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Effectiveness Of HR Practices In HCL

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Abstract- This paper explores how Human Resource (HR) Practices performs at HCL, an Indian IT firm. Because business operations are becoming more complex and HR tasks need to be more efficient, HCL has chose Practices as a key strategy. It analyzes how HR Practices affects recruitment, training employees, encouraging good performance and helping companies keep their employees. The survey data collected from staff and information from HCL's HR department are analyzed to find out what problems and positive aspects Practices HR activities can cause. From the data, it appears that Practices HR services improves how things get done, costs less and enables the organization to pay more attention to its key tasks; however, there are concerns about losing control, the quality of the services and privacy of data. It gives practical advice for improving the HR Practices strategy at HCL to support both organizational success and the well-being of staff.

Keywords- HR Practices, HCL, Recruitment, Training, Performance Management, Employee Retention, Practices Benefits, Organizational Effectiveness.

I. INTRODUCTION

Now, Human Resource Management (HRM) is more important as a strategic partner than just an organizational function. Because the IT sector is always changing, HCL and many other companies use HR Practices to improve work efficiency, remove operational worries and focus their energy on high-priority plans. Practices HR work means companies delegate payroll, recruitment and training to experts, so their own HR can focus on growing the company's culture, developing staff and driving innovation.

A. Rationale of the Study

Because the IT business runs fast and needs to adapt, agility, scalability and capable people are necessary. Practices HR enables IT organizations to efficiently do a lot of HR tasks and keep up with fast shifts in employment expectations. It is very helpful for managing problems like high turnover, the need for frequent skill adjustments and finding talent globally.

The study was based on a certain array of reasons.

It is the purpose of this study to assess how well HR Practices works at HCL. Since more core HR tasks are handled by external vendors now, it is important to assess how this affects employee satisfaction, performance and the

agility of the organization. The research studies how Practices supports business goals and the needs of employees in a big IT company.

B. Objectives of the Study

- To study how well HR Practices is being done at HCL.
- To learn what employees feel about the outsourced HR services.
- To notice any concerns and come up with ideas to improve how Practices is managed.

C. Research Questions

1. Does Practices human resources increase how effective the company is in its operations?
2. What is the attitude of staff regarding HR functions handled by Practices?
3. In what ways may HR Practices be adapted to reach the best results?

D. Scope of the Study

The study will cover potential effects of the different control approaches on the environment, public health and economy. The work involves understanding HR Practices in HCL Technologies, by investigating recruitment, training, appraising performance and resolving issues or complaints. It is just focused on HCL's Indian work and uses direct feedback from employees in multiple departments.

E. Limitations of the Study

Data for this study comes from what people claim which could lead to some biases. The results cannot be applied in the same way to other firms or industries. Also, because the research happened quickly, it was not possible to conduct much fieldwork or follow up over time.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

One significant gap in the literature relates to the dynamic nature of HR practices in response to emerging technologies and changing work environments. Most studies focus on traditional HR functions such as recruitment, training, and performance management but often fail to account for how advancements such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and automation are transforming HR processes in HCL. For instance, there is limited research on how AI-enabled recruitment tools affect candidate selection or how data analytics can optimize employee engagement strategies (Lidhoo, 2023; NASSCOM, 2023). This lack of exploration

into the integration of new technologies in HR practices leaves a gap in understanding how organizations can leverage these tools to gain a competitive advantage.

Another gap exists in the understanding of employee well-being and mental health within HCL's HR framework. While employee engagement and retention are frequently discussed, there is relatively little comprehensive research on the psychological challenges faced by IT professionals, such as stress, burnout, and work-life imbalance, and how HR practices can address these issues effectively. Given the demanding nature of IT jobs, characterized by long working hours, tight deadlines, and constant upskilling requirements, the absence of focused studies on mental health support within HR policies represents a critical shortfall (AllThingsTalent, 2023). More in-depth research is needed to develop holistic HR approaches that incorporate mental health as a core component of employee welfare.

Furthermore, there is a notable deficiency in literature that specifically examines the Effectiveness of cultural diversity and inclusion initiatives within the Indian IT HCL's HR practices. Although many global studies discuss diversity and inclusion (D&I) as a growing priority, limited empirical research has been conducted on how Indian IT firms implement these initiatives and their effectiveness in managing a multicultural and geographically dispersed workforce. The unique social, regional, and linguistic diversity in India presents both challenges and opportunities that are underexplored in existing literature (Economic Times, 2023; IndBiz, 2023). Understanding how HR policies can be tailored to promote inclusivity and reduce biases in this specific context remains an area requiring further scholarly attention.

Additionally, many studies tend to focus on large IT corporations, leaving a gap in research related to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the IT sector. SMEs play a crucial role in the Indian IT ecosystem but often operate with constrained resources and less formalized HR practices. There is limited insight into how these companies manage HR functions, attract talent, provide training, and retain employees. This gap restricts the ability to generalize findings from large firms to the broader HCL and neglects the needs and challenges of SMEs, which are equally important for the HCL's growth (Kumari, 2025; Deva, 2025).

