An Empirical Study on Perceived Risks and Benefits of Online Shopping

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Abstract

With the rapid growth of e-commerce and online shopping, it is crucial to understand consumer perceptions; hence, the researcher aims to study the perceived risks and benefits of online shopping by Indian consumers. In order to transform themselves from fierce competition, marketers need to adopt the right strategies to provide superior service to satisfy consumer needs and ultimately create consumers perceived value. The benefits of online shopping come with potential risks that the consumer should always be aware of. One of the biggest challenges for online retailers is attracting profitable customers. For the present study, the researcher collected the opinions of 528 consumers who are aware of online shopping. For checking internal consistency and validity, Cronbach's alpha test is used. The collected data is analyzed and summarized using Excel and SPSS. For collecting data, a structured questionnaire was administered, which included perceptions of various risks and benefits associated with online shopping. It also includes a number of factors that motivate individuals towards online shopping. After conducting statistical analysis to identify that the more risks associated with online shopping are security, product quality, and privacy, at the same time, the perceptions towards benefits from online shopping are product variety, time, and cost savings, and home delivery which determine the importance of consumer perceptions towards online shopping. The research findings offer that, after a comprehensive understanding of the risks and benefits of online shopping, retailers must focus on developing more innovative strategies in terms of developing web portals, maintaining privacy, and maintaining product quality. Definitely, online marketers generate more revenues for the firm.

Key words: Benefits, Consumer satisfaction, Demographic factors, Online shopping, Risks.

1. Introduction

In the twenty-first century, e-commerce has become the fastest communication technology. Business has been so diversified that it should be multifaceted, and online shopping has increased significantly throughout the world (Sharma, G., & Lijuan W., 2014). Personalization is becoming more and more important in digital marketing (Kushwaha, B.P., 2020), but it can be hard for many companies, and they have no option but to use data-driven insights to tailor customer shopping experiences by identifying their needs and preferences (Erevelles et al., 2016). Digital marketing uses big data analytics to personalize the context of every prospect and use signals from online marketers to accurately segment visitors for the destination (Wedel M. et al., 2016). The number of online consumers is increasing day by day, and the popularity of online shopping has risen (Lohse et al., 2000). In modern society, people are tied up with a busy work schedule and have a nuclear family; they don't have time to go shopping physically, so the importance of online shopping has increased (Bruke, R.R., 1997). Online retailers are also creating greater facilities like proliferating innovative products with a moderate price, convenience to order the product, quick access to product information, flexible payment options, attractive web portals, etc. (Rao B., 1997). People don't need to stand in large queues to make the payment for their products, and they can also easily shop from their homes (Womack, J. P., & Jones, D. T. 2015). Online shopping also allows customers to access new information about products and compare prices with offers available; in turn, it may reduce the costs of products and services in order to retain and make them loyal (Grewal et al., 2003). At the same time, many customers are facing challenges with online shopping related to internet privacy and security (Ziegeldorf et al., 2014).

2. Literature review

Vegiayan et al. (2013) identified the factors that influence Malaysian customers's online shopping satisfaction. The study used a quantitative approach. Data was collected through an online survey by using "e-survey creator" online survey service providers, and the hypothesis was that purchase quality has the highest relationship as well as the highest influence on the customer's satisfaction.

M. Rajesh and G. Purushothaman (2013) researched e-shopping, which became more popular for convenience and often lower prices. Online shopping saves an individual the hassle of searching several stores and then waiting in long lines to buy a certain item. The Internet changed the way consumers shop and buy goods and services and has quickly evolved into a global phenomenon. Numerous companies have started using the Internet with the purpose of cutting marketing costs, thereby minimizing the price of their products and services in order to face competition. In addition to the tremendous potential of the e-commerce market, the Internet provides a distinctive opportunity for companies to more efficiently reach existing and potential customers.

Khanh and Gim (2014) revealed in their research work on the factors affecting the online shopping behavior of consumers that this might be one of the most important issues in the e-commerce and marketing fields. Conceptual models for online shopping behaviour were used as a basis to collect data from 238 participants using a survey questionnaire in Vietnam. The study found that perceived economic benefits, perceived merchandise, perceived ease of use, perceived risk with products or service transactions, perceived benefits, and perceived risk in the context of online transactions affect consumer behaviour in online shopping.

