Exploring Relationship of Individual Learning, Organizational Learning and Business Factors with Work Engagement at Indian Business Units of a Multinational Company



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ABSTRACT

Motivated by observations and practice reports, the thesis aims to explore relationship between Work Engagement (WE) and factors at 3 levels – Individual level learning behaviors like learning goal, knowledge sharing, creativity and innovation, Organizational level factors like authentic leadership, training satisfaction and learning culture, and at Business Unit (BU) level factors like industry sector, competency, offshore delivery model, customer interaction, origin (parent/acquired) and attrition rate. Theoretical framework is based on an extensive review of practitioner and academic literature, which is applied at 5 Indian BUs of a multinational company, through 2x2 design - dual research (Study #1: learning, Study #2: business factors) x dual study (main: survey for sample of 317, follow-up: SSI of 15). Additionally, quasi experiment is applied for main part of Study #2.

The regression analysis followed-up with qualitative data analysis indicate significant direct relationship between learning behaviors and WE, also, the moderation of these relationships by organizational factors which enable learning. ANOVA of WE from quasi-experiments at BUs followed-up with SSI data analysis indicate that, BU's WE vary only when it's featured with certain type/level of certain business factors, else the BU level WE is more or less same as that of company aggregate. The future WE research can overcome the limitation of single company environment, by extending this research for generalization and also for additional factors of the 3 levels. The research is an outcome of observations from practice and it has explored WE relationships at 3 levels, enhanced theoretical body of knowledge and also provided inputs for practice. Not only the balancing of practice and theory, the research has also responded to WE research agenda set by leading academicians and consultants, by applying it through research methods and focusing on business factors.

Keywords: Work engagement, Organizational learning, Knowledge sharing, Innovation,
Authentic leadership, Training satisfaction, Business factors, Quasi experiment

LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronym	Full form	Acronym	Full form
ABDC	Australian Business Deans Council	KM	Knowledge Management
AL	Authentic Leadership	KSB/KB	Knowledge Sharing Behavior
ALB	Active Learning Behavior	L&D	Learning and Development
ANOVA	ANalysis Of VAriance	LGO/LG	Learning Goal Orientation
BF	Business Factor	LO	Learning Organization
BU	Business Unit	M&A	Mergers and Acquisitions
СВ	Creative Behavior	MV	Moderating Variable
DV	Dependent Variable	ODC	Off-shore Development Center
EE	Employee Engagement	OF	Organizational Factor
ER&DS	Engineering, Research and Development Services	OL	Organizational Learning
FGD	Focused Group Discussion	QDA	Qualitative Data Analysis
HCM	Human Capital Management	SD	Standard Deviation
HR	Human Resources	SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
HRM	Human Resource Management	SSI	Semi-Structured Interview
IB	Innovative Behavior	T&D	Training and Development
IT	Information Technology	TS	Training Satisfaction
IV	Independent Variable	UWES	Utrecht Work Engagement Scale
KIO	Knowledge Intensive Organization	WE	Work Engagement

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Full form (BF Variable name)	Abbreviation	Full form (BF Variable name)
IND	<u>Ind</u> ustry	CIA	Customer Interaction
COM	Competency	ORI	<u>Orig</u> in status
ODC	ODC model	ATT	Attrition level

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