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Factors Affecting Service Quality in Tourism Organisations in Chennai

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ABSTRACT

Background/Objectives: Objective of this study is to find out which variable ranks first in satisfying customers needs in tourism industry in Chennai. From the study carried out in Chennai it was found that customers are found to be satisfied when the tourist operator apologizes for any delay or remorse in services or when the operators tolerates when the customer gets angry for any lack in services provided.

Methods/Statistical analysis: 100 respondents were chosen for this study that has great experience with travel agencies. Data was collected through administrating questionnaire. Reliability and validity test was done to ensure whether the adapted questionnaire is suitable for this study. Relative importance was analyzed, after calculating mean and standard deviation. Based and the relative importance obtained the variables were ranked accordingly.

Findings: This study revealed those tourists are satisfied with the operator's services when the operators apologize for errors in services or tolerates when the customer gets angry.

Keywords: Tourism, Services quality, Tourism quality, Customer satisfaction.

1. INTRODUCTION

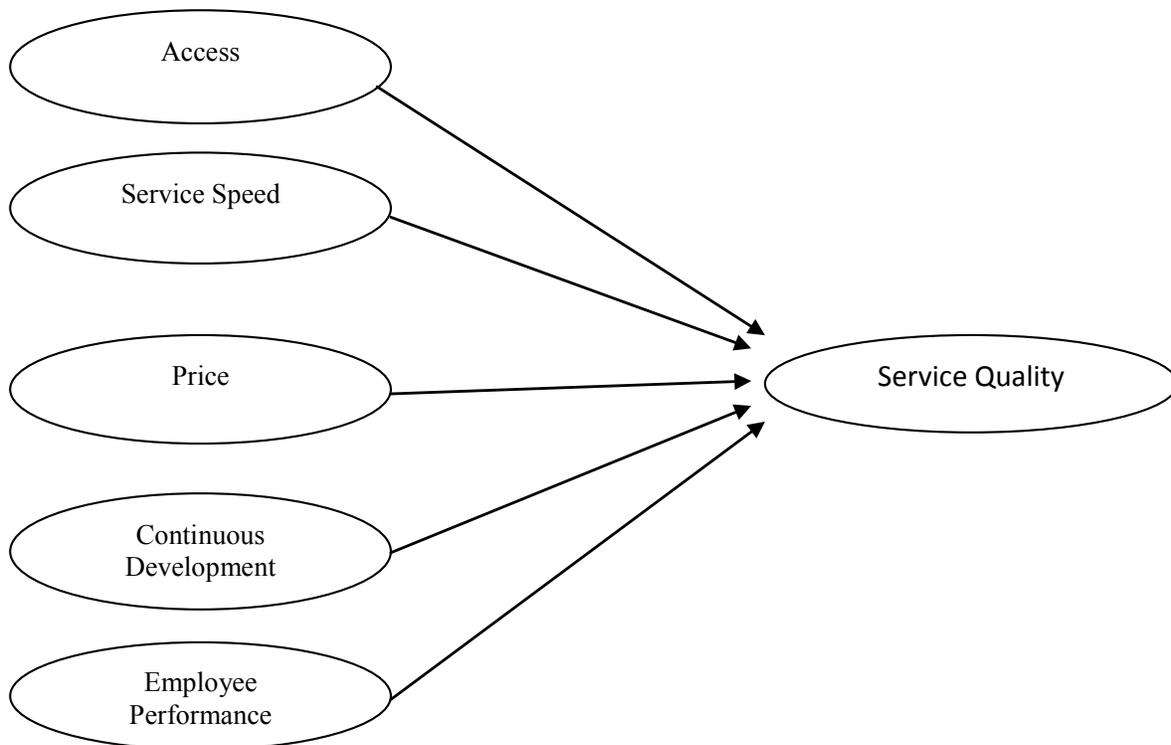
Service quality has been progressively recognized as a key figure separating administration items and building an upper hand in tourism. Tourism is a growing industry which not only focuses on the clients' encounter amid their stay, additionally prior and then afterward their remain. Precision of data and its get to be critical in tourism as every one of the administrations are reserved and paid ahead of time and clients dependably depend on the exactness of open data. Tourism is a dynamic industry, and cost is not the only differentiating factor. Quality is a key component for the intensity of the tourism business.

