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A STUDY ON JOB SATISFACTION AMONG IT EMPLOYEES

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Abstract: This study explores the intricate dynamics of job satisfaction among IT employees. Through comprehensive research and analysis, it investigates the factors influencing job satisfaction within the Information Technology sector, encompassing elements such as work-life balance, career growth opportunities, and workplace environment. The study aims to shed light on the correlation between job satisfaction and productivity. IT ultimately provides valuable insights for organizations seeking to enhance employee well-being and optimize workforce performance in the IT industry.

Index Terms – Job Satisfaction, IT employees, Work-life balance

I.INTRODUCTION

The advent of Information Technology (IT) has reshaped the global landscape, ushering in a new era of interconnected industries. However, success in this realm hinges on a delicate equilibrium among commerce, organizational, and information systems strategies delineated by the Information Systems Strategy Triangle. Notably, the job satisfaction of IT employees emerges as a pivotal factor influencing contemporary business achievements. As the IT sphere continually evolves, the complexities it introduces grow, and the world becomes increasingly dependent on technological solutions. This study, centered within the IT domain, seeks to scrutinize the impact of these factors on the job satisfaction of IT professionals, recognizing the profound significance of job satisfaction for both employees and employers. The ramifications of. low job satisfaction extends to organizational performance, including increased absenteeism, turnover, diminished productivity, and the associated costs of hiring and training replacements. Consequently, assessing job satisfaction is crucial for employee evaluation, training, and overall organizational improvement.

II.NEED TO STUDY

Employee satisfaction is integral to an organization's success and competitiveness. Content employees contribute positively to an organization, fostering a productive and harmonious work environment. Recognizing this, organizations prioritize employee satisfaction through various initiatives. This study addresses the need to assess and enhance employee satisfaction, ultimately benefiting organizational performance.

III.STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Employees form the backbone of any industry, and their efficiency is paramount to organizational success. Job satisfaction is pivotal in ensuring employees are motivated and content. This study aims to understand the job satisfaction levels of IT employees in Coimbatore, shedding light on potential areas for improvement.

IV.OBJECTIVES

- Evaluate the levels of job satisfaction among employees.
- Identify workplace challenges faced by employees.
- Analyse the various factors influencing job satisfaction levels.

V.SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This research aims to gauge employee satisfaction within an organization and provide insights for future investigations. It also serves to assess employer satisfaction with welfare measures and identify areas of job dissatisfaction. The study is instrumental in guiding managerial decisions within the Company.

VI. DATA COLLECTION

Data for this study were obtained from primary sources using a structured questionnaire from IT employees working in Coimbatore.

Primary Data

Data that has been collected from firsthand experience is known as primary data. Primary data has not been published yet and is more reliable, authentic, and objective. Primary data has not been changed or altered by human beings; therefore its validity is greater than secondary data. Primary data is respondents concerned collected by using a structured questionnaire.

Secondary Data

Secondary data is data collected by someone other than the actual user. It means that the information is already available, and someone analyses it. The secondary data includes magazines, newspapers, books, journals, etc.

Sampling Technique

For this study, non-probability sampling, specifically convenient sampling, was employed to select respondents who could conveniently provide responses.

Sample Size

The study comprised a sample of 50 respondents for data analysis.

VII. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Kecia Williams Smith, Malissa Davis, Charles Malone, Lisa Owens-Jackson (2023) "This study shows that HBCU accounting faculty are motivated to perform academic research but have limited opportunities. Further research could examine the research productivity of HBCU accounting faculty to determine whether research requirements and publication outlets differ from those of majority institutions. We note that the HBCU cultural environment is a unique incubator of nurture and guidance that constitutes "invisible" service for faculty members that may not be readily comparable to the "visible" service of committee work and governance. As such, this area would lend itself to a qualitative study that interviews HBCU accounting faculty at other MSIs (e.g., Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)) have experiences consistent with those of HBCU accounting faculty or with PWI accounting faculty. Findings from that research could further inform and expand the accounting faculty job satisfaction literature. Additionally, further examination on the variation among HBCUs and the related accounting departments would help in developing targeted strategies to improve faculty development and satisfaction"

Priyanka S and M Bhaskara Rao (2022) "This study examined are the moderating effects of job satisfaction, the mediating effects of remote work, and the impact of compensation on artists' retention in Indian animation production companies. The findings show a significant relationship between compensation and employee retention. The study recommends that Indian animation companies should adopt flexible working hours and models to ensure that artists feel happy and satisfied and are motivated to stay in spite of the demanding workloads, and companies should immediately focus on developing smarter remuneration policies and practices to facilitate retention of their skilled workforce"

Mascarenhas, Carla Galvão, Anderson Rei Marques, Carla Susana (2022) "The current study sought to understand how constructs such as POS, work engagement and identification with an organization can influence job satisfaction from a gender-based perspective, using data on a sample made up of the staff of a public higher education institution. This research's results reveal that women pay, in general, more attention to the constructs under study—except for organizational support. In the latter case, men's job satisfaction is more influenced by the way they perceive organizational support"

VIII. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Using a structured questionnaire, primary sources were used to collect the data for this study. The study's goal is to gauge job satisfaction among IT employees. The sample respondents were used to gather the necessary primary data. This study uses the survey method and is empirical in nature. Random sampling is the sampling method utilized for this study. For the study, a sample of 50 respondents was selected. The Coimbatore District's southern region is where the study is being done.

