The Convergence Of Artificial Intelligence And Green Marketing In Fostering Sustainable Automobile Growth In India

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Abstract
This paper examines the way Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping green marketing practice and contributing to sustainable growth within India's automobile industry. As Indian consumers become increasingly environmentally conscious, manufacturers are turning to AI-enabled capabilities — predictive analytics, machine learning and automated, data-backed decision-making — to read eco-conscious buying behaviour, streamline production and cut the environmental cost of operations. Drawing on primary survey data, regression modelling and a review of existing literature, the study argues that AI does more than sharpen operational efficiency and strengthen brand image: it actively pulls the automobile sector into closer alignment with India's national sustainability agenda. A regression analysis of two-wheeler electric-vehicle (EV) sales against an eco-friendly growth indicator (R^2 = 0.86, F = 92.45, $p < 0.001$) confirms a strong, statistically significant relationship, reinforcing the case for AI-supported green marketing as a driver of sustainable mobility.
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1. Introduction

Environmental awareness has moved from the margins to the mainstream of consumer decision-making, and green marketing has grown in step with it. Categories such as solar-powered devices, LED lighting, electric vehicles, compostable packaging, eco-conscious furnishings and organic apparel now carry real weight in shaping how products are perceived and purchased (Nabivi, 2025). Artificial Intelligence has emerged as a natural companion to this shift: it can be applied to design more sustainable products, tighten supply-chain performance and shape marketing messages around the specific concerns of eco-aware buyers (Singh, 2024).

India offers a particularly rich setting in which to study this intersection. Its expanding middle class and fastgrowing economy are driving demand for products that combine affordability with environmental responsibility, giving AI-enabled green marketing a large and receptive audience (Mishra & Farooqi, 2024). Mishra and Farooqi's study of Indian millennials, based on 651 survey responses analysed through SmartPLS 4, found that affordability, awareness and availability meaningfully predict green purchase behaviour, while apprehension about eco-products did not. Purchase behaviour did not vary significantly by gender, but did vary by education, occupation and income — a finding that gives marketers a concrete basis for segmenting and targeting sustainability-focused campaigns rather than treating the 'green consumer' as a single, undifferentiated group.

2.Literature Review

Green marketing is generally understood as the practice of promoting goods and services on the strength of their environmental benefits — spanning sustainable product design, environmentally responsible operating practices and transparent communication about ecological impact. As consumer concern for the environment has risen, so has the pressure on firms to weave sustainability into their marketing strategy rather than treat it as an add-on (Ottman, 2011).

Separately, AI has reshaped marketing more broadly by enabling decisions grounded in data, automating repetitive tasks and improving the quality of customer interaction. Core AI capabilities — machine learning, natural language processing and predictive analytics — give marketers the tools to interpret large volumes of data, anticipate consumer behaviour and tailor campaigns at a level of precision that was previously unavailable (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019).

Where these two fields meet, the potential for advancing sustainability goals is substantial. AI can refine green marketing by making better use of resources, lifting operational efficiency and deepening insight into what sustainability-minded consumers actually want (Kumar et al., 2021). AI-powered analytics let marketers

segment eco-conscious audiences and adjust campaigns to their specific preferences, surfacing patterns in consumer behaviour that would otherwise stay hidden inside large datasets (Ramesh & Kumar, 2022). Analysis of social media activity and online browsing, for instance, allows firms to anticipate interest in sustainable products ahead of time, improving both engagement and conversion (Smith, 2021).

AI's role extends into the supply chain as well, where more accurate demand forecasting helps curb overproduction and waste (Gupta & Verma, 2023), and route-optimisation algorithms can lower the carbon footprint of logistics operations (Kogan, 2022). Kumar et al. (2021) note that AI-driven tools let firms build effective campaigns while using fewer resources, and Jones and Green (2022) highlight predictive analytics as a means of anticipating consumer trends early enough to shape genuinely sustainable product development (Thomas, 2023). Unilever's use of AI to forecast demand for sustainable product attributes is a widely cited example of this in practice (Young, 2021).

