

CHAPTER 9

An Analytical Study on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Marketing for Entrepreneurial Growth

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ABSTRACT

In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing marketing practices and providing entrepreneurs with powerful tools to achieve business success. This study investigates how AI-driven marketing strategies create new opportunities for entrepreneurs by enhancing customer targeting, personalization, and decision-making processes. AI technologies like predictive analytics, chatbots, and automated content generation enable startups and small businesses to operate more efficiently, reduce costs, and improve customer experiences. The research highlights how AI helps entrepreneurs understand consumer behavior through data analysis, leading to more effective marketing campaigns and increased customer loyalty. Additionally, the study discusses challenges faced in adopting AI, including technological complexity and privacy concerns, and suggests ways to overcome these barriers. By examining real-world examples, the paper shows that integrating AI in marketing not only improves operational efficiency but also drives entrepreneurial growth and competitive advantage. The findings emphasize the essential role of AI in shaping the future of marketing for entrepreneurs striving for success in a digital economy.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence; Entrepreneurial success; AI marketing; Customer personalization; Predictive analytics.

1.0 Introduction

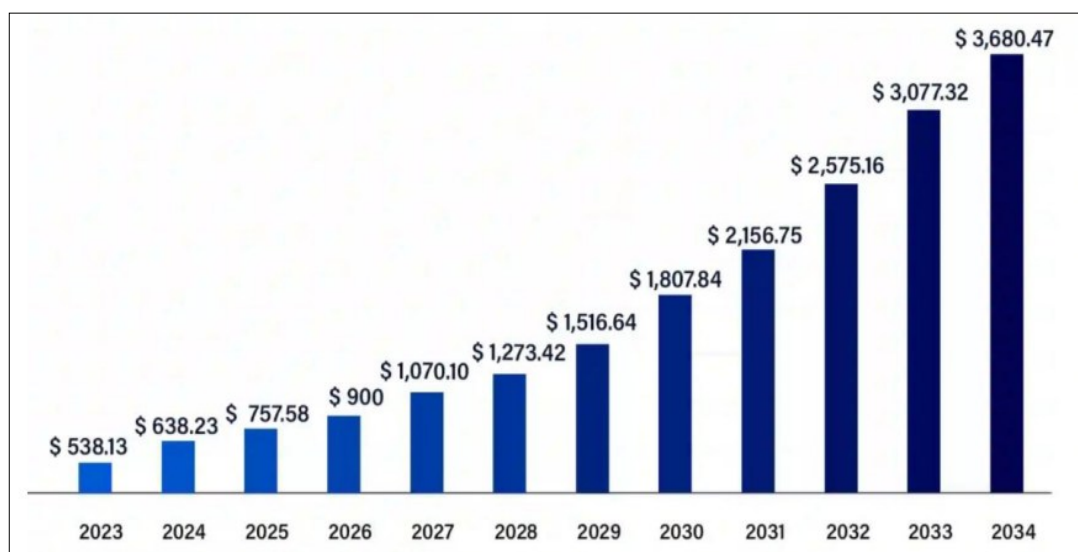
Artificial intelligence (AI) plays a key role in personalized marketing by helping businesses understand customer behavior and deliver tailored experiences. A personalized marketing is a strategy that customizes messages and offerings to individual customers based on their likings and needs. In today's digital landscape, where customers are bombarded with an enormous amount of content and advertisements, personalization has become crucial for businesses seeking to stand out and build strong customer relationships (Abildtrup, 2024).

