

Role of LinkedIn in Employee Personal Branding and Career Opportunities

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: LinkedIn, Personal Branding, Career Opportunities, Professional Networking, Employee Branding

I. INTRODUCTION

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OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- To understand the recruitment and selection process of the company and its effectiveness.
- To verify that the employees are satisfied with the norms and procedures of the selection process,
- To check whether the candidates are satisfied with the talent acquirers.
- To verify whether the candidates are hired as per their qualifications.
- To examine the effective part of the recruitment.

II. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Khedher (2014) defined personal branding as a strategic process in which individuals promote themselves and their careers as brands in the competitive job market. The study explains that personal branding is no longer limited to celebrities but has become essential for employees and job seekers. With the emergence of digital platforms, LinkedIn plays a major role in helping individuals create and manage their professional identity. The author highlights that LinkedIn allows users to present their qualifications, achievements, and career goals in a structured manner. It also provides visibility to a wider audience, including recruiters and industry professionals.

Van Dijck (2013) examined LinkedIn as a digital networking platform that has transformed traditional professional networking practices. The study explains that earlier networking was limited to face-to-face interactions, but LinkedIn has made it more accessible and global. It allows users to connect with professionals across industries and geographical boundaries. The author highlights that LinkedIn helps in maintaining long-term professional relationships. It also enables users to discover new career opportunities through their network. The platform provides features such as connection requests, messaging, and group participation. These features enhance communication and knowledge sharing among professionals. The study also points out that LinkedIn encourages continuous interaction through content sharing and engagement. This helps individuals stay updated with industry trends. The research concludes that LinkedIn has become an essential tool for professional networking in the modern era.

Nikolaou (2014) analyzed the impact of social networking sites on recruitment and selection processes. The study found that LinkedIn is widely used by recruiters to identify and evaluate potential candidates. It provides detailed information about candidates, including their skills, experience, and professional activities. The author explains that recruiters often use LinkedIn profiles as a supplement to resumes. This helps them gain deeper insights into a candidate's personality and communication skills. The study also highlights that LinkedIn profiles influence hiring decisions significantly. Candidates with well-maintained profiles are more likely to attract recruiter attention. The platform also allows recruiters to directly contact candidates. This reduces the time and cost involved in recruitment. The research concludes that LinkedIn has become a key tool in modern hiring practices. It plays a crucial role in connecting employers and job seekers.

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study adopts a descriptive research design. Convenience sampling is adopted in this study. Both primary data and secondary data are used in this study. The sample size of the study is 120. Simple percentage analysis, chi square analysis and anova have been used in this study.

Data analysis and interpretation

Table No. 1 AGE OF THE EMPLOYEES

Age (Years)	Number of Respondents	Percentage
Below 20	10	8.30%
21–25	18	15.00%
26–30	35	29.20%
Above 30	57	47.50%
Total	120	100%

Source: Primary data

Interpretation

8.3% of respondents are below 20 years of age, 15.0% are between 21 and 25 years, 29.2% are between 26 and 30 years, and 47.5% are above 30 years of age.

Table No. 2 LINKEDIN USAGE

Linkedin Usage	No. of Respondents	Percentage
Daily	48	40%
Weekly	36	30%
Occasionally	24	20%
Rarely	12	10%

Source: Primary data

Interpretation

Among the 120 respondents, 40% use LinkedIn daily, 30% use it weekly, 20% use it occasionally, and 10% use it rarely, indicating varying levels of engagement with the platform among employees.

Table No. 3 PURPOSE OF USING LINKEDIN

S. No	Purpose	No. of Respondents	Percentage
1	Job Search	42	35%
2	Networking	30	25%
3	Personal Branding	28	23.3%
4	Learning	20	16.7%
Total		120	100%

Interpretation:

35% of respondents use LinkedIn mainly for job search, followed by networking (25%).