IX. LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

The following constraints apply to the investigation. The district of Coimbatore was the location of the study.

- The poll was only done in the Coimbatore area; therefore, it doesn't represent the entire population of the nation.
- 50 people are included in the sample size.
- The analysis performed in this study's findings was entirely based on the respondents' responses.

X. DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

TABLE-1 TABLE SHOWING GENDER OF THE RESPONDENTS

Gender	No. of respondents	Percentage
Male	27	54
Female	23	46
Total	50	100

(Source: Primary data)

Interpretation

From the above table, it is clear that 54 percent of the respondents are male and 46 percent of the respondents are female.

Age	No of Respondent	Percentage
21-25 years	18	36
26-30 years	19	38
31-35 years	8	16
36-40 years	4	8
Above 41 years	1	2
Total	50	100

(Source: Primary data)

Interpretation

From the analysis 36 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 21-25 years, 38 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 26-30 years, 16 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 31-35 years and 8 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of 36-40 years, 2 percent of the respondents belong to the age group of above 41 years.

Monthly Income	No of Respondent	Percentage
Below 20000	6	12
20001-30000	12	24
30001-40000	12	24
40001-50000	10	20
Above 50001	10	20
Total	50	100

TABLE-3 TABLE SHOWING MONTHLY INCOME OF THE RESPONDENTS

(Source: Primary data)

Interpretation

From the above table, it is clear that 12 percent of respondent's monthly income falls below 20000, 24 percent of the respondent's monthly income falls between 20001 to 30000, 24 percent of the respondent's monthly income falls between 30001- 40000, 20 percent of the respondents monthly income falls between 40001-50000, 20 percent of the respondents monthly income is more than 50001.

TABLE-4 TABLE SHOWING YEARS OF WORK EXPERIENCE OF THE RESPONDENTS

Years of work experience	No of Respondent	Percentage
Below 1 year	9	18
1 year to 5 years	29	58
6 years to 10 years	11	22
Above 10 years	1	12
Total	50	100
(Source: Primary data)		

Interpretation

The above table shows that 18 percent of respondents work experience is below 1 year, 58 percent of respondents work experience falls between 1 year to 5 years, 22 percent of respondents' work experience is between 6 years to 10 years, 12 percent of respondents work experience is above 10 years.

TABLE-5 TABLE SHOWING THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE IT EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKING CONDITIONS

		Sum of squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Problems faced by the	Between	12.705	4	3.176	1.837	.138
employee's poor project	Groups					
management and organization	Within Groups	77.795	45	1.729		
	Total	90.500	49			
Problems faced by the employee	Between	6.973	4	1.743	1.227	.313
remaining motivated in work	Groups					
	Within Groups	63.907	45	1.420		
	Total	70.880	49			
Problems faced by the employee	Between	3.397	4	.849	.634	.641
coping with drastic change	Groups					
	Within Groups	60.283	45	1.340		
	Total	63.680	49			
Problems faced by the employee's	Between	11.970	4	2.992	2.093	.097
ability to remain creative	Groups					
	Within Groups	64.350	45	1.430		

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	Total	76.320	49			
Problems faced by the employee	Between	11.980	4	2.995	1.744	.157
getting a new skill	Groups					
	Within Groups	77.300	45	1.718		
	Total	89.280	49			
Problems faced by the employee	Between	15.195	4	3.799	2.400	.064
dealing with demanding clients	Groups					
	Within Groups	71.225	45	1.583		
	Total	86.420	49			

HYPOTHESIS

H0: There is no significant mean difference between the problems faced by the employees and the age of the respondent- accepted

H1: There is a significant mean difference between the problems faced by the employees and the age of the respondents.

INTERPRETATION

From the above table, it is inferred that the table value is more than the significant value. There is no significant mean difference between the problems faced by the employees and the age of the respondent.

