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Executive Summary

In today's ever-evolving business landscape, the significance of employee retention has surged to a pivotal standing, prompted by the recognition of human capital's intrinsic value within organizations. As such, the emphasis has shifted towards the formulation and implementation of effective human resource management (HRM) practices that serve as catalysts for retaining talented personnel. However, the ramifications of employee retention stretch far beyond financial considerations; it serves as a linchpin for organizational stability, knowledge continuity, and sustained performance. Employees attuned to organizational culture and workflows exhibit heightened efficiency and effectiveness. Reduced onboarding times contribute to smoother operations and elevated outcomes. Moreover, the morale boost derived from a commitment to employee retention fosters loyalty, ultimately enhancing performance.

Considering these considerations, this study undertakes a thorough exploration of the complex interplay between HRM practices and employee retention. By scrutinizing an array of strategies, policies, and initiatives, this research aims to unveil the profound influence of these factors on workforce commitment. Real-world case studies and scholarly insights are leveraged to shed light on the efficacy of diverse HRM practices in nurturing loyalty and dedication. The insights gleaned from this exploration empower organizations to tailor HRM strategies that cultivate a steadfast, dedicated, and motivated workforce.

In sum, the shifting dynamics of employee retention underscore its pivotal role in contemporary organizational strategies. This study strives to unearth the intricate connection between HRM practices and employee retention, offering insights that guide strategies for workforce stability, knowledge preservation, and overall performance. As the business landscape evolves, grasping the intricacies of employee retention is no longer optional—it's a strategic mandate for organizations striving for enduring growth and prosperity.

Keywords: Employee retention, human resource management, HRM practices, organizational stability, talent management.

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

In the contemporary landscape of business, the significance of employee retention has ascended to a critical position. This trend has been prompted by the growing recognition that human capital constitutes an invaluable asset for organizations. As a consequence, the focus has shifted to devising effective human resource management (HRM) practices that can serve as mechanisms for retaining skilled and talented employees. However, the implications of employee retention extend far beyond mere financial considerations. This phenomenon plays a pivotal role in ensuring organizational stability, preserving institutional knowledge, and maintaining consistent performance levels. This study embarks on a comprehensive exploration of the intricate relationship that exists between HRM practices and the retention of employees. By delving into the diverse array of strategies, policies, and initiatives, the research seeks to uncover the profound impact that these factors exert on an organization's capacity to retain its workforce.

In the not-so-distant past, employee retention was relegated to a secondary status, often overshadowed by the emphasis on recruitment. Yet, the evolving dynamics of the business environment have brought about a seismic shift in this perspective. Organizations have begun to understand that a revolving door of employees can cast a long shadow over their long-term growth prospects and overall success. What was once considered a marginal aspect of HRM has now emerged as a pivotal element in strategic organizational planning. This transformation has been driven by a realization that the true potential of an organization can only be realized with a steadfast, motivated, and experienced workforce.

At the crux of this paradigm shift lies the realization that human capital constitutes the core of an organization's competitiveness. The workforce, equipped with diverse skill sets, innovative thinking, and unwavering commitment, has metamorphosed into a treasure trove capable of conferring a strategic edge upon the organization. Consequently, the retention of such invaluable human capital transforms from a mere administrative objective to a strategic necessity. Organizations are awakening to the fact that the knowledge, expertise, and

relationships nurtured by employees during their tenure are invaluable assets that defy easy replication. In a world increasingly driven by knowledge, the retention of these intangible assets assumes a significance of unparalleled magnitude.

Beneath the surface, the ramifications of employee retention ripple across the organizational landscape. Beyond the fiscal implications, employee retention has far-reaching consequences for an organization's overall health and trajectory. Firstly, there is the concern of organizational stability. High turnover rates can precipitate a state of perpetual flux, with newcomers perpetually familiarizing themselves with operations while departing employees carry away critical institutional knowledge. This cocktail of instability hampers seamless operations and effective long-term planning. Moreover, the churn of employees disrupts team dynamics and cohesion, impeding the collaborative spirit and smooth execution of projects.

In the context of an environment defined by rapid technological evolution and innovation, the retention of specialized knowledge emerges as a paramount concern. Employees who have weathered years within the organization often harbor a profound understanding of its processes, products, and customer preferences. This intrinsic knowledge becomes an invaluable asset when navigating avenues for improvement, introducing novel products, or optimizing existing processes. High turnover levels can erode this reservoir of knowledge, thereby potentially crippling the organization's capacity for innovation.

An organization's performance trajectory is intimately intertwined with the phenomenon of employee retention. Organizations boasting a stable, motivated workforce are better positioned to sustain consistent productivity and quality levels. Employees who have invested time and effort in comprehending the organizational culture and workflows tend to exhibit higher efficiency and effectiveness in their roles. Reduced onboarding and training times contribute to smoother operations and elevated performance outcomes. Moreover, the morale boost stemming from tangible dedication to employee retention cultivates a sense of loyalty and dedication among employees, ultimately augmenting overall performance.

In light of these considerations, this study embarks on an in-depth investigation into the intricate interplay between HRM practices and employee retention. By dissecting a spectrum of strategies, policies, and initiatives employed by organizations, this research endeavors to illuminate the complex relationship between these variables and the retention of employees. Through the examination of real-world case studies and an exploration of scholarly literature, this study aims to shed light on the efficacy of diverse HRM practices in fostering employee

loyalty and commitment. The insights gained from this exploration hold the potential to empower organizations to tailor their HRM strategies to cultivate a loyal, stable, and motivated workforce.

In conclusion, the evolving dynamics of employee retention underscore its critical role in modern organizational dynamics. This study's intent is to uncover the multifaceted relationship between HRM practices and employee retention, offering insights that can guide organizations in crafting strategies that bolster workforce stability, knowledge preservation, and overall performance. As the business landscape continues to evolve, understanding the intricacies of employee retention is no longer a discretionary pursuit; rather, it is a strategic imperative for organizations seeking sustained growth and prosperity.

