

## The Analysis of Relationship between Retailing Ethics and Customer Experience with respect to West Maharashtra

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### ABSTRACT

The primary objective of research is to analytically examine how retailing ethics influence buyer experience or fulfilment within the retail industry at Western Maharashtra Zone. An analysis of existing literature reveals an absence of prior studies exploring this specific relationship, thereby highlighting a significant research gap. To address this gap, data were collected from 500 customers using a systematically designed survey schedule, applying systematic random sampling in major cities from West Maharashtra. Together exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses were employed to validate the scales gauging retailing ethics and customer experience as satisfaction. Subsequently, SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) was utilized to test the hypothesized relationship between the two constructs. The outcomes demonstrate which ethical retailing practices exert a significant and positive effect on customer satisfaction. Nonetheless, the scope of study is limited to traditional small-scale retailers operating in the convenience goods segment within Western Maharashtra. Despite this limitation, the findings provide valuable insights for academicians, retail practitioners, consumers, policymakers, and regulatory authorities in understanding and promoting ethical conduct in retail operations

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### INTRODUCTION:

The centrality of ethics in retailing is the universal nature of ethical principles makes them fundamental to the retail industry, which functions within a multifaceted web of participants together with customers, employees, suppliers, investors, government entities, and the community. Although scholarly investigation into business and marketing ethics has been extensive from last fifty years, the specific domain of retail ethics has remained relatively niche area of focus.

Pioneering research indicated that retail managers often prioritized profit growth over their institution's social responsibilities (Dornoff, 1975). Building on this, Levy and Dubinsky (Dubinsky, 1986) cautioned that without proper guidance, retail employees might resort to behaviors that undermine both their personal morals and organizational goals. A subsequent study by Dubinsky and Levy confirmed that sales personnel sought more robust organizational support to resolve ethical conflicts,

advocating for management to develop and implement policies that aid rather than obstruct ethical conduct.

Later research revealed evolving ethical attitudes. Norris and Gifford (Norris, 1988) documented a rise in ethical standards of practicing retail managers, contrasting with the decline in ethical observations of students studying retail. This divergence suggests that practical experience influences ethical development. The impact of individual values was further examined (Singhapakdi, (1991)), who recommended that companies and professional bodies establish formal ethical codes to steer member conduct.

Scholars have also applied classical ethical frameworks to retail. Takala and Uusitalo (Takala, 1996), for instance, explored utilitarianism (seeking the greatest benefit for the majority), deontology (adherence to moral rules), and virtue ethics in the context of Finnish retail. From a consumer perspective, a cross-cultural analysis by Rawwas (Rawwas, 1996) found Austrian consumers more inclined toward self-interested (Machiavellian) attitudes than American consumers.

This finding is complemented by Verbeke et al. (Verbeke, 1996), who highlighted how an organization's ethical environment and an individual's personality traits shape decision-making processes.

Synthesizing these insights, (Whysall, 2000) proposes a comprehensive stakeholder model for ethical retailing. He argues that true ethical adequacy in retail is achieved only when a retailer integrates core principles like equity, justice, integrity, honesty, and esteem across all interactions with its diverse stakeholders:

## Review of Literature -

The contemporary retail landscape is increasingly defined by the worth of the buyer experience, the holistic journey encompassing every touchpoint a consumer has with a brand. Parallel to this, ethical conduct in retailing has evolved from a peripheral concern to a central strategic imperative. This literature review synthesizes existing research to analyze the profound and multifaceted relationship between retailing ethics and customer experience. It argues that ethical practices aren't only a compliance function yet a fundamental factor of positive customer perceptions, trust, loyalty, and overall experiential satisfaction.

In the digital age, collection and usage of customer statistics present the significant ethical dilemma. Breaches of data privacy severely damage customer trust and experience. As it is argued that, (Martin, 2017) argue, the "creepy vs. cool" dichotomy is central to modern customer experience; when consumers perceive data usage as intrusive, it creates a negative emotional response. Conversely, when data is handled transparently and used to provide genuine value—such as personalized recommendations that feel helpful rather than invasive—it augments the experience by creating it more pertinent and efficient (Kumar, 2019). Thus, ethical data stewardship is a prerequisite for positive personalized experiences. Ethical retailing demands honesty in marketing, pricing, and product representation. Deceptive practices, such as hidden fees or greenwashing (making false environmental claims), directly corrode the customer experience by creating a sense of betrayal. Research demonstrates that transparency in supply chains, such as providing clear information about sourcing and labor practices, significantly enhances brand trust and perceived value. When a retailer is transparent, it reduces the customer's perceived risk and cognitive effort, leading to a smoother, more confident, and more positive experience (Bhaduri, 2021). Internally, the ethical treatment of employees is crucial. Grounded in the Service and Profit Chain (Heskett, 1994), employee satisfaction—driven by fair wages and empowerment—fosters prosocial behaviors that directly enhance customer interactions (Grosso, 2022). Externally, a retailer's commitment to sustainability and social responsibility significantly shapes brand perception. Modern, value-driven consumers experience emotional satisfaction and a stronger connection to brands that align with their ethics, thereby fostering loyalty (Jain, 2022). The cumulative effect of these ethical practices is the building of customer

