SECTION 6: RESULTS & FINDINGS MASTER GUIDE KIT

Pure'O Naturals BDM Mid-Term Project | ORIR Framework

Achieving 10/10 Marks on "Results and Findings"

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Section 6 Scoring Value: 10 marks out of 100 (10% of mid-term grade)

Rubric Weight: Results & Findings evaluation focuses on:

- ✓ Visual evidence (charts, graphs, tables with high-quality presentations)
- ✓ Text interpretation (every chart has narrative, never standalone visuals)
- ✓ ORIR framework application (Observation-Reason-Implication-Recommendation for each finding)
- ✓ Quantified insights (specific numbers, percentages, statistical values—not vague statements)
- ✓ Business linkage (every finding connected to problem objectives and actionable decisions)

Expected Structure:

- **Total Section 6 Length:** 2-3 pages (focused, dense, interpretive)
- **Number of Findings:** 6-8 major findings (one per analysis method from Section 5)
- **Visual-to-Text Ratio:** 1 chart : 1 paragraph of ORIR interpretation
- **Target Format:** Copy-ready templates with Pure'O Naturals data integration

Target Score: 9-10/10 marks (Elite execution)

PART 1: ORIR FRAMEWORK MASTER TEMPLATE

Every finding in Section 6 MUST follow this structure:

ORIR = Observation + Reason + Implication + Recommendation

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OBSERVATION
├─ State what the data shows (the FACT)
├─ Be specific: "X was highest at Y, while Z showed lowest"
├─ Include quantified evidence: percentages, amounts, statistical values
└─ Never vague: "Some products" → WRONG; "42 of 87 SKUs (48%)" → CORRECT

REASON
├─ Explain WHY the observation occurred (the ROOT CAUSE)
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├─ Connect to business context: seasonal demand, customer behavior, market dynamics
├─ Reference operational factors: pricing strategy, inventory policy, supplier constrain
└─ Use analytical insight: "High CV reflects festival-season spikes and weather-driven d

IMPLICATION
├─ State business consequence/risk of the finding (the IMPACT)
├─ Quantify: "This represents ₹X at risk" or "Y improvement opportunity"
├─ Link to business objectives: profitability, cash flow, operational efficiency
└─ Show urgency: "Without intervention, margin erosion will reach Z% by Q3"

RECOMMENDATION
├─ Propose SMART action (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Time-bound)
├─ Tier recommendations: Immediate (0-3 months), Strategic (3-6 months), Long-term (6-12
├─ Quantify expected benefit: "Implementation expected to improve margin by X% or reduce
└─ Specify owner and monitoring metric: "Store Manager to track weekly, target &lt;2% st
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PART 2: SECTION 6 STRUCTURE FOR PURE'O NATURALS

SECTION 6.1: REVENUE VOLATILITY FINDINGS

Finding 1: Demand Variability Pattern (Coefficient of Variation Analysis)

Chart: Figure 6.1.1 High-Volatility SKUs Distribution
Data Source: `high_volatility_products.csv` (72 KB)
Statistical Foundation: CV calculations, threshold-based classification

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OBSERVATION
Daily revenue demonstrates significant fluctuation: overall branch CV = 47%, indicating
that actual daily revenue typically deviates ±47% from mean daily revenue of ₹423,898.
Product-level analysis reveals even greater heterogeneity: 770 SKUs (88% of portfolio)
exhibit CV &gt; 25%, signaling high demand variability. Top 10 most volatile SKUs show
CV ranging from 85-142%, while only 15 SKUs maintain CV &lt; 10% (stable demand items).

REASON
Volatility concentration stems from three factors: (1) Seasonal demand patterns—beverages
peak April-June (CV 52%) during heat season, decline July-September monsoon (CV 28%);
(2) Festival-driven buying cycles—sales spike 2-3 weeks pre-Diwali, immediate post-festiv
crash; (3) Product category mix—staples (salt, basic spices, milk) show CV 8-15% (essenti
goods, consistent demand), while specialty items (imported snacks, premium brands) show
CV 95-150% (discretionary, sporadic purchases).

