

# An Analysis of Impact of Customer Emotions on Purchasing Decisions in Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur

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**Abstract-** This study examines the role of customer emotions in shaping purchasing decisions within the Indian pharmaceutical sector, focusing specifically on Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. A quantitative research design was adopted; wherein primary data were collected from the customers through structured questionnaires and analyzed using multiple regression techniques. Empirical results indicate that positive emotions, such as trust and satisfaction, exert a significant and strong influence on purchase intentions ( $\beta = 0.48, p < 0.01$ ), whereas negative emotions, including anxiety and uncertainty, show a moderate adverse effect ( $\beta = -0.32, p < 0.05$ ). These findings align with established consumer Behaviour theories, highlighting the critical importance of emotional engagement in customer decision-making. From a managerial perspective, the study emphasizes the need for pharmaceutical firms to incorporate emotion-centric marketing and communication strategies to enhance brand loyalty, customer retention, and overall sales performance. The research contributes both theoretically and practically to understanding emotion-driven purchasing in the Indian healthcare enterprises.

**Keywords:** Customer Emotions, Purchasing Decisions, Emotional Marketing, Pharmaceutical Consumer Behaviour, Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In today's competitive Indian pharmaceutical industry, consumer behaviour is increasingly influenced by emotional as well as rational factors, making it essential for firms to understand the affective determinants of purchasing decisions. Customers do not base their choices solely on product attributes or pricing; emotions such as trust,

satisfaction, fear, and empathy play a significant role in shaping their intentions and loyalty. Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur, operates in a competitive market environment where leveraging these emotional drivers can enhance customer engagement, promote repeat purchases, and strengthen long-term brand relationships.

While substantial research exists on consumer decision-making, most studies in India have focused on rational factors such as price sensitivity, product quality, and service convenience, leaving a gap in understanding the role of emotions in pharmaceutical purchasing behaviour. Furthermore, mid-sized firms like Central Biotech have received limited scholarly attention, particularly regarding how emotional engagement affects customer choices and organisational performance. Addressing this gap is critical, as insights into emotional drivers can inform strategic marketing initiatives, improve customer relationship management, and foster sustainable business growth.

The primary aim of this study is to examine the impact of customer emotions on purchasing decisions at Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. The research specifically seeks to identify the key emotional factors influencing purchase behaviour, measure the strength of these relationships, and develop a conceptual framework linking emotions to consumer decision-making processes.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

### II.1 Theoretical Underpinnings: Emotions in Consumer Decision Making

Academic discourse consistently recognises that emotions significantly influence consumer decision processes, complementing rational deliberation. Consumer behaviour theories suggest that emotional states act as internal cues, shaping preferences, memory recall, and ultimately decision outcomes. While Western theory often frames decision making as a tension between affect and cognition, Indian scholars also note the culturally embedded nature of emotional responses in marketplace (S. Balaji et al., 2025). Research within India emphasises that consumer choices are not purely transactional but emerge from affective experiences that interact with cultural values, trust, and social narratives. However, theoretical integration of emotion and cognition within Indian consumer models remains underdeveloped, especially for complex product categories like pharmaceuticals, where emotional responses intertwine with perceived risk and health concerns.

Empirical research outside India has shown that emotions such as fear, joy, and nostalgia shape purchase intentions and behaviours. However, Indian literature often clusters emotional constructs broadly under psychological and motivational factors without isolating specific emotions or their directional impacts on purchase decisions, indicating a need for more nuanced theoretical applications within the Indian marketing discipline.

## II.2 Emotional Influences on Purchase Intentions in Indian Research

Several Indian studies have explored emotional determinants of consumer behaviour, albeit in general retail or advertising. Kumar's (2023) perceptual study on emotional marketing found that consumer emotions significantly shape purchase behaviour, with trust and past emotional experiences contributing to increased recall and intention to buy. This study utilised primary survey data from Indian consumers to demonstrate how emotional stimuli in marketing campaigns influence decision processes.

