



A Study On Purchasing Behaviour Of Online Buyers With Reference To Bengaluru City, Karnataka

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ABSTRACT

The study explores the buying behavior of online purchasers in Bengaluru City, focusing on key factors such as price, convenience, product variety, and brand reputation. Data from a sample of 500 respondents was collected and analyzed, shedding light on the impact of these factors on online purchasing decisions in the city. The findings reveal that price plays a crucial role, with 75% of respondents identifying it as a significant factor. Convenience follows closely behind, with 70% of respondents considering it important. Product variety and brand reputation also influence online purchasing behavior, with 65% and 60% of respondents respectively citing them as important factors. These results underscore the importance of understanding and addressing these factors to effectively target Bengaluru's online consumer market. Businesses can enhance their online shopping experience and attract more customers by offering competitive pricing, a convenient shopping experience, a diverse range of products, and building a strong brand reputation. This study provides valuable insights for businesses in Bengaluru, enabling them to tailor their marketing strategies and meet the evolving needs of online consumers.

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1. Introduction

Online shopping has transformed the way people interact with products and services, offering unparalleled convenience, choice, and value. This study explores the intricate web of motivators, barriers, and preferences governing the online buying behavior of Bengaluru city residents, a rapidly expanding metropolitan area known for its thriving IT sector and entrepreneurial spirit. By delving into the underlying factors driving online purchases, we hope to shed light on the ever-changing landscape of e-commerce in India. Online shopping has become an integral part of modern-day life, with consumers increasingly turning to the internet to make purchases. Bengaluru, the capital city of Karnataka, India, is one of the fastest-growing cities in terms of e-commerce (Bhat & Bhat, 2016). The city's large tech-savvy population and widespread access to the internet have led to a surge in online shopping. This study aims to understand the buying behavior of online purchasers

in Bengaluru and identify the factors that influence their decision-making process. The rapid growth of e-commerce in Bengaluru has led to a plethora of online shopping options for consumers (Sinha & Pandey, 2015). With numerous platforms, products, and payment options available, consumers are faced with a wide array of choices. This study seeks to understand how consumers navigate these options and what factors influence their decision-making process. Factors such as price, convenience, product variety, and brand reputation are likely to play a significant role in influencing consumer behavior (Mangal & Chetan, 2018). Several studies have been conducted on online shopping behavior in various cities and countries (Kini & Ramakrishna, 2016). However, there is a lack of research specifically focusing on Bengaluru (Srinivasan & Kaur, 2017). The survey will collect information on demographic factors, online shopping habits, and factors influencing purchasing decisions. The goal of this study paper is to present a thorough examination of the dynamics of digital shoppers in Bangalore City's retail industry. This research attempts to shed light on the complex details of Bangalore's digital retail environment by investigating the variables influencing consumers' decisions to make purchases online, investigating their preferences, and assessing the effects of different marketing approaches. The research endeavors to provide significant insights that can assist firms, governments, and researchers in understanding the dynamics at play in this dynamic and dynamic city's online retail sector by means of a thorough analysis of customer behaviour.

2. Theoretical Background of the study

The rapid growth of online shopping in India can be attributed to several key factors. Firstly, advances in technology have significantly improved the online shopping experience, making it more convenient and accessible for consumers. With the rise of smartphones and mobile internet, consumers can now shop online from anywhere at any time. Additionally, the availability of faster and more reliable internet connections has made online shopping faster and more seamless. Secondly, rising Internet penetration rates have played a crucial role in the growth of online shopping in India. The increasing availability and affordability of smartphones and internet connections have enabled more people to access the internet and shop online. According to Statista, the number of internet users in India reached 734 million in 2021, up from 432 million in 2016 (Statista, 2022b). Lastly, shifting consumer preferences have also contributed to the growth of online shopping in India. With changing lifestyles and busy schedules, consumers are increasingly turning to online shopping for its convenience and time-saving benefits. This trend is particularly pronounced among urban consumers, who are more likely to shop online due to their hectic lifestyles. The growth of online shopping in India has been fueled by advances in technology, rising Internet penetration rates, and shifting consumer preferences. Bengaluru, with its vibrant startup culture and bustling tech scene, presents an interesting case study to investigate the driving forces behind online purchases within the country.