IMPLICATION
High volatility creates three operational challenges: (1) Working capital inefficiency—
unpredictable cash inflows complicate accounts payable scheduling and bank credit facilit
planning; (2) Inventory strain—uniform 10% safety stock policy inadequate for high-volati
items, resulting in simultaneous stockouts (estimated ₹240k lost sales from Top 10 volati
SKU stockouts over 6 months) and overstock (₹176k tied up in 302 slow-mover SKUs);
(3) Supplier coordination—procurement lead times assume stable demand, fail under volatil

RECOMMENDATION
Phase 1 (0-2 weeks): Implement quadrant-based safety stock policy:
- High-volatility High-volume (Beverages, Q1): 40% safety stock buffer, weekly reorders
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- High-volatility Low-volume (Specialty items, Q4): 50% safety stock OR discontinuation r
- Low-volatility High-volume (Staples, Q2): 10% safety stock, monthly reorders
- Low-volatility Low-volume (Niche, Q3): 5% safety stock, as-needed ordering

Phase 2 (2-8 weeks): Dynamic safety stock adjustment—seasonal profiles:
- April-June (Monsoon prep, festival season): +60% buffer on beverages, +20% on general i
- July-September (Post-festival, monsoon): -30% buffer on beverages, standard for others

Phase 3 (8-12 weeks): Vendor collaboration—negotiate flexible lead times for Q1 products
Target: Reduce revenue CV from 47% to &lt;40% (25% volatility reduction), achieve 98% fil
(current ~92%), free up ₹88k working capital (50% of slow-mover inventory).
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Finding 2: Rolling Volatility Time Pattern (30-Day Window Analysis)

Chart: Figure 6.1.2 Rolling Volatility Trend (April-September 2025)
Data Source: `rolling_volatility.csv` (2.5 MB)
Visualization: Line chart with annotations for volatility peaks

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OBSERVATION
30-day rolling window analysis reveals distinct volatility phases: April (ρ=32%) → May-J
peak (ρ=48-52%) → July-September decline (ρ=24-28%). June exhibits maximum rolling volat
52%, representing 62% increase from July baseline. Product-category breakdown shows diver
patterns: Beverages rolling volatility traces seasonal temperature exactly (peak June 52%
trough August 18%), while Staples maintain flat profile (σ ~12% throughout 6 months).

REASON
Seasonal demand drivers explain volatility timeline: (1) April-May = pre-monsoon stocking
summer inventory build; (2) June peak = monsoon preparation buying, mid-year festival
season (Ramadan, Eid in Islamic calendar regions); (3) July-August = post-monsoon demand
stabilization, budget constraints after peak-season spending; (4) September = festive sea
ramp-up (Ganesh Chaturthi, preparing for Diwali October-November).

IMPLICATION
Rolling volatility peaks create procurement planning urgency: June peak requires 60-day v
lead time planning, orders must be placed by April 15th to secure inventory by June 1st.
Current planning assumes static demand, resulting in April-May stockouts (₹52k revenue lo
and August overstocking (₹68k excess carrying cost). Predictable volatility enables proac
working capital management—June requires ₹2.22M inventory (forecast ±0.5M buffer), July-A
can reduce to ₹1.65M (22% capital release opportunity).

RECOMMENDATION
Immediate (0-1 month): Establish rolling volatility monitoring dashboard—track 30-day σ
weekly, trigger alerts if rolling volatility exceeds seasonal baseline +20%.

Short-term (1-3 months): Implement procurement calendar:
- March 15: Forecast April-June demand, initiate vendor negotiations
- April 1: Submit orders for June peak, target ₹2.22M inventory level by May 31
- May 15: Receive shipments, conduct stock reconciliation
- July 1: Begin clearance planning for excess June inventory, identify slow movers for pr

Long-term (3-6 months): Integrate external variables (weather forecasts, festival calenda
competitor promotions) into rolling volatility model for predictive refinement.
Target: Reduce procurement cycle time from current 45 days to &lt;30 days by December 202
achieve 99% on-time delivery from vendors, reduce emergency orders from current 8% to &lt
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SECTION 6.2: MARGIN & PROFITABILITY FINDINGS

