Organizational and Demographic Determinants of Job Performance: A Study on Generation Z Employees in the Indian IT Sector

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to examine the job performance of Generation Z employees in the Indian IT sector by analyzing the influence of organizational and demographic factors. The study specifically focuses on leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts, along with demographic dimensions such as age, education, caste, religion, and experience. Data was collected from 300 respondents through an online Google Form, out of which 259 valid responses were considered for analysis. A structured questionnaire adapted from existing literature was distributed through LinkedIn, WhatsApp, and email, using simple random and convenience sampling methods. Statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS, employing correlation, Cronbach's alpha for reliability, and regression techniques. The findings revealed that organizational factors, particularly leadership, working conditions, and compensation, have a significant positive impact on the job performance of Generation Z employees, while work-life conflicts showed a negative but meaningful influence. Demographic factors, especially education and experience, were also found to significantly shape job performance outcomes. The study recommends IT organizations to strengthen leadership practices, improve working conditions, design competitive compensation systems, and implement flexible policies to manage work-life balance. These insights contribute to enhancing workforce productivity and engagement among Generation Z employees in India's IT industry.

Keywords: Generation Z employees, Job performance, Organizational factors, Leadership, Working conditions, Compensation, Work-life conflicts, Demographic variables, Education and work experience, Indian IT industry

1. Introduction

The performance of employees remains a critical determinant of organizational success, especially in knowledge-intensive industries such as the Information Technology (IT) sector (AlShamsi, O., and Ajmal, M. 2018). In today's fast-paced business environment, employee job performance is shaped not only by organizational practices but also by the personal characteristics employees bring to the workplace (Shammout, M. 2021). Among the emerging workforce groups, Generation Z employees those born between the mid-1990s and early 2010s are becoming dominant participants in the Indian labor market (Janampa, J. C., & Dasgupta, S. 2021). This generation is recognized for its technological fluency, preference for work-life balance, and demand for transparent and fair organizational practices. Pandita, D., & Kumar, A. (2022), as the IT industry

in India, particularly in cities like Bangalo,re, continues to grow as a global hub for innovation and software development, understanding the job performance of Generation Z employees has become an area of growing academic and managerial interest.

Organizational factors such as leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts have been widely studied in relation to employee performance (Tamunomiebi, and Oyibo, 2020). Leadership plays a vital role in motivating, inspiring, and guiding employees toward higher levels of engagement and productivity. Working conditions, including physical environment, workplace culture, and technological infrastructure, directly influence job satisfaction and performance outcomes. Compensation remains one of the strongest motivators for younger employees, as fair pay and transparent reward systems foster loyalty and commitment (Kegel, 2017). At the same time, managing work-life conflicts has become increasingly important as Generation Z places high value on balancing personal and professional roles. Collectively, these organizational factors create an ecosystem that either enhances or hinders employee job performance.

Demographic factors, on the other hand, offer insights into how personal characteristics shape workplace behavior and performance outcomes. Age may influence adaptability, maturity, and approaches to problem-solving, while education enhances knowledge and skill application in complex IT environments. Caste and religion, though sensitive in the Indian context, may subtly influence workplace interactions, inclusivity, and access to networks. Experience contributes to the development of professional expertise and efficiency in job tasks (Guillaume, et al., 2017). By analyzing both organizational and demographic variables, this study seeks to provide a holistic understanding of the drivers of Generation Z job performance in Bangalore's IT sector.

The statement of the problem addressed in this research stems from the lack of comprehensive studies that integrate both organizational and demographic perspectives in explaining the job performance of Generation Z employees (Tamunomiebi, and Oyibo, 2020). While prior research has explored the role of compensation, leadership, or working conditions in isolation, fewer studies have systematically examined the combined effects of workplace practices and demographic characteristics on performance (Kegel, 2017). In India's IT industry, where diversity is high and workforce expectations are rapidly changing, overlooking either dimension may lead to incomplete insights. Thus, there is a pressing need to investigate how both organizational and demographic variables interact to shape job performance, particularly for Generation Z employees who represent the future workforce.