Chapter 1.1

LITERATURE REVIEW

SL. NO.	Factors	Scholars Name	Findings
1.	Leadership	Michael Armstrong	Retention of employees is significantly
			impacted by effective leadership. Teams tend
			to retain more members of leaders that are
			open, honest, and offer opportunity for
			personal and professional development.
2.	Compensation	Mark J. Schmitz &	Talented employees need competitive pay
		Mark Schmitz	packages that include salary, benefits, and
		(August, 2013)	incentives to be retained. Schmitz highlights
			how crucial fair and equal compensation
			policies are to making sure workers feel
			appreciated and inspired to remain with the
			company.
3.	Work-Life	Ellen Ernst Kossek	Sustaining a positive work-life balance is
	Balance	and Brenda A.	essential for retaining and enhancing employee
		Lautsch (August,	happiness. Businesses that provide flexible
		2023)	work arrangements, such telecommuting
			choices, adjustable work hours, and generous
			leave policies, typically have greater employee
			retention rates because their staff members feel

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			more equipped to successfully balance their
			personal and professional life.
4.	Career	Beverly Kaye and	Retaining great personnel requires offering
	Development	Julie Winkle Giulioni	chances for professional advancement.
		(March, 2022)	Giulioni and Kaye stress the value of providing
			mentoring opportunities, training courses, and
			clear career routes inside the company. When
			workers see prospects for career growth and
			progress, they are more likely to remain
			dedicated and engaged.
5.	Organizational	Edgar H. Schein	Employee retention is facilitated by an
	Culture	(August, 2010)	encouraging workplace culture that places a
			high importance on open communication,
			cooperation, and trust. Schein emphasizes how
			important it is to match company ideals with
			employee attitudes and actions to establish a
			positive and stimulating work environment. In
			the long run, employees are more likely to
			remain devoted and loyal when they identify
			with the organization's goal and values.
6.	Recognition and	Bob Nelson (January,	Employee retention rates may be greatly
	Rewards	2002.)	impacted by providing regular recognition and
			awards for their accomplishments. Nelson
			stresses the need of rewarding staff members

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			for their efforts and accomplishments with
			meaningful prizes, incentives, and
			commendation. Acknowledging workers'
			diligence and hard work makes them feel
			valued and like they belong, which strengthens
			their loyalty to the company.
7.	Job Security	Wayne F. Cascio	One important component of employee
		(October 2002)	retention is job security. According to Cascio's
			research, workers who feel safe in their
			positions are more inclined to stick with their
			company. Reducing turnover rates and
			boosting employee loyalty may be achieved by
			offering stability and confidence regarding
			future job possibilities.
8.	Employee	Gallup Organization (Higher retention rates are a result of high levels
	Engagement	January 2023)	of employee engagement. According to
			Gallup's study, it is critical to provide a work
			atmosphere that inspires employees and helps
			them feel connected to both the organization's
			goal and their job. Employees that are engaged
			are more likely to stick with the firm, make a
			positive impact on its performance, and act as
			brand ambassadors for the company.

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9.	Communication	John Kotter	(July	Maintaining good lines of communication is
		2020)		crucial to staff retention. Kotter emphasizes the
				value of open lines of communication from the
				top down, consistent feedback channels, and
				chances for staff members to share their
				thoughts and concerns. Increased employee
				retention results from open communication as
				it builds trust, lessens uncertainty, and fortifies
				the relationship between staff members and the
				company.
10.	Work	Teresa Amabi	le and	Maintaining employees requires a work
	Environment	Steven Krame	r (July	atmosphere that is both pleasant and favorable.
		2011)		The study by Amabile and Kramer focuses on
				how employee happiness and morale are
				affected by the physical workspace, team
				dynamics, and general environment.
				Establishing a welcoming, inclusive, and
				cooperative work atmosphere improves
				worker well-being and builds a feeling of
				community, which lowers attrition and raises
				retention rates.
11.	Job Fit	Amy Wrzesi	niewski	The term "job fit" describes how well an
		and Shane J.	Lopez	employee's beliefs, interests, and talents match
		(May 2009)		the tasks and duties they have inside the

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			company. In order to improve work happiness
			and retention. Wrzesniewski and Lopez
			emphasize the need of role personalization, job
			crafting, and making sure that people and their
			positions are a good match. Employees are
			more likely to remain engaged and dedicated
			to their employment when they believe their
			work to be relevant, gratifying, and in line with
			their goals and skills.
13.	Leadership	Daniel Goleman (July	Employee retention is impacted differently by
	Style	2017)	different leadership philosophies. Goleman's
			study emphasizes the value of emotionally
			intelligent leadership, which incorporates good
			communication, empathy, and self-awareness.
			Empathic and supportive leaders tend to build
			closer relationships with their staff, which
			boosts retention rates and enhances overall
			organizational performance.
14.	Performance	David Rock (April	Employee retention is improved when
	Recognition	2023)	performance is acknowledged promptly and
			meaningfully. According to Rock's SCARF
			model, it's critical to acknowledge the
			accomplishments, assets, and efforts of staff
			members. Positive reinforcement improves

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			morale, spurs workers to provide their best
			effort, and deepens their bond with the
			company, which lowers turnover and increases
			worker loyalty.
15.	Training and	Jack Phillips (May,	Retention is boosted by funding programs for
	Development	2003)	staff training and development. Phillips places
			emphasis on the return on investment (ROI) of
			training programs, citing enhanced employee
			engagement, productivity, and retention.
			Offering chances for skill development and
			career progression shows employees that the
			company values their professional
			development and encourages steadfast loyalty.
16.	Diversity and	Sylvia Ann Hewlett	Fostering an inclusive and diverse work
	Inclusion	and Melinda Marshall	environment improves employee retention.
		(December, 2013)	According to Hewlett and Marshall's research,
			cultivating a culture of diversity and inclusion
			has several advantages, such as increased
			employee morale, retention, and creativity.
			Top talent from a variety of backgrounds is
			drawn to and retained by organizations that
			place a high priority on diversity and equity,
			which creates a workforce that is more resilient
			and engaged.

