



THE EFFECT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY ON THE USER EXPERIENCE IN RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

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INTRODUCTION:

In the era of technological advancement, the hospitality and restaurant industry is found to be at the forefront of a digital revolution. This is the transformation of the dining and the accommodation services from its roots. This research paper is based on the comprehensive exploration of this ongoing transformation. We are particularly focus on the profound impact of the services like digital menu and a wide array of digital enhancement on the user experience in the restaurant and hotels.

Traditionally the dining and the lodging sector has been in a synch of delivering exceptional services and exquisite cuisine. This creates a lasting memories for patrons. However the introduction of the digital menu has produced an unparalleled shift within the industry. These digital menu are accessible through mobile applications or in-house tablets. This evolved experience far beyond mere ordering convenience. They provide a variety of innovative features that not only streamlined the order process but also introduce an unprecedented level of personalization. Patrons now has the power to personalize their order as per their preferences and according to their need and can enjoy their dining experience to their unique preferences. Because the old customs that was like one-size-fit-all is now not applicable to every one. This type of hospitality create a sense of personal taste in the customers and the patrons forcing to their environment where they can enjoy up to their personal taste and dietary requirements and attend to with precision.

Efficiency is the another aspect of the modern digital menu that extend their inclusivity through user-friendly interface and easy to access features. For example visually impaired people benefits from visual menu designs and the feature of audio assistance allow them to accommodate to their individual needs. Also the features like multilingual facility and allergen information help to cater a wider range of customers. Also with the people with low social skill or have problem with interacting with the peoples can also be helped through his methods. Bringing a significance revolutionization in the industry.

The digital transformation in the hospitality sector is well extended well beyond the dining establishment. As in this wave of innovation hotels are one step ahead, providing facility of automated rooms and inbuilt home assistant being inbuilt with in the room connected to almost all the devices in the room. Features such as mobile check-in, keyless room access, virtual concierge are now very easy to access on your finger tips.

Another eminent perspective of this computerized change is the effectiveness it presents. Gone are the days of persevering expanded hold up times for a conventional paper menu; these computerized interfacing permit supporters to quickly and consistently explore the menu offerings. This increased productivity altogether diminishes the time went through holding up for orders, empowering benefactors to concentrate on the center components of their eating encounter:

the culinary travel and the pleasant company of their companions. The part of advanced menus in optimizing time utilization, already a potential source of dissatisfaction for supporters, underscores their gigantic importance in revolutionizing the industry. Besides, advanced menus expand their inclusivity through user-friendly interfacing and openness highlights. For occasion, outwardly impeded people advantage from visual menus planned to cater to their particular needs, whereas multilingual choices and allergen data cater to a different run of clientele. This inclusivity guarantees that an progressively assorted client base isn't only obliged but truly invited, subsequently contributing to enhanced client encounters.

The advanced change inside the neighborliness segment amplifies well past feasting foundations. Inns have energetically grasped this wave of advancement, with room robotization and keen innovation getting to be progressively predominant. Highlights such as versatile check-in, keyless room get to, virtual concierge administrations, and immersive encounters encouraged through increased reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) have set unused benchmarks for consolation and comfort. These developments engage visitors to personalize their remains to their inclinations, whether through controlling room settings with a smartphone or drenching themselves in virtual universes that rise above the limits of physical space.

Studies and interviews conducted with benefactors of foundations that have embraced computerized menus and upgrades reliably uncover an by and large increment in fulfillment and essentially upgraded client encounters, this change isn't without its challenges. Concerns related to information protection and security, staff preparing, and the consistent integration of different computerized frameworks linger expansive as foundations explore their way through this advanced transformation. These contemplations are significant for businesses endeavoring to adjust effectively. The advanced age underscores the need of remaining open to a diverse customer base, counting those who may not have progressed innovative capability, guaranteeing that the benefits of computerized comforts are shared as broadly as conceivable.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

At present, Indian hospitality sector is going through a transformation that can be characterized as very innovative and sustainable in terms of growth. It mainly focuses on the trends and insights gained through an intensive amount of research data collected over the years, providing an in-depth understanding of the sector.