The study seeks to address the following research questions: The impact of organizational factors such as leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts on the job performance of Generation Z employees in the IT industry. The extent do demographic variables including age, education, caste, religion, and experience contribute to and shape job performance. Organizational and demographic dimensions compare in their explanatory power in predicting performance outcomes (Sengupta, S. 2011).

Accordingly, the objectives of this study are twofold. First, to examine the influence of organizational factors leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts on

the job performance of Generation Z employees in Bangalore's IT sector. Second, to analyze the extent to which demographic factors such as age, education, caste, religion, and experience contribute to shaping job performance (Tamunomiebi, and Oyibo, 2020). Together, these objectives provide a structured approach to identifying the key predictors of employee outcomes.

The study builds on organizational behavior and human resource management literature by integrating organizational and demographic factors within the same analytical framework (Kegel, 2017). This dual approach offers a more comprehensive explanation of employee performance than studies focusing on a single dimension. Practically, the findings will help IT companies in Bangalore and beyond design evidence-based policies for enhancing productivity. For instance, insights into the importance of compensation and working conditions can guide HR managers in developing competitive pay structures and supportive work environments (Kang, and Lee, 2021). Similarly, understanding the role of education and experience can assist in recruitment, training, and development strategies. At a broader level, this study will contribute to promoting sustainable workforce practices by addressing the unique needs and expectations of Generation Z employees in India's IT sector.

The present research aims to provide an in-depth analysis of Generation Z employees' job performance by considering the dual influence of organizational and demographic factors. By addressing the stated problem, research questions, and objectives, the study is expected to generate valuable insights for both academic research and practical workforce management (Kegel, 2017, Sengupta, S. 2011). The outcomes are likely to benefit IT organizations seeking to strengthen productivity, employee engagement, and long-term competitiveness in an increasingly dynamic and diverse global marketplace.

2. Review of literature

Several studies have emphasized that organizational factors strongly contribute to employee job performance, particularly for younger generations in knowledge-intensive sectors. Leadership has been consistently linked with motivation, guidance, and enhanced productivity, as transformational and participatory leaders inspire employees to contribute beyond formal expectations (Kegel, 2017). Working conditions, including flexible hours, healthy environments, and technological support, are reported to improve job satisfaction and commitment, especially for Generation Z, who value balance and comfort at the workplace (Waworuntu, et al.,2022). Compensation plays a pivotal role, as competitive pay structures, transparent appraisal systems, and performance-linked incentives directly enhance productivity and reduce attrition (Dutta, et al., 2021). Similarly, effective management of work-life conflicts has been shown to strengthen employee engagement, reduce burnout, and sustain long-term performance outcomes (Yadav, et al., 2022). Study on IT and software companies in India has highlighted that Generation Z employees respond positively to organizations that integrate supportive leadership, fair pay, healthy work environments, and work-life flexibility (Barhate, B. (2022). Thus, past empirical evidence supports the argument that organizational factors collectively and positively influence job performance, aligning with the hypothesis that these variables are critical drivers of Generation Z employees' workplace effectiveness.

Although organizational factors are often considered critical to performance, some studies reveal inconsistent or weaker impacts. Leadership may not always yield significant effects, particularly in flat or technology-driven organizations where employees rely more on self-directed tasks and peer collaboration (Schulte, et al., 2020). Compensation alone may not ensure performance if employees perceive limited career growth or intrinsic satisfaction (Winda, et al., 2017). Likewise, work-life conflict reduction strategies may not guarantee productivity if workload expectations remain high. Research also suggests that Generation Z employees are more influenced by career advancement opportunities, continuous learning, and personal values than traditional organizational incentives (Acheampong, 2021).

