# Industry automation as a Tool for Digitalization of Human Resource Functions

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#### **Abstract:**

The old company paradigm is being transformed by digitalization these days. Because of the increased use of employee-related software, IT-enabled HR services, social networks, and mobile solutions, human resources management (HRM) is substantially influenced by digitization. Human resource management is being infused with a digital approach by enterprises (HR). To be competitive in the company, human resource procedures must be constantly developed and innovated. And, according to recent surveys, companies are developing digitally enabled employee-centric HR processes. HR must be upgraded in order to produce the finest outcomes and compete in today's industry. As a result, technical advancements in the area of human resource management are achieved throughout time, and traditional HRM is increasingly being replaced by modern and technologically sophisticated HRM. The purpose of this article is to investigate the usage of digitalized (IT) devices in HR practice, i.e. the transition from HRM to E-HRM. E-HRM refers to an electronic network of HR information, services, devices, applications, and interactions that spans a whole enterprise.

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### Introduction

The internet has emerged as the main force behind organisational change as a result of the development of technology. It is more effective than at any other time in recent memory at exchanging information and interacting with larger audiences. HR practitioners today need to respond to increased competition for comprehensive digitalization and quick changes in HR technology. Future HR professionals will need new categories of technical knowledge, aptitudes, and competences in order to keep up with the ever-increasing speed and occasionally unexpected developments in the global workplace. The effects of a move to a decentralised period, which, if successfully executed, may result in emancipation, must be examined by HR specialists. A new type of organisation, one built on a different structure, will be required for the time period in order to bring together the commitment of independent individuals in a form that is socially feasible. It is therefore clear that a better system for managing HR is developing, and future HR managers should manage themselves (Anyim et al, 2011). Today, business is conducted on a worldwide scale, involving the transfer of technology, management expertise, and financial resources to other countries or across international borders. Globalization has shrunk the world through a quick communication network. The interconnectedness of the global economy has increased (Bhagwatti, 2004). Since the type of human resources available to a business and/or how they are used impacts its survival, digital HRM is also becoming

a more important management competence than traditional HRM in the world in which we currently live..

Exceptional functions must be at the core of HR strategies, and human resources departments must embrace digital revolution. On the other side, there are several problems with human resource management all over the world. To succeed in the modern world, business firms must try to expand into the global market. The complexity of change and transformation makes this the most challenging opportunity for HR practitioners. In order to provide the momentum and internal competences that associations require, HR is increasingly leading the charge alongside business. According to Indermun (2014), the changing competitive market environment and the realisation that human resource management (HRM) must play a more strategic role in an organization's performance are the main reasons why the position of the human resource manager is changing today. The success of the hiring process heavily influences the nature of human resources inside a firm. The success of any firm in today's competitive world depends on the growth of its talent, The need for knowledgeable workers is highlighted by Burma (2014). It's just as necessary to hire and terminate excellent people as it is to keep them in order to help them give their best. As a result, objective, precise, and consistent performance assessment systems are linked to a consistent reward system. For employees to "become hopelessly enamoured with" the organisation, Taylor (2009) claims that there are four key areas that need to be addressed: Reward fairly in line with the market, treat well, that is, set a high value on each employee's dedication, develop talent, and prepare and improve talents. It is crucial for HR practitioners to understand the connection between HR and IT in today's web-based economy and to develop a theoretical framework to enhance HR job performance through integration. Technology is a key strategy for striking a balance between innovation and efficiency in every organisation. The coordinated effort between the two is enormous because HR is responsible for creating authoritative structures and is at the centre of the organisation.

Digital technology helps the company increase its profitability by boosting its most valuable resource—its people. According to Digital HRM, "an umbrella term including all possible integration mechanisms and contents between HRM and IT going for creating value inside and across association for targeted employees and management." For the vast majority of HR-related work, outsourcing is used. As a result, companies anticipate that their HR divisions will pick up more new talents.

