A Study on Social Media Analytics and Engagement Tracking Using Power BI at Genpact

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Abstract—Social media has become an indispensable channel for brand communication, customer engagement, and business intelligence in the digital economy. Organisations generate vast volumes of unstructured social media data daily across platforms including LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, yet many struggle to translate this raw data into actionable strategic insights. Power BI, Microsoft's business intelligence and data visualisation platform, offers a robust framework for aggregating, processing, and visualising social media metrics through interactive dashboards and real-time analytics. Genpact, a global professional services and solutions firm headquartered in New York with major delivery operations in Hyderabad, manages a significant social media presence across platforms to support employer branding, client engagement, and thought leadership positioning. This study examines the design, implementation, and effectiveness of a Power BI-based social media analytics and engagement tracking system at Genpact, India. Primary data was gathered through structured interviews with 20 digital marketing and analytics professionals at Genpact Hyderabad. Secondary data was sourced from Genpact's published digital reports, Microsoft Power BI documentation, and academic literature on social media analytics. Findings confirm that Power BI dashboards reduced social media reporting time by 68% and improved campaign optimisation decision speed by 45%. Key engagement metrics tracked include reach, impressions, click-through rate, follower growth, sentiment score, and share of voice. Recommendations include integrating AI-powered sentiment analysis, cross-platform unified audience profiling, and predictive engagement modelling within the Power BI ecosystem.

Keywords: Social media analytics, Power BI, engagement tracking, Genpact, digital marketing analytics, business intelligence, data visualisation, social media metrics, sentiment analysis, dashboard reporting.

1. INTRODUCTION

The proliferation of social media platforms has fundamentally transformed how organisations communicate with customers, employees, and stakeholders. Platforms such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook generate billions of data points daily—comprising posts, comments, reactions, shares, and direct messages—that collectively represent a rich, real-time signal of brand perception, audience sentiment, and content performance.

For organisations operating at the intersection of technology and professional services, social media analytics serves a dual function: externally, it measures brand reach, client engagement, and thought leadership effectiveness; internally, it informs talent acquisition campaigns, employee advocacy programmes, and corporate reputation management. Genpact, with over 125,000 employees across 30+ countries and a

substantial Hyderabad delivery hub, relies on data-driven social media strategy to attract talent, engage clients, and communicate its transformation services narrative globally.

Power BI, Microsoft's flagship business intelligence platform, has emerged as the industry-standard tool for social media dashboard development due to its native integration with Microsoft 365, API connectivity with major social platforms, and drag-and-drop visualisation capabilities. Its ability to handle real-time data refresh, custom DAX measures, and cross-platform data consolidation makes it particularly suited to social media analytics where data arrives from multiple sources at varying frequencies.

This study investigates how Genpact's digital marketing and analytics teams have leveraged Power BI to build a unified social media engagement tracking system, examines the key performance indicators monitored, analyses reporting efficiency gains, and identifies the next frontier of AI-enhanced analytics capabilities.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- Examine the design and architecture of Genpact's Power BI social media analytics dashboard ecosystem.
- Identify the key social media engagement metrics tracked and their strategic significance for Genpact's marketing objectives.
- Analyse the efficiency and accuracy improvements achieved through Power BI-based reporting versus manual reporting methods.
- Assess the role of social media analytics in informing content strategy, campaign optimisation, and audience segmentation at Genpact.
- Identify limitations and challenges in the current Power BI social media analytics implementation.
- Recommend enhancements including AI-powered sentiment analysis, predictive modelling, and cross-platform audience unification.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] Kaplan and Haenlein (2010) established the foundational taxonomy of social media platforms, classifying them by social presence and self-disclosure dimensions, and first articulated the strategic imperative for corporations to develop systematic social media monitoring and response capabilities.

[2] Fan and Gordon (2014) defined social media analytics as the practice of gathering and analysing data from social networks to make business decisions, identifying three layers: descriptive analytics (what happened), diagnostic analytics (why it happened), and predictive analytics (what will happen)—the three-layer framework applied to Genpact's Power BI architecture in this study.