Literature demonstrates that Generation Z employees, being technologically adaptive and value-driven, seek supportive leadership, transparent compensation, flexible working conditions, and balance between personal and professional lives. In the context of software companies in Bangalore, where performance relies heavily on cognitive skills, innovation, and collaboration, these organizational factors play a vital role.

Demographic factors such as age, education, caste, religion, and work experience have long been recognized as variables shaping job performance across industries. Age influences maturity, adaptability, and decision-making, with younger employees often displaying technological proficiency and multitasking ability (Sengupta, S. 2011). Education is one of the strongest predictors of performance, as higher qualifications enhance technical knowledge, problem-solving skills, and innovation in IT roles (Huang, (2017)). Caste and religion, though sensitive, play contextual roles in India by affecting social networks, access to opportunities, and workplace inclusion (Sengupta, and Sarkar, 2012). Work experience contributes by improving task efficiency, adaptability to organizational culture, and mentoring potential (Parent, and Lovelace, 2018). In the IT sector, studies show that diverse educational backgrounds and prior experience significantly shape employees' adaptability to fast-changing technologies and complex projects (Park, and Park, 2021). Moreover, research indicates that Generation Z employees, though younger and less experienced, perform better when their educational preparation and exposure align with job requirements. Thus, positive evidence supports the hypothesis that demographic variables, especially education and experience, meaningfully contribute to Generation Z job performance in India's IT sector.

Despite their relevance, demographic variables are not always strong predictors of job performance. Age may have limited influence in IT roles where skills and adaptability matter more than years of life experience (Sengupta, S. 2011; Nasir, et al., 2011). Education may not guarantee performance if skills are outdated or mismatched with industry needs (McGuinness, et al., 2018). Similarly, caste and religion should ideally have no effect in merit-based organizations, though societal biases may persist. Experience, while valuable, can sometimes hinder openness to new technologies, contrasting with Generation Z's quick adaptability. Thus, demographic factors may have mixed or weaker effects compared to organizational determinants.

The objective to analyze the extent to which demographic variables influence Generation Z job performance justification in both theory and context. In India's IT sector, employees come from

diverse social, educational, and experiential backgrounds, which can shape their workplace behavior and performance outcomes (Guillaume, et al., 2017). While organizational factors directly impact motivation, demographics represent underlying characteristics that influence how employees respond to opportunities and challenges. Generation Z, being relatively new to the workforce, may display performance patterns shaped by education, social diversity, and prior experience. Hence, it is necessary to test this hypothesis to evaluate the extent to which demographics contribute alongside organizational factors.

The study focuses on examining Generation Z employees' job performance in the Indian IT industry by considering both organizational and demographic influences. Existing literature highlights that organizational factors such as leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life balance significantly shape employee motivation, satisfaction, and productivity. At the same time, demographic variables including age, education, caste, religion, and experience also contribute to workplace outcomes by influencing adaptability, skill application, and performance patterns. Therefore, this research formulates hypotheses to test how both organizational and demographic dimensions affect Generation Z job performance in the IT sector.

Hypothesis development

H1: Organizational factors have a significant positive impact on Generation Z employees' job performance.

H2: Demographic variables significantly influence Generation Z employees' job performance.

3. Methodology

The present study adopts a quantitative research design to investigate the job performance of Generation Z employees in the IT sector of Bangalore. The research is exploratory and descriptive in nature, aiming to examine both organizational and demographic factors influencing job performance. Data was collected through a structured online questionnaire developed on Google Forms, which was adapted from previously validated publications. The questionnaire consisted of two sections: the first covering demographic details such as age, education, caste, religion, and experience, and the second addressing organizational factors including leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts.

The study employed a combination of simple random sampling and convenience sampling methods. The questionnaire was distributed through professional and social platforms including LinkedIn, WhatsApp, and email to reach respondents efficiently. A total of 300 responses were collected, out of which 259 valid responses were considered for analysis after data screening.

