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FINANCIAL AND NON FINANCIAL TURNOVER FACTORS INFLUENCING IT COMPANIES IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The study finds out that the Employee turnover is one of the hectic issue in most of the organization. Employee's turnover and retention on the causes of high employee turnover, which affect the most, and the companies can decrease employee's turnover in order to cut the hidden cost. The Indian IT companies are vying for inorganic growth, with a quest for newer geographical areas, service offerings, domain expertise, customers and markets. Thus, the organizations different levels of management follow different strategies to retain the level of employees to increase the productivity of the organization. The overall organization climate is contributing towards the defeat the turnover in the organization to face the future challenges and competitions.

KEYWORDS

IT sector companies, financial turnover, non-financial turnover.

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INTRODUCTION

mployees are the biggest asset for the organization. Employee turnover (also known as Attrition or natural wastage or Job Hopping) is defined as the rate of change in the average working force of an organization during a specified period of time. It also means the rate at which the employer gains and losses its employees. Employee Turnover is the voluntary and involuntary which is the permanent withdrawal of employee from the organization. IT industry has one of the lowest Employee tenure due to several factors such as demographics, socio-economic trends or industry trends

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Jai Yashwant Advani, Sarang C Jagdale, Ajay Kumar garg and Rohtas Kumar (2005) – has made observations from the different software professional working for Indian Software Firms. The paper supported on the factors influencing performance of the Individuals in the Industry. The perception of higher level of organizational policies was identified was the major reason for turnover and the coordination among the employees has reduced the burnout.

Ohashi Isao (2005) in his study, analyzed the effects of pension benefits, family conditions and the personal characteristics of older individuals on job satisfaction and reported that number of hours worked, working condition, work environment and the type of job rather than wages which has major determinant role towards the turnover intention through job satisfaction

The Attrition Study (2008) paper revealed about the employee psychology towards staying in one organization for a longer period on fulfillment on his requirement that may range from job satisfaction, open environment and healthy competition, recognition for good work, having comfort level with peer group, healthy employer – employee relationship. The simple employee need like remuneration, medical benefits makes the employee satisfied. The monetary benefits are more important for some people even more important are opportunities to build a carrier. It supported that the majority of employees look for career growth as they feel stagnated whereas only 10% of them leave for a better salary.

Kamalabhan, Sree Rekha (2012) has carried out a study on the antecedents of employee turnover in ITES sector with an intention to examine the influence of intervening variables such as alternative job availability and organizational commitment on turnover intension. The findings suggest that organizations need to focus on how to foster organizational commitment in order to enhance job satisfaction, reduce job stress and provide support that will facilitate employee retention.

In the opinion of the **Brijesh Kishore Goswani an Sushmitajha (2012)** the issues governing employee turnover and the challenges involved in retention of employees are major concern for the IT industry. The compelling fact that in context of knowledge driven economy is the people who emerge as key competitive differentiators and retaining the talent is a matter of grave concern and assumes greater significance too. Their insights into various issues regarding the employees have been provided. Acquiring skilled workforce is not just enough in today's changing economy. Instead, a lot needs to be done to retain them. It also finds that losing knowledgeable and trained employees can cause serious damage to a company's progress and its performance in the market. It also finds that the employee dreams, hopes, ambitions, creativity and innovations are the greatest assets of the organization. If the assets are not recognized the organization cannot touch the domestic and global markets.

According to Pankaj Nema and Sourabh Nougriaya (2015) employee retention is not influenced by a single factor, but there are many factors which are responsible for retaining employees in an organization. Management need to pay attention to factors such as compensation & rewards, job security, training & developments, supervisor support culture, work environment and organization justice. The mental dimension of retention consist of work characteristics, employees always prefer flexible work tasks where they can use their knowledge and see the results of their efforts which, in turn, helps in retaining the valuable resources. The social dimension consists of the contacts that the employees have with other people, both internal and external.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Job-hopping is becoming common with the rapid pace of modern life. Being a social phenomenon resulting from a variety of reasons, it does bring about a number of side-effects, such as high mobilization and instability. Not only are fresher's changing jobs frequently, but senior professionals are also increasingly falling in the trap of job hopping. Senior professionals with excellent credentials are willingly changing jobs more frequently than ever before. A well trained and knowledgeable employee leaves; the organization loses key skills, knowledge and business relationships. Moreover, there are serious costs involved in replacing that employee. The word loyalty has become old fashioned and is no more considered a success mantra. Loyalty, which once has been considered a fundamental value in an Indian organization seems to be losing its relevance. People, especially younger generation, are highly careered centric. They do not mind changing jobs too often if it helps them earn more and grow faster. They are ready to shift their loyalties for extra money, an additional perk or any other monetary benefits.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The following objectives are framed.

