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Dear Readers,

Greetings from Academy of HRD,

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We are delighted to bring forth the latest volume of "The Human Odyssey". As the Organizations across the globe have adjusted well to the new normal and learnt the ways of modern management the learning has been constant for leaders and managers for creating well being practices and empowering teams.

AHRD also continues to be a course of learning for its community. We have a consistent flow of coursework classes which inspires our scholars for world class research. We also continue to provide management development programs for students and executives.

Happy to share that the fellows are contributing and writing their insights as they progress their journey as researchers. Hope overall it will be a delight to go through our initiatives.

Look forward to your suggestions and feedback.

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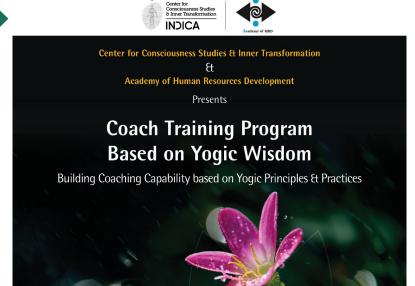
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AHRD EVENTS



the program 17th June 2023



AHRD is happy to announce that our highly anticipated 'Coach Training Program' has officially commenced!

With great enthusiasm, we welcome a diverse group of 14 talented participants who have embarked on this transformative journey with us. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants for choosing to be a part of this program and for their unwavering dedication.

Virtual Classes

Strategic Human Resource Management: A systems perspective of HRM



The course on "Strategic Human Resource Management: A systems perspective of HRM" for batch 2022 was facilitated by Dr. Subhra Pattnaik, associate Professor in School of Human Resource Management, XIM University. She teaches courses such as Compensation and Reward Management, Performance Management and International Human Resource Management. She is an electrical engineer from National Institute of Technology, Rourkela and has completed her postgraduation in HR and Finance from Xavier Institute of Management, Bhubaneswar where she bagged double gold medals for exceptional academic achievements. Twenty sessions were conducted on Saturdays through a digital platform in total.

Structured Equation Modeling (SEM)



The course on "Structured Equa- for tion Modeling (SEM)" for batch ers' conducted for the PhD students 2021 was facilitated by Mr. Parth at IIMA. Soni, Ph.D. scholar at Ravi J. Mat-

thai Centre for Educational Innovation at IIMA. His research interests are in applied psychometrics, largescale assessments, item response theory, structural equation modeling, and latent growth modeling.

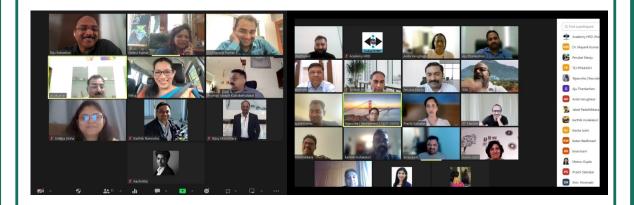
He also worked as a teaching assistant for the course 'Communication Management Teach-

Virtual Class

Qualitative Research Methods for Batch 2021

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Systematic Literature Review (SLR) for Batch 2022



Dr. Mayank Kumar, professor, MICA, led both **Qualitative Research Methods** sessions for the 2021 batch and **Systematic Literature Review** (SLR) sessions for the 2022 batch. A Ph.D. from IIM Tiruchirappalli in the Information Systems & Analytics area.

His teaching interests are in two broader areas. In the first bucket, he teaches courses on newer digital technologies such as Blockchain, IoT, and Digital Platforms. In the second group, he teaches courses on the intersection of technology and Marketing. Some of those courses include Social Media Analytics, Digital Marketing, and Data Visualization.

Prior to joining MICA, Prof. Mayank was working as an Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur. As a founding faculty member of its School of Management & Entrepreneurship, he has contributed significantly toward institution-building activities such as curriculum designing, MBA Admissions, and administrative activities.

