

## ❖ **Motivation: Direction and intensity**

- **Ability** refers to the knowledge, skills and receptiveness to learning that a person brings to a task or job.
  - Knowledge is what a person knows
  - Skill is their capacity to perform some activity, including knowing what is expected of them (called accurate role perceptions)
  - Receptiveness to learning a function of how quickly a person acquires new knowledge.
- **Accurate role perceptions** refer to how well an individual understands their organizational role. This includes the goals the person is expected to achieve and the process by which the goal will be achieved.
- The **performance environment** refers to those factors that impact employees performance but are essentially out of their control.
  - Some factors facilitate performance, while some constrain it.
- **Motivation** is a force within or outside the body that energizes, directs and sustains human behaviour.

- The fourth major factor that determines whether the person will perform well.
  - Within body: needs, personal values, goals
  - Outside body: an incentive
  - Word stems from its Latin root *movere* which means to move
  - Arises out of our interaction with and perception of a particular situation.
  - **Work motivation** is the amount of effort a person exerts to achieve a certain level of job performance.
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❖ **Motivation has 2 direct components:  
Direction and Intensity.**

- **Direction** is what a person wants to achieve, what they intent to do, a target that motivated people try to hit.
- **Intensity** is how hard people try to achieve their targets, is what we think of as efforts, energy we expand to accomplish something.
- Successful employees know what they want to achieve (direction) and they persist until they achieve their goals (intensity)
- If either is lacking, performance will suffer.

- Employees targets don't always match with their employers want.
    - E.g. Absenteeism (calling in well)
    - It is managements job to provide direction.
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## ❖ **Determinants of performance**

- What influences your performance
- Core aspects of your ability/skillset.

## ● **Motivational Theories**

### ○ Content Theories

- Focuses on the content of what motivates people and the importance of human needs.
- When need is energized, we are motivated to satisfy it.
- Heodism- People are motivated to satisfy mainly their own needs (seek pleasure, avoid pain). Clarifies that need provides direction for motivation.
- Instincts are our natural, fundamental needs, basic to our survival. Our need for food and water are instinctive.

- Distinction between instinctive and learned needs sometimes blur.

### ○ Manifest Needs Theory

- Henry A Murray
- Are whatever needs is motivating us at a given time, dominates our other needs.
- Assumes human behaviour is driven by the desire to satisfy needs.

#### ▪ 2 Types:

- **Primary needs/Instincts**- Include physiological needs for food, water, sex (procreation), urination etc.

- **Learned Needs/ Secondary needs**- Are need for achievement, for love and for affirmation etc.

Psychological in nature.

- A latent need cannot be inferred from a persons behaviour at a given time, yet the person may still possess that need.
  - Major implication of management is that some employees needs are latent.

### ○ Learned Needs Theory.

- David C McClelland
- Built on work of Murray over 50 years

- These needs are learned primarily in childhood but each need can be taught, especially nAch
- Is important because much of current thinking about organization behaviour is based on it.

- 3 needs:

- The need for achievement (nAch):

- Motivated to excel in a task and has greatest impact
    - Varies in intensity across individuals, this makes it a personality trait as well as statement about motivation.
    - These people have high achievement motive. (motive is source of motivation, need that a person is attempting to satisfy)
    - Becomes manifest when individuals experience certain types of situation.
    - May give you qualities for hardwork, dedication, responsibility, commitment.
    - Result oriented need

- nAch people:
  - the success of the organization is depended on them
  - are constantly trying to accomplish something
  - they feel personally responsible for the tasks assigned
  - They avoid both simple and impossible situations
  - They perform well with minimal supervision
  - Have strong desires for performance feedback.

- The need for affiliation(nAff):

- Desire to establish and maintain friendly and warm relation with other people
- High nAff people:
  - are very sociable.
  - Maintain good relationship with co-worker
  - They fear rejection

- Helps perform better in jobs that require teamwork
- Maybe motivated to perform well if others depend/trust the individual

- The need for power (nPow)

- Need to control things/person
- A motivation to influence and be responsible for other people
- Often talkative/give orders/argue a lot.
- Can be beneficial for organization at some extent
- Can be good or bad, McClelland calls this “Two faces of power”
  - Personal power seeker endeavours to control others mostly for the sake of dominating them
  - Social power seeker have needs to influence others. Motivator for successful managers.

