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EVOLVING IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INHUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN INDIA

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Abstract : Human Resource Management when integrated with Artificial Intelligence creates a different aura altogether. Studies shows that Artificial Intelligence in Human Resource Management is creating impact in workplace as well as work life as a result of which researchers have found out several insights which has resulted in more development. It would not be out of place to mention that researchers have also found out several gaps as well which needs to be further mitigated. The contribution of this study also aims to come up with a new theory which would explore the evolving impact of AI both at transactional and transformational aspects of Human Resource Management and study the level of intervention required to facilitate the process of impact.

This research study would help in identifying in which aspect of HRM Artificial Intelligence can replace how much part of human intervention which will keep the trust factor relevant in the organization culture resulting in maintaining a balance between the proper utilization of technological intervention and enhance the productivity in the organization.

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I.INTRODUCTION

The transformation in Human Resource Management (HRM) has accelerated in recent years due to the increasing prominence of technological enablers such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). Refining the HR processes with the power of AI can minimize the requirement of expert intervention, reveal hidden insights from the data, provide deep learning, and advance the mechanisms affecting HRM daily decisions (Chowdhury et al., 2023).

Using AI in HR practices, primarily for decision-making, is of interest to corporations, as it can impact organizational performance and its management. However, integrating the various HR practices affected by AI will need both practitioners and scholars to engage in open dialogue to attain better insight.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) integrated with HRM can generate highly valuable contributions through leveraging the connected environment's data, increasing the ease and flexibility of making real-time decisions, and applying learning strategies for growth and development opportunities to improve organizational performance (Palos-Sánchez et al., 2022). With its multifaceted impact, technologies such as AI may augment the HRM's historically varied and complex role further. Development and change are long-standing traditions in HRM. Recent theories suggest that AI has advanced at a quicker rate than in previous decades. Some argue that a positive trajectory in the development and application of AI in the HRM setting can be anticipated. Computational power is accelerating. Vast datasets are becoming increasingly available for use.

Furthermore, there is a massive demand in HRM settings for speeding up decision-making processes. If technological affordances are available, then an increasing attraction and difficulty will occur. Failed attempts to harness the potential of AI could undermine the performance outcomes of HRM and result in usually reputational exposure. In this sense, one might see that the stage is set for a change in technological applications in the HRM domain. Intelligent computing or artificial intelligence (AI) is the foundation of transformative electronic-human (e-human) or digital interactions with rapidly developing global impact. AI maintains an enduring presence and has been evolving constantly for human progress. Today's AI enjoys a noted technological and enabling position in 'game-changing' transformations from industry 2.0 to 4.0. (Al-Shammari et al., 2024).

It possesses a versatile strength ranging from high-tech web, artificial neural networks, blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), chatbots, to predictive and prescriptive analytics. The current breed of evolving AI can indeed enhance predictive and prescriptive analytics in a domain such as HR. The potential contributions of AI in HR pertain to people's practices—improving candidate experience, learning and development, augmented decision-making in recruiting, designing need-based training interventions, and psychological and behavioral contract fulfillment (Samtani, 2022).

The distinction is that HRM practices in most of the developed nations are adaptive as they were evolutionary in the grooming stages of the AI technology journey. The study see that AI is now also slowly creeping into the HR domain of the services sectors. In India, India Inc. is truly embarking upon a previously unseen surge in AI-led or amplified HR strategy and functioning.

The objectives of this research are to contribute to AI-HR studies and to identify if India is shaping up an AI-HR narrative of its own or using research insights in AI-HR. AI is significant because the mathematical formulas underlying algorithms depend on data to automate decision-making processes and enhance business operations (Luca, Kleinberg & Mullainathan, 2016). This results in an algorithmic business environment where algorithms are integral to various organizational functions, enabling data analysis and decision-making without human intervention (Prentice, 2016).

The impact of these technologies on organizations varies depending on the specific technology and the social interactions of individuals responding to it (Leonardi, 2012). As people engage with technology in diverse contexts, their behaviors and those of their organizations evolve accordingly (Orlikowski, 2015). It can be said that whenever organizations generate the access and facility to employees through AI and big data analytics, knowledge gets distributed throughout the organization making it more autonomous and a place of openness among employees. This results in an environment where employees get a learning environment building a new culture where there is a participative approach of performing tasks through AI driven platforms.

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Research Problem

The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in human resource management (HRM) is one of the current innovations and topics discussed in the field of HRM. Tremendous changes happen due to the synergy effect of digitalization as well as big data, as it brings a revolution in HR practices that enhance operational efficiency. With the increasing need for highly skilled employees, new trends are emerging that are transformed by AI technologies to produce better outcomes (Vrontis et al., 2023).

In continuation, these AI technologies are rapidly developing in terms of machine learning, predictive analytics, and cognitive capabilities. AI trends like robotic process automation, chatbots, natural language processing, and AI-enhanced social media are greatly improving or replacing earlier used systems. This replacement and innovation could lead to a 'wow' factor for the employees. These developments also have significant impacts not only for HRM but also for the employment scenario, ethics, and other moral values. Increases in AI competition is changing human capital use (Haefner et al., 2021).

The problems for managers and HR practitioners in the design of AI-VR-HRM job characteristics will also be discussed in the research proposal. Within the context of Human Resources, numerous questions about fairness arise. A significant concern is that any algorithm is likely to be influenced by historical data, potentially leading to biased models that favour white males. Such algorithms risk perpetuating the demographic makeup or lack thereof reflected in past data. A notable example of this issue is the biased outcomes produced by Amazon's hiring algorithm. This algorithm favoured male candidates due to historical hiring practices and performance scores, inadvertently discriminating against women by selecting attributes commonly associated with male candidates, such as avoiding "women's studies" courses, even though gender was not explicitly included in the dataset (Tambe et al., 2019).

The above research focuses on the biasness problem arising out of the processes where Artificial Intelligence is applied in the Human Resource Processes. This is where the role of HR Manager takes place who are skilled enough to understand the severity of the situation.

Mittal (2020), stated that, one of the most challenging aspects of implementing artificial intelligence in the workplace is its unconscious reshaping, particularly within Human Resources. AI struggles to make ethical and social decisions, which inherently require human judgment. Additionally, organizations face several challenges such as investment, technical issues, and implementation problems that complicate the integration of AI in HR. It is crucial for HR professionals to understand the evolving workplace dynamics, as roles involving repetitive tasks may face rejection from stakeholders. However, HR can drive a revolution through critical thinking and analysis, facilitating the acceptance of AI in performing more automatable and specialized tasks (Mittal, 2020).

A particularly challenging issue in applying AI to HRM is handling decision-making that involves ethical considerations. Artificial neural networks (ANNs), a machine-learning technique, form systems of artificial "neurons" connected by virtual "synapses" with numerical weights. These weights are adjusted based on experience, allowing the system to adapt to inputs and learn over time (Buzko et al., 2016). With adequate training, deep-learning algorithms can predict or interpret complex data with minimal human intervention, as seen in financial trading (Barro & Davenport, 2019).

The integration of specific AI technologies can present challenges for HRM concerning talent development and career progression aligned with organizational objectives. While it is logical for organizations to adopt AI to enhance cash flow and productivity, the deployment of such technologies may also lead to workforce reductions (World Economic Forum, 2020) and limit opportunities for career advancement. Another significant challenge is the need for upskilling existing resources to effectively utilize AI capabilities. These challenges underscore the dual impact of AI in HRM, highlighting the potential benefits in operational efficiency alongside the imperative to manage workforce implications and skill development strategies effectively. The rapid integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in human resource management (HRM) in India presents both opportunities and challenges for organizations.

While AI has the potential to enhance recruitment, employee engagement, and performance management, there is limited understanding of its evolving impact on HR practices, employee perceptions, and organizational culture. This research aims to investigate how AI technologies are transforming HRM processes in Indian organizations, examining the implications for workforce dynamics, employee satisfaction, and ethical considerations

1.3 Research Objective:

The primary objective of this research is to understand the factors that increase the impact of Artificial Intelligence in HRM. This study aims to create a comprehensive framework that balances the technological advancements offered by AI with the essential human elements such as ethical decision-making, cultural change, and employee development. The research tries to explore the positive impact on AI implementation with regards to cultural transformation within organizations, highlighting how both employers and employees can adapt their mindsets to leverage AI effectively.

Furthermore, this study focuses on the role of transformative leadership in facilitating the successful integration of AI in HRM. By examining how leaders can drive technological adoption and foster a culture of innovation, the research intends to identify strategies that enable organizations to maximize the benefits of AI.
Additionally, the research will investigate the importance of learning and development initiatives in preparing the workforce for AI-driven HR processes, ensuring that employees are equipped with the necessary skills to stay updated with the technologically advanced work environment.
Ultimately, this research aims to offer insights and recommendations for organizations looking to integrate AI into HRM. It emphasizes the importance of a balanced approach that merges technological efficiency with human-centric values. By meeting these goals, the study seeks to add to the expanding knowledge on AI in HRM, providing practical solutions for improving organizational performance and employee satisfaction through the careful implementation of AI technologies.
1.4 Significance of the Study:
Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Business Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Predictive Analytics are concepts that have become widely accepted across the HR function of large organizations. The advancement of technology and the development of algorithms that make use of historical data to envisage future employee behavior have led to the use of AI tools by HR professionals. In previous years, organizations used AI vendors to build custom models, but with the increasing use of AI models, organizations have started developing in-house capacity. Technology can be a strong tool for organizations if used appropriately, and models created using empathetic tools can help in understanding human capital in a more efficient manner than the existing traditional models..
The study underscores that if AI-driven HR processes are reliable, stakeholders are flexible, and timeliness is maintained, AI implementation can be successful. Another key development is the replacement of human labor with AI in certain tasks, allowing employees to focus on generating value and becoming specialists. Machines, which often cost less and perform better than humans in specific roles, enable companies to diversify their investments.
According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average employee tenure is 1.5 years, with attrition costs amounting to $2.1 billion and rehire costs being three times the no-fit costs. These issues often stem from a lack of insights into candidate profiles, alignment with company culture, and subjective evaluations of hard and soft skills. Artificial intelligence and machine learning offer solutions to these challenges, enhancing the efficiency and intelligence of HR practices. AI can seamlessly integrate with existing human capital management systems using open APIs, enabling the retrieval and analysis of relevant data with precision and user-friendly outputs (Richa, 2019).
To remain competitive amidst rapid disruptions, businesses must update and transform their models. Technological advancements are reshaping skill requirements and competencies in workplaces, necessitating a shift in mindset across individuals, teams, and organizations. For instance, the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated trends towards digitalization, underscoring the importance of employee resilience and well-being in adapting to widespread job and technological changes (Trenerry et al., 2021).
AI has been increasingly applied to enterprise management decision-making, helping managers expedite tedious and repetitive tasks. It offers robust database and analytical support, allowing managers to move away from mechanical work and engage in more valuable activities. According to an Accenture strategic report, intelligent systems can significantly alter the work content of managers in areas such as coordination and governance, problem-solving and collaboration, employee and community engagement, and strategy and innovation. AI helps managers speed up daily repetitive tasks and provides analytical support, enabling them to focus on more meaningful work (Jia et al., 2018).
Some of the benefits of an adoption of technology, adaptability to technological changes, well-being, and collaboration for the HR are.
Enhancing HR Efficiency: Understanding how AI can streamline HR processes will help organizations improve efficiency, reduce administrative burdens, and allocate resources more effectively, thereby enhancing overall productivity.
Improving Decision-Making: AI's data-driven insights can aid HR professionals in making informed decisions regarding talent acquisition, employee development, and performance management. Researching this impact can provide evidence of how AI enhances strategic HR decision-making.

Addressing Workforce Dynamics: As AI technologies reshape job roles and responsibilities, it is crucial to examine their effects on workforce dynamics, including employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention. This research can help organizations adapt to changing employee expectations and needs.
Promoting Ethical AI Use: Investigating the ethical implications of AI in HRM will contribute to the development of guidelines and best practices for responsible AI use, ensuring that organizations mitigate biases and protect employee privacy.
Supporting Organizational Change: The integration of AI into HRM represents a significant organizational change. Research in this area can provide insights into effective change management strategies that facilitate smooth transitions and foster acceptance among employees.
1.5 Research Questions and Hypotheses
The purpose of the research is to identify the factors which accelerates the impact of AI in HRM. To create a balance between the technological aspect and human factors like decision making, ethics involved in HRM.
What are the factors which will contribute in accelerating the impact of AI in HRM domain throughout organizations?
How does leadership support affect the acceleration of AI adoption in HRM?
How do organizational culture and structure influence the implementation of AI in HRM practices?
Research Hypothesis
H1: There is a positive relationship between advanced technological infrastructure and the accelerated adoption of AI in HRM
H2: Strong leadership support positively influences the pace at which AI is adopted in HRM.
H3: A supportive organizational culture significantly enhances the implementation of AI technologies in HRM practices.
Summary
Chapter one explores the transformative role of AI in Human Resource Management. It begins with an overview of AI's evolution from the 1950s, highlighting its current applications in optimizing business processes and decision-making through data-driven algorithms. The chapter underscores how AI fosters a culture of knowledge sharing and collaboration, influencing both organizational efficiency and employee behavior.

