

CLIENT PITCH · MARKETING CONCEPTS, APPLIED

60 marketing concepts, one salon: *Arise & Shine*.

The 42 concepts from the salon playbook — now with real evidence from my growth audit of Arise & Shine Unisex Salon, Kalyan Nagar — plus 18 concepts the playbook was missing. Each has a "do it right" note and one line to say in the meeting.

42 playbook concepts

+18 added

Evidence-labelled

Honest-marketing notes

4.9★ · 35
Google reviews

3,580
reviews at Adorn &
Admire, 360 m

noindex
on the homepage

10 pm
open daily + valet

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Definition → *evidence* → do it right → *one line*

Every card has the same four parts, so in the meeting you move from theory to this salon in one breath. Evidence comes from public research on 11 Oct 2026 (my growth audit); nothing about the salon's revenue, client numbers or spend is claimed.

50 NAP consistency

Same name, address, phone everywhere.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

2 numbers (081237 29873 / 090352 44813), 2 addresses, hours 9–10 vs 10–8 vs 10–9.

"Week-one fix: one number, one address, one set of hours."

The four sections

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Evidence labels

- VERIFIED** read from a public source · **OBSERVATION** seen when tested ·
- INFERENCE** reasoned recommendation · **ILLUSTRATIVE** made-up numbers ·
- DATA NEEDED** needs salon data

Two lenses in section C

The original playbook framed strategy from **your side as a marketer** pitching salons (TAM = salons that need marketing). I keep that lens and add the **salon's own** market on this street, so you can answer both "why us?" and "why you?".

How clients *choose* a salon — and where the site gets in the way

Psychology works best when it amplifies what is already true: the space, the brands, the named stylists.

01 Scarcity

Limited supply or availability relative to demand.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Real limits: a stylist's Saturday book and a bridal artist's Oct-Feb season. Show live weekend slots on WhatsApp ("Adil: 2 slots left Sat").

Do it right: Only real availability — never invented "last 2 slots".

"Scarcity is a stylist's calendar. We show it honestly."

02 Social proof

People use others' experiences as evidence.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

4.9★ but only 35 Google reviews — Adorn & Admire, 360 m away, has 3,580 and Toni&Guy Essensuals (340 m) 2,206. Reviews mention space, valet and named staff.

Do it right: Genuine reviews only; ask every client, never buy or filter.

"Quality is proven — 4.9. Volume isn't: 35 vs 3,580 next door."

03 FOMO

Fear of missing a desirable opportunity by waiting.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Pre-bridal booking window (Oct-Feb) and a real month-end offer on botox — ending when it truly ends.

Do it right: Deadlines must be real; no rolling "ends today" offers.

"FOMO works only if the deadline is true."

04 Anchoring effect

A reference point changes how later prices feel.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Botox offer ₹3,999 vs list ₹6,000+, nanoplastia ₹4,999 vs ₹6,000+ — but the offers page doesn't show the saving next to the price.

Do it right: Reference prices must be the real list price.

"Show '₹6,000 → ₹3,999' together — the anchor sells the offer."

05 Loss aversion

Losses feel heavier than equal gains.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

"Your botox results fade after a few months — rebook before the frizz returns" and "Don't lose your member price — renew by Sunday".

Do it right: No exaggerated hair-damage scare claims.

"Rebooking messages work best framed as keeping a result."

06 Framing effect

Presentation changes interpretation.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Homepage buttons say "Men-Services / Women-Services". Nobody arrives thinking that — they think "haircut tonight" or "fix my frizz". Reframe by need.

"Frame by the client's problem, not by gender menus."

Biases that already *favour* Arise & Shine

Halo and endowment are on the salon's side — review volume and "0 +" counters are not.

07 Decoy effect

A third option makes another look better.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Packages 2 and 3 contain the same services at ₹1,450 and ₹1,800 — an accidental, confusing decoy. Redesign three clear tiers where the middle is the best fit.

Do it right: Each tier must deliver real, distinct value.

"Today's decoy is an error — two identical packages at different prices."

