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AN ANALYSIS OF THE IT INDUSTRY'S HIRING PRACTICES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (HARYANA)

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Abstract:
Every IT Software company engages in recruitment and selection processes based on a careful consideration of internal and external factors. Internally, these factors primarily encompass company policies, size, total workforce, recruitment and selection costs, expansion plans, financial health, and future technological needs. Externally, decisions are influenced by factors such as the availability and demand for specific skills, legal considerations, statutory employment provisions, job reservations for specified categories, and local/state requirements. While the existing human resource evaluation system in the IT Software Industry may currently meet the industry's demands, its effectiveness in the evolving global landscape warrants examination. Although the industry's requirements hinge on the software development skills of potential candidates, each company has developed its own criteria for assessing and evaluating these skills through various testing methods. Organizations employ diverse testing systems, ranging from simple resume reviews, written tests, group discussions/group tests, interviews, and technical tests to psychological assessments, sometimes combining multiple testing modalities.
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1 Introduction:

Some IT Software Companies opt to outsource their recruitment needs, while others entrust the process to their Human Resource (HR) Department. It is imperative to emphasize the need for a well-planned recruitment and selection system aligned with both organizational interests and the broader goals of the Software Industry in the current landscape of globalization. A noteworthy mention is warranted for psychological tests, which have gained increasing recognition in the corporate sector over the years. In numerous countries and organizations, pre-employment psychological testing is acknowledged as a reliable predictor of an employee's future performance and tenure. The challenge faced by psychology and its interpretation lies in the fact that the variables of interest to investigators are latent or unobservable. These variables, such as intelligence, motivation, personality, self-esteem, anger, religiosity, and beliefs, are inferred constructs and do not exist as tangible objects or materials.

According to a report from a company specializing in psychometric tests, psychological profiling can complement interviews and resume reviews, offering employers a more comprehensive understanding of an applicant's potential for success in a given role. Companies like Ambit utilize the Neethling Brain Instruments (NBI), providing a range of instruments aimed at fostering whole-brain thinking in individuals. Ambit claims that its instruments enable the development of effective teams, offer optimal guidance in career choices, enhance creativity and leadership within organizations, and scientifically select the most suitable employees for various roles.

2 Research Objectives

1. To know the level of satisfaction of employees with the skills, competences, candidates,intellect and personality.
2. Investigate the retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.

3 Review of Literature

Organizations must react fast to human needs in the ever evolving business environment of today. Given the fast changes in technology and procedures, investing in human resources and their development may pay off handsomely. Software companies, therefore, opted for the high road to export competitiveness, investing in the capacity building of their businesses (Suma.S. Atherye, 2005, p. 9). These are the most competitively priced and of the highest quality offered to customers anywhere in the globe. China, on the other hand, is closely following behind, having accomplished a lot in only ten years. Future developments with it are probably going to be a significant obstacle as well (Nagesh Kumar, 2001). Certain nations may have difficulties in educating low-paid IT workers, often enlisting the aid of Indian training organizations such as Applied Pavement Technology (APTECH), National Institute of Technical Training (NIIT), etc. It is a well-known truth that the Indian software industry has reached a worldwide level of quality maturity. The idea of establishing a management school in America to provide this kind of training in order to cut costs has also been considered (Nirvikar Singh, Ram Akella, and Kyle Eischen, 2005). An example of such an institution would be the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) School of Management: Global Management for Knowledge Based Economy. Whatever the threat to its existing standing, the Indian IT software sector has to be ready to meet any challenge that can jeopardize the future development and opportunities of Indian IT software companies. In order to find the best candidates for the open jobs, it is crucial to have a well defined recruiting strategy in place that can be successfully implemented. Making an expensive error for the company might result from choosing the incorrect applicant or turning down the best one. One area where outside influences should be as limited as possible is selection. For the greatest outcomes, the HR departments of IT software firms should therefore use judgment when drafting selection rules and make use of a variety of selection techniques.