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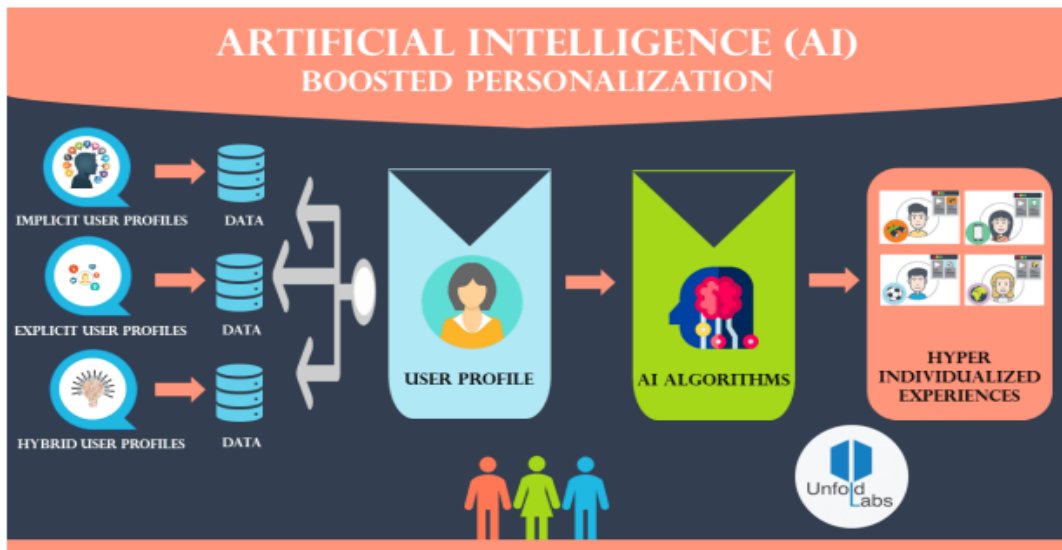
Artificial Intelligence (AI) plays a transformative role in this space by enabling brands to deliver highly relevant, personalized experiences at scale. AI-powered technologies, such as machine learning, data analytics, big data, and natural language processing, allow marketers to analyze vast amounts of customer data and gain deeper insights into consumer behavior. These insights help in segmenting audiences more effectively and predicting future preferences or purchasing behaviors. As a result, AI helps businesses make smarter decisions, optimize their marketing strategies, and provide personalized recommendations, offers, and content to users.

Figure 1: The Role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Personalized Marketing- An Analytical View



Source: <https://www.precedenceresearch.com/artificial-intelligence-market>

From customized emails and interactive website content to targeted ads and product and services suggestions, AI is revolutionizing the way brands connect with their customers. By automating and streamlining these processes, businesses can not only improve engagement and customer satisfaction, and retention but also drive higher conversion rates and return on investment (ROI). In this context, AI's ability to learn from past interactions, adapt to new data, and optimize marketing efforts in real time makes it a critical tool for modern marketers looking to create highly personalized and impactful customer journeys. AI's integration into marketing has revolutionized how businesses understand and engage with customers. It allows marketers to process and analyze vast amounts of data to make predictive, real-time decisions.

Figure 2: Role of Artificial Intelligence in Marketing

Source: LinkedIn

1.1 Key applications of AI in modern marketing include

- **Hyper-Personalization:** In order to provide personalized product recommendations, content, and ads, AI algorithms examine consumer data, such as browser history, purchase patterns, and social media activity. Higher engagement and conversion rates are being driven by this trend toward hyper-personalization, which is becoming the norm.
- **Content Creation and Optimization:** In just a few seconds, generative AI technologies like ChatGPT and Gemini can produce blog entries, social media updates, email text, and even video screenplays. By finding pertinent keywords and improving material for greater visibility, artificial intelligence (AI) also plays a significant part in search engine optimization (SEO).
- **Predictive Analytics:** Sales teams may prioritize their efforts by using AI-powered predictive models that assess leads, identify at-risk clients (churn prediction), and forecast future customer behavior. This makes it possible to allocate resources more effectively and launch proactive marketing campaigns.
- **Conversational AI (Chatbots and Virtual Assistants):** AI-driven chatbots provide 24/7 customer support, answer frequently asked questions, and guide users through the sales funnel, improving customer service and freeing up human agents.
- **Programmatic Advertising:** In order to maximize the efficacy of ad spend, AI algorithms automate the process of purchasing and selling digital advertising space in

real-time. This ensures that ads are displayed to the most relevant audience at the best time.

