

## How Does Reputation Management Help Increase Brand Awareness?

A good reputation is like a treasure for all organisations. They must save it and keep it at the top until they exist in the market. Though it takes lots of time to build, several factors cause it to diminish as well. The stakeholders, online reviews, and the performance of employees define the reputation of a company. They are the driving forces behind the organisation's success or failure. Hence, companies try to keep a good reputation by maintaining employee satisfaction and giving them bonuses and perks.

Reputation management links the public trust in a brand with increased profits, better talent, and marketing efforts. A business who has a remarkable online reputation can self-promote itself. People, especially stakeholders, are attracted to companies sharing their values and missions. They choose companies like these over the competition, pay more for their products and services, and then promote them for free on social media and online review websites. Employers must try to make their firm stand out from the competition because of its reputation, and not rely on marketing, social media, advertising, or PR. The marketing strategy should not stop, but when a firm has a positive reputation, it becomes easier for promoters to manage their tasks.

Brand awareness means dealing with the level of familiarity of the brand with the public. If the target audience can recognise the brand, they are most likely to choose it even after competition. This step is critical for all businesses to succeed, and the marketing team usually takes the credit. By building an excellent online reputation, brands and companies must work hard. If they have a decent reputation online, they can easily score over the rest. Following are the steps involved in increasing brand awareness online:

- Optimisation of all owned properties: Ensure that the website is in great shape and
  includes a blog that gets regular updates. Claim and monitor all social media channels,
  website content and other profile listing websites. They help the organisation put their
  best foot forward on the internet and show potential customers what their brand is all
  about.
- Focus on customer reviews: Although organisations cannot control the kind of
  thoughts that people post on the web, they can indeed regulate the type of responses
  towards them. The brand review management strategy can make or break the company.
   People remember polite and courteous responses towards all kinds of reviews,

especially the negative ones, and spread the word in their families.

• Creation of valuable content: The more buzz that a company can create around their brand, the better. Most strategies will include building content for the brand and sharing it on different sources. It will help reach a larger audience and increase brand awareness.

Using different kinds of <u>market segmentation</u> helps companies target their customers based on unique characteristics and create effective marketing campaigns. They can also find various opportunities in the market. It divides the target market into smaller and defined categories like demographics, interests, location, needs, etc.