IMPACT OF CRM ADOPTION ON CUSTOMER SATISFACTION, OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY, AND MARKET EXPANSION IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

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ABSTRACT

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) has become a cornerstone of strategic customer engagement and revenue optimization in the tourism sector. This study explores the effectiveness of CRM strategies in Maharashtra's tourism industry, analyzing their impact on customer satisfaction, retention, and financial performance. A quantitative research approach was employed, collecting data from 600 tourism professionals across four major districts—Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, and Nashik. Statistical analyses, including correlation matrices, multiple regression models, and factor analysis, reveal that CRM adoption significantly influences operational efficiency ($r = 0.991$) and customer retention ($r = 0.997$). AI-driven automation ($r = 0.858$) and marketing automation ($r = 0.972$) enhance engagement, while data security ($r = -0.075$) and customer engagement ($r = -0.229$) show weaker direct correlations with revenue growth. Factor analysis highlights four key CRM dimensions: Customer-Centric CRM, Loyalty-Driven CRM, Revenue-Centric CRM, and AI-Integrated CRM, each contributing uniquely to tourism business sustainability. The findings underscore the necessity for a balanced, AI-driven CRM strategy integrating personalization, retention mechanisms, and data-driven decision-making to optimize customer experiences and maximize financial outcomes in Maharashtra's tourism sector.

KEYWORDS: Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Tourism, Customer Retention

INTRODUCTION

Tourism is a multifaceted global industry that significantly influences economic growth, cultural integration, and regional development. It encompasses a broad spectrum of activities, including hospitality, transportation, entertainment, and heritage preservation, each contributing to the socio-economic fabric of host destinations (Pu, 2024). As an essential driver of employment and infrastructure enhancement, the tourism sector fosters sustainable development by attracting foreign

investment, generating revenue, and supporting local businesses (Bhaskar & Shrivastava, 2022). In an era where travelers seek immersive and experience-driven journeys, the ability to provide personalized, seamless, and digitally enhanced services has become a key determinant of destination competitiveness (Vernekar & Shukla, 2021). Consequently, the tourism sector's long-term sustainability relies on innovative service management, customer engagement strategies, and adaptive business models, all of which are intricately linked to advancements in Customer Relationship Management (CRM).

CRM has emerged as an indispensable component of the modern tourism industry, offering a strategic framework for managing customer interactions, enhancing service personalization, and fostering long-term brand loyalty (Jacob et al., 2023). By leveraging data analytics, AI-driven automation, and predictive modeling, CRM enables businesses to anticipate consumer behavior, streamline service delivery, and optimize guest experiences (Tuzunkan, 2018). In the tourism domain, CRM plays a pivotal role in improving operational efficiency, maximizing customer retention, and fostering brand advocacy (Alananzeh et al., 2018). Technological innovations, such as AI-powered chatbots, real-time feedback mechanisms, and loyalty programs, have redefined customer engagement, allowing tourism businesses to maintain seamless, omnichannel interactions with travelers (Çalık, 2022). However, the effectiveness of CRM in tourism is contingent on its contextual adaptability, requiring businesses to tailor engagement strategies to diverse consumer segments, regional characteristics, and market dynamics (Maggon & Chaudhry, 2018).

Existing literature underscores the transformative impact of CRM on the tourism industry, with numerous studies highlighting its role in elevating guest satisfaction, fostering repeat tourism, and driving revenue growth (Singh, 2017). Research suggests that destinations integrating big data, AI-driven customer insights, and digital marketing automation demonstrate superior customer retention and service differentiation (Gigi & Divya, 2020). Additionally, studies emphasize the disparities in CRM adoption across urban and heritage tourism landscapes, where digitalized engagement models in metropolitan regions contrast with more personalized, human-centric service approaches in culturally significant destinations (Chaudhari, 2021). While urban tourism hubs benefit from automated CRM platforms and real-time engagement analytics, heritage and experiential tourism sectors rely on in-depth cultural narratives, trust-building mechanisms, and localized service strategies (Shinde, 2018). The research gap in understanding CRM's effectiveness across these varied tourism contexts necessitates a deeper investigation into the nuances of customer engagement, service expectations, and loyalty-building mechanisms.

Maharashtra, a leading tourism destination in India, presents a compelling landscape for analyzing CRM's role in enhancing visitor experiences. As a state that houses both urban powerhouses like

Mumbai and Pune and heritage-rich districts such as Aurangabad and Nashik, Maharashtra offers a unique intersection of digitalized tourism infrastructure and traditional service models (Sarkar & Chaudhury, 2024). Given its diverse tourism portfolio spanning historical sites, urban entertainment hubs, adventure tourism, and viticulture experiences, understanding CRM's impact on tourist satisfaction and retention across these distinct geographies is crucial (Khulge & Naik, 2016). This study aims to explore the role of CRM in shaping customer satisfaction and loyalty, assess the effectiveness of CRM strategies in different tourism contexts, and identify key implementation challenges in Maharashtra's tourism sector (Survase, 2019). Addressing these aspects will provide empirical insights into CRM optimization, strategic policy recommendations, and industry-specific frameworks that contribute to a sustainable and customer-centric tourism ecosystem in Maharashtra.

