# 360 Degree Performance Appraisals of Students: a Demographic Study

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*Abstract*-Performance appraisal is one of the functions of Human Resource Management for measuring and evaluating the performance of the employees in an organization over a period of time as against the set standards. Performance appraisal (PA) which is a process used by the firms to evaluate their employees' efficiency and productivity, was initially carried out by the supervisors. 360 Degree Performance Appraisal is also identified as, is feedback which comes from different groups of reviewer who socialize with evaluated employees. For the most part this feedback will incorporate assessment from subordinates, colleagues, and his superior and in addition without anyone else specifically. It can likewise incorporate, now and again, feedback from external sources, for example, customers and suppliers or other intrigued stakeholders. 360 degree feedback is utilized for two purposes i.e. assessment and development. In this Research Primary data has been collected from students of various streams of Indore Division through using a Self Designed Questionnaire. T-Test and One way ANOVA test have been applied for the purpose of study A Demographic Study on Factors Determining 360 Degree Performance Appraisals of Students. Normality and Reliability have been checked. The purpose is to find out the contribution of 360 degree feedback to the students. Various benefits and shortcoming are listed down while introducing this method in the organization.

*Keywords*—360 Degrees Appraisal, feedback, Organization, People, Assessment, Development, Career development, Performance Appraisal, Organizational Objectives.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Usually appraisal process is done by the superior position employees for the better judgment of their performance. Apart from superiors, the opinion by others like colleagues, Juniors, and from other stakeholders are also important. 360 degree feedback is a feedback taken from various sources. Thus this system is named 360 degrees appraisal because one person is rated from all the sides. The employees get a broader view and review of their performance which makes him able to list out his strengths & weaknesses. This method can be used for developing training programs as the week points of the employees are pointed out and the employees tend to work hard for improving their performance. Appraisal under this method is done with the help of questionnaires containing the list of competencies against which the individuals are ranked, thus it ensures anonymity of the person filling the questionnaire. The questionnaire generally contains aspects like leadership qualities, teamwork, communication, adaptability, goal orientation, etc.

360 degree feedback is commonly used for following:-

- For learning & development of the participants.
- For supporting the remuneration decisions.
- For appraisal, resourcing & succession planning.

## **Meaning and Definition**

#### **Performance Appraisal:**

PERFORMANCE APPRSAISAL hence may be a proficient and target method for making a decision about the relative worth of limit of a delegate in playing out his errand. Execution examination has any kind of effect to perceive the individuals who are playing out their consigned errands well and the individuals who are not and the explanations behind such execution.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

### According To Randall S. Schuler,

"Performance Appraisal is widely accepted, sorted out way of evaluating and surveying an employee's job, related lead and results to discover how the employee is performing at function and how the employee can roll out more effectively with the objective of advantage for society and organization."

#### According To Dale Yoder

" Performance appraisal incorporates every single formal methodology used to assessed identities and commitments

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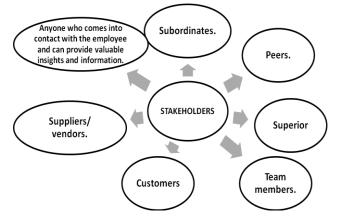
and possibilities of gathering individuals in a working Organization. It is ceaseless procedure to anchor data important for settling on right and target Decisions on employees."

## **360 Degrees Performance Appraisal**

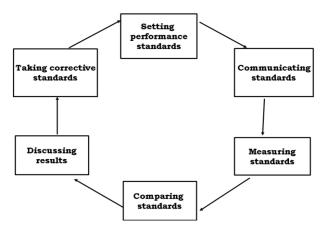
This feedback evaluation method used in 1940s. Later on it was widely accepted by the globe. It is a strategy which gives a chance to every employee to get execution feedback from his or her senior, peers, staff people, co-workers and customers. 360-degree input or multi-source criticism is an evaluation or execution appraisal apparatus which combines with criticism of all the observers and are influenced by the performance of a candidate. 360 degree appraisal has four integral components:

- Appraisal by self.
- Appraisal by seniors
- Appraisal by juniors
- · Appraisal by Colleagues

