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Work Experience

Energetic marketing professional with almost 3.5 years of work experience in marketing, communications, ATL, BTL and branding that has helped establish a more result focused, measurable and objective driven approach to marketing. Diverse experience in branding and marketing has resulted in

- A combination of strategic thinking and ability to plan, negotiate and lead large campaigns and consumer promotions
- Sharpened Analytical skills for decisions related to the marketing mix
- An orientation towards learning and continuous skill enhancement
- Development of a strong retail mindset and detail orientation
- A strong background in digital marketing with Google certification

Spice Retail Ltd (Spice Hotspot)

April, 2014 – Present

Manager, Marketing

Current Role: Leading brand marketing, ATL, BTL, digital marketing, PR, CRM and strategic alliances for Spice Retail Ltd (Mobility Retail)

- Brand Marketing and quarterly planning for both global and national brands such as Samsung, Nokia, Sony and Apple(including that of Spice Hotspot)
 - o Designing consumer promotions and offers (Blanket offers and Brand specific)
 - o Developing ATL and BTL plan encompassing Print, Radio, Digital, Retail POSM and BTL events.
- Conceptualization of consumer promotions and their executions
 - Conceptualized a topical campaign specific to Kolkata around the FIFA world cup and football fever
- Responsible for Strategic tie ups with Banks for Marketing promotions
- Responsible for the digital strategy for spicehotspot.co.in
- Responsible for CRM and loyalty program for Spice Hotspot

Achievements

- Successfully led the Diwali and Dushhera promotions with the highest ever revenue in a month for Hotspot
- Conceptualized and launched Smartphone Spa, the first of its kind smartphone care center in India
- Launched a first of its kind customer Rewards program(Hotspot Club) that increased retention from 20% to 33% and resulted in better NP Scores
- Forged several successful bank alliances with Citi, American Express, SBI and Axis Bank(5 times growth in transaction volumes)

ICFAI Group April, 2012 – April, 2014

Manager, Branding & Communications (Hyderabad)

Leading digital marketing and search marketing, ATL and BTL branding activities, Radio and strategic marketing for ICFAI Group

- ATL and BTL activities for Branding
 - Ideated several concepts and content for posters, print advertisements, flyers for advertising and promotions.
 - Below the Line Marketing Conceptualization of several events for SBUs
 - Sponsorship Branding Sponsoring events that are relevant for the SBUs
 - Coordination and conceptualization of Photo shoot on campus, Film Shoot and production such as CNN IBN Shining B schools, MTV Campus Diaries
- Digital marketing and Online media
 - Media analysis, campaign planning, creatives banners, negotiating contracts and media buying.
 Continuous measurement of output throughout the campaigns

- Introduced Search Engine Marketing PPC at ICFAI: Google Ads that includes keywords research and bidding, and optimization, landing page designs and testing. Developed SEO keyword list
- Social Media Marketing: Conceptualization of contests, promotions micro-content and enhance the presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn. Managed and enhanced the Online Reputation
- Established analytics at the organization using measurement through tracking and Google analytics

Achievements

- Successfully achieved more than 10 times ROI in the online campaigns for ICFAI Group;
- Certified by Google Analytics Academy for completing the Digital Analytics Fundamentals course
- Responsible for establishing the confidence in online marketing resulting in increased budgets
- Double promoted to Manager from Associate.

Dimex USA Inc. March 2009 -April, 2010

Marketing Trainee (Noida)

Responsible for managing the marketing operations, communications, campaign planning and execution

- Coordinated the marketing campaigns planning and execution intended for the audience in US
- Initiated work on Search Marketing and website optimization with recommendations of keywords
- Designed a campaign for lead generation through the online advertisements
- Created and managed content for the website and collaterals such as banners, mailers ,web pages.

Moser Baer India Ltd - Summer Internship Program

Feb, 2011 -May, 2011

Intern (Delhi)

Responsible for making the marketing mix and the go-to-market strategy for the organization's new venture Project titled 'Market Analysis of PKI tokens and other Web Security solution products in Delhi-NCR region'

- Conducted comprehensive dual stage qualitative and quantitative B2B Market Research,
- Project graded: **A**, by the Company Guide and nominated for the **IBSAF SIP Excellence** awards

Educational Qualifications

Masters in Business Administration (Marketing): ICFAI Business School, Hyderabad: 2010-2012

CGPA –More than 8(Amongst the top 20% students of IBS, Hyderabad)

• All Live projects - graded A

Master of Science (MS) in Plant Biology: S.G.T.B Khalsa College, Delhi University:
 2007-2009

Specialization - Genetics and Crop Biotechnology (Top ten in the University)

Bachelor of Science in Plant Biology (H): S.G.T.B Khalsa College of Delhi University: 2004-2007

• Merit Scholarship holder in college and **a top ranker** throughout.(Rank I and II).

- Schooling: Dayawati Modi Academy Rampur (U.P)
 - AISSE completed in 2002 with 77% and AISSCE Examination passed in 2004 with 1st Division

Accomplishments and Extra-curricular Activities

- M.B.A
 - Won I Prize 'Ideation' Marketing Event (Conceptualizing about a product by combining any two brands)
 - Member Maverick, the official Marketing club of IBS, Hyderabad, conducted various events in college.
 - Conceptualized the Marketing Magazine called 'Niche' which is now circulated to Top B Schools
- Post Graduation and Graduation:
 - Won 1st Prize in Cartoon Making Competition held at the Botanical Festival of Delhi University
 - Won 2nd Prize in Science Quiz Competition organized by Delhi University Botanical Society
 - Won 2nd Prize in Nature Photography competition held at the Botanical Festival of Delhi University
 - Led 'PRAKRITI' The Botanical Society of Khalsa College's
- School:
 - Led Nehru House in School to hold 2nd position amongst final house ranks, as the House Captain