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A Study on Mentorship Programs and Their Role in Building Employer- Employee Relationships among IT Companies with Special Reference to Coimbatore District

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ABSTRACT: Mentorship programs play a crucial role in fostering strong employee relationships and enhancing professional growth in IT companies. This study explores the impact of mentorship initiatives in IT firms in Coimbatore District, focusing on how they improve employee engagement, collaboration, and job satisfaction.

By connecting experienced professionals with junior employees, mentorship programs provide guidance, skill development, and career support. They also help in creating a positive work culture, reducing employee turnover, and boosting overall productivity. The research examines the effectiveness of these programs, identifies key benefits and challenges, and provides insights into best practices for successful mentorship in IT companies.

KEYWORDS: Mentorship, Employee Relationships, IT Companies, Growth, Engagement, Skill Development, Coimbatore.

I. INTRODUCTION

Mentorship programs in Coimbatore's IT sector enhance skills, relationships, and career growth by pairing experienced professionals with junior employees. They improve engagement, teamwork, and job satisfaction while reducing turnover. This study explores their impact, benefits, challenges, and best practices.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY:

This study focuses on the role of mentorship programs in strengthening employee relationships in IT companies in Coimbatore District. It examines how mentorship impacts employee engagement, career growth, job satisfaction, and teamwork.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1.To explore the structure and functioning of mentorship programs in IT companies in Coimbatore district
- 2.To examine the impact of mentorship programs on building strong employee relationships

II. LITERATURE REVIEWS

Gopinath (2020) found that peer mentorship in 18 Coimbatore IT companies fosters trust, teamwork, and better workplace dynamics, especially in technical roles.

Lakshmi (2021) found that mentorship reduces turnover by fostering belonging and loyalty among 1,000+ IT employees in Coimbatore.

Nair (2020) found that mentorship accelerates promotions, boosts skills, and enhances leadership for 300 IT mentees in Coimbatore, driving satisfaction and growth.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Sampling method: simple random method, 100 IT personnel from Coimbatore district

Information collection: Primary information through dependent questionnaires; secondary facts from research papers, industry reviews.

Tools used for Analysis: Simple Percentage, Correlation, Rank Analysis

IV. ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

SIMPLE PERCENTAGE

Simple percentage is a statistical tool used to analyse and present data in a way that shows the proportion or frequency of a particular response or group within a sample. It helps quantify the impact or preference in a simple, understandable manner by converting raw data into a percentage format.

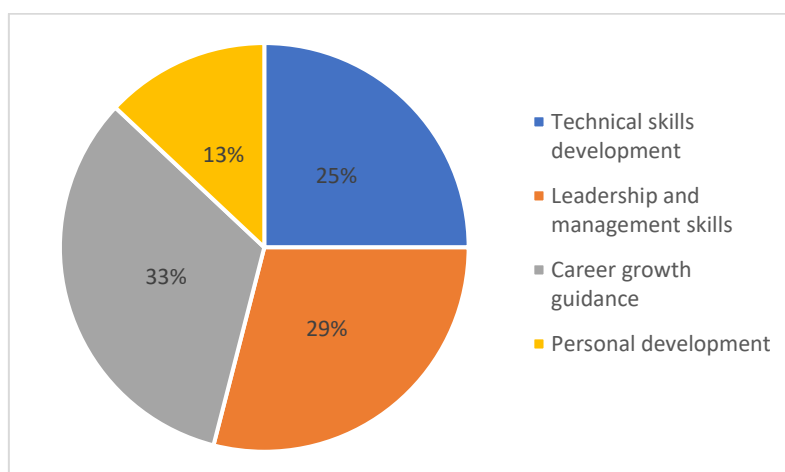
THE KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

S. No.	THE KEY FOCUS AREAS OF THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM	NO OF RESPONDENTS	PERCENTAGE (%)
1	Technical skills development	25	25%
2	Leadership and management skills	29	29%
3	Career growth guidance	33	33%
4	Personal development	13	13%
	Total	100	100

(Source: Primary data)

INTERPRETATION

33% of respondents mentioned that the mentorship program focuses on career growth guidance. 29% mentioned leadership and management skills, 25% highlighted technical skills development, and 13% indicated personal development.



CORRELATION

Correlation measures the relationship between two variables. It can be positive, negative, or none. Pearson's r (-1 to +1) shows strength and direction. Used in business for better decisions.

1."To find the significant difference between how mentors and mentees are matched and the effectiveness of the mentorship program in building strong professional relationships."

Null Hypothesis (H_0):

There is no significant difference between how mentors and mentees are matched and the effectiveness of the mentorship program in building strong professional relationships. ($p = 0$)

Alternative Hypothesis (H_1):

There is a significant difference between how mentors and mentees are matched and the effectiveness of the mentorship program in building strong professional relationships. ($p \neq 0$)

VARIABLES	PEARSON CORRELATION
Mentors and mentees are matched	.210
Mentorship program in building strong professional relationships.	.210

INTERPRETATION

Weak but significant link ($r = 0.210$, $p = 0.036$); better matching slightly improves relationships.

RANK ANALYSIS

Rank analysis in SPSS uses nonparametric tests for data that don't meet parametric assumptions. It relies on data order rather than actual values. SPSS provides various tests for ranked data analysis.

SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.

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PARTICULARS	MEAN RANK	ACTUAL RANK
Significantly increased	1.87	1
Moderately increased	2.60	2
Slightly increased	2.87	3
No impact	2.94	4
Decreased opportunities	3.10	5

INTERPRETATION

Most see a significant increase (mean 1.87). Moderate increase ranks second, slight increase third. Few report no impact or decrease.

V. SUGGESTIONS

- Develop a well-defined mentorship structure with clear objectives, timelines, and evaluation criteria to ensure effectiveness.
- Match mentors and mentees based on skills, career goals, and professional interests to foster better relationships and learning experiences.
- Provide training sessions for mentors to enhance their coaching abilities and improve the overall quality of mentorship.

VI. CONCLUSION

Mentorship programs in Coimbatore IT firms enhance relationships, engagement, and career growth by fostering knowledge-sharing and job satisfaction. Despite challenges like mentor availability, well-structured programs strengthen teamwork, boost retention, and improve productivity, contributing to long-term success.

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