08 Zero-price effect

Free feels disproportionately attractive.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Complimentary scalp & hair consultation before any botox/keratin booking; free fringe trim between visits for members.

Do it right: Free means free — no hidden add-ons.

"A free hair consultation turns a ₹6,000 decision into a small first step."

09 Conditional offer

Reward only when a condition is met.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

"Refer a friend who completes a hair treatment — you both get a hair spa."

Do it right: Clear terms printed with the offer.

"Reward the completed booking, not the share."

10 Halo effect

One positive impression shapes others.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Reviews rave about "marble accents and warm wood", valet and tea — but the website hero is a generic line and counters read "0 +". Show the room.

Do it right: Real photos of the real salon.

"The space is the halo — and it's missing from the first screen."

11 Endowment effect

People value what feels "theirs".

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Clients name Deepa (reception) and Adil (cuts); testimonials name Monica. A client with "my stylist" rarely switches.

Do it right: Respect staff consent for features.

"Make stylists visible — clients bond with people, not brands."

12 Bandwagon effect

People follow what many others choose.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

"Most-booked: hair botox" — once true and countable. Today counters show "0 + happy clients".

Do it right: Only countable, true numbers.

"0 + happy clients' is a reverse bandwagon."

Choice, value and *price*

The price list is a sales tool — today it confuses more than it sells.

13 Cognitive bias

Mental shortcuts that influence judgment.

AT ARISE & SHINE **OBSERVATION**

"More reviews = better salon" — Adorn & Admire's 3,580 reviews win that shortcut even though Arise & Shine rates 4.9.

Do it right: Counter with facts, don't exploit.

"We can't out-shout 3,580 overnight — we out-specify them: brands, stylists, results."

14 Mere exposure effect

Repeated exposure builds familiarity.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Same stylist faces across Google photos, reels and a 3-km Instagram ad — today Facebook and YouTube links point to "#".

Do it right: Frequency caps on ads.

"Familiarity needs channels that work — two social links go nowhere."

15 Choice overload

Too many options increase hesitation.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

2 phone numbers, 2 emails, 2 addresses, 3 sets of hours, plus duplicate packages and "₹3,500 onwards" next to "price on consultation".

"Two numbers and three sets of hours is choice overload before the client even books."

16 Perceived value

How worthwhile a service feels vs price.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

"₹9,000 for botox" means nothing without what it does, how long it lasts, Davines/Olaplex, aftercare and a real before/after.

Do it right: No guaranteed-result claims.

"Explain the result and the brand — then ₹9,000 feels like value."

17 Price psychology

How price presentation influences decisions.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Clear ticket ladder: entry ₹600–2,000 (cuts, mani-pedi) → trade-up spa/colour → hero botox/keratin ₹6,000–12,000. Avoid contradictory balayage pricing.

Do it right: Honest reference prices; no fake discounts.

"Win the client with a cut; grow them with a treatment."

A beautiful salon *Google is told to skip.*

Awareness → consideration → booking → visit → rebooking. The visit is the strongest stage (reviews praise the space, valet and staff); the digital stages around it leak.

Visibility

Google 4.9★ · 35 reviews · website set to noindex

PARTLY SEEN

Enquiries

2 numbers · open WhatsApp chat · no form

UNKNOWN

Bookings

No slot, stylist or confirmation online

UNKNOWN

Visits

Strong: valet, tea, space, named staff

PARTLY SEEN

Rebookings

No visible reminders or rebooking

UNKNOWN

Revenue

Not linked to source

UNKNOWN

Conversion arithmetic ILLUSTRATIVE

LEVER	TODAY	AFTER FIXES
New clients / month	60	75
Return within 60 days	35%	50%
Visits / year (returners)	6	8
Average bill	₹1,800	₹2,000
Yearly value of one month's new clients	₹3.0 lakh	₹6.8 lakh

Every input is invented for arithmetic only — not Arise & Shine data. Formula: (new × return rate × visits + new who don't return) × average bill.

"Fill the empty weekday slots first — they cost nothing to sell."

