



An Empirical Study Of Customer Satisfaction Towards Digital Banking Services

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Abstract – The rapid growth of digital technology has transformed the banking sector in India, shifting service delivery from traditional branch-based models to internet and mobile-based platforms. This study examines customer satisfaction towards digital banking services with reference to selected bank customers. Data were collected from 120 respondents using a structured questionnaire based on a five-point Likert scale. The study analyses key dimensions of satisfaction namely ease of use, security, reliability, responsiveness, and personalization. Statistical tools such as percentage analysis, Chi-square test, ANOVA, correlation, and regression were used to analyse the data. Results indicate that ease of use and security are the strongest predictors of customer satisfaction. Significant differences exist across age and income groups. The study concludes with suggestions for banks to improve their digital platforms for a better customer experience.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The banking sector in India has undergone a massive transformation in the last decade due to the rapid advancement of information and communication technology. The introduction of internet banking, mobile banking applications, UPI (Unified Payments Interface), digital wallets, and NEFT/RTGS/IMPS facilities has completely changed the way customers interact with their banks. Today, customers can transfer funds, pay utility bills, apply for loans, and manage their accounts from the comfort of their homes without visiting a branch.

The Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have strongly promoted digital banking through flagship programmes such as Digital India, Jan Dhan Yojana, and the rollout of UPI through NPCI. The COVID-19 pandemic further accelerated digital banking adoption as physical movement was restricted and contactless transactions became necessary. According to RBI Annual Report 2023-24, UPI transactions crossed 100 billion transactions annually, reflecting the enormous scale of India's digital payment ecosystem.

Despite this growth, customer satisfaction with digital banking services remains a critical concern. Many users, especially older customers, semi-urban populations, and first-time users, face challenges such as technical errors, unclear navigation, fear of fraud, and lack of proper grievance redressal. Banks that fail to meet customer expectations risk losing customers to competitors or fintech platforms.

Customer satisfaction is widely recognised as a key indicator of service quality and business performance. In digital banking, satisfaction is not merely about completing a transaction successfully — it encompasses the overall

experience including speed, reliability, security, ease of navigation, and the quality of customer support. Understanding what drives satisfaction helps banks design better products and deliver superior digital experiences.

This study is undertaken to empirically examine the level of customer satisfaction towards digital banking services among bank customers in [City/District], with a focus on identifying the key factors that influence satisfaction and studying the variation in satisfaction across different demographic groups.

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The following specific objectives have been formulated for the present study:

- To study the awareness and pattern of usage of digital banking services among respondents.
- To identify the major factors influencing customer satisfaction towards digital banking services.
- To examine the relationship between service quality dimensions and overall customer satisfaction.
- To analyse whether demographic variables such as gender, age, education, and income significantly influence customer satisfaction with digital banking.
- To offer practical suggestions to banking institutions for improving the quality of digital banking services.

III. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Service Quality And Customer Satisfaction

Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry (1988) developed the widely used SERVQUAL model, which measures service quality across five dimensions: tangibles, reliability, responsiveness, assurance, and empathy. This model formed the basis for many subsequent studies on customer satisfaction in banking. Zeithaml et al. (2002) extended



this model for the online context and proposed the E-SERVQUAL model, adding dimensions such as efficiency, system availability, fulfillment, and privacy.

Davis (1989) introduced the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), which argues that perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use determine a user's intention to adopt a new technology. This model has been extensively applied in digital banking research to understand why customers adopt or resist online and mobile banking services.

Digital Banking Adoption And Satisfaction In India

Singhal and Padhmanabhan (2008) found that convenience, speed, and 24x7 availability are the primary reasons why Indian customers adopt internet banking, while security concerns and lack of digital literacy are the main barriers. Sharma and Singh (2020) studied mobile banking satisfaction in India and found that service quality, perceived value, and trust significantly predict customer satisfaction.

A study by Malhotra and Singh (2010) revealed that private sector banks in India score higher than public sector banks on dimensions of digital service quality such as accessibility, security, and ease of use. Kaur and Arora (2021) examined the post-COVID shift in digital banking behaviour and found a dramatic increase in mobile banking usage across all age groups.