For data analysis, statistical tools including correlation, Cronbach's alpha for reliability testing, and regression analysis were conducted using SPSS software. These methods allowed for testing relationships, validity, and the strength of associations between variables. The outcome of the study is expected to provide insights into the key organizational and demographic predictors of Generation Z employees' job performance in the IT industry.

4. Analysis

This study analyzes the job performance of Generation Z employees in Bangalore's IT sector by examining both organizational and demographic factors. Correlation analysis (Table 1) identifies the strength of relationships among leadership, working conditions, compensation, work-life conflicts, and demographic variables with employee performance. Reliability testing through Cronbach's Alpha (Table 2) ensures the consistency of measurement. Regression and model summary results (Tables 3–5) evaluate the predictive power and significance of organizational and demographic factors on job performance. The purpose is to determine the key determinants of Generation Z performance and provide insights for organizational improvements.

4.1.Correlation analysis

Correlation analysis was performed to examine the relationships between leadership, working conditions, compensation, work-life conflicts, demographic variables, and employee job performance of Generation Z employees in software companies in Bangalore.

Table - 1: Correlations Analysis

	Leadership	Working-Conditions	Compensation	Employee Job-Performance	Work-life Conflicts	
Leadership	1					
Working-Conditions	.628**	1				
Compensation	.782**	.590**	1			
Employee Job-Performance	.727**	.741**	.796**	1		
Work-life Conflicts	.647**	.765**	.684**	.779**	1	
	Employee Job-Performance	Age	Education	Cast	religion	Experience
Employee Job-Performance	1					
Age	.578**	1				
Education	.682**	.662**	1			
Cast	.660**	.765**	.711**	1		
religion	.568**	.877**	.647**	.742**	1	
Experience	.665**	.622**	.852**	.746**	.620**	1
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).						

The objective of this analysis was to identify the strength and direction of associations between independent and dependent factors. This helps to understand whether organizational and demographic aspects influence performance outcomes. By including variables like age, education, caste, religion, and experience, the analysis captures a holistic view of workplace dynamics. The

correlations provide insights into employee behavior, motivational aspects, and organizational practices that enhance or hinder performance.

Reliability testing was conducted using Cronbach's Alpha to ensure internal consistency of measurement scales for demographic profile and work performance conditions. High reliability strengthens the credibility of the results, indicating that the survey instruments effectively capture respondents' perceptions. Each item was evaluated using corrected item-total correlations and Cronbach's Alpha if deleted. This analysis helps determine whether the constructs used are reliable enough for further statistical testing. For Generation Z employees in Bangalore's software industry, reliability ensures that findings related to demographics and workplace performance are valid, accurate, and consistent, thereby supporting the trustworthiness of the study outcomes.

4.2.Reliability Analysis

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Table–2: Cronbach's Alpha

N of Items	Reliability Statistics - Item-Total Statistics					Cronbach's Alpha
	Mean	Scale Mean if Item Deleted	Scale Variance if Item Deleted	Corrected Item-Total Correlation	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted	
Demographic Profile						
1	3.72	15.14	14.334	0.820	0.911	0.929
2	3.89	14.97	14.646	0.808	0.913	
3	3.78	15.07	14.859	0.837	0.908	
4	3.56	15.29	14.641	0.808	0.913	
5	3.90	14.95	14.218	0.792	0.917	
Work Performance Conditions						
1	3.90	15.64	13.625	0.783	0.911	0.924
2	4.07	15.47	13.336	0.758	0.916	
3	3.85	15.69	12.796	0.801	0.908	
4	3.56	15.98	13.383	0.873	0.895	
5	4.16	15.39	13.261	0.812	0.905	

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The Cronbach's Alpha results demonstrate strong reliability across both constructs. For demographic profile items, the overall Alpha was 0.929, and for work performance conditions, it was 0.924, both well above the acceptable threshold of 0.70. This indicates excellent internal consistency. Individual items also showed corrected item-total correlations above 0.75, confirming that each contributes positively to the scale's reliability. These findings suggest that the questionnaire effectively captures Generation Z employees' views on demographic characteristics and workplace performance factors. The high reliability further validates the use of these constructs in regression and ANOVA analyses. Thus, the measurement scales are dependable for assessing employee perceptions and their impact on job performance in software companies.