CRO starts with *being findable*

One robots tag hides the website; after that, the booking flow is an open chat with no slot or confirmation.

18 CRO (conversion rate optimisation)

Improving the journey so more visitors act.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

The homepage carries robots "noindex, nofollow" — CRO starts with being findable. Then: one WhatsApp booking button, slot + stylist + confirmation.

Do it right: Test changes one at a time.

"First CRO fix is one tag: noindex. Then the booking flow."

19 Conversion rate

Conversions ÷ relevant total × 100.

AT ARISE & SHINE **ILLUSTRATIVE**

Illustrative: 20 bookings from 200 site visitors = 10%. Track Instagram DM → booking separately.

Do it right: Define each rate first.

"I'd track bookings by source, not just visits."

20 Enquiry / request rate

Share of visitors who send an enquiry (define clearly).

AT ARISE & SHINE **ILLUSTRATIVE**

Illustrative: 15 WhatsApp chats from 300 visitors = 5%. Today "Book Appointment" is just an open WhatsApp chat — no slot, no confirmation.

"Enquiries aren't bookings — a chat with no slot is a leak."

21 Customer acquisition

Attracting and winning new clients.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Local SEO (once indexed), Google profile photos/posts, a 3-km Instagram reel ad after 7 pm, referrals.

Do it right: Real before/after with consent.

"Acquire where the salon is unique: open till 10, valet, premium brands."

22 Marketing funnel

Awareness → consideration → booking → retention.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Awareness weak (noindex, brand search shows Spin/Salonist pages) → consideration (no stylists, no before/after) → booking (open chat) → retention (no reminders visible).

"Every stage leaks a little — fix the top one first."

23 Awareness

Clients learn the salon exists.

AT ARISE & SHINE **OBSERVATION**

A search for the salon's own name returned Spin Salon / Salonist pages — the website is noindexed.

"Even the brand search belongs to someone else today."

Awareness → consideration → *retention*

Salons grow on the second visit — rebooking is the cheapest growth lever.

24 Consideration

Clients compare options.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

They check prices, photos, stylists, reviews and availability — the site shows a price list but no faces, no before/after.

"Consideration is won with faces and results."

25 Retention

Encouraging clients to return.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Return windows: men's cut 3–5 wks, colour 5–8 wks, botox/keratin 12–20 wks (industry rule of thumb). Rebook at the counter + WhatsApp reminder.

Do it right: Consent for reminders.

"Salons grow on the second visit, not the first."

26 Customer journey

Every interaction from search to rebooking.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Google → website (hidden) → reviews → WhatsApp chat → visit (strong: valet, tea, space) → no visible reminder → no review ask.

"The in-salon part is excellent — the digital ends are open."

27 Testimonials & reviews

Genuine feedback as social proof.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

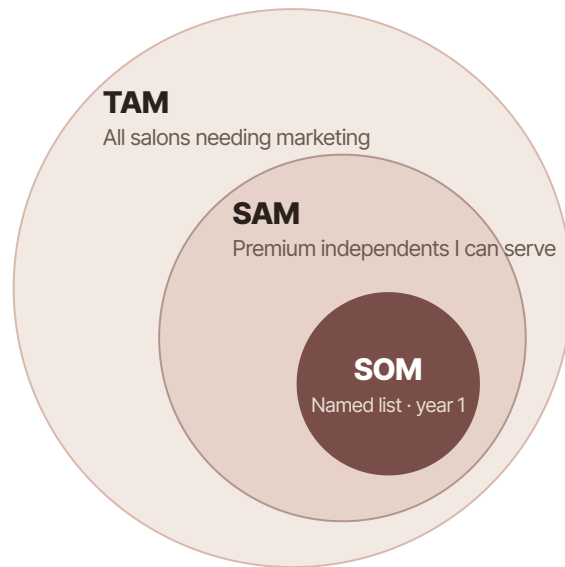
Review QR at the counter + thank-you WhatsApp with the review link, reply to every review.

Do it right: Never incentivise or pressure reviews.