AI tools can also be nuanced to analyze employees' sentiment to understand the current organizational climate and hence develop strategies to improve the employee experience. It is argued that given the pace at which technologies in the HRM space are advancing, their impact on employees, the labor market, and employment relations could be significant.
It is also critically important for HR professionals to understand these technologies as part of their everyday work to leverage their full potential. Despite all these advantages, especially machine learning algorithms-driven hiring and other HR process tools might still carry biases as they learn from historical data, which is known to be biased due to our implicit bias or due to technological limitations. Critics of HRM AI have also warned about possible discrimination, data privacy challenges, and lack of interpretability in using AI algorithms (Kar & Kushwaha, 2023).
The research problem addresses the biases inherent in AI applications, particularly in hiring processes, and the critical role of HR managers in mitigating these biases. It also identifies challenges in AI implementation, such as ethical decision-making, investment issues, and the need for adaptability in HR practices.
The primary research objective is to identify factors that enhance AI's impact in HRM, balancing technological advancements with human considerations like ethics and cultural change. The study aims to develop a framework for effective AI integration, emphasizing transformative leadership and the importance of learning and development initiatives.
The research questions seek to uncover factors that accelerate AI's impact in HRM, explore the relationship between AI implementation and cultural transformation, and examine the role of leadership and learning in this context.
In summary, the chapter sets the stage for understanding AI's potential in HRM, emphasizing a balanced approach that integrates technological efficiency with human-centric values to enhance organizational performance and employee satisfaction. The next chapter two evaluates some of the theoretical and conceptual frameworks associated with the implementation of AIs in Human Resource Management (HRM) in an organization.

3.3 Theoretical framework

Given the novelty and importance of understanding AI in HRM practices, this paper attempts to comprehend the area by using two broad theoretical orientations, namely, behavioral theories and economic theories. Behavioral theories structure the association between AI and human resource management in terms of elucidating the influence of AI on employees' behavior as well as the dynamics of the organizations. These theories advocate for the underlying dynamics of communication and collaboration that impact human resource management practices and otherwise (Prikshat et al., 2023).

Economic theories, on the other hand, examine the cost-benefit perspective of integrating AI technology into the management of human resources. From this viewpoint, these theories focus on AI as an 'input' or 'engine' in shaping HRM practices that reduce the cost of management and promote the production and productivity of the organizations. Both theories have their own interests and nuances and provide significant meaning to the role of AI in HRM (Vrontis et al., 2023).

This paper evaluates the notable contributions and limitations of both theoretical orientations to explain the evolving role of AI in HRM practices. Drawing heavily upon recent advances in the field, this paper seeks to guide potential researchers who seek to unravel the integration of AI in HRM systems. By understanding the strengths and drawbacks of these approaches in explaining the evolving magnitude of the role of AI in HRM, organizations have the potential to gain a better, longer-term understanding to decide on the premeditated role of AI-driven practices in shaping employees and HR processes.

2.2.1 Behaviour Theory of HRM

The Behavior Theory of Human Resource Management (HRM) emphasizes the significance of understanding and managing employee behavior to enhance organizational performance (Skinner, 1953). This theory is rooted in behavioral psychology and focuses on the actions and interactions of individuals within the workplace. The human resources management (HRM) field has examined the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) from several behavioral perspectives that involve discussions about employee attitudes, motivation, and engagement. For several HR applications, theoretical considerations of employee satisfaction and motivation closely entangle individual and work-related behavioral dimensions. Several HRM tasks and responsibilities require communication and relationships, impacting team building, coordination, and collaboration at work (Del et al., 2023).

Psychological and behavioral theories have explored the various aspects of AI in HR, including stress, undue affection, the preference for empathic human-machine communication, and the trust and acceptance of AI-driven tools and their outcomes. Following key arguments of these theories, AI can increase employee trust since decisions are deemed fairer. Numerous previous studies have demonstrated that advanced decision-support tools in the recruitment process positively influence employees' desire to apply and be selected for job applications (Prikshat et al., 2023).

Other HR application domains, such as the extent to which AI can enhance effective communication, build trust, and foster collaboration among team members at the individual and team levels, have also attracted scholarly interest. It is finally expected that if AI increases the quality of HRM tasks, it might alter how employees perceive and experience their jobs, leading to intentions to leave current work settings versus those areas attracting high support or desired job performance, such as recruitment attraction. In this research, AI-driven assignments of increasing complexity could have been completed either individually or in work representations with some collaboration. Companies apply AI solutions to facilitate the match and foster collaboration since team ability and effort have been observed to positively impact the performance of individuals and teams. At employed levels, cognitive AI increases individuals' trust and collaboration, yet cognitive deviation (Ferrario et al., 2020).

AI appears to reduce trust and firm retention. AI also reduces the impact on agents' performance in work partnerships due to flawed gadget dependence and consequently reduces collaboration. In management science, neuromarketing and cognitive theories propose a 'human condition' AI effect: diminished human accountability leads to less effort in risky decisions.

Similarly, in evolutionary theory, dependency on AI in making complex decisions shapes intrinsic human preferences and potential behaviors. In view of the search for understanding an evolving topic and its potential effect, the nature, levels, and purposes of these collaborative dynamics have yet to be unraveled (Chowdhury et al., 2022). The theory highlights critical importance to HRM and ensures continuos imporvement and operational success.

Reinforcement and Behavior Modification:

This theory suggests that behavior can be shaped through reinforcement. Positive reinforcement (rewards) encourages desirable behaviors, while negative reinforcement (removal of unpleasant stimuli) can also promote desired actions. HRM practices, such as performance appraisals and reward systems, are designed to reinforce behaviors that align with organizational goals.

Role of Leadership:

Effective leadership is crucial in shaping employee behavior. Leaders who understand behavioral principles can influence their teams by modeling desired behaviors, providing feedback, and creating an environment that fosters positive interactions.

Group Dynamics:

The Behavior Theory recognizes the importance of group behavior and dynamics in the workplace. Understanding how individuals behave in groups can help HR professionals design teams, manage conflicts, and enhance collaboration.

Training and Development:

Training programs based on behavioral principles focus on skill development and behavior change. These programs often incorporate techniques such as role-playing, simulations, and feedback mechanisms to encourage learning and behavioral adjustments.

Organizational Culture:

The theory highlights the role of organizational culture in influencing employee behavior. A strong culture that aligns with organizational values can guide employees' actions and decision-making processes.

Implications for HRM

Recruitment and Selection: Understanding the behavior of candidates can improve hiring processes. Behavioral interviews, for instance, assess past behaviors as predictors of future performance.

Performance Management: HRM practices can be designed to focus on observable behaviors rather than just outcomes, allowing for more accurate assessments of employee performance.

Conflict Resolution: By understanding behavioral patterns, HR professionals can address conflicts more effectively, fostering a healthier work environment.

Employee Engagement: Engaging employees through recognition, feedback, and opportunities for development aligns with the principles of Behavior Theory, leading to higher job satisfaction and retention.

The Behavior Theory of HRM emphasizes that understanding and managing employee behavior is crucial for organizational success. By applying behavioral principles in various HRM practices—such as recruitment, training, performance management, and fostering organizational culture—organizations can enhance employee motivation, engagement, and overall performance. This theory provides a framework for HR professionals to create strategies that align employee behavior with organizational goals.

2.2.2 Economic Theory in HRM:

This theory emphasizes the role of economic factors in influencing HR decisions, focusing on efficiency, productivity, and the allocation of resources, Becker (1964). Economic theories are concerned with the financial facts and fallouts of any investment pattern or HR tool being applied in the new and modern digital workplace. AI in general and HR activities in particular have identified benefits in the form of lower costs, enhanced speed, and fewer errors. All such factors can be converted into financial terms.

Monetary values of such benefits can say a lot about the financial worth of AI in HR, provided it is properly converted into the language of the wealth maximization objective of an enterprise. The challenge of finding what AI tools involved in HR functions are capable of contributing to make financial advantages in the form of worth investing is a very challenging task, as variables involved in investment can be sustainable in the long run, but initially, there can be huge costs to add additional technological features. Keeping all these facts in mind, three economic theories are discussed from different domains as explained hereunder (Johnson et al., 2020)

The basic principles of operation cost savings and system optimization. In the labor market, AI can lead to the optimization of HR processes, which in turn can bring down the cost of operations. The savings in HR operations can be a proxy for the return on investment.

AI can bring efficiency, automate roles that were supported by people earlier, and people working in other roles are found to be productive, i.e., optimization of HR operations, which can lead to lower HR operation expenses.

AI can increase employee capabilities, which may decrease the number of timely interventions from HR, as employee matters are handled at an individual level in every organization. AI tools for recruitment and talent management assist in a way that the best-skilled employee-job fit and work assigned complement the skill sets of the employee. Employee rightsizing can be achieved appropriately (Chowdhury et al.2023).

AI tools can boost team-building exercises, allowing the company to avoid overstaffing as well. This means an organization can do with fewer recruitment processes, is more efficient, and can be less stressed about the right long-term investments if the business plans have confirmed that the right employees are in the right roles. All this frees up HR time to focus on other high-yield activities (Aldoseri et al., 2023). The theory draws key concepts such as the market dynamics and human capital theory.

Labor Market Dynamics:

Economic theory examines how labor supply and demand affect wages, employment levels, and recruitment strategies. Organizations must understand labor market conditions to attract and retain talent effectively.

Human Capital Theory:

This theory posits that employees are valuable assets whose skills and knowledge contribute to organizational performance. Investments in employee training and development are seen as ways to enhance human capital, leading to higher productivity and competitive advantage.

Cost-Benefit Analysis:

Economic theory encourages HR professionals to conduct cost-benefit analyses when making decisions about hiring, training, and compensation. This approach helps organizations allocate resources efficiently and maximize returns on investment in human capital.

Incentive Structures:

Economic principles inform the design of compensation and incentive structures. Organizations often use performance-based pay, bonuses, and other financial incentives to motivate employees and align their interests with organizational goals.

Game Theory:

Game theory can be applied to HRM to analyze strategic interactions between employers and employees. It helps in understanding negotiation processes, conflict resolution, and the dynamics of cooperation within the workplace.

Efficiency Wage Theory:

This theory suggests that paying employees above-market wages can lead to increased productivity, reduced turnover, and enhanced loyalty. Higher wages can attract better talent and encourage employees to work harder to avoid losing their jobs. Understanding labor market dynamics allows HR professionals to develop effective recruitment strategies that align with economic conditions, ensuring that the organization can attract qualified candidates.

Investing in employee development is justified through human capital theory, which emphasizes that skilled workers contribute more significantly to organizational success. HRM practices should focus on continuous learning opportunities.

Economic theory supports the need for competitive compensation packages that reflect market conditions and motivate employees. Organizations must balance cost control with the need to attract and retain talent.

By applying economic principles, organizations can design performance management systems that align employee objectives with organizational goals, ensuring that employees are rewarded for their contributions.

Economic theory aids in workforce planning by analyzing trends in labor supply and demand, enabling organizations to anticipate future staffing needs and manage talent effectively.

Economic Theory provides a valuable framework for understanding the complexities of human resource management. By applying economic principles, organizations can make informed decisions that enhance workforce productivity, optimize resource allocation, and ultimately drive organizational success. This approach encourages a strategic view of HRM, where human capital is recognized as a critical component of economic performance.

2.2.3 Technological determinism (TD) and innovation diffusion theory (IDT)

Technological determinism (TD) and innovation diffusion theory (IDT) discuss complex relationships between societies and technologies in different sectors of human activity. The classical formulation of TD assumes that societal forces and developments are predominantly determined by the development and evolution of technology. Especially, technological advancement can explain societal change. TD also presents different qualifications that specify in which kind of society technology tends to be the force that provokes societal development. IDTs are based on the assumption that innovations, which often have the nature of technologies, spread through a society. Innovations arrive from outside the society, are filtered by a society or sub-society, and finally ensconce and possibly transform the societal or sub-societal unit.

Both TD and IDT theories have found a supportive climate in the management and especially HRM literature. For the current time – given the relatively fast development and deployment of new technologies that fundamentally change organizations like the steam engine in industries and Fordism on a broader social scale, digitization in offices, robots on factory floors, and now advanced AI – they provide a basis on which to conceptually approach exploring the impact of AI on HRM.