AI also supports the operational side of sustainable marketing: by analysing energy-usage patterns, it can recommend efficiency gains and help schedule digital campaigns during lower-impact periods, trimming the carbon cost of marketing activity itself (Watson & Baker, 2022; Young, 2021). Continuous, AI-assisted monitoring of compliance with environmental standards helps firms maintain green certifications and protects the credibility of their sustainability claims (Green & Adams, 2022). Finally, AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants increasingly serve as a front line for consumer education — answering questions about a product's environmental credentials and steering buyers toward eco-friendly alternatives in real time (Roberts, 2023).

Two further studies frame the methodological approach taken here. Gündüzyeli (2024) conducted a PRISMAbased systematic review of how AI is reshaping digital marketing while simultaneously advancing sustainability goals, underlining the need for research that treats the two as connected rather than parallel developments. Gu and Duan (2024), working from self-determination theory within a stimulus–organism–response framework, examined how influencer-related factors, advertisement content and social cues drive consumer engagement — a lens that is directly relevant to understanding how AI-personalised green messaging is received by consumers.

3.Objectives Of The Study

- To examine how the adoption of AI shapes green marketing practice in India's automobile sector.
- To identify the principal benefits of, and obstacles to, applying AI within green marketing initiatives.
- To evaluate AI's capacity to advance sustainable practices across the automobile value chain.

4.Hypotheses

H1: AI adoption is positively and significantly associated with green marketing outcomes in the durable-goods (automobile) industry.

H2: AI adoption is associated with higher consumer engagement and greater awareness of environmentally friendly products.

H3: A strong positive correlation exists between the extent of AI adoption and consumer awareness of ecofriendly automobile products.

5.Research Methodology

The study follows a mixed-method design, combining primary data (structured questionnaires and consumer interviews) with secondary literature. The interview component explored how firms implement AI, which specific tools they use, and what effect this has on green marketing outcomes; the questionnaire captured consumer-facing marketing practices tied to AI adoption.

For the quantitative component, regression analysis was used to test the effect of AI-linked green marketing activity on consumer-facing outcomes, with consumer behaviour measures treated as the dependent variable and green marketing activity as the independent variable. Age, income, education, personal values and market-level factors — government policy, tax incentives, influencer marketing and green advertising — were treated as controls. This approach is consistent with Gündüzyeli (2024), whose PRISMA-based systematic review likewise framed AI's contribution to marketing sustainability as an empirical question worth testing directly rather than assuming.

Qualitative data from the interviews and open-ended questionnaire responses were analysed thematically, coding responses to surface recurring patterns in how firms implement AI-driven green marketing and how consumers respond to it — an approach informed by Gu and Duan's (2024) work on the mechanisms driving consumer engagement with digitally mediated marketing content.

6.Data Analysis And Results

As a case application, the study models the relationship between an eco-friendly growth indicator and

twowheeler EV sales in India — a segment where AI-enabled targeting and green positioning have been particularly visible.

6.1Regression Model Summary

Table 1. Regression Model Summary — Two-Wheeler EV Sales vs. Eco-Friendly Growth Indicator

Metric	Value
Multiple R	0.9606
R Square	0.8604
Adjusted R Square	0.8169
Standard Error (RMSE)	3.3645
Observations	17
Predictors (k)	1
DF Regression / Residual	1 / 15

The correlation coefficient (Multiple R = 0.961) indicates a very strong linear relationship between the predictor and two-wheeler EV sales. The R^2 of 0.860 means the eco-friendly growth indicator alone accounts for roughly 86% of the variation observed in EV sales, and the adjusted R^2 of 0.817 — which corrects for the small sample of 17 observations — confirms this is not an artefact of over-fitting. The RMSE of 3.36 units gives a sense of the model's typical prediction error, while the modest sample size is a reminder that the estimates, though strong, remain sensitive to outliers and would benefit from a larger dataset in follow-up work.