**Digitalization in Recruitment:** The hiring sector is the earliest of all professional industries in the globe. Science has a significant effect on hiring. The process of luring competent people to fill forthcoming employment vacancies is referred to as hiring. Several digital technologies are available through e-Recruitment.

# **Types of E- Recruitment**

- True applicant relationships, international connectivity, and substantial mechanization are typical of the crucial exchanges involved in functional erecruitment.
- Interpersonal E-Recruitment: This is characterised by the development of real connections with candidates through enhanced applicant input, customised applicant interactions, and the use of web 2.0 tools like unofficial organisation sites.
- The foundation of transformational e-recruitment is a worldwide personnel management strategy that entails creating core positions before luring in and retaining workers who suit the specified profile. Company image and identity could be advantageous.

Digitalization in Training Development: IT gadgets have changed how formal

learning is conducted in the workplace. In the digital age, employees have many opportunities since e-learning makes learning more engaging and desirable. E-learning is the use of internet technology to provide a wide range of arrangements that advance knowledge and performance. Lessons, case studies, and role plays are basic preparatory techniques that are followed by more sophisticated techniques including technology-based learning, video, internet, and computer-based learning. A growing number of organisations in the public and private sectors are adopting e-learning. "Learning that relies on or is improved by electronic or online communications using the most current information and communication technology" is what is referred to as e-learning.

Digitalization in Performance management: Performance evaluates an employee's efficacy and efficiency in reaching hierarchical objectives. The planning and use of information technology in the management of a performance management system is referred to as "e-performance management." E-Performance Management is one of HRM's e-components. IT-enabled Performance Management has shown to be a great tool for maximising the system's benefits while incurring the fewest costs to the firm. Organizations can track important skills and competencies as part of the performance management process for employees with the aid of e-Performance Management. With the development of technology, performance assessment software is becoming more widespread in enterprises. To evaluate an employee's performance in the fastest and most cost-effective manner feasible, HR may use performance management software. An innovative method of handling employee performance reviews is provided by performance management software. It enables performance assessment and promotes improvement in effectiveness, relationship, and

Digitization of Bank of Baroda: Bank of Baroda has created the Human Resource Network for employee services. It includes all HRM activities carried out by the bank. All HR-related tasks for the bank are managed using the Oracle Core HR Module. This programme helps employees finish a variety of learning courses. All officials must use the Performance Management System starting in 2009–2010. The system begins with goal-setting and performance planning, then moves on to performance reviews, discussions, feedback, and growth. Workers are responsible for controlling their own performance under the new system, which is business-oriented, extremely objective, and completely open. New employees can share their ideas through Baroda sujhav and ideaonline@bankofbaroda.com. By providing structured rewards for the best ideas, the bank encourages employees to come up with new ones.

Digitization in SBI-Gyanodaya E Learning Gateway: It is the SBI's e-learning platform, which provides workers with training materials to assist them advance their abilities. The learning modules are divided in the doorway according to the numerous positions they are intended for, such as top manager, branch manager, money officer, and field officers. Every SBI employee has access to the entries in the HRMS system where their data is stored. This post aims to provide learning possibilities wherever and at any time. Employees can choose any module and get certification by passing exams through this portal. The First Time I Used Portal: - (1) New User Registration: The information from the employees' HRMS will be calculated for the personal information and authority information sections. Then, workers must submit their job and contact details. After providing this information, employees can create their records. (2) Registration for lessons (sometimes known as "course registration"). (3) Getting Instructions: Getting "course materials." (4) Taking Tests and Quizzes: - A test of evaluation. The SBI E-Learning system requirements are quite typical. It needs Firefox 3.x or Internet Explorer 6.0 to function.

# **Research Objective**

- To Recognize the importance of digital transformation in the HRM department.
- To comprehend the present role of digitalization in firms' HRM functions.
- To have a better understanding of how digital devices function and how they may be used effectively in HRM functions in India.