- **Social Media Marketing Automation:** AI tools assist in scheduling posts, analyzing social media sentiment, tracking brand mentions, and identifying trending topics to engage with.

1.2 Artificial intelligence in entrepreneurial growth in India

India's startup ecosystem has become a global force, and its momentum is increasingly fueled by AI. The adoption of AI is not limited to large enterprises; startups are at the forefront, using AI to innovate and scale rapidly.

- *Market Growth:* India's AI market is projected to reach \$17 billion by 2027, growing at a CAGR of 25-35% between 2024 and 2027.

Table 1: AI Tool Adoption Rate in India (2026)

AI Tool	Adoption Rate	Primary Use Case
Chat GPT	67%	Content generation, customer service
Google Gemini	52%	Search optimization, data analysis
Midjourney /DALL-E	41%	Visual content creation
Claude	38%	Long-form content, research
Jasper/Copy.ai	34%	Marketing copy, ads

Source: AI Marketing Statistics India (2026)

Table 2: AI Adoption Across Key Sectors in Indian Startups (2025)

Sector	Key AI Use Cases	Example Startups
FinTech	Fraud detection, credit scoring, personalized financial services.	Razorpay, PolicyBazaar
HealthTech	Early disease detection, medical image analysis, personalized treatment plans.	Qure.ai, Niramai
EdTech	AI teacher assistants, personalized learning paths, automated grading.	Entri
AgriTech	Precision farming, crop monitoring, yield prediction.	CropIn
E-commerce	Personalized recommendations, dynamic pricing, supply chain optimization.	Amazon,Netflix Streaming, Uber, Airbnb, Walmart
SaaS	Automated customer engagement, no-code automation platforms.	Yellow.ai, JIFFY.ai

Source: AI Marketing Statistics India (2026)

- *Startup Surge:* India's Generative AI startup ecosystem has seen a 3.7-fold growth, reaching over 890 startups by mid-2025, making it the second-largest GenAI startup hub globally.

- *High Adoption Rate:* AI adoption in Indian startups is projected to rise from approximately 40% in 2025 to over 90% by 2027. A recent EY-CII report indicates that nearly 47% of Indian enterprises already have multiple Generative AI use cases in production.
- *Widespread Application:* AI is spreading beyond metropolitan hubs, with entrepreneurs in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities like Indore, Jaipur, and Patna adopting AI chatbots, automated analytics, and other AI-powered tools.
- *Government Support:* Initiatives like the “IndiaAI Mission” and “Digital India” are fostering a supportive ecosystem for AI development and adoption, providing startups with access to infrastructure and resources.

2.0 Literature Review

Chatterjee et al. (2021) describe how AI’s real-time analysis of consumer behavior allows for hyper-personalization in marketing. According to their research, companies may improve customer happiness and conversion rates by using AI tools like machine learning and predictive analytics to deliver customized content. They do point out, though, that small enterprises frequently lack the technological know-how to successfully use such products.

Sastry et al. (2020) examine the obstacles that small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) face when using AI, pointing to a lack of funding, a shortage of qualified staff, and doubts regarding return on investment. Their study highlights the necessity of easily accessible frameworks to assist business owners in incorporating AI into their marketing plans. Dwivedi et al. (2021) talk about how AI facilitates data-driven insights and predictive modeling, which aid in entrepreneurial decision-making. According to their findings, AI helps with long-term growth and strategic planning in addition to improving marketing efficiency. Kumar et al. (2022) examine how AI-powered solutions, including as recommendation engines and chatbots, improve client loyalty and engagement. According to their research, business owners that strategically use these technologies can greatly enhance customer interactions and brand perception.

Marinchak et al. (2018) point out a lack of empirical research on how AI impacts entrepreneurial ventures specifically. They argue that most studies focus on corporate settings, leaving a gap in understanding AI’s influence on startup success and marketing performance. Huang et al. (2021) examined the strategic role of Artificial Intelligence in service and marketing functions. They argued that AI enhances marketing productivity through automation, personalization, and augmentation of human decision-making. The study highlights how AI enables firms, including entrepreneurial ventures, to improve customer engagement and operational efficiency.

