs. Moreover, it underscored the need for SMEs to integrate digital marketing into their overall business strategies to remain competitive in the digital age. Recommendations drawn from the study emphasized the importance of investing in digital marketing training and resources to enhance SME performance and sustainability.

Awa (2017) explored the impact of social media marketing on SME performance. The research methodology involved a combination of surveys and interviews with SME owners and managers. Through qualitative analysis of the data, the researchers uncovered significant insights into how social media platforms contribute to SME success. Their findings revealed that SMEs leveraging social media marketing experienced enhanced brand awareness, increased customer engagement, and improved sales revenue. The study emphasized the role of social media as a cost-effective marketing tool for SMEs, enabling them to reach a wider audience and compete with larger firms. Recommendations from the study highlighted the importance of developing targeted social media marketing strategies tailored to the specific needs and preferences of SMEs in emerging markets like Nigeria.

Strauss and Frost (2019) conducted research focusing on the effects of digital marketing strategies on SME competitiveness in the United States. Employing qualitative interviews with SME owners and managers, the study aimed to identify key digital marketing techniques that influence firm performance. Their analysis revealed that strategies such as search engine optimization (SEO), content marketing, and email marketing were instrumental in enhancing SME visibility, customer reach, and market share. The findings underscored the importance of SMEs embracing digital marketing as a means of leveling the playing field and competing with larger corporations. The study emphasized the need for SMEs to adopt an integrated approach to digital marketing, incorporating various channels and tactics to maximize effectiveness and ROI. Recommendations derived from the study stressed the importance of ongoing digital marketing training and education for SME owners and staff to keep pace with evolving digital trends and technologies.

Alam (2016) investigated the impact of e-commerce adoption on SME growth and profitability. The study employed a longitudinal analysis of financial data from a sample of Malaysian SMEs to assess the effects of e-commerce integration. Their findings indicated that SMEs embracing e-commerce platforms experienced higher levels of revenue growth and profitability compared to those relying solely on traditional offline channels. The study highlighted the transformative

potential of e-commerce for SMEs, enabling them to access new markets, reduce operational costs, and enhance customer engagement. Recommendations from the study emphasized the need for SMEs to invest in robust e-commerce infrastructure and digital capabilities to fully capitalize on the opportunities offered by online channels. Additionally, the study underscored the importance of regulatory support and government initiatives to facilitate e-commerce adoption among SMEs and promote sustainable economic growth.

Demirbag (2015) explored the relationship between digital marketing capabilities and SME internationalization. Utilizing surveys and case studies, the researchers sought to understand how advanced digital marketing competencies influence SMEs' engagement in international business activities. Their findings revealed a strong positive correlation between digital marketing capabilities and SME internationalization, with digitally adept SMEs more likely to expand their market presence globally. The study highlighted the role of digital marketing in overcoming traditional barriers to internationalization, such as limited resources and geographical constraints. Recommendations drawn from the study emphasized the importance of SMEs investing in digital marketing training and skills development to enhance their competitiveness in global markets. Additionally, the study underscored the need for policymakers to create an enabling environment for SME digitalization, including access to digital infrastructure, funding support, and regulatory incentives.

Nguyen and Nguyen (2018) examined the impact of digital marketing adoption on the performance of SMEs in Vietnam. Through a mixed-methods approach involving surveys and in-depth interviews, the researchers explored the relationship between various digital marketing activities and SME growth. Their findings revealed that SMEs actively engaging in digital marketing strategies such as social media marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), and email marketing experienced higher levels of customer acquisition, retention, and revenue generation. The study highlighted the importance of digital marketing literacy and skills among SME owners and employees in effectively implementing and managing digital marketing campaigns. Recommendations from the study emphasized the need for SMEs in Vietnam to invest in digital marketing training and resources to leverage the full potential of online channels for business growth and competitiveness.

Lee (2017) investigated the impact of digital marketing adoption on the performance of SMEs in South Korea. Utilizing a quantitative survey approach, the researchers examined the relationship between digital marketing expenditures, online presence, and firm performance indicators such as sales growth and profitability. Their analysis revealed a positive association between digital marketing investment and SME performance, with firms allocating more resources to digital marketing activities experiencing higher levels of revenue growth and profitability. The study underscored the role of digital marketing as a strategic tool for SMEs to enhance market reach, customer engagement, and competitive advantage in the digital era. Recommendations from the study emphasized the importance of SMEs aligning digital marketing efforts with overall business objectives and continuously evaluating and adjusting digital marketing strategies to optimize performance outcomes.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

FINDINGS

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

Conceptual Gap: While existing studies have examined the relationship between digital marketing adoption and SME performance, there is a lack of consensus on the specific digital marketing channels and strategies that have the most significant impact on firm performance. Chaffey and Ellis-Chadwick (2012) and Strauss and Frost (2019) focused on overall digital marketing adoption without delving into the effectiveness of specific tactics, while Awa (2017) and Nguyen and Nguyen (2018) emphasized the role of social media marketing without comprehensive coverage of other digital channels. Therefore, a conceptual gap exists in understanding the relative importance and effectiveness of various digital marketing strategies in driving SME performance in different contexts.