Embarking on Excellence: Unveiling the Future at AHRD - Inaugural Ceremony of the New Batch



The Inaugural Ceremony of our Fellow Program Batch 2023 was a momentous occasion that marked the beginning of an exciting journey

for a group of talented individuals held on October 1, 2023. AHRD was honored to have esteemed speakers like **Dr. D.M. Pestonjee**, Chairman Academic Council, Co-Founder Academy of HRD, Former Faculty IIMA, Prof. Rajesh Chandwani, Faculty IIMA, & Chairman Academy of HRD, Prof. Pradyumana Khokle, Dean (Programmes) & Faculty Member, IIMA & Board Member Academy of HRD, Dr. Sunil Shukla, Director General, EDII, Ahmedabad & Board Member Academy of HRD, Prof. Madhavi Mehta, Prof. IRMA & Fellow Alumni. Academy of HRD-XLRI, Dr. Mahesh Chotrani, Managing Director, Anisuma Affiliation Partner AHRD UAE, Ms. Merlin George, Assistant Director, Academy of HRD. As the scholars embark on this educational adventure, they carry with them a sense of purpose, determination, and the aspiration to make a positive impact on the world. The entire community looks forward to witnessing the growth and achievements of these diverse batch of 20 seasoned professionals as they pursue excellence in their respective fields during their time in the program.

Insight Sharing

Strategic HRM function in the Tech space



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holders expectation, employee sat- suitable roadmap continues propriate organisation culture.

This essay will specifically look at core aspects of Strategic HRM with key focus on Information Technology domain relevant to Banking, Finance, and Insurance domain.

Whilst, in general key aspects of strategic HR functions can be con-

sidered as Compensation planning, Recruitment, Succession planning, Learning and Development with key focus on employees.

In today's scenario, compensation planning for technology function is considered to a niche aspect especially in the post pandemic scenario. Whilst the demand for key Strategic HRM is bound by the technology skills have increased core objectives of achieving cus- significantly, the need to retain, tomer satisfaction, meeting share- empower and mentor talent with a isfaction eventually in resulting the evolve. This can also be viewed in defined objectives for the respec- line with various retention practictive organization and ensuring ap- es adopted by the respective organ-One such niche skill is ization. Cyber Security in the tech space. Especially, with remote working and learning has grown rapidly, there has always been a need to hire niche cyber skills to make sure the working is done in a safe and secure tech environment.

a need to continue look at bench- and growing internal talent and on marking standards and to keep in the constant lookout for talent outpace with the growing cyber space side. industry. At the same this also necessitates the need to maintain Another key aspect of Strategic equality in pay as well.

This is a combination of key do- such main skills combined with tech-functional. ent, accelerate mid-level talent, and chitecture (Enterprise, mid-senior role profiles.

Succession planning also needs to be carefully considered according to the role and responsibilities and level of management responsibilities associated with the role.

As in a typical tech function, the more senior the role is meant to be, the more complex the job responsibilities. Hence, succession plan-

To attract such niche skills, there is ning is a combination of mentoring

HRM is Learning & Development in the tech space. Whilst it's im-Other key complex aspect is Suc-portant to identify the core L&D cession planning in the tech space. aspects into various categories Functional. Techno-Technical. Design nical knowhow for senior roles. thinking, Product ownership, Pro-Especially, when the senior roles ject Management, Program Manare expected to mentor young tal- agement, IT Advisory skills, IT ar-Business define suitable career roadmap for process level and Security), combined with key soft skills.



This makes it more complex in the tive tech space to evaluate, review, Succession identify, define road map, conduct training methodologies, robust reassessments, review against the cruitment and skill analysis, Learncore objectives, formulate short ing & Development, Retention term and long-term feedback based management and Rewards on goals and position against tangi- Recognition. This also depends on ble and intangible benefits.

Hence, Learning & Development is ated / deployed to accomplish the a key factor in ensuring the organi- strategic vision of the organization. zation's objectives are met, which can be ensured only when the right Apart from the above, constant skills are at right place in alignment evaluation and restructuring of orsibilities.

tech domain. ness objectives.

for any organization to make sure commonly used term in today's the resource management is done scenario which has increased the effectively at all levels, to meet the widespread adoption by mid-size desired objectives. To summarise and large organizations to manage the key aspects such as 360-degree HR functions. feedback (mostly applies to mid to senior management roles), Effec-

performance management, planning, effective how effectively human resources are deployed and right actions initi-

with defined set of role and respon-ganization is a common theme in today's scenario. This is more dependent on internal and external Another key aspect of strategic market conditions, change of busi-HRM is Recruitment. Recruitment ness directions, mergers and acquiis a very specialised function and sitions contributing to change in occupies more significance in the goals and objectives, collaboration Ensuring the right with key partners. It is also imhire is made for the right function, portant for any organization to have strongly aided by the analysis that a dynamic HR strategy and vision, the prospective candidate is the apt complimented with an effective HR choice for the short term and long policy setting the tone for an effecterms to achieve the desired busi- tive and collaborative organization culture.