# **Literature Review**

Although HR professionals are already using innovation to some extent, it is still unclear whether it is recognised, amplified, and estimated. In order to both recruit and keep the employees who will give them the advantage and to have processes that support the business model, it is essential to look at how HR can integrate IT into their system (Huselid, 1995). Recent cases among domestic and foreign businesses have demonstrated the necessity of integrating it into HR practises to boost profitability. By identifying each HR employee as a change operator and outlining key competences, Deutsche Bank, for instance, has transformed its HR division into a crucial business partner. With advances and data innovation, the transformation of Deutsche Bank's personnel management started (Svoboda and Schroder, 2001). Technology has hitherto been viewed as a useful tool that may give a company an advantage, but only when it is integrated with existing business competencies (Tippins and Sohi, 2003). Enrollment, compensation, performance review, retraining, redeployment, and rightsizing are considered to be purposefully adjusted with advancements and are described as creative HRM functions to acquire skills, functions, and associations during the process of hierarchical re-outlining (Huselid 1995). (Som, 2012). The main issue that was found during the execution of HR procedures was that due to the prohibitive expenses of investing in IT, firms do not invest much in it. Innovation is unquestionably one of the key elements affecting the adoption of HR practises in any case (McCampbell, Clare and Gitters, 1999). Pfeffer (1981) asserts that the relative weight of authoritative elements in a hierarchical structure (such as size and unionisation) greatly influences the choice of creative HR solutions (Kossek 1987, 1989). Executives are aware of the urgent need for businesses to accept and use IT, but they also understand that there is still much to learn about how to strategically position innovation to have a beneficial impact on business performance (Tippins and Sohi, 2003). Innovation may also give a competitive edge when it comes to mining enormous amounts of historical data for information. The recipient organisation can gain from creative HR operations in a number of ways, according to prior study (Agarwala 2003; Bhatnagar and Sandhu 2005; Bhatnagar

Additionally, it might make it easier for people in higher positions to work together and communicate, as well as search, access, and recovery of data. A few analysts found that, of all the measures, presenting creative HR honed explained the most change in hierarchical responsibilities and, as a result, were best at enhancing employee connection to the company. In addition, prior experts have suggested that the idea of the HR division's contact with the best and centre administration, as well as the ways in which the HR process is connected to the hierarchical manner, are important concepts (Ulrich 1997). A few factors that affect the choice of creative HRM initiatives in Indian firms were identified by Som (2007). For example, a country's institutional framework, culture, and institutions that spur innovation; unionisation; the intricacy of an innovation; the size, professionalisation, and rebuilding of the hierarchy; the initiative and best management practises; and becoming a part of the HR division.

Innovation is also changing how things are done, according to Oxford Economics (2012) (HR). Technology today allows HR innovators to put measurements around topics that were previously challenging to quantify or forecast. The development of human resources into a crucial corporate function is already under way, and it will continue in the upcoming years, according to study. To improve the execution and analysis of ability management, the method comprises growing and broadening collaboration between HR and other specialised divisions. It also places a higher emphasis on achieving business results through the strategic use of innovation.

Wolf (2015) asserts that societal and technical developments are altering the manner in which executions are carried out. Many businesses have already completed the switch to paperless operations, but improvements are still being made. Directors may now almost continually record and provide feedback to reps, making sure they are aware of how they are doing and where they stand (Wolf, 2015). This unofficial criticism may also be incorporated into the formal administration procedure for execution, which can help to improve completeness and accuracy while lowering shocks.

The use of social and computerised innovations in ways that advance and improve communication, coordinated effort, and commitment - not just between a worker and the organisation, but also between and among representatives themselves - is necessary for changing capability management, according to Chase (2014). This includes digitisation. It will no longer be possible for HR and ability forms to exist independently of innovation. Alternately, many parts of talent management and human resources may end up being fully incorporated into the future of work (The Innovation venture, 2015).

