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#### A CAPSULIZATION OF REGNANT CONTENTIONS IN HRM

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This article tells about botherations in Human Resource Management due to accelerated changes in internal and external environment of Business. Although Human resource management is a function in organizations designed to escalate employees endeavor of an employer's strategic goals but there are some issues that may block the advancement of the organization. This article focuses on challenges faced by Human Resource Departments in 21<sup>st</sup> century who usually undertake many exercises like Recruitment, Selection, Training and Development, Motivation, Performance appraisals, Promotion, Separations, Transfers, Retention keys etc. Global changes and advancements in technology, market competition has compelled today's Human Resource heads to lengthen their role and assignment in handling the competent work force for fulfilling all the tasks which are aligned with challenges in Human Resource Management.

#### **KEYWORDS**

regnant, human resource management, challenges, organization, capsulization.

#### INTRODUCTION

he fast mutating business scenario means that there are presently many Human Resource Management challenges which will continue to evolve for years to come. Due to the fluctuating economy including local, regional and global elevations, there are many changes appearing rapidly that influence HR leading to a wide range of problems in today's working of an organization.

HR managers need to handle the diverse workforce efficiently and make use of good retention techniques which would lead to achievement of individual goals, organizational goals and societal goals. Today's HR managers should upgrade themselves with changes and up-gradation in technology, changing business policies, competitor's policies and packages offered by competitor's to their workforce. Areas of HRM also include employee recruitment and retention, Induction, exit interviews, motivation, project selection, compliance of labor laws, performance audit, training, career development, mediation, and change management.

HR managers should work using his/her skill, knowledge, diligence, intelligence, expertise, experience etc to achieve the targets of the organization. He/She should keep on motivating their workforce which will lead to enhancement of working, as a motivated workforce would work efficiently. He/She make use of needed resources without any wastages . He/She should focus of many aspects and be proactive to face global challenges that would occur till the organization exists

#### RECENT REPORTS ON WORKFORCE DIVERSITY AND NEED FOR MANAGERS TO ADOPT CHANGES

According to the PwC report, workforce diversity and pace of demographic change is a far bigger issue among Indian CEOs as compared to their counterparts in developed and other emerging markets. According to the report, the talent and workforce priorities in emerging markets are significantly different from developed markets and even within emerging markets, HR is maturing at different rates in different regions.

Improving workforce diversity is important for 90 per cent of Indian CEOs, which is significantly higher than the global average of 82 per cent, China (84 per cent) and Russia (51 per cent).

Moreover, only 25 per cent Indian CEOs view creating jobs for young people as a priority for the government, more than half of Russian CEOs feel otherwise.

The report said that organizations generally rush to recruit as soon as economic conditions improve and growth returns as they feel the need to compensate for workforce cutbacks made during the recession, and to counter the effect of a rising resignation rate. The result is a growing global talent war.

On the other hand, 'Indian companies use cutting-edge tech for HR: Survey' tells about that India is also far ahead of the rest of the world in adopting mobile technology to deliver HR. The '2014 HR Service Delivery and Technology Survey' shows that 85 per cent of organizations in India have or will have an HR portal and 78 per cent report it as being an effective way of meeting intended objectives.

There is also an increasing mobile usage in HR transactions such as training, employee directory and time and attendance. The survey shows 44 per cent of organizations in India are using or considering using mobile technology, which is higher than their APAC counterparts (36 per cent). But there is room to grow as organizations use mobiles for less than 25 per cent of HR transactions. "India is a fast growing market and seeing a faster rate of adoption of technology. India headquartered companies are more free to be innovative than global companies that already have established systems in place," says David Mitchell, APAC regional practice leader, HR technology, Towers Watson. The above article gives an idea that Indian HR managers are coping up with technological changes which is an important contention in HR.

#### STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Along the open-ended changes in Human Resources Management (HRM), it is important that managers, HR employees and executives, beware of the challenges that today's HRM team may face. While there are surely other issues, which are same to most of the types of business or to the volume of any company and having policies in custody to ensure these challenges when met are diffused which can make workplace harmonious for everyone. There are changes in working of an organization due to changes in external environments. HR managers need to keep focus on analyzing the Opportunities and Threats that they may face which can spur any time.

#### SCOPE OF THE STUDY

**HRM** in **Personnel Management**: This involves Recruitment, Selection, Training and Development, Motivation, Promotion, Performance appraisals, Rewarding, layoff and retrenchment, Employee productivity, Transfers etc. In short it includes acquisition or procurement function. It helps in development of HR by motivating the employees to work, which will bring good returns to the company by making optimum use of resources.

HRM in Employee Welfare: This peculiar facet of HRM deals with working conditions and amenities at workplace. It includes employees responsibilities and welfare, It is a non-monetary aspect in which safety officer is responsible to look after delivering all the facilities such as Hygienic working conditions, ventilation and lighting, sickness benefits, Employment injury benefits, Personal injury benefits, Job security, Unemployment benefits and Family benefits, Sanitation facilities, Employees medical policies, etc. Apart from this organization should look after Catering hygienic drinking water, Creche facilities for women, Proving maternity benefits for women, Canteen facilities, Rest rooms for personnel to rest.

HRM in Industrial Relations: Since it is a highly sensitive area, it needs careful inter-communication with labor or employee unions, handling their distress and settling the disputes adequately in order to maintain peace and harmony in the organization. It is the art and science of understanding the employment i.e the union-management relations, Relation between employer, employee and government, joint consultation, disciplinary agenda's, solving the issues with mutual efforts, understanding human nature and maintaining work relations, collective bargaining and resolution of disputes. The main aim is to protecting the interest

of employees by securing the highest insights of knowledge that does not leave an adverse effect on organization. It is about establishing, expanding and boosting industrial harmony to safeguard the interests of all the parties involved in Industrial Relation.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- Place contemporary developments in HRM
- Explain how the current HR scenario differs from traditional HR scenario
- Highlight the various reasons which leads to changes and spurring of issues in HR

#### **METHODOLOGY**

Several techniques or methods are utilized by authors of empirical journal articles. The selection of a particular method is usually determined by the situation in which the study is to be conducted. The methodology used for this study is purely of secondary nature. I have made use of references from already published journals, books and other secondary material.

#### WHY SHOULD BE HR HANDLED WITH CARE?

Personnel working in the organization belonging to different departments come from diverse background. They may belong to different class, Family background, different caste, different religion, Customs and traditions, Age, Gender, Educational qualifications etc. Handling such diverse workforce is a major task of today's managers as they have to deal with internal environment and external environment as well. They can maximize profit and get good returns only when they are well established in the market. This can happen when all the goals and targets would be fulfilled. Issues in HRM may arise due to various reasons like fair remuneration and appreciation. According to Thomas Klikauer, 1962— Seven moralities of human resource management / Seven highly important subject areas of HRM where HR managers need to focus is as follows:

- 1. IR- Industrial Relations and Employment, Unions, Labor- Management relations.
- 2. HRD Human Resource Development, Training and Development.
- 3. Rewards- Remuneration, Rewards and Benefits.
- 4. PM- Performance Measurement.
- RS- Recruitment and Selection.
- 6. OHS-Occupational Health and Safety.
- 7. HRP-Human Resource Planning.

#### DISTINCTION BETWEEN TRADITIONAL HR AND MODERN HR

The main difference between personnel management and human resource management is that the former is the traditional approach the latter represents the modern approach toward managing people in an enterprise.

#### 1. THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

Human Resource Management is wider in scope than Personnel Management.

The scope of personnel management includes functional activities such as manpower planning, job analysis, recruitment, job evaluation, performance appraisals, payroll administration, Compliance with labor laws, training administration, and related tasks. Human resources management includes all these activities plus organizational developmental activities such as leadership, motivation, developing organizational culture, communication of shared values, and so on.

