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## *Service sectors and the impact of emotional intelligence*

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### **Abstract:**

The study's goal was to find out how significant and powerful emotional intelligence is in the Indian service industry. In particular, the study aims to examine the relationship between customer happiness, strategic edge, and service quality in Indian restaurants. Every customer has high expectations in today's competitive market. The quantitative methods were utilized to evaluate the study objectives. A survey of 50 customers was undertaken to gain an understanding of the impact of the worker's emotional intelligence. Employee creativity, customer satisfaction, and overall quality of service all improved when emotional intelligence was introduced into Indian restaurants. As a result, Emotional intelligence will raise the Indian service industry to a strategic position.

### **Keywords:**

Customer Satisfaction, Emotional Intelligence, Indian Service Sector, Service Quality.

## **1. Introduction:**

### **1.1. Background of the Study:**

Emotional intelligence, also known as emotional management and emotional intelligence, is incomplete without empathy and self-awareness. "Emotional intelligence" refers to the ability to recognize one's own emotions and those of others (EI). Any effective leader must have a high emotional quotient (Mind Tools Content Team, 2016). Customer satisfaction can be improved by tailoring the customer experience, especially when staff members demonstrate The importance of emotional intelligence in the creation of memorable visitor encounters Ability to identify and understand other emotions and one's own emotions is defined as a person's emotional intelligence (EI). As well as behave properly in social circumstances. Customers with high emotional sensitivity can be soothed, and personnel who have developed effective emotional skills can avoid experiencing emotional dissonance.

### **1.2. Statement of problem:**

Exchanges between guests and staff at hotels and restaurants industries have a direct impact on customer satisfaction. To remain competitive in today's rapidly changing business climate, companies must concentrate on customer experience quality. This is crucial in the event of a service failure.

Thus, Emotional Intelligence becomes even more critical in the service industry, as employees are more frequently in contact with customers. Creating a welcoming environment is a team effort.

### **1.3. Research aim:**

Notably, this study examines the importance of Emotional Intelligence as well as its impact on the Indian service sector, specifically hotels and restaurants.

Customer happiness was shown to be linked to competitive advantage and service quality in Indian restaurants according to the research.

### **1.4. Research objectives:**

#### **1.4.1. Main objective:**

Finding out how consumers' perceptions of service personnel's ability to treat them with emotional intelligence in hotels and restaurants in India are impacted is the primary goal of this study.

### **1.4.2. Primary objectives:**

- Customers will be polled on their perceptions, experiences, and feelings when engaging with restaurant employees to achieve the main purpose.
- An investigation on what customers may decide based on their interactions with restaurant workers even during the service process will be conducted.

### **1.4.3. Research questions:**

- 1) Employees in Indian restaurants use their emotional intelligence when serving customers. How significant is this, what effect does it have, and is there a link?
- 2) What are the different levels of emotional intelligence?
- 3) What is the Emotional Intelligence (EI) theoretical model?

## **2. Literature Review:**

### **2.1. Introduction:**

Ability to manage, perceive, integrate, and interpret emotions to promote personal growth (Mayer, Cherkasskiy, Salovey, and Caruso, 1997). A new way of evaluating and judging people's activities, behavioral patterns, perspectives, interpersonal skills, as well as capacities. A key indicator of the future in both the job and personal life is emotional intelligence (EI). (Petrides, Pita, and Kokkinaki, 2007) defined EI as "a constellation of emotional self-perceptions positioned just at lower levels of personality."

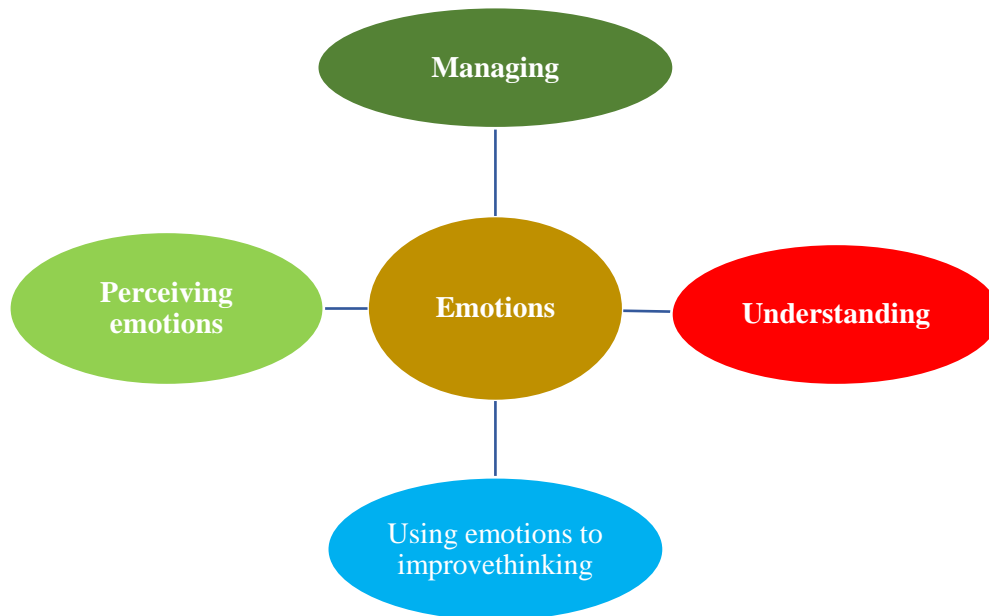
### **2.2. Emotional intelligence (EI):**