trust. This trust forms the psychological foundation for a positive long-term CX, making customers more forgiving and loyal (Kumar V. &, 2018). Conversely, ethical lapses can irrevocably damage trust and the brand experience. The literature unequivocally demonstrates a synergistic relationship between retailing ethics and customer experience. Ethical conduct is a critical experiential variable that influences customer perceptions at cognitive, emotional, and social levels. It builds trust, differentiates brands, and fosters deep loyalty. Future research could explore this relationship in specific retail contexts, such as the differences between pure-play e-commerce and omnichannel retail, or investigate the relative weight customers assign to different ethical pillars (e.g., data privacy vs. sustainability) in their overall experience evaluation. Ultimately, in today's market, investing in ethical practices is synonymous with investing in a superior customer experience (Whysall, New challenges in retailing: Social and ethical dimensions, 2018). Ultimately, in today's market, investing in ethical practices is synonymous with investing in a superior customer experience.

### Objectives of the study -

1. To identify the key factors of ethics related to retailing
2. To understand the parameters of customer experience
3. To study the effect of ethics related to retailing on customer experience

### Research Gap -

Although extensive research is conducted on customer experience and its elements, limited practical attention has been given to a ethical dimension of retailing as a predictor or influencer of customer experience. Existing studies have predominantly focused on operational efficiency, technological innovation, or service quality as drivers of customer satisfaction, while ethical practices such as transparency, data privacy, fair pricing, and employee welfare remain underexplored in this context.

Furthermore, while prior literature acknowledges the growing importance of ethical conduct in retailing, there is a paucity of studies that empirically examine how specific ethical factors (e.g., data stewardship, sustainability, fair labor, and truthful marketing) shape customer perceptions, trust, and loyalty, particularly in the Indian retail sector.

In Indian context the retail sector, is dominated by small traditional shops/stores, ethical practices like honesty, fairness, and responsiveness significantly boost customer satisfaction (Bodh Raj Sharma, 2014) . This leads to greater repeat business, loyalty, positive word-of-mouth, and long-term success through improved sales and reputation (Sharma, 2019).

Hence, there exists a clear gap in understanding the causal and perceptual linkages between retailing ethics and the overall customer experience—a gap this study seeks to fill.

### Statement of the Problem -

The retail industry today operates in an environment characterized by heightened consumer awareness, digital

transparency, and intense competition. In such a context, ethical conduct has emerged as a crucial differentiator in shaping customer experience and sustaining long-term loyalty. However, many retailers still treat ethical practices as a compliance obligation rather than a strategic tool for enhancing customer satisfaction.

This disconnect raises a critical problem: How and to what extent do retailing ethics influence customer experience?

The absence of comprehensive empirical studies examining this relationship results in a limited understanding of which ethical dimensions matter most to customers and how these ethical practices translate into trust, satisfaction, and loyalty. Addressing this problem is vital for developing sustainable and customer-centric retail strategies in both physical and digital retail formats. Considering the above the statement of the problem is decoded as: "*The Analysis of Relationship between Retailing Ethics and Customer Experience*".

#### **Scope of the research study -**

The study is limited in exploring the relationship between retailing ethics and customer experience within the Indian retail industry that will emphasize on identifying:

Key ethical dimensions practiced by retailers (such as transparency, data privacy, fair pricing, sustainability, and employee fairness).

The parameters of customer experience, including satisfaction, trust, loyalty, and emotional connection.

The impact of ethical practices on these customer experience outcomes.

The study will collect primary data from retail customers through structured questionnaires and analyze responses to establish linkages between ethical behavior and experiential outcomes. The scope may cover both organized and unorganized retail formats, with particular emphasis on the emerging omnichannel and digital retail environments in India.

#### **Significance of the Study**

The present study holds substantial academic and managerial significance:

##### ***Academic Significance:***

It contributes to the limited body of literature linking retailing ethics to customer experience, thereby addressing a major research gap.