Hence, AI in HRM provides an interesting empirical case to show that although TD and IDT have their limitations, they can help to understand changes in production that inundate society. This understanding helps to question and develop the relationships between society and technology as highlighted by the TD and IDT theoretical work.

Although the theories can have mechanical implications, too, they have sociological weight as well. There are several interpretations of Technological Determinism, but in general, it is based on several common assumptions, such as technology having an autonomous character, technology being the main driver of change in society, technology developing in a way that no one can anticipate, technology needing to be assessed and evaluated in its own context, and lastly, innovation being the only way to solve problems. This perspective stands out against the two other theories, such as the Social Construction of Technology, which emphasizes technological artifacts, and Social Stratification of Technology, which focuses on the social processes of technology. The theoretical depth of Technological Determinism is further explored below to understand the view of this theory in human resource management (Hallström, 2022).

In terms of its theory, Technological Determinism holds the belief that technology shapes social structure, cultural conditions, and human behavior. Technology is seen to bring changes to society in a deterministic manner. This perspective holds the position that technology has the authority to shape the values and norms to be followed by society. Technological artifacts have an ideology embedded in them, which then embeds a similar value within the people.

Technology not only automates work but also transforms organizational goals and values. In HRM, job advertisements for the position of a computer operator sometimes do not emphasize data inputting skills, even though this is the primary function of that office. Instead, they emphasize interpersonal skills, creativity, the ability to work independently, and the achievement of work-related goals based on an employee's discretion. This is because technology has changed the role and responsibility of an employee. It is easier to find employees with data inputting skills than those who can work independently and can solve problems. People, therefore, need the right technology for HRM, in terms of automation and digitization, to conform to the desired goals (Kraus et al., 2023).

The Innovation Diffusion Theory (IDT) describes the process through which innovative ideas, practices, or technologies spread through social systems and, in turn, subsequently end up being adopted by that system. This social system of diffusing innovation could be an individual, a company, or even a community. The theory addresses the question of why adoption rates of new innovations vary across different adopters in a system over a certain period.

The contribution of IDT is twofold. For one, the theory provides an overview of what factors play a role in influencing the diffusion of an innovation. In essence, it explains what can facilitate or hinder the adoption of a certain innovation. Furthermore, it provides academics and practitioners with a framework on how adoption rates of an innovation are shaped over time. This is of specific interest as it helps us understand what the current stage of diffusion can tell us about future developments (Buskens, 2020).

From a practical perspective, the theory helps to anticipate future changes in demands and movements from an operational, strategic, or public policy perspective. Understanding the dynamics of how innovations are taken up in a system sharpens our insights and helps us take those factors into account, especially upon their introduction. In the coming parts, we will first discuss the theoretical foundations of IDT. Throughout this part, we will draw examples from various fields where diffusion processes are seen as relevant to identify. Subsequently, we provide an overview of the actual process of innovation diffusion, as described by IDT. Here, we will specifically reflect on how HRM doctoral practices have been studied from a perspective of diffusion.

Finally, we will briefly discuss two particular adopter categories that play an important role in shaping the diffusion landscape of an innovation: the early adopters and the opinion leaders. This will form the basis for the subsequent section, in which we will introduce our context of interest (Ejaz et al.2020)

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Overview of the Research Problem

Artificial intelligence and machine learning models are used for an assortment of tasks in management decision-making processes in organizations, including Human Resource Management (HRM). In HRM, these tools promise to better support employee selection, appraisal, training, and development. The evolving impacts of artificial intelligence in HRM are researched in academic literature.

To gain valuable predictive insights, employers are increasingly using data analytics, including artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms, to address a range of human resource management functions. While it is known that data analytics has been applied to HRM for several decades, it is often perceived that AI in HRM is new and still in an 'emergent' stage. However, both the scope and scale of its impacts have been the source of much debate. This is primarily due to AI introducing new ethical, moral, and privacy challenges in HRM.

Furthermore, AI can replace jobs, and the use of AI as a screening tool has been found to particularly discriminate against minority groups. This places a corresponding responsibility on researchers to systematically evaluate evolving AI applications' performance and impact. Our study uses a mixed-method approach to develop and evaluate how AI can improve predictive models explaining employee turnover (Sakka et al., 2022).

This research holds significance for several reasons. Firstly, there is a lack of academic investigation into the use of AI in HRM and its ethical implications. This is concerning as AI is already widely utilized for screening and automating job matches, as well as various other talent management functions. However, almost 89% of recent database search results' abstracts did not address AI in HRM, and about 79% of the final search results were published in the same time frame. This highlights a growing research gap despite the increasing interest and priority in evaluating the impact of AI on HRM.

Secondly, the academic literature has not kept pace with technological advancements, particularly in addressing the potential perceived accuracy in AI tools and its impact on fairness in decision-making.

Thirdly, our examination of AI is relevant in light of the impact of AI and robotics on human employment, especially in the early 2020s downturn. This is leading to significant changes in how jobs are performed, with tasks being increasingly outsourced to workers in developing economies, particularly in Asia. This poses a risk of job loss for Asian workers due to automation.

Fourthly, despite growing awareness of the potential network impacts, privacy concerns, and perceived lack of intent for good in AI applications in HRM, their advancement continues. There is still a lack of clarity on how AI and machine learning should be organized and used in companies, including HR, to align with strategic and social goals.

Furthermore, fundamental questions about how workers worldwide will define their rights, such as digital rights, in relation to these technologies remain unanswered. Our study addresses these issues by presenting a cross-disciplinary framework to align economic and social goals (Arslan et al., 2022).

Homogeneous data thus only limits the efficiency of understanding preferences and work behaviors of key employees. This paper argues that a mixed-method approach is more appropriate for studies that analyze socio-technical systems, i.e., the interactions between information technology and human, social, and economic factors that, in aggregate, determine the outcomes of those systems. In particular, studies that work in the human resource setting should also consider socio-technical issues of the effectiveness of human/robot collaborations, identification of tasks and activities susceptible to automation, and work organization (Williams2024). As new technologies such as artificial intelligence continue to advance rapidly, the demand for labor is expected to undergo fluctuations (Qiu & Lei, 2018).

The challenge which most of the organization face will be inadequate trained manpower for the skill set required for Artificial intelligent implementation and modality.

Hence, efforts need to be given in setting up of the training establishment to cater the needs of trained manpower to mitigate the skill gap required to effectively utilise the advantages of AI in Human Resource Management.

3.2 Operationalization of Theoretical Constructs

Operationalization is the process of transforming abstract concepts into defined metrics. In social research operationalization is used to: (i) create measures of abstract concepts in order to clarify their meaning, (ii) prove their adequate scaling in order to assure the quality of research results. One of the dominant interpretational approaches that research can contain are the quantitative

and qualitative research approaches. There are various research methodologies available, including quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method approaches. Quantitative methods involve using numerical data to analyze differences or relationships among variables, typically through statistical techniques (Koys & Adams, 2015; Saunders et al., 2015). On the other hand, mixed-method approaches integrate elements from both quantitative and qualitative methodologies to provide a comprehensive understanding (Saunders et al., 2015).

Qualitative methods, as highlighted by Silverman (2016), are well-suited for exploring specific phenomena in depth through techniques such as interviews, observations, or case studies. Integration of the results of the two approaches into a single interpretation is relatively rare.

This study employs a a mixed methodology appraoch, utilizing in-depth interviews and surveys to investigate leadership perspectives on enhancing job performance using AIs. The data collected will undergo triangulation, a methodological approach to validate findings by cross-verifying information from multiple sources or methods (Johnson et al., 2017). Triangulation enhances research credibility by reducing biases that may arise from relying solely on one method.

In summary, this research methodology integrates qualitative case study techniques with triangulation to provide a robust exploration of leadership strategies in improving job satisfaction and business performance.

3.3 Research Purpose and Questions

The purpose of this study is to identify the factors which accelerates the impact of AI in Human Resource Management. The purpose of this study is also to focus on how transformative leadership and learning and development of mindset of employer as well as employees.

The target recipients are employees of organizations irrespective of industries and a very few of employers who who have implemented Artifitial Intelligence in their organizations.

Specific Aims

What are the factors which will contribute in accelerating the impact of AI in HRM throughout organizations?

The first aim of this study is to identify and analyze the factors that can accelerate the integration and impact of artificial intelligence within Human Resource Management across various organizations. These factors might include technological infrastructure, organizational readiness, employee and management receptiveness, investment in AI technologies, training programs, data management practices, and regulatory compliance.

By understanding these factors, the study seeks to provide actionable insights for organizations aiming to leverage AI to enhance their HR functions. This includes exploring how the right combination of these factors can lead to more effective recruitment processes, employee performance tracking, training and development programs, and overall HR efficiency.

The study hypothezises that to eshtablish an impact of AI in HRM is positively related to cultural change and development of mindset of employer as well as employees.

The second aim of this study is to test the hypothesis that the successful establishment of AI in HRM is positively correlated with significant cultural changes within organizations and the development of progressive mindsets among both employers and employees. This involves examining how AI adoption impacts organizational culture, including openness to innovation, adaptability, and a data-driven approach to decision-making. The study will explore whether AI can foster a culture of continuous

improvement and learning, thereby influencing the attitudes and behaviors of employees and employers towards embracing new technologies and methodologies in their daily work. The hypothesis suggests that organizations that effectively integrate AI into their HRM processes will experience a shift towards a more collaborative, innovative, and technologically savvy workplace culture.

The study also focuses on how transformative leadership and learning and development plays an important role in implementing the effectiveness of AI in Human Resource Management.

The third aim is to investigate the roles of transformative leadership and ongoing learning and development in enhancing the effectiveness of AI implementations in HRM. Transformative leadership is characterized by leaders who inspire and motivate their teams to embrace change, foster innovation, and drive the organization towards achieving its strategic goals. This study will examine how such leadership styles can facilitate the adoption and integration of AI technologies in HRM by creating an environment that encourages experimentation, risk-taking, and open communication. Additionally, the study will explore the importance of continuous learning and development programs in equipping both employees and management with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively use AI tools and systems. This includes assessing the impact of targeted training initiatives, workshops, and educational programs on the successful deployment and utilization of AI in HRM, ultimately contributing to improved organizational performance and employee satisfaction.

In summary, this study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the factors that accelerate AI integration in HRM, the cultural and mindset shifts associated with AI adoption, and the critical roles of transformative leadership and continuous learning in maximizing the effectiveness of AI in HRM practices.

3.4 Research Design

The current study is exploratory in nature to capture the evolving impact of AI. The study needs a deep dive to explore the existing research to understand the ever-changing paradigm of AI. Therefore, a mixed-method approach to conduct a systematic literature review using a scoping method that is exploratory in nature to conduct a deep analysis of the significance of AI in HR and figure out its right trajectory.

The primary reason was to triangulate the findings of foundational theories through literature review with empirical data. The qualitative research method would involve qualitative analysis at the HR operational level that operates and executes AI systems.

In contrast, the quantitative research method would involve responses or feedback on the development of AI from 40 to 50 HR executives or directors at the strategic level. The trial-and-error process of building a research project from a basic research question to a theory, followed by the development of data to confirm or refute the initial question, would be as follows: this research uses a mixed-method approach to review the AI and HR changes in the empirical studies among organizations (Basnyat and Clarence, 2020).

The findings of this research are used to offer an integrated, practice-oriented, and substantive review of the AI and HR changes. A useful conceptual framework that will stimulate the debate about the modernized HR role in the age of technology is suggested. This research focuses on the evaluation of the evolving impact of AI in human resource management, especially the HR role both at an operative level and at a strategic level. The current study is exploratory in nature to capture the evolving impact of

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There are already established case studies and empirical studies. For foundational theories, the extent of their use and citation by various researchers will indirectly help us identify the research gaps. Further, it also enables us to unearth the nascent issues that are currently the hottest research areas as part of the future research agenda (Akram et al., 2024).

After an in-depth qualitative examination, numerous pertinent themes will be identified from extensively reviewed articles. The primary coding will be done utilizing coding meta-analysis to construct a conceptual model of how artificial intelligence affects human resources. The qualitative analysis involved regression models and a survey of 108 prominent small, medium, and large multinational organizations, from which guidelines were derived to effectively recognize the potential practical implications of AI integration in HR. The proposed framework's significance is underscored by these guidelines, as they allow organizations to assess the extent of AI's influence on human resource management for a thorough evaluation of its impacts (Chabowski & Samiee, 2023).