According to Kothari and Maindargi (2016), respondents in their research study prefer online shopping due to various motives like less price or price discount, time savings, availability of a variety of sites, easy purchase method, user-friendly websites, etc.

Rajarajan and Vetriveeran (2016), in their study, analysed the customer satisfaction level in online marketing. The study was conducted among two hundred and fifty respondents, and it found that the majority of the respondents preferred to use online shopping portals for buying goods and services. It was suggested that, due to the increasing importance of online shopping,

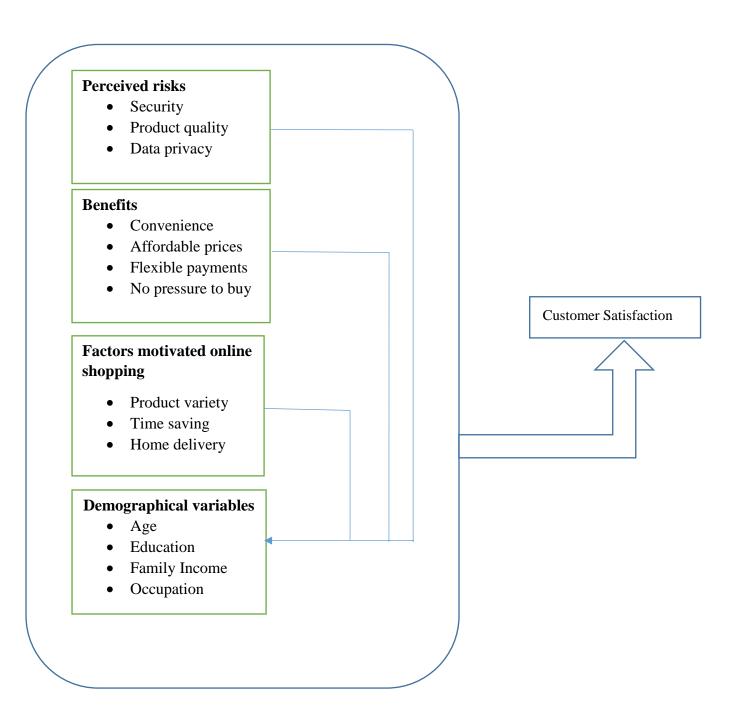
e-merchants should protect consumers by supplying quality goods and services at an affordable price.

Bhatti et al. (2020), in their study, observed that there is some influence of the Corona virus on the whole online business in the world. The nature of business changed due to this pandemic. According to their study, more than 50% of shoppers avoid going to offline shopping and crowded places.

Kushboo Jain (2020) A "Study of Consumer Buying Behaviour Towards Online Shopping in Selected Major Cities of India" identified the key factors that influence online buying behaviour and found that the internet has become an integral part of everyone's life as it's not limited to emails, knowledge, or communication. The Internet has given people the ability to do things they never thought possible. People are increasingly going online for social networking. There are millions of websites that connect people at will and have an influence on buying behaviour. Social networking keeps people engaged for a longer period of time. In India too, social network penetration is moving upward in exponential proportions. Facebook and YouTube are becoming the leading social networking platforms, followed by WhatsApp Messenger and Instagram.

2.1 Conceptual Framework

To frame hypothesis in the study of perceived risks and benefits of online shopping, the conceptual framework is presented below:



Here, the dependent variables are perceived risks and benefits, whereas customer satisfaction is an independent variable, and those factors that motivate people to shop online are acted upon as moderate variables.

The researchers have chosen the following list of hypotheses based on the extensive discussion and study the conceptual framework:

H1: There is a significant association between demographical variables and consumer opinions on the risks of online shopping.

H2: There is a significant association between demographical variables and consumer opinions on the benefits of online shopping.

H3: There is a significant association between demographical variables and factors motivating online shopping.

H3a: There is a significant association between demographical variables and variety of products.

H3b: There is a significant association between demographical variables and time saving.

H3c: There is a significant association between demographical variables and home delivery.

