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EMPLOYEE SURVEY ON STRATEGIC HR PRACTICES AND PRODUCTIVITY IN INDIAN ORGANIZATION

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ABSTRACT

This research paper aims to investigate the relationship between strategic HR practices and employee productivity in Indian organizations. A survey was conducted among employees from different industries to understand their perceptions of HR practices such as talent management, performance management, training and development, and their impact on individual and organizational productivity. The findings suggest that effective strategic HR practices, when implemented, can significantly contribute to enhanced employee productivity and overall organizational performance. The study provides valuable insights for HR professionals and business leaders in India on how to leverage strategic HR initiatives to drive productivity and achieve sustainable competitive advantage.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The landscape of human resource management (HRM) in Indian organizations is rapidly evolving, reflecting broader global trends and unique local challenges. Effective strategic HR practices are crucial for fostering employee productivity, engagement, and overall organizational success. Understanding the relationship between strategic HR practices and employee productivity within Indian organizations can provide valuable insights for HR professionals and organizational leaders aiming to enhance performance and competitive advantage.

Strategic HR practices encompass a range of activities designed to align the workforce with the organization's goals, enhance skills, and foster a productive work environment. These practices include talent acquisition and retention, training and development, performance management, compensation and benefits, and employee relations (Armstrong & Taylor, 2014). In the context of Indian organizations, the implementation and effectiveness of these practices can be influenced by various factors, including cultural norms, regulatory frameworks, and market dynamics.

Recent studies suggest that strategic HR practices significantly impact employee productivity by improving job satisfaction, motivation, and commitment (Guest, 2017; Noe et al., 2019). For instance, a well-structured performance management system can provide employees with clear expectations and regular feedback, leading to enhanced performance and productivity (Aguinis, 2019). Similarly, comprehensive training and development programs can equip employees with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their roles, contributing to higher productivity levels (Goldstein & Ford, 2020).

In India, the unique cultural and economic environment presents both opportunities and challenges for implementing strategic HR practices. The country's diverse workforce, varying levels of industrialization, and evolving labor laws necessitate tailored HR strategies that can address specific organizational needs (Budhwar & Bhatnagar, 2009). Furthermore, the increasing adoption of technology and digital tools in HRM offers new avenues for enhancing productivity through efficient and innovative practices (Bersin, 2019).

This study aims to explore the impact of strategic HR practices on employee productivity in Indian organizations. By conducting an employee survey, we seek to gather insights into the perceptions and experiences of employees regarding HR practices and their influence on productivity. The findings will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on HRM in India and provide practical recommendations for HR professionals and organizational leaders striving to optimize their HR strategies and boost productivity.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

STRATEGIC HR PRACTICES

Strategic human resource management (SHRM) is a critical component of modern organizational practices, aimed at aligning HR policies and practices with the overarching strategic goals of the organization. SHRM emphasizes the role of human capital in gaining a competitive advantage and focuses on long-term HR planning and development (Boxall & Purcell, 2011). The integration of HR practices with business strategy can lead to improved organizational performance, employee satisfaction, and productivity.

HR PRACTICES AND EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY

Employee productivity is a key indicator of organizational success, influenced by various HR practices such as talent acquisition, training and development, performance management, and compensation systems (Huselid, 1995). Empirical studies have demonstrated that strategic HR practices positively impact employee productivity by enhancing their skills, motivation, and job satisfaction (Guest, 1997; Wright et al., 2005).

Trzining and development are particularly crucial as they equip employees with the necessary skills to perform their jobs effectively. Goldstein and Ford (2002) argue that well-designed training programs can lead to significant improvements in employee performance and productivity. Similarly, performance management systems that include clear goal-setting, regular feedback, and performance appraisal can motivate employees to achieve higher levels of productivity (Aguinis, 2013).

STRATEGIC HR PRACTICES IN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS

The application of strategic HR practices in the Indian context presents unique challenges and opportunities. Indian organizations operate in a diverse cultural and economic environment, which requires tailored HR strategies (Budhwar & Bhatnagar, 2009). The Indian labor market is characterized by varying levels of industrialization, a mix of traditional and modern industries, and evolving labor laws. These factors necessitate a nuanced approach to implementing HR practices that can effectively address the needs of Indian organizations (Singh, 2012).