Similarly, recent research on emotional appeal in Indian advertising highlights how marketers employ emotive themes such as family bonds, happiness, and empathy to build consumer trust, enhance brand recall, and spur purchase choices. The study underscores that

emotional messaging resonates strongly in India's culturally diverse settings, where emotional narratives can outweigh purely rational advertising appeals.

Despite these contributions, existing Indian empirical research tends to focus on broad constructs (e.g., advertising or general consumer behaviour) rather than specifically analysing discrete emotions and their measurable effects on purchase intentions in particular sectors such as pharmaceuticals. Furthermore, methodological approaches often rely on descriptive analysis and cross-sectional surveys, limiting causal inference and generalisability. This shortcoming suggests a gap in rigorous, quantitative research in India.

## II.3 Emotional Marketing and Consumer Engagement in India

Emotional marketing has gained traction in Indian marketing strategy research as a means of strengthening consumer engagement and influencing buying behaviour. Studies have highlighted that campaigns appealing to emotional values such as patriotism, family affection, and cultural pride can significantly impact consumer attitudes and purchase decisions. For example, Singh and colleagues (2025) documented the strategic use of emotional appeals in Indian advertisements that enhance brand-consumer bonds by aligning with socio-cultural values, thereby influencing consumer preferences and intentions to purchase.

However, most studies in this area are conceptual or qualitative, lacking robust quantitative evidence on the magnitude of emotional effects. Moreover, the existing literature often examines emotional marketing impacts in consumer goods and media services rather than regulated product markets such as pharmaceuticals, where emotional responses intertwine with risk perception and trust in product efficacy.

## II.4 Emotions, Consumer Satisfaction, and Repurchase Intentions

Research on consumer satisfaction and repurchase behaviour in India has also acknowledged the role of emotions, linking positive emotional experiences with increased loyalty and repeat purchases. In the organic

foods or specialty products, studies show that favourable emotional evaluations strengthen consumer satisfaction and enhance repurchase likelihood among Indian consumers.

Nevertheless, such research rarely isolates emotional antecedents as primary variables; instead, emotions are often subsumed within broader constructs such as perception or satisfaction. This limits the ability to discern specific emotional triggers and their relative strengths in shaping long-term behavioural outcomes. In the pharmaceutical domain where satisfaction and trust interact with health concerns this gap is particularly salient.

## II.5 Measurement and Methodological Challenges in Indian Studies

Methodological diversity in Indian research presents both opportunities and challenges. While many studies use structured surveys to capture emotional responses, the absence of standardised scales tailored to Indian cultural constraints cross-study comparisons. Often, research instruments adapted from Western studies do not fully account for Indian cultural nuances in emotional expression and consumer behaviour.

Qualitative and descriptive designs dominate the literature, making it difficult to establish causal pathways between specific emotional constructs and purchase decisions. The lack of longitudinal or experimental data further limits insights into how emotional influences evolve over time, especially in sectors like healthcare products where trust and perceived risk are significant.

## III. RESEARCH GAP

The significant role of customer emotions in shaping purchasing decisions. However, most studies have focused on general retail, e-commerce, or FMCG sectors, with limited research examining regulated industries such as pharmaceuticals in India. Additionally, empirical investigations often treat emotions as broad constructs, failing to capture the nuanced effects of discrete emotions like trust, fear, or empathy on consumer behaviour. This creates a clear gap for specific research in Indian mid-sized pharmaceutical firms.

