

Digital Influence on Consumer Behavior toward Organic Food in India

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Abstract: *Digital technology helps many firms collect and analyze market and consumer data, engage customers, and raise brand recognition. Digital marketing improves consumer-business partner interactions using electronic and digital information and communication technology. This essay examines how internet marketing boosts organic food sales in India. As environmental and health concerns have increased, so has organic food demand. Organic goods are still underrepresented in India. This research investigates the top organic food companies using digital marketing to enhance sales. This article discusses digital marketing case studies that boost customer involvement, brand exposure, and income. This study examines literature, case studies, and industry data to find digital marketing strategies that might enhance Indian organic food sales. The study's findings may assist organic food companies, marketers, and regulators capitalize on India's growing organic food business and promote sustainability*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The organic food industry has seen significant worldwide growth as a result of consumers' increased awareness of environmental and health problems. The demand for organic food products has been rising gradually in India as people become more aware of the benefits of organic farming methods and the potential issues associated with conventional farming methods. Despite this growing demand, organic food still has a very small market share in India.

Both conventional and digital celebrity endorsements may be used to spread the word about digital marketing for organic food products. Given their expertise, resources, and ability to unite a significant number of organic food producers and consumers under one digital roof, corporations may be encouraged to participate in the digital marketing of organic food goods.

The primary objective of this research study is to examine and assess the effectiveness of digital marketing tactics in boosting organic food sales in the Indian market. The study's objective is to find and evaluate a number of digital marketing tactics that may be used to improve consumer awareness, increase customer engagement, and ultimately boost sales of organic food products.

By learning about the unique challenges and possibilities in the Indian market, this research seeks to provide marketers and organic food companies practical advice on how to organize and oversee successful digital marketing campaigns.

The primary focus of this research is on digital marketing strategies for organic food sales in India. This article covers a wide range of digital marketing topics via case studies, including search engine optimization, content marketing, social media marketing, influencer marketing, email marketing, mobile marketing, online advertising, and data analytics.

By examining case studies of successful digital marketing campaigns and accounting for the nuances of the Indian market, the article aims to provide helpful insights and recommendations for organic food manufacturers wishing to effectively use digital platforms and boost sales. This research is significant because it adds to the body of information on digital marketing strategies and has the potential to impact the growth of the organic food industry in India.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Researching the issues and advancements of digital marketing in the context of organic product promotion may be challenging. This is caused by a lack of data for empirical economic and statistical research on the one hand, and a mixture of four study object components digital marketing, e-commerce, organic goods, and agriculture on the other. Because of the increasing tendencies in the growth of both sectors, scientists from many countries are particularly interested in investigating the theoretical and methodological challenges associated to digital marketing in agriculture, in general, and organic farming, in particular.

New commercial trends and innovations that aim to increase sales by assessing client wants via the use of Internet technology are driving the evolution of digital marketing and e-commerce. One of the economic trends that is growing the quickest is the expansion of organic farming and the production of organic products. The present academic paper's practical value lies in laying the groundwork for future studies and analyses of digital marketing in the context of promoting organic products, as well as strategies to boost its effectiveness at the state and organic producer levels. I. Novytska and colleagues (2021).

Advanced technologies like chatbots, artificial intelligence, and augmented and virtual reality will be used more often in future digital marketing tactics for the food business. The use of customer data and the development of analytics will make tailored marketing even more important. Since consumers are becoming more concerned about sustainability and their health, digital marketing strategies may need to adapt to meet changing customer preferences. Singh, R., and Kaur, H. (2023).

Digital marketing strategies are now standard for a wide range of businesses, goods, locations, services, ideas, people, and other things, according to a thorough analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of digital marketing for organic food products in the context of the current information and communication revolution. It will soon be happening in India because of the many advantages and the affordability of digital media for marketing, but it still requires more time and genuine efforts from the policymakers and the key players in organic food production and products to take up a significant and noteworthy amount of space on the digital network. In 2021, Gottumukkala, M.

The most important factors in developing a marketing plan to promote organic food items to international markets and guarantee top performance for companies exporting organic products are identifying the consumer type, target audience, product type, and life cycle stage. It has been shown that a push approach is the most effective way to introduce organic food products to international markets since middlemen are better familiar with the specifics of local consumer demand. Additionally, we may use a hybrid or attraction-based approach in the future to grow the market. Y. Larina and associates (2021).