It provides empirical validation for theoretical frameworks like the Service-Profit Chain, integrating ethical conduct as a determinant of customer experience.

The study enriches acquaintance in the fields of business ethics, consumer behavior and retail management.

##### ***Practical Significance:***

The findings will help retailers understand the ethical factors that most strongly influence customer perceptions, enabling them to design trust-based engagement strategies.

It will aid policy makers and retail managers in formulating ethical codes of conduct and training

programs that enhance both employee and customer satisfaction.

Ultimately, the study validates that ethical retailing is not only a moral responsibility yet a strategic pathway to sustainable competitive advantage through improved customer experience.

#### **Hypothesis -**

Hypothesis <sub>1</sub> - Parameters of ethics affect retailing positively

Hypothesis <sub>2</sub> - Quality and guidance contribute assertively customer experience

Hypothesis <sub>3</sub> - Customer experience has affirmation due to retailing ethics

#### **Research Methodology -**

This section details the methodological framework deployed in the study, including the research design, sampling strategy, and the techniques used to confirm the reliability and validity of the research tools.

##### ***Research Design***

A structured questionnaire was developed to gather primary data, informed by a review of existing literature and consultations with subject matter experts. The instrument contained three distinct sections:

1. Demographic Profile -10 items capturing participant background information.
2. Retailing Ethics-A 27-item scale measuring ethical perceptions.
3. Customer Experience- A 28-item scale assessing various aspects of the customer journey.

All scale items, excluding the demographic questions, were measured via a 5 point Likert scale, wherein 5 represented "Strongly Agree" and 1 represented "Strongly Disagree."

##### ***Sampling Technique***

Sample size to the study was calculated statistically using the standard error of the mean formula. The calculation incorporated a confidence level (Z) of 1.96, corresponding to a 95% confidence interval, and a precision level (D) of 0.05. The standard deviation (SD) from a pilot study was used to determine the final number of participants required.

##### ***Data Collection and Respondent Profile***

The final dataset comprised responses from 500 customers, selected systematically from major urban centers in Western Maharashtra. A sampling frame of 2,500 households was established, and participants were chosen at a fixed interval of every fifth house to ensure randomness. The respondent profile was characterized by a higher proportion of male participants (65%) compared to female (35%). The average age of the sample was 45 years, with a slight majority (51%) falling below this average. Most respondents were married (86%) and identified as Hindu (95%). In terms of education, nearly half (48%) held a graduate degree. Professionally, 29% were employed in the service sector, and a significant majority (69%) belonged to nuclear family structures.

Economically, the average monthly income was reported as ₹24,780, while the average monthly expenditure was ₹18,900. A large portion of the sample (75%) reported earnings below the average income, and 60% incurred expenditures below the average.

Finally, a collective approach to purchase decisions was prevalent, with 72% of respondents indicating they make such decisions jointly.

### Data Analysis and Validation -

**Reliability Test through Chronbach Alpha-** The scale demonstrated high internal consistency, as the computed alpha value exceeded the recommended threshold of 0.8. *To ensure validity, content and construct validity were established through a inclusive review of present literature and consultations with subject matter experts. Furthermore, Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was used to statistically verify the measurement model. This involved calculating two key metrics:*

1. **Composite Reliability (CR):** This assesses the internal consistency of latent constructs and the was calculated using the following formula:

$$CR = (\sum \text{Standardized Factor Loadings})^2 / [(\sum \text{Standardized Factor Loadings})^2 + \sum \text{Error Variances}]$$
 A CR value above 0.7 is considered acceptable, indicating good reliability.

2. **Average Variance Extracted (AVE):** This measures convergent validity, reflecting the amount of variance captured by a construct relative to measurement error. It was computed as:

$$AVE = \sum (\text{Squared Standardized Factor Loadings}) / \text{No. of Items}$$

An AVE value greater than 0.5 confirms that the construct explains more than 1/2 of variance in its indicators, establishing adequate convergent validity.

### - Validation through Chrobanch Alpha Test -

Variables/Constructs	Convergent Validity (AVE)	Variable/Construct Reliability (CR)	Chronbach Alpha Result
Ethics Related to Retailing	3.12	6.56	71.48
Customer Experience (Positive)	2.39	6.10	84.19

Chart No. 01.

**Interpretation -** The scales demonstrate acceptable to good reliability per Cronbach's Alpha. However, the reported Composite Reliability and Average Variance

Extracted values are statistically impossible (exceeding 1.0), indicating a critical calculation error.