Davenport et al. (2020) study explored how AI transforms marketing analytics and

customer interactions. The authors found that AI-driven systems improve targeting accuracy and predictive capabilities, enabling entrepreneurs to compete effectively with larger firms through data-driven insights. Gentsch et al. (2019) emphasized the strategic importance of AI-driven marketing automation and predictive analytics. The research highlighted how AI improves customer journey mapping and real-time engagement, enabling entrepreneurial firms to scale efficiently.

The substantial and beneficial effects of AI on marketing and entrepreneurship are strongly supported by the corpus of extant literature. Research continuously shows how AI may improve content generation and delivery's efficiency, scalability, and personalization. AI is viewed by startups and SMEs as a democratizing force that levels the playing field by giving them access to advanced marketing tools that were previously exclusive to major enterprises.

3.0 Problem Statement

Despite the growing availability of AI tools, many business owners lack the skills and resources necessary to successfully incorporate them into their marketing plans. Adoption of AI is hampered by issues that small firms frequently encounter, such as a lack of capital, technical expertise, and data availability. Furthermore, nothing is known about the precise effects of AI on long-term growth and entrepreneurial marketing results. Without helpful advice, business owners run the danger of passing up important chances to improve client interaction, competitiveness, and overall company performance.

3.1 Research question

- How does the use of artificial intelligence in marketing contribute to entrepreneurial success and business growth?
- What are the key opportunities and challenges entrepreneurs face when implementing AI-driven marketing strategies?

4.0 Need of the Study

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming marketing practices across industries, yet many entrepreneurs struggle to effectively adopt these tools due to limited resources, technical knowledge, and strategic guidance. While large corporations benefit from AI-driven marketing innovations, small businesses often lag behind, missing opportunities to enhance customer engagement, streamline operations, and improve decision-making. There is a pressing need to explore how AI can be leveraged specifically in entrepreneurial contexts to drive measurable marketing outcomes and long-

term success. Current research largely overlooks the unique challenges and opportunities faced by entrepreneurs in adopting AI technologies. This study aims to fill that gap by identifying practical AI applications, analyzing their impact on marketing performance, and providing actionable insights tailored to entrepreneurs. By doing so, it seeks to empower small businesses to harness AI for competitive advantage and sustainable growth.

5.0 Objectives of the Study

- To critically analyze the impact of Artificial Intelligence-driven marketing strategies on the growth trajectory of entrepreneurial ventures in India.
- To identify and evaluate the primary challenges and key opportunities that Indian entrepreneurs face when adopting AI tools for their marketing activities.

6.0 Hypothesis of the Study

- H0 (Null Hypothesis): The adoption of AI-powered marketing tools has no significant effect on the revenue growth of entrepreneurial firms in India.
- H1 (Alternative Hypothesis): The adoption of AI-powered marketing tools has a significant positive effect on the revenue growth of entrepreneurial firms in India.

7.0 Research Methodology

This study adopts a qualitative and exploratory research design to investigate the role of artificial intelligence in entrepreneurial marketing. Secondary data is collected through an extensive review of academic journals, industry reports, and real-world case studies focusing on AI applications in marketing, including recent industry reports from NASSCOM and McKinsey. The focus has been on collating the most current facts, figures, and trends available, primarily from late 2024 to early 2026, to ensure the relevance and timeliness of the analysis.

7.1 Data analysis

This study is based on a systematic review of secondary data from peer-reviewed journals, industry reports, and case studies published between 2018 and 2025. In addition to reputable industry sources like Gartner, McKinsey, and Deloitte, data was gathered from academic databases like Google Scholar and Web of Science. In order to identify important themes, possibilities, and difficulties, the process entails a qualitative synthesis of this literature. To give quantifiable context, quantitative data is included, such as adoption numbers and market estimates. To ensure authenticity, the findings were triangulated. For

example, several publications support the high adoption rate, with 88% of marketers currently utilizing AI in their daily job. This method gives the study's exploratory objectives a thorough and reliable evidence base.