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The way I conducted this study was designed to give a full and well-planned look at the subject of HR Practices in HCL. The research design is descriptive which makes it good for finding accurate information about current HR practices and how effective they are thought to be. Research in this way helps to spot similarities, measure how people feel and outline the use of HR Practices in the business organization naturally. Most research is done using numbers and statistics and some elements of qualitative impressions are added when needed. Because of this quantitative approach, researchers can review collected data with statistical methods to find out if the results are reliable. The study is also empirical and cross-sectional which means it shows the views of employees at a particular time to represent the current situation in HCL's Practices work. The method used to pick the participants was convenience sampling because of time, access and feasibility constraints. The approach was to draw 150 employees from different positions and department at HCL to help ensure many viewpoints and practical data management. The structured questionnaire was used to collect major data that helped to

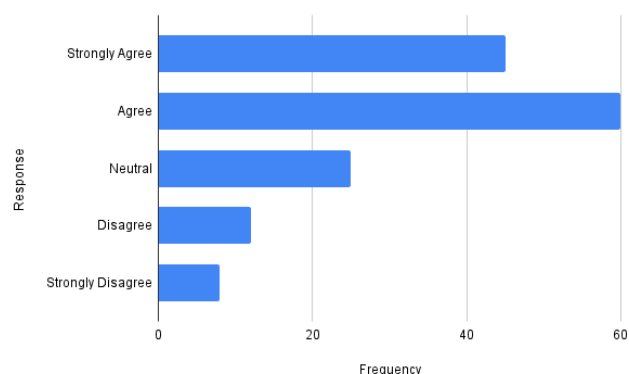
evaluate many human resource areas such as how transparent recruitment is, how employees are trained, how well their performance is reviewed, satisfaction with their pay, work-life balance, strategies for retaining staff and grievance handling. Uniformly, every item used the same Likert scale—from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree—so the data could be measured. The questionnaire was examined by pilot participants to check if it is comprehensible, organized and relevant and changes were made according to their feedback. While studying reports, HR publications and research articles was great for the literature area and basic understanding, they weren't parts of the main data look-over. For understanding the data, the study counted and measured the results as well as ran statistical tests and regressions to check how certain HR policies related to employee outcomes. The information was worked on in Microsoft Excel because it is both accurate and easy to view. Cronbach's Alpha was carried out which confirmed the items in the instrument had internal consistency and were reliable. For the items to be valid, the research objectives influenced them, expert opinions were looked for in academic articles and the group of experts consulted confirmed both the content and construct validity. Ethics were closely monitored as all parts of the study were taken care of. The group was told in detail about the goals of the study and they knew their answers would be kept private and confidential. People's identities were not asked for and being included happened only when they expressed their wish to take part. No data was made up or lied about during the process which helped preserve academic integrity. In general, using this method allowed the research to give trustworthy and practical results about the effects of HR Practices on employee experience and HR performance at HCL.

IV. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

A detailed study of employees' views was conducted by designing a structured questionnaire which evaluates how well HR Practices is working for HCL. In the study, 150 respondents gave their views on HR subjects such as recruitment, training, managing performance and resolving grievances. All the information has been organized and checked to gauge employees' feelings and the effects of Practices their HR tasks on the organization and their joy at work.

Table 1: Responses to Question 1 – Transparency and Fairness of HCL Recruitment Process

	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Strongly Agree	45	30
Agree	60	40
Neutral	25	16.7
Disagree	12	8
Strongly Disagree	8	5.3
Total	150	100

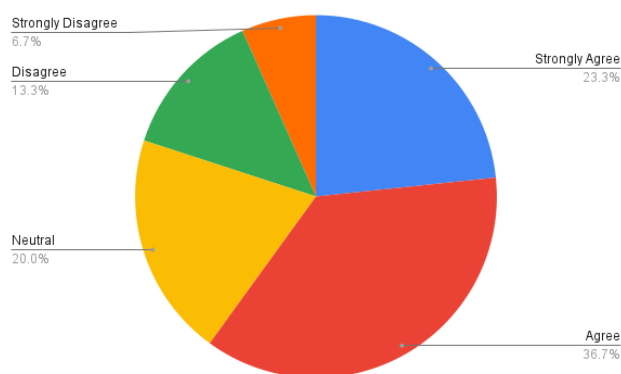


Graph 1: Bar Chart of Responses to Question 1 – Transparency and Fairness of HCL Recruitment Process

Interpretation:
According to the data, people in HCL generally have a positive experience with the recruitment process. Out of all participants, more than three quarters (30% strongly agree, 40% agree) state that the company's hiring processes are open and fair. It looks like Practices recruitment is being treated in a way that keeps the company's principles in mind. Nevertheless, a small number of survey respondents (13.3%) disagreed with the statement, possibly indicating some concerns about inconsistencies or unclear hiring practices. Some of the employees who gave 'neutral' responses may have not been involved in the recruitment process or do not care about fairness during it. All in all, most people think HCL handles outsourced recruitment well, but having regular reviews and sharing the selection criteria helps gain even more trust.

