

1 in 2 Rural Homes Lack Piped Water: Aroscop Study Reveals What It Means for the Indian Soap Market?

New report decodes rural India's evolving hygiene habits and provides a strategic blueprint for long-term brand success

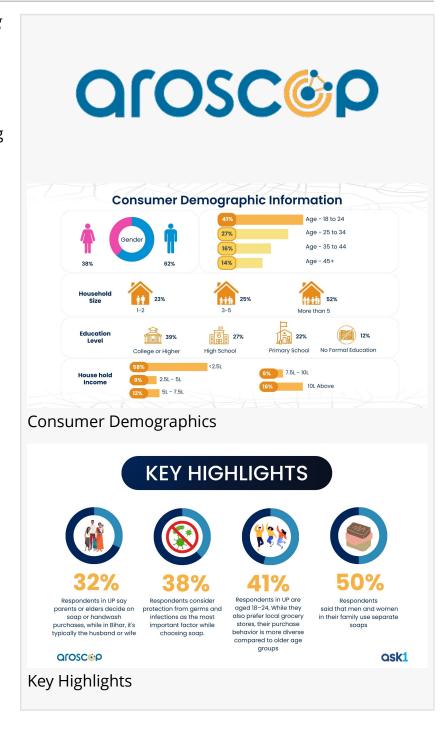
BENGALURU, KARNATAKA, INDIA, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Leading advertising intelligence firm Aroscop has released a new study titled "Rural Consumer Insights: Soap Buyers' Preferences and Perceptions", shedding light on how evolving consumer behavior is shaping the future of hygiene consumption in India's heartland.

The research, conducted across rural India, uncovers critical patterns in household decision-making and retail behavior that can help marketers craft more targeted, efficient, and future-ready rural strategies.

"This isn't just a snapshot of rural purchase behaviour, it's a signal of where the market is headed," said Kumar Ramamurthy, Chief Marketing Officer at Aroscop. "Stakeholders who adapt to these shifts today will be the ones who stay relevant tomorrow."

Key takeaways include:

 Household decision-making varies significantly by region:



In Uttar Pradesh, soap purchase decisions are largely influenced by parents or elders (32%), whereas in Bihar, spouses take the lead (31%). Notably, children in Bihar (26%) are nearly as influential as elders (25%), suggesting a more balanced, intergenerational role in household decision-making within the state.

- Young consumers display broader retail engagement:

While local kirana or grocery stores remain the dominant purchase channel across age groups in both states, younger consumers aged 18–24 exhibit a more diversified buying pattern. In UP, they frequent medical shops (28%) and weekend markets (18%), and a similar trend appears in Bihar (21% and 19%, respectively), underscoring their varied exposure to retail environments.

Beyond helping brands decide which products to push, this report provides actionable insights into audience segmentation, pricing strategies, and distribution planning, including how to position multipacks, leverage household dynamics, and design hygiene awareness campaigns for low-literacy populations.

Aroscop: Turning Rural Insights into Actionable Growth

Aroscop partners with brands to translate deep consumer insights into effective rural marketing strategies. Its expertise in hyperlocal advertising allows brands to reach precise village-level audiences with tailored messaging, maximizing relevance while minimizing media wastage. By combining market intelligence with scalable execution, Aroscop enables brands to craft region-specific campaigns that speak to local needs, preferences, and behaviors. To explore the <u>full report</u> or plan your next rural campaign, visit <u>www.aroscop.com</u>.

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