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Of the billions of searches we see every day, 15% are brand new’ — from new user segments, across categories, and for all kinds of queries. And as people turn to the internet to fulfill their needs, they are faced with limitless information and abundant choices. Shoppers are increasingly relying on digital to evaluate their options and make sense of this torrent of information. For example, in 2021, we saw a 41% increase in search interest in “which brand is good” as people looked to build their consideration sets.

As marketers, we play an integral role in helping consumers make more confident decisions. This means understanding their priorities and preferences. Our recent research found that 83% of Indian consumers agreed that they would purchase from a brand that provided helpful and trustworthy information when they were exploring options. By offering relevant information, brands can help shoppers who face decision paralysis. This also means that trusted sources are more important than ever. People are increasingly concerned about privacy, security, and transparency, and are willing to invest time and resources into ensuring that brands align with their value systems and beliefs.

At Google, we’re humbled to see people trusting us to help them with their queries. Whether they’re existing internet users looking to reevaluate their lifestyles, or newcomers with fresh concerns, people all over India and the rest of the world rely on Search to answer their questions. In 2021, “sustainable” rose to its highest search interest within the last five years in India as consumers now expect the brands they choose to share the same higher purpose.

Searches like these offer us unique insight into what people really care about. We hope that this edition of our Year in Search India report can help you make sense of the billions of searches that happen and guide your business strategy to be better prepared for what’s next. We hope that our takeaways will inspire you to translate insights into action, and evolve your business strategies to be better prepared for 2022 and beyond.

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Search interest in online shopping has grown by 32% in India. People are looking for ways to become online merchants, with search interest in sell online growing by 17%.

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Almost half of consumers surveyed felt that immersive technology like AR, VR, and 3D content helps them feel more involved in our daily experiences. In our digital-first lives, we are fast gaining popularity for its immersive, engaging, and interactive experiences. The past five years have seen a 205% growth in VR-related searches, and 100% growth in queries related to online sales daily. 

Google search interest in digital loans grew by 90% as Indians explore the idea of lending through online platforms. People are using digital channels as a helpful tool for decision-making, with 53% of online shoppers using digital channels as a helpful tool for decision-making. The majority of their purchases online. Rising searches show how businesses moved to create an urgency for more people and resourcefulness in existing marketing strategies. Rush online by finding flexibility in existing marketing strategies.

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MARKETING IMPLICATIONS

In India, searches for this category of vehicles grew by 37% year over year. Following the sudden disruptions of the pandemic, people emerged in 2021 with a renewed focus on safety, wellness, and family priorities. As people reevaluate their choices, acceptance of our new blended lives, searches show that businesses need to stay curious and cultivate a desire to explore new opportunities. How can businesses rereconnect and convince customers that businesses need to care about. Given how the pandemic has changed the way people work and live, there's a significant, widespread shift in life priorities among employees. Businesses need to find their unique value and show how they will behave as consumers. But it's not just about the pandemic changes were not temporary after all.

Sustainability is becoming a top priority as people look for more environmentally-friendly ways to live. Pet-friendly searches grew by more than 70% as consumers look for moments of calm in their day-to-day lives. Searches are showing how people are taking stock of their lives and making changes. According to Google Trends, search interest for small investments rose by 80% as consumers look for ways to save money.

Online doctor consultations are on the rise as people seek out alternative ways to manage their health. Searches for sustainable business growth have increased by 27%, and financial and savings time with loved ones, and a greater sense of security are truly matters to them. In fact, 78% of Indians are now eating healthier foods, and 67% have been exercising more. Evidence of this shift is also seen in the “Great Resignation,” where a significant number of people are leaving their jobs for better opportunities. Planning a career change in India, intrispection, and the eitgeist are in order. How can businesses leverage this opportunity to connect with consumers?

Attraction and retention top talent is a critical component of any successful business model. In order to enable people in the region to achieve better, businesses need to stay curious and cultivate a desire to explore new opportunities. How can businesses rereconnect and convince customers that businesses need to care about. Given how the pandemic has changed the way people work and live, there's a significant, widespread shift in life priorities among employees. Businesses need to find their unique value and show how they will behave as consumers. But it's not just about the pandemic changes were not temporary after all.
As Indians look for ways to share meals, exchange experiences, such as virtual concerts, virtual escape rooms, and virtual food festivals, there has been a significant increase in search interest, with a +120% growth in people exploring virtual alternatives.

The emotional value of digital marketing implications:

1. **Digital for personal connection:**
   - Online expressions of affection have shown a +85% increase as more people turn to digital platforms to convey emotions, especially during periods of physical distancing. Brands that effectively use digital channels to deepen connections with customers are rewarded, helping them navigate the messy middle of customer journeys.

2. **Bridging distances:**
   - In an average household, people are spending more time online, with two-thirds of people spending an additional hour online each day. This trend has accelerated digital transformation, with people increasingly open to using digital to achieve activities that were previously physical. For instance, the recent shift to virtual experiences, such as virtual tours and events, has complemented or augmented physical experiences, allowing for a seamless blend of real and virtual worlds.

3. **Emotional value:**
   - Research shows that the consumer's path to purchase is highly emotional, with customers being more likely to make purchases when they feel emotionally connected to a brand. Brands that can create a digital experience that resonates emotionally with customers can gain and grow through emotional connection.

Facial recognition platforms, and especially so on digital, are seeing consistent growth. As the world becomes more dependent on digital technology to maneuver physical distancing caused by the pandemic, people are searching for ways to show affection without in-person contact. High-end brands like LVMH have launched social media challenges, such as the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Art Series, to run social media challenges, sparking interest in virtual versions of activities such as group activities like escape rooms, food festivals, and concerts.

In India, search interest in online celebrations grew by more than 120% in 2020, indicating a trend towards digital platforms as a functional channel to find brief moments beyond just finding brief moments. But fears of resuming in-person activities haven't overridden digital, with close to one in two Indians surveyed saying they are going digital, with close to one in two Indians surveyed saying they are going digital, with close to one in two Indians surveyed saying they are going digital, with close to one in two Indians surveyed saying they are going digital, with close to one in two Indians surveyed saying they are going digital. This shift highlights a long-term value out of connecting meaningfully with your customers, where both sides stand to gain and grow through emotional connection.

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**Conclusion:**
- Reinventing customer experience:
  - 1. **Engage with customers:** Brands need to adapt to these changes. But in 2021, we saw brands doing just that, especially in connecting emotionally with customers.
  - 2. **Digital transformation:** With the shift towards digital, brands are adopting omnichannel strategies to reach the human behind every customer.
  - 3. **Emotional connection:** Brands that can create emotional connections with customers are reaping the benefits of long-term value.

In the freedom of choice between online or offline, those who can navigate the future successfully will enjoy the freedom of choice. By embracing digital as a means to connect and inspire, brands are setting themselves up for success in the digital age.
Act intentionally and respectfully to protect people's privacy and earn trust. Check out to deliver first track people across the web.

Purpose, as a contributor to brand equity, is 10x more important. Consider the requirements consistent, authentic, and proactive communication. Consumerism is on the rise in India too, with over 86% of consumers saying that buying sustainable products makes a negative impact on the environment and society.

As consumers grow more entrenched in their belief systems, they're making sure that the brands they choose also share the same values. Raising misinformation and record-breaking data breaches have grown by up to 80% in customers searching for a brand's official store in India. In 2021, 87% of search interest in sustainability grew by 24%.

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