4.3. Regression Model Analysis

The model summary presents the explanatory power of two regression models assessing the impact of workplace and demographic factors on Generation Z employee job performance in Bangalore software companies. Model 1 included leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts, while Model 2 incorporated demographic factors such as age, education, caste, religion, and experience. The R, R^2, and adjusted R^2 values indicate how well the models explain variability in employee performance. A higher R^2 signifies stronger explanatory capacity, reflecting how organizational and personal factors collectively predict Generation Z employees' performance levels. This analysis highlights the critical determinants of workplace outcomes.

Table - 3: Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Change Statistics		
					R Square Change	F Change	Sig. F Change
1	.878[a]	0.771	0.767	0.459	0.771	213.359	0.000
2	.731[a]	0.534	0.525	0.656	0.534	57.974	0.000
a. Predictors: (Constant), Work-life Conflicts, Leadership, Working-Conditions, Compensation b.							
b. Predictors: (Constant), Experience, religion, Cast, Education, Age							

Model 1 achieved an R^2 of 0.771, showing that leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts collectively explained 77.1% of variance in employee job performance, with high statistical significance ($p < 0.01$). Compensation and working conditions were the strongest predictors, emphasizing organizational factors. Model 2, incorporating demographics, had a lower R^2 of 0.534, explaining 53.4% of variance, suggesting that demographic variables have moderate predictive ability compared to organizational factors. Education and caste emerged as significant contributors, while age and religion were not statistically impactful. Overall, the results imply that workplace factors are stronger drivers of Generation Z performance than demographics, underscoring the importance of organizational support systems in Bangalore's software industry.

4.4. Anova Analysis

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted to assess the statistical significance of the regression models explaining Generation Z employees' job performance. ANOVA helps test

whether the predictor variables significantly contribute to explaining variance in the dependent variable. By examining regression, residual, and total sum of squares, along with F-values and significance levels, this analysis establishes the overall validity of the models. Model 1 tested organizational variables, while Model 2 tested demographic variables. The purpose of including ANOVA was to confirm whether the identified predictors meaningfully explain Generation Z performance outcomes in Bangalore's software companies beyond random chance.

Table – 4: Anova

	Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	180.098	4	45.024	213.359	.000^b
	Residual	53.601	254	0.211		
	Total	233.699	258			
2	Regression	124.785	5	24.957	57.974	.000^b
	Residual	108.913	253	0.430		
	Total	233.699	258			
a. Dependent Variable: Employee Job-Performance						
b. Predictors: (Constant), Work-life Conflicts, Leadership, Working-Conditions, Compensation						
c. Predictors: (Constant), Experience, religion, Cast, Education , Age						

The ANOVA results reveal that both models are statistically significant. Model 1 recorded an F-value of 213.359 with $p < 0.001$, indicating that leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts significantly influence job performance. Model 2, with demographic predictors, also showed significance (F = 57.974, $p < 0.001$), though with lower explanatory power compared to Model 1. This suggests that while demographic factors matter, organizational variables have a much stronger and more consistent impact. The results confirm that workplace conditions and compensation policies are critical in shaping Generation Z employee performance. Therefore, companies in Bangalore must prioritize organizational practices to enhance productivity and job satisfaction.

4.5. Coefficients Analysis

Table 5 presents the regression coefficients assessing factors influencing Generation Z employees' job performance in the Indian IT industry. The analysis incorporates both organizational factors (leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts) and demographic variables (age, education, caste, religion, and experience). By examining standardized and unstandardized coefficients, significance values, and confidence intervals, the table highlights the relative importance and statistical contribution of each variable toward predicting employee job performance outcomes in this sector.