The concept of Emotional Intelligence (EI) now is widely established. The EI factor model and its incremental variation have been validated in a research project (Siegling, Vesely, Petrides, and Saklofske, 2015). This is because personnel in the hospitality industry require a wide range of EI skills to do their jobs more effectively. (Scott-Halsell, Blum, and Huffman, 2008). Figure 1 displays emotions in the service sector.

### **2.3. Emotional intelligence models:**

Many ways exist to assess EI (Emotional Intelligence)

- EIW focuses on pure models.
- Mayer Salovey Caruso Psychological Intelligence Test



*Figure.1: Emotions in the service sector (source: self-created)*

**2.3.1. Mayer Salovey Caruso Emotional Intelligence Test (MSCEIT):**

Another useful assessment, the Mayer Salovey Caruso Self-awareness Test (MSCEIT), has been established. For EI training, this test collects data on difficulties linked to emotional intelligence (EI) abilities (Mayer, Caruso, and Salovey, 1999). There are no prerequisites for learning a language for this instrument, therefore it appears to become more socially dependable.

**2.3.2. Competency model:**

Goleman's theory of EI was used to develop this model, which includes self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, compassion, and social skills (Goleman, 1998a). It was designed by him as a measurement tool for his idea of emotional competence (ECI) and emotional and social competence (ESIC).

**2.4. Workplace emotions:**

In a fast-paced, high-stress workplace, our emotions inform us how we're handling the demands and pressures of the job (Smith and Lazarus, 1990). There was just a little research on emotional intelligence before the widespread believed emotions and rationality could not coexist, and that it was therefore preferable to keep one's emotions at bay in the workplace.

## **2.5. Emotional intelligence and teamwork:**

A company cannot solely rely just on the performance of its employees. Using the two requirements listed below: For the first 3 weeks of a long-term study, a team with a high-EI team outperformed the team with a low-EI team in terms of leader effectiveness and team focus on goals (Jordan, Ashkanasy & Hartel, 2002).

## **2.6. Work performance and emotional intelligence:**

Our own sentiments and the impact we have on everyone around us can both be better understood and acknowledged when we are self-aware. "Self-management" refers to the ability to control one's own thoughts and feelings. Types of public skills include maintaining good relationships and developing a network. When faced with difficulty, it is imperative that one maintain an optimistic outlook (Goleman, 1998).

## **3. Methodology:**

### **3.1. Data collection method:**

Data collection is the process of gathering primary data for a study. For this study, the questionnaire survey was chosen specifically to aid with this issue. They were then sent out via Google Forms.

### **3.2. Sampling method:**

A simple random sampling approach was utilized to identify 50 survey respondents who fit the eligibility criterion of being between the age group of 18 and 65. In view of the constraints set up to prevent COVID-19 from propagating, this research technique is regarded as the most suited fit for the project.

### **3.3. Data analysis technique:**

The research was able to give quantitative data analyses that evaluate as well as verify the data already obtained using questionnaires and publicly known literary ideas and theories. Using data from a 50-participant survey, researchers have been able to connect the overall findings of the study to the research objectives. Validity was of the utmost importance in order to produce high-quality data-driven research, as only information required to answer the study questions was documented.

