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Workforce should be provided sufficient comforts

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uman Resource is the major asset to a country. So that there should be a main body to develop the HR of a country focus on the wellbeing of the country for the long term, such as "Human Resource Board" of a country.

The Task of Human Resource Board

Mainly the following tasks could be recognized as compulsory areas in developing the HR in a country.

- The HR Board should supply informations to the government as required occasions to develop the HR of the country, by analyzing and recommending effective policies of the education of the country.
- Presentation of programmes and planning relevant to the HRD and policies relevant to the national development towards the government bodies.
- Supply informations and operations on programmes on HRD recommended by the government.
- Analysis and programmes for- ing the HR of the country Besides cate to achieve organizational national targets.
- systems of the country.



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on HRD of the relevant country including the current operarent situational analysis of HRD of the country.)

these HR activities.

evaluation and contrasting rele- a country could be established vant to the educational training productively if the HR Board is vided sufficient comforts. Then efficient. Many countries have only the moral, perceptions would

tion policies relevant to the devel- tion and contribution. Modern opment of the country due to the companies support the employees efficiency of its HR Board.

The Goals of HRM

OPPORTUNITIES

The goals of HRM are to develop the internal customers who are the rights of human labor and capabilities. So that there are four unique characteristics in HRM.

- Improving the interest and dedication in employees to contribute their services successfully.
- Development of labourr forces at competitive levels.
- Ensuring the necessity of the existing targets.
- production cost.

HR managers of the organiza-■ Preparations of annual reports tions should be more competant to develop the efficiency of the work force to achieve organizational tional systems of HRD. (The cur- targets and objectives. HR manager should be much responsible to develop the work force of organi-Any government has to recom- zational, Business development mend relevant legislative activi- and to achieve employees personal ties to function the above tasks targets. Work force has their pervery efficiently focus on develop- sonal targets. Work forces dediwarding on national education this the government has the objectives and targets anticipating planning prepared by the gov- empowering authority to apply their personal targets. The modernment sectors based on necessary requirement to fulfily ern HR managers have changed the entire evaluation systems on Presentations of reports on So that the education policies of employees than the earlier period. The work force should be pro-

with more comforts beyond their control. The effective strategy should be rather than satisfying concerned as HR; delights them beyond control. Many organizations apply many welfare systems as to enhance the HR moral building focus on organizational pro-

ductivity. HR manager has to maintain the employees by supplying necessary training and development programmes.

Employees should be given prop-Ensuring the productivity of the er training. Training is the unique engine of HR development of an organization. A trained employee is an asset for an organization. The employee's job development is one of the areas for a HR manager to improve their efficiency.

Presenting a quality product and quality service could be established if the employees are satisfied only.

Human Resource Development Strategies

- Developing a working environment in the organization and create a satisfactory mental condition of the employees. • Open up opportunities to
- employees to improve their professional background with necessary professional training.

established because of the educa- be mainly focused on their dedica- ■ Ensure to make their capabilities of working by providing modern technological tools and machineries and modern techniques.

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- Make sure the employees to Lack of improvements of the become the loyal partners of the business.
- Planning the employee's affairs to bring up to the maximum work satisfaction.

■ Ensure a proper administration and decentralization of work to develop good job attitudes corporate responsibilities among employees.

Develop formal activities to improve the employee's welfare and their physical conditions by providing them day-to-day needs.

- Ensure the employees that their main duties are to work for the Absorbing excess of employees business development and maintain the high quality of organization.
- to build up relationship with the society improving good relationship with the customers and support to produce quality products and improve the corporate image.(CSR)

■ Involve the employees to the management and promote their targets through their employments. The employees might never leave the organization if they are supported in this man-

ner.

The Reasons for Decreasing of Employees Productivity of an Organization

awareness of the employees about their work and corporate activities and targets.