- 1. To analyze the impact of demographic factors on employee turnover intention.
- 2. To identify the financial and non-financial factors influencing voluntary turnover of employees in IT industry.

HYPOTHESIS OF THE STUDY

H₀1: There is no significant difference between age and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

- H₀2: There is no significant difference between gender and employee turnover intention factors n IT industry.
- H₀3: There is no significant difference between marital status and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.
- H₀4: There is no significant difference between employee position in the organisation and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study is exploratory in nature. The primary data is collected from the employees, HR managers, Senior leaders in the IT companies in Chennai with the help of a structured Questionnaire. Simple Random sampling technique is used for collecting the primary data. The data is collected from September 2014 to May 2017. The sample size is 457.

TOOLS USED

- 1. Percentage Analysis for determining the classification of demographic Profile.
- 2. Mean Score Ranking Analysis is performed to find out the important factors influencing Employee turnover in IT companies.
- 3. One way ANOVA is used to ascertain the impact of demographic factors on Turnover intention factors in IT industry.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS

TABLE 1: DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF IT EMPLOYEES

Particulars	Number of Respondent	Percentage				
Age						
20 years to 35 years	406	88.8				
36 Years to 50 Years	49	10.7				
51 Years to 60 Years	2	0.4				
Total	457	100.0				
Gender						
Male	276	60.4				
Female	181	39.6				
Total	457	100.0				
Marital Status						
Single	276	60.4				
Married	181	39.6				
Total	457	100.0				
Position						
Top level	20	4.4				
Middle level	150	32.8				
Lower level	287	62.8				
Total	457	100.0				

Out of 457 respondents, 88.8% of the employees are in the age group below 35 years. 66.4% of the respondents are male and remaining 39.60 % of respondent are female. 66.4% of the respondents are unmarried and remaining 39.60 % of respondents are married. 4.4% of the respondents are top level employees, 32.80 % of respondent are middle level employees and 62.80% respondents are belong to lower level employees.

TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS

A. Financial Factors influencing Voluntary Turnover of Employees

In 1911, Frederick Taylor and his scientific management associate described money as the most important factor in motivating the industrial workers to achieve greater productivity.

Bratton and Gold [2003] explained the rewards that an employee receives payments in relation to contribution in organization that may be cash, noncash and psychological are called rewards.

Akintoye (2000) emphasize that money remains the most important motivational strategy.

Griffeth et al. (2000) noted pay and pay-related variables have a great effect on employee turnover. Management must compensate employees adequately by paying employees based on their performance and in addition, they should give employees incentives like individual bonus, lump sum bonus, sharing of profits and other benefits. Hence, if these are put in place they would minimize employee turnover.

Table No – 2 enlist all the 8 variables that were translated into items in the questionnaire and were used for factor analysis. The mean scores of the variables and standard deviation are depicted below.

TABLE 2: FINANCIAL FACTORS

Financial Factors	Mean	Standard Deviation	Ranking Based on Mean Scores
Compensation	3.02	0.91	1
Bonus	2.89	0.71	2
Mediclaim	2.88	0.92	3
LTA and vacation pays	2.87	0.91	4
Perks	2.78	0.82	5
Shift allowance	2.76	0.92	6
Interest free loan	2.68	0.94	7
Reimbursement	2.67	0.81	8

Compensation: Compensation is the core component of the production-reward exchange process and the employment relationship. Once the employees perceive that their employers cannot offer their expected level of compensation, they may leave the organization (Mondy, 2010).

Bonus: Blakemore et al. (1987) observe lower turnover among those paid a two-part compensation scheme composed of fixed pay plus flexible bonuses. Additionally, Guthrie (2000), drawing on organizational economics literature, shows that firms using skill-based pay systems such as bonuses improve employee retention.