The human resource management approach remains integrated to the company's core strategy and vision. It seeks to make optimum the use of human resources for the achievement of organizational goals. This strategic and philosophical context of human resource management makes it more purposeful, pertinent, and more persuasive as compared to the personnel management approach.

#### 2. DIFFERENCE IN QUALITATIVE ASPECTS

Another ambit of the difference is the proactive nature of human resource management compared to the reactive nature of personnel management.

Personnel management remains detached from central organizational activities, functions independently, and takes a reactive approach to changes in corporate goals or strategy. Human resource management remains integrated with corporate strategy and takes a proactive approach to work with the workforce towards achievement of corporate aims.

For instance, while the personnel management approach concerns itself with a reactive performance appraisal process, human resource management approach has a more comprehensive and proactive performance management system that aims to correct performance rather than make a report card of past performance.

#### 3. DIFFERENCE IN ACCESS

The personnel management approach tends to latch much to norms, customs and established practices, whereas the human resource approach gives preference to values and mission.

#### 4. DIFFERENCE IN OPERATION

Human resource management, remains integrated with the organization's core strategy and functions. Although a distinct human resource department carries out much of the human resource management tasks, human resource initiatives involve the line management and operations staff heavily. On the other hand Personnel management is an independent staff function of an organization, with little involvement from line managers, and no linkage to the organization's core process

Personnel management also strives to rectify the aspirations and views of the workforce with management interest by institutional means such as collective bargaining, trade union-based negotiations and similar processes. This leads to fixation of work conditions applicable for all, and not necessarily aligned to overall corporate goals.

Human Resource management gives greater thrust on dealing with each employee independently and gives more importance to customer-focused developmental activities and facilitating individual employees rather than bargaining or negotiating with trade unions.

#### 5. HRM ENVIRONMENT IN INDIA

India is being widely known as one of the most exciting emerging economies in the world. Apart from becoming a global hub of outsourcing, Indian firms are spreading their wings globally through combinations, take over's and acquisitions. During the first four months of 1997, Indian companies have bought 34 foreign companies for about U.S. \$11 billion dollars. This impressive development has been due to a growth in inputs (capital and labor) as well as factor productivity. By the year 2020, India is expected to add about 250 million to its labor pool at the rate of about 18 million a year, which is more than the entire labor force of Germany. This so called 'demographic dividend' has drawn a new interest in the Human Resource concepts and practices in India. This paper traces notable evidence of economic organizations and managerial ideas from ancient Indian sources with enduring traditions and considers them in the context of contemporary challenges.

#### HR INDUSTRY GROWS AT 21% OVER 4 YEARS: EXECUTIVE RECRUITERS ASSOCIATION AND E&Y REPORT

The human resource industry in India has grown at a compounded annual growth rate of 21% over the past four years and is pegged to be around Rs 22,800 Cr, according to a report by Executive Recruiters Association and Ernst & Young. As the industry gets more organized, new players, emerging sectors and multinationals are dropping anchor, and a changing mindset in traditional companies makes space for HR firms rather than referrals for hiring, it adds.

The 'Human Resource Industry Solutions Report 2012' indicates a maturing industry which is moving from being fragmented to getting more organized. The industry has players that are segregated into recruitment, temporary staffing and executive search. HR consultants' image has moved many notches up from being a vendor to that of a partner who plays a key role in the company's growth trajectory, says the report.

While the permanent recruitment in India is estimated at Rs 3,000 cr, the search industry is pegged to have a market size of Rs 600 cr to Rs 700 cr. The search sector gets its boost from foreign players entering Indian markets and expanding into different geographies and industries. Companies that deal with the automobile, luxury, agricultural and food business that have entered India in the past few years have used search firms to expand further.

