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Lecture 30: Benefits of Synergizing AI and HRM

Hello learners, welcome back to the course on AI in Human Resource Management. In this particular lecture, we'll delve into the benefits of synergizing AI and HRM. We have discussed AI and HRM in quite a detailed perspective, specifying different use cases, best practices, etc. Now, we'll look into the benefits of synergizing AI and HRM. I'm Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac. I'm an assistant professor at the School of Business, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. Now, when you want to understand the benefits of synergizing AI in HRM, you must first start with the evolution of AI. When you look into the evolution of AI in HRM, you'll see that it has a certain history. From the late 1990s to early 2000s, we cannot go back to, let's say, 100 years or something which is not practically possible.

But from the late 1990s to early 2000s, this is where the initial seeds of AI were seen. With the rise of the internet and online job boards, AI began playing a vital role in HRM. Basic AI algorithms were used to match job seekers with relevant job openings, etc. Though it was not specifically termed AI, the thing is, it was there almost in the background. When you look into the mid-2000s,

You know, as AI technology advanced, they are professionals adopted more advanced tools like applicant tracking systems or resume passes to streamline recruitment management and improve the candidate screening efficiency. Then we further delve into the latest part, late 2000s to early 2010s. We see that. The growth of social media and professional networking sites like LinkedIn enabled the use of AI for talent acquisition. AI-driven analytics altogether helped HR professionals identify and target potential candidates based on their online presence and activities.

Mid-2010s to present, this is what we are interested in mainly. Recent advancements in AI and machine learning have had, you know, the development of various HR applications, including chatbots for candidate engagement, NLP for analyzing the employee feedback and predictive analytics for workforce planning and, of course, performance management. Now, when you look into HR innovation management altogether, it utilizes the traditional methods like, let's say, brown paper, flip charts, sticky notes, etc. So this is what has been time and again a time tested perspective of the innovation management extent of digital expansion. Let's look into this particular model where you will see that.

Analog tools-based innovation management was at the bottom. Manual innovation was more keen or more streamlined. Then came the digital tool-based innovation management. So you look into the expansion, it moves further to automated business model reconfiguration, etc. But when we talk about the base,

The analog tool-based innovation management, you see, is generally the traditional method where you will find brown paper, flip charts, sticky notes, etc. So this level is low in terms of digital capability and relies on manual processes. Whereas, if you look at the next level—digital tool-based innovation management—we will examine that in detail. When you examine digital tool-based innovation specifically, you can see moderate digital expansion. It involves digital environments for collaboration, rapid prototyping, and even idea management.

So this level certainly introduces some digital tools to enhance innovation but still requires manual input. Then we have automated business model reconfiguration, where there is high digital expansion moving toward automation. So AI enables automatic pricing, costing, and delivery. Business partner mediation.

So what we understand here is that innovation management benefits from AI-driven automation of core business functions. Finally, we have automated business model development. So all these particular AI algorithms match problems with typical solutions. So AI algorithms at this stage—innovation management is fully Automated, requiring minimal manual intervention.

So what we generally see with respect to the whole aspect is that the x-axis measures the shift from manual to automated innovation management. So what we see here is this shift. Whereas what we tend to capture with the Y-axis is the increasing extent of digital expansion altogether. So this is what we can ascertain by moving from non-digital tools at the bottom to full automation at the top. Now, when we look into AI applications in HRM,

Let's look into this quickly. We have seen it, we have discussed this many times, so very quickly we'll move through it. Since we are looking into the sync between AI and HRM, we have to again track down to these simple aspects. But again, since we have discussed, we move fast. Recruitment: AI-driven recruitment tools such as applicant tracking systems simplify the hiring process by automating tasks like candidate screening, interview coordination, background checks, etc. The machine learning algorithms in AI recruitment platforms analyze large datasets to identify patterns that predict candidate success, enabling organizations to make more informed hiring decisions. When you look into retention, what we have seen across the previous modules is that AI helps. Improve employee retention by using predictive analytics, machine learning, personalized career development, etc. So what we understand with respect to this is that AI tools support

a certain niche area of personalized career development and learning opportunities, promoting employee growth and satisfaction. When you look into employee engagement, we have the AI-powered HR tools like chatbots, sentiment analysis software enhancing employee engagement by improving communication, offering real-time feedback, and highlighting areas that need attention. So AI typically analyzes engagement data to uncover trends and patterns, helping HR design strategies that boost employee satisfaction and productivity. Now, when you look into data-driven decision-making in HRM again, which we have touched upon in the previous module, we can categorize the understanding based on these parameters. One is that it optimizes the HR process. AI-driven analytics assist HR teams in identifying inefficiencies and workflow bottlenecks, allowing them to make data-driven decisions to improve overall process efficiency. The second would be to improve workforce planning. When you look into predictive analytics, AI-powered predictive analytics enables organizations to forecast

future workforce requirements, pinpoint skill gaps if any, and create targeted strategies for talent acquisition and development.

To a certain extent, the development of that. When you look into the third aspect, it is more about tracking and assessing performance. AI-based HRM tools allow organizations to monitor employee performance more accurately and objectively. Thus aiding in informed decisions about performance management and compensation. When you look into the benefits of synergizing AI and HR, we can see increased efficiency.