Mediclaim: Organizations also look after the health conditions of their employees. The employees are provided with medi-claims for them and their family members. These medi-claims include health-insurances and treatment bills reimbursements. (Manisha Gupta, 2016)

Leave travel allowances and Vacation Pays: These allowances are provided to retain the best talent in the organization. The employees are given allowances to visit any place they wish with their families. The allowances are scaled as per the position of employee in the organization (**Manisha Gupta, 2016**).

Perks: It was studied that the concept of additional income tax on fringe benefits. He described fringe benefits as consideration for employment provided by way of: a) any privilege, service, benefit, facility or amenity, directly or indirectly, provided by an employer, whether by way of reimbursement or otherwise to his employees including former employee or employees. Special allowance such as overtime, mobile allowances, meals, commissions, travel expenses, reduced interest loans; insurance, club memberships, etc. are provided to employees to provide them social security and motivate them, which improve the organizational productivity. Wipro provides benefits like Paid holidays, maternity benefits, and counselling sessions. TCS provides benefits like recreational room, band performance, engagement with NGO, Dance club, indoor outdoor games, 2 years education leave, paid adoption leaves, location movement, zumba classes, fitness programes and many more.

Shift allowance: A shift allowance is an amount a company pays above its basic wage to employees who work during certain shifts in order to motivate people who work in less desirable shifts, such as an evening or overnight shift. It is also used to compensate employees who have worked overtime. The Head HR should take the responsibility of framing the Night Shift Policy or Shift Allowance Policy to ensure that employees are compensated for the hardship due to working in odd hours in shifts as a part of their assignment. Most of the companies pay only for the night shift. The above amount is indicative. It varies from company to

Interest free loan: Some companies provide interest free loans for varies needs. IT service companies Cognizant and TCS, which have as many as 60,000 employees each in Chennai, said they will be extending interest-free loans worth Rs.1 lakh to all employees.

Reimbursement of the expenses: This category includes expenses that are related to an employee either in the form of a business benefit (eg. business phone) or entertainment expenses that may occur in a business setting (eg, Professional dinners with clients and colleagues or fuel expenses and travel expenses (include any kind of transportation and accommodation expenses that employees going on business trip).

B. Non Financial Factors influencing voluntary Turnover

Apart from financial factors there are non-financial factors which affect the turnover of the employees. It is been identified that there are various factors such as organizational commitment, job stress, job characteristics, promotion opportunities, pay level and rewards, quality of work-life and job satisfaction. that affect the turnover intentions of employees. Employee turnover or turnover intention are also associated with numerous other factors, such as job satisfaction, self efficacy, self-esteem, stress, gender, personal traits, corporate policies and unemployment in the market. Attributes including autonomy, task significance, and good pay have a positive impact on job satisfaction and thus employee retention, whereas exhaustion and work overload have a negative impact on satisfaction, thus increases turnover intentions Recognition, promotions, financial allowances, leaves, allowances for medical treatment and participation in decision making are the ways of upgrading the employee retention of a managerial employee.

Non Financial Factors Mean Standard Deviation Ranking Based on Mean Scores Attraction towards higher position 3.4004 1.17514 1 3.3720 1.05002 2 Invited by peer group Job satisfaction 3.0591 .95445 3 Organisation culture 3.0197 .88954 4 Shift timings 2.9694 .91715 5 Bored of routine work 2.9606 .75116 6 Absenteeism 2.8271 .96125 7 Health issues and stress 2.7418 77166 8 Welfare facilities 2.7330 .84996 9 Rowing nature of employee 2.6740 .80897 10 .8484 2.632 11 promotion Sufficient training 2.6149 1.01331 12

TABLE 3: NON FINANCIAL FACTORS

Attracted towards higher position is the first and foremost non-financial factor with the mean score of 3.40 leading to employee turnover. Prince (2005) identified promotion and opportunities for growth as a significant reason for which employees decide to leave or stay in an organization and went further by identifying influential factors pertaining to career growth opportunities, are advancement plans, internal promotion and accurate career previews.