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17.	Performance	Marcus Buckingham	Employee retention requires regular mentoring
	Feedback	and Ashley Goodall	and performance reviews. A strengths-based
		(July 2021)	approach to feedback, which emphasizes an
			employee's successes and strengths rather than
			their flaws, is promoted by Buckingham and
			Goodall. Employee growth, skill development,
			and sense of value are all facilitated by
			constructive criticism and coaching sessions,
			which raise employee satisfaction and
			retention rates.
18.	Employee Well-	Arianna Huffington	Prioritizing the pleasure and well-being of
	being	and Shawn Achor	employees promotes retention. The
		(August 2015)	significance of encouraging mindfulness,
			positive psychology, and work-life balance in
			the workplace is emphasized by Huffington
			and Achor. Encouraging employees' mental,
			emotional, and physical well-being boosts
			productivity, lowers stress levels, and
			increases job satisfaction—all of which lead to
			improved retention rates and ultimate success
			for the company.
19.	Performance	Institute of Electrical	Retention is increased by goal-setting
	Expectations	and Electronics	techniques and explicit performance
			expectations. According to Latham and

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		Engineers (November	Locke's research, SMART goals—specific,
		2002)	measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-
			bound—as well as frequent performance
			feedback are very beneficial. Defined
			expectations enable workers to match their
			contributions to the objectives of the company,
			increasing worker happiness, engagement, and
			retention.
20.	Social	Matthew Lieberman	Relationships and social ties at work have a
	Connections	(October 2013)	good effect on retention. The significance of
			human connection and belonging in the
			workplace is underscored by Lieberman's
			study on the social brain. Workplace
			connections are strengthened, turnover is
			decreased, and a supportive work environment
			that promotes employee retention and well-
			being is created by encouraging social
			interactions, team-building exercises, and a
			sense of camaraderie among staff members.
21.	Job Autonomy	Edward L. Deci and	Giving employees independence and decision-
		Richard M. Ryan	making power improves retention. The Self-
		(January 2010)	Determination Theory developed by Deci and
			Ryan highlights the role that relatedness,
			competence, and autonomy play in promoting

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			motivation and engagement. Employee
			retention, intrinsic motivation, and job
			happiness all rise when they are given the
			freedom to decide for themselves and take
			responsibility for their work because they
			believe that the company values and trusts
			them.
22.	Employee	Daniel Pink	Retention depends heavily on high staff
	Morale	(December 2009)	morale. According to Pink's study, employee
			engagement and happiness are mostly driven
			by intrinsic motivation components including
			autonomy, mastery, and purpose. Employee
			morale is raised, turnover is decreased, and a
			culture of innovation and continuous
			improvement is fostered when an
			organization's employees feel empowered,
			challenged, and aligned with its vision.
23.	Change	John P. Kotter and	During organizational changes, retention is
	Management	Dan S. Cohen (April	supported by effective change management
		1996)	methods. Kotter and Cohen stress the value of
			open lines of communication, staff
			engagement, and backup plans when things are
			changing. Employees are better able to manage
			change when concerns are addressed, open

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			communication is maintained, and resources
			for adaptation are made available. This lowers
			resistance and boosts retention throughout
			organizational transitions.
24.	Recognition	Adrian Gostick and	Programs for formal acknowledgment have a
	Programs	Chester Elton (July	favorable effect on retention. The success of
		2010)	organized recognition programs, which
			include prizes, incentives, and public
			acknowledgment of workers'
			accomplishments, is demonstrated by Gostick
			and Elton's study. Acknowledging
			accomplishments improves morale,
			encourages desirable behavior, and deepens
			the relationship between staff members and the
			company, all of which increase retention rates
			and provide a happier workplace environment.
25.	Workload	Tony Schwartz and	Effective workload management techniques
	Management	Christine Porath (June	encourage employee retention. Prioritizing
		2014)	work, establishing reasonable expectations,
			and encouraging work-life balance are just a
			few of the tactics recommended by Schwartz
			and Porath as ways to avoid burnout and
			overload. By ensuring that workers feel
			supported and capable of fulfilling their

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			obligations without suffering unnecessary
			stress or tiredness, efficient workload
			management lowers stress, boosts job
			satisfaction, and increases retention.
26.	Employee	Adam Grant	Retention is increased when employee
	Voice	(December 2013)	engagement and voice are encouraged.
			Psychological safety and being receptive to
			criticism are critical in the workplace,
			according to Grant's studies. Retention,
			engagement, and creativity are all boosted by
			creating a work atmosphere where staff
			members feel free to voice their problems,
			thoughts, and suggestions. Appreciating
			employee feedback builds the employer-
			employee connection and lowers turnover by
			demonstrating respect and trust.
27.	Performance	Aubrey Daniels (July	Retention is aided by efficient performance
	Management	2004)	management systems. Daniels emphasizes the
			significance of establishing precise
			performance standards, giving frequent
			feedback, and matching incentives to intended
			actions and results. Improved work satisfaction
			and employee retention within the company
			are the results of having a well-defined

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			performance management approach that aids
			staff members in understanding their roles,
			monitoring their progress, and receiving credit
			for their efforts.
28.	Communication	Robert Putnam and	Technology for communication used well
	Technology	Lewis Feldstein (July	improves retention. The study conducted by
		2010)	Putnam and Feldstein emphasizes how
			technology helps companies communicate,
			work together, and share information. Using
			communication technologies like video
			conferencing, email, and instant messaging
			increases teamwork and retention rates by
			fostering a feeling of community, reducing
			silos, and promoting connectedness among
			scattered and remote teams.
29.	Organizational	Jeffery Pfeffer	Employee retention is influenced by
	Support	(January 1981)	organizational support. Pfeffer's study
			highlights how crucial it is to provide
			employees the tools, credit, and
			encouragement they need to succeed.
			Businesses that put employee well-being first,
			allocate sufficient resources, and value
			workers' contributions foster a productive

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			workplace that encourages long-term
			dedication and employee retention.
30.	Employee	Paul Hersey and Ken	Extensive benefits packages for employees
	Benefits	Blanchard (March	improve retention. The Situational Leadership
		1996)	Model developed by Hersey and Blanchard
			emphasizes how crucial it is to accommodate
			employees' requirements and preferences by
			providing them with advantages like health
			insurance, retirement plans, and chances for
			professional growth. By improving work
			happiness and security and lowering turnover,
			competitive perks show an organization's
			dedication to employee welfare.