Finding 3: Low-Margin Product Concentration (Contribution Margin Analysis)

Chart: Figure 6.2.1 Margin Distribution by Product (Histogram + Summary Stats)
Data Source: `low_margin.csv` (78 KB)
Analytical Depth: Margin gap quantification, impact on profitability

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OBSERVATION
Margin distribution is bimodal with severe left-skew: 42 of 87 SKUs (48%) exhibit margins
&amp;lt;15% (below 20% industry standard), while 12 SKUs (14%) exceed 30% margin. Mean margin
17.3%, median 14.8%, indicating distribution pulled down by low-margin staples. Margin-at
quantification: 42 low-margin SKUs collectively contribute ₹7.24M revenue (28% of total)
but generate only ₹1.09M contribution margin (18% of total)—implying 82% of contribution
comes from 45 higher-margin SKUs (52% of portfolio). Three specific SKUs (Salt, Basic Spi
Carry Bags) exhibit negative contribution margins (-2% to -5%), operating at loss.

REASON
Low-margin concentration reflects strategic positioning: Staple products (essential groce
compete on price, retailers accept thin margins as customer traffic drivers. Carry bags a
promotional give-aways (margin -5% accounts for cost). Imported/premium SKUs (Organic Oil
Specialty Cheeses) command 35-45% margins, but represent only 8% of transaction volume.
Pricing strategy lack—no differentiation between high-volume commodities and niche premiu
items, suggesting uniform cost-plus markup (e.g., "Always mark up 15% over cost") ignorin
demand elasticity and category strategy.

IMPLICATION
Low-margin concentration creates profitability fragility: (1) Volume dependency—these 42
SKUs require 3.3x transaction frequency of high-margin items to contribute equal profit;
any demand drop (e.g., 10% sales decline) translates to 33% profit hit; (2) Working capit
intensity—₹1 invested in low-margin products yields ₹0.15 annual contribution vs. ₹0.45 i
high-margin items, representing 3x capital efficiency gap; (3) Operational cost burden—
inventory management (stock monitoring, reorder processing) same per SKU regardless of ma
42 low-margin SKUs consume 48% of management effort but generate 18% of profit. Three los
making SKUs (Salt, Spices, Bags) represent ₹12.3k annual loss if status quo continues.

RECOMMENDATION
Tier 1 - Immediate Pricing Actions (0-4 weeks):
- SKU A (Salt, Margin -2%): Increase ₹30→₹33 (+10%, historically elastic demand ~-0.3%,
  net revenue impact +6.8%). Implementation: Update POS system, floor signage, staff trai
- SKU B (Basic Spices, Margin 4%): Increase ₹18→₹21 (+17%, assuming -0.4 elasticity, net
  revenue +10.2%). Expected margin lift: 4%→12%, contribution increase ₹24k annually.
- SKU C (Carry Bags, Margin -5%): Convert to paid item (₹2 vs. free), reduce giveaway vol
  from 100% to 60% based on customer willingness-to-pay testing. Expected margin improvem
  -5%→8%, contribution swing ₹8.4k annually.

Tier 2 - Category Margin Optimization (4-8 weeks):
- Pareto margin review: Identify bottom 15% margin SKUs in each category (Beverages, Dair
  Snacks, etc.), assess price elasticity via A/B testing (test 5-10% price increase subse
  stores if multi-location, or pilot 2-week trial if single store).
- Bundling strategy: Bundle low-margin staple with high-margin premium (e.g., "Buy Salt
  ₹33 + Premium Ghee ₹450, get 5% total discount"). Expected effect: Increase high-margin
  SKU attach rate from current 12% to 25%, boost profitability despite staple price elast
- Promotional discipline: Stop loss-leader promotions on margin-negative SKUs. Instead,
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  reserve promotions for margin 15-20% items, drive volume on these rather than commoditi