As per survey we see the attrition level across sectors is expected to rise by 20% in 2015 as a lot of jobs will be available following improving economic conditions, according to industry experts.

"With market being upbeat and lots of jobs being available, there will an increase in the overall attrition percentage. We expect the attrition to be in the range of 15-20 per cent across sectors," People Strong HR Services co-founder and CEO Pankaj Bansal told PTI. "The attrition that was almost static at leadership level will see some movement and also increase at mid and lateral level. Attrition will grow to 15-20 per cent and especially in sectors like IT, ITeS it can go up to 20-25 per cent," he added. However, industries like pharmaceuticals, FMCG, aviation, agriculture will have lesser attrition, he said.

As per other sources IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is believed to be undertaking a significant performance-related restructuring of its workforce, which may also lead to some employees being asked to leave the company.

Sources said that the restructuring exercise could affect both onsite and offsite positions across various verticals, even as the company said it is on track to meet hiring target of 55,000 professionals this fiscal year.

Most affected by the restructuring drive could be middle to senior-level positions, sources said, while adding that some employees may be offered positions at vendors working with TCS.

The country's largest software exporter with over \$13-billion annual turnover employs over 3 lakh people across 46 countries. During the July-September quarter, TCS also crossed a milestone of employing one lakh women professionals with a gender diversity ratio of 32.9 per cent. But the company's net profit declined by 5.8 per cent to Rs 5,244 Cr in the second quarter of the current fiscal year, while revenue rose by 7.7 per cent to Rs 23,816 Cr.

#### **INDIAN HRM IN TRANSITION**

One of the noteworthy features of the Indian workplace is demographic uniqueness. It is estimated that both China and India will have a population of 1.45 billion people by 2030, however, India will have a larger workforce than China. Indeed, it is likely India will have 986 million people of working age in 2030, which well probably be about 300 million more than in 2007. And by 2050, it is expected India will have 230 million more workers than China and about 500 million more than the United States of America (U.S.). It may be noted that half of India's current population of 1.1 billion people are under of 25 years of age (Chatterjee 2006). While this fact is a demographic dividend for the economy, it is also a danger sign for the country's ability to create new jobs at an unprecedented rate. It has been pointed out by Meredith (2007).

#### FOLLOWING CHART GIVES A CLEAR PICTURE OF TODAY'S CHALLENGES IN HRM

#### CHART 1

# **HRM Challenges**

Globalization
Technology
Managing Change
Human Capital
ResponsivenessQuality
Cost Containment

Planning
Recruitment
Selection
Training
Performance
measurement
Compensation and
Benefits

Background
Diversity
Age Distribution
Gender Issues
Job Security
Educational Levels
Work Attitudes
Family Concern

#### SOME OF THE CHALLENGES IN HRM IN INDIA ARE EXPLAINED BELOW

- \* VOLUNTARY ATTRITION: Global demand for Indian software professionals has resulted in a heavy turnover and spiraling salary costs for the Indian software services industry. As a result, there are as many of them abroad as there are in India. The majority of Indian software professionals aspire and tend to migrate overseas permanently once they acquire about three years experience making it difficult for software organizations to staff and particularly, lead projects. The shortage has created a vacuum in project.
- Managing globalization: It is important for an HR Manager to study people management practices before implementing new practices which are global in nature. It has become a challenge for the HR to educate its workforce on how globalization can be leveraged and how an individual employee benefits or is affected by it. Instead of thrusting new practices upon them, it is ideal to study the existing practices which are in place.
- Development of leadership skills: It is not just about knowledge, experience and expertise it is also about developing the right soft skills to give shape to the future leaders. Since the global economic and industrial scenario is very volatile and dynamic, what is required now is a skill set in the workforce which distinguishes them as team leaders.
- Managing shift: Change management is the call of the day with big organizations integrating Six Sigma methodologies in their businesses. Change management defines the response of the business to the changing external and internal environment. The industrial growth scenario in India demands that there should be change brought about within all factions of the industry. But there are internal and external forces which resist the change. It is a huge challenge to influence the resisting forces with the organization, manage internal conflicts, motivate them to embrace change and implement the changes.
- Developing work ethics: With back to back slumps in the global economy, India has not remained unscathed. Employee morals and loyalty are being tested in a business's day to the day functioning. It has become very important to re-instill cultural values, loyalty, respect for the weak and elderly, and infuse qualities like empathy, charity, austerity, team spirits, ethics and bonding in the workforce.
- Retaining Talent Pool: Yes, this is one of the major challenges which HRM faces today. Poaching and cut-throat competition has given an impetus to high remuneration to the deserving. People have gained exposure and their yearning to rise is sees them changing loyalty and organizations very frequently.