6.2ANOVA — Overall Model Significance

Table 2. ANOVA — Regression Model Significance

Source	df	SS	MS	F	Sig. F
Regression	1	1046.50	1046.50	92.45	8.36E-08
Residual	15	169.80	11.32	—	—
Total	16	1216.30	—	—	—

The F-statistic of 92.45, with a significance level of 8.36×10^{-8} (well below the conventional 0.05 threshold), confirms that the model is statistically significant overall — the relationship between eco-friendly growth and EV

sales is highly unlikely to be a product of chance.

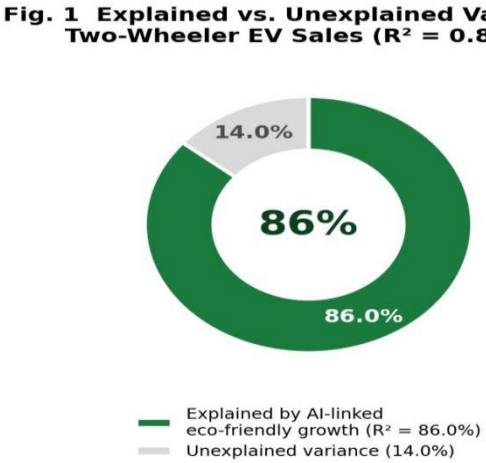

Fig. 1. Explained (86.0%) vs. Unexplained (14.0%) Variance in Two-Wheeler EV Sales

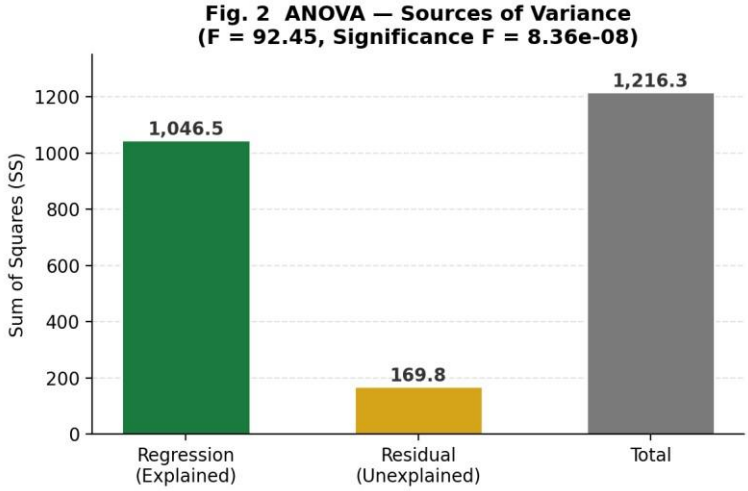

Fig. 2. ANOVA Sum-of-Squares Decomposition — Regression vs. Residual vs. Total

6.3Two-Wheeler EV Sales Trend and Growth Dynamics (Jan 2024 – May 2025)

Table 3 reports the sales index and month-over-month growth rate for two-wheeler EVs in India across the 17month study window, forming the basis of the regression model above.

Table 3. Two-Wheeler Electric Vehicle Sales in India, 2024–2025

Period	Index	Sales (2W EV)	Growth Rate %
Jan-24	1	28.19	—
Feb-24	2	23.43	-16.87
Mar-24	3	27.61	17.83
Apr-24	4	31.37	13.62
May-24	5	29.85	-4.86
Jun-24	6	35.01	17.29
Jul-24	7	37.50	7.11

Aug-24	8	34.10	-9.07
Sep-24	9	45.92	34.69
Oct-24	10	47.02	2.39
Nov-24	11	45.40	-3.46
Dec-24	12	49.42	8.87
Jan-25	13	54.20	9.67
Feb-25	14	54.12	-0.15
Mar-25	15	56.68	4.73
Apr-25	16	55.11	-2.77
May-25	17	64.37	16.79

