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Retail Marketing

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Abstract :-

Retailing has become large-scale, concentrated, centralised and complex. Retailers are well down the track of seizing value-chain power the following major challenge and opportunity for retailers is that the event of strong retail brands, that generate long-run consumer preference and loyalty and build sustainable differentiation between direct retail competitors.

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Introduction to Retail Marketing:-

Retailer is the person or society who delivers goods to final consumer within the channel of distribution. Goods and services are produced for consumption and for the use by people, it's retailer who performs the role of taking the products to its final destiny of consumption.

Retail marketing refers to the range of activities undertaken within the outlet by the retailers further because the brand to push the products to the consumers so on to get awareness, interest, and sales. In simple words, everything from within and exterior of the outlet, to in-store advertisements, product placements, offers and promotions, so the behaviour of store representatives comes under retail marketing.

Definition of Retail Marketing:-

Sale of products or merchandise from fixed location like outlet, Boutique, KIOSK or by post in small or individual lots for direct consumption by purchase” A retailer is any person/organization instrumental in reaching the products, or merchandise, or services to the simplest users. A retailer is additionally a requirement and cannot be eliminated. Retail marketing consist of the activities related to selling products to the customer through channels like stores, malls, vending machines, or other.

Importance of Retailing :-

The retailer is an intermediary within the marketing channel because he's both marketer and customer, who sells to the last man to consume. he's a specialist who maintains contact with the customer so the producer; and can be a vital connecting link during an advanced mechanism of selling. Though producers may sell on to consumers, such method of distributing goods to ultimate users is inconvenient, expensive and time consuming as compared to the task performed by a specialist within the road. Therefore, frequently the manufacturers rely on the retailers to sell their products to the last word consumers. The retailer, who is during a foothold to supply appropriate amenities without an excessive advance in prices of products is rewarded by larger or more loyal patronage .

Retail Marketing Strategies :-

Any retail business that does not generate sales is definite to fail. However, generating sales without marketing is virtually impossible. Marketing is worried with how prospective customers and current customers, further because the market or segment your retail business belongs to, perceive and discuss your business. Using the right marketing strategies are very advantageous to your retail business, driving awareness of your brand and producing a selected trust for the products offered in your online and brick-and-mortar stores. Effective marketing strategies also deliver a gradual stream of latest customers, generate referrals attracted by word of mouth from satisfied customers and, of course, improve the allocation of scarce marketing resources.

Increase customer convenience

Offering a click-and-collect service combines the benefits of both online and offline shopping. Customers save cash on shipping costs and time spent waiting in queues while reaping the instant gratification and fulfillment of buying in-store. In many cases, shoppers can acquire products almost instantly or within a convenient window of some time. Eagle Eye's Connected Customer report found that 19 percent of Canadians surveyed bought or reserved items online for collection in-store or at a locker. Out of this click-and-collect consumer segment, 26 percent belong to the 18-24 cohort. Most consumers perform research on their mobile device or online before making a buying deal, so retailers must support the entire shopping journey for every consumer through seamless digital connections long before they enter the shop.

Conduct A Mobile Makeover To Boost Sales In Physical Stores:-

The concept entails putting mobile at the core of customer engagement. Retailers should make it easy for consumers visiting a store to hunt out the identical level of choices, relevance and convenience available online by engaging them through their smartphones and mobile app. Remove friction points in-store through interactive signage or shelf-labels and by providing product and repair information or recommendations through geolocation, in-app messaging and push notifications. Greggs, variety one bakery chain within the U.K. with 1,800 shops, greatly increased customer convenience with a makeover that integrated payment with its loyalty program employing a mobile app. Customers can redeem rewards and pay with one scan. they'll tap into their rewards balance to pay securely in-store with their smartphone. Greggs boasts 1.1 million downloads of its mobile app to the current point.

Retail Branding :-

Retail branding as one of the discipline which borrows from branding as an large domain, but there are some major fundamental differences. The aim of any ambitious retailer is to figure out its brand as a preferred destination for shopping amidst all the competition. Positioning is strongly influenced by a proposition. This proposition are defined at different levels, which could include one or more of the following examples:

- Price
- Value
- Quality
- Exclusivity

The new complexity in retail branding :-

Retail branding is complex thanks to the presence of dual layered objectives – establishing a differentiated positioning of the retailer and its own line of products, and secondly, making the positioning attractive enough for successful off take of other produced brands. within the case of high society retail, the challenge is more tedious because the physical stores will be the basic customer point with the luxurious brand. The emergence of e-commerce as an industry has shifted the foremost focus of retail branding from physical stores thereto of cross-channel consistency around visual identity, generating perceptions, communication of positioning, and enhancing the customer experience. Retail branding has come an extended way from the time when having similar colour palettes on the primary name board and internal branded materials was considered ok. The consumer decision journey now crossing online and physical worlds, retailers must ensure consistent and a very high quality brand experiences across various channels and points of participations.