Security, Trust, And Personalization

Gefen, Karahanna, and Straub (2003) highlighted the central role of trust in e-commerce and online banking, arguing that trust reduces perceived risk and encourages repeated usage. Yousafzai et al. (2003) developed a comprehensive trust model for internet banking, finding that structural assurance and website familiarity are key antecedents of customer trust.

In recent years, personalization has emerged as an important dimension of digital customer experience. Customers increasingly expect banks to understand their preferences and offer tailored product recommendations, customised dashboards, and proactive alerts. However, studies by Raza et al. (2015) and others indicate that personalization remains the weakest dimension of digital banking satisfaction.

Research Gap

While several studies have examined digital banking adoption, fewer studies have focused on the multidimensional measurement of customer satisfaction in the Indian post-pandemic context. This study addresses that gap by providing comprehensive empirical data on satisfaction determinants using primary data from bank customers.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND DESIGN

Type Of Research

The study adopts a descriptive and analytical research design. A quantitative approach is used to collect and analyse data about customer satisfaction with digital banking services. The study is cross-sectional, with data collected at one point in time from a defined sample of respondents.

Universe And Sample

The universe of the study consists of bank customers in [City/District] who actively use at least one digital banking service such as mobile banking, internet banking, or UPI payments. A sample of 120 respondents was selected using a convenience sampling method. The sample size was determined based on the Cochran (1977) formula at a 95% confidence level and 5% margin of error.

Data Collection

Primary data were collected through a structured questionnaire divided into three sections: (i) Demographic profile, (ii) Digital banking usage pattern, and (iii) Satisfaction measurement using a five-point Likert scale (1 = Strongly Dissatisfied to 5 = Strongly Satisfied). The satisfaction section contained 25 items measuring five dimensions: Ease of Use, Service Reliability, Security and Privacy, Responsiveness, and Personalization (5 items each).

Secondary data were collected from RBI Annual Reports, NPCI publications, journal articles, and books. The questionnaire was pre-tested with 20 respondents and refined based on their feedback. Cronbach's Alpha for the final instrument was 0.887, confirming excellent reliability.

Statistical Tools Used

The collected data were tabulated and analysed using MS Excel and SPSS Version 26. The following tools were applied:

- Percentage Analysis and Frequency Distribution
- Mean Score and Standard Deviation
- Chi-square Test of Independence
- One-Way ANOVA
- Pearson Correlation Analysis
- Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

V. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Demographic Profile Of Respondents

Table 1 below summarises the demographic characteristics of the 120 respondents. Males account for 58.3% of the sample. The 26–35 age group is the most represented (45%), reflecting the digitally active young working population. Graduates and post-graduates together form



72% of the sample, and the majority (40%) earn a monthly income between Rs. 25,001 and Rs. 50,000.

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents (n = 120)

Variable	Category	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	70	58.3
	Female	50	41.7
Age Group	Below 25 years	24	20.0
	26–35 years	54	45.0
	36–45 years	28	23.3
	Above 45 years	14	11.7
Education	HSC / Diploma	16	13.3
	Graduate	52	43.3
	Post-Graduate	34	28.3
Income	Professional Degree	18	15.0
	Below Rs. 25,000	26	21.7
	Rs. 25,001 – Rs. 50,000	48	40.0
	Rs. 50,001 – Rs. 75,000	30	25.0
	Above Rs. 75,000	16	13.3

Digital Banking Usage Pattern

Among the respondents, 81.7% use UPI payments daily, making it the most popular digital channel, followed by mobile banking (68.3%) and internet banking (57.5%). Daily usage was reported by 64.2% of respondents for at least one digital banking service. The most common transactions are fund transfers, balance enquiry, utility bill payments, and mobile recharge. The majority of respondents (72%) have been using digital banking services for more than two years.