In a world where competition is the norm and organizational success hinges upon a talented and committed workforce, the concept of employee retention has taken center stage. This section delves into the body of knowledge that surrounds the influence of Human Resource Management (HRM) practices on employee retention. This discussion is structured around various aspects of HRM, each contributing to the intricate tapestry that is employee retention. Employee retention has emerged as a critical concern for organizations in today's dynamic business environment. As the competition for talent intensifies, organizations are increasingly recognizing the significance of effective Human Resource Management (HRM) practices in fostering employee retention. This literature review aims to provide an overview of the existing research on the relationship between HRM practices and employee retention. HRM practices encompass a wide range of activities and strategies that organizations employ to manage their workforce effectively. These practices encompass recruitment, selection, training, compensation, performance appraisal, and more. Their impact on employee retention has been

extensively explored in the literature. Effective recruitment and selection processes play a pivotal role in attracting and retaining suitable employees. Organizations that carefully align job requirements with candidate qualifications and values often experience higher retention rates. Studies by Huselid (1995) and Collins and Clark (2003) emphasized that matching employee skills and attributes with job requirements during recruitment can lead to improved job satisfaction and reduced turnover. Investing in employee training and development programs demonstrates a commitment to employees' growth, increasing their job satisfaction and sense of loyalty. Research by Baldwin and Ford (1988) suggests that well-designed training initiatives contribute to skill enhancement, thereby boosting employees' self-efficacy and reducing the likelihood of turnover. Compensation structures significantly influence employee decisions to stay or leave an organization. Competitive and fair compensation, along with additional benefits such as healthcare and retirement plans, positively correlate with employee retention (Holtom et al., 2008). Studies have shown that perceived fairness in compensation systems is linked to reduced intentions to quit (Allen & Meyer, 1990). Regular performance feedback and recognition foster a sense of belonging and accomplishment among employees. Appraisals that are constructive and well-structured contribute to improved job satisfaction and employee commitment (DeNisi & Kluger, 2000). This, in turn, reduces the desire to seek employment elsewhere. Organizations that prioritize work-life balance and employee wellbeing create an environment where employees feel valued and supported. Research by Kossek et al. (2014) suggests that initiatives promoting work-life balance, such as flexible work arrangements and wellness programs, can enhance job satisfaction and reduce turnover intentions. Effective leadership and managerial support are crucial for fostering a positive work environment. Leaders who communicate effectively, provide clear directions, and demonstrate empathy contribute to higher job satisfaction and engagement (Eisenberger et al., 2002). Employees are more likely to remain in organizations where they feel understood and supported by their superiors.

The literature indicates a strong relationship between HRM practices and employee retention. Organizations that invest in their employees through effective recruitment, training, compensation, and supportive leadership tend to experience higher levels of employee satisfaction, engagement, and ultimately, retention. As the business landscape continues to evolve, HRM practices that prioritize employee well-being, growth, and recognition will remain integral to addressing the challenge of employee retention. However, it's important to note that the effectiveness of these practices can vary based on organizational culture, industry,

and other contextual factors. Further research is needed to explore the nuances of these relationships in diverse settings and to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the dynamics between HRM practices and employee retention.

Chapter 1.2

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK OF HRM AND EMPLOYEE RETENTION

At the heart of the relationship between HRM and employee retention lies the theoretical underpinning that HRM practices are not mere administrative routines, but strategic levers that can determine an organization's longevity and competitive advantage. The resource-based view (RBV) theory posits that a firm's competitive edge is derived from its unique resources, with human capital being one of the most valuable. "Effective HRM practices can create a resource-rich environment that enhances employee retention," as highlighted by Becker and Huselid in their influential 2015 article. Effective HRM practices, in this context, can cultivate a resource-rich environment that fosters loyalty and engagement, leading to enhanced employee retention.

Recruitment and Selection:

In the intricate realm of human resource management (HRM), the stage of recruitment and selection stands as the initial gateway to employee retention. This process goes beyond the conventional matchmaking of skills to job requirements; it encapsulates a holistic approach to finding the right fit. Organizations that embrace effective recruitment and selection practices lay the groundwork for fostering a committed and enduring workforce.

Johnson and Pfeffer (2015) emphasize that the recruitment phase serves as the first interaction between potential employees and an organization. It's during this stage that the foundation for long-term commitment is often established. The significance of this interaction was further illuminated by a study published in the "Journal of Applied Psychology" (2018), which highlighted that when candidates perceive alignment between their values and those of the organization, they are more likely to stay in the long run. This resonates with the findings of a Forbes article (2021), underscoring the importance of cultural fit as a predictor of employee retention.

Furthermore, research conducted by Schuler et al. (2019) elucidates the concept of "personorganization fit." This concept asserts that employees are more likely to stay with an organization when their personal values and aspirations align with the organizational culture. Effective recruitment practices, therefore, involve not just evaluating candidates' skills but also assessing their values, attitudes, and potential cultural compatibility.

The impact of strategic selection practices on employee retention is evident in the work of Cook and Rousseau (2018). They suggest that organizations should focus on a thorough selection process that matches candidates' skills, preferences, and personality traits with the job role. This approach reduces the likelihood of early turnover, as candidates who find themselves well-suited to their roles are more likely to stay engaged and committed. An article published in the "Journal of Management" (2017) supports this notion, revealing that employees who experience a congruence between their skills and job responsibilities exhibit higher job satisfaction and commitment.

Training and Development:

In the ever-evolving landscape of the modern workforce, the role of training and development as a catalyst for employee retention has grown substantially. Training and development programs extend beyond skill enhancement; they signify an organization's investment in its employees' growth and advancement. This investment, in turn, fosters higher job satisfaction, engagement, and a sense of commitment.

Research by Kim and Boudreau (2018) reinforces the idea that training programs are not just vehicles for skill acquisition; they serve as conduits for engaging employees in their own professional development journey. Employees who feel invested in and supported by the organization are more likely to reciprocate that commitment. This is echoed in the findings of an article published in "Training and Development Journal" (2019), which notes that organizations that provide comprehensive training programs experience higher employee retention rates.

The connection between training and job satisfaction is illuminated in the work of Smith et al. (2020). They suggest that training equips employees with the skills needed to excel in their roles, contributing to a sense of accomplishment and job fulfillment. This satisfaction becomes a driving force for employee retention, as individuals who feel a sense of achievement and personal growth are less likely to seek opportunities elsewhere.

