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ABSTRACT

Financial accessibility to small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) debate has received substantial conceptual and empirical attention, yet represents an area where a cumulative body of knowledge is needed in Rwanda. This work reviews and evaluates to deepen knowledge on the challenges confronting SMEs with reference to commercial loan accessibility. Adopting a perceptual assessment, the work explores factors confronting SMEs and the particular sector affected in order to demystify the public narrative. Analyses of 400 samples of SMEs from Kigali City indicated that raw material shortage was the prime challenge before access to finance and that merchandizing and services were most disadvantage in availing finance. Internal weakness was identified as orchestrating factors compared to agriculture and handicrafts. Recommendations were generated for SMEs, commercial banks, and the government to ensure that the financially excluded are mainstreamed through strategic partnership.

AN OVERVIEW OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS AT DAVANAGERE CITY

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ABSTRACT

Women entrepreneurs are the lifeblood of India. A woman entrepreneur may be defined as a confident, innovative and creative woman capable of achieving economic independence individually or in collaboration, generating employment opportunities to others through initiating, establishing and running enterprise by keeping pace with her personal, family and social life. The challenges in the path of women's entrepreneurship are in initial lack of confidence due to social cultural barriers, market oriented risks, poor knowledge of business administration, lack awareness about possible sources of financial assistance and lack of exposure to training programmes. So, in this paper an attempt is made to understand the socio economic conditions and problems faced by women entrepreneurs.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AWARENESS IN SELECT SMES (SMALL MEDIUM ENTREPRENEUR)

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The twenty first century is characterised, inter alia, by unprecedented changes, challenges, and opportunities for growth. It has also brought with it ways and means to acquire the competencies to take advantage of the opportunities and to overcome the challenges effectively. The revolutions in transport and communication have been making the world not only smaller and smaller, but also flatter and flatter. The globe has become a tiny village of instant communication and abundant information. The ongoing mega process of globalization, characterised by liberalization, privatization, marketization, and Trans nationalization, has been initiating and accelerating the process of inexorable integration of markets, nation states, and technologies to a degree never witnessed before in the recorded history of mankind. Its impact has been so comprehensive that no part of life — socio-economic, politico-cultural, ecological and demographic - across countries and continents can afford to be free from its influence. Every country must endeavour consciously to take advantage of the opportunities engendered by the mega process, otherwise they will be endangered.

ASSESSING THE EXISTENCE OF THE GLASS CEILING THAT AFFECTS WOMEN'S CAREER GROWTH IN THE INDIAN HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

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ABSTRACT

The glass ceiling as a barrier in career progress of marginalized groups, particularly women, is a subject matter of interest and discussion for decades. Some of the barriers that are felt can also be self-imposed by the woman. While many organizations believe that they do not discriminate against women, the lack of a strong leadership guidance for women by other women, and other implicit and informal forms of prejudice are often unknown (or unacknowledged) by several organizations. While there has been increased visibility of women employed in various industries including the hospitality industry in recent times, the absence of women in supervisory and leadership roles is still felt. This paper aims to assess the existence of a glass ceiling that affects women's career growth in the hospitality industry with respect to the Indian environment. It aims to explore the factors and perceptions of women in the hospitality industry that may interfere in a smooth career progression for them.

BUYER-SELLER RELATIONSHIP CONSTRUCTIONS IN THE BUSINESS BUYER BEHAVIOR: WHOLESALER AND DISTRIBUTOR FAST MOVING CONSUMER GOODS (FMCG) INDUSTRY IN INDONESIAN MARKET PLACE

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ABSTRACT

This study is to further investigates two perspectives of relationship between wholesaler and distributor FMCG in the concept of business buyer behavior. The purposes of this paper are to identify and describe company "marketing mix" policy and culture related with role of salespeople and relationship quality. Observation and in-depth interview method is used to collect data information from peoples in the business of wholesalers and distributor of FMCG in traditional trade. The finding of this study has identified that historical of company policy and culture, which covers: delivery of goods, return of defective goods, resources allocation, trade promotion, changes in price structure, as well as ordering and receivable collection that also includes social culture interpersonal and individual. Each company policy and culture have a focus to deal with essential aspects of relationship quality between buyer-seller salespeople's role, are: interaction and communication related with ordering and collection; commitment related with delivery of goods and return of defective goods; mutual objectives related with trade promotion and changes in price structure; relationship utility related with resources allocation; relationship length related with interpersonal and individual culture; social context related with trade promotion and interpersonal and individual culture; integrity related with trade promotion. Regarding with the results could also give some conceptual propositions and recommendation to academicians and practitioners FMCG Industry.