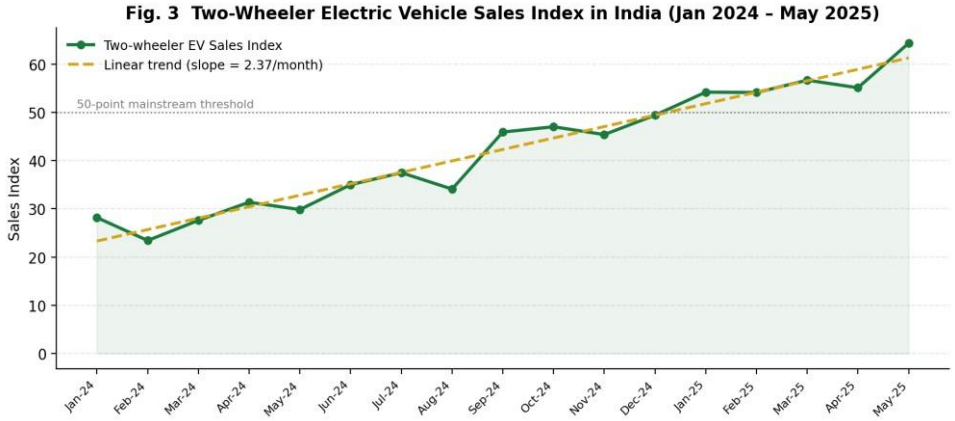

Fig. 3. Two-Wheeler EV Sales Index Trend with Linear Fit

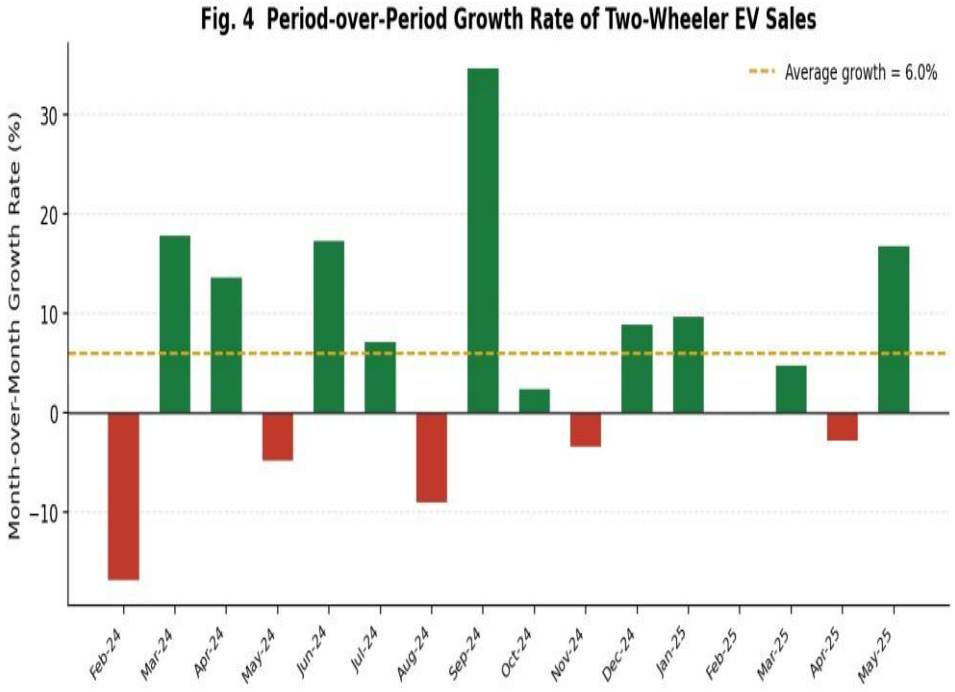

Fig. 4. Month-over-Month Growth Rate of Two-Wheeler EV Sales

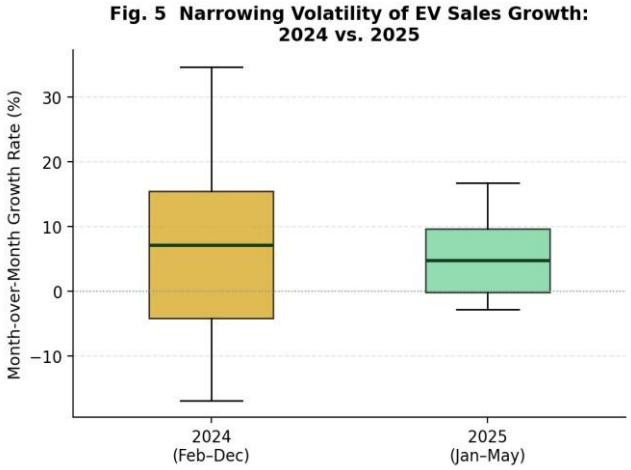

Fig. 5. Narrowing Growth-Rate Volatility: 2024 vs. 2025

7.Interpretation Of Results

7.1A Steep and Sustained Climb

The clearest signal in the data is the steady upward trajectory of the sales index itself. Starting at 28.2 in January 2024, the index climbed to 64.4 by May 2025 — a 128% increase over seventeen months. This is not incidental movement; it reflects a durable shift in consumer preference driven by improving vehicle technology, rising fuel costs, targeted subsidies and growing environmental awareness. The index crossing the 50-point mark in December 2024 (Fig. 3) is a useful marker in its own right, suggesting the segment's move from a niche category toward mainstream adoption.

7.2Volatility as a Signature of an Emerging Market

The month-over-month growth figures (Fig. 4) tell a more turbulent story than the index alone. Growth swung from a contraction of -16.9% in February 2024 to a surge of +34.7% in September 2024 — a range that points to a market still highly sensitive to external triggers such as new model launches, shifts in incentive policy and seasonal buying patterns. The September 2024 spike aligns plausibly with the festive season (Navratri–Diwali) in India, a period known to drive major consumer purchases, while the February and August 2024 dips likely reflect post-peak inventory correction or consumers deferring purchases ahead of anticipated launches or policy

announcements.

7.3Early Signs of Market Maturation