- Maslow's Hierarchy needs

- Prepotency for example is our need for water that takes precedence over our need for social interaction.

- 5 basic types of human needs:

- Self-Actualization

- Is never completely satisfied
    - Desire for self-fulfilment/Reach ones highest potential
    - Developing all of our special abilities to their fullest degree

- Ego and Esteem

- Esteem needs go beyond social needs
    - Need to be respected by other and to have esteem for ourselves
    - Ego and esteem needs have Internal (Self) and External (Other) focuses
    - Internal focus: Desire for achievement, strength, competence, independence.
    - External focus: Desire to have prestige, recognition, attention etc.



- Satisfaction of external focus can lead to satisfaction of internal focus.

- **Social Needs**

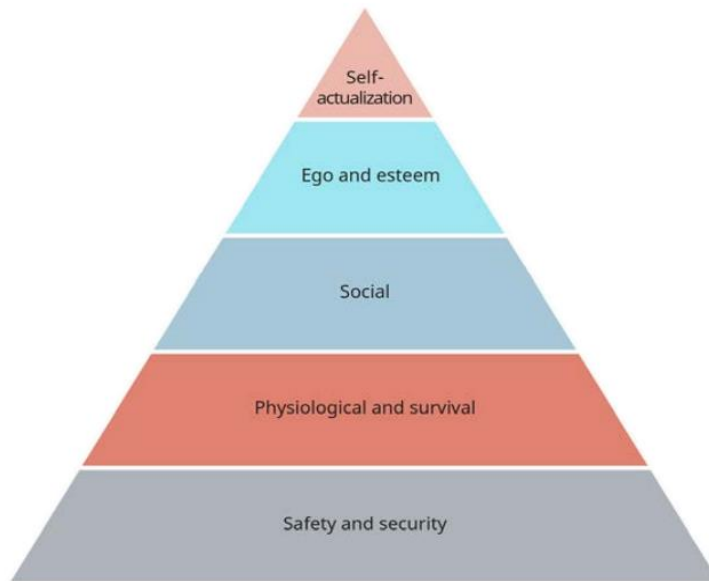
- Desire to be the target of affection and love from others.
- Satisfied by the presence of others to whom we feel close.
- Feeling of loneliness and rejection are symptoms that this need is not satisfied.

- **Safety and Security needs**

- Invokes behaviours that assure freedom from danger
- Satisfaction of these needs prevent fear and anxiety while adding stability and predictability to life.

- **Physiological and survival needs**

- Most basic human needs.
- Includes needs for water, food, sleep, sex, activity, stimulation and oxygen.



- People first direct their attention to satisfying their lower-order needs (i.e. physiological, safety and security)

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- **Alderfer's ERG Theory**

- Reduced Maslow's Hierarchy of needs to 3 levels:



### ■ Existence Needs:

- Includes Physiological needs and material safety needs
- Satisfied by material conditions and not through interpersonal relations/personal involvement in the work setting.
- Opportunities- Heat, AC, Clean air, lighting, restrooms, water, salary, cafeteria, insurance etc.

### ■ Relatedness Needs:

- Includes social needs, social esteem needs and interpersonal safety needs.
- Satisfied through exchange of thoughts and feelings with other people.
- Opportunities- Friendship, work teams, social events, social recognition, interpersonal security etc.

### ■ Growth Needs:

- Includes self-esteem and self-actualization

- Satisfied through ones full involvement in work and the work settings.
- Opportunities- Challenging job, autonomy, creativity, achievement, responsibility, participation etc.