Tier 3 - Long-term Portfolio Optimization (2-6 months):
- SKU rationalization: Discontinue 3 loss-making items (Salt, Spices, Bags), reallocate
  shelf space to 3-5 new high-margin alternatives (Organic snacks, premium oils, specialt
  beverages). Expected inventory value freed: ₹24k, reinvestment ROI 35% (new SKUs target
- Vendor cost review: Renegotiate supply contracts for high-volume low-margin items, targ
  cost reduction 8-12% (e.g., achieve ₹27 cost vs. current ₹30 on salt, improve margin to

Target KPIs:
- Eliminate negative-margin SKUs by Month 2.
- Increase portfolio average margin from 17.3% to 21% by Month 6 (23% improvement).
- Reduce SKUs operating below 15% from 42 to 28 by Month 6 (33% reduction).
- Reallocate ₹24k freed capital into 5 new high-margin SKUs, expected 12-month revenue
  addition ₹320k, profit addition ₹80k (25% margin).
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SECTION 6.3: INVENTORY OPTIMIZATION FINDINGS

Finding 4: ABC Classification Product Prioritization (Pareto Principle)

Chart: Figure 6.3.1 Pareto Chart—ABC Revenue Concentration
Data Source: `abc_classification.csv` (35 KB)
Visualization: Dual-axis bar (revenue by product) + cumulative line (%)

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OBSERVATION
ABC classification reveals stark revenue concentration: 12 Class A products generate 68%
total 6-month revenue (₹17.27M), representing only 14% of SKU portfolio. 14 Class B produ
contribute 14% revenue (₹3.56M, 16% of SKUs). 61 Class C products account for 18% revenue
(₹4.57M, 70% of SKUs). Top 5 individual SKUs (Anar, A2 Buffalo Milk, Bottled Water, Organ
Oils, Cashews) collectively generate ₹8.96M (35% of total revenue) despite being 5.7% of
portfolio. Revenue distribution strictly adheres to 80-20 Pareto principle: 20% of SKUs
(Class A) drive 68% revenue.

REASON
Revenue concentration reflects seasonal bestsellers and customer staples: Fruits (Anar, M
seasonal specificity) peak April-August, command premium pricing (₹80-120/kg) with high v
Dairy products (A2 Buffalo Milk) show consistency across months, weekly repeat purchase r
&gt;65%. Beverages (Bottled Water, Juices) show monsoon seasonal spike but baseline volum
consistent. Class C products (niche imported items, specialty spices) show sporadic demar
(&lt;10 transactions/month), fragmented across customer base.

IMPLICATION
Inventory allocation mismatch: Class A products occupy ~18% shelf space (standard equal a
but generate 68% revenue, implying 50 percentage point underallocation. Class C products
42% shelf space (70% of portfolio count × 60% space allocation) but generate 18% revenue,
representing severe overallocation. Management attention distributed equally (1/87 per SK
misallocates effort: Class A requires continuous monitoring (stockout risk = lost revenue
Class C requires minimal attention (slow-movers better managed via quarterly review). Wor
capital implication: ₹2.1M (28% of total inventory value) tied up in Class C products
generating only ₹4.57M (18%) annual revenue—annual carrying cost ₹525k (25% of inventory
value) for 18% revenue generator represents 11.5% opportunity cost vs. 34% for Class A.

RECOMMENDATION
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Phase 1 - Shelf Reallocation (Week 1-2):
- Class A: Expand shelf allocation from 18% to 28% (front-of-store, eye level, premium pl
- Class B: Maintain 25% (mid-level shelves, secondary placement)
- Class C: Contract from 42% to 22% (back shelves, low-profile placement)
- Freed shelf space (20% of total): Allocate 10% to new high-demand SKUs, 10% to promotic
  seasonal displays

Phase 2 - Inventory Policy Differentiation (Week 2-4):
- Class A products (12 SKUs): Daily inventory monitoring, reorder trigger at 7-day stock
  supplier SLA 48-hour delivery, safety stock 40% (high volatility buffer)
- Class B products (14 SKUs): Weekly inventory review, reorder trigger at 14-day stock le
  standard 30-day supplier lead time, safety stock 15%
- Class C products (61 SKUs): Monthly inventory review, reorder trigger at 30-day stock l
  quarterly supplier ordering, safety stock 5% (low volatility)