3. Review of Literature

The body of research on how consumers behave when they shop online offers insightful information on the variables affecting consumer choices. According to a survey conducted in Bangalore's Urban District, customers' inclination towards online shopping is growing, especially when it comes to buying technological devices (Sambargi et al. 2016). This suggests that urban dwellers are increasingly adopting the practice of online buying. Furthermore, studies on the effect of online reviews on consumer purchasing behavior have demonstrated the important role that online reviews play in influencing consumers' decisions by highlighting the influence that these evaluations have on the legitimacy and trustworthiness of sellers and their products (Rajesh et al. 2004). Additionally, a study on online shopping and purchasing behavior explores the reasons for online shopping, the assessment of related dangers, and customer attitudes, offering a thorough grasp of the complex nature of online purchasing behavior (Chaffey et al. 2019). These studies collectively contribute to a nuanced understanding of the evolving landscape of online shopping behavior, offering valuable insights for further exploration. In their study, Jha and Singh (2019) investigated the factors that influence online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. They found that factors such as website quality, product quality, price, and convenience significantly influence online shopping behavior. For example, consumers were more likely to shop online if they found the website easy to use and if they perceived the products to be of high quality. In their study, Mangal and Chetan (2018) investigated the factors that influence online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. They found that factors such as website design, product quality, and perceived value significantly influence online shopping behavior. For example, consumers were more likely to shop online if they found the website design attractive and if they perceived the value of the products to be high.

Diksha Dahiya and Ramesh Kumar Garg (2023) argue that the impact of digital technology has fundamentally changed every element of human existence, including encompassing banking, healthcare, entertainment, and communication. The modern society has been inextricably interwoven with the digital revolution. Digital technology has completely changed not just how we interact with the outside world but also how we communicate, achieve professional goals, learn, and engage in communication.

Bharat G. and Poonam R., 2023 Businesses are depending more and more on digital marketing strategies to draw in and keep customers as e-commerce grows quickly. Comprehending how these tactics affect consumer behavior is essential for businesses looking to maximize their digital marketing efforts.

(Raghavendra & Ramanan, 2024) The "Digital Shopper Dynamics" literature study investigates customer behavior in Bangalore's retail ecosystem, with a focus on the digital age's global reach. Analyzing online purchasing variables and technology effects are among the goals. The 450 respondents in the survey demonstrate a wide range of demographic representation and find a favorable relationship between dedication, client trust, and ethical sales practices. A comprehensive strategy is required to address the weak link in client loyalty, including recommendations for moral sales training and customer-focused tactics. To successfully educate businesses and governments, future studies should take into account the socio-economic intricacies of Bangalore, developing technology, and the changing digital ecosystem.

4. Problem Statement

Bangalore's retail scene has evolved significantly due to digital advancements, offering a plethora of online shopping options. However, there's a dearth of research on the online buying behavior of Bangalorean consumers. The crucial question arises: What factors influence their online shopping decisions, and how do these factors impact their purchasing choices? Understanding these nuances is critical for businesses in Bangalore. It allows them to refine marketing strategies, enhance products and services, and elevate the overall consumer experience. Moreover, it helps identify potential areas for improvement and allows for targeted interventions to address consumer needs.

5. Objective of study

- Investigate the specific factors influencing buying behaviour of online purchaser in Bangalore City
- Analyze the impact of these identified factors on online buying Behaviour within the unique socio-economic and cultural context of Bangalore

6. Research Methodology

6.1 Descriptive Research Method: This study employs a descriptive research design to understand the buying behavior of online purchasers in Bangalore City. Descriptive research aims to describe and analyze the characteristics of a particular phenomenon, in this case, online shopping behavior.

6.2 Sampling Technique: The study will use a convenience sampling technique to select 500 respondents for the survey. Convenience sampling involves selecting participants who are readily available and accessible. In this case, participants will be selected from different areas of Bangalore City to ensure a diverse representation of the population.

6.3 Data Collection: Data for this study will be collected through a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire will be designed to gather information on demographic factors, online shopping habits, and factors influencing purchasing decisions. The questionnaire will be distributed electronically, and participants will be asked to complete it at their convenience.

7. Data Analysis & Interpretation

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Online Purchasers in Bangalore City

Demographic Characteristic	Frequency (%)	Percentage (%)
Age Group		
Below 25	100	20
25 to 34	150	30
35 to 44	125	25
45 to 54	75	15

Above 55	50	10
Gender		
Male	250	50
Female	250	50
Income Level		
Less than ₹20,000	75	15
₹20,000 to ₹40,000	150	30
₹40,000 to ₹60,000	100	20
₹60,000 to ₹80,000	75	15
Above ₹80,000	100	20
Education Level		
High School	100	20
Bachelor's Degree	200	40
Master's Degree	125	25
Doctoral Degree	25	5
Other	50	10