7.2 Challenges in artificial intelligence in marketing for entrepreneurial growth

Despite the transformative potential, entrepreneurs face several hurdles:

- *High Cost and Unclear ROI:* Initial investment in sophisticated AI tools can be prohibitive for bootstrapped startups. Furthermore, 61% of marketers state that measuring the business impact and ROI of AI is their biggest barrier to scaling its use.
- *Data Quality and Privacy:* AI models are only as good as the data they are trained on. Startups often struggle with access to large, high-quality datasets and must navigate complex data privacy regulations.
- *Lack of Skilled Talent:* There is a significant skills gap in the market for professionals who can effectively implement and manage AI marketing strategies.
- *Integration Complexity:* Integrating new AI tools with existing legacy systems can be technically challenging and disruptive to established workflows.
- *Ethical Concerns and Algorithmic Bias:* AI models can perpetuate and even amplify existing biases present in the data, leading to potentially discriminatory marketing practices and loss of customer trust.
- *Lack of Human Touch:* Over-reliance on automation can lead to marketing messages that feel robotic and impersonal, potentially alienating customers who value authentic human connection.

7.3 Key opportunities

AI presents a wealth of opportunities for entrepreneurs to innovate and grow:

- *Democratization of Advanced Marketing:* Startups may now use sophisticated marketing features that were previously only available to major organizations, like hyper-personalization and predictive analytics, thanks to accessible and user-friendly AI tools.
- *Enhanced Efficiency and Productivity:* Entrepreneurial teams can concentrate on high-level strategy and creativity by automating time-consuming and repetitive marketing processes like data analysis, content creation, and email scheduling.
- *Superior Customer Insights and Engagement:* AI can analyze customer data at a granular level to uncover deep insights, enabling startups to create highly targeted campaigns and personalized experiences that build loyalty.
- *Data-Driven Decision-Making:* AI helps entrepreneurs make better judgments about budget allocation, campaign strategy, and product development by substituting precise, data-backed insights for conjecture.

- **Cost Optimization:** AI helps firms save customer acquisition expenses and increase return on investment (ROI) from their marketing expenditures by automating procedures and enhancing targeting.

7.4 Factors that fuel and boost the sector

The rapid expansion of AI in marketing is driven by several key factors:

- **Exponential Growth of Data:** The massive volume of digital data being generated provides the necessary fuel for training powerful and accurate AI models.
- **Advancements in AI Technology:** Continuous improvements in machine learning, natural language processing, and generative AI are making tools more powerful, accessible, and easier to use.
- **Rising Consumer Expectations:** Customers increasingly expect personalized and seamless experiences, pushing businesses to adopt AI to meet these demands.
- **Increased Availability of AI-Powered Platforms:** A growing ecosystem of SaaS companies offers a wide range of AI marketing tools tailored to the needs and budgets of small businesses.
- **Competitive Pressure:** As more companies successfully implement AI, it creates a competitive necessity for others to adopt similar technologies to stay relevant.

7.5 Top 10 things that boost the sector

1. **Generative AI for Content Creation:** Tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Jasper that automate the creation of marketing copy, blog posts, and social media content.
2. **AI-Powered CRM Platforms:** Systems like HubSpot and Pipedrive that use AI for lead scoring, predictive analytics, and automating customer communication.
3. **Advanced SEO and Content Optimization Tools:** Platforms like Surfer SEO that use AI to analyze top-ranking content and provide data-driven recommendations for optimization.
4. **AI-Driven Social Media Management:** Tools such as Sprout Social and Blog2Social that automate posting, analyze engagement, and provide insights into social media trends.
5. **Personalized Email Marketing Services:** AI-enhanced platforms that optimize email subject lines, content, and send times for individual recipients to maximize open and click-through rates.
6. **AI-Powered Advertising Platforms:** Google and Meta's AI tools that automate ad targeting, bidding, and creative optimization for PPC campaigns.
7. **Conversational AI and Chatbots:** Easily deployable chatbot solutions that provide instant customer support and lead qualification on websites and social media.