The second important cause for turnover in Software industry with the mean score of 3.37 is Invitation by peer group to join the different organisation. Kirschenbaum and Weisberg (2002) found out that co-workers' intentions have a major significant impact on all destination options - the more positive the perception of their co-workers desire to leave, the more employees themselves wanted to leave. The researchers suggest that a feeling about co-workers' intentions to change jobs or workplace acts as a form of social pressure or justification on the employee to make a move

The third important cause of employee turnover intention is Jobs Satisfaction with the mean score of 3.06. Job satisfaction plays an important role in determining turnover of employees (Mudor & Tooksoon, 2011). High job satisfaction leads to low turnover. In general, dissatisfied workers are more likely to quit than those who are satisfied. Delfgaauw (2007) suggested that self-reported level of job satisfaction is a good predictor for job mobility and employee attrition. Thus, frequent satisfaction surveys act as smoke detectors and help in uncovering potential turnover intentions.

The fourth cause for employee turnover is organisation culture. Kym and Park (1992) proposed that turnover can be explained as a misfit between the corporate culture and that of IT department. Positive perceptions of organizational culture correlate to longer length of employment, (Madaus et al., 2008). Organizational culture was found to have an affect on organizational behavior and may be proposed as a potential moderator of voluntary turnover. Working environment is also studied and reported as an important factor in retention of employees (Sohail et. al., 2013).

Shift timings is the fifth important cause for employee turnover intention. In Wallace's (2003) work about managing shift work, he indicated that long working hours, unpredictable shifts, limited breaks, and heavy mental, emotional and physical demands are the concerns that lead to occupational stress Working conditions include the organisation of the work such as working hours, work schedules, work shifts, overtime, daily and weekly rest periods, emergency work, weekend work and holidays. It is been identified some important retention strategies include rewards and recognition, training and development opportunities, mentoring and coaching sessions, career planning, flexi work timing, annual performance appraisal, on site and day care facilities.

Bored of routine work is the sixth important cause of employee turnover. It is important for the person's abilities, personalities and skills to match the job requirements. If there is no match, the employees become bored by the job that provides no challenges or one that provides unrealistic challenges. These realities are the ones that make people leave the organization. Reported boredom is sometimes related to absenteeism.

Absenteeism is the seventh important cause of employee turnover. New employees have expectations but when these expectations are not met, they may start withdrawing from work using sick leave, family responsibility leave and all kinds of excuses.

Health issues and stress is the eighth important cause of employee turnover. Adaji (1997) identified lack of relaxation overwork, egomania tendency, sitting position, lack of exercise, pressure, personal behaviour such as smoking and alcohol consumption and the role of conflicts as the major sources of stress. Exhaustion and work overload have a negative impact on satisfaction, thus increases turnover intentions.

Welfare facilities are the ninth important cause of labour turnover. Krueger and Rouse (1998) and Yamamoto (2011) found that incentive programs, welfare facilities, praise, recognition, and ongoing opportunities for development improve employee retention.

Rowing nature of employee is considered as a tenth reason for employee turnover in the organisation. It is found that Generation Y young people expected a quick linear promotion by changing jobs on a regular basis reported that availability of alternative job opportunities had significant positive impact on turnover intentions.

Lack of Promotion opportunities is considered to be the eleventh important non-financial factor, if the employee is lead to turnover intention. Research studies found that there is a negative relationship between perceived promotional opportunities and turnover intention. While identifying the causes that why employees stay in the organization, extrinsic reward (including promotion) was found as one of the most mentioned reasons of staying in the organization.

Sufficient training is the twelfth important cause of employee turnover. It iss been concluded that both on-the-job and off-the-job training have a significant effect on job mobility. There is a complex relationship between turnover and training. He suggested that establishments that enhance the skills of existing workers have lower turnover rates. However, turnover is higher when workers are trained to be multi-skilled, which may imply that this type of training enhances the prospects of workers to find work elsewhere.