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- Lack of interpersonal relationship between the managers and the employees, so that there is a gap in between the managers and the employees targets.
- among employees and improve **I** Lack of attention towards the welfare of the employees.
 - Lack of essential services to develop the welfare of the employee's families and maintenance of employees.
 - Application of olden type of systems and unproductive types of planning.
 - not relevant to the investment and excess of employees more than the production.
- Developing formal programmes
 Too much of employees to the organization.
 - Poor application of employee's education activities and their development, so that it has become difficult to improve the employee's capabilities.
 - Irresponsible employees are given leadership among the employees; this is badly resulted for the employee's trade union activities.

Confidence is key when learning to think on your feet

"So, Susan, your report indicates you sup- 1. Relax port forging ahead with the expansion but same type of project?'

This is often the opposite of how you are relaxed as possible.

and clearer to all.

in very handy.

posed.

expansion?"

service?

4. Use Stall Tactics

question is more aggressive than the first one,

then you know the person is more interested

in making you uncomfortable than anything

else. When that's the case, the next tip comes

Sometimes you need more time to get your

thoughts straight and calm yourself down

enough to make a clear reply. The last thing

you want to do is blurt out the first thing that

comes to your mind. Often this is a defensive comment that only makes you look insecure

and anxious rather than confident and com-

Repeat the question yourself. This gives you

time to think and you clarify exactly what is

being asked. It also allows you to rephrase if

necessary and put a positive spin on the

request. "How have I considered the impact on

customers in order to make sure they have a

continued positive experience during the

Narrow the focus. Here, you ask a question

of your own to not only clarify, but to bring the

question down to a manageable scope. "You're

interested in hearing how I've considered cus-

tomer impacts. What impacts are you most

interested in: product availability or in-store

Ask for clarification. Again, this will force

the questioner to be more specific and hope-

fully get more to a specific point. "When you

say you want to know how I've analyzed cus-

tomer impacts, do you mean you want a

detailed analysis or a list of the tools and

Ask for a definition. Jargon and specific terminology may present a problem for you. Ask

to have words and ideas clarified to ensure

in control of how the dialogue unfolds). When By asking to have the question repeated you your reply is too long, you risk losing people's have you considered the impact this will have feeling when you're under pressure, but in also get another opportunity to assess the interest, coming across as boring, or giving on our customers? Surely you remember the order for your voice to remain calm and for intentions of the questioner. If it is more spe- away things that are better left unsaid. fiasco in Dallas last year when they tried the your brain to "think", you have to be as cific or better worded, chances are the person Remember, you aren't being asked to give a really wants to learn more. If the repeated speech on the subject. The questioner wants



Yikes! If you're Susan, you're likely feeling under pressure! You have to answer the question and allay the CEO's concerns about the disruption to customers. What do you do? What do you say? How do you say it? What if you can't think of anything to say?

This is not an uncommon situation. Whether you are put on the spot while attending a meeting, presenting a proposal, selling an idea, or answering questions after a presentation, articulating your thoughts in unanticipated situations is a skill. Thinking on your feet is highly coveted skill and when you master it, your clever and astute responses will instill immediate confidence in what you are saving

When you can translate your thoughts and ideas into coherent speech quickly, you ensure your ideas are heard. You also come across as being confident, persuasive, and trustworthy.

Confidence is key when learning to think on your feet. When you present information, give an opinion or provide suggestions, make sure you know what you are talking about and that you are well informed. This doesn't mean you have to know everything about everything, but if you are reasonably confident in your knowledge of the subject, that confidence will help you to remain calm and collected even if you are put unexpectedly in the hot seat.

The secret of thinking on your feet is to be prepared: learn some skills and tactics, and do some preparation for situations that might put you under pressure. Then when you do find yourself faced with unexpected questions and debate, you'll be ready to draw on these tactics and preparation, and so stay poised while you compose your thoughts and prepare your response. Here are some tips and tactics:

Take deep breaths

Take a second and give yourself a positive and affirming message

Clench invisible muscles (thighs, biceps, feet) for a few seconds and release.