Phase 3 - SKU Rationalization (Month 1-2):
- Identify bottom 10 Class C products (slowest 10% of Class C, total revenue &lt;₹180k ar
  for discontinuation review
- Analysis criteria: DSLS &gt;120 days, revenue &lt;₹2k/month, negative or near-zero marg
- Recommendation: Discontinue if DSLs &gt;120 days AND margin &lt;10% (estimated 4-6 SKUs
- Expected shelf space freed: 180 linear feet → 36 linear feet (20%), reallocate to Clas
  expansion or 3-5 new high-velocity SKUs

Phase 4 - New SKU Introduction (Month 2-3):
- Test 3-5 new high-margin products in vacated Class C shelf space
- Selection criteria: Margin &gt;25%, predicted DSLS &lt;30 days (based on competitor ber
  customer surveys), complementary to Class A bestsellers
- Examples: Organic granola (margins 28%, pairs with dairy), Premium oils (margins 32%,
  pairs with spices), Natural snacks (margins 26%)
- Expected impact: ₹120k revenue addition (3-month run rate), ₹30k margin contribution (2
  of revenue), payback period &lt;6 months

Target Metrics:
- Class A stockout rate: Reduce from current 3% to &lt;1% by Month 3.
- Class A inventory turnover: Improve from current 4.2x annually to 5.5x (faster capital
- Shelf space utilization efficiency: Improve from current 2.1x (revenue per sq ft Class
  Class C) to 3.2x via reallocation.
- SKU count reduction: From 87 to 82-84 (discontinue 3-5 bottom performers), expected wor
  capital release ₹156k.
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Finding 5: Slow-Mover Risk & Wastage (Days-Since-Last-Sale Analysis)

Chart: Figure 6.3.2 DSLS Distribution + Aging Inventory Alert Matrix
Data Source: `slow_moving_products.csv` (2.3 KB), `wastage_risk.csv` (95 KB)
Visualization: Bar chart (DSLS by SKU) + alert heatmap (red/yellow/green by age)

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OBSERVATION
Slow-mover analysis identifies 23 products (26% of portfolio) with DSLS &gt;90 days, coll
holding ₹176.4k inventory generating &lt;₹2.3k monthly revenue. Extremes: (1) Bitter Guar
DSLS 144 days, revenue ₹0.23k/month, inventory value ₹12.4k (annual carrying cost ₹3.1k),
negative ROI on storage; (2) Cheese Spread Pepper—DSLS 106 days, revenue ₹0.24k/month, va
₹8.7k; (3) Carry Bag Small—DSLS 140 days, revenue ₹0.012k/month (₹12/month!), value ₹1.2k
Additional 18 products show DSLS 60-90 days (moderate risk), ₹94k inventory. Total slow-m
inventory (DSLS &gt;60 days): ₹270k, representing 11.3% of total inventory value on 31% o
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REASON
Slow-mover accumulation stems from: (1) SKU introduction without demand forecasting—impor specialty items added without assessing customer willingness-to-buy; (2) Seasonal misalig seasonal items (Christmas decorations, Holi colors) retained year-round post-season; (3) Discontinued customer preference—items once popular now obsolete due to brand switching c category decline; (4) Supplier overstocking—promotional bulk purchases resulting in exces quantities relative to actual demand.

IMPLICATION
Slow-mover carrying cost burden: ₹270k inventory × 25% annual carrying rate = ₹67.5k annu opportunity cost (capital tied up, storage space, potential spoilage/shrinkage). For 23 extreme slow movers (DSLS >90 days): ₹176.4k × 25% = ₹44.1k annual carrying cost. This EXCEEDS the revenue these 23 SKUs generate (₹2.3k/month × 12 = ₹27.6k annual), resulting net ₹16.5k annual loss. Risk amplification: Perishable items (pickles, spreads) face spoi risk—products with DSLS >120 days likely deteriorated or expired, unsaleable. Estimate loss: 8-12% of 5 extreme slow movers (>120 days) = ₹6.8k unrecoverable loss annually.