Bondarouk and Rul (2009) claim that e-HRM definitions have "prospered, with little standardisation or assenting in location." The authors also emphasise how important it is to comprehend how analysts define e-HRM. They contend that even minute linguistic variations may cause future studies to predict different results or result in a range of client "subsets" within the e-HRM target market. Since the first attempts at the nexus between electrical developments and HRM, numerous definitions of this miracle have been put forward. e-HRM has been referred to as HR Information System (HRIS), virtual HR(M), online HRM, and intranet-based HRM despite the fact that the text makes a distinction between these numerous electronic and electronic wonders. D. Schilling, H. Rul, and T. Bondarouk (2016). There appears to be a sizable size and performance difference between an HRIS and an e-HRM. A system's structure is often cited as a fundamental defining characteristic of e-HRM in current literature. For instance, e-HRM was described by Strohmeier, S. (2007) as "the organising, utilising, and application of data innovation for both systems administration and supporting of at least two individual or aggregate on-screen characters in their common performance of HR activities."

HRM exercises are broken down into three categories by M. Thite and M.J. Kavanagh (2009): (1) value-based exercises, like daily interactions and recordkeeping; (2) traditional HRM exercises, like recruitment, selection, planning, preparation, pay, and execution administration; and (3) transformational exercises, like hierarchical advancement, ability administration, and learning. Large chunks of value-based activities are now communicated online as technology has been better incorporated into HR frameworks. To establish the significance of an innovation-driven and online interface in promoting HRM viability and productivity for a variety of clients, the distinctions between mechanised human asset data frameworks/human asset data frameworks (CHRIS/HRIS) and e-HRM are explored in the part that follows.

"An efficient system for receiving, storing, maintaining, retrieving, and authorising information relating to an organization's human resources, work force actions, and hierarchical unit qualities," according to Walker (2001). When determining what e-HRM is, it is crucial to take the following factors into account. For e-HRM to be correctly executed, taking into account the collection, storage, analysis, and stream of human asset data across the business, an integrated HRIS as well as relevant innovation are necessary (Van Heerden, Poisat, and Mey, 2012). By methodically generating precise, auspicious, and pertinent data via a successful e-HRM stage, HRIS must support both human resource and line administrators in essential leadership that is connected to the accomplishment of significant company goals (Van Heerden et al., 2012).

It is necessary for both supervisors and employees to sign up for another e-HRM system for it to be acknowledged and utilised inside the company. Administrators and representatives have been urged to utilise e-HRM frameworks, but chiefs have objected that this is a waste of their time. Some people continue to use outdated, disconnected frameworks (Parry and Tyson, 2011). This situation highlights the necessity of changing people's perceptions of the advantages of e-HRM adoption in order to prevent delays and enjoy the accompanying benefits (Parry and Tyson, 2011). This emphasises the significance of e-HRM compatibility, training, and skill development. Social variables may also affect how well e-HRM is received because the national culture of the country where an organisation is based may have an impact on that organization's way of life (Bondarouk, Schilling, and Rul, 2016). For instance, e-HRM functions might be harder to embrace and interact with in a culture that values close personal ties and interpersonal relationships because they are farther away from home (Bondarouk et al., 2016).

Watson (2002) outlined four elements—profit changes, cost reductions, profit rate, and enhanced worker communications—that enable the evaluation of e-HR. e-HRM has boosted efficiency, according to certain recent studies and contextual study. This is believed to be accomplished by a decrease in HR people, cost reserve funds, and a decrease in regulatory weight as a result of computerization (Hawking, Stein, and Foster, 2004; Rul et al., 2004 as cited in Strohmeier, 2007). However, it cannot turn the time saved by e-HRM into financial gains (Dias, 2001). E-HRM may help in reaching societal goals, particularly the provision of excellent services to the organization's internal customers, by increasing opportunities and boosting the customer benefit introduction of HR specialists (Snell, Pedigo and Krawiec, 1995 as referred to in Lepak and Snell, 1998).

#### **Findings**

The first step in HR's virtual transformation is a mindset change within the department, with an emphasis on collaboration, real-time operations, structures, automation, and a mobile-first strategy. Many firms now have the chance to take use of that, both internally and in HR. One part of a larger virtual HR duty is to provide a solution to the question, "How can HR play a role in establishing the entire digital corporate method, organization, and tradition?" The virtual HR journey that focuses on employee and HR experience is one facet of this task.