"A review system, not a review campaign."

Don't fight 17 salons on discounts. *Own late, premium, easy.*

17 salons within 1.5 km, six inside 400 m; Adorn & Admire (3,580 reviews) and Toni&Guy Essentials (2,206) next door. Strategy concepts turn this into a focused plan — for the salon and for my pitch.



No numbers
size after 90
of tracked da

My lens as a marketer: TAM → SAM → SOM of salons I can serve and sign.

Red Ocean VERIFIED

Discount wars among 17 nearby salons; agencies all selling the same SEO and ads to salons.

Blue Ocean INFERENCE

Open till 10 pm daily + valet + Davines/Olaplex treatments + named stylists + a rebooking system.
Not zero competition — a different basis.

Beachhead → Wedge

Beachhead: premium independents with good reviews and weak digital — Arise & Shine first.

Wedge: remove noindex and fix the title, free, on day one.

Market size, beachhead and *barriers*

Two lenses: the salon's clients on this street, and the salons you can sign as a marketer.

28 TAM — Total Addressable Market

Total possible demand.

AT ARISE & SHINE **DATA NEEDED**

Daniel's lens: all salons in India that need marketing help.
Salon's lens: all hair/beauty spend in Bengaluru.

Do it right: No number without a source.

"TAM is context, not a target."

29 SAM — Serviceable Available Market

The part you can serve.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Premium independent salons in Bengaluru I can serve in person; for the salon: Kalyan Nagar/HRBR/Kammanahalli clients within ~3 km.

"SAM is where I can actually show up."

30 SOM — Serviceable Obtainable Market

What you can realistically win in a period.

AT ARISE & SHINE **DATA NEEDED**

A defined set of salons I can sign this year — Arise & Shine first. For the salon: a share of the 17 salons' clients within 1.5 km.

Do it right: Set after tracking, not before.

"SOM is a named prospect list, not a brand name."

31 Beachhead market

First narrow segment to win.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Premium independent salons in North-East Bengaluru with good reviews but weak digital — Arise & Shine is the model case.

"Win one neighbourhood's premium independents, then expand."

32 Barriers to entry

What makes entering hard.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

For a new salon here: Adorn & Admire's 3,580 reviews and Toni&Guy's brand. For Daniel: agencies' existing relationships.

"Review volume is the moat on this street."

33 Switching costs

Effort or risk in changing provider.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Clients: "my stylist". Salon: fear of losing campaign history — keep Google, Meta and GA4 in the salon's own name.

"I build everything in your accounts — leaving me costs you nothing."

Positioning: *red ocean* vs a new category

Don't sell "digital marketing" — sell a booking and rebooking system.

34 Wedge strategy

A focused first offer that expands.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Free day-1 fix: remove noindex + fix title. Then Google profile and booking flow → ads → rebooking automation.

"My wedge is a one-tag fix, free, on day one."

35 Category creation

A distinct category, not one more provider.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Daniel: "salon revenue growth system", not "digital agency".
Salon: "late, premium, easy-parking hair studio".

Do it right: Claims must be deliverable.

"Not an agency — a booking and rebooking system."

36 Red Ocean

Crowded, price-led competition.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

17 salons within 1.5 km; six inside 400 m; agencies all selling the same SEO and ads.

"Competing on discounts here is the red ocean."

37 Blue Ocean

Differentiated space.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Open till 10 pm daily + valet + Davines/Olaplex treatments + named stylists + rebooking system — few nearby combine these.

Do it right: Not zero competition — a different basis.

"Own 'late, premium, easy' in Kalyan Nagar."

38 GTM — Go-to-market

Plan to reach and convert buyers.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Target: premium independents · Offer: free noindex/profile audit · Channel: walk-in + WhatsApp · Proof: this audit · Follow-up: 30-min walkthrough.

"Target, offer, channel, proof, follow-up — this audit is the proof."

39 Founder-market fit

Skills and insight match the problem.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

SEO, paid media, CRO and analytics applied to salons' booking problem — shown by a 27-page audit before any fee.