The static measurement speaks to the desire of the clients that dependably changes after some time as additional offices, for example, in-flight dinners turn into the control instead of the special case. Dynamic estimation of significant worth happens in the midst of organization movement and offers open entryways for the client to be satisfied by the additional attempts of employees. By definition, unconstrained exhibitions of component quality, can't be pre-coordinated or scripted, yet are by the by a basic strategy for buyer steadfastness¹.

Overpowering client interest for quality administration and esteem item has turned out to be clear to the administration of travel specialists as of late. Among all these client requests, benefit has been progressively perceived as a basic component for the achievement of any business^{2,3}. Nonetheless, it is essential to comprehend clients' dispositions towards the nature of the administration gave by travel specialists, before executing any administration change programs⁴.

Tourism is an administration serious industry that is reliant on the nature of customers' administration encounters and their resulting evaluations of fulfillment or disappointment. From a request point of view, the new visitor is progressively very much educated more quality delicate, and all the more ready to rapidly respond towards moves in the tourism sector. Subsequently, the apparent administration item quality develops as the vital figure the pre-buy period of tourism items^{5,6,7,8,9,10}.

Previous study¹¹ on "The effect of the administration quality on the benefit and consumer loyalty in the Jordanian banks", called attention to a decent administration is to address issues clients have and administration endeavor to accomplish quality with a specific end goal to pick up consumer loyalty. Likewise, the worker might the obligations towards the satisfaction and conveyance of value at the best level.



Source : Author

Figure 1: Framework of the Study

Earlier study¹² named “the quality of services in the hotel restaurants in Amman.” This research wanted to gauge the way of organizations in diner’s motel working in Amman from the perspective of visitors. Outcomes of study demonstrated the level of nature of organizations offered in the diners working in Jordan star lodgings, was differentiated low and the level of organization’s nature expected by the guests as the results exhibited low or no effect of the authorities’ age, nationality, marital status and the number of visits to study the way of organizations gave in these motels.

Study¹³ titled “success factors and survival of these ranked restaurants in the city of Amman in Saudi Arabia,” It pointed that productive diner in the restaurant, which concentrates in transit of sustenance and cleanliness, capable work’s nature, the staff, furniture and plot, and additionally the study concentrated on a part of the components attracting customers.

In “The Impact of Information Technology in the quality of hotels services in Karbala”, the administration segments has seen extraordinary enthusiasm for the utilization of cutting edge data innovation, with a specific end goal to enhance the nature of lodging administrations to address the issues and wishes of vacationers.. Analysts know about the importance of the utilization of data innovation.

2. RESEARCH METHOD USED

The data collection was done through standard set of questionnaire, which already existed. The statements recorded mindset of the different respondents, the nature of administrations in tourism industry. The respondents in this study are vacationer over 3 outings and all were over 18 years old.

Nature of respondents: Tourists and Travelers.

Data Collection: Was done from tourist and travelers through distributing questionnaire.

Statistical techniques used: Percentage analysis, Cronbach’s test, Relative importance test.

3. DATA ANALYSIS

Table 1
Reliability and Validity

<i>S. No</i>	<i>Variables</i>	<i>Alpha Coefficient</i>
1.	Service quality	.769
2.	Access	.704
3.	Service speed	.782
4.	Price	.627
5.	Continuous improvement	.776
6.	Employees’ performance	.791

Reliability and validity of the study was ascertained and by testing and retesting on the example of 25 vacationers managing travel organizations. What’s more, by measurable investigation relationship coefficient for the factors of the study extended from 0.627 to 0.791, as we can state that the strength and unwavering quality all in all added up to 0.836, a great rate being higher than 0.60.