Budhwar and Sparrow (2002) highlight that cultural factors play a significant role in shaping HR practices in India. For instance, the collectivist nature of Indian society emphasizes group harmony and loyalty, which can influence employee engagement and retention strategies. Moreover, the rapid economic growth and increasing globalization of Indian businesses require HR practices that can attract and retain top talent, foster innovation, and support organizational change (Budhwar & Varma, 2010).

TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN HRM

The advent of technology has transformed HR practices globally, including in India. Digital tools and platforms have streamlined HR processes, making them more efficient and effective. For example, the use of HR analytics allows organizations to make data-driven decisions, improving the accuracy and impact of HR interventions (Marler &

Boudreau, 2017). Bersin (2019) notes that technology-enabled HR practices can enhance employee engagement, productivity, and overall organizational performance.

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

OBJECTIVES

1. To examine the relationship between strategic HR practices and employee productivity in Indian organizations.
2. To understand employees' perceptions of HR practices such as talent management, performance management, and training and development.
3. To assess the impact of these HR practices on individual and organizational productivity.
4. To provide insights for HR professionals and business leaders on leveraging strategic HR initiatives to enhance productivity and achieve a sustainable competitive advantage.

RESEARCH DESIGN

To investigate the relationship between strategic HR practices and employee productivity in Indian organizations, a survey-based research design was employed. The study targeted employees from various industries to gather diverse perspectives on HR practices such as talent management, performance management, and training and development.

DATA COLLECTION

A structured questionnaire was developed and distributed to employees across different sectors. The questionnaire included both closed-ended and open-ended questions to capture quantitative and qualitative data. The survey focused on assessing employees' perceptions of the effectiveness of strategic HR practices and their impact on individual and organizational productivity.

SAMPLE

The sample consisted of employees from multiple industries, ensuring a representative mix of respondents. Judgmental sampling was used to select participants, ensuring that different sectors and job levels were adequately represented. For the analysis 200 respondents are collected.

DATA ANALYSIS

The collected data were analyzed using statistical methods. Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the data, while inferential statistics, such as regression analysis, were employed to examine the relationships between strategic HR practices and employee productivity. Qualitative responses were analyzed using thematic analysis to identify common themes and insights.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The study adhered to ethical guidelines, ensuring confidentiality and anonymity of the respondents. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, and they were assured that their responses would be used solely for research purposes.

4. ANALYSIS OF DATA WITH INTERPRETATIONS

Table 1

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation
How satisfied are you with the compensation (salary and benefits) you receive?	200	3.62	1.096
Do you believe your compensation is fair compared to similar roles in other organizations?	200	3.56	1.137
How satisfied are you with the career development opportunities provided by the organization?	200	4.02	.817
Do you feel that there are clear paths for career advancement within the organization?.	200	4.10	.900
How often do you participate in training and development programs offered by the organization?	200	4.06	1.222
How effective are these training and development programs in enhancing your skills and performance?	200	4.31	.759
How comfortable are you with raising grievances or concerns within the organization?	200	4.16	.916
How effective is the organization's grievance handling procedure in addressing your concerns?	200	4.07	.891
How often are you given opportunities to participate in decision-making processes?	200	4.24	.796

How valued do you feel your input is in the decision-making processes?	200	4.15	.792
How often do you experience work-related stress?	200	3.46	1.142
How effective are the organization's stress management programs in helping you manage stress?	200	3.11	1.461
How clear and consistent is the communication from management regarding organizational goals and changes?	200	4.02	.835
How satisfied are you with the overall communication within the organization?	200	4.12	.886
How would you rate your productivity (sales per employee, profit per employee) compared to industry standards?	200	3.79	.824
How do you perceive the impact of the organization's HR practices on your productivity?	200	4.04	.811
Valid N (listwise)	200		

Table 1 , reflects the descriptive study of 200 respondents, most of the answers are more than 3 but less than 5, hence it is predicted that choice of the respondents are more towards the positive side of Likert's scales 1-5, where 5 is highest. To understand the study more deeply, the researcher has used some hypothesis, were depend variable is productivity, and independent variables are other factors by Cross section analysis

H_{01} : There is an no significant relationship between Salary benefits and productivity.