RECOMMENDATION
Immediate Clearance Protocol (Week 1-2):
- Tier 1 (DSLS >120 days, 5 SKUs): Mark for aggressive clearance—20-30% discount promo price to move: Example Bitter Guard ₹250→₹175 (30% off). If no sales within 2 weeks, d to food bank (tax deduction), clear shelf space.
- Tier 2 (DSLS 90-120 days, 10 SKUs): 15% discount promotion, bundle with fast-moving ite (e.g., Pickle + Bread purchase = 15% pickle discount). Target 60% clearance within 4 we
- Tier 3 (DSLS 60-90 days, 18 SKUs): 10% discount OR 2-for-1 bundle strategy.

Inventory Optimization Post-Clearance (Week 3-4):
- Clear shelf space: 5 + 10 + 18 = 33 SKUs released, estimated 240 linear feet freed.
- Reallocate freed space to fast-moving Class A products (8-10 feet per SKU expansion, im study: incremental revenue capture from stock-outs prevented: estimated ₹4.2k/month × 1 months = ₹50.4k annually).
- Reduce slow-mover inventory carrying cost by ₹44.1k annually (Tier 1 full clearance).

Prevention Protocol (Ongoing):
- Implement DSLS threshold policy: Any SKU reaching DSLS 45 days triggers automatic stock review—if no sales by DSLS 60 days, initiate discount; if DSLS 75 days, begin clearance
- New SKU approval gate: Require demand forecast (customer survey, competitor benchmarkin before introduction; only approve if predicted DSLS <35 days (i.e., sell 70% invento within 2 months).
- Quarterly slow-mover audit: Review all SKUs monthly, identify emerging slow movers befo DSLS >60 days, proactive intervention.

Target Metrics:
- Eliminate DSLS >120 days by Week 4 (via donation/clearance).
- Reduce DSLS 60-90 days from 18 to <5 SKUs by Month 2.
- Freed working capital: ₹156k (net of promotional discounts) available for reinvestment.
- Annual carrying cost reduction: ₹44.1k (Tier 1 elimination) + ₹18k (Tier 2 reduction) = ₹62.1k, reinvest into new high-velocity SKU inventory.
- Shelf space efficiency improvement: +₹12k monthly revenue (freed space reallocated to high-velocity items).

SECTION 6.4: PRICING CONSISTENCY FINDINGS

Finding 6: Price Variance & Revenue Leakage (Price Variance Analysis)

Chart: Figure 6.4.1 Price Misalignment Distribution (Top 20 Offenders)
Data Source: `pricing_misalignment_top20.csv` (1.7 KB)
Metrics: Unit price CV (%), total variance, annual revenue impact

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OBSERVATION
Price variance analysis identifies 20 SKUs with significant unit price inconsistency (CV
or max-min range &gt;50% of mean): Top offender—Product A (Product name e.g., Packaged Sn
shows unit price variance of ₹8-₹12 (mean ₹10, CV 18%), suggesting mix of sizes/variants
billing errors. Across all 20 misaligned SKUs, unit price CV averages 16.8%, far exceedin
acceptable threshold 5-8%. Collective revenue impact: Top 20 misaligned SKUs generate ₹11
(45% of total), yet exhibit average 18% unit price variance, suggesting ₹2.05M (18% of
₹11.4M) annual revenue at risk from pricing inconsistencies.

REASON
Price variance stems from: (1) POS system misconfiguration—multiple SKU codes for identic
product (e.g., "Snack_A_100g" vs "Snack_A" both active, priced differently); (2) Variant
mix—products sold in multiple sizes (500ml vs. 1L beverages, 250g vs. 500g snacks), insuf
price hierarchy in billing system; (3) Mid-day promotional changes—discounts applied manu
without system-wide sync, resulting in price drift across transactions same day; (4) Manu
override errors—billing staff override prices without authorization, especially during pe
hours; (5) Billing software bugs—system inconsistency in applying price lists across date
ranges or customer types.

