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DIGITAL MARKETING TRENDS AND STRATEGIES: ANALYSING CURRENT TRENDS IN DIGITAL MARKETING AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN REACHING TARGETS AUDIENCES

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ABSTRACT :

This study examines the effectiveness of current digital marketing trends in reaching target audiences within Coimbatore, focusing on how businesses adapt to evolving consumer behavior and technological advancements. Through a survey of 100 respondents across sectors like textiles, IT, manufacturing, healthcare, and education, the research analyzes key strategies such as social media marketing, influencer marketing, AI-driven campaigns, voice search optimization, and personalization. Findings reveal that social media and short-form video content are the most impactful channels for engagement and conversion. The study also highlights that a significant number of consumers are influenced by online reviews and interactive content. However, challenges such as limited awareness of AI applications and the dynamic nature of digital tools pose constraints. Insights from this research provide actionable recommendations for businesses to enhance customer engagement, improve personalization efforts, and strengthen their overall digital presence in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

INTRODUCTION

Mail marketing, mobile marketing, and more to create an effective digital presence. Digital marketing has transformed the way businesses engage with their target audiences, offering dynamic and data-driven strategies to maximize brand visibility, customer engagement, and conversions. As consumer behavior shifts rapidly in response to technological advancements, businesses must continuously adapt to emerging trends to stay competitive. This study explores the latest digital marketing trends and evaluates their effectiveness in reaching target audiences. Key trends such as artificial intelligence (AI) in marketing, personalized content, influencer collaborations, voice search optimization, and social media advertising will be analyzed. Additionally, the role of data analytics, automation, and evolving consumer preferences in shaping digital marketing strategies will be discussed. By understanding these trends and their impact, businesses can develop more effective marketing strategies that align with audience expectations and drive measurable results. Digital marketing offers unique advantages such as greater reach, improved targeting, personalized messaging, and better ROI (Return on Investment). It also allows businesses to stay up-to-date with marketing trends and technologies. With the right strategies and tactics, companies can leverage digital marketing to increase their visibility and reach a larger audience.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To identify effective digital marketing channels and trend analysis strategies for businesses.
- To analyze the current state of digital marketing and trend analysis in the industry.
- To provide recommendations for improving digital marketing and trend analysis efforts.
- To Personalization allows businesses to deliver tailored content, ads, and email campaigns based on user preferences and behavior.
- To businesses can effectively reach their target audiences and achieve the level of satisfaction.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

- The problem this study addresses is the lack of comprehensive understanding of digital marketing and trend analysis strategies, leading to ineffective marketing efforts and missed opportunities.
- Digital Marketing is to define where we stand, what we should be headed for, and how we can make it possible.
- At our Digital Marketing agency we ensure that we keep our direction clear, right from the beginning.
- The general business problem is that business leaders are not using social media to improve customer engagement resulting in a potential loss of profit

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study focuses on understanding the adoption and impact of modern digital marketing trends such as personalization, artificial intelligence (AI), video marketing, influencer marketing, voice search optimization, and sustainability marketing within Coimbatore. It investigates how these trends are shaping consumer behavior and business practices across key industries, including textiles, manufacturing, IT, healthcare, and education—sectors that prominently define Coimbatore's economy.

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

Time constraints and limited access to resources. • The number of respondents in the study is limited to 100 respondents. • Biased responses from survey participants and interviewees. Rapidly changing digital landscape, making it challenging to keep findings up-to-date. • Focus on a specific industry or geographic region, limiting generalizability.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

RESEARCH TOOL

➤ Simple percentage

$$\frac{\text{No. of respondent}}{\text{Sample size}} = \frac{\quad}{\quad} 100$$

➤ Chi – Square Method

$$\text{CHI- SQUARE VALUE } (\Sigma) = \frac{(O-E)^2}{E}$$

$$\text{EXPECTED VALUE} = \frac{\text{ROW TOTAL} * \text{COLUMN TOTAL}}{\text{GRAND TOTAL}}$$