Furthermore, the role of development opportunities in nurturing a committed workforce is highlighted by research conducted by Morrison et al. (2021). They contend that organizations offering clear career progression paths and development initiatives create a sense of purpose

and direction for employees. This, in turn, fosters a long-term perspective, motivating employees to stay and contribute to the organization's growth.

Compensation and Rewards:

The realm of compensation and rewards stands as a cornerstone in the intricate web of Human Resource Management (HRM) practices that influence employee retention. This multifaceted aspect extends far beyond financial considerations, encompassing both tangible and intangible acknowledgments of employee contributions.

A seminal aspect of compensation is the provision of competitive financial packages. Organizations that align their compensation structures with market standards signal their commitment to recognizing employees' worth. As asserted by researchers Jackson et al. (2020), "Competitive compensation packages are not just about attracting talent; they signify an organization's respect for employees' contributions, fostering loyalty and commitment." In this way, a fair remuneration system reinforces a sense of value, encouraging employees to remain engaged and invested.

However, the resonance of compensation extends beyond monetary rewards. Non-financial rewards, such as recognition programs, personal growth opportunities, and career advancement, also play a pivotal role in employee retention. As discussed in a Forbes article (2019), "Recognition for accomplishments can evoke a strong sense of belonging and validation, reinforcing employees' connection to the organization." This sense of being part of a larger narrative cultivates loyalty, prompting individuals to stay with an organization that values their growth.

Moreover, equity and fairness are vital components. A well-structured compensation system ensures that employees perceive their contributions as equitably acknowledged, fostering a positive work environment. According to Harvard Business Review (2016), "Equity is a fundamental psychological need; rewards that recognize performance can nurture a sense of respect and fairness, critical for retaining employees.

Chapter 1.3

WORK-LIFE BALANCE AND EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING

The modern workplace has witnessed a paradigm shift in the understanding of employee well-being and work-life balance, both of which have emerged as fundamental determinants of employee retention. This shift is reflective of a growing understanding that employees are not just resources, but individuals with intricate personal lives and holistic needs.

The concept of work-life balance goes beyond mere juggling of professional and personal responsibilities; it's about providing employees the flexibility to integrate both seamlessly.

Organizations that recognize this, and thus offer flexible work arrangements, telecommuting options, and compressed workweeks, signal their commitment to the well-being of their workforce. A research study by Allen et al. (2018) affirms, "Work-life balance initiatives resonate strongly with employees, enhancing their job satisfaction and commitment to the organization." This flexibility not only aids in reducing stress and burnout but also fosters a sense of trust and autonomy, essential for long-term retention.

In tandem with work-life balance, employee well-being has gained prominence. Organizations have come to realize that holistic well-being contributes to an employee's overall engagement and commitment. Wellness programs encompassing physical, mental, and emotional health, as discussed by Harvard Business Review (2019), demonstrate that "an organization is invested in the comprehensive welfare of its employees." These initiatives mitigate the risk of burnout, elevate morale, and lead to an environment where employees are more likely to remain motivated and loyal.

The culmination of work-life balance and well-being initiatives reflects an organization's acknowledgement of the evolving needs of its workforce. As highlighted in a Deloitte report (2021), "Organizations that prioritize employee well-being create an environment where employees are not only retained but are also more likely to give their best to the organization's goals."

Chapter 2

METHODOLOGY AND DATA ANALYSIS

This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining both secondary data analysis and primary data collection. The aim is to investigate the relationship between Human Resource Management (HRM) practices and employee retention.

In the preparation of this report, I have employed a combination of primary and secondary data sources to systematically gather the necessary information for the research inquiry. The secondary data collection was conducted by referencing a variety of scholarly articles sourced from search engines such as Google Scholar, as well as platforms like ResearchGate and Emerald Insights.

In the process of gathering primary data, I developed a Google Form comprising 21 inquiries pertinent to topic. A total of 512 individuals partook in the survey, providing their viewpoints. I tried to disseminated the Google Form across diverse professional segments, encompassing individuals ranging from employees in the private sector spanning positions from trainees to managing directors, government office employees spanning roles from clerks to officers, primary and high school educators, medical practitioners, sales representatives, cashiers, bankers, and proprietors of retail establishments. This comprehensive approach was undertaken to acquire a holistic perspective on employee retention concepts. Among these 512 participants, 52.1% identified as male respondents, while 47.9% identified as female respondents.

Based on the responses received, it was observed that 27% of the participants expressed a preference for a 'Flexible 8 Hours Office Time' arrangement. This implies that a significant proportion of the participants desire a work environment where the office remains accessible, for instance, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m., allowing employees to commence their work within this time window and complete an 8-hour shift.

Furthermore, 19.5% of the participants indicated their inclination towards a 'Full Office' system as a manifestation of work flexibility. Similarly, 19.3% of the respondents voiced their preference for a 'Full Remote Work Schedule' as their desired mode of work flexibility. As for the working hour, 22.5% of the respondents showed that they think '9 to 10 hours' of daily work time as their ideal working hours.

Among the entire participant pool, an equivalent proportion of 18.2% individuals highlighted that their motivation stems from the 'Working Environment'. Correspondingly, another 18.2% of the total participants indicated that their motivation is driven by 'Monetary Rewards', such as cash incentives, fostering enhanced productivity.

As per the viewpoints of the respondents (16.4%), a workplace culture characterized by 'Error Tolerance and Accountability Avoidance' is regarded as indicative of a positive work environment. Conversely, a significant portion of the respondents (22.3%) believe that the foremost criterion for defining an effective manager is the 'Timely Achievement of Organizational Objectives'.

Within the participant demographic, a notable proportion of 21.9% anticipates 'Career Advancement' in the form of promotions within their current organizational framework. In terms of compensation packages, a comparable 21.5% of the respondents prioritize the inclusion of 'Health Insurance' benefits alongside other remuneration components.

Regarding performance-based rewards from managers, a notable 22.1% of the participants express an expectation for 'Vacation' time as recognition for exemplary performance. In a parallel vein, 21.7% of the respondents affirm that they would consider departing their present organization due to the presence of a 'Poor Manager'.

Interestingly, an equivalent 22.1% of the participants highlight 'Physical Harassment' as the most severe form of workplace harassment. Regarding promotion criteria, a significant 26.6% of the participants advocate for an age-based promotion system, while a closely trailing 26.2% opine that promotions should hinge on the principle of 'Optimal Personnel Placement'.