Key challenges in retail branding :-

In today's retail world, branding implies mentioning the following two key challenges:-

Online vs. offline brand expectations:-

Customers have all the different expectations once they busy with brands online and offline. this could be equally true for retailers. When a customer is doing research or purchasing a product from an online channel, his basic needs are convenience, easy research, and also the power to easily access an honest range of products to need a value-driven decision. In an offline channel (physical store), the primary consumer needs are to physically touch and feel the merchandise, to satisfy a particular shopping occasion and to urge a more in-depth evaluation of the merchandise. so on satisfy these different consumer needs, it becomes imperative that branding should be consistent across these wide selection of needs and channels.

Technology and sensory driven expectations:-

When engaging with brands in online channels, consumers are attempting to find brand experiences that seamlessly transition between platforms and technologies (desktops, laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc.). Superior functionality and straightforward use of online channels might be a key expectation of consumers, which lands up within the necessity for impressive visual features. within the physical world, consumers expect to be impressed by holistic brand experiences. This has been the trigger behind retail stores morphing into experience centers – think Samsung Experience Stores – or perhaps places where you just experience brands (and not having the need to buy for them). The diverse, and contrasting basic needs have defined the evolution of retail branding such as a discipline. The great successes of brands like, Starbucks, Apple, Samsung and other are largely driven by the much superior retail experience which they provide. Premium and luxury brands design physical retail touch points that have the facility to propagate the identical exclusivity perception that the brands symbolize. this could be not only true for single-brand retailers but also for multi-brand retailers. Looking into larger views Multi-brand retail may be an enormous segment, which has all supermarket and grocery chains. Branding during this segment has also evolved beyond the mundane, but there's still a serious scope for improvement. In those cases Multi-brand retail is a predominantly a 'price-tier' driven segment, but customer who are successful have evolved their choice and branding beyond price-based positioning. Opening more stores as a way for growth is increasingly becoming a thing of the past, with pressure from e-commerce and also the rising costs of maintaining an expansive physical presence. the most attention has now moved towards aspects of trust, community, choice, honesty ,sustainable sourcing and value for money.

Best practices for successful retail branding:-

Regardless of whether it's single-brand or multi-brand retail, strong branding within the retail industry requires a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the following key aspects:

Understanding the evolution of consumer decision journeys:-

the fundamental premise of branding is to position forward a differentiated positioning at key stages of the patron decision journey. The way consumers engage with retailers has seen a fundamental shift within the previous couple of years. the journey of selection is extremely unstructured and non-linear, there are various multiple points and fragments of infraction and makes can enter and exit the consideration set at any stage of that particular journey. Productive usage and for effective retail branding, an in-depth understanding of such decision journeys is important.

Branding should be strong and consistent across all touch points, convey a differentiated positioning and hold the patron within its universe (i.e. within online and offline channels).

Retail Marketing : The Changing Scenario :-

Steering at the present scenario In last one and half decades, many corporate giants have made entry into retailing and have successfully make professionalized this business. Many international retailers have entered Indian market and many of are becoming able to enter to explore retailing opportunities. Interestingly, apart from a completely unique industry, retailing has been emerging as a discipline, a branch of study. In most B-Schools, many students specialize on retailing field every year. Though even, primary and secondary schools have make the introduction of retailing related topics in their syllabus in one or other form. Now, retailing activities have transformed into promising business worldwide. Retail business occupies an important place within the globe economy.

Conclusion :-

Retailing is that the sale of products and services to ultimate consumers for personal, non-business use. Any of the institution may busy in retailing, but a firm engage basically in retailing is called a retailer. Retailers function purchasing agents for consumer and as sales specialists for producers and wholesaling middleman. They used to perform many various activities like anticipating customers' wants, developing product assortments and sanctioning financial activities. Retailing has become large-scale, concentrated, centralised and sophisticated. Hence the retailers are well down the track of seizing the value-chain of the power the following major challenge and opportunity for retailers is that the event of strong retail brands, that generate long-run consumer preference and loyalty and make sustainable differentiation between direct retail competitors. this status of retail brand development, and also the longer term potential for brand-building, varies widely across countries and retail sectors. Strong retail brands are most advanced within the united kingdom, including possibly the world's strongest brand in product retailing .

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