MATERIALS AND METHODS
Study Area
The study area encompasses four strategically significant districts in Maharashtra—Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, and Nashik—each representing a unique tourism ecosystem with diverse visitor demographics and CRM implementation challenges. As India's financial capital, Mumbai attracts a global and domestic tourist base seeking urban luxury, historical landmarks, and entertainment experiences, necessitating technology-driven CRM frameworks integrating AI-powered personalization, predictive analytics, and multi-platform engagement strategies (*Sarkar & Chaudhury, 2024*). Pune, a hub for cultural, educational, and corporate tourism, requires customized CRM solutions balancing leisure tourism's experiential engagement with business tourism's digital concierge and automated customer service models (*Vernekar & Shukla, 2021*).
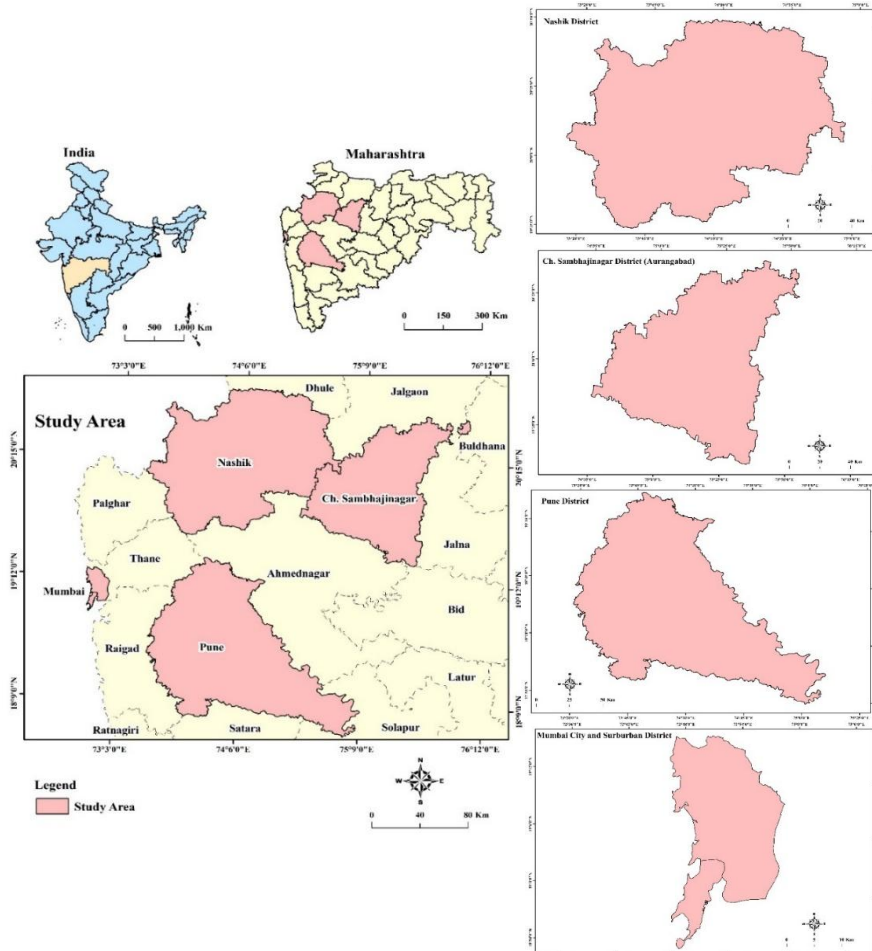
Fig No. 1: Study Area

In contrast, Aurangabad, home to UNESCO World Heritage Sites like Ajanta and Ellora Caves, experiences high footfall in heritage and pilgrimage tourism, demanding culturally sensitive CRM approaches, AI-assisted guided tours, multilingual support, and dynamic visitor management solutions to optimize tourist satisfaction (*Jacob et al., 2023*). Nashik, known for its religious tourism at Trimbakeshwar and Kumbh Mela, as well as its rapidly expanding wine tourism industry, necessitates a dual CRM strategy—integrating pilgrimage crowd management systems and digital queue handling for spiritual tourists, alongside luxury-driven CRM platforms, loyalty programs, and AI-enhanced guest experiences in the vineyard tourism sector (*Shinde, 2018*). Collectively, these districts provide a diverse and dynamic research landscape, offering a comparative evaluation of CRM efficacy across urban, heritage, corporate, religious, and luxury tourism formats. This study aims to assess the role of CRM in enhancing tourist satisfaction, the impact of digitalization on CRM adoption, and the

differential effectiveness of customer relationship strategies across Maharashtra's varied tourism landscapes, providing empirical insights for optimizing CRM practices, enhancing visitor engagement, and fostering a customer-centric, technology-integrated tourism sector (*Alananzeh et al., 2018*).

