

# Organizational Behaviour

The science of human interaction in workplace settings. Organizational behaviour explores how individuals and groups function within structured environments.

It bridges psychology, sociology, and management disciplines to enhance workplace effectiveness and wellbeing.

"The greatest asset of a company is its people. The way they interact, communicate, and collaborate determines the success of the organization." - Peter Drucker

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# Defining Organizational Behaviour

"The behavior of an organization is the window through which we view its culture, its beliefs, and ultimately its potential for success." - Edgar Schein

## **Systematic Study**

A methodical approach to examining how people behave within organizational structures and contexts.

## **Interdisciplinary Foundation**

Integrates knowledge from psychology, sociology, anthropology, and management sciences.

## **Dual Focus**

Aims to improve both organizational effectiveness and employee wellbeing simultaneously.

# Historical Origins

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind." - William James, early pioneer of psychology

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## Early 1900s

Industrial psychology emerges as scientific discipline examining workplace behaviors.

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## 1911

Taylor's Scientific Management principles introduce systematic workplace analysis.

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## 1924-1932

Hawthorne Studies reveal importance of social factors in workplace productivity.

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## 1930s

Human relations movement shifts focus toward employee wellbeing and satisfaction.



# Kurt Lewin: Father of Organizational Behaviour



German-American psychologist who pioneered social psychology and group dynamics research.

Established the Research Center for Group Dynamics at MIT in 1945.

His theories form the backbone of modern organizational development practices.

Ranked as the 18th most influential psychologist of the 20th century.

"If you want to truly understand something, try to change it."

# Positive Organizational Behavior

Developed by Fred Luthans in early 2000s, Positive Organizational Behavior (POB) focuses on measurable, developable psychological capacities that can be effectively managed for performance improvement.

"The aim of positive psychology is to catalyze a change in psychology from a preoccupation with repairing the worst things in life to building the best qualities in life." - Martin Seligman



Key figures include Martin Seligman (positive psychology), Barbara Fredrickson (broaden-and-build theory), and Carolyn Youssef who collaborated with Luthans on the concept of "psychological capital" combining these four resources.

# Positive Organizational Scholarship

Emerged in early 2000s at the University of Michigan. Founded by Kim Cameron, Jane Dutton, and Robert Quinn who published the first handbook in 2003. Builds on positive psychology but focuses specifically on organizational contexts.

"When we study what is best about organizations, we generate resources, capabilities, and possibilities that enable organizations to flourish in the best sense of the word." - Kim Cameron

## **Organizational Excellence**

Studying exceptional performance that exceeds expected outcomes.

## **Positive Deviance**

Examining honorable departures from norms that create extraordinary results.

## **Virtuousness**

Exploring how moral goodness and highest human potential manifest organizationally.

## **Flourishing Communities**

Understanding how organizations create environments where people thrive collectively.

# Multiculturalism & Organizational Behaviour

Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness.



## **Global Perspective**

Embracing diverse cultural frameworks to enhance organizational understanding.



## **Inclusive Practices**

Developing systems that value all perspectives and backgrounds.



## **Cross-Cultural Communication**

Managing diverse communication styles and overcoming language barriers.



## **Innovation Through Diversity**

Leveraging varied perspectives to drive creative problem-solving.

# Indian & Chinese Startup Ecosystems: A Comparison

The startup world is where East meets West, where tradition fuels innovation, and where today's dreamers become tomorrow's leaders. - Jack Ma

## Indian Startups

India hosts the world's third-largest startup ecosystem with 100,000+ startups and 100+ unicorns valued at \$330+ billion.

- **Key Sectors:** Software services, fintech, edtech, e-commerce, and healthcare
- **Strengths:** English proficiency, robust IT talent pool, growing domestic market
- **Challenges:** Complex regulations, limited early-stage funding, infrastructure gaps

Notable success stories include Flipkart, BYJU'S, Ola, and Zomato with growing international expansion.

## Chinese Startups

China boasts the world's second-largest startup ecosystem with robust government support and 300+ unicorns valued at \$1+ trillion.

- **Key Sectors:** AI, robotics, e-commerce, hardware manufacturing, and mobile technology
- **Strengths:** Massive domestic market, manufacturing expertise, rapid scaling capabilities
- **Challenges:** International expansion hurdles, regulatory oversight, intellectual property concerns

Giants like Alibaba, Tencent, ByteDance, and Xiaomi exemplify China's entrepreneurial success on the global stage.



# Individual Behavior in Organizations

The way we perceive ourselves, the motivation that drives us, and the decisions we make ultimately shape not just our individual success, but the success of our entire organization.



## **Personality Factors**

Individual traits and dispositions shape workplace behavior and performance.



## **Motivation Dynamics**

Internal and external factors drive employee engagement and effort.



## **Perception Processes**

How employees interpret organizational events affects their responses.



## **Decision-Making Patterns**

Cognitive processes influence choices and problem-solving approaches.

# Group Dynamics

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. - Henry Ford



## Team Formation

Forming, storming, norming, performing developmental stages



## Leadership Influence

Various leadership styles impact team effectiveness



## Communication Patterns

Information flow shapes group cohesion and function



## Conflict Resolution

Managing disagreements constructively strengthens teams

# Organizational Culture

Culture eats strategy for breakfast. - Peter Drucker



## Cultural Formation

Emerges from founder values and early critical incidents.  
Becomes reinforced through selection and socialization practices.



## Core Elements

Encompasses shared assumptions, values, and artifacts.  
Creates unwritten rules that guide employee behavior.



## Cultural Impact

Influences employee satisfaction and organizational performance.  
Shapes adaptability to market changes and challenges.



## Cultural Transformation

Requires leadership commitment and strategic approaches.  
Often necessary during organizational change initiatives.



# Future of Organizational Behaviour

The organizations of the future will be those that embrace change as opportunity, prioritize human potential, and cultivate collaborative intelligence across networks of diverse minds.

## **Agile Adaptability**

Organizations must embrace continuous change and rapid learning.

## **Innovation Mindset**

Creative problem-solving becomes essential organizational capability.



## **Human-Centric Approach**

Emphasis on wellbeing, purpose, and meaning will intensify.

## **Networked Intelligence**

Collective wisdom and collaborative systems will drive success.