H4: There is a significant association between demographical variables and consumer satisfaction with online shopping

3. Methodology

The present research is a descriptive cross sectional study. A five part self-administered and well-structured questionnaire was distributed and collected data from 528 respondents by using stratified random sampling. The five part questionnaire covered the demographic profile of the respondents in part one, and the remaining parts two, three, and four inquired about the risks, benefits, and factors motivating online shopping. Finally, in the fifth part, the researchers attempted to identify the factors that lead to online customer satisfaction. The Cronbach's alpha was used to check the internal consistency and validity of the questionnaire. The collected data was formulated and evaluated statistically, applying the Chi-square test, correlation, and regression. Predominately, by managing the comprehensive collected data with Microsoft Excel, the researchers completed the cleaning process partially before carrying the data into the different statistical tools. Along with the questionnaire, the researchers conducted personal interviews with online shoppers to find out the risks and benefits, consumer satisfaction, and other important factors (variety of products, time savings, home delivery) that would motivate them to shop online.

Table 3.1: Chronbach's Alpha Results

Dimension	Cronbach's Alpha	No of Items
Risks of online shopping	.931	10
Benefits of online shopping	.941	10
Factors motivating online shopping (variety of	.906	10
products, time savings, home delivery)		
Consumer satisfaction on online Shopping	.955	11

The alpha values for the above variables—risks, benefits, factors motivating and consumer satisfaction with online shopping—are 0.931, 0.941, 0.906, and 0.955, respectively. These values are very reliable and greater than 0.7, which indicates very strong internal consistency among the given item

4. Results

By applying chi-square test for risks of online shopping with demographic variables the following results are obtained.

Relationship between family income and the risks of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between Family income and risks of online shopping

	Table: 4.1	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.274	0.001
	Cramer'V	.139	0.001
	Contingency Coefficient	.263	0.001
N of Valid cases		528	

There is a significant association between income and risks of online shopping.

Relationship between occupation and the risks of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between occupation and risks of online shopping

	Table: 4.2	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.306	0.00
	Cramer'V	.151	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.290	0.00
N of Valid cases	•	528	

There is a significant association between occupation and risks of online shopping

Relationship between education and the risks of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between education and risks of online shopping

	Table: 4.3	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.225	0.04
	Cramer'V	.113	0.04
	Contingency Coefficient	.218	0.04
N of Valid cases		528	

The opinions on risks of online shopping is dependent on education.

Relationship between age and the risks of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between age and risks of online shopping

	Table: 4.4	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.242	.014
	Cramer'V	.122	.014
	Contingency Coefficient	.245	.014
N of Valid cases		528	

The opinions on risks of online shopping is dependent on age.

By applying the chi-square test for the benefits of online shopping with demographic variables, the following results are obtained:

Relationship between family income and the benefits of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between family income and benefits of online shopping

	Table: 4.5	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	.307	.00
	Cramer'V	.152	.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.294	.00
N of Valid cases		528	

It shows that opinions on benefits of online shopping is dependent on family income.

Relationship between occupation and benefits of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between occupation and their opinions on benefits of online shopping.

Table 4.6: Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	66.12	20	0.00

There is a significant association between occupation and their opinions on benefits of online shopping. So, opinions on benefits of online shopping is dependent on occupation.

Table 4.7:Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	.354	0.00
	Cramer'V	.167	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.331	0.00
N of Valid cases	,	528	

Relationship between education and benefits of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between education and their opinions on benefits of online shopping

Table 4.8:Chi-Square Tests				
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided	
Pearson chi square	29.87	16	0.019	

It means that opinions on benefits of online shopping is dependent on education.

Table 4.9:Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.247	0.019
	Cramer'V	.117	0.019
	Contingency Coefficient	.230	0.019
N of Valid cases	•	528	

Relationship between age group and benefits of online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between age and benefits of online shopping

	Table:4.10	Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	323	0.00
	Cramer'V	.162	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.308	0.00
N of Valid cases		528	

Relationship between family income and factors motivated (variety of products, time saving and home delivery) to online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between family income and their opinions on factors motivated towards online shopping

Table 4.11:Chi-Square Tests				
Value df Asymptotic sig(2 sided				
Pearson chi square	45.0	16	0.00	

It means that opinions on factors motivated to online shopping is dependent on family income.