Overall, Strategic HRM is essential Human Capital Management is a

Living the Purpose



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In 2008, the Bank of Korea conducted a global survey on longestablished companies, yielding intriguing findings. In an era where the average lifespan of corporations has plummeted from 90 years in 1935 (Barton, 2016) to just over 20 years, as indicated by the 'Standard & Poor 500 Index' (Clark, 2021), the Bank of Korea's study revealed the existence of 5,586 companies worldwide that have thrived for more than 200 years. These venerable establishments are distributed across 41 nations, with a staggering 56% of them proudly rooted in Japan. One remarkable example of

enduring such enterprises Nishiyama Onsen Keiunkan, a Japanese resort near Mount Fuji, officially anointed as the world's oldest continuously operating hotel by Guinness World Records, tracing its origins back to the year 705 A.D. Presently, it is the 52nd generation of the family that diligently oversees this iconic establishment. Another illustrious instance is Honke Owariya, Japan's oldest Soba restaurant, which saw its inception in 1465 and is currently entrusted to the stewardship of Ariko Onaka, the 56th generation custodian. In 2019, Teikoku Databank, a research firm specializing in firms and credit, identified 33,000 companies in Japan that had exceeded a century in operation. These entities are referred to as "Shinise" companies, which literally translates to 'old shops.' In broad terms, companies that have thrived for more than 100 years are recognized as Shinise companies.

terprise that not only endures across bombings. In contemplating the lesmultiple generations but also flour- sons of corporate longevity, we turn ishes, consolidating its prosperity our gaze to these venerable Shinise and engendering unwavering trust companies of the Far East. and loyalty through the perpetual cultivation of its business legacy.

The term "Shinise" derives its roots from the verb "shinise-ru," embodying concepts of emulation, the perpetuation of a family business through successive generations, and the accumulation of wealth through the steadfast continuation of a business tradition.

civilization tion, even withstanding catastro- business.

Shinise, therefore, signifies an en- phes as monumental as nuclear

My keen interest in this subject im-

pelled me to connect with Professor Makoto Kanda, a distinguished Professor Emeritus at Meiji Gakuin University. Professor Kanda is renowned for his extensive research on Shinise companies and is the visionary behind "The Business School of Shinise," a collaborative Do these resilient entities, which initiative with the Tokyo Chamber have steadfastly withstood the vi- of Commerce, strategically located cissitudes of time for a century or in Tokyo's Chuo ward (also known more, offer a distinctive and unpar- as the Central ward), home to a sigalleled value proposition? What un- nificant cluster of Shinise compaderscores the tenacity of these en- nies. Leveraging in-depth interduring enterprises? As the human views and an intricately designed underwent tectonic questionnaire tailored for the study shifts over the centuries, these re- of Shinise companies, Professor markable entities not only survived Kanda endeavours to unearth the but thrived. They weathered the 'key factors of success' (KFS) that seismic changes from Industrial underpin their remarkable and en-Revolution to the Digital Revolu-during presence in the realm of

Following a comprehensive 90-tional behaviour is methodically minute Zoom session and a review and consistently synchronized with of numerous research papers avail- the credo, exerting influence over able in English, a trove of fascinat- employee conduct at every echeing insights has come to light. The- lon, from top leadership to managse revelations harmonize seamless- ers and down to the shop floor. ly with the principles elucidated in The credo is robustly communicat-Arie de Geus' seminal work, 'The Living Company.' Moreover, a diswith key facets expounded by Collins & Porras in their bestseller, ation in its true essence and spirit. 'Built to Last.' Professor Kanda has adeptly crafted a theoretical framework and subsequently subjected it to validation via the questionnaire. While a company credo is a ubiquitous feature in organizations, regardless of their size, Shinise companies, akin to visionary enterprises, not only possess a well-defined credo but also embody it in every facet of their business operations. The credo remains vibrant through ongoing dialogues. From strategic decisions to day-to-day functions, Shinise companies meticulously align their management with their credo. Every aspect of organiza-

ed to customers and all stakeholders, including value chain partners. cernible nexus emerges, aligning Diligent efforts ensure that the credo is transmitted to the next gener-The Shinise companies identify their successors well in advance and meticulously groom along a pre-defined career trajectory, concurrently immersing them in an experiential understanding of the credo.

