Internal Marketing Practices and Its impact on Brand Building: A Dyadic Analysis on Private and Government Management Institutions of Assam

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Abstract - Elevation in the level of the competition among Management Education Institutions spurred them to adopt generally agreed best practices to build brand. Management Education Institutions could build brand with the help of employees [Internal Customers] since they deliver best services directly to the Students [External Customers]. Hence, execution of Internal Marketing Practices deserves special attention. This research attempts to explore whether the internal marketing practices have significant contribution in building brand of Management Education Institutions. This research conducted a survey in 5 management institutions of Government and Private each. The primary data were collected from employees, teachers and students from both Private and Govt. management institutions. The considered hypotheses were tested and it was observed that there is a variation of impact of Internal Marketing Practices on Internal Brand Building for Internal Customers and External Brand Building for External Customers in respect of Government and Private Management Institutions. This point to the poor implementation of internal marketing practices from all the concerned players. This shortcoming needs urgent attention.

keywords - Internal Marketing Practices, Internal Customers, External Customers, Brand Building, Management Education Institutions.

I. INTRODUCTION

Management Education Institutions are marketing themselves more aggressively to increase their market share (Becker & Palmér, 2009). Elevation in the level of the competition among Management Education Institutions spurred them to adopt generally agreed best practices to build brand. Internal Marketing Practices create scope in building brand for management institutions. Brand of management institutions is lays in the practices of internal marketing. Hence, execution of Internal Marketing Practices deserves special attention.

II. MEANING OF INTERNAL MARKETING

According to Berry (1981), internal marketing is the process of "viewing employees as internal customers, viewing jobs as internal products that satisfy the needs and wants of those internal customers while addressing the objectives of the organization." This concept clearly indicates that internal marketing practices have a bearing on the delivery of quality services.

III. COMPONENT OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES

According to, Berry and Parasuraman (1991), "Internal marketing as the process of "attracting, developing, motivating and detaining qualified employees through job-products that satisfy their needs." To build a strong brand image has always been an important aspect of product and brand management. The more the stronger brand is created, the greater will be the revenue generation both in short and long term (Kapferer, 2004; Keller 1993). So, efforts should be to create brands that last for decades (Aaker, 1997). The value creation in service lays in the adoption of internal marketing practices.

IV. LITERATURE GAP

Literature review shows that sufficient amount of research work is done on internal marketing in different field of corporate business. Zeithaml et al (1993)Sanchez et al (2006), Hale (1998)]. (Kotler, 1972). Dülgeroğlu & Taşkin (2015), (Jawet.et al 2010), Griffin (2002). Many variables, such as attracting; developing, motivating, coordinating, training, communicating, program, planned efforts were considered as internal marketing practices (Berry 1981, Woodruffe, Helen,(1992), Al.Hawary et al 2013, Guven et al 2012, Kameswari et al 2012, Gronroos 2007). In this direction Naude et al (2003) identified the determinants of internal marketing in the component of 7Ps of marketing mix. 7P's considered for the present study includes [a] Process of Services (involves a particular flow like the supply chain management, and starts with preparation and ends with result. Under the most commonly perceived process with least span of process centers, involves: [a] Goals/Objectives—[b] Syllabus—[c] Lesson Preparation – [d] Teaching – [e] Testing --- [f] Evaluation – [g] Result – [h] employability – [i] Employment. Here, in each stage internal customers' involvement is required) [b] Product in the form of Service Pack (includes value addition to external customers through the value addition of internal customers from unemployable to readily-employable condition using different academic programmes (syllabus, skilling programmes, training (on the job, off the job), [c] Pricing of Service (includes price charged to external customers for the service rendered to them, and price paid to internal customers for their services and

products to the external customers as well as the organization, matching between these inflow of fund and out flow of fund and generation of fund for growth from within), [d] Promotion of Services (includes advertising, word of mouth, press reports, incentives, commissions and awards directed towards both internal customers as well as external customers), [e] Place of Services (refers to the point of sale which could be off line, on-line or both [i.e. neat and clean and hygienic working place, adequate technological infrastructure, physical conditions, and internal customers' safety, external customers' safety). [f] People of Services (includes quality of Internal customers), [g] Physical Evidence of Services (includes the physical facilities, class rooms, materials provided to the internal customers and external customers brand image of the Alumni). But research gap exists for Internal Marketing Research in the context of Management education service providing organizations in general and brand building in particular resulting from internal marketing practices

V. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

Given the survey of literature and scope, the following objective established for the purpose of the study is:

1. To review the impact of Internal Marketing Practices in Internal Brand Building and External Brand Building.

VI. HYPOTHESES

Given the objectives, survey of literature and scope, the following hypotheses are established for the purpose of the study is:

- H1: There is no significant impact of Internal Marketing Practices on Internal Brand Building as perceived by the teachers.
- H2: There is no significant impact of Internal Marketing Practices on External Brand Building as perceived by the students

VII. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A survey was conducted in 5 management institutions of both Govt. and Private of Assam. The data were collected with two sets questionnaire with the help of 5 Points Likert Scale, for Internal Marketing Practices and Brand Building. 100 samples of internal customers and 510 samples of external customers were considered (detailed in Table No:1).

	Table No: 1 Sample Selected		
SlNo	Name of the Institutes	Teachers	Students
Privat	te		
1	Bosco Institute of Management	10	40
2	Royal School of Management	10	60
3	Assam Kaziranga University	12	53
4	Girijananda Chowdhury Institute of Management	9	38
5	North Eastern Regional Institute of Management	18	70
Gover	nment		
3	Guwahati University	5	63
4	Dibrugrah University	11	50
6	Tezpur University	10	40
7	Assam Institute of Management	10	56
10	Assam University	5	40
	Total	100	510

Source: Compiled from Survey Data

VIII. Latent variable considered for the study

- [a] Degree of 'Internal Marketing Practices' this variable has been considered to measure the degree of or internal marketing practices adopted by the 'Management Education Institutions' for brand building, both from the perspective of internal customers (Items considered are in ANNEXURE-1). and external customers (Items considered are in ANNEXURE-2).
- **[b] Degree of External Branding** this has been used in the sense of measuring the degree of External Branding achieved by the Management Education Service providing Organizations at least as perceived by external customers (Items considered are in **ANNEXURE-3**).
- [c] Degree of Internal Branding this has been used in the sense of measuring the degree of Internal Branding achieved by the Management Education Service providing Organizations at least as perceived by Internal customers (Items considered are in ANNEXURE-4).

IX. Results & Discussion

[a] Impact of Internal marketing practices on External branding

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TABL	TABLE-2 Regression Model [Summary _b] of Internal marketing practices on External branding									
Name of the	R	R	Adjusted	Std. Error	Change Statistics Dur					
institution		Square	R Square	of the	R Square	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F	Watson
			_	Estimate	Change				Change	
AIM	.012a	.000	018	5.63339	.000	.007	1	54	.932	2.142
AU	.074a	.006	021	7.82350	.006	.211	1	38	.649	1.877
DBIM	.323a	.104	.081	5.12813	.104	4.433	1	38	.042	1.702
DU	.231a	.054	.034	6.86261	.054	2.714	1	48	.106	2.049

GIMT	.129a	.017	011	5.72193	.017	.608	1	36	.441	1.248
GU	.198a	.039	.024	6.59158	.039	2.497	1	61	.119	1.656
KU	.037a	.001	019	6.72927	.001	.068	1	50	.795	1.276
NERIM	.097a	.009	005	5.55305	.009	.646	1	68	.424	1.616
RGI	.076a	.006	011	6.69715	.006	.338	1	58	.563	1.418
TU	.027a	.001	026	6.01617	.001	.028	1	38	.868	1.570

Table	e-3 ANO	VAa of Regressi	on Model of Internal i	marketing _]	practices on Extern	al branding	
Name of the institution		Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
		Regression	.232	1	.232	.007	.932ı
AIM	1	Residual	1713.697	54	31.735		
		Total	1713.929	55			
		Regression	12.902	1	12.902	.211	.649t
AU	1	Residual	2325.873	38	61.207		
		Total	2338.775	39			
		Regression	116.588	1	116.588	4.433	.042t
DBIM	1	Residual	999.312	38	26.298		
		Total	1115.900	39			
		Regression	127.839	1	127.839	2.714	.106
DU	1	Residual	2260.581	48	47.095		
		Total	2388.420	49			
		Regression	19.896	1	19.896	.608	.441
GIMT	1	Residual	1178.657	36	32.740		
		Total	1198.553	37			
		Regression	108.472	1	108.472	2.497	.119t
GU	1	Residual	2650.385	61	43.449		
		Total	2758.857	62			
		Regression	3.075	1	3.075	.068	.795t
KU	1	Residual	2264.156	50	45.283		
		Total	2267.231	51			
		Regression	19.931	1	19.931	.646	.424t
NERIM	1	Residual	2096.869	68	30.836		
		Total	2116.800	69			
		Regression	15.178	1	15.178	.338	.5631
RGI	1	Residual	2601.406	58	44.852		
		Total	2616.583	59			
		Regression	1.016	1	1.016	.028	.8681
TU	1	Residual	1375.384	38	36.194		
		Total	1376.400	39	-		