- This is especially observed in the IT and ITES sector. To manage low attrition rates and retain talent has become a mammoth hurdle which all organizations want to cross in order to reach their goals.
- Managing fast changing technological trends: Most large and medium scale organizations today prefer to be technologically oriented. The technological trends in today's global scenario are fast changing. Educating the human resource about these changes, upgrading their knowledge and motivating them to learn, absorb and come out of their comfort zones is a great challenge faced by many organizations.
- Developing Accountability: With the advent of Six Sigma methodologies, organizations have lowered their tolerance levels for mistakes, errors and delays. It is a challenge which HRM in India is facing like its global counterparts. It is not easy to train people to shoulder responsibility.
- Managing workforce stress and employment relations: HR is the face of an organization. It hires and fires employees and if the HR of an organization is not emphatic towards its workforce it does not help in employment relations. This factor is fast becoming a challenge for HRM especially in sectors like hospitality, IT and allied support services, media and entertainment.
- Managing inter-departmental conflict: Earlier it was the friction between different levels of an organization and now the new emerging challenge for the HR is to manage inter-functional conflict within an organization. With organizational restructuring becoming common in the past few years, disputes and friction between different functions has been on the rise.
- Managing Ethical issues in HRM
  - Indian Government legislation: The sexual harassment of women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal) Act 2013 is a legislative Act in India that seeks to protect women from sexual exploitation at their work place. This statute superseded the Vishakha Guidelines for prevention of sexual harassment introduced by Supreme Court of India. Despite the legal requirement that any workplace with more than 10 employees need to implement it, which has not yet been implemented by many of the employers.
- Managing workplace diversity: With globalization and India's economy changing gears to accelerate growth, organizations hire as well depend on a people from different countries, cultures and ethnicity. To manage the diverse workforce who have fairly diverse physiological and the psychological influences, is also a huge challenge for the HR in the emerging Indian economy. This is not an exhaustive list of some of the challenges of HR in India which includes many other factors like retrenchment and downsizing specifically in the BPO and finance sectors, managing knowledge workers, occupational shifts, trade unionism in the public sector and manufacturing sector, limited exposure and research in the field of human resource management and limited training resources to handle.
- Some other challenges:
  - 1. Corporate restructuring
  - 2. Challenge of recession
  - 3. Challenges of growing customers expectations.

#### CONCLUSION

As we have come across the dominant issues and challenges which are faced by HR mangers and organization, the foremost work by the HR is to develop sound organizational structure with strong interpersonal skill towards employees. Giving training to employees by familiarizing them with the concept of globalize human resource management to perform well in the global organization context. All these issues and challenges like Organizational effectiveness, leadership development, Globalization, work force diversity, E- Commerce, etc, can be best managed by HR manager where they have to adopt a HR practice which encourages stubborn recruitment and selection policy, segmentation of jobs, empowerment, encouraging diversity in the workplace, training and development of the work force, promoting innovation, R& D proper allotment of obligations and responsibilities, managing knowledge. By improvement in following all the above aspects the value of human resources, the organization can be efficiently managed and it can come over all the fore coming challenges

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