It is important to note that other research designs such as historical research, phenomenology, grounded theory, ethnography, and correlational designs were considered but not chosen as suitable for this study. The objective here is to explore and understand underlying reasons and opinions, consistent with qualitative research as described by Silverman (2016).

The study intends to investigate human behaviour by inviting participants to respond to open-ended, semi-structured interview questions, thereby gaining insights into the dynamics of job satisfaction and leadership attitudes. Moreover, employing semi-structured interviews and surveys allows for diverse perspectives on business strategies, thereby enhancing understanding of the phenomenon under study.

3.4.1 Population and Sample

The primary data of this study was acquired via numerous approaches in order to maintain comprehensive sampling coverage. This included a period of primary data collection escalating personnel for a large multinational company. This allowed the acquisition of the most current understandings and attitudes. These questionnaires highlighted both qualitative and quantitative responses and could be considered as semi-structured interviews.

To add to the validity of these responses, secondary data were collected via professional SurveyMonkey. This was considered an extremely rich and often untapped source of representative views and opinions. This was then supplemented with significant follow-up qualitative discussions (Karunarathna et al., 2024)

Secondary data was gathered on a wide sample of HR professionals employed in multinational companies around its geographical region of interest. There was a total of 68 responses from personnel at a number of senior levels. This also represents the cross-section of relevant businesses HR is currently active in that are at the forefront of AI HRM developments. Its small numbers of recruits were crucial to enable the extraction of richer, more supportive data.

Sampling techniques including referrals enabled the recruitment of a respondent base split fairly evenly by gender. The countries of relevance considering different AI social-political drivers were included as part of the interviews. Alongside these structured interviews, a number of informal nondirective discussions with respondents have proven to be valuable to gain richer information for the following data presentation (Wiblen and Marler, 2021).

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Purposive sampling was employed to achieve the study's objectives. In purposive sampling, researchers deliberately select participants based on their ability to provide reliable and pertinent information that addresses the research questions or meets the research objectives (Abdullah et al., 2015). The research participants who met the criteria for purposive sampling were selected. This non-probability sampling method allows the researcher to use their judgment in choosing study participants who are most suitable for the research (Yin, 2018).

The research population is categorized into five levels of AI maturity within HRM:

- Organizations that have fully implemented AI in HRM.
- Organizations that have partially implemented AI in HRM.
- Organizations that are in the nascent stage and have just started using AI in HRM.
- Organizations that are planning to implement AI in HRM.
- Organizations that are naïve to the concept of AI in HRM or are unaware of its impact.

This bifurcation ensures a diverse sample population that includes a variety of perspectives and experiences regarding the implementation of AI in HRM. The sample population for the study is thus designed to cover a wide range of organizational experiences with AI, ensuring comprehensive insights into the evolving impact of artificial intelligence in human resource management. To conduct the interviews, permission was received from all research participants, ensuring ethical compliance and informed consent.

3.5 Participant Selection

A total of 11 objective survey questions about the impact of evolving Artificial Intelligence have been framed. The survey will be conducted online using SurveyMonkey In addition, 30 more semi-structured interviews were conducted to gather in-depth insights. The interviews were confidential, allowing research participants to answer candidly. These semi-structured interviews will be conducted with both employees and employers to gain their perspectives on the impact of AI in Human Resource Management. To solicit their permission, letters will be sent to potential participants in advance. Upon receiving confirmation of their willingness to participate, informed consent forms and invitation letters with suitable dates will be sent.

According to Tong and Dew (2016), in qualitative case study designs, it is crucial for the researcher to select participants who can provide perspectives relevant to the research question in order to achieve data saturation. This study intends to achieve data

saturation by conducting interviews with twenty-five small business leaders regarding strategies for improving job satisfaction to enhance business outcomes.

Achieving data saturation ensures that the study's objectives are met, and that overlapping data is collected, eliminating unknown issues that could alter the study's outcomes (Morse, 2015). Morse (2015) recommended starting with a small data, collecting and evaluating information, and then conducting more interviews until no new themes or data emerge.

Sivell et al., (2015) emphasized that for interviewees to communicate openly and effectively, interviews must be conducted in a comfortable setting for the respondents. Therefore, the study interviews will be scheduled at times and places convenient for the employees and employers. However, even with purposive sampling, limitations may arise as the researcher might inadvertently leave out quality samples, thus not capturing the entirety of essential information needed to fully explore the research questions (Sivell et al., 2015). Participants were selected for the interview process because of their thorough knowledge of their respective organizations, ensuring that the data collected is relevant and insightful.

3.6 Instrumentation

Data collection involves gathering essential details about the study phenomenon, encompassing participants emotions, thoughts, and perspectives (Silverman, 2016). Both primary and secondary methods were utilized in this study. Primary data sources included objective closed survey questionnaires and semi-structured interview questions, providing a comprehensive overview of the impact of Artificial Intelligence in Human Resource Management. Surveys, personal one-on-one semi-structured interviews, and observations constituted the primary data collection methods. Secondary data was gathered through document reviews, government websites, and academic journal articles, focusing on the evolving influence of AI in HRM.

According to Shirani (2015), semi-structured interviews allow researchers to focus, structure, and offer flexibility for participants to freely express their views and elaborate on responses through follow-up questions. This approach facilitates gaining in-depth understanding and detailed insights from participants. Interviews enable researchers to gather firsthand knowledge and experiences, delving into the meanings behind participants' business exposures and experiences (Yin, 2018).

Furthermore, one-on-one interviews are crucial for establishing rapport with interviewees and ensuring accurate data collection for validation purposes. Yin (2018) identifies six sources of evidence in qualitative research: (i) interviews, (ii) documentation, (iii) direct observation, (iv) physical artifacts, (v) participant observation, and (vi) archival records. This study utilized interviews, direct observations, and document analyses as secondary data collection methods. Document analysis plays a pivotal role in helping researchers gather pertinent documents to enhance their understanding of the study phenomenon (Schneider, 2016).

Morse (2015) emphasizes that researchers can enhance trustworthiness and generalizability through member checking. To ensure reliability, this study employed member supervision. For validity, all interview sessions were digitally recorded and securely stored to uphold the confidentiality of participants, adhering to university ethical standards and consent protocols, thereby minimizing bias.

3.7 Data Collection Procedures

This research project opted to rely on dual techniques, quantitative and qualitative, for data gathering. Concurrent use of both surveys and in-depth interviews enhanced the study by producing a rich and contextual set of data. A survey instrument was designed to obtain and quantify data on the change in the processes empirically since AI has been used, thus offering some viable insights into the impact of AI in HR at present.

In-depth interviews, on the other hand, allow for a much more in-depth, contextual exploration and understanding of the experience and perception of HR managers involved in a talent acquisition and retention process, which is a bit more personal and unique to each case. One of the first criticisms of these types of interviews, but also the strength, is that they generate findings that are not generalizable (Yin, 2018).

To recruit appropriate participants for the time-consuming in-depth interviews, the study members specified and reported selection criteria in the participant information letter distributed with the survey. The survey was created to be as simple as possible to complete in order to avoid placing too much burden on participants for free participation, which could lower completion rates. The survey was distributed to professionals who were then asked to distribute it among their own networks. The time it took to complete the survey was 15 minutes. Both the survey and the interviews were conducted in a manner that was convenient for the participants. All of the interviews were conducted at a place of work of the interviewees, except for two, to accelerate travel time (Karan et al., 2021).

Some of the delays in organizing and carrying out interviews were attributed to logistical arrangements, rather than unwillingness or timidity on the part of interviewees. Several other additional factors outside of the researchers' control had an influence as well, all of which are discussed below. Good and effective data collection techniques are crucial for every goal. The potential results are limited and dependent on the satisfactory data collected. In order to produce actionable findings, it is also important to refine and adapt data collection methods in order to meet the desired research objectives. Deciding on a random location or time slot to collect data for the study is not a very successful approach for the majority of the research project, unless enough resources are available (Khraisat & Alazab, 2021)

To ensure a positive rapport with interviewees and obtain accurate and valid data, a structured interview process was implemented. Prior to commencing each interview, the researcher provided a brief overview of the research and expressed gratitude for the participation. Consent forms were distributed and signed by the interviewees to confirm their acceptance. Throughout the interview, efforts were made to ensure the participant felt comfortable and at ease. An electronic device, such as a mobile phone or laptop, was used to record each interview session, which typically lasted between 20 to 25 minutes (Lopez & Whitehead, 2012).

Maintaining consistency in sample size and question format is crucial to achieve reliable results. According to Malterud et al., (2015), standardizing these aspects ensures uniformity in responses and interpretation across all participants. This approach helps mitigate variability and enhances the study's reliability.

To mitigate potential issues related to document collection, such as edited documents that may lose their original meaning or compromise confidentiality, rigorous member checks were employed to validate and ensure the accuracy of collected data. Following Yin's (2018) guidelines, the study focused on accessing and utilizing documents from the past five years relevant to the research topic, thereby enhancing the study's reliability and applicability.

These numbers are approximate and were carefully considered in relation to the study's specific requirements. By adhering to these rigorous data collection procedures, the study aimed to uphold validity, reliability, and ethical standards throughout the research process.

3.8 Data Analysis

The data analysis consists of two types of techniques to capture and understand the views and factors that guide the HR experts. Two types of data analysis techniques have been used to capture quantitative and qualitative data systematically. For those in quantitative data analysis, measures, statistics, and software have been employed substantively to provide a rigorous and meaningful assessment of the requisite data for argumentation. These include descriptive statistics and inferential statistics and analysis (Ciampi et al., 2021).

To capture the semantic pattern in qualitative data, the analysis primarily includes thematic analysis through the interviewee responses, grouping them into various subthemes and coding them, and then into higher-order themes which allow explaining the outcome and arbitrating the two findings. The thematic analysis was primarily done by associating broad problems into themes and further expanding them into significant patterns and then deciphering them to the two SDs (Xu & Zammit, 2020).

3.9 Reliability and Validity of the Study

The reliability and validity of the findings of research articles are crucial to the mixed-method analysis of research studies. Measurement reliability means that the variables are measured in a consistent way, which is dependent on the nature of the variables, the measurement process, and the capability and flexibility of the researcher. The measure should be stable over time, across places, and resistant to the effects of extraneous public events.

Reliability exists in several forms in research and is concerned with consistency. The specific reliability form appropriate for any given research project depends on the nature of the research question. It is always desirable that when data is collected for research, it has the smallest error variance possible in the results, but this is not always achievable (Polisetty et al., 2024).

Measurement validity is concerned with the fit between theory, constructs, and operational variables in the study regarding the adequacy of the theories used to guide the research campaign. It is the extent to which the measurement accurately measures the concept that the researcher is attempting to measure, or the current theoretical questions demonstrate the coherence and specificity of the evidence; in reality, they measure the concepts in question.

Measurement validity is a necessary condition for measurement reliability. Data that are not valid cannot be considered reliable. Theory validation is the establishment of the probative role of the theory in determining the construct. Mindful of the discussion relating to reliability and validity so far, these two assessments of a research result need to be addressed by using mixed methods, as this approach embodies an appreciation and consideration of theory in the research design and structure (Schaufeli et al., 2020).

Reliability

Ensuring the study's trustworthiness, the researcher addresses key components like dependability, transferability, credibility, and conformability, as outlined by Shoaib and Mujtaba (2016). The reliability of findings regarding individuals' views, attitudes, and interests raises fundamental questions about the nature of truth in people's expressions. While textual data in scientific research

are often assumed to convey singular meanings, achieving true scientific insight may require analytical approaches such as hermeneutics, deconstruction, and the archaeology of knowledge (Mustafa, 2016).

Reliability is a fundamental problem for measurement in all of science. Although defined in multiple ways, and estimated in even more ways, the basic concepts seem straightforward and need to be understood by practitioners as well as methodologists. Reliability theory is not just for the psychometrician estimating latent variables, it is for everyone who wants to make inferences from measures of individuals or of groups (Revelle & Condon, 2019).

Validity

Validity is regarded as crucial throughout the research process, not merely assessed at its conclusion. A processual approach demands continual attention, maintaining a holistic perspective and integrated stance across all stages of the research. This approach enhances validity by dynamically balancing creativity and rigor, influencing the flow of internal and external dialogues and intuition, thereby propelling the research forward. Unlike rigid methodological rules, this approach involves actions, observations, reflections, and occasional withdrawal from the field to re-examine and refine the research process (Paulo et al., 2019).

3.10 Research Design Limitations

According to Yin (2018), assumptions are considered as facts that have yet to be verified but are crucial for validating a study. Authors often present propositions as opinions rather than absolute facts, thereby acknowledging the uncertainties inherent in their research. This approach allows readers to assess whether the findings support tentative or definitive conclusions, or if further studies are necessary before informing clinical practice.