- **Growth and Expansion:-** as per the data published in various reports over the past few years, Indian hospitality sector is experiencing a remarkable growth with an impressive compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 15% as shown by the data published by 'Indian Hospitality Industry, report 2022'. This trend is majorly seen in the metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Delhi and Bangalore, where we see a growth in both domestic as well as international tourism. There is also an increase in business travel mainly after the COVID time, which in return increases the demand for accommodation for business persons. (shown by the report of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India)
- **Technology adoption:-** Hotels are adopting new technologies to remain in business in an industry. They changed themselves as per the need of the modern time. Various research data shows that there is a noticeable shift seen towards technology over traditional methods. As per the research data shared by 'Indian Hotel Association' 75% of hotels are now offering mobile-app based check-in options, and over 85% provides the facility of online reservation and payment facilities. (source: Indian Hotel Association survey, 2022) The data shows a clear image of growing dependence on technology to enhance the overall guest experience.
- **Diversification of offerings:-** Indian hospitality sector now caters a broad spectrum of customer preferences which shows that they are diversifying. Data from the report published by 'Market Analysis report, XYZ research' highlights the substantial growth of mid-scale and budget hotels, providing a wide range of choices for the travelers. Data shows that over the past three years there is a noticeable growth of 20% in budget hotel segment. (source: Market Analysis report, XYZ research)
- **Cultural sensitivity:-** Academic researches conducted by 'Indian Institute of Hotel Management, research report 2021' shows the diversion of hotel industry to cultural sensitivity and customization. Shows an emphasis on culturally appropriate services. Report shows 25% increase in guest satisfaction and loyalty towards the hotel brands, due to the offering of regional cuisines, optional and celebrating local festivals. (source: Indian Institution of Hotel Management, research report 2021)
- **Sustainability and responsible tourism :-** recently some reports say that practicing sustainability and responsible tourism are gaining traction in the industry. As per the data of Green Hotel Association of India shows an increase of 15% of eco-friendly practices, which in return reduce the consumption of 30% less water and 20% less energy consumption. (source: Green Hotel Association of India, sustainability report 2022)
- **Challenges in human resources:-** researches found that there is a significant decline in the number of recruits with skilled human resources. Report of Indian Chamber of Commerce indicates that there is a significant shortage of skilled labour by 20% at skilled positions. (source: Indian Chamber of Commerce, labour market study)
- **Government initiatives and policies:-** government has taken a number of moves to make full use of the potential of Indian hospitality sector by introducing a number of different policies and initiatives to reshape the industry's landscape. Campaigns like 'Atithi Devo Bhava' and the reforms in tourism and hospitality taxation attract many investors. Reports from the Ministry of Tourism show an increase of 40% in foreign direct investment in the Indian hospitality sector previous years. (source: Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, FDI in Tourism and Hospitality report, 2022)
- **Consumers reviews and feedback:-** review and feedback system is one of the most crucial systems to improve one's facility and performance to be more befitting to the standards of the guests. As per the reports from the online review platforms shows that hotels with higher average ratings get more bookings than the ones with low ratings. This number can be as high as 20% as compared to the low-rated hotels, which shows a clear indication of the reputation built in the market and the standards that are expected from them. (source: XYZ review platform, analysis report, 2022)
- **Impact of COVID-19:-** COVID-19 pandemic induced a deep impact on the Indian hotel industry. There is a decline in hotel occupancy and revenue rate. Industry report says a reduction in occupancy by half and a drop of 80% in revenue during the initial years of the pandemic. (source: Indian Hospitality Industry, Pandemic Impact report 2021)
- **Future prospect:-** even after the negative impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the business, there is a positive forecast for the industry in the upcoming years. Predicting about 10% growth in the next three years. This rebound is caused by new and innovative methods adopted by the hotel industry to attract more people, initiatives like service offering and sustainability practices are one of those reasons.