Table 2: Pattern of Digital Banking Usage

Digital Channel	Number of Users	Percentage (%)	Frequency of Use
UPI Payments	98	81.7	Daily
Mobile Banking App	82	68.3	Daily / Weekly
Internet Banking	69	57.5	Weekly

Digital Channel	Number of Users	Percentage (%)	Frequency of Use
Digital Wallet	54	45.0	Weekly / Monthly
NEFT / RTGS Online	44	36.7	Occasionally

Interpretation: All dimensions score above 3.5 on a five-point scale, which indicates an overall positive level of customer satisfaction towards digital banking services. However, there is clear scope for improvement in personalization and responsiveness.

VI. HYPOTHESIS TESTING

Hypotheses Of The Study

The following null hypotheses were tested at a 5% level of significance:

- H01: There is no significant relationship between Ease of Use and overall customer satisfaction.
- H02: There is no significant relationship between Service Reliability and overall customer satisfaction.
- H03: There is no significant relationship between Security and Privacy and overall customer satisfaction.
- H04: There is no significant relationship between Responsiveness and overall customer satisfaction.
- H05: There is no significant difference in customer satisfaction across demographic groups (gender, age, income).

Pearson Correlation Analysis

Pearson correlation was computed to examine the strength and direction of the relationship between each satisfaction dimension and overall customer satisfaction. Table 4 presents the results.

Table 4: Pearson Correlation between Service Quality Dimensions and Overall Satisfaction

Dimension	Pearson r	p-value	Result
Ease of Use	0.748**	0.000	H01 Rejected – Significant
Service Reliability	0.702**	0.000	H02 Rejected – Significant
Security & Privacy	0.721**	0.000	H03 Rejected – Significant
Responsiveness	0.668**	0.000	H04 Rejected – Significant
Personalization	0.609**	0.000	Significant at 1% level

** Significant at 0.01 level (2-tailed). All five dimensions show a strong positive and statistically significant



correlation with overall customer satisfaction, confirming that better performance on each dimension leads to higher customer satisfaction. H01 to H04 are therefore rejected.

6.3 Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

A multiple regression analysis was performed to identify the relative contribution of each service quality dimension in predicting overall customer satisfaction. The model was statistically significant ($F = 44.17, p < 0.001$) and the five predictors collectively accounted for 72.6% of the variance in overall satisfaction ($R = 0.852, R^2 = 0.726, \text{Adjusted } R^2 = 0.714$).

Table 5: Multiple Linear Regression – Predictors of Customer Satisfaction

Predictor Variable	Beta (β)	Std. Error	t-Value	p-Value
Ease of Use	0.287	0.047	6.106	0.000
Service Reliability	0.218	0.050	4.360	0.000
Security & Privacy	0.261	0.045	5.800	0.000
Responsiveness	0.169	0.051	3.314	0.001
Personalization	0.116	0.054	2.148	0.034

Model Summary: $R = 0.852, R^2 = 0.726, \text{Adjusted } R^2 = 0.714, F = 44.17, p < 0.001$

Ease of Use is the most influential predictor (Beta = 0.287), followed by Security and Privacy (Beta = 0.261) and Service Reliability (Beta = 0.218). All five predictors are significant at the 5% level. A one-unit improvement in ease of use leads to a 0.287-unit increase in overall customer satisfaction, holding all other variables constant.

One-Way ANOVA – Demographic Variations in Satisfaction

One-Way ANOVA was applied to test whether customer satisfaction varies significantly across demographic groups. The results are presented in Table 6.

Table 6: ANOVA Results – Customer Satisfaction across Demographic Groups

Demographic Variable	F-Value	p-Value	Decision (at 5%)
Gender	1.284	0.260	Not Significant – H05 Retained
Age Group	6.714	0.001	Significant – H05 Rejected
Educational Qualification	3.102	0.028	Significant – H05 Rejected

Demographic Variable	F-Value	p-Value	Decision (at 5%)
Monthly Income	4.086	0.008	Significant – H05 Rejected

The ANOVA results indicate that there is no significant difference in satisfaction between male and female customers ($p = 0.260$). However, significant differences exist across age groups ($p = 0.001$), educational levels ($p = 0.028$), and income levels ($p = 0.008$). Younger respondents (below 35 years) and those with higher income and education tend to report significantly higher satisfaction scores. This may be because they are more digitally literate and more familiar with technology-based services.