## Stakeholders of 360 Degree Performance Appraisal



## PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCESS



#### 360-Degree Feedback & Indian Scenario

The 360 degrees feedback has gained momentum in many countries but it is still to take off in full swing in Indian companies. This is because people here are averse to change. They like following the old traditions and patterns which have been made long back. Importance is given to the hierarchy and the person on top rules. The subordinates follow the leaders even if any one of them is competent enough to lead because the recruitment is still done on the basis of qualification and work experience and not on the basis of competency. Moreover people here have a habit of pleasing their bosses and they do not open up about their bosses because of fear of coming in his bad books. The authority flows from top to bottom and the opinions of subordinates are not given any importance because of internal politics in various departments. Moreover, appraisal information is needed for several purposes which ignore the major purpose of the appraisal i.e. achieving the organizational objectives. Managers make false promises and lack of training facilities lead to poor co-ordination among the groups and individuals.

## Pre-requisites for having 360 Degree Review System:-

It is very important for the organization and the employees to be prepared in advance for the change and accepting a new method for appraisal. Following are some points to be taken care of for this method to be effective:-

- Top management should be able to spare so much of time to give feedback for all the employees.
- The feedback thus given should be free from bias and anonymity should be ensured for the method to be effective.
- The feedback should be considered seriously and the information should be used to bring positive change in oneself and the organization.
- Teamwork should be encouraged in the organization in order to achieve the organizations common objective.
- There should be existence of healthy competition among the employees of the organization.
- Employees should be inquisitive and should want to know how people feel for them so that they can improve their behavior and performance.

## **Benefits of 360 Degree Appraisal**

- Creates awareness among employees & senior management
- All round development of the person being rated
- Increased consistency in the performance.
- Improved superior-subordinate relationship.
- Helps in improving customer service

- Effective HR decisions
- Such colleague's feedback will avail invigorate self-development.
- The commix of conceptions provides a more precise assessment.
- By the use of it employee's underestimating themselves are regularly boosted by criticism from others.
- The more participation of employees in the process of performance appraisal, the more veracious organizational culture of the company.

## **Limitations of 360 Degree Appraisal**

- Fear of being confronted
- No evidence of improvement on performance.
- It's not futuristic
- It's a lengthy process
- It's a costly procedure
- No solution to improve the productivity
- Poor remarks to the manager they dislike
- Subordinates cannot assess their managers properly.

## II. RELATED WORK

**Brutus, Fletcher and Baldry (2009)** stated in his article, "The impact of autonomous self-interpretation on rater selfviability in performance appraisal" extended "current information on the utilization of performance assessments in associations by examining the impact of self-translation on rater self adequacy. A survey from 105 experienced managers revealed that free self-translation is identified with different measurements of rater self-viability. Additionally, these connections were found to be directed with the involvement of appraisals. The ramifications of these discoveries for the exploration and the act of performance appraisal are talked about".

Asmu (2008) acknowledged "Performance appraisal interviews" assumes an imperative part in correspondence "Most of the examination on performance appraisal interviews has concentrated on key points and meeting outline, however the percentage of consideration given to the manner is lesser on which performance appraisal interviews really occur. In this examination, the center will, in this manner, be to research how one of the pivotal and most sensitive activities in performance appraisal interviews, to be specific, giving basic input, is directed. The manner in which basic criticism is given is overwhelmingly through negative evaluations. The outcomes demonstrate that there is an introduction to basic input as a socially hazardous activity regardless of the institutional character of the discussion. In addition, it very well may be seen that the more negative appraisals as being socially dangerous by the chief in an introduction, the more troublesome it progresses toward becoming for the representative to manage negative evaluations. The investigation closes by sketching out different ramifications for the work environment".

Chen and Fu (2008) stated that "A deliberate structure for performance appraisal and compensation strategy" moulded that "systematically vital fit advantages association's performance and makes the association systematic. Examines on performance appraisal strategy and compensation strategy are broad, yet a large portion of them simply based on the single subject without the agreeable vitality of them. To build up an efficient speculative structure for performance appraisal and remuneration system an expansive written work survey is given in the investigation. Four recommendations of the criteria and techniques for performance appraisal and remuneration system are incited in this proficient structure. Additionally, for the new precise performance appraisal and pay methodology, four conditions of  $2 \times 2$  mixes with the criteria or more systems are analyzed. Through this system, an association can suitably centers around workers' portrayal or individual to assess and persuade representatives in a balanced or humanistic way".