### Confirmatory Factor Analysis -

Confirmatory Factor Analysis for Customer Experience/Positive (Q/G) and Retailing Ethics (F/R/H)

Variable/Construct Factor	Parameters	Parameter Code	Factor Loading	p-value	Parameters Retained
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Customer Experience (Positive)	Quality	QLM1	0.637	P < 0.001	5
		QLM2	0.899	P < 0.001	
		QLM3	0.792	P < 0.001	
		QLM4	0.511	P < 0.001	
		QLM5	0.534	P < 0.001	
	Guidance	GDN1	0.685	P < 0.001	4
		GDN2	0.663	P < 0.001	
		GDN3	0.782	P < 0.001	
		GDN4	0.819	P < 0.001	
Retailing Ethics	Fairness	FRN1	0.620	P < 0.001	4
		FRN2	0.608	P < 0.001	
		FRN3	0.720	P < 0.001	
		FRN4	0.602	P < 0.001	
	Recognition	RCG1	0.691	P < 0.001	2
		RCG2	0.890	P < 0.001	
	Honesty	HNS1	0.701	P < 0.001	3
		HNS2	0.699	P < 0.001	
		HNS3	0.620	P < 0.001	

Chart No. 02

### Interpretation -

The Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was conducted to confirm the measurement theory and validate constructs of Retailing Ethics and Customer Experience in Positive Way. CFA helps in assessing the construct validity of the measurement model through Factor Loadings, Average Variance Extracted (AVE) and Construct Reliability (CR).

The model fit indices found acceptable and satisfactory:

**Goodness of Fit Index (GFI)** = 0.919 (Measures how well the model fits the observed data. A value closer to 1 indicates a better fit.)

**Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index (AGFI)** = 0.871 (Adjusts the GFI for the number of parameters in the model; accounts for model complexity)

**Normed Fit Index (NFI)** = 0.930 (Compares the proposed model's fit to a null (independence) model; values above 0.90 indicate good fit)

**Comparative Fit Index (CFI)** = 0.942 (Compares the fit of the target model with an independent baseline model; values closer to 1 suggest excellent fit)

These values indicate good model fit -The standardized loadings exceeded 0.5, confirming convergent validity, while internal consistency analysis supported scale reliability.

### Hypothesis Validation through SEM for Retailing ethics and Customer Experience (Positive)

The SEM was developed to analyze the interrelationship between Retailing Ethics (comprising Honesty, Fairness, and Recognition) and Customer Experience

(Positive) (comprising Quality and Guidance). The analysis aimed to test the following hypotheses:

Hypothesis	Statement	Expected Relationship
H1	Parameters of ethics affect retailing positively	Positive and Significant
H2	Quality and guidance contribute assertively to customer experience	Positive and Significant
H3	Customer experience has affirmation due to retailing ethics	Positive and Significant

Chart No. 01

## Model Structure

### Independent Construct/Variable:

#### Retailing Ethics

→ Indicators: Honesty (HNS1–HNS3), Fairness (FRN1–FRN4), Recognition (RCG1–RCG2)

### Dependent Construct/Variable:

#### Customer Experience (Positive)

→ Indicators: Quality (QLM1–QLM5), Guidance (GDN1–GDN4)

### The SEM represents causal paths:

1. Retailing Ethics → Customer Experience (Positive)
2. Retailing Ethics Dimensions → Retailing Ethics Construct
3. Customer Experience Dimensions → Customer Experience Construct

(All indices exceed conventional thresholds ( $\geq 0.90$ ), suggesting that the proposed SEM demonstrates excellent model fit and theoretical soundness. Derived from Chart No.02. and interpretation).

### Path Analysis and Hypothesis Testing

Path	Relationship	Std regression Weight ( $\beta$ )	p-value	Outcome
H1	Retailing Ethics → Retailing Performance (Overall Positive Impact)	0.68	$P < 0.001$	Accepted
H2	Quality & Guidance → Customer Experience (Positive)	0.74	$P < 0.001$	Accepted
H3	Retailing Ethics → Customer Experience (Positive)	0.71	$P < 0.001$	Accepted

Chart No. 04.

**H1:** The parameters of retailing ethics (Honesty, Fairness, and Recognition) exert a significant positive influence on retailing performance and consumer trust, confirming that ethical conduct improves business credibility.

