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1. Employee Retention Challenges :

1.1 Certain people have a tendency to become bored quickly

They could first find work to be incredibly exciting, but after a while, they become bored and search for a change. In these situations, the management finds it challenging to persuade the workforce.

People must also realize that every organization has some sort of issue, and because adjustments are necessary elsewhere, why not in the current organization? Finding out exactly what is going on in a person's thoughts becomes extremely challenging for the HR Department. To make things easy for management, a person should express their thoughts clearly.

1.2 When employees have unrealistic expectations from their job, they may start seeking a change.

Unsurprisingly, the main cause of this stress is the excessive expectations that employees have of themselves, which then causes a mass exodus of workers. This implies that managers have a responsibility to actively assist staff in managing stress.

It is important to note that the youngest workers, who may be unfamiliar with the corporate work culture, are the most anxious. People between the ages of 18 and 34 in particular experienced the highest stress due to having to deal with unreasonable demands at work.

Unrealistic expectations that lead to employee exits from their jobs can take the following forms:

- Work overload
- High-pressure deadlines
- Unreasonable expectations of quality

There are quite a few, but the most prominent ones are:

- Poor leadership
- Lack of communication
- Lack of flexibility in work timings
- Unclear goals
- Lack of employee development

When an employee feels that they have to shoulder unrealistic expectations, they tend to lose morale and tend to burn out, which is when they decide to quit the company.

1.3 Post pandemic fallout

The effects of the worldwide epidemic are currently one of the major obstacles to staff retention. The security, home healthcare, long-term care, and hospitality sectors are among those worst afflicted by this problem. It includes a variety of various pandemic effects. Burnout has been the pandemic's most significant impact on many sectors' overall staff management. Of course, this also refers to staff retention. According to a study, employees who are burned out and decide to quit are twice as likely to persuade their co-workers to go as well. Therefore, the pandemic is not only continuing to cause turnover, but it is doing so dramatically.

1.4 Economic uncertainty

Low unemployment and a competitive labour market, which are characteristics of the present U.S. economy, are factors in the low employee retention rate. Workers now have more alternatives and may be pickier about the jobs they accept because unemployment is at record lows. This indicates that if individuals believe they may work better jobs elsewhere, they are more inclined to leave their existing ones. Due to the intense competition among employers for top talent brought on by the tight labour market, there may be a higher turnover of employees as they are poached by rival businesses that offer better perks or pay.

1.5 Longer working hours

While some workers struggle with a shortage of hours, others have different difficulties. Because some firms had to cut their employment, the remaining employees had to put in longer hours. While some hourly workers are appreciative of the extra money, others are very burned out. Finding and retaining employees who are ready and able to work longer hours is now one of the main issues facing organizations when it comes to employee retention.

2. Employee retention strategies

2.1 Compensation

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2.2 Reward & Recognition

Over 80% of American workers claim they do not feel acknowledged or rewarded, despite the fact that those who feel valued work more and stay longer. A culture of appreciation must be cultivated via frequent, targeted acknowledgment. According to research by the Brandon Hall Group, organizations that give employees recognition on a regular basis have a 41% higher chance of increasing employee retention and a 34% higher chance of boosting engagement.

Utilize a recognition platform that enables workers, whether they work in an office, remotely, or offline, to accrue and redeem points for incentives that genuinely mean to them in order to make constant recognition a reality

2.3 Promotion and opportunity for growth

A great company understands the benefits of training during the onboarding process for new hires, but a company with high employee retention also understands the need of continuing to engage in training and upskilling staff. Your firm will be stronger as a whole if you invest time and money in upskilling your staff and providing them access to further education and training in their profession. This will not only make your employees happier and more inclined to stay with your business.

2.4 Participating in the decision process

Encouragement of employee involvement in business operations and decision-making may be a useful technique for enhancing employee happiness and retention and building a successful, efficient firm. The following are some advantages of participation programs and initiatives.