#### ○ Key to understanding:

- **Satisfaction progression-** basic agreement with Maslow's process of moving through the needs. Once existence need is satisfied we move towards relatedness and then out growth needs becomes active.
- **Frustration-** Occurs when we attempt but fail to satisfy a particular need. Might make unmet need more important to us, unless we repeatedly fail.
- **Frustration regression-** causes us to shift our attention to a previously satisfied, more concrete and verifiable need.
- **Aspiration-** Growth is intrinsically growing, more we grown, the more we want to grow.

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## • Herzberg's Motivator-Hygiene Theory

- Frederick Herzberg
- Interviewed 2 types of people- Satisfiers and Dissatisfiers

- Argued that there are 2 sets of need:

- Motivators/Growth needs:

- satisfiers
    - Relate to jobs we perform and ability to feel sense of achievement.
    - Need to experience growth and self-actualization.
    - Related to job content
    - Motivates to perform well.

- Hygiene's:

- Dissatisfiers
      - Relate to the work environment and based on basic human need to “avoid pain”
      - Not directly related to work itself rather to job context factors (pay, working conditions)
      - Must be met to avoid dissatisfaction
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- **Self-Determination Theory:**

- Types of motivation:

- **Intrinsic Motivation:**

- Factors “inside” the person that causes people to perform a task.
      - Performing because it is interesting or fun to do.
      - We bare motivated by intrinsic rewards, rewards that we more/less give ourselves.

- **Extrinsic Motivation:**

- Refers to the performance of an activity in order to attain some valued outcome.
      - Jobs that pay well, are performed in safe environment, clean working conditions etc.
      - Directly/indirectly satisfy lower needs
      - “outside” the person factor.

- Explains what causes motivation and how extrinsic rewards affect intrinsic motivation
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- **Process theories of motivation**

- How people become motivated
- How people perceive to think about a situation
- Tries to explain “why” behaviours are initiated
- Focuses on mechanism by which we choose our target and effort we exert to “hit” the target

- 4 major theories:

- **Classical condition Theory**

- Found by Pavlov (physiologist)
- Associate an involuntary response and a stimulus
- Learned behaviour

- **Operant conditioning theory:**

- Is the simplest theory
- Associate a voluntary behaviour and a consequence
- People will do things for which they are rewarded and avoid for which they are punished
- Sometimes called “law of effect”

- Indicates that learning results from “operating on the environment”, consequence results.

#### ▪ Equity theory:

- Motivation is affected by the outcome we receive for our inputs compared to the outcomes and inputs of other people
- Concerned with reactions people have to outcomes they receive as a part of “social exchange”
- How equally are you treated in the organization?

#### ▪ Goal theory:

- People will perform better if they have difficult, specific, accepted performance goals or objective.
- People will attempt to achieve those goals they intent to achieve.
- We intent to do something, we exert efforts to accomplish it.

#### ▪ Expectancy theory:

- What they expect?



- We will exert much effort to perform at high levels so that we can obtain valued outcomes
- Victor H Vroom
- Variables:
  - Expectancy:
    - What you expect from yourself?
    - Based on past experience/belief.
  - Instrumentality:
    - If perform well I will achieve it
    - Performance outcome
  - Valance:
    - Unique value of an individual
    - The degree to which we perceive an outcome as desirable/neutral/undesirable.

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- **Reinforcement** occurs when a consequence makes it more likely the response/behavior will be repeated in the future

- **Extinction**- occurs when a consequence makes it less likely the response/behaviour will be repeated in the future
- **3 ways to make response more likely to recur:**
  - **Positive reinforcement**- desirable consequence that satisfies an active need or that removes a barrier to need satisfaction.
    - As simple as kind words, as major as promotion
  - **Negative reinforcement**- when a behaviour causes something undesirable to be taken away, the behaviour is more likely to be repeated in the future.
    - Often confused with punishment
  - **Avoidance learning**- occurs when we learn to behave in a certain way to avoid encountering an undesired or unpleasant consequence.:
- **2 ways to make the response less likely to recur:**
  - **Nonreinforcement** – no consequence at all following a workers response.
  - **Punishment**- an aversive consequence that follows a behaviour.