Limitations of a study typically involve potential weaknesses that are often beyond the researcher's control and are closely tied to the chosen research design, constraints of statistical models, funding limitations, or other factors. Therefore, it is essential to contextualize study limitations, delimitations, and assumptions within the entirety of the research paper (Dimitrios & Antigoni, 2018).

For instance, in a study on the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on organizational culture, the researcher made assumptions about the positive influence of AI and the significance of learning and development in AI's integration into Human Resource Management.

However, a limitation arises from the presumption that participants answered interview questions honestly and accurately. This limitation is compounded by factors such as the non-generalizability of findings and the possibility that participants may have been hesitant to share information openly, despite the researcher's precautions.

Furthermore, given the evolving nature of AI, another assumption was that all participants possessed sufficient knowledge to assess its overall impact. These assumptions and limitations underscore the need for researchers to transparently address potential weaknesses in their study design and interpretation, enhancing the credibility and applicability of their findings.

The findings were in congruence with the literature of the study to address the semi structured questions.

Table 1:Details of Interview Participants

R1	Age	Business Type	Educational Background	Job Category	Experience	Interview Duration (in minutes)
1	35	Health care	MBA	Human Resource	15 years	25
2	42	Health Care	Doctor	Medical	8 years	30
3	54	Education	Phd	Principal	26 years	25
4	36	Education	B.Ed	Teacher	18 years	35
5	28	Hospitality	Hotel Management	General Manager Operations	19 years	30
6	45	Hospitality	Hotel Management	Chef	22 years	29
7	55	Retail	Business Management	Business Partner HR	9 years	27
8	35	Retail	Digital Marketing	Marketing	13 years	28
9	39	Power	Engineer	Executive Engineer	5 years	25
10	37	IT	Engineer	Software Engineer	8 years	25
11	40	Healthcare	Graduation	Billing Executive	9 years	32
12	38	Healthcare	Graduation	Receptionist	12 years	30
13	29	Healthcare	BBA	Patient Service Executive	10 years	28
14	30	Healthcare	BSC Nursing	Nursing Tutor	5 years	33
15	25	Hospitality	BBA	Executive Housekeeping	4 years	25
16	30	Hospitality	Diploma in Hotel Management	Captain-F&B Services	9 years	30

17	32	Hospitality	Diploma in Hotel Management	Executive Sous Chef	10 years	32
18	26	Health care	MBA-Human Resource	Recruiter	2 years	25
19	26	Education	B.Ed	Teacher	2 years	22
20	54	Education	B.Ed	Principal	25 years	26
21	32	Education	Bsc-Nursing	Tutor	8 years	30
22	35	Health care	MBBS, DNB Orthopaedics	Consultant-Orthopaedics	5 years	31
23	37	Hospitality	MBA-Marketing	Marketing & Sales Manager	10 years	26
24	38	Hospitality	MBA-Human Resource	Manager-Human Resource	12 years	28
25	32	Health Care	MBA-Marketing	Executive Marketing	7 years	30
26	45	Education	MBA-Operations	Administration Head	15 years	32
27	32	Education	M. ped	Physical Education Teacher	12 years	31
28	40	Hospitality	Diploma in hotel Management	F&B Manager	25 years	29
29	41	IT	B.Tech	Project Manager	18 years	28
30	42	Health care	MBA	Manager-Operations	18 years	35

The qualitative study of the interviews was encapsulated under different categories. These categories have been deduced from the outcome of the various discussions of the research questions. The discussions were analyzed and were noted down in Microsoft word file to ensure the answers from the recordings were scripted in an authentic way.

During the study the observations and thought patterns which came though this study are mentioned below:

- Initiatives taken to implement AI in the organization
- Perspective of training and development in the organization

- AI implementation and cost optimization
- Culture and work life balance post AI

4.3.1 Initiatives taken to implement AI in the organization

The qualitative data gathered from the interviews revealed that the COVID-19 pandemic significantly accelerated the adoption of Artificial Intelligence in various organizations, particularly in the healthcare sector. The urgent need to adapt to the rapidly changing environment during the pandemic prompted many organizations to explore and implement AI technologies to maintain and even enhance operational efficiency.

A compelling example of AI implementation in the healthcare sector comes from an orthopaedic doctor who is respondent 22 state that:

"The introduction of AI-based MRI machines in his hospital as a game-changer. These advanced machines have revolutionized the diagnostic process, enabling quicker and more accurate diagnoses. The AI-based MRI machines have not only streamlined the workflow but also significantly reduced the workload for medical professionals."

By automating routine diagnostic tasks, these machines allow doctors to focus on more complex and critical aspects of patient care. This has led to improved job satisfaction among healthcare professionals, who now experience less stress and greater efficiency in their roles.

The doctor's account illustrates how AI can optimize decision-making processes. With AI's ability to analyse vast amounts of data swiftly and accurately, medical professionals can make more informed decisions in a shorter time frame. This enhancement in decision-making capability has a direct positive impact on patient outcomes, further contributing to the job satisfaction and professional fulfilment of healthcare workers. The AI-driven efficiency gains also extend to administrative tasks, freeing up valuable time for healthcare providers to engage in patient care and other essential activities.

Beyond healthcare, the pandemic has prompted organizations in various sectors to adopt AI technologies to address new challenges and opportunities. The urgency to adapt to remote work environments and ensure business continuity has driven many companies to explore AI solutions that can support these needs. For instance, AI-powered tools have been implemented to manage remote recruitment processes, onboard new employees virtually, and provide continuous training and support. These tools have proven invaluable in maintaining HR functions during the pandemic, ensuring that organizations can continue to operate smoothly despite the disruptions caused by the crisis.

According to respondent 29 who is a Project Manager in IT industry:

"With increase in AI organizations are accessing to large data sets as a result it is becoming difficult to handle complicated data. Organizations are adapting cybersecurity skills to handle the other perspective of AI."

The push for AI adoption during the pandemic also highlighted the importance of flexibility and resilience in organizational operations. Companies that were quick to implement AI technologies were better equipped to navigate the challenges posed by the pandemic. They were able to maintain productivity, optimize resource allocation, and respond effectively to changing market conditions. This experience has underscored the strategic value of AI in enhancing organizational agility and preparedness for future disruptions.

Moreover, the pandemic has fostered a greater appreciation for the role of technology in enhancing employee well-being and job satisfaction. AI tools that facilitate remote work, provide personalized support, and automate routine tasks have contributed to a more balanced work-life environment for employees. As organizations continue to navigate the post-pandemic landscape, the insights gained from this period will likely drive further investments in AI and other advanced technologies to support sustainable growth and resilience.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as a catalyst for AI adoption across various sectors, with notable advancements in the healthcare industry. The introduction of AI-based technologies, such as MRI machines, chatbots has significantly improved efficiency, decision-making processes, and job satisfaction among professionals. The pandemic has underscored the strategic importance of AI in enhancing operational flexibility, resilience, and employee well-being. As organizations move forward, the lessons learned from this period will continue to shape their approach to AI implementation, driving ongoing innovation and improvements in HRM and beyond.

Gulumbe et al., (2021) stated that stimulating innovation in AI and investing in education and training is crucial. Confronting the challenges of digital equity, ethical and regulatory issues, and rigorous evaluation of AI tools is crucial as the world navigates the post-emergency phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. Undertaking these efforts will ensure AI's role as a formidable ally in global health, bolstering health equity, augmenting health outcomes, and fostering resilience in the face of future health crises.

Shaheen, (2021) stated that Patient outcomes are influenced by artificial intelligence in healthcare. Medical AI firms create a system that aids the patient at every level. Clinical intelligence also analyzes patients' medical data and delivers insights to help them enhance their quality of life. AI and machine learning have a lot to contribute in the critical healthcare sector, which is undergoing one of the swiftest digital transformations at the moment, and amenities have the possibility to substantially improve quality of life for patients.

Data-driven medicine has the potential to improve not just the precision and agility of genetic disease detection, but also to open the door to individualized medical treatments (Hummel & Braun, 2020).

According to respondent 14, “with initiatives taken to implement AI there has been a need to enhance the competency of nursing team to be acquainted with the newly introduced software’s along with functional skills”

Based on the study of Abbas et al., (2021), future research should take numerous paths: new prospects in AI have continually emerged as a result of unique needs, energy efficiency, and savings, as well as reducing and eliminating the environmental load produced by electricity production, transmission, and distribution. It is possible to discuss sustainable energy options and their implications for energy in the event of a future pandemic. Some of the opportunities which AI will bring are-developing payment platforms and receiving the price of products through cryptocurrencies, reducing the price of products if paid through digital wallets, the use of artificial intelligence-based monitoring systems based on business in any industry, increasing the promotion of artificial intelligence systems and robotic technologies without hand intervention in factories, the use of machine vision technology and image processing to evaluate the quality of products.

4.3.2 Perspective of training and development in the organization

The qualitative data gathered from the interviews revealed that training and development are critical factors for successful AI implementation in organizations. As AI technologies continue to evolve and integrate into various business processes, the need for comprehensive training programs becomes increasingly important. This is particularly evident in the retail sector, where rapid technological advancements require employees to continuously update their skills to remain competitive and effective in their roles.

A Business Partner HR from the retail sector emphasized the necessity of robust training programs to help employees adapt to AI.

Respondent 28 mentioned that:

"The transition to AI-driven processes is not without its challenges, particularly when it comes to upskilling older employees who may be less familiar with new technologies. The generational gap in technological proficiency presents a significant hurdle, as older employees often require more time and support to adjust to new systems. Therefore, continuous learning and de-learning processes are crucial to ensure that all employees, regardless of age, can effectively use AI tools and contribute to the organization's success."

Another respondent 35 responded that: " In our sector grooming standards are very important and with advancement of technology feedbacks are taken from customers. Using AI like chatbots, feedback portals customers are able to provide feedback regarding the services and as a result this helps in enhancing our overall organization."

The respondent underscored the importance of creating a learning environment that promotes both acquiring new skills and unlearning outdated practices. This dual approach helps employees embrace AI technologies more confidently and seamlessly integrate them into their daily tasks. For example, implementing AI-based screening software for recruitment or AI-driven inventory management systems in retail requires employees to understand how these technologies function and how to leverage them to improve efficiency and productivity.

Another HR Manager respondent 18 highlighted the need for organizations to enhance their internal AI capabilities, "through targeted training programs and on-the-job training methods for developing AI skills among employees are very effective."

By integrating AI training into regular work activities, employees can learn in a practical, hands-on environment, which helps solidify their understanding and application of AI tools. Additionally, this approach allows employees to see the immediate benefits of AI in their work, further motivating them to embrace the technology.

The HR Manager also advocated for the inclusion of AI modules in the company's internal digital platform. This approach provides employees with easy access to learning resources and allows them to progress at their own pace. By offering a range of AI-related courses and training materials, organizations can cater to different learning preferences and skill levels, ensuring that all employees could develop their AI competencies.

Furthermore, according to respondent 24, "organizations promote the acquisition of academic degrees related to AI. Encouraging employees to pursue formal education in AI not only enhances their technical skills but also demonstrates the organization's commitment to professional development. This investment in employee education can lead to a more knowledgeable and capable workforce, better equipped to handle the complexities of AI implementation".

In conclusion, training and development are essential components of successful AI implementation. Organizations must invest in comprehensive training programs that address the needs of all employees, particularly those who may be less familiar with new technologies.

By fostering a culture of continuous learning and providing access to diverse educational resources, companies can ensure that their workforce is well-prepared to leverage AI for improved efficiency and productivity. This strategic focus on training and development will ultimately contribute to the successful integration of AI technologies and the long-term success of the organization.

4.3.3 AI Implementation and Cost Optimization

The qualitative data gathered from the interviews underscored the significant role of Artificial Intelligence in cost optimization across various sectors. Respondents consistently highlighted the potential of AI technologies to streamline operations, reduce labour costs, and improve overall efficiency, thus contributing to significant financial savings for organizations.

One of the most commonly cited examples of cost optimization through AI is the use of chatbots.

Respondents noted that chatbots can handle multiple customer interactions simultaneously, providing instant responses to routine inquiries and resolving common issues without the need for human intervention. This capability not only reduces the workload on customer service representatives but also allows organizations to operate more efficiently by addressing a higher volume of customer interactions without increasing staff numbers. The scalability of chatbots makes them an attractive solution for businesses looking to manage costs while maintaining high levels of customer service.

Based on the response of respondent 23 who is a Marketing and sales Manager in hospitality sector, “there has been a significant change in the productivity of services with introduction of AI. Our organization is using various tools and techniques through AI. I track my team through apps and have all historical data regarding there market movements. I have also been able to receive feedback through online which helps me in market correction initiatives as well as customer satisfaction.”