"I found your noindex before you hired me."

Distribution, marketplaces and *aggregators*

Salonist, Fresha, magicpin and WeddingWire sit between clients and the salon.

40 Distribution advantage

Repeatable way to reach customers.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

For Daniel: a salon prospect list from Google Places, case studies, referrals. For the salon: valet + late hours + happy reviewers.

"One good case study opens the next ten salons."

41 Marketplace

Platform that transacts bookings.

AT ARISE & SHINE **OBSERVATION**

Salonist/Spin booking pages, Fresha, magicpin — they take the booking and sometimes the client relationship.

"Use marketplaces for reach, own the rebooking."

42 Aggregator

Lists many providers for comparison.

AT ARISE & SHINE **OBSERVATION**

WeddingWire Kalyan Nagar, magicpin listings, salon lists — they answer "best salon Kalyan Nagar".

"Aggregators win discovery; your site must win the decision."

Six psychology concepts the playbook *missed*

Authority, reciprocity, commitment, peak-end and defaults — built for repeat-visit businesses.

43 Authority bias

Trust in credentials and experts.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Davines, Olaplex, QOD Max Prime, Schwarzkopf — brand authority; add stylist certifications.

Do it right: Only real certifications.

"Premium brands are borrowed authority — show them."

44 Reciprocity

People return value received.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Free aftercare guide on WhatsApp after a botox/colour visit.

"Give aftercare — get the rebooking."

45 Commitment & consistency

Small yeses lead to bigger ones.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Haircut → hair spa → botox; entry tickets feed hero treatments.

Do it right: No upsell pressure in the chair.

"Win with a cut, grow with a treatment."

46 Peak-end rule

Judged by peak and end moments.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

End moment: mirror reveal, valet car ready, thank-you message with review link.

"Design the last five minutes."

47 Default effect

People stick with defaults.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Default "Book the same time in 5 weeks?" at the counter; reminder opt-in pre-selected (with consent).

Do it right: Explicit consent for messages.

"The best rebooking tool is a default question."

48 E-E-A-T

Google's trust signals for content.

AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

Title tag is just "ariseandshinesalon.com"; no stylist bios; contradictory prices.

"Google can't trust what it can't read."

Search, local and speed — *digital fundamentals*

A noindexed site, two numbers and three sets of hours undo great reviews.

49 Search intent

What the searcher wants.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

"Hair botox price Kalyan Nagar" is winnable with a treatment page — once indexed.

"One page per high-value intent."

50 NAP consistency

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AT ARISE & SHINE **VERIFIED**

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51 Speed-to-lead

Faster replies win bookings.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

Open till 10 pm — answer WhatsApp in minutes after 7 pm, when rivals close.

"Late hours only pay if the replies are fast."

52 CAC

Cost to win a new client.

AT ARISE & SHINE **DATA NEEDED**

Ad spend + effort ÷ new clients by source; needs "how did you hear?" at the counter.

"Ask every new client one question: how did you hear about us?"

53 Client lifetime value

Value over the relationship.

AT ARISE & SHINE **ILLUSTRATIVE**

Illustrative: one month's new clients worth ₹3.0 L/yr today → ₹6.8 L with better retention (×2.3).

Do it right: Invented inputs — not salon data.

"Retention multiplies value more than new clients."

54 Attribution

Credit outcomes to sources.

AT ARISE & SHINE **INFERENCE**

UTM links on Instagram and Google profile + source field in bookings.

"Spend follows bookings, not likes."

Measurement & positioning a *growth partner* must know

These are what a salon owner tests to see if you think in bookings, not likes.

55 A/B testing

Compare two versions.

AT ARISE & SHINE ILLUSTRATIVE

Reel: stylist talking vs before/after; CTA: "Book a slot" vs "Ask on WhatsApp".

"Small honest tests every month."

56 NPS

Promoters minus detractors.

AT ARISE & SHINE INFERENCE

One question after the visit; promoters get the review link, detractors a manager call.

"NPS decides who gets the review link."