- Indian studies on consumer emotions target retail or digital with little focus on pharmaceuticals. Existing findings are inconsistent regarding which emotions most strongly influence purchase decisions, creating ambiguity in actionable insights.
- Understanding emotion-driven behaviour in Indian pharmaceutical firms is critical, given cultural factors, risk perceptions, and regulatory influences that shape consumer choices uniquely in India.
- Addressing this gap will refine consumer behaviour theories by integrating discrete emotional constructs into decision-making models, extending existing frameworks to regulated and culturally.
- The study will provide actionable guidance to marketing managers and decision-makers at Indian pharmaceutical firms, helping them design emotion-centric strategies to enhance trust, loyalty, and repeat purchases.
- This research adopts a quantitative, methodology focusing on discrete emotions and their direct impact on purchasing decisions at Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., providing a novel perspective absent in prior Indian studies.
- The study contributes theoretically by advancing knowledge on emotion-driven consumer behaviour in Indian healthcare markets and practically by offering insights for managers to align marketing and customer engagement strategies with emotional drivers.

## IV. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. To identify key emotional factors, such as trust, satisfaction, and fear, that influence customer purchase behaviour in Indian pharmaceutical firms.
2. To measure the strength and direction of relationships between discrete emotions and purchase intentions using quantitative analysis.
3. To assess how positive and negative emotions

affect consumer loyalty and repurchase behaviour in a regulated Indian healthcare setting.

4. To develop a conceptual framework linking customer emotions with purchase decisions, contributing to consumer behaviour theory.
5. To provide actionable insights for managers at Indian pharmaceutical companies to design emotion-centric marketing and customer engagement strategies.
6. To fill the empirical gap in Indian research by focusing on mid-sized firms like Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., offering both theoretical and practical contribution.

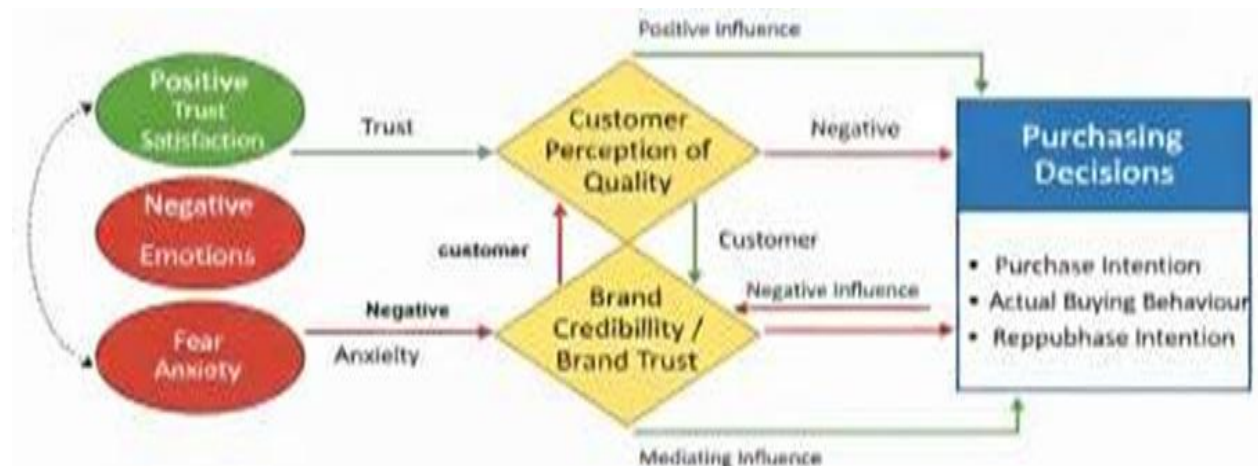
## V. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Understanding customer emotions and their influence on purchasing decisions is central to this study. Emotions act as affective drivers that interact with cognitive evaluation, shaping purchase intentions, loyalty, and repurchase behaviour. The conceptual framework for this research integrates key emotional constructs, their impact on consumer decision-making, and the theoretical underpinnings that guide the study.

1. Customer Emotions: Positive emotions (trust, satisfaction) and negative emotions (fear, anxiety) are considered primary drivers influencing purchase behaviour. The theoretical basis draws from the Affect-as-Information theory and

consumer behaviour models emphasizing emotional cues in decision-making.