Table 2

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.328	.063	4.892	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.368	.071	5.575	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

Table 2. shows the value of The **Pearson's R** value of **0.328** suggests a moderate correlation for interval-level data, which is statistically significant, as the p-value (**0.000**) is below the 0.05 threshold. Similarly, the **Spearman Correlation** value of **0.368** also shows a moderate positive association for ordinal-level data, with a significant t-value of **5.575** and a p-value of **0.000**. With **200 valid cases**, these results indicate that both interval and ordinal variables are moderately correlated, and the relationships are statistically significant.

H_{02}: There is a no significant relationship between compensation benefits and productivity

Table 3

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.490	.055	7.899	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.442	.060	6.936	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

Table 3, The variables have a very strong positive association, according to the data in the Symmetric Measures table. For interval-level data, the statistically significant Pearson's R value of 0.490 shows a rather strong correlation, with a t-value of 7.899 and a p-value of 0.000 (less than 0.05). Furthermore, a high positive correlation for ordinal-level data is also demonstrated by the Spearman Correlation value of 0.442, which has a t-value of 6.936 and a p-value of 0.000. With 200 valid cases and both significant correlations, the results show a strong and significant relationship between the variables in both interval and ordinal data.

H_{04}: There is a no significant relationship between CDO and productivity

Table 4

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.661	.037	12.399	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.656	.048	12.218	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

There is a very high positive correlation between the variables, as seen by the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 12.399 and a p-value of 0.000, the Pearson's R value of 0.661 for interval-level data indicates a high degree of correlation that is statistically significant and verifies that the association is not the result of chance. With a t-value of 12.218 and a p-value of 0.000, the Spearman connection for ordinal data is 0.656, indicating a substantial connection as well. For both interval and ordinal data levels, both results show a substantial and statistically significant association between the variables with 200 valid cases.

H_{05}: There is a no significant relationship between career advancement and productivity

Table 5

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.630	.042	11.413	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.622	.047	11.173	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

There is a significant positive correlation between the variables, as seen in the Symmetric Measures table. The finding is statistically significant, as indicated by the Pearson's R value of 0.630, which for interval-level data shows a substantial positive connection supported by a t-value of 11.413 and a p-value of 0.000. The high positive connection is further confirmed by the Spearman Correlation value of 0.622 for ordinal data, which has a t-value of 11.173 and a p-value of 0.000. For 200 valid cases, both correlations show that the variables in the interval and ordinal data categories have a strong and statistically significant association.

H_{06}: There is a no significant relationship between training & developments and productivity

Table 6

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.312	.053	4.626	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.413	.062	6.389	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

Two correlation values that illustrate the link between the variables are displayed in the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 4.626 and a p-value of 0.000, the Pearson's R value of 0.312 for interval-level data shows a moderately positive correlation, confirming the statistical significance of the outcome. The Spearman connection for ordinal-level data is greater at 0.413, suggesting a stronger connection, which is corroborated by the t-value of 6.389 and the p-value of 0.000. Based on 200 valid cases, both correlations demonstrate moderate to strong positive connections between the variables and are statistically significant.

H_{07}: There is a no significant relationship between grievances resolutions and productivity

Table 7

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.664	.039	12.493	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.659	.041	12.338	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

The degree and importance of the correlation between the variables are displayed in the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 12.493 and a p-value of 0.000, the Pearson's R value of 0.664 indicates a strong positive correlation for interval data, indicating that the result is very significant. A strong positive link is also indicated by the Spearman Correlation of 0.659 for ordinal data, which is backed by a t-value of 12.338 and a p-value of 0.000. These results, which were obtained from 200 legitimate examples, reveal that there is a statistically significant, strong positive connection between the variables in both interval and ordinal data.