Methodology

This study employs a quantitative research framework to critically assess the efficacy of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) strategies within Maharashtra's travel and tourism sector, specifically targeting Mumbai, Pune, Aurangabad, and Nashik. The research aims to elucidate the nexus between CRM adoption, customer engagement, and retention, focusing on travel agencies, tour operators, and digital travel service providers. A structured questionnaire survey serves as the primary data collection tool, supplemented by secondary analysis of industry reports and scholarly literature to reinforce empirical findings.

Data Collection

A stratified random sampling approach was utilized to ensure heterogeneous representation across luxury, heritage, corporate, and religious tourism operators. The survey engaged 600 tourism professionals (150 per district) through face-to-face interviews at key tourism hubs and digital dissemination via professional networks. The questionnaire was meticulously designed to capture CRM adoption trends, digital integration, and strategic challenges, providing a comprehensive diagnostic of CRM implementation across diverse tourism segments.

Questionnaire Design

The structured questionnaire comprised five key thematic domains, encapsulating demographic and professional profiles, CRM technology deployment, customer satisfaction metrics, implementation barriers, and future CRM trajectories. The survey assessed the pervasiveness of AI-powered automation, predictive analytics, and omnichannel engagement, alongside customer retention drivers such as personalization, service agility, and loyalty incentives. Challenges pertaining to cost constraints, technological inertia, and workforce adaptation were also systematically examined to identify structural impediments to CRM optimization.

Data Analysis

Empirical insights were extrapolated using descriptive, inferential, and comparative statistical methodologies. Descriptive analytics distilled CRM adoption patterns through frequency distributions and mean variance analyses, while correlation and regression models quantified CRM's impact on customer retention and revenue augmentation. A comparative district-wise evaluation illuminated variances between tech-driven urban agencies (Mumbai, Pune) and heritage/pilgrimage-focused

operators (Aurangabad, Nashik). This methodologically rigorous approach ensures data-driven insights into CRM efficacy, strategic enhancements, and policy imperatives, offering a robust framework for elevating CRM paradigms in Maharashtra's tourism industry.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Demographic Profile

The respondent cohort exhibits a marked gender asymmetry, with male predominance (80.83%) and limited female representation (19.17%), underscoring potential gender stratification in the tourism industry. Age-wise stratification reveals a concentration within the 26-35 years bracket (36.83%), followed by the 36-45 years group (26.17%), indicating an industry predominantly staffed by mid-career professionals with an optimal balance of innovation and operational expertise.

Educational credentials demonstrate a prevalence of graduate degrees (58.50%), with postgraduates (18.67%) and tourism-specific professional degrees (19.17%) forming substantial contingents, reinforcing the sector's inclination toward academic specialization. Designation-wise segmentation reflects a dominance of Tour Managers (34.83%) and Owners (24.83%), elucidating a strong managerial and entrepreneurial paradigm within the sector.

Professional tenure distribution underscores that a majority (57.00%) possess 6–10 years of industry immersion, with 23.17% exceeding a decade, signaling a workforce with substantial operational acumen. The minimal representation (7.67%) of professionals surpassing 15 years suggests a potential attrition or career transition pattern at advanced experience levels.

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents

Category	Options	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	485	80.83
	Female	115	19.17
	Other	0	0.00
Age	18-25 Years	138	23.00
	26-35 Years	221	36.83
	36-45 Years	157	26.17
	46+ Years	84	14.00
Education	Profession Degree (Tourism)	115	19.17
	Higher Secondary	19	3.17
	Graduate	351	58.50
	Post Graduate	112	18.67
	Other	3	0.50

