

WHAT IS HUMAN RESOURCES?



WHAT IS HR ?

- HR IS NOT JUST HIRING AND FIRING.
- IT'S ABOUT MANAGING PEOPLE AND CREATING A POSITIVE WORK CULTURE.



Human Resources (HR) is the function within an organization responsible for

- **Managing people**
- **Fostering a positive work environment**
- **Ensuring compliance with labor laws**
- **Driving employee engagement**

HR acts as a bridge between an organization's management and its employees, ensuring that both business goals and workforce well-being are aligned



KEY FUNCTIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCE



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Recruitment &
Hiring

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Onboarding &
Training

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Performance
Management

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Compensation &
Benefits

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Employee Engagement
& Retention

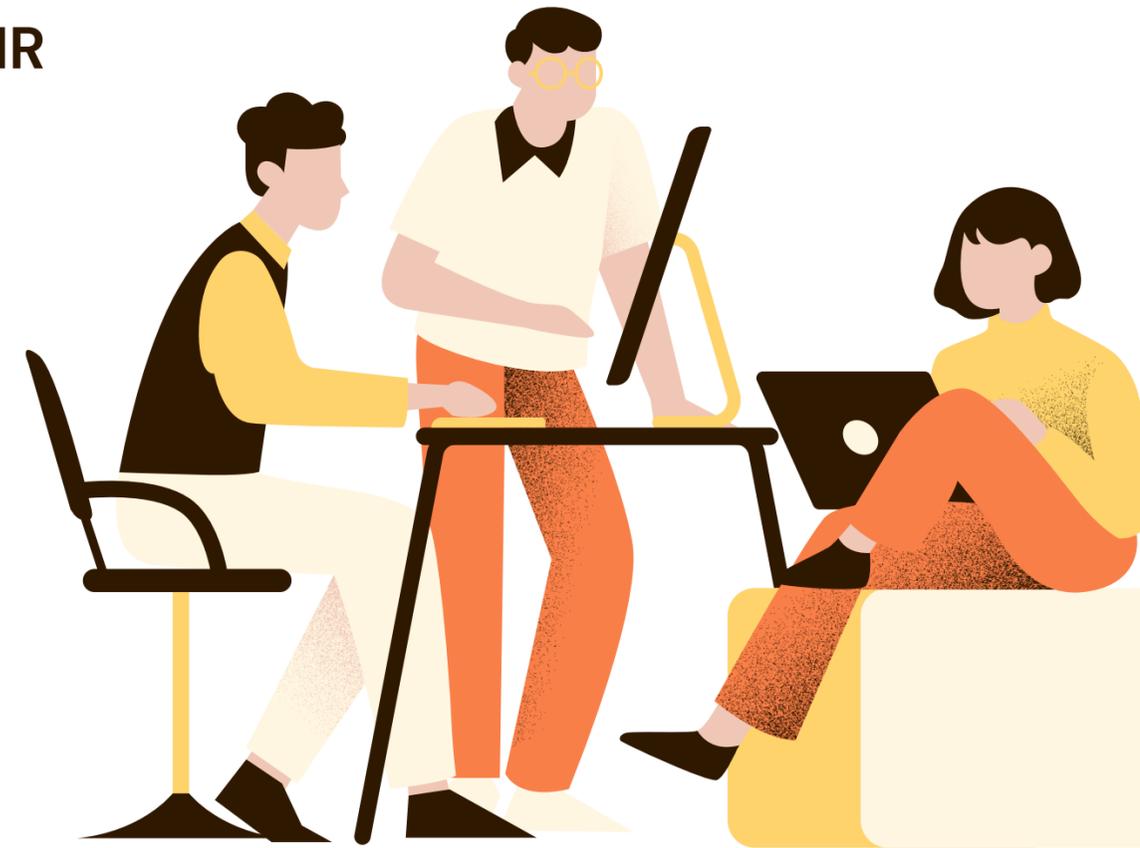
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Compliance &
Legal Aspects

WHY HR IS CRUCIAL FOR STARTUPS?

Startups operate in a highly dynamic environment where business models, roles, and responsibilities evolve rapidly. A well-structured HR function ensures:

- BUILDING A STRONG CULTURE
- ATTRACTING & RETAINING TALENT
- ENSURING COMPLIANCE & REDUCING LEGAL RISKS
- ALIGNING EMPLOYEE GOALS WITH BUSINESS GROWTH



SCENARIO: ADAPTING TO STARTUP CULTURE

Rohan, a 22-year-old recent graduate, has just joined XTech Solutions, a fast-growing tech startup as a Marketing Associate. Coming from a structured college environment, he is excited but also struggling to adjust to the fast-paced and unstructured nature of the startup world.

CHALLENGES ROHAN FACES

- **Unstructured Work Environment:** Unlike college, there are no fixed schedules, and he is expected to manage tasks independently.
- **Wearing Multiple Hats:** His role is not clearly defined, and he is sometimes asked to work on projects beyond marketing, like sales and operations.
- **Fast Decision-Making:** Things change quickly, and he finds it hard to keep up with new strategies and shifting priorities.
- **Work-Life Balance:** The team often works late, and he feels pressure to do the same, affecting his personal time.
- **Fitting into the Culture:** Everyone seems energetic and confident, using startup jargon he doesn't fully understand. He feels hesitant to ask questions.





HOW ROHAN CAN ADAPT?

- Embrace the Learning Curve
- Ask Questions & Seek Mentorship
- Prioritize & Manage Time Well
- Communicate Openly
- Immerse in the Culture

HOW THE STARTUP CAN HELP ROHAN ADAPT?



- Onboarding & Buddy System
- Encouraging Work-Life Balance – The leadership team should promote a culture where employees don't feel pressured to overwork.
- Regular Check-ins – Managers can conduct weekly or bi-weekly feedback sessions to understand challenges faced by new employees and guide them.
- Team-Building Activities – Social events, casual catch-ups, or internal workshops can help new employees feel more connected to the team.

BEST PRACTICES FOR STARTUP HR

- Hire for Cultural Fit – Ensure new hires align with the company's vision and values.
- Streamline Performance Reviews – Implement simple yet effective evaluation methods like quarterly feedback sessions.
- Invest in Employee Development – Offer training programs, mentorship, and leadership coaching to retain talent.
- Maintain Open Communication – Foster a transparent culture where employees feel heard and valued.
- Create Scalable HR Policies – Establish clear guidelines for hiring, compensation, and promotions to accommodate future growth.



THANK YOU