III. EFFECTIVE USE OF DIGITAL MARKETING TECHNIQUES BY LEADING BRANDS IN INDIA

Uttarakhand Foods - The Organic Uttarakhand Himalaya foods shop offers wholesome, all-natural food products. They're also excellent. Some are used to make Ayurvedic medications. Uttarakhand organic food purchases placed online will be delivered straight to your home. At the Organic Uttarakhand Himalaya foods shop, you may discover recipes and treatments for everything we sell.

Organic Tattva - Cereals, grains, and pulses are available from Organic Tattva without sacrificing either quantity or quality. Additionally, they provide vitamin supplements to promote long-term health development. The goods don't include any pesticides, fertilizers, chemicals, or preservatives. All of the food items are unprocessed, natural, and entirely safe to eat.

Conscious Food - With an ECOCERT accreditation, Conscious Food has been at the top of the Indian market since 1990. Initially catering to a small group of believers from a modest store on Mumbai's Malabar Hill, the company has grown to become India's most reliable online supplier for organic food. It is well known that Conscious Food only offers organic foods that have been grown without the use of dangerous chemicals or pesticides.

24 Mantra - At 24 Mantra, customers may choose from a range of culinary departments and categories to acquire premium, homemade cuisine items that fit their tastes and preferences. The company claims that they collaborate with nearby farmers to provide the highest-quality food items straight from the field without the use of pesticides.

Nourish Organics - Nourish Organics makes products using tasty, nutritious foods that are grown without the use of dangerous chemicals or pesticides. Combining superfoods like flax seeds, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, almonds, and fruits may provide you with a potent dose of proteins, omega oils, and important fatty acids.

Just Organics - One well-known and trustworthy company that provides organic goods is Just Organics. It offers consumers natural, healthful products. Most of the products they offer are fresh, organic, and chemical-free fruits and vegetables. Just Organics also offers nutritional supplements, cosmetics, and personal hygiene items for sale.

Down to Earth - Down to Earth sells food items both online and offline for the convenience of its clients. Down to Earth sells food items devoid of gluten and chemicals. The Down to Earth online shop offers a large selection of culinary products, including spices, herbs, papads, chutney, beverages, and much more.

Organic India - Organic India is a respectable firm that offers gluten-free, organic products at extremely affordable prices. Organic India's food products are completely free of chemicals, guaranteeing that the body gets all the nutrients it needs.

Farm2Kitchen - Farm2Kitchen is India's oldest organic product company. The company's famous tagline is "Building a healthy India". In addition to different quality products, Farm2Kitchen offers a wide variety of organic products. The business connects farmers in small communities with consumers in large cities.

Nature Organic - Nature Organic offers 100% Certified Organic food products that are available to everyone. The food products include dry fruits, superfoods, cold-pressed oils, dry grains and flours, millets, breakfast meals, spices, pulses and beans, sweeteners, and ready-to-eat foods.

IV. CASE STUDY ON LEADING ORGANIC FOOD BRANDS IN TAMIL NADU - INDIA

Case Study 1: Organic Tattva of organic food

Organic Food Organic Tattva, a significant player in the Indian organic food sector, developed a comprehensive digital marketing strategy to boost sales and brand recognition. Their plan's primary elements were as follows:

Search Engine Optimization: To improve its website and product pages, Organic Tattva selected relevant keywords related to organic food and its product offerings. Their website got better search engine rankings and more organic traffic as a consequence.

Material Marketing: Organic Tattva created engaging and instructive content on sustainable living, recipes, organic food, and health benefits. They shared this material via their blog, social media platforms, and email newsletters in order to educate and engage their target audience.

Social Media Marketing: On popular social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, Organic Tattva has a sizable following. They often offered visually attractive content, such product photos, recipes, and lifestyle tips, to engage their audience and create a feeling of community around their company.

Email Marketing: Organic Tattva established an email list of potential clients and regularly sent newsletters with details on promotions, the introduction of new products, and instructional materials. By building relationships with their audience, this promoted repeat commerce.

By using these digital marketing strategies, Organic Tattva was able to attain significant success. They saw a rise in customer contact, brand recognition, and website traffic. Additionally, the brand's sales have been rising rapidly, which can be attributed to both its ability to connect and resonate with its target audience and its effective use of digital marketing channels.

Case Study 2: 24 Mantra Organic Food, an organic food manufacturer

24 In order to gain an edge and differentiate itself from the competition, 24 Mantra, a relatively young participant in the Indian organic food industry, used innovative digital marketing strategies. Among their successful uses were:

Online Advertising and Remarketing: 24 Mantra conducted focused internet advertising strategies using Google Ads and social media platforms. By using remarketing techniques to re-engage with visitors who had shown interest in their products, they were able to improve conversions.

