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Maledia Broadcasting: Getting Ready to Go On Air

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Abstract:

The case focuses on the positioning strategy development for a new regional television channel

of Maledia Broadcasting Network (MBN), a new venture of the Kerala-based media group

from India, Model Publication Trust. The case also introduces perceptual map as a tool of brand

positioning provides opportunity to discuss brand extension issues.

In 2011, MBN prepared to launch a new Malayalam News channel. In preparation to launch,

Samjad, the Deputy CEO of the newly formed company, was faced with the challenge to decide

the positioning strategy of the new Malayalam News channel. The issue was not just about

differentiating but also about redefining the competition itself. How should it be positioned

against the competition in a very dynamic and tough broadcasting industry in India. The

decision would influence almost all decisions pertaining to its marketing mix including the

brand name and the channel identity.

Based on the rich market data such as competitive scenario in the region, news consumption

behavior, and consumer perception of existing news channels, students are expected to develop

strategic directions for channel positioning, which would guide the programming and

marketing activities of the channel. The case provides several opportunities to discuss

qualitative aspects of audience behavior beyond considering only competitive figures, helping

students of marketing draw insights and analyze competitive scenario of an industry to develop

alternatives and make strategic marketing decisions

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