The regression results indicate that among organizational factors, compensation ($\beta = 0.406$, $p < 0.001$) emerged as the strongest predictor of job performance, suggesting financial rewards

significantly enhance motivation and productivity among Gen Z employees. Working conditions (β = 0.256, p < 0.001) and work-life conflict (β = 0.249, p < 0.001) also showed substantial positive effects, emphasizing the need for supportive environments and balance between professional and personal lives.

Table – 5: Coefficients

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
		B	Std. Error	Beta			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	(Constant)	-0.002	0.130		-0.012	0.991	-0.259	0.255
	Leadership	0.084	0.049	0.088	1.723	0.086	-0.012	0.181
	Working-Conditions	0.229	0.043	0.256	5.280	0.000	0.143	0.314
	Compensation	0.349	0.045	0.406	7.806	0.000	0.261	0.437
	Work-life Conflicts	0.232	0.049	0.249	4.772	0.000	0.136	0.327
2	(Constant)	0.772	0.171		4.518	0.000	0.435	1.108
	Age	0.033	0.084	0.038	0.389	0.697	-0.133	0.198
	Education	0.278	0.078	0.309	3.566	0.000	0.124	0.431
	Cast	0.250	0.076	0.263	3.289	0.001	0.100	0.399
	Religion	0.039	0.083	0.043	0.466	0.642	-0.125	0.202
	Experience	0.130	0.074	0.156	1.754	0.081	-0.016	0.277
a. Dependent Variable: Employee Job-Performance								

Leadership had a weaker yet marginally significant effect (p = 0.086). In the demographic model, education (β = 0.309, p < 0.001) and caste (β = 0.263, p = 0.001) were significant contributors, implying socio-educational backgrounds shape performance. However, age, religion, and experience did not significantly predict performance. Overall, the findings underline that both workplace practices and socio-demographic factors critically shape Gen Z job performance, with compensation and education playing dominant roles.

5. Analysis Findings

The correlation analysis highlights strong and significant relationships between organizational variables and employee job performance among Generation Z employees in Bangalore software companies. Compensation showed the strongest correlation with job performance (r = 0.796, p < 0.01), followed closely by working conditions (r = 0.741) and leadership (r = 0.727). Work-life conflicts were also highly correlated (r = 0.779), suggesting that balancing personal and professional commitments directly affects productivity. Demographic variables also played a role, with education (r = 0.682) and experience (r = 0.665) showing stronger associations compared to age (r = 0.578) and religion (r = 0.568). Overall, both organizational and demographic factors significantly shape Generation Z employees' job performance.

The reliability analysis using Cronbach's Alpha confirmed that the measurement scales used in this study were highly reliable. The demographic profile scale achieved an Alpha of 0.929, while the work performance conditions scale recorded 0.924, both exceeding the recommended threshold of 0.70. Corrected item-total correlations for all items ranged between 0.75 and 0.87, indicating strong internal consistency across the survey items. These findings validate the dependability of the questionnaire in capturing Generation Z employees' demographic and workplace-related perceptions. The high reliability suggests that the scales used provide consistent and accurate results, ensuring credibility for subsequent statistical analyses and conclusions.

The regression model summary reveals that workplace-related variables strongly predict employee job performance. Model 1, which included leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts, explained 77.1% of the variance in job performance ($R^2 = 0.771$). This indicates that organizational factors are powerful predictors of Generation Z employees' output in software companies. Model 2, which included demographic variables such as age, education, caste, religion, and experience, explained only 53.4% of the variance ($R^2 = 0.534$). Although still significant, its predictive power was weaker compared to Model 1. These findings highlight that organizational conditions influence employee performance more strongly than demographic characteristics.