H_{08}: There is a no significant relationship between working stress of employee and productivity

Table 8

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.108	.089	1.535	.126[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.016	.082	.228	.820[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

The variables' weak association is shown in the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 1.535 and a p-value of 0.126, the Pearson's R value of 0.108 indicates a very weak positive correlation for interval data, suggesting that the result is not statistically significant. With a t-value of 0.228 and a p-value of 0.820, the Spearman Correlation for ordinal data is 0.016, demonstrating an almost insignificant correlation and further demonstrating its lack of significance. These findings, based on 200 valid cases, imply that the factors under study do not meaningfully correlate with one another.

H_{09}: There is a no significant relationship between stress management program by organisation and productivity

Table 9

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.465	.054	7.389	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.437	.063	6.845	.000[c]

N of Valid Cases	200			

There is a somewhat positive correlation between the variables, according to the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 7.389 and a highly significant p-value of 0.000, the Pearson's R value of 0.465 for interval data suggests a moderately positive correlation, indicating that the association is statistically significant. The result's significance is further supported by the Spearman Correlation for ordinal data, which is 0.437 and displays a moderately positive correlation with a t-value of 6.845 and a p-value of 0.000. This research indicates a significant and meaningful link between the variables based on 200 genuine cases.

H_{10}: There is a no significant relationship between communication from management regarding organization goals and changes and productivity

Table 10

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.767	.034	16.804	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.739	.030	15.436	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

There is a significant positive correlation between the variables, as seen in the Symmetric Measures table. With a t-value of 16.804 and a p-value of 0.000, the Pearson's R value of 0.767 for interval data shows a very strong positive link, making the correlation statistically significant. The relevance is further highlighted by the Spearman Correlation for ordinal data, which is 0.739 and demonstrates a strong positive relationship with a t-value of 15.436 and a p-value of 0.000. These findings, based on 200 valid cases, demonstrate a strong and statistically significant correlation between the relevant factors.

H_{11}: There is a no significant relationship between communication within organization and productivity

Table 11

Symmetric Measures

		Value	Asymp. Std. Error[a]	Approx. T[b]	Approx. Sig.
Interval by Interval	Pearson's R	.776	.028	17.317	.000[c]
Ordinal by Ordinal	Spearman Correlation	.788	.020	18.022	.000[c]
N of Valid Cases		200			

The Symmetric Measures table sheds light on the importance and strength of correlations between different variables. With a t-value of 17.317 and a p-value of 0.000, suggesting high statistical significance, the interval data's Pearson's R value of 0.776 indicates a very strong positive correlation. Likewise, the Spearman association for ordinal data exhibits an even stronger positive association, measuring 0.788. The significance of the link is confirmed by the Spearman's t-value of 18.022, accompanied by a p-value of 0.000. These results demonstrate a strong and significant correlation between the variables under investigation, with 200 genuine cases.

5. FINDINGS

The analysis of the **Symmetric Measures** reveals the following key findings:

1. **Pearson's R** value of **0.776** indicates a **strong positive correlation** between the interval variables. This implies that as one variable increases, the other tends to increase as well.
2. The **t-value** of **17.317** and the **p-value of 0.000** confirm that this relationship is statistically significant at a 99% confidence level.
3. **Spearman's Correlation** value of **0.788** further emphasizes a **strong positive relationship** for ordinal data, indicating consistency in the relationship between variables ranked on an ordinal scale.
4. The **t-value** of **18.022** and the corresponding **p-value of 0.000** suggest that this result is highly significant, confirming the robustness of the association.
5. The **200 valid cases** provide a sufficient sample size to ensure the reliability and generalizability of these findings.

6. CONCLUSION

The analysis demonstrates a **strong and significant relationship** between the examined variables, both for interval and ordinal scales. The high Pearson and Spearman correlation values indicate a consistent pattern, suggesting that changes in one variable are closely linked with changes in the other. Given the strong statistical significance (p-value of 0.000),

we can conclude that the variables are positively and meaningfully associated. These findings support the hypothesis of a robust relationship and provide a solid foundation for further analysis or decision-making based on these variables.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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