VALUE OF INFORMATION IN MANAGEMENT OF AGRI-RISK: A CASE STUDY OF MOBILE BASED AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN INDIA

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The paper examines the performance of the Mobile Based Agricultural Information Systems and Services in Management of Agricultural Risk (Weather Risk, Price Risk, Market Risk, Crop Insurance ...etc). This paper provides the weaknesses, information delivery, implementation challenges, Cost of Information (Col), Value of Information (Vol) and operational problems. Due to increase in use of smart phones user are using applications and SMS based services. Is the information provided in these services are perfect information and helpful for decision-maker to take valuable decision? Example: A SMS based messages will be send to registered mobile phone regarding Min and Max market price of the commodity in which he/she opted and Applications will give market price of the commodity of different markets which he/she opted using GPS Technology. Instead of this, a user can get more information by making a call or making queries with concern person which is more cost effective. In this way, the paper provides some new ideas and thinking toward find solution to the current problem.

EXPLORE E-COMMERCE STRATEGY IN CHINA

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A rapid developing online market, the customers of millions of willing shoppers, and the development of increasingly complicated platforms—there has never been a better time for retailers to start their virtual stores in China. To win in today's e-commerce, e-retailers and brands should focus on providing quality product and improving shopping experience to meet consumer needs. The way toward integration of social media should also be an important element of e-commerce strategy. Besides, China's Internet industry has taken a turn to focusing on the smart phone market. Mobile phone penetration is nearly at 100%. With smart phone penetration getting so high, the big e-commerce platforms are heavily promoting mobile shopping. Driven by rapid growth in e-commerce in China, Retailers need to be more digital-savvy, keeping pace with the latest trends in smartphone applications and social media so they can establish a stronger relationship with customers.

LITERATURE REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

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The purpose of this paper is to study various literatures in the area of corporate governance and review the role of Independent Directors of public listed companies and their significance in relationship to the composition of board of directors. Researchers have used Secondary Research approach for this study. While reviewing we arrived at the findings that the independent directors play a vital link in coordinating between the interests of Shareholders and the management. They have a much larger role to execute than many others in the organisation. A declaration of good corporate governance necessarily does not guarantee transparency and accountability of responsibilities.

AFFECT AND ORGANISATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BEHAVIOUR (OCB): A CONCEPTUAL EXPLORATION

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ABSTRACT

Organizational Citizenship Behaviour (OCB) is any discretionary behaviour at the workplace that go beyond the job requirements laid out in formal job descriptions which in aggregate promote organizational effectiveness. Affective state is a generalized and pervasive state that includes both positive and negative feelings. This study tries to substantially advance our understanding of the underlying relationship between affective states and OCB through broaden-and-build theory and affective event theory. This article also examines the impact of positive and negative affect while measuring OCB in self-report surveys.

NON-MONETARY BENEFITS & ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN MOTIVATING EMPLOYEES

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ABSTRACT

Monetary benefits are considered to be a highly motivational tool for the employees, but there are some things which money can't buy. The MASLOW'S Theory of need hierarchy clearly states that at initial level the money incentives plays a greater role, but once the physiological (food, water, shelter, clothing and sleep) and safety needs(health, employment, property, family and social stability) are fulfilled the other needs like love and belonging (friendship and sense of connection), self-esteem (confidence, achievement, respect from others and the need to be unique individuals) and self-actualization (morality, acceptance and your purpose) can be satisfied only though the non-monetary benefits. This paper strives to make a study on the importance of non-monetary benefits in motivating and gaining the employee loyalty towards the organization. The paper also tries to make an empirical study and analyze the strategic role of the non-monetary incentives during the economic downturn or at the time of crisis when the cash inflows are tight or when there is a need to maintain higher profitability margins. The analytical study made brings us to the conclusion that highly motivated employees helps in retain the dedicated and loyal employee's different types of non-monetary incentives must be introduced in an organization. Non-monetary recognition can be very motivating, helping to build feelings of confidence and satisfaction.

A STUDY OF POST RECESSION INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT BEHAVIOR

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ABSTRACT

The impact of financial crisis (15 Sept 2008) is more on the banking sector as it happened due to subprime lending of loan which cause increase in the number of NPA's and because of this the American fourth largest bank, Lehman brothers became solvent. There are two faces of the banks- internal and external. The promises of commercial banks to the customer are the external face and the services exactly provided by the banks to their customer are the internal face. This paper tries to find the customer opinion about the bank which reflects the actual position of the bank and their customer's investment behavior. As the data available for the banks performance is on the basis of certain parameter that is CAMEL which includes capital adequacy, asset quality, management efficiency, earnings and liquidity which include only the internal face of the bank. To know the current position of the bank it is required to compare the external as well as internal position of the bank. The objective of this paper is to study the impact of recession on the individual's investment behavior in banking sector and to assess the performance of bank.