Designation	Tour Manager	209	34.83
	Owner	149	24.83
	Business Partner	106	17.67
	Marketing Manager	112	18.67
	Other	24	4.00
Experience	1-5 Years	73	12.17
	6-10 Years	342	57.00
	11-15 Years	139	23.17
	15 Years Above	46	7.67
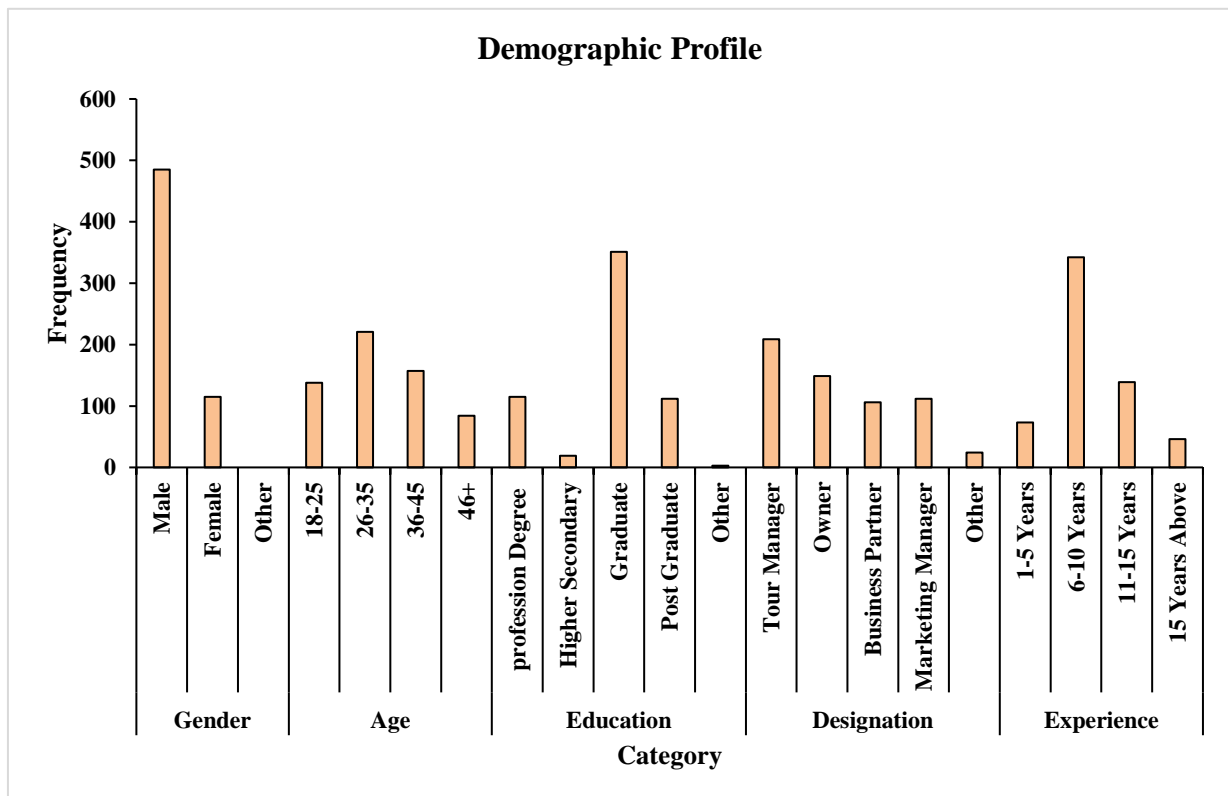
Fig No. 2: Demographic Profile

CRM Utilization and Impact

CRM adoption exhibits near-total penetration (92.00%), with infrequent utilization (4.00%) and negligible non-implementation (1.33%), underscoring its critical role in customer-centric strategies. Predominantly employed for customer engagement (50.83%), it also serves as a mechanism for relationship tracking (18.00%), database management (17.00%), and loyalty program execution