4. Data analysis:

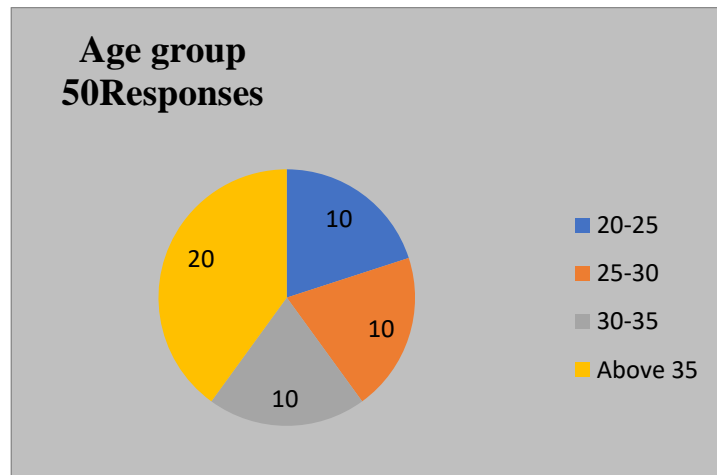
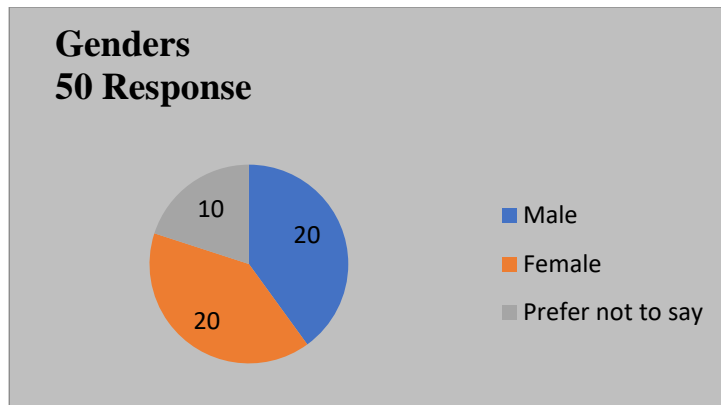


Figure.2: Age group (source: self-created)

Participants ranged in age from 25 to 35 years old. In the 25-30 age bracket, 10% of respondents were in the 20-25 age bracket, 10% were in the 30-35 age bracket, and only 20% were over 35.



Figurer. 3: Gender Responses

Approximately 20% of male & 20percent of female respondents completed the online survey. When it came to revealing their gender, just 10% of responders were more than happy to do so.

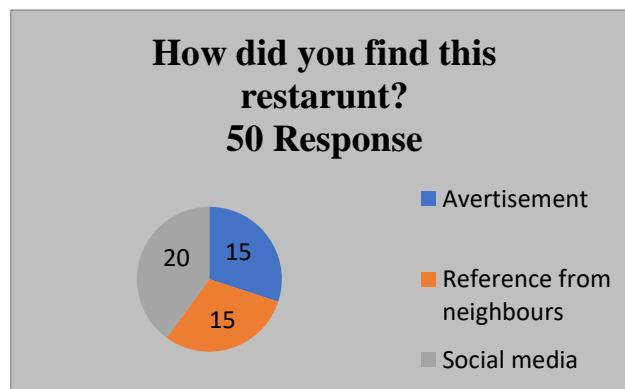


Figure. 4: Source of find out the restaurant

Social media played a role in 20% of respondents' decision to dine at the restaurant. Only 15% of those polled claimed had found the restaurant via advertisement, and 15% said they learned about it from friends or family.



Figure.5: Price quality ratio

In responding to the questions, 20% of those polled said that their staff was aware of their concerns about the quality of the service they were providing. 20% of respondents stated that their personnel didn't comprehend their worries about the level of service they received from their establishment. Only ten percent of those polled said they'd never noticed.

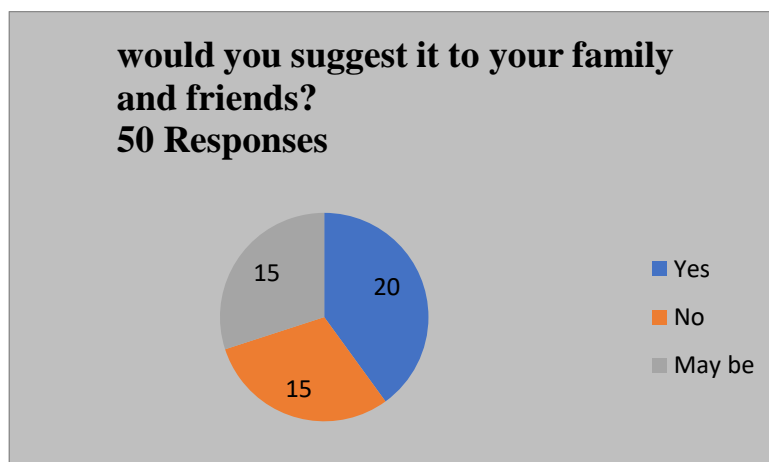


Figure.6: Recommending families and friends (source: self-created)

Twenty percent of those polled said they would suggest the eatery to friends and family. 15 percent of the respondents said no because they didn't want to participate in the study. 15% of those polled said they had no idea.