Table 4.12:Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.28	0.00
	Cramer'V	.146	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.281	0.00
N of Valid cases		528	

Relationship between occupation and factors motivated (variety of products, time saving and home delivery) to online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between occupation and their opinions on factors motivated to online shopping

Table 4.13:Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	52.5	20	0.00

It shows that opinions on factors motivated to online shopping is dependent on occupation.

Table 4.14:Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.31	0.00
	Cramer'V	.148	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.310	0.00
N of valid cases		528	

Relationship between education and factors motivated (variety of products, time saving and home delivery) to online Shopping

H0: There is no significant association between education and factors motivated to online shopping

Table 4.15:Chi-Square Tests				
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided	
Pearson chi square	23.2	16	0.10	

It shows that factors motivating online shopping are independent of education.

Relationship between age group and factors motivated (variety of products, time saving and home delivery) to online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between age group and their opinions on factors motivated to online shopping

Table4.16:Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	67.7	16	0.0

It means that opinions on factors motivated to online shopping is dependent on age group.

Table 4.17:Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	.346	0.00
	Cramer'V	.169	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.326	0.00
N of Valid cases		528	

Relationship between family income and consumer satisfaction on online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between family income and their opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping.

Table 4.18:Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	69.6	16	0.00

It shows that opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping is dependent on family income.

Table 4.19:Symmetric Measures				
		Value	Approximate Sig.	
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.36	0.00	
	Cramer'V	.182	0.00	
	Contingency Coefficient	.341	0.00	
N of Valid cases		528		

Relationship between occupation and consumer satisfaction on online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between occupation and their opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping

Table:4.20 Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	65.0	20	0.00

It shows that opinions on consumer satisfaction with online shopping are dependent on occupation.

Table:4.21 Symmetric Measures			
		Value	Approximate Sig.
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.350	0.00
	Cramer'V	.175	0.00
	Contingency Coefficient	.330	0.00
N of Valid cases		528	

Relationship between education and consumer satisfaction on online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between education and their opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping

Table:4.22 Chi-Square Tests			
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided
Pearson chi square	22.9	16	0.11

Hence we can say that opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping is independent on education.

Relationship between age group and consumer satisfaction on online shopping

H0: There is no significant association between age group and their opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping

Table:4.23 Chi-Square Tests				
	Value	df	Asymptotic sig(2 sided	
Pearson chi square	89.77	16	0.00	

It means that there is a significant association between age group and their opinions on consumer satisfaction on online shopping.

	Table 4.24:Symmetric Measures							
		Value	Approximate Sig.					
Nominal by Nominal	Phi	0.412	0.00					
	Cramer'V	.205	0.00					
	Contingency Coefficient	.380	0.00					
N of Valid cases		528						

The chi-square test for association between family income and consumers opinions on risks, benefits, factors motivated to online shopping (variety of products, time saving, and home delivery), and consumer satisfaction with online shopping revealed that there is a significant association between them. At the same time, for occupation, the chi-square test sig value 0.00 level of significance is less than 0.05. So occupation has influenced the factors of risks, benefits, motivation, and customer satisfaction in online shopping. Whereas the chi-square test for association between education and risks, benefits, factors motivated, and customer satisfaction with online shopping revealed that these are independent of education. Age has a

strong influence on factors like risks, benefits, factors motivated towards, and consumer satisfaction with online shopping.

Regression analysis

	Table:4.25 Model Summary								
		Std. Error of the							
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Estimate					
1	.727	.528	.523	.7678					

a. Predictors: (Constant), benefits, risks, factors motivated towards(variety of products, time saving and home delivery) online shopping

	Table4.26 :ANOVA -Regression analysis								
Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.			
1	Regression	344.04	5	68.80	116.703	.00			
	Residual	307.774	522	.590					
	Total	651.816	527						

a. Dependent Variable: consumer satisfaction on online shopping

F value is significant as the significant value is less than 0.05 and hence it means dependent variable (**Consumer satisfaction on online shopping**) is more reliable.