**Brown and Heywood (2005)** stated that "Performance Appraisal Systems: Determinants and Change." The outcomes demonstrate that "Workers having shorter expected residency and more critical effect over benefit is connected with Performance appraisal. These results tells more about those conditions in which the performance appraisal's net points of interest are most likely going to be the best. The outcomes likewise demonstrate that correlative human asset administration hones, for instance, formal planning and inspiration pay, are connected with an enhanced likelihood of performance appraisal, yet that affiliation thickness is connected with a diminished likelihood of performance appraisal."

Amba-Rao, Petrick, Gupta and Embse (2001) in their article entitled "Relative performance appraisal practices and management values among outside and private firms in India" express that "countering society based examinations showing homogeneity in Indian administration practices, this study shows us a comparison between appraisal practices and management values in India by firm ownership. To assist chairmen with adjusting particularly to firms in the changing Indian economy, differentiation in Indian private money organizations, open zone related master attempts, remote/joint undertakings and private exclusive organizations are reviewed. Theoretical and regulatory consequences, and what's more future direction for ask about are analyzed."

**Longenecker and Fink (1999)** entitled that "Making Effective Performance Appraisals", show that "Performance appraisals can be a respectable way for relationship to help employees` motivation and hone their focused edge. Be that as it may, making valuable performance appraisals – and ensuring they are utilized viably all through an association - isn't simple. The 10 exercises here can enable an organization to draw nearer to appraisals that assistance staff play out their best".

**Stathakopoulos** (**1997**) revealed that "Performance appraisal attributes in performance appraisal frameworks for marketing

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managers directly affect the managers' performance. Managers discover performance appraisals accommodating when the framework consolidates appraisal shapes, performance input, and assessment as far as yield, and they by and large react to reactions from bosses by lessening their broken conduct. The performance input is a crucial component in managers' reaction to appraisal. Marketing managers expect performance input. It illuminates desires and means steady evaluation".

Longenecker and Nykodym (1996) stated that "Public sector performance appraisal viability: a logical examination" felt that performance appraisal utilize is reaching out in public sector relationship over the US. For an extensive gathering of potential human resource benefits, organizations use the formal appraisal process with the conviction. In this examination, 254 people from a colossal public sector affiliation were concentrated to assess how much the affiliation's formal performance appraisal system was viewed as being convincing in serving limits generally associated with the appraisal procedure. What's more, contrasts in administrator/subordinate discernments were investigated and recommendations for enhancing the appraisal procedure were requested. This exploration exhibits that an appropriately created appraisal process can serve the two directors and subordinates in various critical territories. In the meantime, a few basic elements of the appraisal procedure were observed to be not as much as compelling. A dialog of the ramifications of these discoveries to the both academics and practitioners is incorporated".

Kenett, Waldman and Graves (1994) study have shown that "There is a incompatibility between the recent efforts and human resources practices for obtaining total quality in organizations. This paper rotates round and round around the issues and problems related with performance appraisal in a total quality condition. Pilot think about discoveries are displayed recommending that customary performance appraisal may not be helpful for add up to quality endeavors. Components of another performance appraisal worldview are recommended".

Herbert and Doverspike (1990) stated that "Performance Appraisal in the Training Needs Analysis Process": "A Review and Critique" express that a "writing survey prompts a model for using performance appraisal information amid the time spent separating getting ready needs. Performance disparities, decides causes, and picks mediations in view of inner (worker) and outside (workplace) factors are identified by the model."

Miller, Kaspin and Schuster (1990) stated that "The effect of performance appraisal strategies on age separation in work act cases" researched "the impact of individual and legitimate components and performance appraisal systems on Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) government court cases. It was found that the business was bound to be the productive party when the representative was more energetic, particularly between 40-49 years old by an isolate examination. Appraisal framework attributes which in past examinations were observed to be altogether identified with case result, were not revealed for these situation choices. Customary lawful case investigation was utilized to investigate the relationship of performance appraisal strategies and the work force activity offering ascend to the dissension."