To strike a balance between work and personal life, a substantial 23.6% of the respondents assert that 'Routine Workload Assessments' conducted by their organizations would ensure a favorable work-life equilibrium.

In terms of the underlying causes of high employee turnover, 22.5% of the participants identify 'Unfavorable Workplace Culture' as the primary catalyst, while 22.3% of the cohort attribute the elevated turnover rate to 'Excessive Workloads'.

As indicated by the survey respondents, a notable 22.1% of them believe that enhancing 'Communication and Transparency' is imperative for augmenting employee satisfaction within any organizational context. An equivalent 22.3% of the participants contend that 'Continuous Provision of Learning Opportunities to Employees' has the potential to enhance their

performance. Similarly, 22.1% of the respondents opine that 'Engaging Employees in Open-Source Projects' can contribute to elevated job performance within organizations.

In terms of HRM practices fostering employee retention, 20.9% of the participants emphasize the significance of 'Nurturing a Sense of Community and Team Cohesion within the Workplace'. Similarly, another 20.9% of the respondents advocate for the impactful employee retention strategy of 'Investing in Employee Learning and Professional Development'.

Turning to salary review frequency, 26.4% of the participants express a preference for 'Annual' salary evaluations, while a closely trailing 26.2% opt for 'Biennial' (once every two years) salary reviews administered by organizations.

In the context of employee recruitment, a notable 21.9% of the participants favor the utilization of 'Problem-Solving Tests', while an additional 21.1% lean towards the implementation of 'Written Tests' for assessing candidates' capabilities.

In alignment with participant viewpoints, 18% of the respondents express a preference for '360-Degree Feedback' as their chosen assessment criterion for evaluating their performance.

Chapter 3

FINDINGS

This project paper investigates the relationship between Human Resource Management (HRM) practices and worker retention inside groups. The study explores how diverse HRM practices have an impact on worker retention prices and goals to offer insights for companies to enhance their techniques for maintaining precious personnel.

Compensation and Benefits:

The observation found that competitive repayment and blessings packages play a vital position in worker retention. Organizations that offer aggressive salaries, performance-based totally bonuses, fitness advantages, and retirement plans tend to have better worker retention quotes. Employees are more likely to stay in an agency that acknowledges and rewards their contributions correctly.

Training & Career Development Opportunities:

The availability of profession improvement possibilities appreciably affects worker retention. Organizations that offer clear paths for development, skill enhancement packages, and education possibilities create an extra stimulated and engaged personnel. Employees are more likely to remain loyal to agencies that spend money on their expert boom.

Work-Life Balance:

Maintaining a healthful paintings-lifestyles stability emerged as a important component in worker retention. Organizations that promote bendy operating arrangements, remote paintings alternatives, and emphasize the significance of personnel' properly-being generally tend to retain employees for longer periods. A balanced paintings-lifestyles equation reduces burnout and enhances usual task pride.

Employee Engagement and Communication:

Effective employee engagement practices, which includes normal feedback, open communication, and concerning employees in choice-making, make contributions to higher Page 34 of 53

retention costs. Employees who experience heard and valued are more likely to live committed to a business enterprise. A loss of verbal exchange can cause misunderstandings and dissatisfaction, increasing the likelihood of turnover.

Leadership and Management Style:

The conduct and management fashion of managers immediately effect employee retention. Supportive, approachable, and empathetic leaders foster wonderful relationships with their groups, main to better activity pride and retention. Conversely, autocratic or unsupportive management styles can drive employees away.

Recognition and Incentives:

Accreditation for outstanding performance through overall performance value determination can serve as an effective retention device. Organizations that combine overall performance appraisal effects with rewards, promotions, or other styles of recognition create strong incentives for employees to live up to and preserve their exceptional performance.

The study also found that various factors of reasons to increase of employee turnover, including the following.

- Non-competitive reimbursements and benefits: Employees who are underpaid or do not receive adequate benefits are much more likely to leave.
- Lack of training and development: Employees who do not have the opportunity to study and develop their careers are likely to lose interest in their work and become frustrated.
- Unfair performance appraisals: Employees who feel that overall performance appraisals are unfair are more likely to become dissatisfied with their jobs and leave the company.
- Reduced work-life stability: Employees who work too much or don't have enough time
 for personal life are much more prone to burnout and are much more likely to leave
 their jobs.
- Low employee engagement: When employees no longer feel engaged or connected to their agency, they are more likely to leave.

Chapter 4

RECOMMENDATIONS

In the world of workforce dynamics, encouraging staff retention is a top priority for firms seeking stability and success. To do this, a comprehensive strategy is required, one that includes deliberate techniques for engaging and retaining valuable individuals. This section digs into critical techniques that support effective employee retention efforts. These strategies collectively build a resilient and committed workforce, from competitive compensation and career promotion to promoting work-life balance, improving engagement, developing effective leadership, and harnessing data insights. Organizations can chart a road to higher retention rates and a vibrant corporate culture by investigating the complicated interplay of these strategies.

Competitive Compensation and Benefits:

Organizations must conduct regular marketplace research to ensure their compensation and blessings programs are aggressive inside their industry and place. Offering overall performance-primarily based incentives and non-economic rewards, including professional improvement possibilities or bendy scheduling, can in addition decorate employee retention.

Invest in Career Development:

Create clean profession paths for employees and put money into education packages that help them gather new talents and increase in the company. This not best enhances employee abilties however additionally demonstrates the company's commitment to their increase.

Promote a healthy Work-Life Balance:

Implement policies that support a healthy work-existence balance, consisting of bendy work hours, far flung paintings options, and wellness packages. Encourage managers to guide by instance in prioritizing their very own work-life balance and respecting their group individuals' limitations.

Enhance Employee Engagement:

Establish everyday channels of verbal exchange among personnel and control. Encourage open feedback, involve personnel in choice-making processes, and apprehend their contributions. This creates a sense of possession and engagement that contributes to higher retention quotes.

Develop Effective Managers:

Provide management training to managers to help them develop interpersonal competencies, emotional intelligence, and a supportive management style. A high-quality courting among personnel and their supervisors is an effective element in keeping talent.