a. Dependent Variable: DEGREE OF EXTERNAL BRANDING [PERCEIVED BY EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS]

Tabl	le-4	Coefficientsa of Regress	sion Model	of Interna	al marketing prac	ctices on	Exteri	nal branding	
Name of the institution	Model		Unstanda Coeffic		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	Collinearity	Statistics
			В	Std. Error	Beta			Tolerance	VIF
		(Constant)	50.091	5.254		9.535	.000		
AIM	1	DEGREE OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES [PERCEIVED BY EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS]	.012	.134	.012	.086	.932	1.000	1.000
AU	1	(Constant)	42.271	9.671		4.371	.000		

b. Predictors: (Constant), DEGREE OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES [PERCEIVED BY EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS]

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		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
		MARKETING							
		PRACTICES	.113	.245	.074	.459	.649	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
		(Constant)	57.606	5.595		10.296	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
		MARKETING							
DBIM	1	PRACTICES	317	.150	323	-2.106	.042	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY	.517	.130	.525	2.100	.042	1.000	1.000
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
			22.565	7 222		4.577	.000		
		(Constant)	33.565	7.333		4.577	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
DU	1	MARKETING					404		
		PRACTICES	.323	.196	.231	1.648	.106	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
		(Constant)	39.296	8.214		4.784	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
GIMT	1	MARKETING							
GIMT	1	PRACTICES	.164	.210	.129	.780	.441	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
		(Constant)	53.307	5.501		9.690	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
		MARKETING							
GU	1	PRACTICES	235	.149	198	-1.580	.119	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY	.233	.147	.170	1.500	.117	1.000	1.000
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
		(Constant)	43.683	9.822		4.447	.000		
			43.063	9.622		4.447	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
KU	1	MARKETING	0.66	252	025	261	705	1 000	1 000
		PRACTICES	.066	.253	.037	.261	.795	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]					_		
		(Constant)	50.865	5.346		9.515	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
NERIM	1	MARKETING							
MEKTIVI	1	PRACTICES	110	.136	097	804	.424	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
		(Constant)	49.192	6.548		7.513	.000	·	
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
- ~-		MARKETING							
RGI	1	PRACTICES	094	.162	076	582	.563	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY	.071	.102	.070	.502	03	1.000	1.000
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
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		(Constant)	46.767	9.203		5.082	.000		
		DEGREE OF							
		INTERNAL							
TU	1	MARKETING							
10	1	PRACTICES	.039	.233	.027	.168	.868	1.000	1.000
		[PERCEIVED BY							
		EXTERNAL							
		CUSTOMERS]							
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	Table -5 Reliability Statistics [Cronbach's Alp	oha]
Name of the institution	DEGREE OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES [PERCEIVED BY EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS]	DEGREE OF EXTERNAL BRANDING
AIM	.855	.839
AU	.867	.895
DBIM	.822	.781
DU	.822	.829
GIMT	.836	.813
GU	.847	.843
KU	.708	.844
NERIM	.813	.764
RGI	.858	.842
TU	.726	.841

Source: Compiled from Survey Data

From the above tables-2,3,4 and5, it is discerned that there is no significant impact of **Internal Marketing Practices** on **External Brand Building** as perceived by the EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS. This needs urgent attention on the part of the management of these management education service providing organizations.