Furthermore, AI-driven automation extends beyond customer service. In many organizations, repetitive and time-consuming tasks such as data entry, scheduling, and report generation have been automated through AI. By reducing the time employees spend on these routine tasks, organizations can allocate human resources to more strategic and value-added activities. This reallocation not only enhances productivity but also fosters employee satisfaction as staff members can focus on more engaging and meaningful work. The reduction in administrative burdens translates to lower operational costs, as fewer human resources are required to perform tasks that can be efficiently managed by AI.

Respondents also discussed the cost benefits of AI in the context of resource management and optimization. Respondent 7 who is into retail, “I have witnessed several impacts in business productivity because of implementation of AI. The AI analytics drives the operations team to take decisions regarding the product handling”

For instance, AI-powered analytics can predict demand patterns and optimize inventory levels in real time. This predictive capability helps organizations minimize excess inventory, reduce storage costs, and avoid stockouts. In sectors such as retail and manufacturing, where inventory management is critical to operational efficiency, AI-driven insights can lead to substantial cost savings and improved profit margins. Additionally, the ability to analyse and act on real-time data enables organizations to make more informed decisions, further enhancing their cost management strategies.

Another area where AI contributes to cost optimization is in the recruitment and hiring process. Traditional recruitment methods often involve significant time and expense, including job postings, resume screenings, and multiple rounds of interviews. On being asking regarding AI implementation and cost optimization respondent 1who is currently in Human Resource department responded that, "AI implementation has brought a boon in recruitment specially in mass recruitment. Screening has become lot easier, and cost related to employee during hiring has reduced a lot". AI-based screening software can automate many of these processes, quickly sifting through large volumes of applications to identify the most qualified candidates. By reducing the time and resources spent on recruitment, organizations can lower their hiring costs and accelerate the onboarding process, ensuring that positions are filled more efficiently and with greater accuracy.

However, while AI offers substantial cost-saving opportunities, respondents emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance between cost optimization and the quality of human interactions. AI should augment, not replace, the human element in customer service and employee engagement. For example, while chatbots are effective for handling routine inquiries, complex issues that require empathy and nuanced understanding should still be managed by human agents. Maintaining this balance ensures that organizations can achieve cost savings without compromising the quality of service and customer satisfaction.

Moreover, the initial investment in AI technologies and the ongoing costs of training and maintenance must be carefully managed. While AI can lead to significant long-term savings, organizations must be prepared for the upfront costs associated with purchasing, implementing, and integrating AI systems into their existing operations. Additionally, continuous training for employees to effectively use and manage AI tools is essential to maximizing the benefits of these technologies.

In conclusion, AI has the potential to drive substantial cost optimization across various sectors by automating routine tasks, enhancing resource management, and streamlining recruitment processes. Organizations that strategically implement AI can achieve significant financial savings while improving operational efficiency and employee satisfaction. However, it is crucial to maintain a balance between leveraging AI for cost savings and preserving the quality of human interactions to ensure a holistic approach to organizational improvement.

4.3.4 Culture and Work Life Balance Post AI

The qualitative data gathered from the interviews underscored the significant impact of AI on organizational culture and work-life balance. Respondents highlighted how the integration of AI technologies is not just a technical shift but a transformative change that affects the very fabric of workplace dynamics and employee experiences. This transformation brings both opportunities and challenges, requiring careful management to ensure a positive and productive work environment.

According to respondent 18 who is a HR professional, "there has been a shift in my organization as what we perceive as transformational activities. We use AI tools for talent management and development, measuring potential in 9-box grid model has been lot easier through software's now. Identifying resources like hi potential employees, critical resources has become lot easier. But one of the most important factors while using these AI tools are the right kind of human intervention. We try and maintain taking 360-degree feedback from all the sources before coming to conclusion."

One of the most prominent themes that emerged from the interviews is how AI is redefining HR processes, making them more efficient and centralized. AI tools such as virtual assistants and analytics platforms are revolutionizing traditional HR functions by automating routine tasks, providing data-driven insights, and enhancing decision-making processes. For instance, AI-driven

analytics can identify trends in employee performance, predict potential issues, and recommend proactive measures. This increased efficiency allows HR professionals to focus on more strategic activities, such as talent development and organizational planning, thereby elevating their role within the company.

The implementation of AI also facilitates better feedback mechanisms, which are crucial for employee development and satisfaction. Respondents noted that AI-enabled systems can provide real-time feedback on various performance metrics, allowing employees to understand their strengths and areas for improvement continuously. This instant feedback loop not only helps in personal development but also keeps employees engaged and motivated, knowing that their progress is being monitored and appreciated.

AI's role in enhancing employee participation was another critical point discussed by respondents. By leveraging AI tools, organizations can create more inclusive and interactive platforms for employee engagement. For example, AI-powered surveys and sentiment analysis tools can gauge employee morale and collect feedback more effectively than traditional methods. This data can then be used to tailor initiatives and policies that resonate with the workforce's needs and preferences, fostering a more inclusive and responsive organizational culture.

However, the integration of AI into the workplace is not without its challenges, particularly concerning the generational gap in technology acceptance. Respondents observed that younger employees are generally more receptive to AI and its applications, given their familiarity with digital technologies. In contrast, older employees might struggle with adapting to these new tools, leading to resistance and potential friction within the team. This generational divide necessitates comprehensive change management strategies to ensure smooth transitions and mitigate resistance.

According to respondent 20 who is a Principal in a CBSE affiliated boarding school, “Implementation of AI based tools in my school was initiated partially but now we are planning to expand the area by involving AI more into the classroom teaching technique. It’s a huge shift for teachers and parents as well. There has been a cultural shift as traditional approach is to be replaced by a modern approached and we need to it sensitively as teachers and students’ communication approach should not get affected.”

Effective change management involves not only providing adequate training and support but also fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptability. Organizations must emphasize the benefits of AI and demonstrate how these technologies can enhance rather than replace human roles. By highlighting success stories and involving employees in the implementation process, companies can build trust and buy-in across all age groups.

Respondent 28 stated that,

“Employee in Hospitality sector should be on their toe 24 hours to serve the customers. Here, AI plays an important role in all the departments. The major challenge is developing the competencies of employees for this the hotel management institutions needs to train the students to be prepared and be market ready for the internship. We want more change in the area of training and development because employees specially in F & B services and F & B production department remains burnt out due to work pressure. Handling stress management becomes an important parameter. There should be balancing factor between the work stress and stability in personal life.”

The interviews also shed light on the impact of AI on work-life balance. AI's ability to automate repetitive and time-consuming tasks means that employees can focus on more meaningful and fulfilling work, potentially reducing job-related stress and burnout. Moreover, AI-powered tools can facilitate flexible working arrangements, such as remote work and personalized schedules, by ensuring that employees remain productive and connected regardless of their location. These flexible arrangements are particularly beneficial in maintaining a healthy work-life balance, as they allow employees to manage their professional and personal responsibilities more effectively.

However, there is also a concern that the pervasive use of AI might blur the boundaries between work and personal life. The constant connectivity and real-time nature of AI tools can lead to an expectation of continuous availability, potentially encroaching on personal time and leading to work-life imbalance. Organizations must address this by setting clear boundaries and expectations, ensuring that AI enhances rather than hinders employees' overall well-being.

In conclusion, the integration of AI in the workplace significantly impacts organizational culture and work-life balance. While AI brings efficiency, enhanced feedback mechanisms, and increased employee participation, it also presents challenges such as generational divides and the risk of work-life imbalance. By adopting comprehensive change management strategies and promoting a culture of continuous learning, organizations can harness the benefits of AI while mitigating its potential drawbacks. This balanced approach will help create a more productive, inclusive, and satisfying work environment for all employees.

4.4 Summary of Findings

The research sought to investigate how Artificial Intelligence impacts HRM using a blend of surveys and interviews. The results derived from both quantitative and qualitative data offer a holistic perspective on the present situation and future potential of AI in HRM.

The survey data, collected from 108 respondents across various industries, revealed a strong belief in the transformative potential of AI. A significant 64% of respondents agreed that AI is the future of HRM, and 66% indicated they have already integrated modern technologies such as AI-based screening software and database management systems into their HR processes. This widespread adoption reflects a growing recognition of AI's ability to enhance efficiency and decision-making.

One notable finding was that 32% of respondents have partially implemented AI in their HR functions, while 30% are planning to do so. Only 7% reported full implementation, highlighting that while interest and initial steps are widespread, full integration remains limited. The age demographic most engaged with AI in HRM falls within the 31 to 40 years bracket, suggesting that mid-career professionals are particularly attuned to technological advancements.

Respondents identified several specific benefits of AI, such as improved efficiency in recruitment and talent management processes.

Respondent 18 also stated that, “Recruitment and talent management is one of the driving forces in human resource and AI contribution is being significantly used in our organization. This is both cost effective as well as timebound.”

A striking 76% believe AI is already influencing these areas, though a significant portion remains sceptical or neutral about AI's overall impact. Interestingly, while 48% of respondents do not believe AI will replace HR professionals, 17% think it might, indicating mixed feelings about AI's long-term role in HRM.

The qualitative interviews further enriched these insights by delving into the practical experiences of AI implementation across different sectors. For instance, in healthcare, an orthopaedic doctor highlighted how AI-based MRI machines have streamlined decision-making, reduced workload, and enhanced job satisfaction.

According to the respondent 2 who is a doctor by profession, "The new model of MRI machine has deep learning AI in it. This is a technological breakthrough in this locality. Now, the image quality of the MRI will be enhanced resulting in a better diagnosis as well as the time would be reduced by 10 times resulting in patient comfort as well as more cases."

Training and development emerged as crucial factors for successful AI integration. A Business Partner HR from the retail sector emphasized the importance of robust training programs to help employees, especially older ones, adapt to new technologies. Continuous learning and de-learning processes are essential to bridge the generational gap in tech adoption. The respondent stated, "Regular training interventions in the field of AI resulted in better adaptability specially for the generations who are not that technologically advanced."

Cost optimization was another recurring theme. Respondents pointed out that AI technologies, such as chatbots, significantly reduce labor costs by handling multiple customer interactions simultaneously. However, they stressed the need to balance cost savings with maintaining the quality of human interactions, suggesting that AI should complement rather than replace human efforts.

The interviews also highlighted AI's impact on organizational culture and work-life balance. According to respondent 5, "The initiative of introducing AI at our organization have brought a shift in the work environment. Employees now are more trained, and reduction of manual work has resulted in a better work life balance. Now we take KOTs through software and tabs are used to take orders and feedback."

AI tools like virtual assistants and analytics platforms are enhancing productivity, facilitating better feedback mechanisms, and improving employee participation. However, there is a generational gap in acceptance, with older employees more resistant to these changes. Effective change management strategies are needed to address this disparity and ensure smooth transitions.

4.5 Conclusion

The research findings underscore the transformative potential of AI in Human Resource Management, though the journey towards full integration is still in its early stages for many organizations. The partial implementation of AI, as reported by 32% of survey respondents, reflects a cautious yet optimistic approach towards embracing this technology. While 66% have adopted modern technologies, full-scale AI implementation remains limited to just 7%, indicating significant room for growth and development.

AI's influence on HRM is already evident in improved efficiency and decision-making processes, particularly in areas like recruitment and talent management. The strong belief among respondents that AI is the future of HRM suggests that organizations are keen to leverage these technologies for strategic advantages. However, the mixed sentiments about AI replacing HR professionals highlight a critical concern: the need to balance technological advancements with the irreplaceable human touch in HR functions.

The qualitative insights reveal that sectors like healthcare are leading in AI adoption, with tangible benefits such as reduced workload and increased job satisfaction. This sector-specific success story illustrates AI's potential to positively impact not just organizational efficiency but also employee morale and engagement.

Training and development are pivotal for successful AI integration. The generational gap in technology adoption is a significant barrier, emphasizing the need for continuous learning and adaptive training programs. Organizations must invest in upskilling their workforce to ensure smooth transitions and maximize AI's benefits. The insights from the retail sector highlight the importance of robust training frameworks to help employees adapt and thrive in an AI-enhanced environment.

Cost optimization through AI is a clear advantage, as evidenced by the widespread use of chatbots and other AI-driven customer service tools. However, organizations must be mindful of preserving the quality of human interactions. AI should augment rather than replace human efforts, ensuring that cost savings do not come at the expense of customer and employee satisfaction.

AI's impact on organizational culture and work-life balance is profound. Tools like virtual assistants and analytics platforms are reshaping HR processes, making them more efficient and centralized. However, the generational gap in acceptance presents a challenge that requires effective change management strategies. Organizations must foster an inclusive culture that embraces technological advancements while addressing the concerns of all employees.