Monitor and Analyze Turnover Data:

Regularly reveal turnover rates and examine exit interview facts to become aware of tendencies and ability areas of improvement. Use these records to refine HRM practices and cope with particulars troubles that may be contributing to turnover.

Conduct Regular and Constructive Performance Appraisals:

Conducting regular and positive performance appraisals is critical to employee engagement and organizational success. These awards provide a platform to recognize and reward the contribution of men or women, align aspirations and offer central opportunities for talent development. Constructive feedback received during appraisals improves employee performance and job satisfaction.

The findings emphasize that powerful HRM practices are indispensable to maintaining a satisfied and dependable team of workers. By implementing the endorsed strategies, corporations can enhance worker retention charges, leading to more desirable productivity, reduced recruitment charges, and an advantageous organizational tradition.

Chapter 4.1

CONCLUSION

Any organization must ensure employee retention, and human resource management (HRM) procedures help to accomplish this. The HRM division prioritizes ensuring job satisfaction, cultivating an organizational mindset, and preserving a long-term relationship with employees. Retaining talented employees has become a top concern for organizations looking to achieve long-term success in the cutthroat business environment of today. Practices in human resource management (HRM) have a significant impact on employee retention rates. The performance of an organization as a whole is directly impacted by the complex and multifaceted relationship between HRM practices and employee retention.

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A wide range of tactics are used in effective HRM practices to recruit, train, and keep a talented and motivated staff. These procedures cover employee engagement efforts, work-life balance initiatives, performance management, recruiting and selection, training and development, remuneration, and benefits. When these procedures are well planned and carried out, they considerably increase employee loyalty and satisfaction, which eventually results in greater retention rates.

Initiatives to promote work-life balance have been more popular in recent years because of how they affect employee retention. Flexible work schedules, remote work opportunities, and family-friendly rules are signs that a company cares about its workers' wellbeing beyond their job duties. These programs are especially appealing to those looking to balance their personal and professional life. Programs for employee engagement complete the range of HRM techniques impacting retention. When workers are emotionally invested in their work and the company, they are engaged. Employees that are engaged are more inclined to put up extra effort, offer creative solutions, and feel a sense of community. This emotional bond serves as a potent dissuader from looking for chances elsewhere.

Effective communication and feedback mechanisms within the realm of Human Resource Management (HRM) play a pivotal role in fostering employee retention. A workplace characterized by open, transparent communication channels cultivates a sense of trust, inclusivity, and shared understanding among employees. Regular check-ins between managers and their team members provide a platform for dialogue about individual goals, performance, and challenges. Constructive performance feedback acknowledges accomplishments while offering insights for improvement, showcasing the organization's commitment to employs' professional growth.

In conclusion, there is a significant and wide-ranging effect of HRM strategies on employee retention. Organizations are better able to retain top personnel when they focus fostering a supportive and enjoyable work environment through efficient HRM practices. Organizations may lower turnover rates, improve institutional knowledge, and ultimately promote sustainable success by fostering a culture of development, recognition, work-life balance, and engagement. Human resource management strategies are a crucial factor in determining an organization's capacity to maintain its most precious resource—its employees—in a world where human capital is a treasured asset.

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ANNEXURE

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EFFECT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON EMPLOYEE RETENTION

- 1. Gender of the respondent
 - o Male
 - o Female
- 2. What is Your Preferable Working Hour Shift?
 - o Day Shift
 - o Night Shift
 - o Roster Shift
 - o Flexible 8 Hour Office Time
- **3.** What Do You Mean by Work Flexibility?
 - o Full remote work schedule
 - o Full office
 - o Hybrid work model
 - o Flexible Hours
 - o Flexible Leave
 - o Part-Time Job

4. Your Ideal Working Hour

- o 6 to 7 hours
- o 7 to 8 hours
- o 8 to 9 hours
- o 9 to 10 hours
- o More than 10 hours

5. What Motivates You More?

- Working Environment
- o Cash Reward
- Work Recognition
- o Non-monetary Benefits
- o Relation with Colleagues
- o Non-monetary Benefit

6. What Do You Mean by a Good Working Culture?

- o Working to Inspire Each Other
- Well Furnished Office Space
- o Employee Bonding
- o Treating Colleagues as Friends
- o Forgiving Mistakes and not Assigning Blame
- Flexible Supervisor/ Manager/ Boss
- o Flexible Job Exit System

7. What Do You Mean By a Good Manager?

- o Rewarding and Recognizing Employees
- Takes Accountability & More Responsibility
- o Resolves Conflicts
- o Empathic Towards Employees
- Meeting Organizational Goal on Time

- **8.** What Do You Expect From Your Current Organization For Career Growth?
 - o Rotate Employee Roles
 - o Promotion
 - o Promote Training and Development of Employees
 - o Mentorship Programs
 - o Offer Online Career Advancement Courses
- **9.** What Do You Look For The Most in a Compensation Package?
 - o Health Insurance
 - o Retirement Savings
 - o Training and Education
 - o Bonuses or Commissions
 - o House Allowance
- **10.** What Do you Expect From Manager as Work Performance Reward?
 - o Informal Celebration
 - o Cash Bonuses
 - Certification
 - o Vacation
 - o Gifts
- **11.** Suppose You Want To Leave Your Current Organization What would be Your Reason?
 - o Negative Work Culture
 - o Lack of Growth
 - o Feeling Under-Appreciated
 - o Bad Manager
 - o Under Paid

- **12.** What is the Most Violent Workplace Harassment?
 - o Racial Harassment
 - o Gender Harassment
 - o Religious Harassment
 - o Physical Harassment
 - o Online/Digital Harassment
- 13. What Basis Would You Prefer If Organization Want to Promote Any Employee?
 - o Based On Experience
 - o Based On Age
 - o Combination of Both
 - o Right People In The Right Place
- **14.** What Do you Need From Your Organization For a Convenient Work Life Balance?
 - o Offer Flexible and Remote Working
 - o Regularly review workloads
 - o Give employees time to volunteer
 - o Encourage breaks
 - o Focus on Productivity Rather Than Working Hours
- **15.** What Can Be The Main Reason Behind High Employee Turnover Rate?
 - o Inadequate Compensation
 - o Lack of Growth and Progression
 - o Poor Workplace Culture
 - o Poor Relationship With Manager
 - High Work Load