Table 2
Sample Divisions (Gender)

<i>Gender</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Male	83	83%
Female	17	17%
Total	100	100%

Table No. 2 exhibits demographic characteristics, which focuses that the quantity of male (83) of (83%), and the percentage of female (17) and rate (17%) of the aggregate example.

Table 3
Sample Distribution (Age)

<i>Age (in years)</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
18-28	13	13%
29-38	33	33%
39-48	31	31%
49-58	16	16%
59-68	7	7%
Total	100	100%

Table No. 3 demonstrates normal age and outcomes demonstrated that classification constrained to between 29-38 was the biggest of (33) people, and the extent (33%) of the aggregate example, and that the all the more voyaging visitor treks are inside this normal age, however the classification that took after are the 29-38 years classification.

Minimal number of beneficiaries is (7) and (7%) of the aggregate individuals from the example, while the class that took after was 59-68 of (7) people (7%) of the respondents, the reason may be followed to physical or social conditions keeping them to take part in trips.

Table 4
Sample Distribution (Number of Visits)

<i>No. of trips</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Less than 3	47	47%
4-7	30	30%
More than 7	23	23%
Total	100	100%

Table No. 4 demonstrates the quantity of outings every explorer was included in. it is seen that the class of respondents less than 3 trips caught the biggest number 47 which is (47%) of the aggregate example, for the second proportion, 4-7 trips, the number was 30 people by (30%), and the classification that their treks was more than 7 excursions is 23 and by (23%) and this clarifies these voyagers encounter managing the tourism organizations through the quantity of outings in which they took an interest.

Table 5
Relative Importance

<i>Items</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard deviation</i>	<i>Relative importance</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Staff looks to give level of value administration with a specific end goal to pick up the fulfillment of vacationers	4.06	0.86	24.80	5
Give oral or composed expression of remorse to the visitor for any disappointment in giving the administrations	2.66	0.62	78.19	7
Individual staff pay attention to all tourists	4.83	0.07	45.86	3
Workers try awesome endeavors to keep the visitors by apologizing to travelers for any blunder that happens	5.68	0.68	27.37	2
Apologies to the tourist due to light delays in service.	4.26	0.73	47.88	4
Tolerance by travel team when a customer gets angry	3.95	0.75	80.7	6
Employees have strong knowledge in this field	7.85	0.39	16.8	1

The above table demonstrates the mean qualities, SD and relative importance of all statements of nature of administrations, audit of the relative importance of the seventh thing was positioned first here with mean of 7.85 and standard deviation 0.39 and the relative importance added up to 16.8 while the second thing was positioned last with mean of 2.66 and standard deviation 0.62 and the relative importance added up to 78.19. With the mean and the relative importance of the aggregate study test, it demonstrates that there are sure patterns towards the variable nature of administrations that has got endorsement at a high level.

Table 6
Relative importance

<i>Items</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Standard deviation</i>	<i>Relative importance</i>	<i>Rank</i>
Great connection amongst employees and sightseers encourages getting the voyagers to returning once more	4.35	0.17	24.80	1
Travelers are welcomed by workers when they enter the organization in as though they knew them some time recently	4.00	0.36	18.78	3
Employees treat vacationer in an appropriate manner	4.13	0.09	38.87	2

The above table demonstrates the mean qualities, standard deviation and relative importance of every things of the variable nature of administrations, the audit of the relative importance of the main thing is positioned 1st around there with mean of 4.35 and standard deviation 0.17 and the relative importance added up to 24.80, while the second thing was positioned last with mean of 4.00 and standard deviation 0.36 and the relative importance added up to 18.78.

4. LIMITATIONS

This research can be conducted in other cities as this was carried out only in Chennai, in India. Other metropolitan cities like Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, etc, can be studied in future.

5. CONCLUSION

The discoveries of this present study are vital in sensible consequences, for association in travel and tourism relationship in India, besides to program approach makers, relating to publicizing of the tourism consequence of India, however this field needs more research in future.

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