The issue has been linked to the growing desire among IT workers to pursue their careers at their own pace. China has become more aware of this and is now fervently seeking to become Asia's supplier of IT resources and power. With the exception of the software sector, Sumeet Chatterjee unequivocally states in the article published in the Indo Asian News Service that China surpasses India in almost every area of business. China is vying with India to overtake the United States as the world's second-largest exporter of software (Sumeet Chatterjee, 2005). We urgently need to examine our present IT professional recruiting and selection process in light of this. According to a study (Ashish Arora, V.S. Arunanchalam, with Jai Asundi, and Ronald Fernandes, 1999, The Globalization of Software: A case of the Indian Software Industry), competition from other nations that have a greater supply of educated and underutilized workers may cause the labor cost advantages to diminish, posing a challenge for the Indian software industry. Thus, the challenge

of the future will not be numerical gains but rather making efficient use of expert labor to maintain a competitive advantage over any potential rivals. With the support of others, a vision like this would not only help the country rise to its proper position in the global order but also guarantee that it remains there indefinitely. Attention must also be paid to the real image. Surprisingly, the scarcity of highly skilled workers is a significant challenge to national economies, governance, and research institutions even in Asia's most developed nations, the People's Republic of China and India. The demographic makeup of China and the quantity of highly educated prospective laborers are responsible for the country's current state (D. Farrell and A.J. Grant, 2005). According to previous research, a lowering birth rate that falls short of what is required to maintain the same population size causes the Chinese labor force to decline overall in only ten years (R. Jackson and N. Howe, 2004). A different research highlights the problem of the People's Republic having far too few high-quality university graduates available to satisfy the labor needs of huge national firms. According to D. Farrell and A.J. Grant (2005), if education reform is not implemented, this condition is expected to pose a severe danger to the economic development of the People's Republic of China and result in a scarcity of talent. On the other hand, India faces a distinct circumstance. There is no shrinking labor force or diminishing birthrate on the subcontinent. However, India may soon confront a talent shortage issue owing to high turnover rates brought on by individual individuals who sell their expertise for more money (P. Acharya and B. Mahanty, 2008). The present state of affairs highlights the necessity to handle the 200,000 engineering students that graduate each year. Approximately 90,000 of them enter the IT sector, while an additional 60,000 come from non-IT backgrounds. Undoubtedly, in order to compete on a worldwide scale, it is necessary to modernize the current infrastructure, improve employability for this abundant human resource, and eventually retain this talent. "They represent the most powerful wealth," as Narayan Murthy put it (Ashok Som, 2006).

3 Hypotheses of the Study

3.1 Hypothesis 1:

H0 – Employees are not satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect, and personality.
H1 – Employees are satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect, and personality.

3.2 Hypothesis 2:

H0 – There is no significant difference between retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.
H1 – There is a significant difference between retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.

4 Variables of the Study

4.1 Dependent Variables:

1. Employee Satisfaction
2. Retention Rates
3. Overall Performance and Growth of IT Companies

4.2 Independent Variables:

1. Skills and Competences

2. Candidates' Intellect and Personality
3. Recruitment Channels
4. Technology Adoption
5. Recruitment and Selection Processes

5 Data Collection

Data is collected through online surveys (Google Form) sent to IT professionals in the NCR region. A total sample of 150 respondents from different IT firms is selected using random sampling. The survey method is chosen for its efficiency, and Google Form facilitates a streamlined data collection process.

6 Results and Discussion

6.1 Reliability Analysis of Data

Table 1 presents the reliability statistics for the questionnaire items used in the study, indicating a high Cronbach's Alpha value of .961. With 24 items included in the analysis, this exceptionally high alpha value suggests strong internal consistency and reliability of the measurement instruments. This reliability coefficient underscores the robustness of the survey in capturing the intended constructs, instilling confidence in the accuracy and consistency of the collected data. The remarkable Cronbach's Alpha value enhances the credibility of the study's findings and supports the validity of the research instruments employed in assessing recruitment and selection processes in the IT industry in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Haryana.

Table 1 Reliability Statistics

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items	Remark on Reliability
.961	24	

6.2 Hypothesis Testing

The following four Hypothesis are needed to be tested for this research. Correlation, One-Way ANOVA and Regression tests are performed for hypothesis testing.

Note: If P-value > 0.05 then Null Hypothesis Accepted (NHA), and if P-value < 0.05 then Null Hypothesis Rejected (NHR).

6.2.1 Hypothesis 1

H0 – Employees are not satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect and personality.

H1 – Employees are satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect and personality.

Table 2 Correlations (Hypothesis 1)

		ES	SC	CIP
ES	Pearson Correlation	1	.582	.484
	P-Value		.000	.000
	N	150	150	150

SC	Pearson Correlation	.582	1	.771
	P-Value	.000		.000
	N	150	150	150
CIP	Pearson Correlation	.484	.771	1
	P-Value	.000	.000	
	N	150	150	150
. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).				

Result: Employees are satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect and personality.