AI-based HR tools can handle repetitive and time-consuming tasks, allowing HR professionals to focus on strategic, higher-value activities. We have improved decision-making, which is critical because AI-powered analytics offer deeper workforce insights, helping HR teams make informed decisions aligned with company goals. We have enhanced talent acquisition and management. AI-driven tools improve recruitment by identifying and attracting top candidates, creating personalized career development plans, and boosting employee engagement and retention. We also have increased adaptability.

AI-powered HR tools enable organizations to respond quickly to changing market conditions, workforce needs, and technological advancements, keeping them competitive and future-ready. Now, when you look into strategies for successful AI implementation in HRM, we undoubtedly have training and education. HR professionals should undergo training and education programs covering fundamental AI concepts like machine learning and data analytics. We have collaboration with IT departments and external partners, where you see that Organizations should encourage HR professionals to collaborate with IT departments and other cross-functional teams.

Then we have creating an AI-centric HR culture, which is all about organizations that cultivate an AI-friendly culture within HR. One that embraces data driven decision making and technology related innovation. We can also look into strategies such as promoting what we have understood as more of a leadership commitment aspect. We can also see strategies like promoting a data driven culture like leadership commitment, where top management must emphasize the importance of data driven decision making

and AI driven HRM practices. You know, leaders should clearly communicate expectations, provide necessary resources that are that should be provided and actively support.

Leaders should clearly communicate expectations, provide necessary resources, and actively support the adoption of these practices to motivate HR professionals and employees to embrace AI in HRM. We should also look into data accessibility and literacy. Organizations must ensure that HR professionals and employees have easy access to relevant data and are trained in terms of data literacy. So systems and processes should be implemented. Typically, to allow easy data sharing and access, enabling better decision making and collaboration with HR teams. We also need to have employee involvement involving employees in developing and implementing the AI driven HRM practices. So it promotes knowledge sharing. It promotes collaboration. It will reinforce the data driven culture, which we were talking about previously.

We also have to ensure ethical AI deployment in HR. So what happens is that transparency and explainability sometimes take a hit. So we have to ensure that AI algorithms and decision-making processes are transparent. They are explainable. Transparent AI systems allow organizations to typically detect and correct biases or inaccuracies, address those issues, and ensure that fairness and accuracy are present in all decision-making processes. We can also look into it from the data privacy and security angle. Now, what we understand here is that Measures like encryption, data anonymization, or restricting access to authorized personnel are vital. These things are essential.

So ensuring data privacy and security helps build trust in AI systems and prevents risks related to data breaches or misuse. We also have to look into addressing bias and discrimination, particularly since AI systems may unintentionally reinforce biases or discrimination if not carefully designed and monitored. So organizations should assess the quality and diversity of the data used to train AI models. They should regularly audit AI systems for fairness and include diverse stakeholders in the AI design and evaluation process. That said, there are certain challenges with AI-driven systems and ethical considerations.

We will not go deeper because we have already covered bias and discrimination. We have also discussed data privacy. Compliance with data privacy regulations such as GDPR or the APEC Privacy Framework (the Asia-Pacific Privacy Framework) is vital. These laws set guidelines for data collection, processing, and storage. Organizations must implement strong data protection measures such as data anonymization, encryption, secure storage, etc.

There are also cultural differences and legal implications, including cultural adaptation and legal compliance. When examining things from a cultural and legal perspective, you'll see that AI-driven HRM systems may be perceived and accepted differently across various cultures and contexts. Be it in Asia, the US, or any other Western culture, this may impact their effectiveness and success. Organizations need to adapt their AI systems by considering local cultural norms and preferences. This may involve customizing

communication strategies, user interfaces, and system features. What we understand regarding legal compliance reinforces cultural considerations. AI-driven HRM raises legal concerns, particularly in areas like data protection, labor laws, and discrimination. Asian organizations, in particular, must navigate a complex and inconsistent legal environment, as AI and data regulations differ across jurisdictions. This presents a challenge in minimizing legal risks.

Companies need to stay updated on regulatory changes and ensure compliance with relevant laws. So, collaborating with legal experts is crucial to develop policies on data collection, algorithmic decision-making, and employee rights. When you're looking into ensuring human-AI collaboration with respect to what we have as of now, we have to. There is no other alternative than building trust. So, we need to offer training and education programs that can help employees comprehend

the benefits and limitations of AI in HRM, boosting their confidence in working with these technologies. Also, we can balance automation and human expertise to a large extent. Let's say AI should be seen as a tool that complements human skills rather than replacing them. So, encouraging collaboration between HR professionals and AI systems

allows organizations to maximize the strengths of both human expertise and AI technology in HRM.

So, this is what I wanted to quickly make you aware of—the possibilities and the benefits that AI brings in the domain of HRM. I think that there are some key takeaways with respect to the benefits and with respect to the challenges, which also need to be considered meticulously while implementing, let's say, AI in the HRM domain in your organization if you are a practitioner or learning AI in HRM, specifically if you are a student. So, we'll come with more details in the next session. Till then, take care.

Bye-bye. Thank you.