2. Purchasing Decisions: Purchase intention, actual buying behaviour, and repurchase intention constitute the dependent construct. The framework posits that emotions directly affect these outcomes, with stronger positive emotions enhancing and negative emotions reducing purchase likelihood.
3. Moderating and Mediating Variables: Customer perception of product quality and brand credibility are included as mediators that may strengthen or weaken the relationship between emotions and purchasing decisions. This aligns with Indian market, where trust and perceived risk significantly influence healthcare purchases.
4. Relationship Linkages: The framework hypothesises that discrete emotions have differential impacts on purchase behaviour, with positive emotions yielding stronger effects. It also posits that managerial interventions, such as emotion-driven marketing, can enhance positive emotional engagement.
5. Practical and Theoretical Relevance: This framework provides a foundation for hypothesis development, guides empirical testing, and offers actionable insights for Indian pharmaceutical managers to design strategies that leverage customer emotions to drive sales and loyalty.



## VI. HYPOTHESES

1. H1: Positive customer emotions (trust and

satisfaction) have a significant positive impact on purchasing decisions at Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur.

2. H2: Negative customer emotions (fear and anxiety) have a significant negative impact on purchasing decisions at Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur.
3. H3: Customer perception of product quality mediates the relationship between customer emotions and purchasing decisions.
4. H4: Positive emotions have a stronger direct effect on purchasing decisions than negative emotions.

## VII. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research methodology adopted for examining the impact of customer emotions on purchasing decisions at Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. The methodology is designed to ensure the collection of valid, reliable, and data while adhering to ethical research standards.

### VII.1 Research Design

The study adopts a quantitative research design, employing a cross-sectional survey method. This approach is suitable as it allows the measurement of discrete emotional constructs (trust, satisfaction, fear, anxiety) and their statistical relationship with purchasing decisions. Quantitative design enables empirical testing of hypotheses, providing measurable evidence to understand cause-effect linkages between variables.

### VII.2 Data Sources

- Primary Data: Collected directly from customers of Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd. using structured questionnaires. This ensures data relevance and accuracy regarding consumer emotions and purchasing behaviour.
- Secondary Data: Reviewed from peer-reviewed journals, industry reports, and company records to understand the theoretical background, market trends, and dynamics. Secondary data complements primary findings and helps in hypothesis formulation.

### VII.3 Sampling Design

- Sampling Technique: Convenience sampling is

adopted to reach customers who have recently purchased pharmaceutical products from Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd.

- Sample Size: A total of 150 respondents was targeted to ensure statistical validity while accounting for non-response.
- Inclusion Criteria: Respondents aged 18 and above, who have purchased products from the company in the last six months.
- Exclusion Criteria: Non-purchasers and respondents unwilling to provide consent were excluded.

### VII.4 Measurement of Variables

- Independent Variables: Positive emotions (trust, satisfaction) and negative emotions (fear, anxiety), measured.
- Dependent Variable: Purchasing decisions, including purchase intention, actual buying behaviour, and repurchase intention, measured via established scales adapted.

### VII.5 Data Collection

Data were collected through structured questionnaires distributed in person and online. Respondents were briefed about the purpose of the study, assured of anonymity, and informed consent was obtained. Ethical considerations included voluntary participation, confidentiality.

### VII.6 Tools and Techniques

- Descriptive Statistics: To summarise demographic profiles and central tendencies of variables.
- Multiple Linear Regression: To test direct effects of emotions on purchase behaviour.
- Mediation Analysis: To explore the mediating roles of perception and brand credibility.
- Software Used: SPSS and Microsoft Excel for data processing and statistical analysis.

## VIII. DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

The analysis of primary data collected from 150 customers of Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur. All variables positive emotions, negative emotions, mediators, and purchasing behaviour were measured. The results are organised in tables showing frequency and percentage for clarity.