The purpose of this study was to assess the current state of e-HRM and the body of existing knowledge in this field. According to some reports, e-HRM might improve HR carrier shipping, improve HR sports performance, and revamp the HR function's role to be more strategic. This suggests that using e-HRM could aid the HR division in generating more income and strengthening the competitiveness of the business.

Given that these resources are easier to replicate than variables like know-how, the increased usage of HR generation and systems could be another source of organizational expense. One of the most important objectives of e-HRM is to produce performance profits or cost savings by reducing headcount in HR departments and eliminating administration. A lot of recent literature suggests that e-HRM can improve the performance of HR activities by lowering prices and increasing the rate of HRM approaches. E-HRM can therefore be used as a substitute for having people carry out administrative or transactional operations manually, enabling such tasks to be finished more quickly. Complex e-HRM systems can be used to provide management and employee self-service options in addition to lowering administrative tasks

Organizations are therefore aiming to cut expenses and time in order to increase production. Organizations are attempting to replace manual HR tasks with electronic HR tasks. During the era of globalization, organizations needed higher process proficiency across the associations and end-to-end deception in their value chain since they needed to connect with the general public on a global scale. Companies in India are attempting to transition their HR activities to E-HR responsibilities, including SBI- Gyanoday E-Learning Entryway and Bank of Baroda. These businesses employed varied programming for distinct HR Capabilities. These online developments help companies acquire an edge. These partnerships demonstrate how contemporary tools are required and in demand in the Indian manufacturing sector. The majority of businesses require extra specialists in their HR department because they rely so much on outside consultants for their HR-related tasks. The goal of EHR is to establish a powerful culture that increases representatives' working knowledge while raising the value of the company. According to our research, digitalization is perceived as a gradual transition in the public domain that gives external weight to organizational reform. The organization was portrayed as having to adjust to a fast changing environment as a result of digitalization in order to survive. It was also stressed that this means that both customers and representatives will behave differently. The association experiences both direct and indirect effects as a result of digitalization, which generally has an impact on everyone in some capacity. It was also demonstrated that digitalization gives HR managers a number of suggestions.

# Conclusion

The objective of the study was to review recent studies on the nature and application of digital HRM. Digitalization enables new work frames by enhancing the ways in which people connect and communicate with one another using computerized tools. In order to meet the irregular conditions that digitization brings about, it also calls for new work frames as a kind of adaptation. Because they are placed in a confusing situation where the representation needs to be stressed both urgently and critically, HR executives struggle. Electronic human resource management, or E-HRM, is a cutting-edge business solution that offers thorough online assistance for all processes, sports, statistics, and statistics required to manage human resources in a contemporary company. It is a strong, reliable, and easy-to-use product that is offered to a large variety of different clientele. It is clear that some e-HRM-related topics receive greater research attention than others. According to the findings of this analysis, many studies appeared to concentrate on the value and expense of e-HRM for HR departments and individuals. To gain a deeper understanding of this area and to show that e-HRM implementation will have strategic benefits like higher productivity, more research is required. This implies that the HRM value chain places a strong emphasis on "what the employer achieves in the marketplace/society." This will include

empirical research aimed at creating precise and reliable measurements to demonstrate the connection between e-HRM and, among other things, reduced pricing, increased revenue or profits, return on investment, financial price addition, shared income, reduced pollution, and reduced poverty. Future study is advised to concentrate on figuring out how helpful and expensive e-HRM is for different types of users, such as operational staff and line managers. This indicates that "what happens to people" and "what human beings gain in the business" are the main concerns of the HRM cost chain. E-HRM is a technique for implementing HR policies, rules, and tasks in groups through the concentrated and intentional usage of web-generation-based channels. It addresses all facets of human resource management, including personnel management, training and education, professional development, company agency, activity descriptions, hiring system, employee's personal pages, and annual employee interviews, as some of the most important issues were brought up in our investigation. e-HRM is a technique for carrying out HRM as a consequence.

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