(14.17%), reinforcing structured consumer lifecycle governance. Cloud-based systems (31.33%) lead in preference due to scalability, while collaborative CRM (27.67%) highlights cross-functional synchronization. The emergence of hybrid (16.17%) and AI-driven intelligent CRM (10.50%) signifies a shift towards automation, predictive analytics, and intelligent decision-making. CRM functionality is largely driven by data-driven personalization (42.33%), optimizing engagement precision, while retention and upselling strategies (35.50%) strengthen revenue sustainability. Cross-selling (12.83%) and brand positioning (9.33%) contribute to market expansion efforts
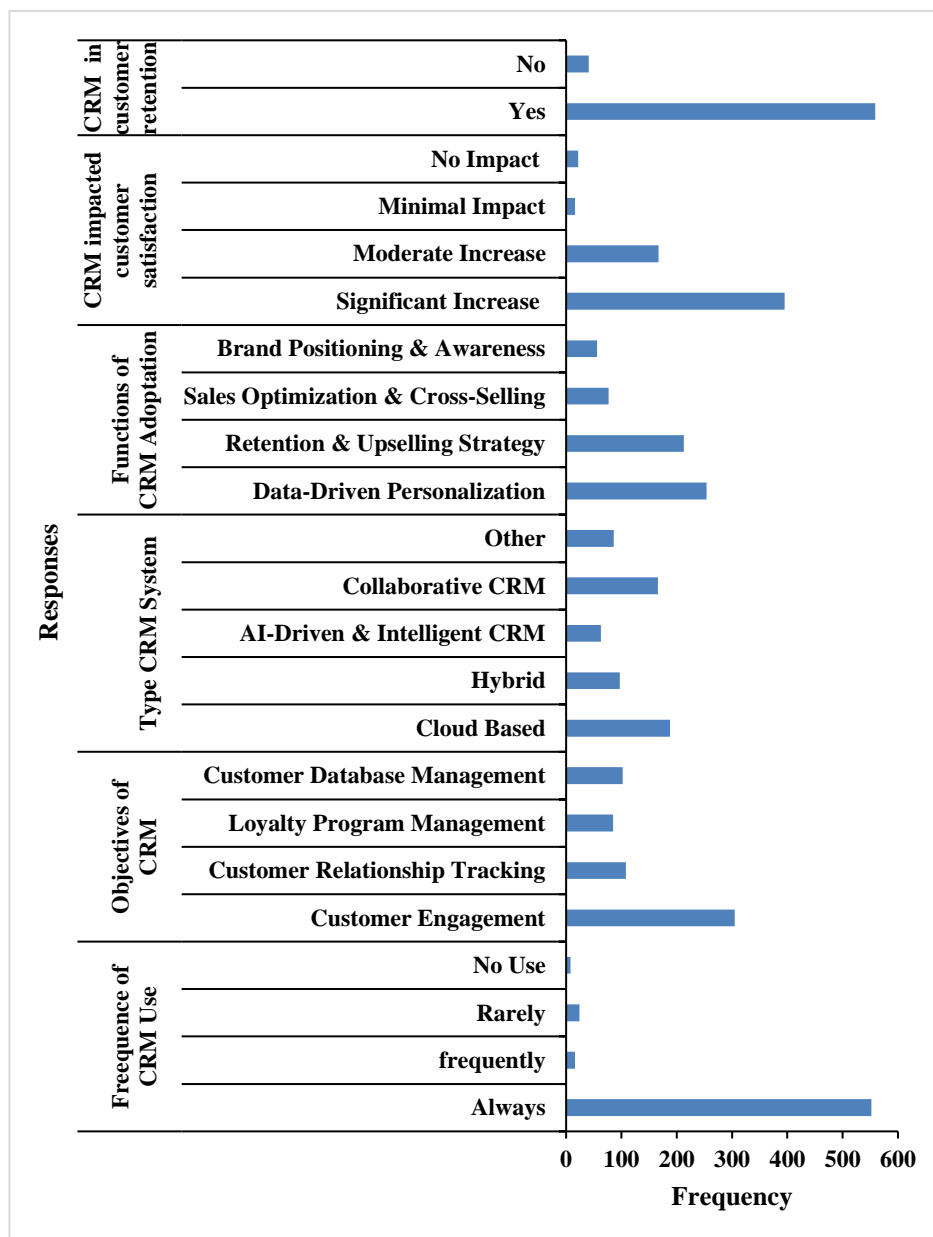
Fig No. 3: CRM Utilization and Impact

Table 2: CRM Adaptation and Impact

Category	Options	Frequency	Percentage
Frequency of CRM Use	Always	552	92.00
	frequently	16	2.67
	Rarely	24	4.00
	No Use	8	1.33
Objectives of CRM	Customer Engagement	305	50.83
	Customer Relationship Tracking	108	18.00
	Loyalty Program Management	85	14.17
	Customer Database Management	102	17.00
Type CRM System	Cloud Based	188	31.33
	Hybrid	97	16.17
	AI-Driven & Intelligent CRM	63	10.50
	Collaborative CRM	166	27.67
	Other	86	14.33
Functions of CRM Adaptation	Data-Driven Personalization	254	42.33
	Retention & Upselling Strategy	213	35.50
	Sales Optimization & Cross-Selling	77	12.83
	Brand Positioning & Awareness	56	9.33
CRM impacted customer satisfaction	Significant Increase	395	65.83
	Moderate Increase	167	27.83
	Minimal Impact	16	2.67
	No Impact	22	3.67
CRM in customer retention	Yes	559	93.17
	No	41	6.83

CRM Effectiveness, Challenges, and Strategic Enhancements

CRM-driven **customer feedback and complaint management** is predominantly classified as **highly effective (56.50%)**, with **effective (30.67%)** and **moderately effective (10.33%)** reinforcing its role in enhancing service responsiveness. Marginal inefficacy (2.50%) underscores CRM's robustness in streamlining customer interactions. **Key adoption challenges** include **high implementation and maintenance costs (30.83%)**, **scalability and integration constraints (23.83%)**, and **customization**

limitations (19.83%), indicating structural and financial barriers. **Training deficiencies (14.17%)** and **data security concerns (11.33%)** further inhibit seamless adoption. CRM efficiency enhancements are primarily driven by **cost-effective implementation (25.83%)**, **mobile accessibility (19.83%)**, and **AI-driven automation (16.17%)**, emphasizing accessibility and intelligent process automation. **Multi-channel engagement (12.83%)** and **personalized customer experience (10.83%)** highlight user-centric evolution, while **robust data security (4.67%)** remains an area of strategic reinforcement.