> In scrutinizing the management styles of Shinise and non-Shinise companies, potent communication and steadfast adherence to the credo, integral components of their meticulous succession planning, emerge as notable differentiators. Shinise companies not only believe in their credo but also deeply internalize it.

Their commitment to the credo is often emphasizes constant change exemplary, evident in their adept as the key to survival, these enterutilization, and effective transmission to the tion and innovation, embracing next generation. The distinctive gradual evolution while remaining feature of Shinise management steadfast in their commitment to style lies in its unwavering com- human relationships and the purmitment to a clear and comprehen- suit of their purpose. sive sense of purpose, which permeates every facet of its business operations. These time-honoured ¹. establishments also distinguish themselves through their conservative financial management practices. In an era defined by speed and intensity, Shinise companies prioritize sustainability over rapid expansion. They exercise prudence rather than succumbing to the frenetic rush to expand and diversify. The contemporary landscape is 2. largely shaped by venture capital and startups, where swift growth reigns supreme among business organizations. Making quick profits and swiftly exiting current ven- 3. tures appears to be the norm in today's world. In sharp contrast, for Shinise companies, the act of selling off or shuttering a business is 4. viewed with disdain. (Lufkin 2020) Does this imply that these establishments are inflexibly bound to tradition? Professor Makoto's research unveils the remarkable ability of Shinise companies to harmotradition and nize innovation 6. (TenHaken & Kanda, 2015). Moreover, they build their businesses on enduring relationships with suppliers and customers, holding these external connections as sacrosanct in their business conduct and management approach. In a world that

expression, sharing, prises stand out by blending tradi-

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Impact of SHRM in learning and performance development in the military colleges, UAE using modern technology



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Abstract:

role of strategic human resource working within the organization. management and its impact on teaching and performance development skills which proposes some insight into how learning might occur at military organizations in order to improve organizational capabilities as well as individual capabilities. UAE has adopted and promoted e-learning in several fields, especially in education. Though Military colleges follow the traditional teaching approach, very re-

cently the UAE government is pushing insertion of technology in military colleges as well. Various research has been carried out recently which showcases the challenges faced by the military school while adopting artificial intelligence into their traditional teaching method (Ali Mohd Ali naqbi.2021). This current study assesses how SHRM impacted the teaching process in military colleg-This article aimed at developing a es and what performance developconceptual framework about the ment we see among the instructors

> Keywords: e-learning in military schools, challenges in adoption and acceptance.

> Overview: The UAE is one of those countries in the world which promotes advancement through technology. UAE is using artificial intelligence and other modern technologies to improve government performance, accelerate achievements and foster an innovative work environment.

within the organization stated that into a military specialist. the success of the organizational Since most of the teaching and itive attitudes of groups, organizations and competence through organizational terjee,2016)

duties and missions. In military ed- ligence. ucation systems, a student's learning is evaluated on their proficiency in meeting predetermined requirements and standards. The ultimate

Today, the strategic part of HRM aim of military education is to practices which was integrated mould a cadet from a junior officer

performance lies in developing pos- physical training is done on the individuals, field, cadets counter less with techthat nology. Most of the instructors are mainly enhanced individual compe- from the old-school mentality and tence as well as organizational prefer to keep technology at bay. An organization may not get the learning (Nibedita Saha, Bani Chat-best out of anything if it's not been implemented correctly by its em-The main focus of military educa- ployees. In the pre-pandemic era, tion is to equip students with the the government was not so keen to specialized skills necessary for fu- disturb the equilibrium of the colture combat. The objectives, incen- leges by introducing new technolotives, and uses of military educa- gies to the curriculum. During the tion differ from civilian education. pandemic and in post-pandemic sit-In traditional civic education, suc- uations, they are now forced to incess is gauged by how much troduce technology and emphasis knowledge is gained through a lec- more on e-learning. UAE is trying ture-based curriculum. Military ed- to develop plans and strategies to ucation, on the other hand, aims to address the difference between tratrain military personnel for specific ditional teaching and artificial intel-

Several researchers (Arkorful & do not need to travel. Similarly, it is Abaidoo, 2015: Baleni. 2015; cost-effective because it provides 2012; Goyal, and