[b] Impact of Internal marketing practices on Internal Branding

Table-6 Regre	ession Mod	el Summary o	of Internal ma	rketing practices on	Internal branding
Name of the institution	Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
AIM	1	.013a	.000	125	7.13122
AU	1	.408a	.167	111	6.35085
DBIM	1	.403a	.163	.043	7.33661
DU	1	.213a	.045	061	6.03711
GIMT	1	.329a	.108	019	7.63913
GU	1	.642a	.412	.216	9.66811
KU	1	.695a	.484	.432	5.38843
NERIM	1	.690a	.477	.444	4.76991
RSM	1	.626a	.391	.324	5.09368
TU	1	.139a	.019	103	4.97130
a. Predictors: (Constant), D	EGREE C	F INTERNAL	BRANDING	[AS PERCEIVED BY	/ INTERNAL CUSTOMERS]

Source: Compiled from Survey Data

Tab	le-7 AN(OVAa for Regress	sion Model of Interna	al marketing	practices on Inter	nal branding	
Name of the institution		Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
AIM	1	Regression	.066	1	.066	.001	.972ь
		Residual	406.834	8	50.854		
		Total	406.900	9			
AU	1	Regression	24.200	1	24.200	.600	.495b
		Residual	121.000	3	40.333		
		Total	145.200	4			
DBIM	1	Regression	73.219	1	73.219	1.360	.282ь
İ		Residual	376.781	7	53.826		

		Total	450.000	8			
DU	1	Regression	15.616	1	15.616	.428	.529b
		Residual	328.020	9	36.447		
		Total	343.636	10			
GIMT	1	Regression	49.506	1	49.506	.848	.388b
		Residual	408.494	7	58.356		
		Total	458.000	8			
GU	1	Regression	196.383	1	196.383	2.101	.243b
		Residual	280.417	3	93.472		
		Total	476.800	4			
KU	1	Regression	271.899	1	271.899	9.364	.012b
		Residual	290.351	10	29.035		
		Total	562.250	11			
NERIM	1	Regression	331.578	1	331.578	14.574	.002b
		Residual	364.033	16	22.752		
		Total	695.611	17			
RSM	1	Regression	150.126	1	150.126	5.786	.040b
		Residual	233.510	9	25.946		
		Total	383.636	10			
TU	1	Regression	3.890	1	3.890	.157	.702b
		Residual	197.710	8	24.714		
		Total	201.600	9			

a. Dependent Variable: DEGREE OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES [ASPERCEIVED BYINTERNALCUSTOMERS]

Name of the		ntsa for Regr <mark>ession Model o</mark> Model		lardized	Standardized Standardized	T	Cia
institution		Model		icients	Coefficients	1	Sig.
Institution			В	Std. Error	Beta		
AIM	1	(Constant)	48.425	14.726	Beta	3.288	01
Alivi	1	DEGREE OF	014		013		.01 .97
		INTERNAL	014	.390	013	036	.97
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
AU	1	(Constant)	22.000	34.200		.643	.56
710	1	DEGREE OF	.611	.789	.408	.775	.49
		INTERNAL	.011	.705	.100	.773	
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY	× y				
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
DBIM	1	(Constant)	22.771	16.384		1.390	.20
		DEGREE OF	.590	.506	.403	1.166	.28
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
DU	1	(Constant)	35.177	6.383		5.511	.00
		DEGREE OF	.152	.233	.213	.655	.52
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
CD (T		CUSTOMERS]	20.70:	10 10-		1.101	
GIMT	1	(Constant)	20.794	18.495	222	1.124	.29
		DEGREE OF	.556	.604	.329	.921	.38
		INTERNAL					

b. Predictors: (Constant), DEGREE OF INTERNAL BRANDING [AS PERCEIVED BY INTERNAL CUSTOMERS]

		BRANDING [AS PERCEIVED BY INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
GU	1	(Constant)	77.465	32.484		2.385	.097
		DEGREE OF	-1.620	1.118	642	-1.449	.243
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
KU	1	(Constant)	16.809	7.018		2.395	.038
		DEGREE OF	.681	.223	.695	3.060	.012
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
NERIM	1	(Constant)	12.895	6.743		1.912	.074
		DEGREE OF	.803	.210	.690	3.818	.002
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
RSM	1	(Constant)	15.506	9.812		1.580	.149
		DEGR <mark>EE OF</mark>	.772	.321	.626	2.405	.040
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
		CUSTOMERS]					
TU	1	(Constant)	35.865	16.046		2.235	.056
		DEGREE OF	.193	.485	.139	.397	.702
		INTERNAL					
		BRANDING [AS					
		PERCEIVED BY					
		INTERNAL					
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		INTERN	ALCUSTOM	ERS]			