The results of the correlation analysis for Hypothesis 1, which aimed to investigate the satisfaction of employees with skills, competences, candidates' intellect, and personality, revealed significant positive correlations among the variables. The Pearson correlation coefficients between Employee Satisfaction (ES) and Skills and Competences (SC), ES and Candidates' Intellect and Personality (CIP), as well as SC and CIP were all notably high, with coefficients of 0.582, 0.484, and 0.771, respectively (all p-values < 0.01).

These findings suggest a strong and positive relationship between employee satisfaction and the assessed factors, indicating that as employees perceive higher levels of skills and competences among their colleagues, there is a corresponding increase in satisfaction. Similarly, a positive correlation was observed between employee satisfaction and the intellect and personality of candidates, emphasizing the significance of these attributes in contributing to overall employee satisfaction. Furthermore, a robust positive correlation between skills and competences and candidates' intellect and personality underscores the interconnected nature of these variables in shaping employee contentment within the organization.

In conclusion, based on the statistically significant correlations, the null hypothesis (H0) stating that employees are not satisfied with skills, competences, candidates' intellect, and personality is rejected. The alternative hypothesis (H1) is supported, indicating that employees are indeed satisfied with these aspects. This implies that a positive perception of skills, competences, and the qualities of candidates positively influences the overall satisfaction of employees in the IT industry in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Haryana.

6.2.2 Hypothesis 2

H0 – There is no significant difference between retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.

H1 – There is a significant difference between retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.

Table 3: ANOVA (Hypothesis 2)

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	P-Value
Between Groups	91.744	9	10.194	21.926	.000
Within Groups	65.089	140	.465		

Total	156.833	149			

Result: There is a significant difference between retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels.

The analysis conducted for Hypothesis 2, which aimed to explore the differences in retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels, involved an analysis of variance (ANOVA). The results of the ANOVA indicated a statistically significant difference in retention rates across different recruitment channels ($F = 21.926$, $p < 0.001$). The sum of squares between groups was 91.744, with 9 degrees of freedom, resulting in a mean square of 10.194. The sum of squares within groups was 65.089, with 140 degrees of freedom, yielding a mean square of 0.465. The overall F-statistic of 21.926 is highly significant, confirming that there are variations in retention rates among different recruitment channels.

As the p-value is less than the significance level of 0.05, the null hypothesis (H0), stating that there is no significant difference in retention rates of IT professionals hired through various recruitment channels, is rejected. Therefore, the alternative hypothesis (H1) is supported, indicating that there is indeed a significant difference in retention rates among IT professionals hired through different recruitment channels. This suggests that the choice of recruitment channel significantly influences the long-term commitment of IT professionals to the organization.

7 Conclusion

The reliability analysis conducted on the collected data aimed to assess the internal consistency and stability of the measurement instruments employed in the study. As presented in Table 4.1, the high Cronbach's Alpha value of .961 indicates strong reliability and internal consistency among the 24 items included in the analysis. This exceptionally high alpha value instills confidence in the accuracy and consistency of the data, suggesting that the questionnaire items effectively capture the intended constructs related to recruitment and selection processes in the IT industry. The robust reliability coefficient (Cronbach's Alpha) serves as a testament to the dependability of the research instruments, indicating that the survey items reliably measure the underlying constructs. This, in turn, enhances the credibility of the study's findings, providing a solid foundation for the subsequent analysis and interpretation of the data.

Moving to the descriptive analysis in Table 4.2, it provides valuable insights into the participants' perceptions regarding various aspects of recruitment and selection processes in the IT industry in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Haryana. The results highlight participants' high satisfaction with employee skills and competences, positive sentiments toward colleagues' intellectual and personality traits, and overall job satisfaction. In terms of retention rates and organizational efforts, participants generally agreed that employees hired through specific recruitment channels tend to stay longer, while opinions varied on the organization's contributions to long-term commitment. The descriptive analysis further revealed moderate agreement among participants regarding the positive impact of recruitment processes on company performance and growth.

The analysis also explored participants' perceptions of independent variables such as skills and competences, candidates' intellect and personality, recruitment channels, technology adoption, and

recruitment and selection processes. These variables received favorable ratings, indicating positive perceptions toward the effectiveness, fairness, and direct contribution of these elements to organizational success. In summary, the combination of the reliability analysis and descriptive statistics provides a comprehensive understanding of the participants' perspectives on recruitment and selection processes in the IT industry. The high reliability coefficient ensures the consistency and accuracy of the data, while the descriptive analysis sheds light on the nuanced views of the participants, laying a strong foundation for the subsequent hypothesis testing and discussions in the research.

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