Reviving Helmet Sales for a Traditional Retail Shop

A Real-World Project Using SQL & Power BI

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Background

- A 10-year-old offline helmet shop faced severe crisis due to competition from Zepto, Blinkit, Amazon, Flipkart.
- Declining sales and high rent almost forced closure.
- Helmets became the main priority inventory.
- Data was tracked manually in notebooks with columns: helmet name, date, amount sold, payment mode.
- No proper customer contact data available.

Approach & Tools

Tools Used:

- SQL: Structured data entry for historical sales.
- Power BI: Cleaning, transforming, and visualizing data.

Process:

- 1. Created a SQL table with columns:
 - Serial No
 - Date
 - Brand
 - Helmet Type
 - Model Type
 - Quantity
 - Amount
- 2. Manually entered sales data for Jan-May 2025.
- 3. Exported to CSV and imported into Power BI.
- 4. Applied data cleaning and transformation in Power Query.
- 5. Designed a simple, easy-to-understand dashboard for the owner.

Initial Sales Analysis (Before Strategy Implementation)

January-May 2025 Sales Summary:

Helmet Type	Quantity Sold	Sales Amount ([])
Basic	226	2,58,000

Total	304	4,37,000
Premium	5	19,000
Pro	73	1,60,000

0bservation:

Sales in March, April, and May were significantly lower than in January and February.

Before Sales Dashboard

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Sales Boost Strategy

- | Free Accessories Incentives:
 - Pro Helmets: Free sweat cap worth 80.
 - **Premium Helmets:** Free sweat cap, hand sleeves, and helmet lock worth \square 580.
- I New Bike Buyer Offer:
 - Additional 6% discount on premium helmets.
 - Designed to create a memorable experience compared to e-commerce prices.
- [Google Review Incentive:
 - Free sweat cap worth 140 for every customer providing a 5-star review.
- [Old Stock Liquidation:
 - \circ Free gloves worth \square 950 with the purchase of old stock (50-50 chance of success).

0n-Site Observations

- Owner has excellent communication and sales skills.
- Personally visited the shop multiple times.
- Confirmed strategies were implemented properly.
- Monitored customer footfall and engagement.

Results After Strategy Implementation

June-August 2025 Sales Summary:

Helmet Type	Quantity Sold	Sales Amount ([])
Basic	277	3,30,000
Pro	79	1,80,000
Premium	9	39,000
Total	365	5,49,000

Impact:

- Units sold increased by 20%.
- Sales increased by [1,12,000.
- Premium helmet sales doubled in value.

After Sales Dashboard

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Conclusion

This project demonstrates how combining data analytics, strategic incentives, and personal engagement can transform a struggling traditional business into a thriving one, even against strong online competition.

My One-Sentence Review

I genuinely loved this project—an inspiring example of using data and creative thinking to deliver real-world impact.