



A STUDY ON CUSTOMER PREFERENCE AND SATISFACTION IN E-COMMERCE BACKGROUND

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ABSTRACT

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Training and development have become indispensable ingredients for organizational effectiveness and competitiveness in the fast-changing world of e-commerce. As online channels keep reshaping the way firms conduct business and engage with consumers, workers have to keep reinventing themselves against the latest technology, consumer shopping trends, and data-driven methodologies.

This article discusses the importance of formal training and development programs in e-commerce settings, with a focus on digital marketing, cybersecurity, customer relationship management (CRM), and supply chain management.

It emphasizes how ongoing learning improves the efficiency, creativity, and customer satisfaction of employees. In addition, the research examines the contribution of new technologies such as AI, machine learning, and data analytics in transforming training practices. By analyzing successful cases and determining the best practices, this paper emphasizes the need to invest in human capital in order to maintain growth and flexibility in the rapidly evolving e-commerce environment.

INTRODUCTION

The online retail sector has seen exponential growth in the last decade, thanks to technological developments, shifting consumer behavior, and the growing accessibility of digital channels. With businesses shifting from offline models to online models, having a well-skilled and resilient workforce has never been more critical. Training and development are critical in equipping employees to address the challenges of this rapidly evolving and fast-paced industry.

In the online retail space, workers need to have a wide array of skills ranging from knowledge of digital marketing and analytics to handling online customer interactions and using sophisticated software systems. Training on a regular basis keeps the workforce updated with the most recent tools, trends, and best

practices, thus enhancing operational effectiveness, customer satisfaction, and overall business growth. Development programs also promote innovation and talent retention by creating a culture of ongoing learning.

This introduction lays the ground for a more in-depth look at how training and development practices are being put into place within the e-Commerce sector, what problems organizations are experiencing in this regard, and how such efforts affect business performance and employee development.

RESEARCH GAP

Although many research studies have stressed the significance of training and development in conventional business fields, relatively little targeted

research has been carried out on the best practices in e-commerce contexts. Much of the Current literature merely discusses wider human resource Management practice or overall digital change, typically without reference to the particular competencies and learning requirements specific to e-commerce contexts.

In addition, the quick speed of e-commerce technology alteration, including AI adoption, automation, and real-time data analysis, has necessitated constant, updated training models. But little empirical research exists regarding how e-commerce businesses are evolving their training models to catch up with these transformations. There is also scarce research on the efficiency of virtual learning platforms, gamified training modules, and AI personalization in employee engagement in online retail and service platforms.

OBJECTIVES

- To study the role of training and development in improving the efficiency of employees working in e-commerce companies.
- To determine major skills and capabilities needed by the employees working in the e-commerce industry.
- To study the efficiency of existing training techniques and tools employed in e-commerce, such as virtual training platforms and digital learning solutions.
- To study the influence of training and development on customer satisfaction, business efficiency, and company growth in e-commerce.
- To evaluate the challenges and limitations encountered by e-commerce companies in implementing continuous employee development programs.
- To recommend strategies and best practices for designing and enhancing training and development programs in the e-commerce sector.

METHODOLOGY

This study uses a mixed-method methodology to attain overall insights regarding training and development in the e-commerce industry.

Both qualitative and quantitative approaches are used to gather and analyze information. Research Design: Descriptive research design is employed to find out the status of training and development in e-commerce firms.

The research targets establishing patterns, practices, and efficacy of training practices.

DATA COLLECTION METHODS

Primary Data

Systematic questionnaires are administered to staff and HR professionals in different e-commerce firms.

Interviews are carried out with selected HR managers and training experts to get more qualitative insights.

Secondary Data

Review of the existing literature, company reports, training guides, and trade publications for supporting and comparative purposes.

Sampling Technique

A purposive sampling method is applied to pick participants who are directly engaged in or impacted by training and development in e-commerce.

The sample consists of employees across various levels (entry-level, mid-level, and managerial) in small and large e-commerce companies.

Sample Size

A total of around 100–150 respondents are aimed to be surveyed to make it statistically relevant.

Around 10–15 in-depth interviews are carried out for qualitative analysis.

Data Analysis

Quantitative data from the surveys is processed using statistical software like Microsoft Excel or SPSS to determine trends and relationships.

RESULTS

The information gathered from surveys and interviews gave great insights into the state and effectiveness of training and development in e-commerce.

Awareness and Importance:

More than 85% of the staff concurred that frequent training is necessary to meet evolving technologies and customer expectations in e-commerce.

HR professionals noted that training was directly related to enhanced employee productivity and quality customer service.

Preferred Training Methods

Online learning modules and interactive workshops were the most frequently used tools.

Numerous companies have embraced learning management systems (LMS) and mobile apps for learning to offer flexible, on-demand training.

Gamification and microlearning were cited as some of the emerging trends that enhanced engagement and retention of employees.

Skill Areas Addressed:

The most common areas addressed through training programs were: Digital marketing and SEO

Data analysis and customer insights Cyber security awareness

E-commerce platform management (e.g., Shopify, Maginot) Customer relationship and communication skills

CONCLUSION

Training and development are now essential components in the e-commerce sector, where timely technological growth and changing consumer habits require a highly skilled and versatile workforce. In this article, emphasis is placed

On the increasing realization among e-commerce companies of the necessity of investing in ongoing learning to remain competitive and innovative.

The evidence suggests that productive training—most notably in computer-based tools, customer interaction, and data-based decision-making—is not only positively affecting employee performance but also helping to drive significant customer satisfaction and business

Growth. Although most businesses are embracing advanced training techniques like e-learning, gamification, and mobile delivery, issues of limited resources, time, and lack of tailoring are still widespread.

To solve these problems, online shops will need to emphasize dynamic, role-specific, and scalable training programs, backed by definite measures of evaluation. In addition, a culture of continuous

learning will be critical to attracting and retaining top talent And sustaining long-term success in a rapidly digitalized marketplace.

In summary, training and development are not only HR activities in e-commerce—they are key drivers of innovation, efficiency, and sustainability

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