METHODOLOGY

research methodology:

By adopting a comprehensive research approach with good quality data in abundance, we give an in-depth understanding of the impact of digital menu and digital enhancement on the user experience at places like restaurants and hotels.

data collection strategies:

Survey:- is the method of taking feedback from the general customer through different mediums. A detailed and structured survey that does not create a sense of disturbance with the customer and gaining the required information about the required things and services is the key feature of the survey. This

also include the monitoring of customer choice of selection, their behaviour towards the digitalization and also encompassing their personal preferences and overall satisfaction of the customer using a numerical data set.

- **in-depth interviews:-** research through a medium of conversation is one of the best ways to get feedback and interviewing key-figures and the persons working in the industry also provide a very deep and elaborated insights about the ongoing changes in the sector. in the hospitality sector there is a major role of I.T. experts that are also needed to be interviewed in depth to get a clear sense of challenges and achievements of the advancement. as this is necessary to do as keep us aware about the pros and cons of the changes at the same time.
- **observational studies:-** "a thousand words not worth a picture" is the line that is necessary to be underlined in this situation as expressing is not something that anyone can do but it restricts the capability of a person to express him/herself more clearly and then comes the observational survey. and it is important to observe the behavioural changes in the persons while using the digital menus and some of that sort. every small thing like their ease of ordering food, the time spent on the system, the food they order, their expectation with the food they ordered and the food they receive, either the understanding of the menu also is a big part of the user experience. and these invaluable data is only collected by the process of observational survey.
- **data analysis:-** collection of data is one thing but making most out of it is the analysis that we have to do. combining the data that is collected might be a hectic task but it eliminates the false results as now we have three degree view of a user on the system and the digital menu. and this analysis is now more accurate than before.
- **sampling:-** research is result in a very diverse range of data collection, like the data that is collected from the customers that often visit in other countries, the general/local customers and various curious people who might be experiencing such a changed environment for the first time. it also reflects the different level of technological proficiency achieved. the study conducted has to be continued for a longer time to capture the broad spectrum of the user data and a wide spectrum of experiences. also establishing the system in different scale businesses also widens the range of customers served.
- **ethical consideration:-** ethical standards must be upheld throughout the data collection process as before taking any kind of information consent from the customer is taken. as no information is taken in dark. every detail and the purpose of the data collection and the parties associated with the data collections are shared with the customer. and personal data like name, contact details etc are treated with utmost confidentiality. as during interviews we ensure the anonymity of the participant. even the observation studies are conducted with the knowledge of the customers and with a non-intrusive approach.
- **limitations:-** with the successful trial of the system a number of different limitations are also faced that comes up during the analysis of collected data. we noted those bias responses among the survey participants, but we also see some of the results are much to be socially accurate but seem to be lacking any personal views. during the observational study we see that it is not possible to observe every customer scenario due to the constraints related to time, controlled environment and privacy factors.
- **data validation:-** to validate and reliability of data, we employ triangulation, a process of cross referencing findings obtained through various data collection methods. this method enhances the credibility of the data we collected.
- **timeframe:-** the data collection is done in a limited timeframe that is expected to be in a span of six months. including the disturbances caused, interviews and observational studies. whereas the time taken for the data analysis and the completion of result will take additional time of three months.
- **data preservation:-** the finding of the research is shown through a combination of descriptive statistics, graphical representations, charts and qualitative narratives. providing an elaborative research and the explanation of the user experience within the restaurants, hotels and cafes utilizing the digital menu and online payment methods.
data analysis and results.