$$\text{DEGREE OF FREEDOM} = (\text{ROW} - 1) * (\text{COLUMN} - 1)$$

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

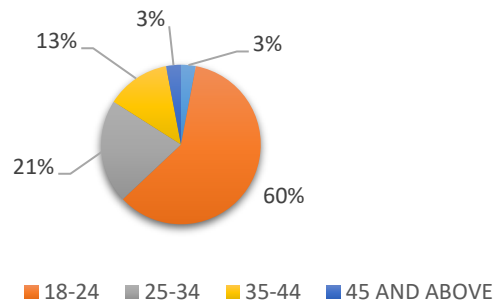
1. CHAFFEY (2023) AND SMITH & JOHNSON (2022) suggest that AI enhances customer engagement and conversion rates by delivering personalized content. AI-driven marketing strategies, including chatbots, predictive analytics, and personalized recommendations, have become essential.
2. HOLLIMAN & ROWLEY (2020) emphasizes the increasing importance of content marketing, particularly video content. Platforms like YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram Reels have gained traction, allowing brands to engage audiences effectively.
3. ACCORDING TO FREBERG ET AL. (2022), influencer marketing has significantly impacted digital marketing strategies. Micro-influencers, in particular, are noted for their authenticity and strong connections with niche audiences.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

TABLE SHOWING THE AGE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF THE RESPONDENTS

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
BELOW 18	3	3%
18-24	60	60%
25-34	21	21%
35-44	13	13%
45 AND ABOVE	3	3%
TOTAL	100	100%

CHART SHOWING THE AGE WISE CLASSIFICATION OF THE RESPONDENTS

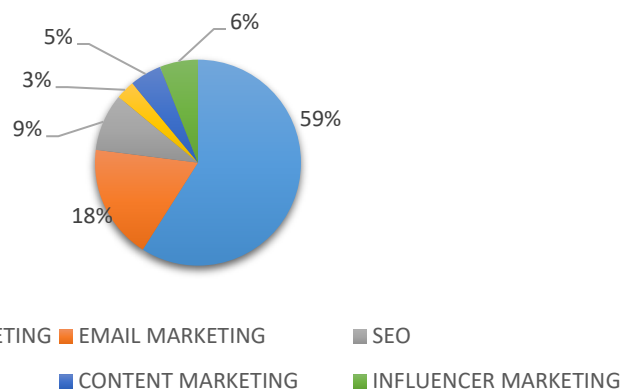


The above table indicates that 60% of respondent are 18-24 years, 21% of respondent are 25-34 years, 13% of respondent are 35-44 years, and 3% of respondent are below 18 years, and 3% of respondent are 45 and above.

TABLE SHOWING THAT WHICH DIGITAL MARKETING CHANNELS DO YOU USE THE MOST

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING	59	59%
EMAIL MARKETING	18	18%
SEO	9	9%
PPC ADVERTISING	3	3%
CONTENT MARKETING	5	5%
INFLUENCER MARKETING	6	6%
TOTAL	100	100%

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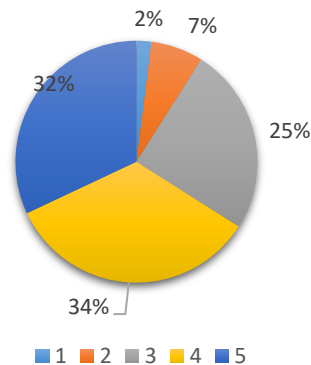


The above table indicates that 59% of respondents are social media marketing, 18% of respondents are email marketing, 9% of respondents are SEO, 6% of respondents are influencer marketing.

TABLE SHOWING THE HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO TRUST ONLINE REVIEWS BEFORE MAKING A PURCHASE

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
1	2	2%
2	7	7%
3	25	25%
4	34	34%
5	32	32%
TOTAL	100	100%

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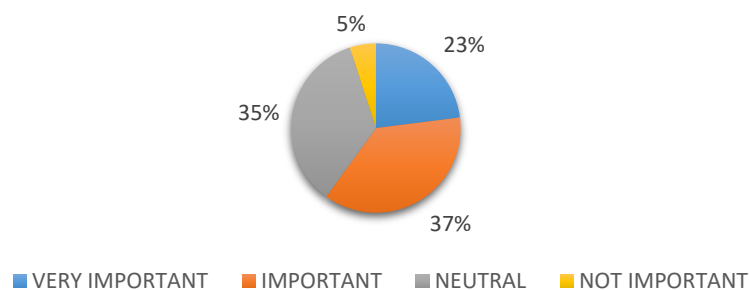