	Table 4.27: Coefficients							
		Unstan	dardized	Standardized			Colline	earity
		coeff	ricients	coefficients			statis	tics
			Std.					
Mod	lel	В	Error	Beta	t	Sig.	Tolerance	VIF
1	(Constant)	.469	.153		3.059	.002		
	Risks of online	.051	.036	.053	1.417	.157	.648	1.54
	shopping							
	Benefits of online	.070	.043	.065	1.573	.116	.510	1.96
	shopping							

b. Predictors: (Constant), Benefits , Risks , factors motivated towards(variety of products, time saving and home delivery) online shopping

Factors motivated	.212	.046	.207	4.593	.000	.437	2.23
to online							
shopping(variety							
of products, time							
saving and home							
delivery)							
a. Dependent Variable: co	nsumer	 	n on online she	nning			

The impact of consumer satisfaction on online shopping was investigated using a regression model. We observed that the standardized beta for factors motivated (β = 0.207, P = 0.00) showed a very strong and significant impact on dependent consumer satisfaction with online shopping. Whereas the standardized beta for risks (β = 0.053; P = 0.157) and benefits (β = 0.065; P = 0.116) shows very little impact on the dependent variable of consumer satisfaction with online shopping. The VIF of all the independent variables is less than 3, which shows that collinearity exists, and hence, these predictors are influencing the dependent variable, customer satisfaction with online shopping.

Correlation Analysis

		Consumer			
		satisfaction	Risks of	Benefits of	Factors
		on online	online	online	motivated to
		shopping	shopping	shopping	online shopping
Consumer	Pearson	1	.452**	.507**	.617**
satisfaction on	correlation				
online	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000	.000	.000
shopping	N	528	528	528	528
Risks of	Pearson	.452**	1	.488**	.514**
online	correlation				
shopping	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		.000	.000
	N	528	528	528	528
Benefits of	Pearson	.507**	.488**	1	.605**
online	Correlation				
shopping	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		.000
	N	528	528	528	528

Factors	Pearson	.412**	.527**	.730**	1
motivated to	Correlation(vari				
online	ety of products)				
shopping	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000
	Pearson	.526**	.628**	.570**	1
	Correlation(Ti				
	me saving)				
	Sig.(2 -tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000
	Pearson	.678**	.538**	.670**	1
	Correlation(Ho				
	me delivery)				
	Sig.(2 -tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000
	N	528	528	528	528

From the above correlation analysis, it is clear that consumer satisfaction with online shopping is positively significantly correlated with the risks of online shopping (0.452), the benefits of online shopping (0.507), and there is a positive correlation between customer satisfaction product variety, time savings and home delivery.

5. Discussion

From the chi-square test, we observed that family income has a strong influence while considering the factors of risks and benefits of online shopping, factors motivated, and satisfaction with online shopping. Hence, marketers need to focus on the range of products so that consumers can easily identify their needs based on their earnings. Education and consumers' opinions on risks, benefits, factors motivating them, and consumer satisfaction with online shopping have a more significant association between them. Also, we can find that factors motivated by online shopping and customer satisfaction are independent of education. However, to maintain the long-term potential of the e-commerce industry, each firm has to take on the responsibility of generating primary demand through increased awareness and education about online shopping (Saeed, K. et al., 2005). They must use different types of mass media, undertake promotional campaigns, and change consumer attitudes in favour of the industry. Social media is a new way of targeting consumers, as it is a great way of knowing the attitudes ISME MANAGEMENT JOURNAL- XPLORE 31

of consumers based on their likes and dislikes. Therefore, it is suggested that online stores make use of social media as an advertising tool for information about products and changes taking place on their sites. From the regression analysis consumer satisfaction on online shopping. We observed that the standardized beta for factors motivated ($\beta = 0.207$, P = 0.00) showed a very strong and significant impact on dependent consumer satisfaction with online shopping. Whereas the standardized beta for risks ($\beta = 0.053$; P = 0.157) and benefits ($\beta =$ 0.065; P = 0.116) shows very little impact on the dependent variable of consumer satisfaction with online shopping and hence, there is positive correlation between risks, benefits and factors motivated, customer satisfaction with online shopping. So, online stores have to strengthen their delivery services in rural areas, which in turn will help them expand their business. Sometimes shipping charges or some hidden charges that are not shown at the time of visiting a website may create negative feelings among consumers, and in the future, they may discontinue transactions with the same company. Therefore, online websites have to provide all the necessary information before making an order. Customer reviews regarding the products and brand authorization should be taken into account while buying any product or service. While making payment for an order, it is important to save all the necessary information regarding the order. In cases of fraud, consumers can complain immediately to the cybercrime cell situated in all districts. It is suggested that online retail stores stick to their delivery schedules and display the availability of required products at the time of purchase. Online stores have to be truthful about their advertisements regarding product information and quality. Online stores have to respond quickly to the complaints given by consumers regarding the damage of the products in transit by replacing and taking back the product (Mollenkopf D et al., 2007). Further, it is suggested that online transactions should be safe, and proper security must be assured to consumers making online purchases. E-commerce companies should educate and take measures to protect online buyers from hackers.