57 Positioning / USP

Who, what, why different, proof.

AT ARISE & SHINE INFERENCE

"Kalyan Nagar's late, premium salon — Davines & Olaplex treatments by named stylists, open till 10 with valet."

Do it right: Every claim provable.

"One sentence everyone repeats."

58 Jobs-to-be-done

The progress the client wants.

AT ARISE & SHINE INFERENCE

Not "hair botox" — "frizz-free for my sister's wedding photos".

"Sell the occasion, not the chemical."

59 7Ps of services

Product, Price, Place, Promotion, People, Process, Physical evidence.

AT ARISE & SHINE VERIFIED

People (named staff) and Physical evidence (the space) are strong; Process (booking, reminders) is weak.

"Two Ps are excellent, Process is the gap."

60 Brand vs performance

Long-term demand vs measurable response.

AT ARISE & SHINE INFERENCE

Brand: stylist reels, the space. Performance: 3-km ads after 7 pm, Google profile, treatment pages.

"Reels build the brand, search harvests it."

Ten pairs worth *knowing cold*

Each pair from the playbook, re-explained with this salon so the difference is easy to remember.

TAM / SAM / SOM	All salons needing marketing → premium independents I can serve → the named list I can sign (Arise & Shine first).
Beachhead vs wedge	Beachhead = premium independents in one area. Wedge = the free noindex + profile fix that opens the door.
Barriers vs switching costs	Barriers = Adorn & Admire's 3,580 reviews. Switching costs = "my stylist", and agency data lock-in.
Scarcity vs FOMO	Scarcity = a stylist's real Saturday slots. FOMO = the client's worry about missing the bridal window.
Anchoring vs framing	Anchoring = ₹6,000 list next to ₹3,999. Framing = "fix my frizz" instead of "Women-Services".
Bandwagon vs mere exposure	Bandwagon = "most-booked treatment". Mere exposure = the same stylist face on Google, reels and ads.
Red vs Blue Ocean	Red = discount wars among 17 salons. Blue = late + valet + premium brands + named stylists.
Marketplace vs aggregator	Salonist/Fresha take bookings (marketplace). WeddingWire/magicpin list & compare (aggregator).
Conversion vs enquiry rate	Enquiry = visitors who chat. Conversion = chats that become confirmed bookings.
CAC vs LTV	CAC = cost to win a client. LTV = what that client is worth over the year — retention moves it most.

Rule I'd state in the meeting: "Real scarcity, genuine reviews, accurate prices — honesty is what makes clients rebook."

How to *use* these concepts with the owner

"What's wrong with our marketing?"

"Your quality is proven — 4.9 stars. But your homepage tells Google not to index it, you have 35 reviews against 3,580 next door, and clients can find two numbers and three sets of hours. That's awareness, social proof and choice overload — all fixable in a month."

"Why should we pay you?"

"Start with my wedge: I'll remove the noindex and fix your title for free on day one. If that alone doesn't make you visible, you've lost nothing. Then we build bookings and rebookings, measured by source."

"How do we beat Adorn & Admire?"

"Not on discounts — that's the red ocean. On what they can't match: open till ten every day, valet, Davines and Olaplex treatments and named stylists. Late, premium, easy — that's the category we own."

"How will we know it's working?"

"Reviews per month, bookings by source, return rate within 60 days and revenue by channel. Not likes — bookings and rebookings."

Ten concepts to drop naturally

Social proof · Choice overload · Anchoring (₹6,000 → ₹3,999) · Decoy (Packages 2 = 3) · Halo (the space) · Endowment ("my stylist") · Retention & rebooking · NAP consistency · Wedge · Red vs Blue Ocean

Questions to ask the owner

How many new vs returning clients a month? · Which treatments do you most want to grow? · Who answers WhatsApp after 7 pm? · Which number and hours should be the official ones?

THE ONE-LINE SUMMARY

**Your clients already love
the chair.**

*The concepts make the
next ones find it.*

Psychology amplifies what's true. Conversion fixes the leaks. Strategy picks
the battle the salon can win.