The above table indicates that 34% of respondents are 4 rating, 32% of respondents are 5 rating, 25% of respondents are 3 rating, 7% of respondents are 2 rating, 2% of respondents are 1 rating

TABLE SHOWING IMPORTANT IS PERSONALIZATION IN DIGITAL MARKETING

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
VERY IMPORTANT	23	23%
IMPORTANT	37	37%
NEUTRAL	35	35%
NOT IMPORTANT	5	5%
TOTAL	100	100%

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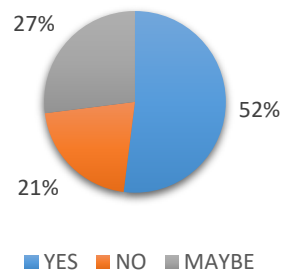


The above table indicates that 37% of respondents are important, 35% of respondents are neutral, 23% of respondents are very important, 5% of respondents are not important.

TABLE SHOWING PREFER INTERACTIVE MARKETING CONTENT

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE
Yes	52	52%
No	21	21%
MAYBE	27	27%
TOTAL	100	100%

CHART SHOWING PREFER INTERACTIVE MARKETING CONTENT



The Above Table Indicates That 52% Of Respondents Are yes They Will Have You Ever Prefer Interactive Marketing Content, 17% Of Respondents Are May Be And 21% Of Respondents Are No In The Table

CHI SQUARE

	HIGHLY INFLUENTIA L (A)	SOMEWHAT INFLUENTIA L (B)	NEUTRA L (C)	NOT INFLUENTA L (ROW TOTAL
MALE(A)	12	12	8	8	40
FEMALE(B)	10	13	7	10	40
OTHERS(C)	8	10	5	7	20
COLUMN TOTAL	30	35	20	25	100

OBSERVED FREQUENCY	EXPECTED FREQUENCY	O-E	(O-E)2	(O-E)2 / E
12	12	0	0	0
10	12	-2	4	0.3333
8	6	2	4	0.6666
12	14	-2	4	0.2857
13	14	1	1	0.0714
10	7	3	9	1.2857
8	8	0	0	0
7	8	-1	1	0.125
5	4	1	1	0.25
8	10	-2	4	0.4
10	10	0	0	0
7	5	2	4	0.4
TOTAL				4.2177

Chi-Square Value $X^2 = (O-E)^2 / E = 4.2177$

Degree of Freedom = (row – 1) (Column – 1) = (3 – 1) (4 – 1) = 2 * 3 = 6

Significance level= 0.05

Table Value = 4.2177

X Calculated Value > X Tabular Value

INTERPRETATION: In the above analysis the calculated value (4.2177) is the higher than table value (4.2177) at the level of 0.05 significance. Hence there is a significant relationship between gender and influencer marketing in your purchasing decision.

FINDINGS

1. Majority 60% respondents are 18-24 in a table.
2. Majority 59% of respondents are social media marketing.
3. Majority 34% of respondents are 4star rating.
4. Majority 37% of respondents are important in table
5. Majority 52% of respondents are yes they have you ever Prefer Interactive Marketing Content in a table

CHI – SQUARE ANALYSIS

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SUGGESTION

1. AI tools and machine learning algorithms are transforming digital marketing by offering more personalized customer experiences, automating content creation, and improving decision-making based on data insights.
2. Video content continues to be one of the most engaging types of content on social media platforms, especially with the rise of short-form videos like TikTok, Instagram Reels, and YouTube Shorts.
3. Influencers continue to play a key role in promoting products, but the trend is moving towards micro and nano-influencers who have highly engaged and niche audiences.
4. Effectiveness: Voice search is often used for local queries or when people are on the go. Brands that optimize for voice search have a competitive advantage in providing instant answers to potential customers.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the landscape of digital marketing is evolving rapidly, with emerging technologies and shifting consumer behaviors driving new strategies. The effectiveness of these trends in reaching target audiences hinges on how well brands can adapt and personalize their approach to meet the ever-changing demands of consumers. Key trends such as Artificial Intelligence, video marketing, influencer partnerships, and voice search optimization have proven highly effective in engaging audiences and delivering tailored experiences. Personalized marketing, powered by AI and data analytics, ensures that brands can connect with customers on a deeper level, leading to higher engagement, conversion rates, and loyalty. At the same time, brands must navigate the complexities of data privacy and compliance, ensuring that their strategies align with regulations while maintaining consumer trust.

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