Table No. 3 PERCEPTION TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION PROCESS

Statements	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
The acquisition process was communicated clearly	40 (33.3%)	45 (37.5%)	20 (16.7%)	10 (8.3%)	5 (4.2%)	120 (100%)
The process was transparent and fair	35 (29.2%)	50 (41.7%)	25 (20.8%)	5 (4.2%)	5 (4.2%)	120 (100%)
Employees were given adequate support during the process	30 (25.0%)	40 (33.3%)	35 (29.2%)	10 (8.3%)	5 (4.2%)	120 (100%)
The acquisition will positively impact my career growth	25 (20.8%)	45 (37.5%)	30 (25.0%)	15 (12.5%)	5 (4.2%)	120 (100%)
I feel confident in the management decisions during the acquisition	20 (16.7%)	50 (41.7%)	30 (25.0%)	15 (12.5%)	5 (4.2%)	120 (100%)

Source: Primary data

Interpretation

33.3% of respondents strongly agree and 37.5% agree that the acquisition process was communicated clearly, while 16.7% are neutral, 8.3% disagree, and 4.2% strongly disagree. 29.2% strongly agree and 41.7% agree that the process was transparent and fair, with 20.8% neutral, 4.2% disagree, and 4.2% strongly disagree. 25.0% strongly agree and 33.3% agree that adequate support was provided to employees during the process, while 29.2% are neutral, 8.3% disagree, and 4.2% strongly disagree. 20.8% strongly agree and 37.5% agree that the acquisition will positively impact career growth, with 25.0% neutral, 12.5% disagree, and 4.2% strongly disagree. 16.7% strongly agree and 41.7% agree that employees feel confident in management decisions during the acquisition, while 25.0% are neutral, 12.5% disagree, and 4.2% strongly disagree.

Table No. 4 AGE VS PERCEPTION TOWARDS ACQUISITION PROCESS

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	2.627	4	0.657	0.491	0.742
Within Groups	153.698	115	1.337		
Total	156.325	119			

Source: Primary data

Interpretation

The significance value (0.742) is greater than 0.05, hence the null hypothesis is accepted.

Table No. 5 CHI-SQUARE ANALYSIS- RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PURPOSE OF USING LINKEDIN AND LINKEDIN USAGE

Test	Value	df	Asymp. Sig. (2-sided)
Pearson Chi-Square	28.571	18	0.054
Likelihood Ratio	28.898	18	0.050
N of Valid Cases	120		

Interpretation

As per the above table, it is inferred that the P value is 0.054; it is not significant to 5% (0.05) significant level. The minimum expected count is 0.10. Thus null hypothesis is accepted. There is a relationship between Purpose Of Using LinkedIn and LinkedIn usage, but it is marginally significant.

IV. SUGGESTIONS

- Employees should regularly update their LinkedIn profiles with latest skills, achievements, and experiences to improve visibility.
- Organizations can use LinkedIn more effectively as a recruitment tool to attract qualified and skilled candidates.
- Individuals should focus on building a strong personal brand by sharing professional content and engaging actively on LinkedIn.
- Training programs can be conducted to educate employees on effective LinkedIn usage and personal branding strategies.
- Recruiters should improve communication and feedback mechanisms to enhance candidate experience.
- Companies should leverage LinkedIn for employer branding to attract more talent.
- Employees should expand their professional network by connecting with industry experts and recruiters.
- LinkedIn features like endorsements, recommendations, and certifications should be utilized for better career opportunities.
- Organizations should ensure clear job descriptions and transparent recruitment processes to build trust.
- Continuous improvement in onboarding and training programs can enhance employee satisfaction and retention.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The study clearly establishes that LinkedIn has become an indispensable platform in the modern professional landscape, significantly influencing employee personal branding and career opportunities. It not only enables individuals to present their professional identity effectively but also bridges the gap between job seekers and recruiters. The findings demonstrate that a majority of respondents rely on LinkedIn for networking, job search, and skill enhancement, proving its growing relevance in recruitment practices. Moreover, organizations increasingly utilize LinkedIn as a strategic tool for talent acquisition and employer branding. Therefore, the effective use of LinkedIn can greatly enhance an individual's career prospects, professional visibility, and long-term growth, making it a vital asset in today's competitive job market.

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