**Muczyk and Myron** (1987) stated that "Managing sales performance through an entire performance appraisal structure" elucidates that, "no single performance appraisal procedure fits each one reason to which performance appraisals should be associated, is invulnerable to the goofs that riddle appraisals, is legally strong, and speedily recognized by subordinates. Since, Management by Objectives, Behavioural Observation Scales, and Forced Choice Ratings, have proposed an evaluation structure that meets the beforehand specified criteria are solidified by the makers because of which distinctive performance appraisals have different characteristics and inadequacies."

**Smith** (1986) in his article titled, "Training Programs for Performance Appraisal: A Review", in this they stated that "Training strategies are characterized by (a) substance of training; and (b) technique used to present training for comparison purpose. The results suggest that to improve rating exactness, the most and large used rater training approach is unrefined. These disclosures are discussed similar to "Borman's Model of Performance Appraisal" (Borman, 1978). For improving rating accuracy, training programs are recognized".

Lee (1985) in his article titled, "Increasing Performance Appraisal Effectiveness: Matching Task Types, Appraisal Process, and Rater Training" expresses that "the scan for one best performance appraisal configuration disregards contrasts among occupations. It is proposed that to fit rate undertaking qualities, a performance appraisal system should be sculpted. This approach is depended upon to assemble the association between observational precision and exactness in rating performance, and furthermore to improve rates` future performance by incorporating structures proposed to oversee endeavors where both availability of strong and significant performance measures and learning of the change method may be either high or low."

**Cederblom** (1982) in his article titled, "The performance appraisal interview: a review, implications and suggestions" stated in his research that "performance appraisal interview with regards to recent performance appraisal models. Predominant's information of the subordinate's activity and performance, common's assistance of the subordinate, and regarding the subordinate's support these are three components which give off an impression of being dependably profitable for making fruitful meetings. The characteristics of the delegate and occupation are depended upon the reasonable limit, repeat, and association of the meeting, and furthermore target setting and honest to goodness subordinate's help."

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Allinson (1977) stated that "Administrators who had gone to the course were requested, by suggests from a postal survey, to consider their pre-getting ready and post-planning talking with performances. There were three basic disclosures. To begin with, that the students had enhanced relatively every part of appraisal interviewing; furthermore, it isn't only the aptitude of interviewing which is essential, yet in addition a comprehension of the piece of performance appraisal; in conclusion, in mid-calling the managers have the most to get from training of this form".

Bedeian (1976) stated that "Rater Characteristics Affecting the Validity of Performance Appraisals" communicates that "the errand of making effective performance appraisal systems is a champion among the most supported contemporary issues of staff association. To count the issues and inconveniences inborn in subordinate appraisals, an abundance of composing (literature) is open. For rating design and substance changes proposals have been made by different examinations. The disposal of appraisal has been also recommended by some. All the more recently, an identifiable assemblage of learning which genuinely provides reason to feel ambiguous about the use of administrator's judgment in evaluating specialist performance has begun to create. The explanation behind this paper is to research this rising variety of learning and to dissect its repercussions for performance appraisal".

**Taylor and Wilsted (1974)** indicated that "Catching Judgment Policies: A Field Study of Performance Appraisal" demonstrated "logical models of judgment approach for evaluating 625 performance reports in the midst of a singular rating cycle. Immediate and nonlinear examinations are used to portray the prompts most basic in choosing the general assessments. Also, performance rating technique is differentiated and communicated course of action for each one of the 40 raters".

**Sanwong (2008)** examined, "The Development of a 360-Degree Performance Appraisal System: A University Case Study", explained "In a Thai School an investigation is done foe 360 degree appraisal structure on 75 agents and it began from ground staff, chiefs and other accomplices. Basically two occasions have been chosen to check the authenticity of the structure. One was when agents were contented with the performance structure and were more satisfied and another was made to upgrade the working system in the situation..

# Objectives

- 1. To study 360 degree performance appraisals of students with respect to age.
- 2. To study 360 degree performance appraisals of students with respect to gender.
- 3. To study 360 degree performance appraisals of students with respect to qualification.
- 4. To study 360 degree performance appraisals of students with respect to stream.
- 5. To study 360 degree performance appraisals of students with respect to area.