IMPLICATION
Revenue leakage quantification: Assuming 50% of variance is downward error (customers bil
lower than list price), annual revenue loss = ₹2.05M × 50% × 50% (conservative leakage
assumption) = ₹512k potential annual revenue leakage. Additional implication—customer tru
Price inconsistencies erode transparency, customer perceives unfairness ("Why did I pay ₹
last week and ₹135 today for identical product?"), impacting loyalty and word-of-mouth.
Operational burden: Manual price verification takes ~2 minutes per transaction for flagge
items, wasting 20-30 staff-hours monthly (estimated ₹12k annual labor cost).

RECOMMENDATION
Immediate System Audit (Week 1):
- Conduct POS system price list audit: Identify all SKUs with multiple codes/configuratio
- Example: If Snack_A appears as 3 separate line items (Snack_A 100g, Snack_A_100, Snack
  consolidate into single master SKU with size-based pricing matrix.
- Expected system cleanup: Reduce SKU count by 5-8% via consolidation (7-10 duplicate cod
  simplify billing interface.

Short-term Price Standardization (Week 2-3):
- Establish pricing by size matrix:
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Product: Beverage_A
100ml: ₹15
250ml: ₹35
500ml: ₹65
1L: ₹120

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- Hard-code pricing into POS system (no manual override allowed), require manager approva
for exceptions with audit trail.
- Eliminate mid-day promotional discounts from manual entry; use centralized discount cod
(e.g., "MONSOON15" = -15% system-wide) applied at cart level, not item level.

Medium-term Staff Training &amp;amp; Control (Week 3-4):
- Billing staff training on POS price hierarchy, emphasis on unit price accuracy.
- Daily price consistency check: Sample 50 random transactions daily, verify unit prices
match POS configuration, flag anomalies for investigation.
- Implement pricing audit KPI: Target 100% price consistency (all transactions match POS
configuration), measure via daily sampling. Currently estimated ~82% compliance (18% vari
rate matches 18% average CV).

Long-term System Enhancement (Month 2-3):
- Integrate barcode scanning system to eliminate manual price entry—scan barcode → autom
price lookup from master file, eliminates human error.
- If barcode unavailable, implement touch-screen POS with visual size/product confirmatio
(operator selects from display "Is this 500ml or 1L?") before price application.

Target Metrics:
- Reduce unit price CV from current 16.8% to &lt;5% (within 6 weeks) via system consolida
and staff training.
- Achieve 99% price consistency (99% of transactions match POS list price) by Month 2.
- Recover ₹512k annual revenue leakage over 12-month period (assuming 50% correction rate
in Month 1, increasing to 85% by Month 6).
- Reduce billing dispute resolution time from current 15 minutes/incident to &lt;2 minute
POS system clarity.
- Staff training completion: 100% of billing staff certified on price consistency protoco
by Week 4.
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PART 3: SECTION 6 EXECUTION ROADMAP

Step 1: Section 6 Opening (Introductory Paragraph)

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Section 6 presents the key analytical findings derived from the methods described in
Section 5. Using primary data from Pure'O Naturals 0007-Anjaneya Nager spanning April-
September 2025, six major findings emerge addressing revenue volatility, profitability,
inventory optimization, and pricing integrity. Each finding is supported by quantified
evidence, business interpretation via the ORIR framework (Observation-Reason-Implication-
Recommendation), and actionable recommendations tied to the four problem objectives.
Collectively, these findings quantify operational challenges and opportunity costs,
enabling evidence-based decision-making for mid-term inventory strategy and pricing
optimization.
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Step 2: Finding-by-Finding ORIR Template

For EACH of your 6-8 findings, apply this structure:

1. **Heading:** "Finding N: [Descriptive Title] ([Analysis Method Source])"
2. **Chart Reference:** "Insert Chart Figure 6.X.X — [Chart Type and Purpose]"
3. **Data Source Reference:** "`source_file.csv` ([size]), derived from [methodology]"
4. **ORIR Narrative:** 4-paragraph interpretation (Observation, Reason, Implication, Recommendation)
5. **Target Length per Finding:** 350-450 words
6. **Quantified Evidence:** Every claim backed by numbers from CSV outputs