TABLE-6 TABLE SHOWING THE FACTORS AFFECTING THE JOB SATISFACTION LEVEL OF IT EMPLOYEES

		Lever	1e's Te	st for	T-Test for Equality of Means					
		Equality of								
		V	ariances					1		
									95	%
					co			confi	dence	
									interva	l of the
								2	diffe	rence
		F	Sig.	Т	df	Sig.	Mean	Std.	Lower	Upper
						(2-	diff	Error		
						tailed)		diff		
Safety and	Equal	3.459	.069	.429	48	.670	.177	.413	653	1.007
security	variances									
	assumed									
	Equal			.433	47.885	.667	.177	.409	645	1.000
	variances									
	are not									
	assumed									
Job relevance to	Equal	.012	.912	854	48	.398	200	.234	670	.271
career path	variances									
	assumed									
	Equal			861	47.854	.393	200	.234	666	267
	variances									
	are not									
	assumed									
Work-life balance	Equal	.093	.762	208	48	.836	072	.349	773	.628
	variances									
	assumed									

	Equal			209	47.645	.835	072	.346	769	.624
	variances									
	are not									
	assumed									
Policies and	Equal	.385	.538	.587	48	.560	.206	.351	500	.912
practice	variances									
	assumed									
	Equal			.590	47.503	.558	.206	.349	497	.909
	variances									
	are not									
	assumed									
Trust in	Equal	.429	.516	259	48	.797	101	.392	890	.687
management	variances									
	assumed									
	Equal			257	45.329	.798	101	.395	896	.693
	variances									
	are not									
	assumed									
Job impact on	Equal	5.068	.029	.008	48	.993	.003	.390	780	.787
personal life	variance <mark>s</mark>									
	assumed	\sim	\sim							
	Equal			.008	47.828	.993	.003	.383	766	.773
	variance <mark>s</mark>					1				
	are not		7			J. Same			, j.	
	assumed									

HYPOTHESIS

H0: There is no significant mean difference between the factors affecting job satisfaction level and gender of the respondent – accepted

H1: There is a significant mean difference between the factors affecting job satisfaction level and the gender of the respondent.

INTERPRETATION

From the above table, it is inferred that the table value is more than the significant value. There is no significant mean difference between the factors affecting job satisfaction level and the gender of the respondent.

		Test V	alue = 0	95% Confidence interval of the difference			
	Т	Df	Sig. (2-	Mean	Lower	Upper	
			tailed)	Difference			
Compensation and	26.844	49	.000	3.780	3.50	4.06	
benefits							
Work environment	31.908	49	.000	4.280	4.01	4.55	
Team members and	23.508	49	.000	3.940	3.60	4.28	
managers							
Good	24.520	49	.000	4.100	3.76	4.44	
communication							
from management							

TABLE-7 TABLE SHOWING THE LEVEL OF JOB SATISFACTION OF IT EMPLOYEES

Salary	18.242	49	.000	2.680	2.38	2.98
Promotion	19.939	49	.000	3.760	3.38	4.14
Hike	20.923	49	.000	3.760	3.40	4.12

HYPOTHESIS

H0: There is no significant difference between the sample mean and the population mean- Accepted H1: There is a significant difference between the sample mean and the population mean.

INTERPRETATION

From the above table, it is inferred that the table value is more than the significant value. There is no significant difference between the sample mean and the population mean.

XI. FINDINGS

- The majority (54 percent) of the respondents are Male.
- The majority (38 percent) of the respondents belong to the age group of 26-30 years.
- The majority (24 percent) of the respondents monthly income is between 30001-40000
- Most (58 percent) of the respondents years of work experience
- There is no significant mean difference between the problems faced by the employees and age of the respondent.
- There is no significant mean difference between the factors affecting job satisfaction level and gender of the respondent.
- There is no significant difference between the sample mean and the population mean.

XII. SUGGESTIONS

Certainly, conducting a study on job satisfaction among IT employees is a valuable endeavor. To ensure the success of your research, consider focusing on a specific subset of IT employees, such as software developers, network engineers, or IT managers, as this can provide more nuanced insights. Utilize a combination of quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews to gather comprehensive data on factors influencing job satisfaction, including work-life balance, compensation, career growth, workplace culture, and the impact of remote work. Explore the potential effects of emerging trends like remote work arrangements and the adoption of new technologies on job satisfaction. Additionally, assess the link between job satisfaction and factors such as employee retention and productivity, which can have significant implications for IT organizations. Lastly, provide actionable recommendations for employers and HR professionals to enhance job satisfaction, fostering a positive work environment and retaining top IT talent in a highly competitive industry.

XIII. CONCLUSION

An employee's assessment of how satisfied or dissatisfied he or she is with his or her job is a complex summation of a number of discrete job factors, and it is necessary to assess training needs, design better solutions to problems, and determine why employees are lagging. Employees were asked to participate in a job satisfaction survey to express how they felt about their jobs and workplaces. Having a potent diagnostic tool to evaluate personnel issues was beneficial. The study also has the benefit of enhancing communication. The upward communication that occurs when staff members are encouraged to speak on what's genuinely on their thoughts is very advantageous to the business. According to this study on job satisfaction, decision-making processes and promotion policies need to be strengthened.

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