6. Conclusions

Online shopping is a relatively new experience and has greatly impacted the lives of Indians in its short time of emergence. With around 70 percent of the Indian population below the age of 35, millennials are expected to drive the e-commerce revolution, and it is expected to grow constantly in the years to come with revolutionary advancements in technology. The online business is a boon to trade, industry, and commerce in India. Consumer perceptions towards

online shopping have improved in India over the past decade. Maximum numbers of consumers felt that online shopping was an easy indulgence and liked to look at a wide variety of products, the lower price of the products, various modes of payment, etc. (Tandon et al., 2018). Most consumers think that the availability of online information about products and services is excellent.

Companies can use the web to see online product information, service, and support. It also creates positive interactions with customers that can serve as the foundation for long-term relationships and encourage repeat purchases. The internet is fast enraging as a domain sales channel. The internet is ever-expanding due to the mobile revolution, which is influencing consumer behaviour. Online fraud is an important matter of concern for online shoppers (Ha, H., & Coghill, K. 2008). To handle security and trust concerns, e-commerce companies can offer a free trial period, money-back guarantees, etc. These approaches would help to reduce the fear of buying from a new website. Further association with rating agencies would help to gain trust and acceptance. It has changed the way product awareness is created and developed new modes of product introduction. It also creates new means of purchasing products. This has brought new opportunities, challenges, and threats to both existing and new businesses. With internet penetration improving in the country, smart phones becoming affordable, and life styles becoming hectic, the way people used to shop is changing. Also, with a huge chunk of the young and working population, Indian demographics are a delight for e-commerce retailers (Singh, A. K., & Ajmani, A., 2016). Price, offers, and discounts are among the major criteria for consumers's preference to buy online. Appropriate offers should be planned and communicated well. Since information search and social media usage are important activities for respondents, search engines and social media are identified as the major factors that prompt them to identify the new website for online shopping. A good shopping experience and value for money become the initial motivation for choosing a shopping destination (Prebensen N et al., 2013). With the rapid advancement of technology, the connectivity of customers to the internet has become very easy. With a lot of benefits in comparison to in-store shopping, customers started purchasing online. Price and offers became the first most important factors in attracting customers to shop online. The customer also seeks convenience in online shopping, which includes shopping at home, saving time, a wide variety, prompt delivery, cash on delivery, money-back guarantees, and customer service. However, the limited number of personal computers and broad band penetration have necessitated the use of mobile phones as the primary means of internet access for many consumers beyond the major cities of India. The young demographic supported by raising income levels, internet penetration, and smart phone sales are the drivers for the growth of e-commerce in small towns in Andhra Pradesh (Gnanasambandam, C. et al. 2012). Convenience and greater access to a wide range of product offers, price discounts, cash on delivery modes of payment, and money-back guarantees are the triggers of e-commerce adoption.

7. Limitations of the Study

The following are the major limitations of the present study:

- 1. It is limited to selected cities in India. Hence, if they had been covered, the inferences drawn might have been different.
- 2. The researcher has used the convenience sampling technique. Therefore, it is not possible to make an estimate of sampling error based on the difference between the sample estimate and the population parameter, which is not known both in terms of magnitude and in terms of direction.
- 3. However, the size of the sample was appropriate for the research carried out, but the larger responses would have built stronger statistics.
- 4. A few respondents did not give their complete personal details, i.e., income, address, and age. Many showed their disinterest in filling out the questionnaire, stating that they could not spare their valuable time for the same. Some people still do not shop online. A few did not fill out the complete questionnaire.
- 5. As the researcher lacks good experience in conducting research and producing academic papers of such large size individually, the scope and depth of discussions in the study are compromised at many levels compared to the work of experienced scholars.
- 6. The data and opinion of the consumer collected can be considered only at the time of data collection. It may vary according to situational changes.