User-Generated Content: 24 Mantra advised customers to use branded hashtags in their social media posts about their experiences and product evaluations. They used user-generated material on their website and in their social media postings, which helped them gain the confidence and credibility of prospective customers.

Localization and regional marketing: 24 In response to India's diverse ethnic and regional preferences, Mantra modified its marketing messaging. To effectively reach consumers in such places and promote their goods, they collaborated with local bloggers and influencers.

Data Analytics and Insights: 24 Mantra used strong data analytics techniques to track consumer behavior, website performance, and marketing campaign results. This data-driven approach helped them understand their target market, optimize marketing efforts, and enhance their goals.

24 Mantra Organic Food was able to establish a loyal following, establish a unique brand identity, and stand out in the congested organic food market thanks to their digital marketing initiatives. Their focus on user-generated content and data-driven insights was crucial to their success in boosting sales growth and gaining a competitive edge.

V. IMPLEMENTING DIGITAL MARKETING STRATEGIES IN INDIA: RECOMMENDATIONS

By using these best practices and taking note of successful case studies, organic food businesses in India may increase the effectiveness of their digital marketing, increase brand recognition, and encourage an increase in sales of organic foods. Based on the unique characteristics of the Indian market and the goal of boosting sales of organic food, the following recommendations will help organic food producers use digital marketing techniques in India:

Targeted Audience Segmentation: Group the target population according to their demographics, behaviors, and psychographics to create customized marketing tactics. To provide offers and information that are relevant to each part, take into account their preferences, needs, and pain points.

Regional marketing and localization: When developing marketing strategies, content, and message, take into account India's many cultures and geographical areas. To improve your visibility in specific regions and effectively interact with local audiences, collaborate with local bloggers, influencers, and community groups.

Leveraging Social Impact and Sustainability: Stress organic food's sustainability and social effect to appeal to people who care about the environment. Emphasize the benefits of helping local farmers, promoting fair trade ideals, and aiding in the creation of a more sustainable and healthful food system.

Establishing Trust and Credibility: Establish credibility and trust by candid storytelling, open communication, and the exhibition of credentials and performance standards. Spread knowledge about organic agricultural practices, supply chain transparency, and third-party certifications to calm customer anxieties and promote trust.

Collaboration with Key Industry Players: Collaborate with farmers' cooperatives, retailers, other organic food companies, and relevant industry groups to develop the organic food ecosystem. Brands may increase their visibility, broaden their market reach, and cooperate to address issues related to certifications, consumer education, and the supply chain by partnering with like-minded groups.

Mobile Optimization: Digital marketing campaigns should be mobile-friendly due to India's significant smartphone user base. Verify that landing pages, websites, and marketing collateral are mobile-friendly. To enhance user experience and provide personalized offers and recommendations, consider developing a mobile application.

Make advantage of user-generated content and influencers to increase social proof and brand support. Collaborate with renowned lifestyle influencers, chefs, nutritionists, and bloggers who share your dedication to organic food. Encourage clients to share their thoughts and experiences by using social media contests, hashtags, and testimonials.

Data Insights and Analytics: Invest in trustworthy data analytics tools to gather and examine customer information, website analytics, and campaign outcomes. Make use of analytics to optimize marketing efforts, enhance targeting, and customize consumer experiences. Make decisions based on data to identify patterns, track return on investment, and improve marketing over time.

These recommendations may assist organic food firms in communicating with Indian customers, increasing sales of organic goods, and building brand recognition using digital marketing techniques. In order to be competitive in the ever evolving Indian market, strategies must be continually reviewed and adjusted in response to consumer input, market trends, and emerging digital marketing possibilities.

VI. CONCLUSION

The organic food industry in India has enormous growth potential because of growing consumer awareness of environmental and health problems. For organic goods to reach their full potential and boost sales, digital marketing strategies are crucial. The digital marketing strategies that might be used to promote the sale of organic foods in India have been thoroughly examined in this research study. By employing effective digital marketing techniques like search engine optimization, content marketing, social media marketing, influencer marketing, email marketing, mobile marketing, and online advertising, organic food brands can raise their brand awareness, interact with consumers, and boost sales.

In conclusion, by embracing and implementing these recommendations, Indian organic food manufacturers may utilize digital marketing to promote their goods, reach a wider audience, and boost sales of organic foods. In addition to promoting ecologically friendly agricultural practices and environmental preservation, the growth of India's organic food industry would improve the health and happiness of customers. The potential of internet marketing may help achieve these goals and shape the future of India's organic food industry.

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