2. Listen

It comes as no surprise that listening is critical to thinking on your feet. Why do you need to listen? To make sure you fully understand the question or request before you reply. If you answer too soon, you risk going into a line of thinking that is unnecessary or inappropriate. To help you with your listening remember

Look directly at the questioner

Observe body language as well as what is being spoken

Try to interpret what is being suggested by the question or request. Is this an attack, a legitimate request for more information, or a test? Why is this person asking this and what is the intention?

Tip:

Remember that the person is asking a question because he or she is interested. Some interest is positive - they simply want to know more - and some is negative - they want to see you squirm. Either way they are interested in what you have to say. It's your privilege and pleasure not to disappoint them!

3. Have the Question Repeated

If you're feeling particularly under pressure, ask for the question to be repeated. This gives you a bit more time to think about your response.

At first glance people think this will only make them look unsure. It doesn't. It makes

5. Use Silence to your Advantage

methods I used?"

We are conditioned to believe that silence is uncomfortable. However, if you use it sparingly, it communicates that you are in control of your thoughts and confident in your ability to answer expertly. When you rush to answer you also typically rush your words. Pausing to collect your thoughts tells your brain to slow the everything down.

you are talking about the same thing.

6. Stick to One Point and One Supporting Piece of Information

There's a high risk that, under pressure. you'll answer a question with either too much or too little information. If you give too short an answer, you risk letting the conversation slip into interrogation mode. (You'll get anothbe better articulated er question, and the questioner will be firmly

to know something. Respect that and give them an answer, with just enough supporting information

This technique gives you focus. Rather than trying to tie together all the ideas that are running through your head, when you pick one main point and one supporting fact, you allow yourself to answer accurately and assuredly. Tip:

If you don't know the answer, say so. There is no point trying to make something up. You will end up looking foolish and this will lower vour confidence when you need to think on your feet in the future. There is (usually) nothing wrong with not knowing something. Simply make sure you follow up as soon as possible afterwards with a researched answer. 7. Prepare some "what ifs"

With a bit of forethought, it's often possible to predict the types of questions you might be asked, so you can prepare and rehearse some answers to questions that might come your way. Let's say you are presenting the monthly sales figures to your management team. The chances are your report will cover most of the obvious questions that the management team you predict? What's different about this month? What new questions might be asked? information might you need to have to hand to support more detailed questions?

In particular, spend some time brainstorming the most difficult questions that people might ask, and preparing and rehearsing good answers to them.

8. Practice Clear Delivery

How you say something is almost as important as what you say. If you mumble or use "umm" or "ah" between every second word, confidence in what you are saying plummets. Whenever you are speaking with people, make a point to practice these key oration skills:

Speak in a strong voice. (Don't confuse strong with loud!)

Use pauses strategically to emphasize a point or slow yourself down

Vary your tone and pay attention to how your message will be perceived given the intonation vou use

Use eye contact appropriately

Pay attention to your grammar Use the level of formality that is appropriate to the situation.

9. Summarize and Stop

Wrap up your response with a quick summary statement. After that, resist adding might have, but what other questions might more information. There may well be silence after your summary. Don't make the common mistake of filling the silence with more infor-How would you respond? What additional mation! This is the time when other people are adsorbing the information you have given. If you persist with more information, you may end up causing confusion and undoing the great work you've already done in delivering your response.

Use words to indicate you are summarizing (i.e. "in conclusion," "finally") or briefly restate the question and your answer. So what did I do to analyze customer impacts? I reviewed the Dallas case files in detail, and prepared a "What if" analysis for our own situation.

Key points:

No one enjoys being putting on the spot or answering questions that you aren't fully expecting. The uncertainty can be stressful. That stress doesn't need to be unmanageable and you can think on your feet if you remember the strategies we just discussed. Essentially, thinking on your feet means staying in control of the situation. Ask questions, buy time for yourself, and remember to stick to one point and make that one point count. When you are able to zoom in on the key areas of concern, you'll answer like an expert and you impress your audience, and yourself, with your confidence and poise. mindtools.com



you look concerned that you give an appropriate response. It also gives the questioner an opportunity to rephrase and ask a

that is question on point. more Remember. questioner may well have just "thought on his or her feet" to ask the question, so when you give them a second chance, the question may well