In summary, AI is positioned to transform Human Resource Management by offering a multitude of advantages such as enhanced efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and improved decision-making capabilities. However, achieving seamless integration of AI necessitates careful consideration of training requirements, cultural implications, and maintaining a harmonious balance between technology and human interaction.

Addressing these complexities enables organizations to fully leverage AI's potential, fostering more effective, adaptable, and inclusive HRM practices. This approach ultimately drives superior organizational performance and boosts employee satisfaction. The study underscores the importance of a nuanced strategy that melds technological advancement with human-centered approaches, ensuring AI serves as an augmentation tool rather than a substitute. The next chapter five delves into the discussion of the pertinent areas that arose from the findings in the research questions.

3.11 Conclusion

The above mentioned chapter extensively explored mixed method and analysis techniques employed to comprehend and address the specific challenges and constraints organizations face in understanding the impact of Artificial Intelligence on HRM.The chapter detailed the methodology, research design, and sample size, utilizing case studies to analyze methods that organizations can employ to assess AI's impact on HRM.

Emphasis was placed on ensuring reliability and validity through practices such as member checking and triangulation. This approach enables organizations to utilize the research findings effectively to evaluate the current landscape of AI and enhance employee performance while fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

Subsequently, the following chapter will present the findings derived from the research on AI's impact in Human Resource Management, building upon the groundwork laid out in this comprehensive exploration of methodologies and analytical approaches.

The purpose of this research is to identify the factors that accelerate the impact of artificial intelligence in Human Resource Management, with an emphasis on balancing technological advancements with human elements such as decision-making and ethics. The study aimed to answer three key research questions:

1. What are the factors that contribute to accelerating the impact of AI in HRM throughout organizations?

2. Is the establishment of AI's impact in HRM positively related to cultural change and the development of the mindset of both employers and employees?

3. How do transformative leadership and learning and development play a role in implementing the effectiveness of AI in HRM?

To address these questions, the research was conducted through a two-pronged approach: a quantitative survey with 108 respondents and qualitative semi-structured interviews with 10 experienced professionals. This combination of quantitative and qualitative methods enabled a thorough grasp of the topic, blending extensive statistical analysis with detailed personal viewpoints.

5.1.2 Correlation of Research Results with Research Questions One

The survey revealed several critical factors contributing to the acceleration of AI in HRM. About 64% of respondents agreed that AI is the future of HRM, highlighting a strong belief in its potential. Moreover, 66% of respondents acknowledged using modern technologies such as AI-based screening software and database management systems in their HR processes. These technologies are pivotal in streamlining HR functions and improving efficiency. Additionally, 76% of respondents stated that processes like recruitment and talent management are increasingly relying on AI applications. This widespread adoption underscores the growing integration of AI into HR practices, driven by the need for improved accuracy, speed, and cost efficiency.

The interviews further emphasized the role of specific sectors in accelerating AI adoption. For instance, the healthcare sector has seen significant AI implementation, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. A healthcare respondent mentioned the acquisition of an AI-based MRI machine that enhanced decision-making and optimized time management. Similarly, in retail, the necessity for online engagement has driven the adoption of AI to meet customer demands, as noted by a Business Partner HR in the retail industry. These examples illustrate that sector-specific needs and challenges significantly influence the pace of AI adoption in HRM.

According to Reim, (2020), AI can be described as a feature of intelligence that is more efficient and capable of processing more information than humans. Individuals are less prone to trust an AI application if they do not understand how it operates. Trust can be related to the technology itself, but also to the innovative firm and its ability to communicate.

Kaur, (2023) through his research stated that like in other organizational functions, as explained before, AI also has a crucial role in reducing the overall cost of HRM activities. In all HR processes, the ability to locate the right information, with reduced costs, in lesser time, and in a safe manner contributes the impetus, and it starts with the talent acquisition function (Ernst & Young, 2018).

AI can enhance the quality of hiring decisions and cost optimization, as organizations save the cost of poor hiring decisions (Barboza, 2019). Similarly, rightsizing can enable organizations to maintain a competitive advantage while gaining an advantage from a cost perspective (Armstrong-Stassen et al., 2005).

Literature, industry reports, and insights from interviews suggest that the operational cost of other HRM activities are also reduced through AI technologies. However, a well structure infusion of Artificial Intelligence has the potential to transform HR in every function if applied correctly and will have a selective impact on key HR functions. Following are the new capabilities that are increasingly being used by organizations: (1) Recruitment and Onboarding, (2) Employee Management. Recruitment is one of the

most widely applied AI technologies in HR, which largely consists of screening candidates' resumes, hiring for mass roles, etc. (Zehir et al., 2020).

Algorithms are being employed to screen and grade candidates based on matching keywords, semantic analysis, analyzing a candidate's career progression, matching job titles, using assessment tests, and calligraphy analysis, etc. AI has led to a reduction in the time of candidate screening, improved the quality of hire by reducing bias, and shortlisting candidates based on talent rather than experience alone, providing a better predictor of performance than just past experience Chowdhury et al., 2023).

5.1.3 Correlation of Research Results with Research Questions Two

The study hypothesized that the impact of AI in HRM is positively related to cultural change and the development of the mindset of both employers and employees. Survey results indicated that 48% of respondents do not believe AI will replace HR roles in the future, suggesting a perception that AI is a tool for enhancement rather than replacement. However, only 22% agreed that AI implementation would change organizational culture, indicating some resistance or scepticism towards cultural transformation through AI.

The Interview responses provided deeper insights into this hypothesis. The qualitative data revealed that AI implementation necessitates a shift in mindset, especially regarding training and development. For example, a respondent from the healthcare sector highlighted the importance of on-the-job training and internal digital platforms for AI learning. This indicates that organizations need to foster a culture of continuous learning and adaptability to fully realize the benefits of AI.

Additionally, respondents noted the challenge of bridging the generational gap in AI adoption, with older employees finding it harder to adapt to new technologies. This underscores the need for targeted training programs and support systems to facilitate cultural change and mindset development.

Cultural Change: Adoption of an Innovation Culture:

The integration of AI into HRM necessitates a shift toward a culture that values innovation and adaptability. Organizations that successfully implement AI often cultivate a culture where experimentation is encouraged, and learning from failures is accepted. This cultural shift not only facilitates the adoption of AI but also promotes continuous improvement and agility in HR practices.

Collaboration and Teamwork:

AI tools can enhance collaboration among teams by providing insights and data that inform decision-making. As employees become accustomed to using AI, there is often a greater emphasis on teamwork, as AI can facilitate communication and streamline processes. This collaborative environment fosters a culture of shared knowledge and collective problem-solving.

Employee Empowerment:

The use of AI in HRM can empower employees by automating routine tasks, allowing them to focus on more strategic and fulfilling work. This shift can lead to increased job satisfaction and engagement, as employees feel they are contributing more meaningfully to the organization. A culture that embraces AI can enhance employee morale and motivation.

Mindset Development: Growth Mindset

The introduction of AI in HRM encourages both employers and employees to adopt a growth mindset. Employers need to be open to learning about new technologies and their applications, while employees must be willing to develop new skills to

effectively interact with AI tools. This mindset shift is crucial for maximizing the benefits of AI and ensuring that individuals are prepared for the evolving workplace.

Resilience to Change:

As organizations implement AI, both employers and employees must cultivate resilience in the face of change. Understanding that technological advancements are part of the modern workplace helps mitigate resistance and fosters a proactive approach to learning and adaptation. This resilience is essential for navigating the uncertainties associated with AI integration.

Focus on Lifelong Learning:

The rapid pace of technological change necessitates a commitment to lifelong learning. Organizations that successfully integrate AI into HRM often encourage continuous professional development, enabling employees to acquire new skills and knowledge relevant to their roles. This focus on learning not only benefits individual career growth but also enhances the overall capability of the organization.

Impact on Organizational Performance: Enhanced Decision-Making

AI provides data-driven insights that facilitate better decision-making in HRM. When employers embrace AI, they can make more informed choices regarding talent acquisition, employee engagement, and performance management. This leads to improved organizational outcomes, such as higher retention rates and increased productivity.

Attraction and Retention of Talent:

Organizations that leverage AI effectively are often seen as innovative and forward-thinking, making them more attractive to potential employees. A positive cultural change that embraces technology can enhance an organization’s employer brand, aiding in attracting top talent and retaining existing employees.

The establishment of AI's impact in HRM is positively related to cultural change and the development of mindsets among both employers and employees. By fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous learning, organizations can effectively integrate AI into their HR practices, leading to enhanced performance, employee satisfaction, and overall organizational success. Emphasizing these cultural and mindset shifts is essential for maximizing the benefits of AI in HRM and ensuring sustainable growth in a rapidly changing work environment.

5.1.4: Correlation of Research Results with Research Questions Three

The study also explored how transformative leadership and learning, and development contribute to the effectiveness of AI in HRM. Survey data showed that 37% of respondents consider AI-based software as the future of HRM, reflecting the necessity for leadership to guide AI integration. Transformative leadership was seen as crucial in initiating and sustaining AI adoption, particularly during the pandemic, when rapid digital transformation was necessary.

Interview findings reinforced the significance of leadership and learning. Respondents emphasized that leadership initiatives were pivotal in AI implementation, especially in sectors like healthcare and retail. For instance, a healthcare HR manager advocated for extensive training programs and the inclusion of AI modules in internal platforms. This highlights the role of leadership in fostering an environment conducive to AI adoption through structured learning and development initiatives. Moreover, the importance of external training providers was noted, indicating that partnerships with specialized AI training organizations could enhance the effectiveness of AI implementation.

Khan et al., (2023) stated that AI's main benefits were greater efficiency and quality of work, especially in eliminating repetitive and tedious tasks. The biggest challenge was organizations' readiness to adopt and integrate new technology. Transformative leadership is characterized by the ability to inspire and motivate employees to embrace change, foster innovation, and achieve collective goals. The findings identified that Leaders in this model focus on creating a vision for the future, encouraging collaboration, and empowering team members.

Driving Cultural Change:

Transformative leaders are pivotal in instilling a culture that embraces change and innovation. They articulate a clear vision for how AI can enhance HR practices, helping employees understand the benefits and potential of these technologies. By promoting a culture of openness and experimentation, transformative leaders facilitate smoother transitions to AI-driven processes.

Empowerment and Engagement:

Transformative leaders empower employees by involving them in decision-making processes related to AI implementation. This involvement fosters a sense of ownership and accountability, leading to higher engagement levels. When employees feel their input is valued, they are more likely to embrace new technologies.

Role Modeling:

Leaders serve as role models for adopting new mindsets and behaviors. By actively engaging with AI tools and demonstrating a willingness to learn, transformative leaders encourage employees to do the same. This modeling can help shift organizational attitudes toward technology and innovation.

Continuous Learning Culture:

The integration of AI in HRM necessitates a culture of continuous learning. Organizations must prioritize L&D initiatives that equip employees with the skills needed to work effectively with AI technologies. This includes training on data analytics, AI tools, and soft skills like adaptability and problem-solving.

Skill Development:

L&D programs should focus on both technical skills (e.g., using AI software) and soft skills (e.g., communication, collaboration). As AI takes over routine tasks, employees will need to develop higher-order skills that complement AI capabilities. Learning initiatives should be aligned with the strategic goals of the organization to ensure relevance.

Tailored Learning Paths:

Transformative leaders can advocate for personalized learning paths that cater to individual employee needs and career goals. By leveraging AI-driven learning platforms, organizations can provide customized training experiences that enhance employee engagement and effectiveness.

Feedback and Improvement:

Establishing mechanisms for ongoing feedback allows organizations to assess the effectiveness of L&D programs continually. Transformative leaders should encourage a feedback-rich environment where employees can share their experiences and suggest improvements to training initiatives.

The interplay between transformative leadership and learning and development is vital for successfully integrating AI into HRM. Transformative leaders set the tone for a culture of innovation and continuous improvement, while effective L&D initiatives equip employees with the necessary skills to thrive in an AI-enhanced workplace. Together, these elements foster an environment where both the organization and its employees can adapt, grow, and succeed in the face of technological advancements.

In summary, the research findings underscore the multifaceted factors influencing AI's impact on HRM. Technological advancements, cultural shifts, leadership, and continuous learning are interdependent elements driving the successful integration of AI in HR processes. The data suggests a positive trajectory towards AI adoption, contingent on strategic leadership and a culture of adaptability and continuous improvement.

5.1.3 Correlation with Existing Literature

The integration of Artificial Intelligence into Human Resource Management is increasingly recognized as a pivotal development in both academia and industry. The factors that accelerate AI's impact in HRM encompass various dimensions, including technological advancements, cultural change, and leadership dynamics. This section delves into these factors in detail, highlighting their implications and impacts, while correlating them with existing literature to provide a comprehensive understanding.