The ANOVA results confirm the overall significance of the regression models. For Model 1, the F-value was 213.359 with $p < 0.001$, showing that leadership, working conditions, compensation, and work-life conflicts significantly impact job performance. For Model 2, the F-value was 57.974 with $p < 0.001$, indicating that demographic factors also play a role but to a lesser extent. The stronger F-statistic in Model 1 emphasizes that workplace-related variables explain job performance more effectively than demographic characteristics. Thus, organizational practices such as compensation and working environment emerge as key drivers of Generation Z performance in Bangalore's software sector.

The coefficient analysis reveals the individual contributions of predictor variables. In Model 1, compensation ($\beta = 0.406$, $p < 0.001$), working conditions ($\beta = 0.256$, $p < 0.001$), and work-life conflicts ($\beta = 0.249$, $p < 0.001$) significantly improved job performance, while leadership did not show a significant effect ($p = 0.086$). In Model 2, education ($\beta = 0.309$, $p < 0.001$) and caste ($\beta = 0.263$, $p = 0.001$) were significant predictors, while age, religion, and experience were not statistically significant. These findings highlight that compensation, healthy working environments, and educational background are the most critical factors driving Generation Z employees' performance in Bangalore software companies.

6. Recommendations

The regression results suggest that workplace-related factors explain job performance more effectively than demographic variables among Generation Z employees in Bangalore software companies. Since Model 1 achieved a higher explanatory power ($R^2 = 0.771$), organizations should focus more on strengthening leadership quality, improving working conditions, designing attractive compensation structures, and minimizing work-life conflicts. While demographic characteristics like education and caste have some influence, they are not as impactful as

organizational factors. Hence, HR policies should prioritize creating a supportive work environment that aligns with Generation Z's expectations of fairness, flexibility, and growth opportunities, ensuring higher performance outcomes.

The ANOVA findings confirm that both workplace and demographic predictors significantly contribute to job performance, but organizational factors hold greater weight. Therefore, management should implement structured policies to improve working conditions, ensure fair pay, and reduce stress from work-life conflicts. Since demographic factors still show significance, companies can also design training and development programs tailored to diverse educational and experiential backgrounds. This dual approach—emphasizing organizational practices while acknowledging employee diversity—will help in enhancing engagement and sustaining productivity. Moreover, performance management systems should be periodically reviewed to maintain statistical relevance and fairness across Generation Z employees.

The coefficient analysis highlights that compensation, working conditions, and work-life balance significantly drive Generation Z employees' job performance. Therefore, companies should adopt competitive salary packages, transparent pay policies, and performance-linked incentives to motivate employees. Improving the physical and psychological work environment—such as flexible schedules, remote working options, and ergonomic workplaces—can further boost output. Since education and caste also emerged as significant demographic predictors, organizations should focus on skill development programs, continuous learning, and diversity management strategies. However, leadership and variables like age, religion, and experience showed limited significance, suggesting that management must adopt innovative and participatory leadership styles to connect better with Generation Z expectations.

7. Conclusion

This study concludes that both organizational and demographic factors play a critical role in shaping the job performance of Generation Z employees in Bangalore's IT sector. Regression and correlation analyses confirmed that leadership, working conditions, and compensation are strong predictors of employee performance, while unresolved work-life conflicts reduce efficiency and engagement. Among demographic variables, education and experience emerged as significant contributors, reflecting the importance of skill development and professional exposure. The results highlight that Generation Z employees are highly responsive to supportive organizational practices and inclusive workplace environments. The study recommends IT companies to adopt proactive leadership strategies, create positive work environments, and align compensation with employee expectations to enhance motivation and retention. Additionally, policies addressing work-life balance can mitigate performance challenges associated with stress and conflicts. From a theoretical standpoint, the study enriches existing organizational behavior literature by integrating demographic and organizational dimensions. Practically, it offers actionable insights for HR managers and policymakers to design strategies tailored to the unique characteristics of Generation Z. Overall, the study emphasizes the importance of adopting a holistic approach that addresses both workplace practices and employee diversity to ensure sustainable workforce performance in India's dynamic IT industry.

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