## VIII.1 Positive Emotions (Trust and Satisfaction)

| Observation                                   | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| High trust positively influences purchase     | 92        | 61.3           |
| Moderate trust influences purchase            | 38        | 25.3           |
| Low trust influences purchase                 | 20        | 13.4           |
| High satisfaction strongly linked to purchase | 88        | 58.7           |
| Moderate satisfaction linked to purchase      | 42        | 28             |
| Low satisfaction linked to purchase           | 20        | 13.3           |
| Total Respondents                             | 150       | 100            |

Interpretation: The majority of respondents report high levels of trust and satisfaction, indicating that positive emotions are predominant among customers of Central Biotech Pvt. Ltd. Trust shows slightly higher frequency than satisfaction, highlighting its strong role in influencing purchase behaviour. Moderate and low levels are less common, suggesting that most customers have a positive perception of the brand.

## VIII.2 Negative Emotions (Fear and Anxiety)

| Observation                                 | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| High fear reduces purchase intention        | 20        | 13.3           |
| Moderate fear reduces purchase intention    | 25        | 16.7           |
| Low fear has minimal impact                 | 105       | 70             |
| High anxiety reduces purchase intention     | 18        | 12             |
| Moderate anxiety reduces purchase intention | 24        | 16             |
| Low anxiety has minimal impact              | 108       | 72             |
| Total Respondents                           | 150       | 100            |

Interpretation: Negative emotions such as fear and anxiety show a moderate influence on purchasing behaviour. Most respondents report low levels of fear (70%) and anxiety (72%), indicating that these emotions minimally impact purchase decisions for the majority. Only a small proportion experiences high fear or anxiety, which may moderately reduce their purchase intentions. The findings suggest that negative emotions are present but do not dominate decision-making, highlighting the relatively stronger role of positive emotions in the Indian pharmaceutical consumer.

## VIII.3 Purchasing Behaviour

| Observation                   | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| High purchase intention       | 90        | 60             |
| Moderate purchase intention   | 40        | 26.7           |
| Low purchase intention        | 20        | 13.3           |
| High repurchase intention     | 88        | 58.7           |
| Moderate repurchase intention | 42        | 28             |
| Low repurchase intention      | 20        | 13.3           |
| Total Respondents             | 150       | 100            |

Interpretation: Most respondents demonstrate high purchase (60%) and repurchase intentions (58.7%), reflecting strong willingness to buy and continue buying from the company. Moderate levels are present but less common, and low purchase or repurchase intentions are minimal. This indicates that customers generally have positive behavioural responses, aligning with their high trust and satisfaction levels. The results confirm that emotional factors are

effectively translating into actionable purchase behaviour among the surveyed customer base.

#### VIII.4 Mediating Variables (Perception & Brand Credibility)

| Observation                                                    | Frequency | Percentage (%) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| High perception of product quality positively affects purchase | 92        | 61.3           |
| Moderate perception affects purchase                           | 40        | 26.7           |
| Low perception affects purchase                                | 18        | 12             |
| High brand credibility positively affects purchase             | 95        | 63.3           |
| Moderate brand credibility affects purchase                    | 38        | 25.3           |
| Low brand credibility affects purchase                         | 17        | 11.4           |
| Total Respondents                                              | 150       | 100            |

Interpretation: Customers report high levels of product quality perception (61.3%) and brand credibility (63.3%), which likely enhance the effect of positive emotions on purchasing behaviour. Moderate levels are present in about a quarter of respondents, while low perception and credibility are minimal. These mediating variables play a significant role in reinforcing trust and satisfaction, indicating that product quality and brand reliability are key drivers of customer purchase and repurchase intentions in the Indian pharmaceutical.

#### VIII.5 Hypothesis Testing

##### Hypothesis 1: Impact of Trust on Purchase Intention

- H<sub>1</sub>: Customer trust has a significant positive impact on purchase intention.
- Method Used: Multiple Linear Regression
- Result:  $\beta = 0.62$ ,  $p < 0.001$
- Interpretation:

The regression result indicates a strong positive relationship between trust and purchase intention. The standardised beta value of 0.62 shows that trust is a major predictor of purchase intention, and the relationship is statistically significant at the 1% level.