Table 3: CRM Effectiveness, Challenges, and Strategic Enhancements

Category	Options	Frequency	Percentage
Customer Feedback and Complaints Management with CRM	Highly Effective	339	56.50
	Effective	184	30.67
	Moderately Effective	62	10.33
	Less Effective	12	2.00
	Not Effective	3	0.50
Key Challenges in CRM Adoption	Scalability & Integration Issues	143	23.83
	Lack of Training & User Adoption	85	14.17
	High Implementation & Maintenance Cost	185	30.83
	Data Security & Compliance Concerns	68	11.33
	Customization & Flexibility Limitations	119	19.83
CRM Efficiency Improvements	AI-Driven Automation	97	16.17
	Advanced Data Analytics	59	9.83
	Mobile CRM Accessibility	119	19.83
	Personalized Customer Experience	65	10.83
	Robust Data Security	28	4.67
	Multi-Channel Engagement	77	12.83
	Cost-Effective Implementation	155	25.83
CRM Success Measurement	Customer Retention Rate	189	31.50
	Net Promoter Score (NPS)	115	19.17
	Customer Satisfaction Score (CSAT)	108	18.00
	Revenue Growth	188	31.33
Barriers to CRM Adoption	High Implementation Cost	389	64.83
	Employee Resistance to Change	55	9.17
	Lack of IT Support	108	18.00
	Data Migration Challenges	48	8.00
CRM Update	Monthly	125	20.83

Frequency	Quarterly	206	34.33
	Annually	188	31.33
	Rarely	81	13.50
Critical CRM Modules	Sales Automation	219	36.50
	Customer Service & Support	164	27.33
	Marketing Automation	123	20.50
	Data Analytics & Reporting	94	15.67
Key Benefits of CRM	Improved Customer Engagement	295	49.17
	Increased Operational Efficiency	116	19.33
	Better Data-Driven Decision Making	87	14.50
	Higher Revenue & Profitability	102	17.00

Success metrics primarily hinge on **customer retention rates (31.50%)** and **revenue growth (31.33%)**, with **Net Promoter Score (19.17%)** and **Customer Satisfaction Score (18.00%)** serving as additional qualitative benchmarks. **Adoption barriers** are led by **high costs (64.83%)**, followed by **IT support limitations (18.00%)** and **employee resistance (9.17%)**, indicating financial constraints and workforce adaptation challenges. CRM updates predominantly occur on a **quarterly (34.33%)** and **annual (31.33%)** basis, ensuring iterative system optimization, though **infrequent updates (13.50%)** may compromise adaptability. **Sales automation (36.50%)** emerges as the most critical CRM module, followed by **customer service (27.33%)** and **marketing automation (20.50%)**, reflecting a balanced approach between revenue generation, consumer engagement, and promotional outreach. The **primary benefits of CRM** include **enhanced customer engagement (49.17%)**, **operational efficiency (19.33%)**, and **data-driven decision-making (14.50%)**, while **profitability gains (17.00%)** affirm its direct fiscal impact. Collectively, these insights reinforce CRM's indispensability as a **scalable, data-centric, and revenue-enhancing framework** driving competitive differentiation and customer-centric innovation.

CRM Integration, Security, and ROI Assessment
CRM integration strategies predominantly rely on **manual data entry (33.67%)**, indicating persistent inefficiencies despite advancements in **API integrations (19.83%)** and **cloud-based synchronization (27.33%)**, which facilitate real-time data consistency. A **notable 19.17% lack integration**, highlighting operational fragmentation and data silos. AI-driven CRM functionalities are largely centered around **predictive customer insights (42.33%)**, underscoring data-driven forecasting and personalized engagement. **Chatbots and automation (27.67%)** enhance real-time responsiveness, while **dynamic pricing engines (18.17%)** and **sentiment analysis (11.83%)** offer deeper behavioral analytics and tailored marketing approaches.

Table 4: CRM Integration, Security, and ROI Assessment

Category	Options	Frequency	Percentage
CRM Integration with Digital Tools	Manual Data Entry	202	33.67
	API & Third-Party Integrations	119	19.83
	Cloud-Based Synchronization	164	27.33
	No Integration	115	19.17
AI-Driven CRM Features	Chatbots & Automated Responses	166	27.67
	Predictive Customer Insights	254	42.33
	Sentiment Analysis & Personalization	71	11.83
	Dynamic Pricing & Recommendation Engines	109	18.17
Customer Data Security in CRM	GDPR-Compliant Data Storage	86	14.33
	Multi-Factor Authentication	118	19.67
	Encrypted Customer Databases	204	34.00
	Limited Security Controls	192	32.00
CRM Training & Onboarding	In-Person Workshops	148	24.67
	Online Training Modules	109	18.17
	Hands-On Experience	229	38.17
	No Formal Training	114	19.00
CRM ROI Evaluation	High ROI (Significant Growth)	438	73.00
	Moderate ROI (Measurable Benefits)	119	19.83
	Low ROI (Minimal Impact)	32	5.33
	No Clear ROI	11	1.83