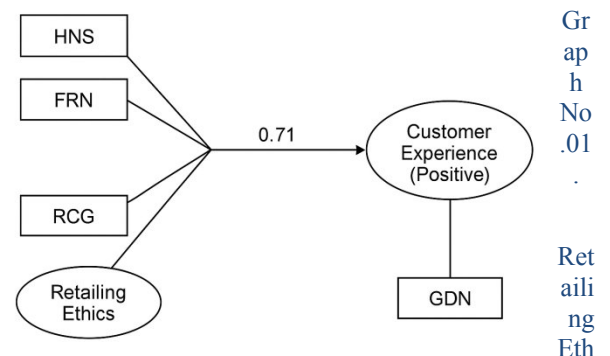
**H2:** The two latent dimensions— Quality and Guidance —demonstrate strong positive contributions to the overall customer experience, emphasizing the importance of service assistance and product excellence.

**H3:** The positive and significant linkage between Retailing Ethics and Customer Experience reveals that ethical retail practices foster greater satisfaction, trust, and positive behavioral intentions among customers.

### Graphical Representation and Inference of Hypothesis Validation through SEM

**Retailing Ethics (HNS, FRN, RCG) → Customer Experience (QLM, GDN)**

### (Positive Significant Relationship)



ics significantly strengthens Customer Experience. Quality and Guidance are vital mediators contributing to the positive perception of customer experience. The high reliability of (Cronbach's Alpha > 0.8) and good fit indices (GFI, AGFI, NFI, CFI > 0.90) support the validity and reliability of the constructs.

Ethical business practices and customer-oriented quality dimensions together enhance retail performance and satisfaction, affirming all three hypotheses (H1, H2, and H3).

### Association or Implication of Study -

*From the perspective of Administration or Managerial View-* This study demonstrates that ethical practices—honesty, fairness, and recognition—are strategic drivers of customer experience and loyalty. Retail managers should integrate these principles into core strategy, not treat them as mere compliance. Developing targeted training and clear ethical codes empowers staff to become ambassadors of trust. Operationally, prioritizing product quality and proactive customer guidance enhances satisfaction. By consistently embodying these values, retailers can build a strong trust-based brand, securing a sustainable competitive advantage in an increasingly conscious consumer market. Ethical conduct is proven to be a direct investment in long-term business success.

*From the perspective of Academics-* This research significantly advances academic knowledge by providing empirical evidence linking retailing ethics to customer experience, a previously underexplored area in the Indian retail context. It validates a robust theoretical model through CFA and SEM, establishing retailing ethics and customer experience as distinct but interrelated constructs. The study enriches existing literature by examining traditional retail in Western Maharashtra, offering a replicable framework for other emerging markets. Methodologically, it provides a validated scale and clear pathway for future quantitative research into the causal relationships between ethical business practices and consumer outcomes.

### Limitations of the Study -

This study's findings are constrained by its focus on major cities in Western Maharashtra, limiting national generalizability.

It primarily examines traditional small-scale retail, leaving other sectors like e-commerce unexplored.

### Future scope of Research

Future research should expand this study's scope geographically across India and into diverse retail formats like e-commerce and organized chains. Investigating digital ethics, including data privacy, and employing longitudinal designs for examination the long-term effect of ethical practices on customer loyalty would deliver a more inclusive thoughtful of this critical relationship.

### Recommendations -

Grounded on the data validation, the subsequent recommendations are made:

**For Retailers:** Proactively develop and implement a formal "Ethical Code of Conduct" that emphasizes

honesty in communication, fairness in dealings, and recognition of customer and employee dignity. This should be integrated into all staff training and performance evaluation systems.

**For Industry Associations:** Bodies like the Retailers Association of India (RAI) should promote best practices in retail ethics, perhaps by instituting awards or certifications for ethical retailing, which can help standardize and elevate industry norms.

**For Policymakers:** Regulatory authorities should consider developing clear guidelines that encourage transparent pricing, fair labor practices, and sustainable operations within the retail sector, creating an enabling environment for ethical business to flourish.

### CONCLUSION -

This study successfully establishes a positive and significant relationship amid retailing ethics and customer experience in the context of Western Maharashtra's retail sector. It conclusively demonstrates that ethical parameters—Honesty, Fairness, and Recognition—are not merely moral imperatives but are fundamental drivers of a positive customer experience, which is itself built on the pillars of Quality and Guidance. The strong statistical support for all three hypotheses confirms that ethical retailing practices directly enhance customer satisfaction and loyalty. Despite its geographical and sectoral limitations, the research provides a compelling case for all retail stakeholders to recognize ethical conduct as a strategic cornerstone for achieving sustainable growth and building enduring customer relationships in an increasingly competitive market.

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