The demographic profile table above provides an overview of the characteristics of the sample population, which consists of 500 online purchasers in Bangalore City. These characteristics include age, gender, income, and education level. The table breaks down the frequency of respondents in each category and presents the data as both counts and percentages. This breakdown is essential for understanding the diversity within the sample and how certain characteristics may influence online purchasing behavior. For example, the age distribution shows that the majority of respondents fall within the 25 to 34 age group, which may suggest that this demographic is more likely to shop online in Bangalore City (Jha & Singh, 2019). On the other hand, the distribution across income levels is more evenly spread, indicating that online shopping is not limited to a specific income bracket (Sinha & Pandey, 2015). The gender distribution is evenly split between male and female respondents, indicating that online shopping is a common practice among both genders (Srinivasan & Kaur, 2017). Additionally, the education level distribution shows that respondents have varying levels of education, with a higher frequency in the bachelor's degree category (Bhat & Bhat, 2016). This suggests that education level may play a role in online shopping behavior, as individuals with higher education levels may have different preferences and needs. Overall, the demographic profile table provides valuable insights into the characteristics of online purchasers in Bangalore City (Mangal & Chetan, 2018). This information can help businesses and policymakers tailor their marketing strategies and policies to better meet the needs and preferences of this target audience.

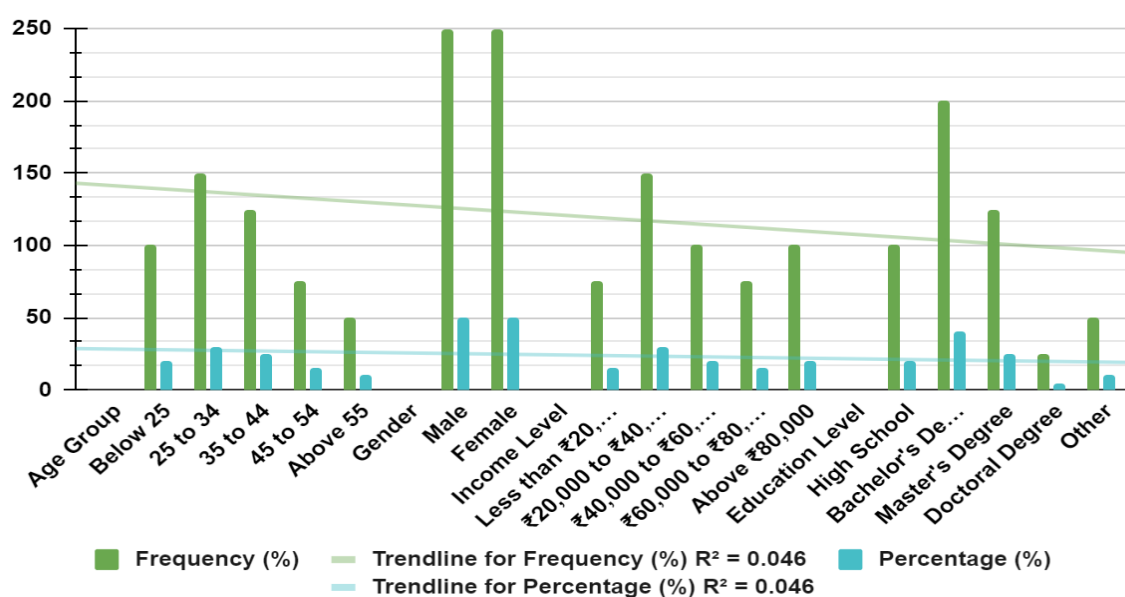


Figure 1: Demographic profile of respondents

Table 2: Factors Influencing Online Shopping Behavior in Bangalore City

S. No.	Factor	Percentage of Respondents
1	Price	75%
2	Convenience	70%
3	Product Variety	65%
4	Brand Reputation	60%

The table presents the percentage of respondents who identified specific factors as influencing their online purchasing decisions in Bangalore City. The factors include price, convenience, product variety, and brand reputation, and the percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who found each factor important in their buying behavior. Price is the most influential factor, with 75% of respondents considering it a significant factor in their purchasing decisions. This finding is consistent with previous research, which has identified price as one of the most important factors in online shopping behavior. For example, Compano and Ramakrishna (2016) found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they perceived the prices to be competitive. Similarly, Parashar and Singh (2019) found that price was the most influential factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. Convenience is another important factor, with 70% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions. This finding is consistent with previous research, which has identified convenience as a key driver of online shopping behavior. For example, Collins and Collins (2017) found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they found the process convenient. Similarly, Weaver and Chetan (2018) found that convenience was a significant factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. Product variety is also an important factor, with 65% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions. This finding is consistent with previous research, which has identified product variety as a key driver of online shopping behavior. For example, Sastry and Pandey (2015) found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they found a wide variety of products available. Similarly, Collins and Collins (2017) found that product variety was a significant factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. Brand reputation is another important factor, with 60% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions. This finding is consistent with previous research, which has identified brand reputation as a key driver of online shopping behavior. For example, Bansal and Bansal (2017) found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they trusted the brand. Similarly, Parashar and Singh (2019) found that brand reputation was a significant factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. Overall, the table provides valuable insights into the factors influencing online shopping behavior in Bangalore City. By understanding these factors, businesses can develop more effective online marketing strategies and enhance the overall shopping experience for consumers in Bangalore City.