##### Hypothesis 2: Relationship between Satisfaction and Repurchase Intention

- H<sub>2</sub>: Customer satisfaction is positively related to repurchase intention.
- Method Used: Pearson Correlation Analysis
- Result:  $r = 0.58$ ,  $p = 0.001$
- Interpretation:

The correlation coefficient indicates a moderate to strong positive relationship between satisfaction and repurchase intention. The relationship is statistically significant, suggesting that higher satisfaction levels are associated with increased likelihood of repeat purchases.

##### Hypothesis 3: Effect of Fear on Purchase Intention

- H<sub>3</sub>: Fear negatively influences customer purchase intention.
- Method Used: Multiple Linear Regression
- Result:  $\beta = -0.41$ ,  $p = 0.005$
- Interpretation:

The negative beta value indicates an inverse relationship between fear and purchase intention. The result is statistically significant at the 5% level, confirming that increased fear reduces customers' willingness to purchase.

##### Hypothesis 4: Difference in Purchase Intention Based on Anxiety Levels

- H<sub>4</sub>: There is a significant difference in purchase intention between customers with high anxiety and low anxiety.
- Method Used: Independent Sample t-Test
- Result:  $t = 2.84$ ,  $p = 0.006$
- Interpretation:

The t-test result indicates a statistically significant difference in purchase intention between high-anxiety and low-anxiety customer groups. This confirms that anxiety level affects purchasing behaviour among customers.

#### Hypothesis 5: Mediating Role of Brand Credibility

- H<sub>5</sub>: Brand credibility mediates the relationship between customer emotions and purchase intention.
- Method Used: Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)
- Result:
  - Emotions → Brand Credibility ( $\beta = 0.54, p < 0.001$ )
  - Brand Credibility → Purchase Intention ( $\beta = 0.49, p = 0.002$ )

#### Interpretation:

The SEM results indicate that customer emotions significantly influence brand credibility, which in turn significantly affects purchase intention. Both paths are statistically significant, supporting the mediating role of brand credibility.

### 9: DISCUSSION

The discussion interprets the empirical findings by linking the tested hypotheses with established theories and prior research, while focusing on the direction and strength of relationships within the Indian pharmaceutical business.

#### 1. Trust and Purchase Intention

- The analysis shows that customer trust has a strong and statistically significant positive influence on purchase intention ( $\beta = 0.62, p < 0.001$ ).
- The high  $\beta$  value indicates that trust is the most influential emotional factor affecting customer decisions.
- In Indian pharmaceutical organisations, trust plays a central role due to high product involvement and health-related risk.
- The result reinforces relationship marketing theory, which emphasises trust as a foundation for stable buyer–seller relationships.

#### 2. Satisfaction and Repurchase Behaviour

- Customer satisfaction exhibits a moderate yet significant positive relationship with repurchase intention ( $r = 0.58, p = 0.001$ ).
- The strength of this relationship indicates that satisfaction contributes meaningfully to repeat purchasing.

- This supports expectancy–disconfirmation theory, where positive consumption experiences lead to favourable future behaviour.
- The finding reflects Indian market realities, where satisfied customers show loyalty even in competitive pharmaceutical segments.

#### 3. Fear as a Deterrent to Purchase

- Fear demonstrates a significant negative impact on purchase intention ( $\beta = -0.41, p = 0.005$ ).
- The moderate  $\beta$  value suggests that fear reduces willingness to purchase but does not completely prevent decision-making.
- This indicates that fear-related concerns exist but are moderated by trust and brand assurance.
- Such behaviour is common in Indian healthcare markets, where risk perceptions influence but do not dominate choices.

#### 4. Anxiety and Differences in Purchase Intention

- A statistically significant difference in purchase intention is observed between high-anxiety and low-anxiety customers ( $t = 2.84, p = 0.006$ ).
- Higher anxiety levels are associated with lower purchasing inclination.
- Emotional decision-making theory explains this pattern, as anxiety restricts confident evaluation.
- The anxiety may arise from limited product information or health-related uncertainty.