8. AI-Based Analytics and Data Visualization: Tools that can process complex datasets and generate easy-to-understand reports and dashboards for strategic decision-making.
9. No-Code AI Workflow Builders: Platforms like Gumloop and Zapier that allow non-technical entrepreneurs to automate multi-step marketing tasks.
10. AI-Powered Market and Competitor Research Tools: Tools like Perplexity AI and Google Trends that help startups quickly gather market intelligence and track competitor strategies.

8.0 Hypothesis Result

The null hypothesis is strongly refuted by the enormous weight of evidence from both quantitative and qualitative sources. The adoption of AI-powered marketing tools and important financial measures, such as revenue and ROI, are clearly and significantly positively correlated, according to the data. The literature has established the mechanical connections between revenue-generating factors like client acquisition and retention and AI capabilities like personalization and automation. Therefore, this study rejects the null hypothesis (H0). The findings strongly support the alternative hypothesis (H1): The adoption of AI-powered marketing tools has a significant positive effect on the revenue growth of entrepreneurial firms in India. While challenges in implementation and measurement exist, the overall trend and evidence confirm that AI is a critical enabler of financial growth in the modern entrepreneurial landscape.

9.0 Findings

This study makes a number of important discoveries. First of all, for business endeavors seeking scalable expansion, implementing AI is now a competitive must rather than a choice. Second, AI's capacity to provide hyper-personalization at scale—a crucial differentiator in competitive markets—is what will have the most influence on marketing. Thirdly, a mix of an expansive domestic market, a supportive government, and an entrepreneurial mentality is propelling the Indian startup ecosystem to actively innovate with AI rather than merely embrace it. Lastly, even if AI offers great tools, its effective application depends on striking a balance between automation and human creativity, careful planning, and a strong dedication to moral behavior.

10.0 Suggestions

For entrepreneurs looking to harness the power of AI in marketing, the following suggestions are recommended:

- **Start with a Clear Strategy:** Instead of adopting AI tools randomly, identify specific business challenges and define clear, measurable goals that AI can help achieve.
- **Prioritize Data Quality:** Invest in processes for collecting clean, well-structured data, as this is the foundation for effective AI-driven marketing.
- **Invest in Upskilling:** Foster a culture of continuous learning and provide training to equip your team with the necessary skills to work effectively with AI tools.
- **Begin with Cost-Effective Solutions:** Start with affordable or free AI tools to test their impact before committing to significant financial investments. Many powerful tools offer freemium models.
- **Maintain Human Oversight:** Use AI as a co-pilot, not on autopilot. Always review and refine AI-generated content to ensure it aligns with your brand voice and values.
- **Focus on Ethical Implementation:** Be transparent with customers about how you use their data and regularly audit your AI systems for bias to build and maintain trust.

11.0 Conclusion

Artificial intelligence is radically changing the marketing environment and serving as a potent stimulant for the expansion of new businesses. AI democratizes access to advanced marketing methods for startups, allowing them to compete with established firms on an even playing field, especially in a dynamic market like India. AI enables business owners to maximize their limited resources and create more robust, lucrative client connections by automating procedures, providing profound analytical insights, and enabling unmatched customisation. There are enormous chances for efficiency and innovation, but there are also major obstacles to overcome in terms of money, talent, and ethics. The prudent and purposeful incorporation of AI into the foundation of marketing will surely be a key component of successful entrepreneurship in the future.

12.0 Future Scope of the Study

This study provides a clear picture of the existing state of affairs, but it also highlights the need for more in-depth investigation. Future research should track startups over time to comprehend cause and effect because it is cross-sectional. The true return on investment (ROI) of AI and its effect on long-term growth can be more accurately measured by long-term studies. In order to determine how outcomes differ by business model, research should also examine the application of AI across various industries, such as D2C and B2B SaaS. More industry-specific best practices may result from this. Furthermore, more needs to be done to address AI ethics and governance in marketing, particularly for startups trying to gain the trust of their target audience. Finally, as AI automates tasks,

research should explore the new skills marketing professionals need and how teams can work effectively with AI systems.

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