Customer data security remains a concern, with **encrypted databases (34.00%)** leading protective measures, yet **limited security controls (32.00%)** indicate vulnerabilities. **Multi-factor authentication (19.67%)** enhances access security, while **GDPR-compliant storage (14.33%)** ensures regulatory adherence. CRM training and onboarding emphasize **hands-on experience (38.17%)**, reinforcing practical adoption, though **formalized workshops (24.67%)** and **online training (18.17%)** remain supplementary. Alarmingly, **19.00% receive no structured training**, potentially impeding system efficiency. ROI assessment reveals **high returns (73.00%)**, substantiating CRM's direct contribution to business growth. **Moderate ROI (19.83%)** validates its incremental impact, whereas **low or unclear ROI (7.16%)** signals inefficiencies in implementation or strategic misalignment.

The correlation matrix underscores CRM adoption as a critical determinant of customer retention (r = 0.997) and operational efficiency (r = 0.991), affirming its role in optimizing service workflows and

sustaining consumer loyalty. Training and structured onboarding (r = 0.995) exhibit a direct impact on customer satisfaction, highlighting the necessity for CRM proficiency to maximize engagement outcomes. Additionally, marketing automation (r = 0.972) and AI-driven features (r = 0.858) significantly enhance personalized interactions and predictive customer insights.

Table 5: Correlation Matric

	CRM Adoption	Customer Satisfaction	Customer Retention	Revenue Growth	CRM Type	CRM Functions	Operational Efficiency	Marketing Automation	AI Driven Features	Training and Adoption	Data Security	Customer Engagement
CRM Adoption	1.000	0.919	0.997	0.550	0.662	0.708	0.991	0.846	0.858	0.951	0.635	0.659
Customer Satisfaction	0.919	1.000	0.945	0.394	0.579	0.924	0.954	0.972	0.912	0.995	0.868	0.793
Customer Retention	0.997	0.945	1.000	0.542	0.668	0.754	0.997	0.883	0.871	0.969	0.681	0.682
Revenue Growth	0.550	0.394	0.542	1.000	0.971	0.087	0.574	0.483	0.064	0.403	-0.075	-0.229
CRM Type	0.662	0.579	0.668	0.971	1.000	0.317	0.705	0.673	0.241	0.575	0.158	-0.033
CRM Functions	0.708	0.924	0.754	0.087	0.317	1.000	0.768	0.915	0.879	0.892	0.986	0.875
Operational Efficiency	0.991	0.954	0.997	0.574	0.705	0.768	1.000	0.909	0.854	0.973	0.688	0.661
Marketing Automation	0.846	0.972	0.883	0.483	0.673	0.915	0.909	1.000	0.800	0.948	0.837	0.676
AI Driven Features	0.858	0.912	0.871	0.064	0.241	0.879	0.854	0.800	1.000	0.929	0.885	0.952
Training and Adoption	0.951	0.995	0.969	0.403	0.575	0.892	0.973	0.948	0.929	1.000	0.837	0.797
Data Security	0.635	0.868	0.681	-0.075	0.158	0.986	0.688	0.837	0.885	0.837	1.000	0.924
Customer Engagement	0.659	0.793	0.682	-0.229	-0.033	0.875	0.661	0.676	0.952	0.797	0.924	1.000

Revenue growth demonstrates a high dependency on CRM type (r = 0.971), indicating that AI-powered, cloud-based, and hybrid CRM systems yield superior financial performance. However, customer engagement (r = -0.229) and data security (r = -0.075) show weak correlations with direct profitability, suggesting that revenue outcomes are driven more by retention strategies and CRM adaptability rather than engagement volume alone.