[3] Gandomi and Haider (2015) documented the explosion of big data from social media sources and examined analytical tools and techniques for extracting business intelligence from unstructured social data, identifying natural language processing and network analysis as the two highest-value techniques for engagement insight generation.

[4] Microsoft (2023) documented Power BI's native social media connectors for LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook Pages, enabling direct API-based data extraction for follower metrics, post-level performance data, and audience demographic breakdowns without manual export-import workflows.

[5] Stieglitz et al. (2018) systematically reviewed social media analytics research, identifying engagement rate, sentiment polarity, share of voice, and content virality coefficient as the four metrics with highest predictive validity for downstream business outcomes including brand preference and purchase intent.

[6] Genpact Annual Report (2023) highlighted digital marketing intelligence as a core competency in its own operations, noting that data-driven content strategy had improved LinkedIn follower engagement rate by 34% and supported a 28% increase in qualified job applicant pipeline from social channels.

[7] Rahman et al. (2020) evaluated Power BI as a business intelligence tool for marketing analytics, finding that Power BI reduced dashboard development time by 60% compared to custom-coded solutions while delivering equivalent analytical depth, supporting its widespread adoption in enterprise marketing functions.

[8] Saura (2021) reviewed the application of digital marketing analytics in corporate strategy, finding that organisations with mature social media analytics capabilities achieved 23% higher customer acquisition efficiency and 18% higher brand recall scores versus analytics-immature peers—establishing a quantifiable business case for systematic social media intelligence investment.

[9] Batrinca and Treleaven (2015) examined social media analytics methods and tools across sentiment analysis, topic modelling, and network graph analysis, providing the methodological framework for integrating NLP-based sentiment scoring into structured Power BI dashboards through Python and R visual integrations.

[10] Hofacker and Belanche (2016) analysed mobile social media metrics and their relevance for brand management, documenting that mobile-originated engagement (reactions, saves, shares from mobile devices) is 2.4x more predictive of conversion intent than desktop-originated engagement—a segmentation insight directly applicable to Genpact's audience analytics framework.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A descriptive and exploratory research design was adopted. Qualitative primary data from structured interviews with Genpact digital analytics professionals was complemented by analysis of Power BI dashboard screenshots, metric definitions, and reporting workflow documentation provided by the study participants.

4.1 Research Design

Exploratory design investigates the architecture and functionality of Genpact's Power BI social media analytics system through practitioner interviews and system documentation review. Descriptive design documents key metrics tracked, reporting cycle efficiencies achieved, and organisational use cases supported by the analytics infrastructure.

4.2 Data Sources

Primary Data: Structured interviews with 20 Genpact professionals at the Hyderabad delivery centre including digital marketing managers (8), data analysts (7), and social media coordinators (5). Interviews covered dashboard design rationale, metrics prioritised, reporting frequency, decision use cases, and limitations encountered.

Secondary Data: Genpact Annual Reports (2022-2023), Microsoft Power BI official documentation and social analytics case studies, academic journals on social media analytics and business intelligence, LinkedIn Marketing Solutions benchmarks, and Hootsuite Digital Trends Report (2023).

4.3 Sample Size

Primary: 20 Genpact Hyderabad digital marketing and analytics professionals selected through purposive sampling based on direct involvement with Power BI dashboard development or social media reporting. Secondary: Documentation review of four social media analytics dashboards and two years of historical reporting data provided by interview participants under confidentiality agreement.

4.4 Tools for Analysis

- Thematic analysis of qualitative interview responses across six predefined themes: dashboard design, metric selection, reporting efficiency, decision impact, integration challenges, and future development.
- Frequency and percentage analysis of quantitative survey items on reporting time savings, data accuracy improvement, and metric usefulness ratings.
- Weighted Average Method for ranking engagement metrics by strategic importance and decision utility.
- Benchmarking: Genpact's social media engagement metrics compared against LinkedIn B2B benchmarks and Hootsuite industry averages for professional services firms.

5. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

5.1 Social Media Platforms and Metrics Tracked

Table I documents the social media platforms covered in Genpact's Power BI analytics ecosystem and the primary engagement metrics extracted from each platform via API connectors. LinkedIn dominates the tracking scope given its centrality to Genpact's B2B and employer brand strategy.

Social Media Platform	Primary Metrics Tracked in Power BI
LinkedIn	Impressions, Engagement Rate, Follower Growth, Post Clicks, Share of Voice
Twitter / X	Reach, Retweets, Replies, Hashtag Performance, Sentiment Score
Instagram	Reach, Story Views, Saves, Profile Visits, Reel Plays
Facebook	Page Likes, Post Reach, Reactions, Video Views,
	Link Clicks
YouTube	Views, Watch Time, Subscribers, CTR, Audience Retention Rate

Table I: Social Media Platforms and Metrics Tracked in Genpact Power BI Dashboard

5.2 Reporting Efficiency Gains from Power BI Implementation

Table II presents before-and-after comparison of key reporting process metrics following Power BI dashboard implementation, based on interview responses from 20 Genpact analytics professionals. Reporting cycle time reduction of 68% is the most significant operational improvement.

Reporting Metric	Before Power BI / After Power BI
Weekly report preparation time	14 hours / 4.5 hours
Data consolidation accuracy	76% / 98%
Dashboard refresh frequency	Weekly / Real-time
Cross-platform data unification	Manual, 3 days / Automated, instant
Campaign optimisation lag	5-7 days / Same-day
Stakeholder report distribution	Manual email / Self-serve portal

Table II: Reporting Efficiency Comparison - Before and After Power BI Implementation

5.3 Engagement Metric Priority Ranking

Table III presents the weighted priority ranking of social media engagement metrics at Genpact, based on interview participant ratings of strategic importance and decision utility on a 5-point Likert scale.

Engagement Metric	Weighted Priority Score (/ 5)
Engagement Rate (interactions / reach)	4.72
Follower Growth Rate	4.48
Click-Through Rate (CTR)	4.31
Share of Voice vs Competitors	4.18
Sentiment Score (positive / negative)	3.96
Reach and Impressions	3.74
Content Virality Coefficient	3.52
Audience Demographics Shift	3.28

Table III: Social Media Engagement Metric Priority Ranking at Genpact (n=20)

5.4 Power BI Dashboard Architecture

Genpact's social media Power BI ecosystem comprises four interconnected dashboard layers. The Executive Summary Dashboard provides C-suite level KPI cards showing overall engagement rate, total reach, and share of voice with month-on-month trend indicators. The Platform Performance Dashboard enables drill-down analysis by individual social channel with post-level granularity. The Campaign Analytics Dashboard tracks campaign-specific metrics against predefined targets with automated RAG (Red-Amber-Green) status indicators. The Audience Insights Dashboard visualises follower demographic breakdowns, geographic distribution, and engagement behaviour patterns to inform targeting decisions.

5.5 Benchmark Comparison - LinkedIn Performance

Table IV benchmarks Genpact's LinkedIn engagement metrics against LinkedIn's published B2B professional services industry benchmarks, contextualising the organisation's social media performance relative to peer firms.

LinkedIn Metric	Genpact FY24 / Industry Benchmark
Engagement Rate	4.2% / 2.1%
Follower Growth (annual)	18.4% / 11.2%
Post Click-Through Rate	3.8% / 2.4%
Video View Completion Rate	34% / 22%
Comment-to-Impression Ratio	0.8% / 0.4%

Table IV: Genpact LinkedIn Performance vs Industry Benchmark (FY 2023-24)

6. FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

6.1 Key Findings

- Power BI implementation reduced weekly social media report preparation time from 14 hours to 4.5 hours (68% reduction), freeing significant analyst capacity for insight generation and campaign strategy rather than data consolidation and formatting tasks.
- Data consolidation accuracy improved from 76% to 98% following API-based automated data extraction replacing manual copy-paste workflows across five platforms, eliminating the human error risk inherent in multi-source manual reporting.
- Genpact's LinkedIn engagement rate of 4.2% is double the B2B professional services industry benchmark of 2.1%, confirming that data-driven content strategy informed by Power BI analytics is delivering measurably superior audience engagement outcomes.
- Engagement Rate and Follower Growth Rate are rated highest priority metrics (4.72 and 4.48 weighted scores respectively), reflecting Genpact's focus on quality engagement over vanity metrics such as total impressions or raw follower count.
- Real-time dashboard refresh capability has compressed campaign optimisation

lag from 5-7 days (manual reporting cycle) to same-day decision-making, enabling agile content and budget reallocation within active campaign windows.

- Share of Voice tracking against three named competitors is identified as the highest-value competitive intelligence function of the Power BI dashboard by 85% of interview respondents, informing both content differentiation strategy and hiring campaign positioning.
- Sentiment analysis remains the least mature analytics capability in the current system: 70% of respondents rate current sentiment tracking as insufficient, citing the absence of native NLP integration in Power BI as the primary limitation.

6.2 Suggestions

- Integrate Python-based NLP sentiment analysis models (using VADER or BERT for social media text) as Power BI Python Visual components, enabling post-level sentiment classification directly within the dashboard without external tool dependency.
- Develop a Unified Audience Identity Graph within Power BI by cross-referencing follower demographics across LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter using shared email hashing where platform APIs permit, enabling cross-platform audience profile unification for targeted content strategy.
- Implement Power BI Predictive Engagement Modelling using AutoML (Azure Machine Learning integration) to forecast next-30-day follower growth, engagement rate, and content virality based on historical performance patterns and content attribute variables.
- Build a Competitor Share of Voice Automation pipeline using third-party social listening APIs (Brandwatch or Sprinklr) as Power BI data sources, expanding competitive tracking from three named competitors to a dynamic competitive set across the IT services sector.
- Deploy Power BI Streaming Datasets for real-time event-triggered analytics during product launches, thought leadership events, and crisis communication scenarios, enabling minute-by-minute engagement tracking against response benchmarks.
- Establish a Social Media Analytics Centre of Excellence (CoE) within Genpact's Hyderabad analytics hub, standardising Power BI dashboard templates, metric definitions, and benchmark libraries across all Genpact regional marketing teams globally.

7. CONCLUSION

This study has demonstrated that Power BI-based social media analytics represents a transformative capability for organisations managing multi-platform digital engagement at enterprise scale. Genpact's implementation of a four-layer Power BI dashboard ecosystem has delivered measurable operational improvements—a 68% reduction in reporting time, 98% data accuracy, and same-day campaign optimisation capability—while enabling strategic insights that have contributed to a LinkedIn engagement rate double the industry benchmark.

The study confirms that the transition from manual, spreadsheet-based social media reporting to integrated, API-driven Power BI dashboards is not merely an efficiency upgrade but a qualitative shift in analytical capability. Real-time data access transforms social media analytics from a retrospective reporting function into a forward-looking, decision-support system capable of informing campaign strategy within active execution windows.

However, the study also identifies the frontier of the next analytical evolution: sentiment analysis maturity, cross-platform audience identity unification, and predictive engagement modelling represent capabilities that require AI and machine learning integration beyond Power BI's native functionality. Azure Machine Learning, Python visual integration, and third-party NLP APIs offer the technical pathway to close these gaps within the existing Power BI architecture.

For organisations in the professional services and IT sector—where employer brand, thought leadership, and client engagement converge on social media platforms—the investment in a mature social media analytics infrastructure is not a marketing luxury but a strategic necessity. Genpact's Power BI implementation provides a replicable model for how data-driven social media intelligence can be systematically embedded into content strategy, campaign management, and competitive positioning at scale.

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