AGE ON TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IN IT INDUSTRY

H₀1: There is no significant difference between age and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry

TABLE 4: THE AGE AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IN IT INDUSTRY

Turnover Intention Factors	Age group	Mean value	f- value	P- value	Level of significance
Financial Factors	20 – 35	55.6552			Not Significant
	36-50	55.3061	.799	.755	
	50-60	70.0000			
Non Financial Factors	20 – 35	53.7139	1.322	.075	Not significant
	36-50	51.2511			
	50-60	69.1304			

Source: Primary data

The above table reveals that there is no significant difference between age and Financial (F=0.799) and non-Financial (1.322) employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

GENDER AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IT INDUSTRY

H₀2: There is no significant difference between gender and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

TABLE 5: THE GENDER AND TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS

Turnover Intention Factors	Gender	Mean value	f- value	P- value	Level of significance	
	Male	54.1667	.079	.779	Not significant	
Financial Factors	Female	57.9890				
Non Financial Factors	Male	52.1487	1.407	.236	Not significant	
	Female	55.6041				

Source: Primary data

There is no significant difference between gender and financial factor (F=0.079) and non financial factors (F= 1.407) employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

MARITAL STATUS AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IN IT INDUSTRY

H₀3: There is no significant difference between marital status and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

TABLE 6: MARITAL STATUS AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION IN IT INDUSTRY

Turnover Intention Factors	Marital status	Mean value	f- value	P- value	Level of significance
	Unmarried	55.0217	.210	.647	Not significant
Financial Factors	Married	56.6851			
Non Financial Factors	Unmarried	53.0750	3.575	.049*	significant
	Married	54.1917			

Source: Primary data

There is no significant difference between marital status and financial factors (F=0.210) employee turnover factors in IT industry. But, there is a significant difference between marital status and non financial factors (F= 3.575) influencing employee turnover factors in IT industry.

EMPLOYEE POSITION AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IN IT INDUSTRY

TABLE 7: EMPLOYEE POSITION AND EMPLOYEE TURNOVER INTENTION FACTORS IN IT INDUSTRY

Turnover Intention Factors	Employee Position	Mean value	f- value	P- value	Level of significance
Financial Factors	Top level	51.60			
	Middle level	53.58	.79	.97	Not significant
	Lower level	57.98			
Non Financial Factors	Top level	57.1304			
	Middle level	56.0638	1.741	.002**	significant
	Lower level	51.9346			

Source: Primary data

There is no significant difference between employee position and financial employee turnover factors (F=0.79) in IT industry. But, there is a significant difference between employee position and non financial factors employee turnover factors (F= 1.741) in IT industry.

H₀3: There is no significant difference between marital status and employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.

FINDINGS OF THE STUDY

- > The demographic profile of the employees reveal that 88.8% of the employees are in the age group below 35 years, 66.4% of the respondents are male, 66.4% of the respondents are unmarried and 62.80% respondents are belong to lower level employees.
- > Compensation is the first, Bonus is the second, Mediclaim is the third, Leave Travel Allowance and Vacation pays are the fourth, Perks is the fifth, shift allowance is the sixth, Interest free loan is the seventh and Reimbursement is the eighth important financial factors influencing employee turnover in IT industry.
- Attraction towards higher position is the first, Invited by peer group is the second, Job satisfaction is the third, Organisation culture is the fourth, Shift timings is the fifth, Bored of routine work is the sixth, Absenteeism is the sixth, Health issues and stress is the seventh Welfare facilities is the eighth, Rowing nature of employees is ninth, Lack of promotion facilities is the eleventh and Sufficient training is the twelfth important non-financial factors influencing employee turnover in IT industry.
- > There is no significant difference between age and Financial and non-Financial employee influencing turnover intention factors in IT industry.
- > There is no significant difference between gender and financial factor and non financial factors influencing employee turnover intention factors in IT industry.
- > There is no significant difference between marital status and financial factors employee turnover factors in IT industry. But, there is a significant difference between marital status and non financial factors influencing employee turnover factors in IT industry.
- > There is no significant difference between employee position and financial employee turnover factors in IT industry. But, there is a significant difference between employee position and non financial factors employee turnover factors in IT industry.

CONCLUSION

Employee turnover is one of the hectic issue in most of the organization. Employees turnover and retention on the causes of high employee turnover which affect the most, and the companies can decrease employees turnover in order to cut the hidden cost. The Indian IT companies are vying for inorganic growth, with a quest for newer geographical areas, service offerings, domain expertise, customers and markets. Thus the organizations different levels of management follow

^{**} Highly Significant at 1% Level. * Significant at 5% Level.

^{**} Highly Significant at 1% Level. * Significant at 5% Level.

different strategies to retain the level of employees to increase the productivity of the organization. The overall organization climate is contributing towards the defeat the turnover in the organization to face the future challenges and competitions.

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