2.5 Work-life balance

The fourth on our list of top retention strategies for companies is encouraging and promoting a good work-life balance - not just for your employees, but for you too. Especially since the pandemic has radically changed the way employees value work, more and more workers are citing work-life balance as reasons they are considering new jobs or turning down opportunities. Work-life balance can be achieved through telecommuting, flexible schedules, or reduced work hours, as mentioned above, or through simpler measures such as encouraging employees not to check email or answer work-related questions on the phone unless they are at work or at work. Workplace. Respecting employees' free time is the key to maintaining a healthy working relationship with them.

2.6 Good work environment

The secret to employee retention is fostering supportive work environments for employees. So make an effort to foster an environment where workers may prosper and achieve their full potential. Giving proper on-the-job training, training in effective and clear communication, and giving benefits are some of the greatest methods to do this.

2.7 Training and development

When workers don't feel supported by their bosses, they occasionally quit their employment. Make sure your company invests in managers' excellent training so they can properly assist workers and their growth to fight this.

Effective training also means that managers are prepared to conduct difficult discussions with staff members when necessary, such as informing them that they need to improve certain abilities or make adjustments to their work procedures.

2.8 Proper leadership

Setting clear performance targets encourages involvement. Employees develop a sense of purpose and a bond with the workplace when they are given clear guidance.

Giving an employee this guidance entails much more than merely giving them a formal job description or conducting an annual performance evaluation. Effective leaders constantly monitor their team's performance.

2.9 Job security

According to an Udemy analysis from 2018 on the employee experience, approximately 50% of workers leave their jobs due to a poor boss. On the other side, a competent manager behaves more like a "coach" than a "boss." The main distinction is that a coach understands their squad of players, but a boss is perceived as an unsatisfactory source of demand micromanaging every part of an employee's job. A competent coach or boss helps employees go in the correct direction by providing objectives, support, and guidance while still granting them a high level of autonomy.

- **Employee Retention Challenges:**

4. Certain people have a tendency to become bored quickly.

Individuals may initially find an interesting job, but soon become bored and seek change. Management struggles to convince employees in these cases. It is important to recognize that every organization has its own issues and adjustments are necessary. Employees should clearly communicate their opinions to aid management.

- **Employee Retention Challenges:**

5. When employees have unrealistic expectations from their job, they may start seeking a change.

Unrealistic expectations should be avoided in the workplace. Minor misunderstandings may arise in a diverse environment, but one should not blow them out of proportion. It is important to give oneself time to adjust and not leave over small issues.

- **Employee Retention Challenges:**

6. Post-Pandemic Fallout

Employee retention is a major challenge due to the pandemic. Industries such as security, home healthcare, long-term care, and hospitality are particularly affected. Burnout is a major impact of the pandemic, leading to increased turnover rates. Burnt-out employees are two times more likely to convince co-workers to leave with them.

- **Employee Retention Challenges:**

- 7. Economic Uncertainty**

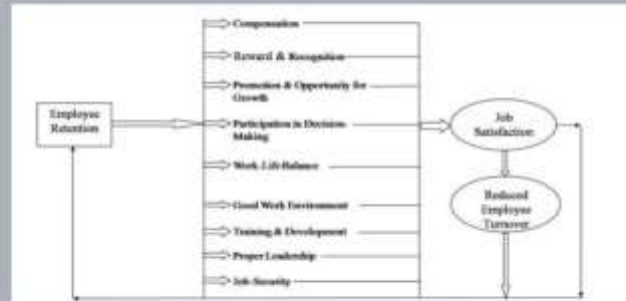
The UK's low unemployment rate and tight labor market contribute to poor employee retention. Workers have more options and are likely to leave for better opportunities, while employers fiercely compete for top talent, leading to higher turnover. Pandemic-related uncertainty also fuels job searching.

- **Employee Retention Challenges:**

- 8. Longer Working hours:**

While some employees are facing reduced hours, others are dealing with different challenges. Some employers have downsized their workforce, resulting in remaining employees working longer hours. Some hourly workers appreciate the extra income, while others suffer from burnout. For employers, one of the biggest challenges in retaining employees is finding and keeping those who are willing and able to work longer hours.

- **Employee Retention Strategies:**



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