BASEL III IMPLEMENTATION IN THE INDIAN BANKING SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT

The capital requirements for credit risk, market risk and operational risk are laid down by Basel III which is the international capital adequacy structure for banks. Basel III is the third of the Basel Accords suggested on banking laws and regulations issued by Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in order to augment the banking regulatory framework over Basel II. Criticism has been faced by the Basel I Accord due to its focus on principally credit risk. A New Capital Adequacy Framework (popularly referred to as Basel II) has been proposed by Basel Committee incorporating three major elements: (a) minimum capital requirements, (b) supervisory review and (c) market discipline. A further modification in 'Basel III' was initiated in 2010 in response to a number of failings in Basel II, which came to light during the crisis in since 2008. The Basel III is to be implemented by banks in India as per the guidelines issued by RBI from time to time. This paper briefly describes the implications and issues of Basel III Norms in Indian banking sector. This study is based on the secondary data which has been collected from annuals reports of RBI, journals and various websites.

A STUDY ON CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND LOYALTY IN INDIAN BANKING SECTOR

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ABSTRACT

In the banking industry a key element of customer satisfaction is the nature of the relationship between the customer and the provider of the products and services in banks. This study investigates the impact of customer satisfaction and customer loyalty in Indian banking sector and compare the customer satisfaction and loyalty among the private and public sector banks and to study the demographic profile of the customers. A convenient sample size of 650 respondents from private and public sector banks in Chennai City are taken for the study. Statistical tools like percentage analysis, t test, factor analysis and cluster analysis were taken for the study and the findings reveals that both private and public sector banks need to adhere to the best standards of service quality, that can result in a positive sequential impact on customer satisfaction and loyalty.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF NUMBER OF LOANS DISBURSED TO AMOUNT OF LOANS DISBURSED (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SHGS-INDIA)

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The main objectives of this paper are to test whether there is any significant difference between number of loans disbursed and amount of loans issued and also examine the relationship between amount of loans disbursed and number of loans issued along with suitable suggestions to strengthen the financial assistance of the self-help groups. The data collected from the website of NABARD of annual reports of micro finance and the period varied was used and the techniques the SPSS 16.0 version was used and the techniques of regression, paired samples tests applied. The study found that there was a moderate relationship between loans disbursed in-terms of number to amount and also statistically there was a significant difference between each other and finally it is suggested that to increase in more number of loans to have a high beneficences to avail the opportunities of loans.

DETERMINANTS OF EMPLOYEE SPIRITUALITY AND THEIR OUTCOMES: A STUDY OF BANKING SECTOR AT AGRA REGION

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The Purpose of this paper is to investigate the relationship of employee spirituality with identified antecedents (i.e., personal attributes and organizational attributes) and its consequents (as job attitude) simultaneously. The study adresses determinants and outcomes of employee spirituality in banking sector of india with specific reference to a Agra city. A conceptual framework and hypotheses were first developed on the basis of review of previous studies. Primary data is collected through structured question-naire from 66 employees of various private and public banks. To test hypotheses, data was analyzed statistically using correlation analysis. Based on figures, a causal loop has been prepared. Results indicated a strong direct relationship of employee spirituality with three of the four proposed determinants that is, age, leaders' spirituality and peers' spirituality. No significant relationship was found between value education and spirituality. The two outcomes related to attitude towards job are significantly impacted by employee spirituality. This study will be helpful to HR authorities to hire the right resource for the organization. It would also enhance the performance of employees, ultimately leading to the success of organization with committed and engaged work force. There have been various theoritical studies regarding spirituality, but not much empirical studies have been conducted. And specific to banking employees it would be an contribution for HR practitioners to hire and retain the right workforce.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS A BRANDING TOOL WITH REFERENCE TO CARBORUNDUM UNIVERSAL LIMITED (CUMI), KOCHI

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Implementation of CSR policy may generate a trusting relationship that leads stakeholders to become committed to the organization. With the care for the community and markets the corporations operate in, will help the organization for a sustainable business growth. CSR activities will help CUMI to continuously interact with the community and thereby maintain an enhanced community relation. This will also help the company to establish their brand name among the society.