The first aspect to consider is the technological advancements that AI brings to HRM. As highlighted by Qamar et al., (2021), these advancements enhance operational efficiency by automating time-consuming tasks such as recruitment and performance management. By streamlining these processes, AI allows HR professionals to focus on strategic decision-making rather than being bogged down by administrative duties.

Moreover, Mariana et al., (2019) emphasizes the importance of integrating AI into decision-making processes, asserting that AI enhances the credibility and reliability of information. This capability leads to more accurate and timely insights, enabling HR managers to make informed decisions that can significantly improve organizational outcomes. The literature underscores that a robust technological foundation is critical for reaping the benefits of AI in HRM.

The second factor revolves around the necessity of cultural change and mindset development within organizations. The literature strongly supports the idea that a cultural transformation is essential for the successful implementation of AI technologies. Fang Wang et al., (2021) argues for the development of a learning organization, where enterprises and employees share common goals, thereby fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptation. This cultural shift is vital as it creates an environment conducive to embracing technological changes.

Similarly, Sangita (2019) underscores the need for educational initiatives that equip employees with the necessary technical skills to navigate AI systems effectively. By investing in training and development, organizations can cultivate a workforce that is not only adept at using AI but also open to change, ultimately leading to greater organizational resilience and innovation.

Transformative leadership plays a crucial role in facilitating the integration of AI into HRM practices. As noted by Jinu and Mary (2019), effective leaders are essential in navigating the complexities associated with AI implementation. Transformative leadership fosters an organizational culture that embraces change and innovation, thereby enabling organizations to harness the full potential of AI technologies.

Moreover, Jarrahi (2018) emphasizes the concept of human-AI symbiosis in decision-making, suggesting that while AI can provide valuable insights, human judgment remains indispensable. This perspective highlights the necessity for leaders who can strike a balance between leveraging AI tools and preserving the human elements essential to effective HRM.

The importance of learning and development initiatives cannot be overstated in this context. Kaur (2023) provides practical examples of how AI can be effectively utilized in HRM, such as using AI for resume screening and the development of personalized learning plans for employees. These applications illustrate that integrating AI into HRM is not solely about technology; it also requires a commitment to fostering continuous learning and development among employees. This commitment ensures that employees are equipped to adapt to new technologies and methodologies, ultimately maximizing the benefits of AI within HR practices.

Ethical considerations and trust in AI systems emerge as recurring themes in the literature. Kim, Park, and Lee (2018) argue that trust in AI is fundamentally based on the transparency of its processes and the reliability of its outputs. For AI to be widely adopted, it must not only perform effectively but also be understood and trusted by its users. Mojsilovic (2019) echoes this sentiment, asserting that confidence in AI systems is critical for their successful integration. In HRM, where decisions can significantly affect employees' careers and lives, ensuring fairness and accountability in AI-driven processes is paramount. Ethical considerations can lead to increased transparency in decision-making, thereby building trust among users and stakeholders. Furthermore, addressing ethical concerns ensures that organizations remain accountable for the outcomes of their AI systems, reducing the risks of bias and discrimination.

The implications of trust in AI are equally significant. Trust can greatly influence user adoption rates; when employees have confidence in AI technologies, they are more likely to utilize them and rely on their recommendations. This heightened trust can enhance overall organizational performance, as employees who believe in the AI systems in place are more willing to embrace change and engage in innovative practices. Additionally, the public perception of organizations utilizing AI is shaped by the degree of trust established through ethical practices. Companies that prioritize transparency and fairness in their AI implementations can enhance their brand reputation and foster customer loyalty.

In conclusion, the existing literature robustly supports the research questions posed in this study, emphasizing the critical roles of technological advancements, cultural change, transformative leadership, and ethical considerations in accelerating AI's impact in HRM. By focusing on these factors, organizations can effectively leverage AI to enhance their HR practices, leading to improved decision-making, greater efficiency, and more equitable outcomes. Addressing the implications of trust and ethics in AI not only fosters a more inclusive work environment but also positions organizations favourably in the eyes of employees and the broader public, ultimately facilitating a more successful integration of AI technologies in HRM. There are various impact which may take place based on the actions taken.

5.4: Ethical and Legal Consideration in AI-HR integration

Artificial intelligence has been instrumental in enabling large-scale deployment and adoption by HRM in the big data era. AI technologies, however, are not without risks. The use of AI tools often raises potential ethical or privacy concerns, including security threats, both perceived and real, to applicants and current employees. The widespread use of AI and big data in HRM may

lead to privacy infringement or the unauthorized collection of big data and to a negative impact on equality in society (Bankins, 2021).

Moreover, AI tools can be programmed to induce decisions solely benefiting the employing organization. AI-based decisions for recruiting and selecting employees should not be made in a way that would adversely affect the rights and opportunities, or the mental and physical well-being of individuals based on irrelevant factors.

Moreover, the AI community has long acknowledged that biases are still concealed in the input data of AI systems. Whether the biases stem from the data itself or are encoded into the algorithms, this will likely influence the decision-making of the AI system. In the context of HRM, AI tools exhibit an autopilot mechanism in preventing the underprivileged classes from accessing job opportunities, and hence are important for the protection of individuals' rights seeking employment. Some major laws and regulations that address the deployment of AI technology in HRM were also identified, but the guidelines were less clear about the protections reserved for the employee or the applicant. A closer look reveals that while these guidelines or local regulations are instrumental in promoting a safe employment atmosphere where AI and other technologies are being deployed, they stand indirectly to also promote the interests of the employers.

The implication here is that there is a need for robust policy to protect the rights of the employee, as these guidelines were less clear about the extent to which unauthorized access may potentially have an effect on the interests of these parties. The interpretation of these guidelines reveals that society is more concerned about the privacy of personal and sensitive information of the job seeker, rather than its potential effects on the employing organization.

It follows that when collecting big data on employees, it is imperative that due attention is given to the social and psychological security of all persons involved. The refusal to do this could lead to a well-meaning act that resides in the best interest of the employing organization being perceived as over-ambitious, unethical, and negatively motivated (Hofeditz et al., 2022). Hence, it is imperative that companies address transparency, accountability, fairness and trust using AI.

Transparency: Ethical considerations in AI can lead to increased transparency in how AI systems make decisions, helping to build trust among users and stakeholders.

Accountability: Addressing ethical concerns can make organizations and developers accountable for the outcomes of AI systems, reducing the risk of biases and discrimination.

Fairness: Ethical considerations can promote fairness in AI applications, ensuring that decisions made by AI systems do not discriminate against certain individuals or groups.

Trust Impact:

User Adoption: Trust in AI systems can influence user adoption rates. When users trust AI technologies, they are more likely to use them and rely on their recommendations.

Trust in AI among employees can impact organizational performance. When employees trust AI systems used in HRM, for example, they may be more willing to embrace change and enhance their productivity.

Trust in AI can shape public perception of technology companies and organizations using AI. Building trust through ethical practices can enhance brand reputation and customer loyalty.

5.5 Triangulation of Research Hypotheses with Existing Literature

The study analysis indicates the presence of important trends regarding AI usage in India. Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly being integrated at different stages in the human resource management (HRM) practices in India. These trends pertain to the use of AI in the recruitment and selection process, talent management, HR analytics, and employee engagement (Budhwar et al., 2022).

The integration of HRM and AI use indicates a change in the attitudes of the HRM department, which has now started accepting the use of technology in hiring and in reaching potential employees. A survey interviewee narrates how AI has revolutionized modern-day hiring platforms, enabling them to attract and retain passionate, skillful, and committed employees who are eager to explore possibilities at the workplace (Vrontis et al., 2023).

AI is also being widely used in conducting various employee-related analyses and forecasting for better decision-making. The use of AI in HR analytical tools has significantly hastened the day-to-day decision-making process, enabling strategic planning in a firm. While AI has the capability to predict, the application of the results it produces is determined by the intellect of the humans in charge.

In essence, AI aids employees in gaining insight by performing analyses in no time. Since AI is not influenced by emotions or personal bias and only considers data, it makes for an accurate appraisal of issues. The successful use and application of AI in HRM has accelerated the transformation of the HR system and enabled HR professionals to function as strategic business partners within any organization. The following paragraphs provide insights on the use of technology in HRM at different levels as observed in India through the interviews (Pandey et al., 2023)

The research findings from the current study correlate significantly with existing literature on the impact of AI in human resource management. Several key themes emerge from this comparison, including the role of AI in cultural change, mindset development, the mitigation of biases, cost optimization, and training and development.

AI and Cultural Change in Organizations

Existing studies emphasize AI's potential to profoundly alter organizational cultures. Mariana et al., (2019) asserts that incorporating AI into HRM can substantially enhance the reliability of information, thereby facilitating more confident decision-making processes. This aligns with the survey findings where 22% of respondents agreed that AI implementation will change the culture of their organizations. Similarly, Wang et al., (2021) emphasizes the importance of a sound human resource management information system powered by AI to fundamentally improve the quality of HR practices in manufacturing enterprises, highlighting the broader cultural shift towards more data-driven and efficient operations.

Digital Transformation is not merely related to adopting and exploiting new digital technology solutions but entails an organization’s transformation driven by integrating new digital-based knowledge, developing a receptive culture to rethinking working mechanisms and adopting new practices and business models.

Leaders are crucial in shaping organizational culture and context for nourishing, developing, and managing digital-based knowledge. They drive the organizational DT by rethinking old structures and processes, fostering a culture of change, and leading people to renovate their mindset, knowledge, attitudes, and working methods considering organizational strategy and the critical features of the organization’s architecture (Schiuma, 2024).

Development of Employer and Employee Mindset

The study by Jarrahi (2018) illustrates the supportive role of AI in decision-making processes within organizations, emphasizing the symbiotic relationship between humans and AI. This supports the current research finding that a significant portion of respondents (64%) agreed that AI is the future of HRM. The necessity for HR managers to be proficient in both HR and AI systems to mitigate technical gaps, as suggested by Qamar et al., (2021), is also reflected in the qualitative responses where participants highlighted the need for continuous learning and adaptation to new AI technologies.

Mitigation of Biases and Ethical Concerns

Bias in AI systems is a critical concern highlighted by Qamar et al., (2021), who caution against the potential for AI to perpetuate human biases in HR activities. The current study echoes this concern, noting that while AI can streamline HR processes, careful management is required to ensure ethical decision-making. This is particularly relevant given that only 37% of survey respondents were confident in AI's ability to improve HRM without bias, indicating a need for robust training and ethical guidelines in AI implementation.

Cost Optimization through AI

The cost-saving potential of AI in HRM is well-documented. Samarasinghe & Medis (2020) argue that AI can address issues such as labor cost reduction and efficient talent management. This is corroborated by the current study's findings, where respondents acknowledged the benefits of AI in cost optimization, particularly through automation and improved efficiency in HR processes. The qualitative insights from interview participants further underscore AI's role in reducing labor costs and enhancing operational efficiencies, as seen in the healthcare sector's use of AI-based MRI machines to optimize decision-making.

Training and Development in AI

The importance of training and development in AI adoption is highlighted across multiple studies. Wang et al., (2021) stresses the necessity of continuous learning and development to keep pace with technological advancements in AI.

Similarly, Sangita (2019) emphasizes the need for workshops and educational programs to enhance AI proficiency among HR professionals. The current study supports this, with respondents and interview participants alike advocating for robust training programs to facilitate AI adoption. The HR managers interviewed noted the significance of internal training centers and external experts to bridge skill gaps and enhance AI utilization in HRM processes.

Enhancing Decision-Making and Trust

Building trust in AI systems is crucial for their mass adoption, as noted by Kim, Park & Lee (2018). The need for transparency and understanding of AI systems to foster trust aligns with the current study's findings that emphasize the importance of ethical AI practices. Respondents highlighted the need for clear guidelines and training to ensure AI systems are used responsibly and effectively, reflecting the broader literature's call for trust-building measures in AI deployment.

5.6 Conclusion

Although the introduction of AI entails a long list of challenges and concerns, providing the necessary technical infrastructure for coordinating the demands according to ethical, transparency, and protection-relevant criteria is implied. This need consequently turns HR platforms into strategic tools for safeguarding the sustainment of corporate goals, even when the managerial horizon might be asynchronous.

In summary, the current research findings align closely with existing literature on the impact of AI in HRM. AI's potential to drive cultural change, enhance decision-making, mitigate biases, optimize costs, and necessitate continuous training is well-supported by both the current study and previous research. As AI continues to evolve, its integration into HRM will likely become more profound, necessitating ongoing research and adaptation to ensure ethical, efficient, and effective utilization. The last chapter of the thesis delves into the summary, implications and recommendations for the research.

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