Hoková- open doors for learning for the Mayerová & Rosická, 2015) have most significant number of studiscussed the benefits of imple- dents while not necessitating the menting e-learning in education construction of numerous buildsuch as follow; ings. E-learning is an adaptable approach E-learning considers the differences

where each student can choose a of individual students. For example, location and time at his conven- some students want to concenience. It's also high flexibility in trate on specific aspects of the terms of time and the conveyance course, whereas others want to or receipt of learning data.

information and capabilities by of the students. providing easy access to a large E-learning compensates for the amount of data.

relationships dents to form through dialogue discussions. E- on. learning removes barriers to participation, such as the fear of conversing with other students. It encourages students to collaborate with others and improves relationships through continuous learning and communication ease.

E-learning is inexpensive; students

go over the entire session, e-E-learning improves the viability of learning is suitable for both types

shortcomings of academic staff, in-It provides opportunities for stu-cluding teachers or instructors, facilitators, lab professionals, and so



Current Understanding:

with his brother H.H. Sheikh Mo- for 16+ years. hamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, then crown prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of UAE armed forces together decided to open Military schools and colleges in the country with the vision to train their cadets. Being in the minority in their own country and being highly influenced by Western The key components of SHRM are technical skills and adaptability of ment.

technology is a must.

Since 2014, H.H. Sheikh Khalifa This study is very limited and has Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the president not carried out any extensive forof UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi mal interviews with the people diemphasis more on Emiratization. rectly or indirectly associated with They want to create job opportuni- the military. This paper was written ties for the UAE nationals. Back in in the capacity of being associated 2008, The President of UAE along with the UAE military operations

> Research question: What impact of SHRM have on the teaching process in military colleges and what performance development do we see among the instructors working within the organization?

Research approach:

countries, they sought support from HR Strategy, HR policy and plan-Western military forces by hiring ning, recruitment and selection, retired personnel to their colleges employee training and development to train their cadets for better offic- and performance management and ers tomorrow. Since 2014, along compensation. In this study, we fowith Western trainers UAE nation- cus on employee training and deals (Emiratis) were also posted as velopment provided to military intheir deputies to learn and train un- structors (UAE nationals) for the der these Western trainers. Western betterment and well-being of the trainers are equipped with high organization and teaching environ-

Since 90% of the UAE population understand Western trainers. Only a comprises the expat community, few were educated in Western countheir influence can be seen in the tries and the majority of them finish armed forces as well. Presently their high school within the country. there are 4000 instructors from the Few of the Emiratis were good on Western community posted at dif- field programs however, felt deferent training programs in UAE tached when the use of technology and over 850 translators are also en- comes. Resulting, Emiratis started gaged with the military schools in showing rejection in the military. the UAE. These specialized skilled Most of them started taking early trainers are hired from different retirements from the Armed forces. parts of the world mainly from US, Analyzing this Government started UK and Australia. Since 2014, the hiring military consultancy firms to UAE government is emphasizing provide basic to advance training more on nationalization and trying programs in communication and the to create more job opportunities for use of technology before getting in-Emiratis for a better tomorrow.

Findings:

Upon completion of the 1-year cycle of nationalization, a small survey was conducted to know the performance development of Emiratis in the Military schools. The result showed poor to fair performance mainly due to a lack of understanding of the technology, and communication issues. Being Arabic as a native and national language used in this part of the world, most Emiratis find it difficult to communicate and

ducted into the military colleges. A sort of entrance examination which makes future cadets more comfortable and adaptable to the conditions. At the same time, the Armed Forces introduce induction programs and ice-breaking session programs for Western trainers (mainly for the first 3 months of their joining, as part of their probation completion) with UAE nationals to know more about their culture and do's and don'ts in the country and within the community.

Contribution and Limitations:

The government had seen better results and continues to do surveys at frequent intervals to access employee well-being for both Emiratis and Expats. Though these surveys concentrate more on and are public limited to the learning and devel- Learning and development opment of employees, it doesn't Managers, Perspectives from Reshowcase the mental well-being search and Practice, Eugene Sadler and work pressure experienced by -Smith trainers interacting with cadets.

Implications:

These programs directly benefit the Armed Forces personnel for a better understanding of the ground situations of the trainers and to create a healthy work culture within the organization. It also benefits cadets for their personal development and better future.

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