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The importance of brand localisation is clear. Any retail brand entering a new market must adapt locally.

PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA, May 3, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The significance of brand localisation needs no special elaboration. Every retail brand coming from the outside and seeking to establish itself in a local market must localise. In the context of a very specific local or neighbourhood market, the word 'localisation' is replaced with the word 'hyperlocalisation'. Even companies with extensive resources find it challenging



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to hyper-localise themselves as local brands. In this communiqué, <u>retail consultants</u> of YRC explain these challenges and four retail hyper-localisation strategies for simultaneous use as per applicability.



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In the case of many retail product categories like <u>FMCG</u>, apparel, footwear, furniture, and gardening to name a few, retail brands and businesses must align their merchandising strategies with the nature of demand in local markets. The nature of these adjustments varies

across different product categories. For example, a retailer dealing with gardening products will have to make alterations in their offerings across individual stores depending on the city or locality from where it is operating. In cosmopolitan cities, where space is a huge constraint, people usually go for terrace or balcony gardens. In such cities or localities, small, indoor plants are in higher demand. By making the right products available, retail brands and businesses can achieve localisation or hyper-localisation.

Advertising and promotional efforts are targeted at existing and potential customers. This simple principle also applies when a retail brand is catering to a specific, neighbourhood base of customers. While it helps in the initial stages to be a big brand and the name appearing on advertising and promotional copies, the brand name alone cannot comFMCGpensate for too long for any shortcoming in resonating with the concerned base of customers. In advertising and promotion, this resonance is required in local SEO, content, social media management, website design and UX, discounts, membership schemes, and every other area of marketing promotions where localisation is possible for more effective results.

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Why personalisation works at any level is also why personalisation works at the hyper-local level. Popular strategies for retail personalisation include:

- Personalised loyalty programs
- · Exclusive offers and discounts
- · Early access, VIP privileges
- · Improvisations in shopping journeys (derived from buying behaviour)
- Location-based personalisation
- · Working on user-generated content like feedback, reviews, comments, etc.

While implementing personalisation strategies, it is important to keep local expectations in mind. For example, in improvising shopping journeys of customers derived from their past buying behaviour, utmost care is necessary to ensure that the efforts do not amount to a violation of privacy rights. It also applies when responding to reviews and comments on social media. This can be achieved by framing clustered policies and strategies rather than individualising them. Done right, personalisation helps create a localised brand persona.

Operations planning plays an instrumental role in hyper-localisation. It is important to align operations with local market conditions. It helps respond better to the requirements in the immediate environment. This is a fundamental requirement known to people of all trades and professions. For example, fishermen go at dawn for fishing. One of the reasons for this is that fish come to the surface of water during dawn. Before midday, fishermen are done with selling their finds. Everything else is arranged around this phenomenon. Customers, local retailers, and distributors also know that the best time to buy fish is early in the morning. Hyper-localising operations planning helps fit better with the local market conditions. This enables functioning as a localised brand or business. Retail store SOPs are highly recommended for success at hyper-localisation.

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