Table-9 Reliability Statistics [Cronbach's Alpha]				
Name of the institution	DEGREE OF INTERNAL MARKETING PRACTICES [AS PERCEIVED BY INTERNALCUSTOMERS]	DEGREE OF INTERNAL BRANDING [AS PERCEIVED BY INTERNAL CUSTOMERS]		
AIM	.899	.943		
\mathbf{AU}	.950	.960		
DBIM	.895	.787		
DU	.695	.931		
GIMT	.855	.859		
$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{U}$.929	.517		
KU	.842	.926		
NERIM	.934	.908		
RSM	.845	.883		
TU	.637	.583		

Source: Compiled from Survey Data

From the above tables-6,7,8 and 9, it is discerned that there is no significant impact of **Internal Marketing Practices** on **Internal Brand Building** as perceived by the INTERNAL CUSTOMERS. This needs urgent attention on the part of the management of these management education service providing organizations.

X. Limitations

This research paper did not considered any feedback from the managers involved in Internal marketing Practices of Management Institutions regarding brand building. Hence, 360 degree view may be missing.

XI. Conclusions

Internal Marketing Practices are new benchmark strategies adopted by corporate industries to build brand against their competitors. In the line of corporate organizations, management education institutions would have to adopt generally agreed best practices to build brand even to facing new challenges. It is discernible that (a) there appears to be the poor implementation of internal marketing practices from all the concerned players, and (b) to attract best Internal Customers, External Customers, and Employers, these management education providing organizations shall have to adopt the best practices relating to Internal marketing or else their survibality and sustainability will be at stake.

S.No.	(ANNEXURE-1
	Statement
1.1	Employees are consulted in formation of strategic decisions for implementations
1.2	Employees are consulted while constructing tactical decisions.
1.3	Employees are consulted in implementing tactical decisions.
1.4	Employees involvement in day to-day activities implementation are consulted.
1.5	Employees 'collective demands to management are properly addressed.
1.6	Employees participation in Organization's Management are encouraged
1.7	Employees participation in the Board of Studies are encouraged.
1.8	Employees participation in Departmental Meetings are encouraged
1.9	Decisions are clearly and timely communicated between employees and management.
1.10	Decisions are clearly and timely communicated between departments.
1.11	Decisions are clearly and timely communicated between employees.

S.No.	ANNEXURE-2
	Statement
1.1	Employees' involvement in taking strategic decisions and implementations for the benefit of the students is
	satisfactory.
1.2	Employees' involvement in taking tactical decisions for the benefit of the students is satisfactory.
1.3	Employees' involvement in implementing tactical decisions for the benefit of the students is satisfactory.
1.4	Employees involvement in day to-day activities for the benefit of the students is satisfactory
1.5	Employee's involvement in day to-day activities implementation for the benefit of the students is satisfactory.
1.6	Employees represent student's demands to management which are properly addressed for the benefit of the students
	is satisfactory.
1.7	Employees participate in Organization's Management for the benefit of the students is satisfactory
1.8	Employees participate in the Board of Studies for the benefit of the students is satisfactory.
1.9	Employees participate in Departmental Meetings for the benefit of the students is satisfactory.
1.10	Decisions which are clearly and timely commutated between employees and management for the benefit of the
	students is satisfactory

S.No.	ANNEXURE-3
	Statement
1.1	Institution is known for its systematic admission procedure.
1.2	Institution is known for its guidance and counseling.
1.3	Institution is known for its good syllabus.
1.4	Institution is known for its imparting education through seminar and workshops/ guest lectures.
1.5	Institution is known for its innovative method of imparting lessons.
1.6	Institution is known for its placement for students.
1.7	Institution is known for its reasonable fees structure.
1.8	Institution is known for its quality of teachers.
1.9	Institution is known for its target based service.
1.10	Institution is known outside for its excellence.
1.11	Institution is known for its quality service.
1.12	Alumni are well placed.

S.No.	ANNEXURE-4 Statement
1.1	Institution is known for its salary.
1.2	Institution is known for its fringe benefits.

1.3	Institution is known for providing opportunities for employees growth.
1.4	Institution is known for its employees career planning.
1.5	Institution is known for its reputation in education industry.
1.6	Institution is known for its target based service.
1.7	Institution is known for its experienced service in the industry.
1.8	Institution is known for its additional benefits for additional services.
1.9	Institution is known for recognizing individual branding.

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