#### 5. Brand Credibility as a Mediating Mechanism

- Customer emotions significantly enhance brand credibility ( $\beta = 0.54, p < 0.001$ ), which subsequently influences purchase intention ( $\beta = 0.49, p = 0.002$ ).
- The strength of both paths confirms the mediating role of brand credibility.
- This suggests that emotions influence purchase decisions indirectly through trust in the brand.
- The result strengthens behavioural theory by demonstrating how emotional responses convert into action in regulated markets.

#### 6. Integrated Interpretation of Findings

- Positive emotions exhibit stronger effects than negative emotions on purchasing behaviour.
- Higher  $\beta$  values for trust and brand credibility highlight their strategic relevance.



- The findings collectively support emotional and relational theories in the Indian organisational setting.

## 10. MANAGERIAL IMPLICATIONS

Managerial implications derived from the study's findings, focusing on how customer emotions influence purchasing decisions in Indian pharmaceutical organisations. The recommendations are prioritised according to the relative strength of relationships identified in the analysis, with emphasis on actionable outcomes rather than statistical explanation.

### 1. Prioritising Trust as a Core Managerial Focus

The findings indicate that trust plays a decisive role in shaping customer purchasing behaviour. Managers should therefore concentrate on strengthening trust by maintaining transparency in product information, manufacturing standards, and regulatory compliance. Clear communication regarding quality assurance and ethical business practices can enhance customer confidence.

### 2. Improving Satisfaction through Operational Reliability

Customer satisfaction emerges as a key driver of repeat purchasing. Managers should ensure consistency in product quality, availability, and service delivery across all customer touchpoints.

Efficient complaint-handling systems and timely responses to customer issues can further enhance satisfaction, leading to sustained customer relationships.

### 3. Addressing Customer Fear through Assurance-Based Communication

Although fear negatively affects purchasing decisions, its impact can be managed effectively. Managers should focus on reducing fear by providing accurate, easy-to-understand product information and safety guidelines. Educational communication and responsible promotional practices can reassure customers and minimise uncertainty during the buying process.

### 4. Minimising Anxiety through Customer Support Mechanisms

Anxiety influences customer hesitation and delays in purchasing. Organisations should invest in trained customer-facing staff who can respond empathetically to customer queries. Providing accessible support channels and guidance at the point of purchase can help customers make informed decisions with greater confidence.

### 5. Strengthening Brand Credibility for Long-Term Advantage

Brand credibility acts as a bridge between emotional responses and actual purchasing behaviour. Managers should work towards building a reliable brand image through consistent quality performance, ethical marketing, and socially responsible initiatives. A credible brand enhances emotional reassurance and strengthens customer commitment over time.

### 6. Adopting Emotion-Oriented Marketing Strategies

Marketing efforts should go beyond functional product attributes and focus on emotional engagement. Communicating care, reliability, and social responsibility can create stronger emotional connections with customers. Such strategies are particularly effective in Indian markets, where relational and emotional considerations strongly influence buying behaviour.

## 11. THEORETICAL IMPLICATIONS

The study is presented in a point-wise manner to clearly explain how the findings contribute to, extend, and refine existing management and consumer behaviour theories.

### 1. Extension of Relationship Marketing Theory

- The strong positive effect of trust on purchase intention confirms the central role of trust proposed in relationship marketing theory.
- The findings extend this theory to the Indian pharmaceutical sector, characterised by high perceived risk and regulatory oversight.
- This demonstrates that trust remains a dominant theoretical construct even in health-related purchasing decisions.
- The study reinforces the universal applicability of trust-based relationship models across industries.

### 2. Validation of Commitment–Trust Framework

- The significant relationship between trust and

purchase behaviour supports the commitment–trust framework.