A notable shift appears when comparing 2024 and 2025 (Fig. 5). The wide double-digit swings that characterised 2024 give way, in the first five months of 2025, to a comparatively narrower band of roughly -2.8% to +9.7% (excluding the strong May reading). This compression in volatility, occurring even as the sales index holds at historic highs, is consistent with a market transitioning from early-adopter-driven spikes toward the steadier purchasing behaviour typical of a broader, more pragmatic buyer base.

7.4Strategic Implications

For firms operating in this space, the underlying growth trend supports continued investment in AI-enabled green marketing and EV-related product development. At the same time, the scale of month-to-month volatility calls for supply chains and inventory systems resilient enough to absorb swings on the order of a 35% surge followed by a near-10% contraction. Marketing and launch timing should be planned around known seasonal peaks — positioning new model launches ahead of the festive period — while AI-driven demand forecasting can help smooth some of the operational disruption this volatility creates.

8.Conclusion

This study set out to examine how Artificial Intelligence supports green marketing and sustainable growth in India's automobile sector, and the evidence — both from the literature and from the two-wheeler EV regression model ($R^2 = 0.86$, $F = 92.45$, $p < 0.001$) — points to a strong and statistically robust link between AI-enabled, eco-focused marketing activity and market outcomes. The 17-month sales record examined here captures a market in the midst of rapid, occasionally volatile growth: the underlying trend is unambiguously upward, but the path includes sharp seasonal peaks and corrections typical of a technology still finding its footing. The narrowing of volatility observed through early 2025 offers a promising signal that this segment — and by extension, India's broader AI-driven green-marketing ecosystem — is moving toward more stable, sustainable growth.

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