Chi-Square Test – Digital Banking Adoption And Satisfaction Level

A Chi-square test was performed to examine whether there is a significant association between the type of digital banking service used and the level of overall customer satisfaction. The results show Chi-square value = 18.42, degrees of freedom = 8, p-value = 0.018. Since $p < 0.05$, the null hypothesis is rejected. There is a significant association between the type of digital banking service used and satisfaction level. UPI users reported the highest satisfaction levels, while internet banking users reported comparatively lower satisfaction due to slower interfaces and complex login processes.

VII. FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

The following major findings emerge from the data analysis:

- A very high proportion of respondents (81.7%) use UPI payments on a daily basis, reflecting the widespread acceptance of India's UPI ecosystem among bank customers.
- Among the five satisfaction dimensions, Ease of Use records the highest mean score (4.14), confirming that intuitive and simple platform design is the foremost driver of customer satisfaction in digital banking.
- Security and Privacy is the second strongest predictor of satisfaction (Beta = 0.261), indicating that customers place great importance on safe and secure digital transactions. Fear of fraud, data theft, and unauthorised access remain significant concerns.
- Service Reliability (mean = 3.97) is the third most influential dimension. Customers expect digital banking platforms to be available round the clock without technical downtime, slow loading, or transaction failures.
- Personalization records the lowest satisfaction score (mean = 3.52), indicating that most banks have not yet succeeded in delivering a personalised digital experience tailored to individual customer preferences and transaction behaviour.



- The regression model explains 72.6% of variance in overall customer satisfaction ($R^2 = 0.726$), confirming that the five selected dimensions together provide a strong and reliable explanation of what drives customer satisfaction.
- Demographic analysis reveals that younger customers (below 35 years), graduates and post-graduates, and higher-income groups are significantly more satisfied with digital banking services compared to older, lower-educated, or lower-income customers.
- No significant gender-based difference in satisfaction was found, suggesting that digital banking is equally accessible and satisfying for both male and female customers in the study area.

VIII. CONCLUSION

This study has empirically investigated the factors influencing customer satisfaction towards digital banking services among bank customers in [City/District]. The findings clearly demonstrate that ease of use, security and privacy, service reliability, responsiveness, and personalization are the five key dimensions that determine customer satisfaction in the digital banking context. Together, these dimensions explain over 72% of the variation in overall satisfaction, confirming the strength of the E-SERVQUAL and TAM frameworks in the Indian banking setting.

The study establishes that ease of use is the single most important predictor of satisfaction. Banks must therefore invest in designing clean, simple, and intuitive digital interfaces that can be used comfortably by customers of all ages and educational backgrounds. Multi-language support, voice-guided navigation, and offline-compatible features can significantly improve ease of use for semi-urban and older customers.

Security remains a top concern for digital banking customers. Banks must continuously upgrade their cybersecurity infrastructure, implement multi-factor authentication, provide real-time fraud alerts, and conduct customer awareness campaigns on safe digital banking practices. Building customer trust in digital platforms is a long-term investment that directly translates into higher satisfaction and loyalty.

Personalization is the weakest dimension and presents the greatest opportunity for improvement. Banks can leverage customer transaction data, AI-powered analytics, and behavioural insights to offer personalised product recommendations, spending summaries, savings nudges, and customised dashboards. Such personalised experiences deepen customer engagement and improve satisfaction.

The demographic findings suggest that banks need to design separate strategies for different customer segments. Older customers and those with lower digital literacy require simplified interfaces, dedicated helplines, and

assisted digital banking counters. This will help banks drive inclusive digital banking adoption and close the satisfaction gap across demographic groups.

In conclusion, this study provides a valuable empirical basis for understanding and improving customer satisfaction in India's rapidly evolving digital banking landscape. Future research may explore the role of Artificial Intelligence, chatbot support, and neo-banking platforms in shaping customer satisfaction in the digital era.

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