IMPACT OF GREEN MARKETING ON CONSUMER BUYING DECISION (WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BANGALORE CITY)

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ABSTRACT

The study finds out that the Green Marketing concepts and products can be easily accepted by the people in Bangalore. Even they are willing to pay more for the green products. People are ready to accept but the entrepreneurs and the Government has to take initiative for promoting and implementing the concept of green marketing and green products. Companies such as Tata Motors, Maruti Suzuki, Canon, Toyota, Philips, NTPC and McDonald's follow green marketing. Green marketing should not neglect the economic aspect of marketing. Marketers need to understand the implications of green marketing. Green marketing should not be considered as additional approach to marketing. It has to be implemented in all products as it has environmental and social impact. With global warming looking largely, it is important that green marketing becomes the norm rather an exception, or just a fad.

A STUDY OF RURAL CONSUMERS' SATISFACTION AND THEIR PERCEPTION TOWARDS TELECOM (WIRELESS) SERVICE

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Net Neutrality, stain of 2G spectrum and the waves of 3G & 4G have rattled the Telecom Industry and there is a lot more brewing. The post liberalization period witnesses the unprecedented growth in telecom industry and a significant rise in tele-density in India due to the wide spread of cellular network and internet technology. The development of rural area is possible through telecom sector as the growth of telecom and development of infrastructure are directly related. The affordability of telecom service leads to increase in tele-density in rural areas. As telecom industry is competitive, it becomes imperative for wireless telecom service providers to offer quality services to customers and develop long term relationship. The primary objectives of this research study are to study the rural consumer satisfaction and to understand their perception towards telecom service. The researchers have collected necessary data from 106 rural consumers availing wireless telecom services through questionnaire for which a convenient sampling method was used. Moreover, the present status of tele-density in rural area is documented with the help of secondary data. Multiple Regression Analysis and descriptive statistics such as mean score and standard deviation have been used as statistical tools. The findings indicate that customer care service and value added service have the significant impact on customer satisfaction towards telecom services in rural areas. In addition to this, the result shows that majority of respondents are Idea subscribers in rural areas and 35% of rural consumers are highly satisfied while 44% of respondents agreed that call and SMS plans are consumer friendly.

EMPLOYEE PERCEPTION ON HR PRACTICES: A STUDY WITH REFERENCE TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE INSURANCE ORGANISATIONS

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Life insurance is one of the most important businesses that stabilize individuals and businesses from critical environmental effects. This service industry is people-centric in character in every form from employees to beneficiaries. The employees are vital for organisation's success and superior human resource management is the differentiator in the competition. As HR practices signals employees to carry out actions desirable to the firm. This industry key performance measures includes positive employee attitudes and behaviours. The effectiveness of HR practices is measured by the way they influence the employee attitudes on expected lines. HR practices helps to maximize employee positive affective reactions at work; in turn, employees would enthusiastically put more efforts for organisation and contributes for productivity and effectiveness of the system. Employee behaviour says both external and internal factors in combination produce employee behaviour. The combination of attitudes with societal pressure to behave in a given way that influences an employee intention, in turn more directly affect behaviour. Behaviours consequently results in individual and organisational outcomes. Therefore, the main objective of this paper to describe employees' perceptions on HR practices in public and private life insurance organisations. The primary and secondary sources of data used for this study. Descriptive statistics used to compare and analyze the difference between the employee opinions of two sample organisations. Independent test results on HR practices resulted there exists no statistically significant difference between the scores of two sample organisations except for performance appraisal.

ORGANISATIONAL CONFLICT AND MOST PREFERRED CONFLICT MANAGEMENT STYLES (A RESEARCH STUDY CONDUCTED AT NTPC, PATNA)

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ABSTRACT

Conflicts are inevitable; indeed they are everyday phenomenon not only in each organisation but in every individual's work life. In this era of 'Emotional Intelligence' understanding the existence and importance of conflict is vital. The management of organisational conflict involves the diagnosis of the styles (strategies) used to handle conflict arising at workplace. The aim of this study was to find out the most preferred Conflict Management Styles to effectively manage conflict and deal with conflict situations efficiently. This research contributes to the body of existing literature; specifically, it will inspire the managers to manage conflict in the organisations. A survey of 104 managers of NTPC, Patna (ER-HQ1) a Public Sector Company shows that which out of Five different 'Conflict Management Styles' are most preferred. Bar graphs and pie-charts have been used to represent the results of a 5 Point – Likert Scale based Questionnaire. Albeit, (however/even though) most out of five Conflict Management Styles. Three Styles come out to be most adopted ones by the managers and other employee; these include: integrating, dominating and compromising.

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