8. Managerial Implications

Findings from the current research provide online retailers with insight to evaluate product range, time and cost savings, and deliver products to customer satisfaction. Based on the recommendations of the prior research, the inclusion of different products, time and cost savings, and home delivery as key customer influencing factors in future studies. This article contributes to existing knowledge on consumers' online shopping behaviour, thereby revealing and sharing insights into individuals that may be relevant to online marketers in emerging

economies such as India. Also, e-marketers need to pay more attention to product delivery, such as correct order, on time would enhance customer satisfaction.

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PART-A

(Demographic Factors)

Name:	
1. Gender	
a) Male	b) Female
b) Others	
2. Age	
a) Below 20	b) 21-30
c) 31-40	d) 41-50
e) Above 50	
3. Area of Residence	
a) Rural	b) Urban
4. Educational Qualifications	
a) SSC below	b) SSC
c) Intermediate	d) UG
e) PG and Above	
5. Occupation	
a) Government Employee	b) Private Employee
c) Student	d) Business
e) House hold	f) Others
6. Marital status	
a) Unmarried	b) Married
7. Family Income (Lakhs/ year)	
a) 0-5	b) 5-10
c) 10-15	d) 15-20
e) 20 and above	
8. Size of the family (Number of Pers	ons)
a) 2	b) 3

- 12. What are the payment methods used for online shopping?
- a) Debit card

- b) Credit card
- c) Cash on delivery
- d) internet banking

- e) Others
- 13. What is the source of information for online shopping?
 - a) Digital marketing
- b) Search Engine
- c) Social media

d) Newspaper/TV

e) SMS alerts

PART-B

Please put a ($\sqrt{\ }$) mark to the appropriate box on the right side of the statement.

- 5. Strongly Agree 4.Agree 3.Neutral 2.Disagree 1. Strongly Disagree
- I. Risks of Online shopping

S. No	Statements	5	4	3	2	1
1.1	Security					
1.2	Quality of products/services					
1.3	Data privacy					
1.4	Return policy of the product					
1.5	Product trial/Fitness					
1.6	Post delivery services					
1.7	Company own brands					
1.8	Order tracking					
1.9	Fake apps					
1.10	Price comparison is easy					

II. Benefits of Online shopping

S. No	Statements	5	4	3	2	1
2.1	Convenience					
2.2	Affordable prices					
2.3	Payment options					
2.4	No pressure to buy					
2.5	Special sale events					
2.6	Verification of product information					
2.7	Latest products/brands					
2.8	Offers and Discounts					
2.9	Authenticity					
2.10	Easy refund process					

III. Factors motivated to online shopping

Please put a $(\sqrt{\ })$ mark to the appropriate box on the right side of the statement 5. Strongly Agree 4.Agree 3.Neutral 2.Disagree 1. Strongly Disagree

S.No	Statements	5	4	3	2	1
4.1	Availability of Variety of Products / Services					
4.2	Time saving					
4.3	Home delivery					
4.4	Pleasure / Enjoyment					
4.5	Availability of Various payment methods					
4.6	Home Delivery Facility					
4.7	Possibility of Customization					
4.8	Visual search					
4.9	Customer reviews					
4.10	Free shipping					

IV. Consumer Satisfaction on Online Shopping

5. Very satisfied 4. Satisfied 3. Neutral 2. Dissatisfied 1. Very Dissatisfied

S No	Statement	5	4	3	2	1
8.1	Prompt delivery of the product					
8.2	Online shopping saves time and money					
8.3	Price of products are below the price of the traditional market					
8.4	Affordable price of products					
8.5	Product quality and descriptions match with orders received					
8.6	Payment procedure is secured					
8.7	Assuring product quality					
8.8	After sales services are satisfactory					
8.9	Willing to go for repeat online purchase					
8.10	Recommended buying online shopping to others (Friends/Relatives/Peersetc.)					