Table 2: Responses to Question 2 – Effectiveness of HCL Training and Development Programs

Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Strongly Agree	35	23.3
Agree	55	36.7
Neutral	30	20
Disagree	20	13.3
Strongly Disagree	10	6.7
Total	150	100



Graph 2: Pie Chart of Responses to Question 2 – Effectiveness of HCL Training and Development Programs

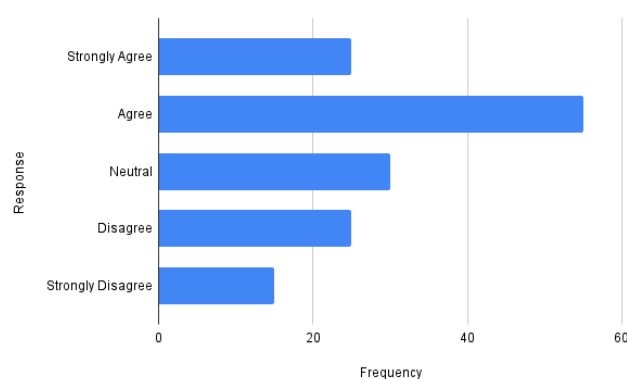
Interpretation:

Table 2 shows what employees think about the usefulness and effectiveness of training and development at HCL. Half of the participating companies agree the outsourced training and modules have helped their business. This means HCL's decision to use outside learning services is consistent with learning what is needed for staff roles and job expectations. Having 20% of people answer "neutral" might mean that many people are unaware or are participating inconsistently

in these programs. Those who didn't agree as much call for changes in the training material, delivery style or design to adapt to what employees are looking for. It appears that the training infrastructure is generally effective, but could be refined by giving extra attention to personalizing feedback.

Table 3: Responses to Question 10 – HCL Effectiveness of HR in Addressing Employee Grievances

Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Strongly Agree	25	16.7
Agree	55	36.7
Neutral	30	20
Disagree	25	16.7
Strongly Disagree	15	10
Total	150	100



Graph 3: Horizontal Bar Chart on HCL HR Effectiveness in Grievance Handling

Interpretation:

The information in Table 3 shows that people have mixed opinions about how effectively HCL handles employee grievances with their HR Practices model. About half of the public (53.4%) say the outsourced redressal system works well, showing they are somewhat confident in it. Even so, a significant number (26.7%) of those surveyed are unsatisfied, suggesting issues in how communication, transparency or time for addressing sensitive employee concerns are handled. This means there is a caution with how much employees use their company's grievance procedures or know how they work. They show that we must make grievance complaint processes better, make them more available and guarantee privacy. Because HCL focuses on regular feedback and employee-focused communication in their HR Practices, trust and response to conflicts can see a significant increase.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study of the collected information shows that there are many ways employees at HCL view and use HR Practices. Most people who replied were satisfied with hiring outsiders, saying that the process was fair and clear which aligns with the organization's goal of keeping high standards in hiring. At the same time, HCL received good reviews for training and development programs which proves that the organization's style of learning through external service providers helps fulfill important workforce development requirements, as long as there is more focus on personalized and engaging approaches. Even so, many people were unsatisfied with grievance management and the balance between their job and personal lives which could mean that outsourced HR may not respond as quickly or as empathetically as needed. The study's findings are similar to what Gupta and Malhotra (2019) mentioned earlier such as higher efficiency from Practices but also facing problems

with keeping control over activities within the company and with prompt responses to customers. Increasingly, employees view leadership as a key part of HR's success which is backed by studies by Lidhoo (2023) showing that leadership counts even when HR functions are outsourced. For this reason, HCL needs to consider both efficiency and empathy: may be, handling payroll and recruitment through Practices is efficient and cheaper, yet essential areas like complaints handling, employee retention and Inclusion need to be managed in-house. So, companies need a model where HR is handled internally for key areas involving culture and strategy and we can outsource functions as an option. Technology, openness and senior management attention in HR can ensure that HCL runs its outsourced model with high employee trust and alignment in the organization.

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The research shows that HR Practices in HCL greatly improves efficiency at work, cuts down on paperwork and frees up time for the organization to work on human capital development. Practices has usually improved recruitment, training and performance management, since employees feel that they receive fair treatment, develop the skills needed for their job and get structured feedback. Still, employee complaints, satisfaction with pay and a good life-work balance are not always great which means Practices did not work as well in all areas of HR. This points out that HCL should outsource some HR functions, while internalizing others, instead of simply moving all HR activities to Practices. To enhance its Practices operations, HCL could give greater priority to vendors' responsibilities, add employee feedback channels in their outsourced routines and make sure their internal HR teams still watch over employee relations, diversity and employee well-being. Also, investing in leadership training, monitoring performance based on data analysis and using technology in HR can make Practices better fit with what employees and the company are trying to achieve. Looking at research angles, this study may encourage further studies on the lasting influences of HR Practices on employee loyalty, creativity and how IT businesses are managed. Added value to future studies may be gained by performing long-term examinations and cross-industry or cross-region studies to see how outsource results change under various circumstances. All in all, HCL benefits from HR Practices, but how long it lasts and what impact it has is mainly based on how well it is applied, regularly checked and rooted in employee support.

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