## III. METHODOLOGY

**Research Type:** Descriptive

**Universe-** Indore Division has been selected for data collection.

Sample Size: 183

**Sampling Technique**- Convenience Sampling technique has been used for collection of data.

**Sampling Unit**- Data is collected from the Students of various Steams such as Management, Engineering, Commerce, Medical, Mass Communication, Arts, Law, Computer Science and Other...

**Tools for Data Collection**- In this research Primary data has been collected from students of professional Institutes of Indore Division through using a Self Designed Questionnaire and analyzed through appropriate statistics tools with the help of SPSS. Secondary data will also be used from Journals, Articles and Websites.

**Tools for Data Analysis -** t-test and One- way ANOVA test have been applied as a tool for analysis of data. Normality and Reliability tested for this study.

# Hypotheses

- $H_{01}$ : There is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to gender of students.
- **H**<sub>02</sub>: There is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to age of students.
- **H**<sub>03</sub>: There is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to area of students.
- $H_{04}$ : There is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to qualification of students.
- **H**<sub>05</sub>: There is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to stream of students.

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

# NORMALITY TEST (See annexure 1)

Most statistical tests assume that the data are normally distributed hence there is a necessity to check the distribution. The Kolmogorov- Smirnov Statistic tests the hypothesis that the data normally distributed. A low significance value less than 0.05 indicates that the distribution of the data differs significantly from a normal distribution. After conducting this test, it was found that the assumption holds good for the data. The data is normality distributed (2.192)

## **Reliability (See annexure 2)**

Reliability test has been made for testing the reliability of student retention, with the help of Coefficient (Cronbach Alpha). Reliability of data is (.963) which is excellent; according to different theory of reliability value above 0.6 is

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appropriate, low value below the 0.5 implies that reliability may not be appropriate.

Since p=. .472 (see annexure 3) is greater than .05 which means that null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore,  $H_{01}$  (there is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to gender of students.) is accepted. Hence, it may be concluded that male and female students perceive almost same about 360 degree performance appraisal.

Since p=.737 (see annexure 4) is greater than .05 which means that null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore,  $H_{02}$  (there is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to age of students) is accepted. Hence, it may be concluded that student perception does not differ in the context of 360 degree performance appraisal.

Since p=.384 (see annexure 5) is greater than .05 which means that null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore,  $H_{03}$  (there is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to area of students.) is accepted. Hence, it may be concluded that 360 degree performance appraisal is almost same.

Since p= .249 (see annexure 6) which is greater than .05 which means that null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore,  $H_{04}$  (there is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to qualification of students) is accepted. Hence, it may be said that perception on 360 degree performance appraisal is almost same irrespective of qualification of the students.

Since p=.127 (see annexure 7) is greater than .05 which means that null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore,  $H_{05}$  (there is no significant difference in 360 degree performance appraisal with respect to stream of students.) is accepted. Hence, it may be concluded that 360 degree performance appraisal is almost same irrespective of stream.

# V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

This paper infers that The 360 Degree Feedback can be utilized as integration to the conventional system of appraisal. Active participation of all the sources can make an abundance of difference. Prosperity of any incipient thing relies upon the acknowledgment by the general population who will use it. Similarly, the prosperity of 360 degrees feedback depends on the employees and management and on how they perceive it and it can be prosperous only if it is followed by a desirable action of providing development training. Performance appraisal is a germane process utilized for companies in order to make paramount decisions, such as promotions, salaries, needs, etc. Moreover, with the aim of ascertain an efficacious

aggregation of the information, the proposed model applies an adequate set of aggregation operators to cope with the interaction among criteria and reviewers weights, providing results proximate to human natural language by utilizing the computing with words methodology in order to be understandable and interpretable by different members of the company. The literature review discusses that the 360 degree feedback to be prosperous the organization should have two main aspects i.e. the process and the purpose. 360 degree feedback has mainly two purposes to solve i.e. appraisal and training and development. It is found in the research that when 360 degree feedback is implemented with an integrated purpose of both appraisal and development the feedback obtained provides more clarity. Research can be conducted to explore other usages of 360 degree appraisal

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