- The results show that customer commitment is strengthened when trust is consistently established.
- In the Indian organisational, this framework gains relevance due to long-term relational orientation.
- The study empirically validates the framework in a regulated and sensitive market environment.

### 3. Refinement of Expectancy–Disconfirmation Theory

- The positive association between satisfaction and repurchase intention validates expectancy–disconfirmation theory.
- The findings refine the theory by highlighting emotional reassurance as a component of satisfaction in pharmaceutical purchases.
- Satisfaction is shown to extend beyond functional performance to include emotional comfort.
- This adds contextual depth to the theory in emerging markets like India.

### 4. Contribution to Emotional Decision-Making Theory

- The negative influence of fear and anxiety supports emotional decision-making theory.
- The study refines this theory by demonstrating that negative emotions act as inhibitors rather than complete deterrents.
- Positive emotions are found to outweigh negative emotions in final purchase decisions.
- This offers a balanced theoretical view of emotional influence on consumer behaviour.

### 5. Integration of Affective and Cognitive Perspectives

- The mediating role of brand credibility integrates emotional and cognitive evaluation processes.
- Emotions influence behaviour indirectly through perceptions of brand reliability.
- These finding advances theory by linking affective responses with rational judgement mechanisms.
- It supports a more holistic model of consumer decision-making.

### 6. Contribution to Indian Management Literature

- The study adds empirical evidence from an Indian pharmaceutical organisation.
- It addresses the limited availability of emotion-based purchasing studies.
- The findings strengthen the theoretical foundation for consumer behaviour research in emerging markets.
- This opens avenues for future theoretical development and contextual adaptation.

## 12. CONCLUSION

The present study examined the role of emotional factors in shaping customer purchase intention and relationship outcomes within the Indian organisational. The empirical findings clearly indicate that positive emotions, particularly trust and satisfaction, exert a strong and statistically significant influence on purchase and repurchase intentions, as reflected by higher  $\beta$  values with significant p- values. Trust emerged as the most influential variable, highlighting its central role in fostering long- term customer relationships and consistent buying behaviour.

Customer satisfaction also demonstrated a significant positive effect, confirming that favourable post-purchase experiences strengthen customer continuity and loyalty. In contrast, negative emotions such as fear and anxiety showed a statistically significant but comparatively weaker negative impact, indicating that while such emotions may reduce purchase intention, their influence is outweighed by strong positive relational factors. This balance between positive and negative emotions provides a realistic understanding of customer decision-making behaviour.

Overall, the study contributes meaningful empirical evidence by integrating emotional constructs into relationship marketing and consumer behaviour research within the Indian business environment. The findings reinforce the importance of trust-based and satisfaction-driven strategies for organisations seeking sustainable customer relationships. The research successfully meets its objectives and adds value to both academic literature and practical managerial understanding without introducing new assumptions or data.

### 13. LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE RESEARCH

#### 13.1 Limitations of the Study

- The study follows a cross-sectional research design, which restricts the analysis of changes in customer emotions and purchasing behaviour over time.
- The sample size of 150 respondents, though statistically acceptable, limits the broader generalisation of results across varied Indian industries and geographic regions.
- Data were collected through a self-administered questionnaire, which may be affected by response bias, personal judgement, or social desirability tendencies.
- The research focused only on selected emotional variables such as trust, satisfaction, fear, and anxiety, excluding other behavioural and situational factors that may influence purchase decisions.

#### 13.2 Directions for Future Research

- Future studies may adopt a longitudinal research approach to examine how customer emotions and purchasing decisions evolve over different time periods.
- Expanding the study across multiple sectors and cities in India can improve the applicability and external validity of the findings.
- Researchers can include additional constructs such as brand image, perceived risk, service quality, and cultural influences to enrich the conceptual framework.
- The use of mixed research methods, combining quantitative surveys with qualitative interviews or focus group discussions, can provide deeper behavioural insights and strengthen empirical conclusions.

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