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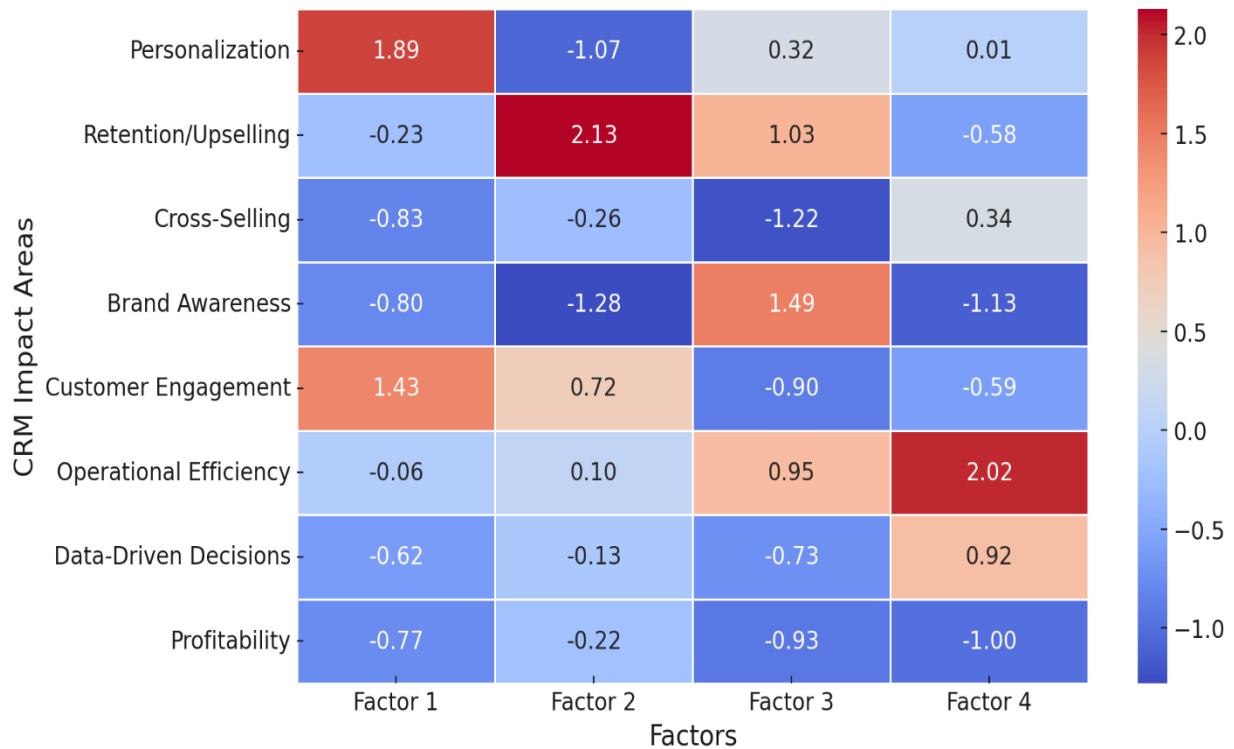
The factor analysis highlights key CRM dimensions shaping customer engagement, retention, and operational efficiency in the tourism sector. Factor 1 (Customer-Centric CRM) underscores the impact of personalization (1.89) and engagement (1.43) on customer satisfaction, though it lacks direct profitability impact (-0.77). Factor 2 (Loyalty-Driven CRM) confirms that retention (2.13) and upselling drive long-term customer loyalty, but excessive personalization may not always support retention. Factor 3 (Revenue-Centric CRM) links brand awareness (1.49) and operational efficiency (0.95) to market expansion but suggests that broad outreach may dilute direct engagement (-0.90). Factor 4 (AI-Integrated CRM) reveals that automation (2.02) and data-driven decision-making (0.92) optimize workflows but require strategic monetization to enhance profitability (-1.00). Collectively, these insights suggest that a balanced CRM strategy integrating personalization, retention, AI-driven automation, and structured revenue models is essential for sustainable growth.

CONCLUSION

The study underscores the critical role of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in shaping customer retention, operational efficiency, and revenue generation in Maharashtra's tourism sector. Statistical analyses reveal that CRM adoption significantly enhances customer satisfaction ($r = 0.919$) and retention ($r = 0.997$), while AI-driven automation ($r = 0.858$) and marketing automation ($r = 0.972$)

drive engagement and service personalization. However, findings indicate that revenue growth is more dependent on CRM type (r = 0.971) rather than direct engagement efforts, emphasizing the need for strategic CRM deployment aligned with market expansion and revenue optimization goals. The factor analysis further delineates four key CRM dimensions—Customer-Centric CRM, Loyalty-Driven CRM, Revenue-Centric CRM, and AI-Integrated CRM—each contributing uniquely to business sustainability. Personalization and engagement strategies enhance customer satisfaction, while AI-driven decision-making and operational efficiency bolster automation-driven service enhancements. The findings suggest that a balanced CRM strategy, integrating retention mechanisms, predictive analytics, and multi-channel automation, is essential for maximizing CRM effectiveness.

Key challenges such as high implementation costs (30.83%), integration limitations (23.83%), and workforce adoption barriers (14.17%) indicate the necessity for cost-effective CRM solutions, enhanced employee training, and AI-enhanced automation. The study recommends that tourism enterprises prioritize data security, optimize CRM adaptability, and leverage AI-powered predictive analytics to drive long-term customer engagement and financial performance. Future research should employ Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) and longitudinal studies to analyze causal relationships between CRM functionalities, market dynamics, and revenue trajectories. Additionally, deeper insights into CRM adoption across different tourism segments (urban, heritage, religious, and adventure tourism) would provide more industry-specific optimization strategies for sustainable CRM deployment.

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