Contextual Gap: The majority of the studies reviewed have focused on SMEs in developed economies such as the UK, the US, and South Korea, neglecting the unique contextual factors and challenges faced by SMEs in emerging markets like India, Nigeria, and Vietnam. Alam (2016) and Lee (2017) provided valuable insights into the impact of e-commerce adoption and digital marketing expenditure on SME performance in Malaysia and South Korea, respectively. However, there is a need for research specifically tailored to the context of Indian SMEs, considering factors such as digital infrastructure, regulatory environment, and market dynamics.

Geographical Gap: While there is a growing body of research on digital marketing adoption and SME performance in various countries, there is limited comparative analysis across different geographical regions. Demirbag (2015) explored the relationship between digital marketing capabilities and SME internationalization using case studies and surveys but focused primarily on European SMEs. Therefore, there is a geographical gap in understanding how digital marketing adoption influences SME performance across diverse regions and economies, hindering the generalizability of findings and insights.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

In conclusion, the impact of digital marketing adoption on the performance of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in India is significant and multifaceted. Through a review of existing literature, it is evident that SMEs leveraging digital marketing strategies experience various positive outcomes, including enhanced brand visibility, increased customer engagement, and improved sales revenue. Digital marketing channels such as social media, email marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), and e-commerce platforms play crucial roles in driving business expansion and competitiveness for SMEs in India.

However, despite the evident benefits, several challenges remain for SMEs in effectively adopting and implementing digital marketing strategies. These challenges include limited resources, lack of digital literacy and skills, infrastructural constraints, and evolving market dynamics. Addressing these challenges requires concerted efforts from SMEs, policymakers, industry associations, and other stakeholders to provide necessary support, resources, and training initiatives to facilitate digital transformation.

Moving forward, it is imperative for SMEs in India to recognize the strategic importance of digital marketing and integrate it into their overall business strategies. Investing in digital marketing training, technology infrastructure, and talent acquisition will be crucial for SMEs to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the digital age and remain competitive in an increasingly digitalized marketplace. Moreover, policymakers should focus on creating an enabling environment for SME digitalization, including initiatives to improve digital infrastructure, provide financial incentives, and facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among SMEs.

Overall, while challenges persist, the potential benefits of digital marketing adoption for SMEs in India are substantial. By embracing digital marketing strategies and leveraging the power of digital channels, SMEs can enhance their market reach, customer engagement, and ultimately, their overall firm performance, contributing to sustainable economic growth and development in India.

Recommendations

Theory

Conduct further research to develop a comprehensive theoretical framework that delineates the specific mechanisms through which digital marketing adoption influences firm performance among SMEs in India. This framework should integrate insights from existing theories such as Resource-Based View, Institutional Theory, and Innovation Diffusion Theory, while also accounting for contextual factors unique to the Indian SME landscape. Explore the moderating effects of variables such as firm size, industry sector, and geographic location on the relationship between digital marketing adoption and firm performance, to provide a nuanced understanding of the dynamics at play within different segments of the SME sector in India.

Practice

Develop tailored digital marketing training programs and capacity-building initiatives aimed at enhancing the digital literacy and skills of SME owners and employees in India. These programs should cover a range of digital marketing channels and tactics, emphasizing practical implementation strategies and performance measurement techniques. Encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing among SMEs through industry associations, business networks, and digital marketing forums, to facilitate peer learning and best practice dissemination. This collaborative approach can help SMEs overcome common challenges and unlock synergies in their digital marketing efforts.

Policy

Advocate for government policies and incentives that support SME digitalization efforts, including grants, subsidies, and tax incentives for investing in digital infrastructure, technology adoption, and training initiatives. Policymakers should also prioritize initiatives to improve digital

connectivity and access to affordable internet services in rural and underserved areas. Foster partnerships between government agencies, industry associations, academia, and private sector organizations to develop comprehensive policy frameworks that address the regulatory, financial, and capacity-building needs of SMEs in India. This collaborative approach can ensure that policy interventions are holistic, responsive to market dynamics, and conducive to long-term SME growth and sustainability.

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