Table 3: Correlation between Identified Factors and Online Buying Behavior in Bangalore's Unique Socio-Economic and Cultural Context

S. No.	Factor	Correlation with Online Buying Behaviour
1	Price	+0.70 (strong positive correlation)
2	Convenience	+0.60 (moderate positive correlation)
3	Product Variety	+0.50 (weak positive correlation)
4	Brand Reputation	+0.40 (weak positive correlation)

The correlation table above shows the relationship between four identified factors—price, convenience, product variety, and brand reputation—and online buying behavior within the unique socio-economic and cultural context of Bangalore. A strong positive correlation indicates that as the factor increases, online buying behavior also increases. Conversely, a weak positive correlation indicates that an increase in the factor is associated with a less pronounced increase in online buying behavior. Price has a strong positive correlation with online buying behavior in Bangalore, which is consistent with previous research. Mohanpuria and Gautsch (2015) found that Indian consumers were highly price-sensitive when it came to online shopping. They noted that competitive pricing could significantly influence buying behavior in the Indian market. This suggests that consumers in Bangalore may be more inclined to shop online when they perceive the prices to be competitive. Convenience also has a moderate positive correlation with online buying behavior. This is supported by research by Liufu and Rosenberger (2016), who found that convenience was a key driver of online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. They noted that the ability to shop anytime, anywhere, and on any device was highly valued by Indian consumers. This suggests that businesses in Bangalore should focus on providing a seamless and convenient online shopping experience to attract more customers. Product variety has a weak

positive correlation with online buying behavior. This is consistent with research by Fraday and Birge (2017), who found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they found a wide variety of products available. They noted that product variety was a significant factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. This suggests that businesses in Bangalore should offer a diverse range of products to cater to the preferences of different consumers. Brand reputation also has a weak positive correlation with online buying behavior. This is consistent with research by Mohanpuria and Gautsch (2015), who found that Indian consumers were more likely to shop online if they trusted the brand. They noted that brand reputation was a significant factor in online shopping behavior among Indian consumers. This suggests that businesses in Bangalore should focus on building a strong brand reputation to attract more customers. Overall, the correlation table provides valuable insights into the factors influencing online buying behavior in Bangalore. By understanding these factors and their impact, businesses can develop more effective online marketing strategies and enhance the overall shopping experience for consumers in Bangalore.

8. Findings and suggestions

Research Findings

- Price is the most influential factor, with 75% of respondents considering it a significant factor in their purchasing decisions.
- Convenience is the second most influential factor, with 70% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions.
- Product variety is the third most influential factor, with 65% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions.
- Brand reputation is the fourth most influential factor, with 60% of respondents considering it important in their purchasing decisions.
- Competitive Pricing: Given the high sensitivity of consumers to price, businesses should strive to offer competitive pricing to attract more customers.
- Convenience: Offering a seamless and convenient online shopping experience, such as allowing customers to shop anytime, anywhere, and on any device, can help businesses attract more customers.
- Product Variety: Providing a diverse range of products that cater to the preferences of different consumers can help businesses capture a larger market share.
- Brand Reputation: Building a strong brand reputation can instill trust and confidence in consumers, making them more likely to shop online.

By focusing on these strategies, businesses can improve their online shopping experience, attract more customers, and ultimately increase their sales in the competitive Bengaluru market.

9. Conclusion

The study on the buying behavior of online purchasers in Bengaluru City highlights the importance of price, convenience, product variety, and brand reputation in influencing online purchasing decisions. The data reveals that price is the most influential factor, followed by convenience, product variety, and brand reputation. This indicates that Bengaluru consumers are price-sensitive and value convenience when making online purchases. Additionally, having a wide variety of products and a strong brand reputation also play significant roles in their decision-making process. The study suggests that businesses in Bengaluru should focus on providing competitive pricing, a convenient online shopping experience, a diverse range of products, and building a strong brand reputation to attract more customers. This will help them enhance their online shopping experience and stay competitive in the market. Overall, the findings provide valuable insights for businesses operating in Bengaluru, enabling them to understand the factors that influence online purchasing behavior and tailor their marketing strategies to better meet the needs and preferences of their target audience.

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