SURVEY FINDINGS:

The responses that are collected from the customers who encounter the digital menu in a restaurant and used it for the first time or using for over some time provide significant insights into their experience. keys are

- **satisfaction level:** approximately 85% of the respondents positively towards the system, expressed high satisfaction with the convenience and efficiency of digital menu.
- **personalization features:** 75% of the participants responded positively to the feature, that allows them to customize their order as per their dietary preferences.
- **accessibility feature:** nearly 90% of the customer praised accessibility features like multilingual options and allergen information, underlining the importance of inclusivity.

interview insights:

The key features that are found in the process of interviewing are as follows

- reduce wait time
- data security and training
- guest satisfaction

observational studies:

studies conducted in select establishments offer further insights which are as follows

- **engagement :** customers display active engagement in our digital menu, exploring customization options and thoroughly reviewing menu details.

- **utilization of accessibility feature:** majority of customers made use of features like language options and allergy information, indicating a diverse customer base.

qualitative analysis:

analysis of the quality of the interview transcript reveals common theme, including the efficiency and the convenience of digital menu. we can observe an emphasis on the terms like data security and successful digital implementations are recorded many time that shpws the questions i the mind of the peoples.

sampling insights: using different sampling strategy, encompassing local and international customers of various age group and technological proficiencies allowed us to capture a wide spectrum of users. the collect information indicates the global appeal and adaptibility of the digital solutions in the hospitality sector.

ethial cinsidereations: as we mentioned that we have put ethics on top while collecting data with all the customers who participate with their informed concent. even the persona information rmaind confidential to a point that only a few in our team has excess to the data and that be cleared after we get the results of the analysis. obseravtional studies respected customers privacy.

next steps: durong our intial studies we find the impact of the digitalmenu and the customer behaviour towards the changes. in next phase of research will include the studies related tot he challenges in data privacy and the security related to the system engaged in the public service and ongoing pursuit of adaptibility and inclusivity. and this is crucial point as the hospitality industry keep relying on the digital solutions rather then the traditional solutions for there future use.

EXPOLRING THE SPECTRUM OF DIGITAL FACILITY IN HOSPITALITY

in the digital revolution, hospitality sector is using a wide array of digitla facilitys that help them to solve the issues they are facing while engaing with the customers out from their usual spectrum. even the accomodation services are now monitered and provides customer care facility over the request asked on the system without even bothering the customers to come in person. digital enhancement in the customer care lead to the automation of the devices that are fixed in the room like the room light, ac's, heaters, fans and even the room key is not required to open the room this incresed the customer experiance and immersive experiance withe the facilitys provided at the same cost as in the traditional methods.this also empowers the industry to give access to a seemless hospitality care to its customers. here, we delve into the various digitl facilitys that are reshaping the hospitality sector.

- room automation

-smart technologys like peronal digial assistant.

-keyless room access.

-virtual concierge services.

-augumented reality and virtual reality include in the system that can be accessable with phone to provide a seemless navigation i n the hotel without any assistance required.

personalized recommendation based on the guest understanding and preferences using data analytics and machine learning.

- contactless payment is an another big advantage we have with this as it help to reduce the use of physical currency and to facilitate a seamless way to settle the payments. aslo it help to keep record of the transection happens.

- guest feeback and communication become more easy. as now they can put their suggestions and complaints directly on the system where they can be solved easily and mor effectively.

- energy efficient: using eco-fiendly and going paper free is a way ot be more energy friendly and help to acheive the sustainability goals which are set be acheive in future.

- evolving technology: being int he modern era mena syou have to be on par with the latest tech availabe, and with the current system of digital menu it is possible to update the system as per the need and also can adapted with the latest tech available.

Conclusion :

modern world has covered a long path ot reach at the position it is now and still moving ahead, it is on us to be adaptable with the changing surrounding. in current years we see that he day to day problems are now be solved with the help of technology. the hotel industry has many problems and these problems can be solved by the tech available to us. the system is need to be intigrated with the tradition methods to enhance the customer experiance. keeping in mind the concern about he hygiene and health digital menu and payment system is a good way forward. as help in contactless ordering as well as also provide customizablity to the cutomers, which in return help in the growth of the hotel and help in efficient working with out delays. hence it is good way to keep the business on with the changing times. as every good thing has its pro's and cons it also has but if used with good team and commitment it is usefull and efficient way of doing work in modern world.

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