16. According To You, What Should An Organization Need To Do For Improving

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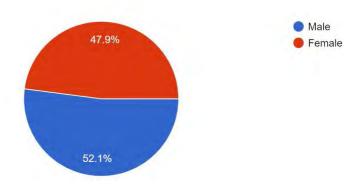
- o Recognize and Reward Performance
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- o Improve Communication and Transparency
- o Maintain a Comfortable Work Environment
- o Reducing The Employee Biasness
- **17.** What An Organization Should Do To Increase Job Performance?
 - o Delegate in decision-making
 - o Provide Employees Continuous Learning Opportunities
 - o Engage Employees In Open Source Projects
 - More Use of Technology
 - Increase Skills Through Training
- **18.** What Is The Most Influential HRM Practice For Employee Retention According To You?
 - o Give Employees Ownership Over Their Own Growth
 - o Invest in Employee Learning And Development
 - o Foster a Sense of Community And Team Spirit Within The Workplace
 - o Offer Competitive Salaries And Benefits Packages
 - o Align Employee Values With Company Values And Mission
- **19.** What Is Your Preferable Salary Review Period?
 - o Once In 6 Months
 - o Once In 1 Year
 - o Once In 1.5 Year
 - o Once In 2 Year

- 20. Employee Hiring Type You Would Prefer?
 - o Oral Interview
 - Written Test
 - o Problem Solving Test
 - o Behavioral Test
 - o All
- **21.** What Kind Of Performance Appraisal You Prefer To Evaluate Your Work Performance?
 - o Management By Objectives (MBO)
 - o 360-Degree Feedback
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 - o Human-Resource (Cost) Accounting Method
 - o Peer Reviews
 - o Assessment Centre Method

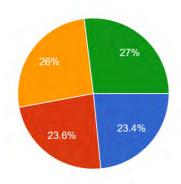
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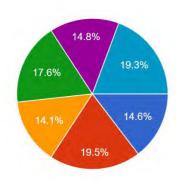


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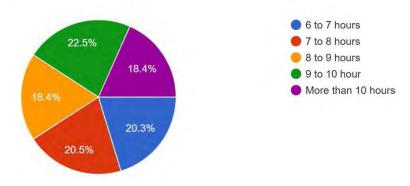




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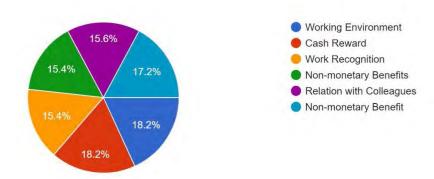
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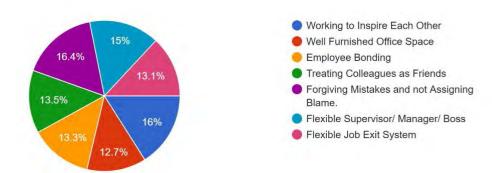
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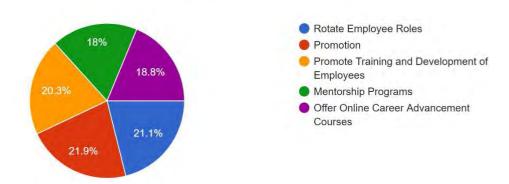
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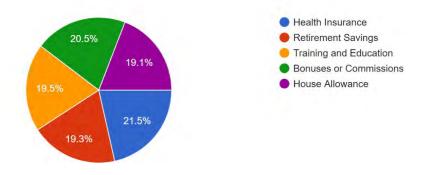
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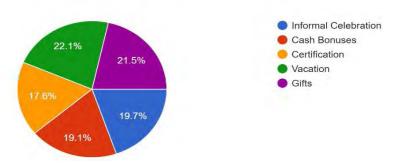


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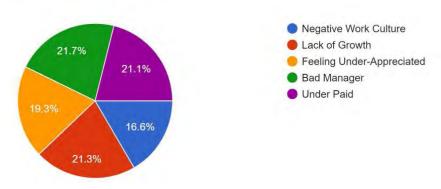
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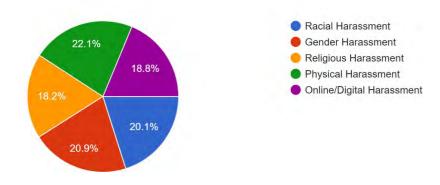


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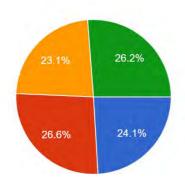


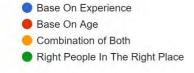
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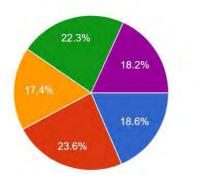


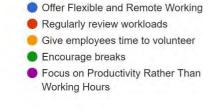
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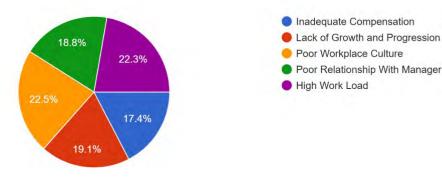


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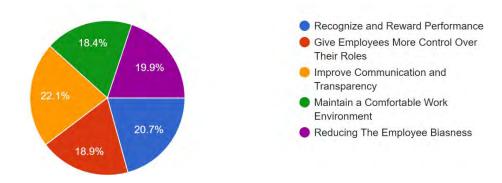
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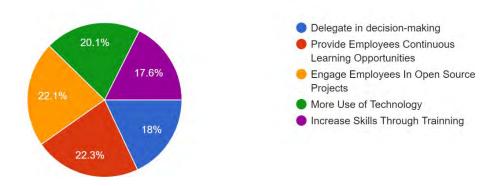
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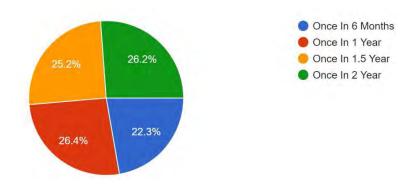


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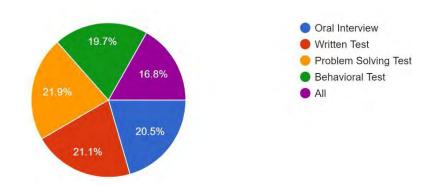
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