We wanted to find out how many people used this restaurant before. More than a quarter of those surveyed said they were pleased with the atmosphere. Cuisine was a favorite of 15% of the respondents. One hundred and fifty percent of those polled said they approve of how their



employees behave. It is that most of those polled preferred the ambiance over both the behavior of the employees and the food. we believe that the restaurant should focus on customer management of service excellence based on the findings of the poll.

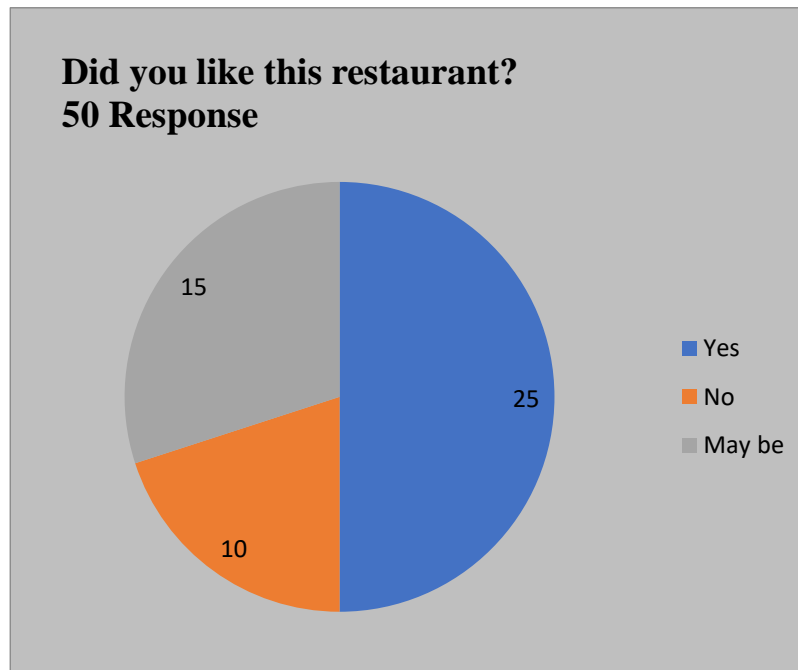


Figure.7: Favourite restaurant (source: self-created)

**5. Findings and Discussions:**

An investigation of emotional intelligence in Indian restaurants. These were the study's key objectives in India. Customers' expectations regarding service and quality in Indian restaurants are affected by emotional intelligence. Addressing India's most pressing challenges could evaluate emotional happiness in the service industry. The research says effective restaurant operators constantly communicate with their personnel. Employees must build trust through rapport. Employees, merchants, as well as tourists must all network. It's crucial to please clients.

The results demonstrated that client needs or current competition will never alter the deployment of emotional intelligence inside the service sector. The establishment will also be motivated by the institution instead of money. Emotionally competent persons exhibit commitment, optimism, drive, and achievement. Employers inside the service business should do more to inspire and motivate their employees. Emotional intelligence includes analyzing emotions. Positive workplace emotions lead to better teamwork and a happier workplace. Many people attempt to meet and surpass client expectations.

## 6. Conclusion:

We wanted to find out if there was any correlation in the Indian service industry between emotional intelligence as well as client pleasure, so we conducted this study. An important aspect of the study is how EI might assist Indian restaurants in preventing the recurrence of chronic problems. In India's service industry, researchers are looking into the impact of EI on gaining a competitive advantage. There was a correlation between the ease with which a company's culture may be established, customer satisfaction, service quality, and innovation in this study. Members of an organization's social system can interact with external clients. Emotions influence human conduct in certain situations. A effective conversation requires awareness of one's own emotional state. Individuals' service orientation is defined as their conduct as well as emotions that affect the effectiveness of customer-worker interactions. It is friendly when delivering service. It is the goal of an organization's service orientation to encourage and reward service-oriented behaviors and policies. Utilizing these strategies can help increase quality of service, customer satisfaction, plus innovation in India. Future studies will examine how emotional intelligence might help Indian eateries retain customers.

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## *Emotional Intelligence*

Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand and manage your own emotions as well as being able to understand and influence the emotions of others. It involves being aware that emotions drive behaviors and impact people either positively or negatively.

### ***EI can be helpful when you are:***

- Giving or receiving feedback
- Navigating change
- Meeting tight deadlines
- Working through setbacks and failure
- Dealing with challenging relationships

### ***Importance of Emotional Intelligence:***

Emotions can lead you to act without thinking. Having emotional intelligence can help you avoid those situations when you might act on impulse rather than fact. Understanding and managing your emotions and those of others can help you be more successful in your personal and professional life.

Emotional intelligence can play a large role when you are:

- Having difficult conversations without hurting others' feelings
- Managing your emotions when feeling stressed or overwhelmed
- Improving relationships with others
- Resolving conflict
- Coaching and motivating others
- Creating a collaborative environment
- Learn from your mistakes



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