

BRAND CORNER

Festive Commerce: Why Navratri Is the New Brand Battleground

As we step into Navratri, the air is filled with devotion and anticipation. But beyond the celebrations



Navratri is no longer just a festival of nine nights, it has become a nine-day battlefield for brands, to earn nine months of loyalty. As consumers gear up for an auspicious shopping season, brands are not simply competing for sales, they are competing for attention, emotional connect, and long-term loyalty.

Cultural Relevance:

Seen as an auspicious period for new purchases, from gold to gadgets, Navratri naturally drives high intent to buy. These numbers confirm that brands aren't creating buying intent that they're channeling existing consumer readiness. Navratri is widely regarded as a shubh muhurat as an auspicious time for significant purchases. Data underscores this: During Navratri, cultural resonance isn't a gimmick, it's a powerful strategic lever for brands to build meaningful and lasting connections with consumers.

Automobile industry

witnessed a whopping 19% rise in retail sales during the 42-day festive window (from Navratri to 15 days after Dhanteras), totaling 37.93 lakh units compared to 31.95 lakh last year.



alone posted an approximate 27% increase in retail sales (~96,700 units) during the Navratri period.



Recorded a 12% jump in vehicle deliveries during the nine-day festive stretch, particularly driven by two-wheelers and enhanced rural demand.

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Emotional Alignment: A Strategic Advantage

Note: This isn't about manipulation, it's about resonance.

- **Rooted in symbolism:** Navratri symbolizes renewal, empowerment, and tradition. Campaigns that reinforce themes like Shakti, familial bonding, or spiritual upliftment resonate deeply.
- **Trust over transactions:** Price promotions drive volume. But campaigns anchored in cultural authenticity create recall and brand loyalty.
- **Narrative over noise:** Storytelling grounded in cultural context, rather than discount-heavy messaging. Elevates a brand's presence during a period of heightened meaning.

Mapping the Brand Battlefield:

- **High-Footfall Zones:** Malls, shopping streets, and Durga pandals turn into hubs of consumer activity. Plugging into these spaces with pop-ups or sponsorships drives visibility.
- **Social Media Buzz:** Platforms like Instagram, YouTube, and X light up with Garba reels and festive styling. Local influencers turn cultural relevance into viral impact.
- **Language as Connection:** Campaigns in Gujarati, Bengali, Tamil, or Hindi build deep emotional ties far more than standard national messaging ever could.(Demographics wise)
- **Community Spaces:** Garba grounds in Gujarat, pandals in Bengal, Ramlila stages in the North, and temple events in the South, these are not just events, but marketing arenas. Thoughtful placements be it kiosks, billboards, or selfie spots that embed brands in festival memories, not just social feeds.

Quick Strategy Tips: For Brands

Simply competing on price risks blending into the festive clutter. The brands that thrive will be those that combine:

- High-footfall activations in culturally significant spaces
- Localized language strategies that speak to identity
- Digital amplification through social media storytelling
- Cultural touchpoint visibility that feels integrated, not intrusive.

This integrated approach ensures a lasting festive footprints, one that turns nine nights of consumer attention into nine months of loyalty. Will endup with thoughtful strategy, here for you

→ Festivals fade, but the impressions you create last far longer. So, “Win the nine nights, and the year is yours.” And this is a festive runway leading straight into Diwali.



Brand Battlefield Challenge

1) Spot the Smart Move

Which of the following actions shows real glocal intelligence during Navratri?

- A) A tech brand translating its product manuals into 10 Indian languages.
- B) A fashion brand pushing the same English-only ad across all regions.
- C) An automobile company sponsoring Garba nights in Gujarat while running a Durga Puja campaign in Bengal.

Take 2 mins to list:

- One local cultural value you would align with
- One universal brand promise you won't compromise

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2) If your brand had to launch during Navratri in a region it's never entered before...

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