Step 3: Integration with Section 5 Methods

Ensure each Section 6 finding directly corresponds to Section 5 method:

Section 5 Method	Section 6 Finding	ORIR Focus
Coefficient of Variation Analysis	Finding 1: Volatility Pattern	Why CV 47% requires dynamic buffering
Rolling Volatility Analysis	Finding 2: Seasonal Peaks	Why June spike predictable, actionable
ABC Classification	Finding 4: Pareto Concentration	Why 12 SKUs warrant 28% shelf space
Contribution Margin Analysis	Finding 3: Low-Margin Risk	Why 42 SKUs at profitability risk
Volatility-Volume Matrix	Finding 1/2 (combined)	Quadrant-based action
Days-Since-Last-Sale	Finding 5: Slow-Movers	Why ₹270k in inventory turning negative
Price Variance Analysis	Finding 6: Revenue Leakage	Why unit price consistency critical

PART 4: SECTION 6 EXCELLENCE CHECKLIST

Before finalizing Section 6, verify every item:

- [ ] **Finding Count:** 6-8 major findings (matches Section 5 methods)
- [ ] **ORIR Completeness:** Every finding has all 4 components (O-R-I-R), no abbreviations
- [ ] **Quantified Evidence:** Every claim includes numbers—percentages, ₹ amounts, statistical values
- [ ] **Chart Integration:** 1 chart per finding, caption clearly labeled Figure 6.X.X
- [ ] **Text-Visual Flow:** Chart immediately followed by ORIR paragraph (no orphaned charts)
- [ ] **Business Linkage:** Every implication connects to problem objectives; every recommendation includes time-bound action + metric
- [ ] **Data Source Citations:** Each finding references source CSV file used for analysis
- [ ] **Tone:** Third-person professional, no "I/we", passive voice where appropriate

- [ ] **Total Length:** 2-3 pages (approximately 2,000-2,500 words for 6-8 findings)
- [ ] **Formatting:** Times New Roman 12pt, 1.5 spacing, justified, page numbers present

PART 5: ELITE SECTION 6 SCORING SIGNALS

What Gets 10/10 Marks:

✓ **ORIR Framework:** Applied systematically; every finding has explicit O, R, I, R labels or structure
✓ **Quantified Insights:** No statement without supporting number—"High volatility" → "CV 47%, requiring 40% safety stock"
✓ **Business Implication:** Explicit ₹ impact—"₹44.1k annual carrying cost" vs. vague "high cost"
✓ **Actionable Recommendation:** SMART format—specific action, time-bound (e.g., "Week 1-2"), metric attached
✓ **Visual Evidence:** Charts have annotations (arrows, callouts), visual hierarchy clear, data labeled
✓ **Professional Narrative:** Findings flow logically, connections between findings transparent
✓ **Problem Mapping:** Each finding clearly addresses one of 4 problem objectives

What Gets 5-7/10 Marks (Avoid):

✗ Charts without text interpretation
✗ Vague findings ("Some products are slow-moving")
✗ No quantified impact ("This is a problem" vs. "₹12.4k carrying cost annually")
✗ Recommendations without time-bound actions or metrics
✗ First-person narrative ("We found that...")
✗ Findings disconnected from Section 5 methods

FINAL MANDATE FOR SECTION 6

Section 6 is the "So What?" section of your report.

Section 5 answers "What methods did we use?" (analytical rigor)
Section 6 answers "What did we find and why does it matter?" (business insight)

Every finding must tell a **complete story**:

- **OBSERVATION:** What does the data show? (Fact)
- **REASON:** Why is this happening? (Root cause)
- **IMPLICATION:** What's at stake financially/operationally? (Business consequence)
- **RECOMMENDATION:** What should be done? (Actionable path forward)

Combine these four elements rigorously, quantify relentlessly, and you will achieve **10/10 marks** on Section 6.

Section 6 Target: 9-10/10 Marks | Status: Ready for Execution
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